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## **B9.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence**



Miles, Jodi [REDACTED]

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## MFFN CAR July Project Updates

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**Miles, Jodi** <[REDACTED]> Thu, Aug 1, 2024 at 8:38 AM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt [REDACTED]  
Cc: Germaine Conacher [REDACTED], Jim Butterworth [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Chief Gaius Wesley [REDACTED], Andrea Nokleby  
<[REDACTED]>, Betsy Lazarus <[REDACTED]>

Good morning Adena,

Thank you for the update. We look forward to reviewing the report!

Jodi Miles  
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team  
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Miles, Jodi [Redacted]

## Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report Review and Comment

**Miles, Jodi** [Redacted] Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 9:18 AM  
 To: Adena Vanderjagt [Redacted] >  
 Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [Redacted] >, "Nokleby, Andrea" [Redacted] >, "Chief Gaius Wesley" [Redacted] >, Betsy Lazarus [Redacted] >, Germaine Conacher [Redacted] >, Jim Butterworth [Redacted] >  
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno [Redacted] >, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [Redacted]

Good morning Adena,

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]>

## Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 1:05 PM

To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Cc: Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>

Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Adena,

I have some important information to share with Kashechewan First Nation over the next few days, and I was wondering if you could confirm the contact information of the new Chief and Council.

I have been notified that the new Chief will be using [redacted], please let me know if this is accurate, or if he has different preferences. Additionally, could you confirm if he would like to receive phone calls, and if so, what phone number I should use to reach him?

Could you also confirm if the new Deputy Chief, or any of the Councillors, should be considered key contacts, and if so, what their email addresses are?

I will continue to include Enoch in emails and phone calls. However, it is my understanding that he works from home, and therefore seems to be unreachable with the phone number I have on file for him [redacted]. Should I continue to include him in phone calls? If so, should I continue to use this phone number, or is there a different phone number I can use to reach him?

Let me know!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

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## Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 1:20 PM

To: Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>

Thank you, Jim!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

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## Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 1:23 PM

To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>

Hi Adena

Thank you for confirming as well!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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## September Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 4:22 PM

To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]  
Cc: Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED]  
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
<info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Adena,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today. I'm providing this email to provide an overview of our phone conversation, as well as some additional information.

### New Chief and Council

Firstly, I wanted to congratulate Chief Hosea Wesley on his new role with Kashechewan First Nation, and introduce him to the MFFN CAR Project. It is my understanding that you are meeting with Chief Wesley tomorrow to discuss some aspects of the project, but I also wanted to provide some links that the new Chief and Council can review to learn about the project and stay up to date:

- [Project Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)

### EA / IS Letter

I wanted to flag that, after I send this email, I will be sending a second email with some important information about the upcoming draft EA / IS. Please make sure you take some time to review this information, once I send it out.

### Community Coordinator Program

During our call, you mentioned that the Community Coordinator Program will be discussed at your meeting with the new Chief and Council tomorrow. To guide this discussion, I wanted to provide some information about this role:

The Community Coordinator role would represent Kashechewan 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] 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.

### IK Report

During our call, you noted that the IK Report is currently being reviewed by Chief and Council, and that it will be discussed in your meeting tomorrow with Chief Wesley. If you could provide an update on the status of this report after your meeting tomorrow, that would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the project, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Thanks!



## 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] 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](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca) [REDACTED]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 4:23 PM

To: [redacted], Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
 Cc: Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, [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 <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Dear Chief Wesley,

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

**FAQ - Draft EA IS - September 2024.pdf**  
1042K

**L-Kashechewan-2024-09-26-OG-Draft EA IS Letter-60593122.pdf**  
366K



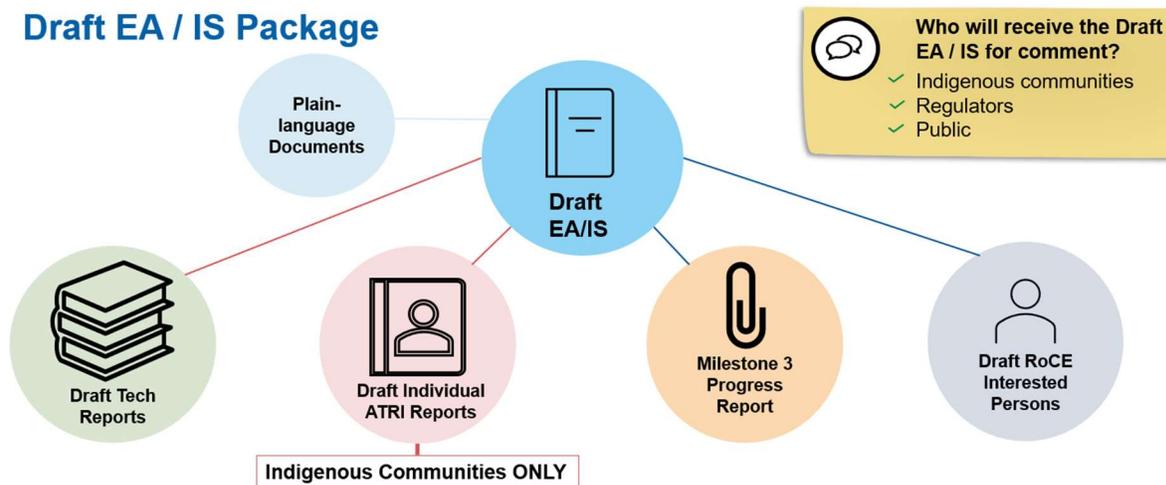
## Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

*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](mailto: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.





September 26, 2024

Kashechewan First Nation  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report (EA / IS)**

Dear Chief Hosea Wesley,

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.





## 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





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] 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
- Adena Vanderjagt, Kashechewan First Nation Consultant





## MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## September Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 12:55 PM  
 To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
 Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth  
 <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "Angelis, Niki" <[redacted]>  
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team  
 <[redacted]>

Hello Adena,

Thank you so much for circling back about the Community Coordinator program - it is great news that Kashechewan First Nation is ready to sign on!

I have been having conversations with my team about the next steps, which are still being confirmed. I will touch base with you when I have more information, but in the meantime, I was hoping you could confirm the payment method. It sounds like you would like to go with the Milestone-based funding, which would allow funds to be sent to Kashechewan First Nation, for them to distribute to Enoch to supplement his current salary. Is this correct?

Additionally, I was wondering if you had any update on the IK Report, since meeting with Chief and Council? Let me know!

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

## October Project Updates

Miles, Jodi &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 6:09 PM

To: Adena Vanderjagt &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;, Germaine Conacher &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;, Jim Butterworth &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;, Lucia Jara Moreno &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

Good afternoon Adena,

I hope you are having a good week! I am sending this email to follow up about the voicemail I left for you earlier today.

### Community Coordinator Program

I know you have been waiting to hear back from me about the next steps for the Community Coordinator position. There has recently been some changes to the program, as we are nearing the review of the draft EA / IS, and the original intent of the program was to provide support consultation efforts between the MFFN Community Access Road and your community with engagement activities, such as outreach, field work and Public Information Centers. 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.

To adapt to the current phase of the project, we are allowing more flexibility with the program than initially advertised. If Kashechewan First Nation still would like to move forward with the program, we will provide them with a one-time lump sum capacity funding [REDACTED] which can be used to supplement Enoch's salary, or can otherwise be used to support the community's engagement in the Community Access Road. Kashechewan First Nation would be responsible for managing the funds after they are distributed, and for directing the role of the Community Coordinator (assuming the funds will still be used to supplement Enoch's salary). We believe that this approach will provide the community with the flexibility to allocate the funds as they see fit and ensure that the use matches their needs, including the review of the Draft EA / IS Report. .

Though this means the Project Team will be less involved with the Community Coordinator Program, they will continue to make themselves available during the review period of the Draft EA / IS to help support Kashechewan First Nation upon request (e.g. with Project materials and information, and meetings as required).

If this capacity funding is of interest to Kashechewan, please respond to this email 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!

### IK Program

I also wanted to follow up to see if you had any updates on Kashechewan's IK Report. I believe the last time we spoke, you noted that it was still with Chief and Council for review - is this still the case?

### Please fill out our 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 Kashechewan First Nation 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]

If you have any questions or concerns about any of these topics, or anything else related to the MFFN CAR, please do not hesitate to reach out! As always, I am happy to coordinate a meeting with the MFFN CAR Project Team, should there be any interest.



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR Missed Call

**Miles, Jodi** <[redacted]> Wed, Oct 30, 2024 at 5:42 PM  
 To: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>  
 Cc: Adena Vanderjagt <a[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>  
 Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Chief Wesley,

I think you may have given me a call earlier (returning the message I left with you at the Band Office), but I missed it - sorry about that! I'm assuming it's likely the end of your day now, so I'll try to give you a call tomorrow.

I am about to send an email to Adena with some project updates, which you will be CC'd on, but I would love to touch base with you about the MFFN CAR, if you have the time to chat!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,  
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

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## October Project Updates

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**Miles, Jodi** <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:39 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>  
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Hi Adena,

This is great news! I do have Kashechewan's direct deposit information, so I will pass that along to the right people on my team. The next step will be for us to provide you with a funding agreement to review and sign. We have a draft agreement that is currently being put together, so stay tuned for that.

Thank you for confirming that Kashechewan completed the survey!

Jodi  
[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

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## October Project Updates

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**Miles, Jodi** <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:44 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, "  
<[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>  
Bcc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Hi Adena,

This is great to hear! Yes, you can provide the password to me.

Thanks so much, we look forward to reviewing Kashechewan's report!

Jodi

[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

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## October Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 2:10 PM

To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth

<[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, "  
<[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>

Hi Adena,

I have received the file and successfully downloaded it. Thank you so much! We will review the report and use it to inform the ATRI Assessment.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## FOR REVIEW: MFFN CAR Milestone #3 Progress Report

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]> Thu, Nov 28, 2024 at 3:59 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>, Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>  
Cc: Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, [redacted]  
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>

Dear Adena and Chief Wesley,

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 Kashechewan 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 &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Tue, Dec 17, 2024 at 1:27 PM  
To: Chief Hosea Wesley <[REDACTED]>, Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>  
Bcc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Good afternoon Chief Wesley and Adena,

Thank you both for taking the time to chat with me today about MFFN CAR Project Updates. I am sending this email to follow up about the subjects we discussed earlier today.

### Community Capacity Funding Agreement

As per our previous discussions, I am sending along the Community Capacity Funding Agreement for Kashechewan First Nation's review.

To execute the agreement, the following is required from Kashechewan 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 Kashechewan First Nation's discretion if only one signature is needed.

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

### Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28, 2024, we distributed Kashechewan 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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Harrison, Callais &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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## MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 3:39 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, Chief Gaius Wesley <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth  
<[REDACTED]>, Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Good afternoon Adena,

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.

I also tried to reach Chief Wesley and was unable to leave a message. I understand that Kashechewan may still be evacuated, so I hope the community is doing well, and will soon be able to return home.

Please see below for an overview of the voicemail I left, as well as additional details:

### Introduction to New Point of Contact

Firstly, I wanted to introduce you to Callais Harrison (CC'd), who will be supporting me with some of my outreach efforts for the MFFN CAR project. I will still be around, but I wanted to give you a heads up that you may be hearing from Callais in the next few months. If you could CC Callais in any emails to me for the time being, that would be great!

### 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.

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. Kashechewan 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 Kashechewan First Nation 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 \$25,000 to support Kashechewan'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.

### Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

On November 28 / 29, 2024, we distributed Kashechewan's community specific Milestone #3 Progress Report. We welcome any edits or comments to Kashechewan'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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## MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 7:48 AM

To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>

Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Hi Adena,

Apologies for this! The former Chief's email autofills for these emails and I wasn't being careful - I will see if removing it from my contacts helps. I will also add Philip Goodwin to our contact list. Is "Executive Director" the correct title to use for him?

Jodi

[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Feb 13, 2025  
at 8:16 PM

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

Dear Chief Hosea Wesley,

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:** [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

**Mailing Address:**

AECOM Canada ULC.  
C/O Joanne Wang  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

If you are not able to provide us with your feedback through any of these addresses, please contact us at [REDACTED]. 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.

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

Website:

Email:



Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR: February, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 1:24 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>, Chief Gaius Wesley <[redacted]>  
Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Dear Chief Wesley and Adena,

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

First, I wanted to note that I was very glad to hear that Kashechewan community members are now able to return to the community after being evacuated for many weeks. I hope everyone was able to return home safely.

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

### Release of the Draft EA / IS

As you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Kashechewan's review, and is available for download at [redacted]. I would like to provide you with a few reminders and updates as you start your review:

All information related to the Draft EA/IS will be sent from a dedicated email account: [redacted]. Please direct any questions or comments on the Draft EA / IS to this address to ensure they are properly addressed.

We're here to assist you with the review process. Given the size of the document (~20,000 pages), we understand it can be overwhelming. If you'd like to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA/IS, please don't hesitate to reach out.

### Community Capacity Funding Program

In November 2024, we introduced the one-time lump sum capacity funding payment of [redacted] to support Kashechewan'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.

### Milestone #3 Progress Report

The deadline to provide feedback on the Milestone #3 Progress Report was February 14, 2025. Feedback was requested by this date in order to make updates to the Report before it is made available to the public on the project website. We are still accepting feedback after this date. Any feedback received after February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

Later this year, a Draft RoCE will be produced, which will contain the Milestone #3 Report, as well as the other milestone reports, the Interim RoCE, and engagement since August 2024. Indigenous communities will have an additional opportunity to provide feedback for the time period covered by the Milestone #3 Report during their review of Draft RoCE.

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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## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 11:09 AM

Hi Adena,

Does this work, by any chance? It doesn't appear to be locked on my end, but I clicked "enable editing" and resaved it.

Let me know!

Jodi

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## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 12:45 PM

Hi Adena,

I see what you mean now - I can't turn off track changes either! I've forwarded this along to the folks on my team who drafted my agreement to ask for their assistance. I'll get back to you once we have a solution.

Jodi

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

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## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 12:58 PM

Hi again,

I've been told the easiest way to get around this is to convert the document into a PDF and then make the edits on a PDF editor. I went ahead and did that, entering Kashechewan's information and today's date. Does this work for you?

Let me know!

Jodi

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## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 3:22 PM

To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Adena,

Thanks so much for this! I have forwarded it along to the Project Team to provide their signatures.

One question, would you be able to provide the following contact information for whoever we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds?

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

We may have this information on file already, depending on who the contact is. Let me know!

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR: March, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 8:54 AM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>, Chief Gaius Wesley <[redacted]>  
Cc: [redacted], Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Chief Wesley and Adena,

I hope all is well.

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 Kashechewan 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](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca)!

#### Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Thank you for providing the signed Community Capacity Funding Agreement. Our team is working on setting up Kashechewan First Nation to receive this lump-sum payment. We will provide you with the fully executed agreement once it is finalized.

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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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

# MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 8:53 AM

To: [redacted]  
Cc: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>, Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>

Good morning Eliza,

I have been in contact with Adena Vanderjagt (CC'd) about setting Kashechewan First Nation up with the MFFN CAR Community Capacity Fund lump-sum payment. We have received a signed agreement and a void cheque, but I was wondering if you could provide the following contact information for whoever we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds?

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

Let me know!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,  
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
To: Eliza Mack <[redacted]>  
Cc: Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 11:17 AM

Hi Eliza,

Thank you for this! We will continue our efforts to get Kashechewan set up for this payment.

Jodi

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

# Re: Comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archeological Assessment Report Follow Up and Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Thu, Apr 10, 2025 at 4:11 PM  
 To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
 Cc: [redacted], Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, [redacted], Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, [redacted]  
 Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good Afternoon Adena,

I hope you are doing well.

I am emailing you to provide a response to Kashechewan First Nation's comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, which we received on August 2, 2024. We wanted to thank you again for providing comments on the MFFN CAR Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, and for your patience with our response. The comments provided will be integrated into the final draft of the Report where possible, and will help inform Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment efforts.

The information provided in your response has been reviewed by the MFFN CAR Project Team, and the attached letter has been written to respond to the comments provided.

If you have any other questions or comments to share, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Callais Harrison  
On Behalf of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project Team



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April 10, 2025



Dear Chief Wesley,

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

<b><u>Kashechewan Council Comment</u></b>	<b><u>MFFN CAR Project Team Response</u></b>
<p>Executive Summary, PDF, page 6,</p> <p>“Fieldwork planning will be completed in consultation with Indigenous Community Elders and Environmental Monitors will accompany the archaeology team for a Stage 2 archaeological assessment.”</p> <p>KFN is interested in continued information on fieldwork planned and subsequent results. Please continue to provide KFN information on the fieldwork planned and the anticipated fieldwork timeline.</p>	<p>Field notices will be distributed in advance of the programs and Kashechewan First Nation will have the opportunity to comment on future reports.</p>
<p>2.3 Conclusions, PDF Page 27</p> <p>“Additional areas recommended for Stage 2 archaeological assessment based on the information provided by the interested Indigenous and Métis Nations are located in the Supplementary Documentation.”</p> <p>The Stage 1 AAR Assessment references “Supplementary Documentation” which contains further details regarding additional areas recommended for Stage 2 archaeological assessment provided by Indigenous groups.</p>	<p>Supplementary documentation includes confidential information that is not part of the report but provided to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism as a requirement of the archaeological licensing. This information will not be entered into the Public Register. The results of the archaeological potential illustrated on Figure 7 take into account these areas, but are not specifically illustrated.</p>





<p>This Supplementary Documentation is identified as being provided “Under an Additional Cover” in both documents available on the provided google drive link. Please provide KFN with additional details on areas recommended for Stage 2 archaeological assessment based on the information provided by the interested Indigenous and Métis Nations in this Supplementary Documentation, where privacy allows</p>	
<p>2 Analysis and Conclusions, PDF page 26</p> <p>“The Indigenous Knowledge data in the archaeological potential mapping identifies areas that often differ from those identified with Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism criteria, as noted above. Sensitive I data is only included in the Supplementary Documentation for this report, with permission, and is protected by provincial policy and is not fully subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.”</p> <p>It is unclear whether the sites reported by Indigenous groups that “differ from those identified with the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism criteria” will be designated as survey locations.</p> <p>Section 2.3 - Conclusions states that “the modified Stage 2 survey approach for northern Ontario allows for the use of professional judgement by the licensed archaeologist to assist in the selection of survey locations. This can be completed through...consultation with local Indigenous and Métis communities.” (PDF page 27). Please clarify whether these sites will be considered.</p>	<p>All areas of archaeological potential, identified through desktop survey using Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism criteria, and input provided by Indigenous Nations is compiled and included in the archaeological recommendations. Areas identified by Indigenous Nations retain high archaeological potential and will require further archaeological assessment.</p>
<p>2.3 Conclusions, PDF Page 27</p>	<p>Correct, all areas retaining archaeological potential will require further assessment, consisting of the physical inspection of an area by</p>





“providing that the remoteness of an area can be documented in sufficient detail to show that there are practical obstacles to achieving access, based primarily on the distance to, or lack of, transportation infrastructure, it is acceptable to make recommendations that areas are low potential and will not require Stage 2 assessment, without the need for a property inspection.”

It is unclear which remote sites documented in the Supplementary Documentation reported by Indigenous groups will be excluded from property inspection based on the remoteness of the area.

Please provide details on sites identified by Indigenous groups, whether the sites intersect the Project Development Area, Local Study Area, or Regional Study Area, and whether sites reported by Indigenous groups will be evaluated through property inspection. If not, please identify whether identified sites were previously viewed during helicopter assessment of existing conditions.

If there is a chance that any site identified by Indigenous groups may be impacted by the Project, they require additional assessment.

a licensed archaeologist. All areas identified by Indigenous Nations will be physically inspected as part of the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment fieldwork. The Stage 1 helicopter survey was a high-level evaluation of existing conditions.

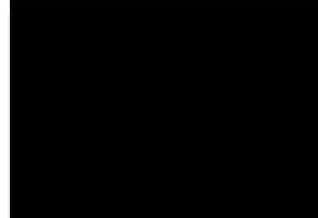
We hope this response adequately addresses the comments and concerns you raised in your response to the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report. If you have any other questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR, please do not hesitate to reach out. If you would like to coordinate a meeting with the MFFN 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] to coordinate. We look forward to engaging with Kashechewan First Nation in future archaeology efforts, as well as other opportunities related to the EA / IS process.

Sincerely,





Qasim Saddique  
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter  
Senior Community Member Advisor

cc:

- Adena Vanderjagt, Kashechewan Council
- Chief Hosea Wesley, Kashechewan Council
- Enoch Williams, Kashechewan Council
- Germaine Conacher, Kashechewan Council
- Jim Butterworth, Kashechewan Council
- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jodi Miles, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
- Callais Harrison, MFFN CAR Project Consultant





Harrison, Callais &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

## MFFN CAR: April, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 3:58 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Hi Chief Wesley and Adena,

I hope all is well.

I am sending this email to follow up on our call earlier today regarding a couple of April updates for the MFFN CAR Project.

I understand that Kashechewan is under evacuation right now, so I hope the community is doing well, and will be able to return home soon.

### Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) Updates

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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](mailto: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

## Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Thank you for providing the signed Community Capacity Funding Agreement. Our team is working on setting up Kashechewan First Nation to receive this lump-sum payment. We will provide you with the fully executed agreement once it is finalized.

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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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

# MFFN CAR: Finalized Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Payment Status

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, May 13, 2025 at 4:55 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>  
Cc: [redacted], Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Hi Chief Wesley and Adena,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm writing to provide a copy of the finalized Community Capacity Funding Agreement for Kashechewan First Nation, which has now been fully executed. Please find the signed agreement attached for your records.

Could you kindly confirm whether the lump-sum funding payment has been received by Kashechewan First Nation? If it has not yet arrived, please let us know so we can follow up accordingly.

Thank you again, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best regards,  
Callais



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## MFFN CAR: May , 2025 Project Updates

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Thu, May 22, 2025 at 4:27 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth  
<[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Hi Chief Wesley and Adena,

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**.

### **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



# 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](http://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](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca)



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



Harrison, Callais &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

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## MFFN CAR: June, 2025 Project Updates

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:31 AM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Good Morning Chief Wesley and Adena,

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.

### **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 to your community! 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



Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

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

Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 12:04 PM  
 To: Chief Hosea Wesley <[REDACTED]>, Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>  
 Cc: Bob Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Lawrence Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Dear Chief Wesley

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 your community 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 March 30, 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,

Jodi Miles, On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]> Thu, Jul 10, 2025 at 12:27 PM  
To: Chief Hosea Wesley <[REDACTED]>, Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Bob Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Lawrence Baxter <[REDACTED]>, Jennifer Bruin <[REDACTED]>, Qasim Saddique <[REDACTED]>, Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Dear Chief Wesley,

My previous email contained an error that I am following up to correct.

The email should have noted that the Draft Report will be finalized if we don't hear back with any new information by **October 8, 2025**. The March 30 date was provided in error.

I apologize for any confusion,

Jodi Miles,  
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais &lt;[REDACTED]&gt;

## MFFN CAR: July, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 1:18 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Chief Wesley and Adena,

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**

Kashechewan First Nation's ATRI: Draft Impact Assessment Report was sent to the community for review on July 10, 2025.

The review period for this report is 90 calendar days. If Kashechewan 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 Kashechewan First Nation would share that with us. Kashechewan First Nation'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 **October 8, 2025**, the Draft Report will be finalized.

If you could confirm that you received this report on July 10, 2025 and are able to access it, that would be greatly appreciated.

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: August, 2025 Project Updates

Harrison, Callais <[redacted]> Tue, Aug 26, 2025 at 11:45 AM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>  
Cc: [redacted], Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>

Good Morning Chief Wesley and Adena,

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.

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

On July 10, 2025, your community-specific Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: Draft Impact Assessment Report was distributed.

The review period closes on **October 8, 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]

If you could confirm that you received this report on July 10, 2025 and are able to access it, that would be greatly appreciated.

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: August, 2025 Project Updates

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]> Thu, Aug 28, 2025 at 4:04 PM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>, Alana Vigna <[REDACTED]>, Andrea Nokleby <[REDACTED]>

Good Afternoon Chief Wesley and Adena,

I wanted to follow up on one additional item. In the Kashechewan First Nation's Existing Conditions Report, sent on November 5, 2024, an in-person community engagement meeting with MFFN was requested to discuss the Report.

Would you still be interested in this meeting? If so, I'd be happy to help coordinate it.

Best wishes,  
Callais  
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## **B9.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence**



Miles, Jodi [redacted]

## Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report Review and Comment

Adena Vanderjagt [redacted] Fri, Aug 2, 2024 at 4:19 PM  
 To: "Miles, Jodi" [redacted]  
 Cc: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team [redacted], "Nokleby, Andrea" [redacted], "Chief Gaius Wesley" [redacted], Betsy Lazarus [redacted], Germaine Conacher [redacted], Jim Butterworth [redacted]

Hello Jodi,

Please find attached a submission from Kashechewan First Nation in relation to the Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report that sent out to Kashechewan First Nation on June 3, 2024. If you have any questions, please reach out via the distribution list above.

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt, B.Sc., EP** (she/her)  
 SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES



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# Kashechewan First Nation Chief & Council

August 2, 2024

***Delivered by Email***

info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

**RE: Kashechewan First Nation Review and Comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake Additional Aggregate Resources prepared by AECOM dated February 29, 2024**

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing as the elected Chief of Kashechewan First Nation (“KFN”). This letter and comments are submitted on behalf of myself, the Council, and Nation members of KFN. As the Chief of my Nation, it is my duty to protect our Section 35 rights exercised throughout Treaty 9, of which we are signatories.

KFN reviewed and submitted comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake (herein referred to as “Stage 1 Assessment”) and the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake, Ogoki River Crossing WA-01 & Albany River Crossing WA-15 in March 2023. On August 2, 2023, KFN received a response from the Marten Falls Community Access Road Team.

Following this, AECOM then provided their Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Community Access Road from Marten Falls to Painter Lake **Additional Aggregate Resources** (herein referred to as “Stage 1 AAR Assessment”) for KFN’s review on June 3, 2024. As noted in the Executive Summary of the Stage 1 AAR Assessment, *“In 2023 an additional 6,775 hectares of land were added to the Community Access Road study area to incorporate previously unassessed areas of proposed temporary impacts, particularly extraction of aggregate resources to facilitate road construction along the proposed Community Access Road. These additional temporary land use locations are the subject of this report”*.

As such, KFN reviewed the updated Stage 1 AAR Assessment and has compiled new comments arising from the additional temporary land use locations (Table 1, below).

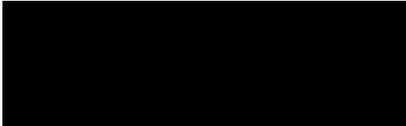


## **Kashechewan First Nation Chief & Council**



From KFN's continued review and participation in these processes, we are interested in ongoing engagement in Stage 2 should time, availability and capacity allow and look forward to this continued engagement from the Marten Falls Community Access Road team. Thank-you for consideration of KFN's comments and concerns with the Stage 1 Assessment and the Stage 1 AAR Assessment, we look forward to future collaborative opportunities in the Environmental Assessment/Environment Impact Statement process as the Marten Falls Community Access Road project progresses.

Sincerely,



Chief Gaius Wesley  
Kashechewan First Nation

**Table 2 - Stage 1 AAR Assessment Comments**

Comment Number	Section and Page Number	Quotation	Comment
1.	Executive Summary, PDF page 6	<i>“Fieldwork planning will be completed in consultation with Indigenous Community Elders and Environmental Monitors will accompany the archaeology team for a Stage 2 archaeological assessment.”</i>	KFN is interested in continued information on fieldwork planned and subsequent results. Please continue to provide KFN information on the fieldwork planned and the anticipated fieldwork timeline.
2.	2.3 Conclusions, PDF Page 27	<i>“Additional areas recommended for Stage 2 archaeological assessment based on the information provided by the interested Indigenous and Métis Nations are located in the <b>Supplementary Documentation</b>.”</i>	<p>The Stage 1 AAR Assessment references “<b>Supplementary Documentation</b>” which contains further details regarding additional areas recommended for Stage 2 archaeological assessment provided by Indigenous groups.</p> <p>This <b>Supplementary Documentation</b> is identified as being provided “Under an Additional Cover” in both documents available on the provided google drive link. Please provide KFN with additional details on areas recommended for Stage 2 archaeological assessment based on the information provided by the interested Indigenous and Métis Nations in this <b>Supplementary Documentation</b>, where privacy allows.</p>
3.	2 Analysis and Conclusions, PDF page 26	<i>“The Indigenous Knowledge data in the archaeological potential mapping identifies areas that often differ from those identified with Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism criteria, as noted above. Sensitive I data is only included in the <b>Supplementary Documentation</b> for this report, with permission, and is protected by provincial policy and is not fully subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.”</i>	<p>It is unclear whether the sites reported by Indigenous groups that “<i>differ from those identified with the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism criteria</i>” will be designated as survey locations.</p> <p>Section 2.3 - Conclusions states that “<i>the modified Stage 2 survey approach for northern Ontario allows for the use of professional judgement by the licensed archaeologist to assist in the selection of survey locations. This can be completed through...consultation with local Indigenous and Métis communities.</i>” (PDF page 27). Please clarify whether these sites will be considered.</p>
4.	2.3 Conclusions, PDF Page 27	<i>“providing that the remoteness of an area can be documented in sufficient detail to show that there are practical obstacles to achieving access, based primarily on the distance to, or lack of, transportation infrastructure, it is acceptable to make recommendations that areas are low potential and will not require Stage 2 assessment, without the need for a property inspection.”</i>	<p>It is unclear which remote sites documented in the <b>Supplementary Documentation</b> reported by Indigenous groups will be excluded from property inspection based on the remoteness of the area.</p> <p>Please provide details on sites identified by Indigenous groups, whether the sites intersect the Project Development Area, Local Study Area, or Regional Study Area, and whether sites reported by Indigenous groups will be evaluated through property inspection. If not, please identify whether identified sites were previously viewed during helicopter assessment of existing conditions.</p> <p>If there is a chance that any site identified by Indigenous groups may be impacted by the Project, they require additional assessment.</p>



Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

**Jim Butterworth** <[redacted]>  
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>, Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
Cc: Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 1:19 PM

Hi Jodi – The new Chief’s email is correct. Chief is Hosea Wesley. Phone number while in community should be the same.  
At this time no councillor has been appointed to this portfolio.

**Jim Butterworth, CPA, CA**  
PARTNER – ASSURANCE SERVICES

LEADER – INDIGENOUS SERVICES, TIMMINS

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 1:20 PM

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

Cc: Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Yes, that is the Chief's email address. I would confirm directly with him as per his preference for calls versus emails.

I don't have any additional contact information to share at this time, but if I get more I can pass it on.

I don't have an additional phone number for Enoch either – so I would continue with email unless he specifies otherwise.

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt, B.Sc., EP** (she/her)  
SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES



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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2024 10:06 AM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

Good afternoon Adena,

[Quoted text hidden]



Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

## Inquiry about Kashechewan First Nation Contact Information

Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>  
To: Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Sep 24, 2024 at 1:20 PM

Thanks Jim – we were on the same wave length!

**Adena Vanderjagt, B.Sc., EP** (she/her)  
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## September Project Updates

**Adena Vanderjagt** <[redacted]> Fri, Sep 27, 2024 at 10:46 AM  
 To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>  
 Cc: Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

We spoke with Chief Wesley this morning and Kashechewan would like to access the community coordinator funding to supplement Enoch's current salary as he is already acting in the current position. Please let me know what you need from the Nation to move this along and I will endeavor to get it. As Enoch is paid as an employee of the Nation this likely would have to flow to the Nation to be paid as part of his overall salary.

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt, B.Sc., EP** (she/her)  
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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2024 1:23 PM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>; [redacted]  
**Subject:** September Project Updates

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

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## Fwd: September Project Updates

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From: Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>  
Date: Thu, Oct 10, 2024 at 12:50 PM  
Subject: RE: September Project Updates  
To: Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: [REDACTED], Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, Angelis, Niki <[REDACTED]>

Hi Jodi,

Milestone based funding works (where the funding is provided to Kashechewan First Nation to distribute).

Warm Regards,

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## October Project Updates

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 at 11:32 AM

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

Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth

<[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

Kashechewan is interested in accessing the capacity funding. It can be provided to the Nation. I believe you have the direct deposit information from the Study funding agreement. Let me know if anything further is required.

We have also filled out the survey, referenced below.

Warm Regards,

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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

**Sent:** October 30, 2024 3:10 PM

**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>

**Subject:** October Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## October Project Updates

**Chief Hosea Wesley** <[redacted]> Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 7:24 AM  
To: Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
Cc: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>

Good morning Adena

I have read the email regards the capacity funding, we should move forward with it.

Regards

Chief Hosea Wesley  
Kashechewan First Nation

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 4, 2024, at 10:32 AM, Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]> wrote:

Hello Jodi,

Kashechewan is interested in accessing the capacity funding. It can be provided to the Nation. I believe you have the direct deposit information from the Study funding agreement. Let me know if anything further is required.

We have also filled out the survey, referenced below.

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt, B.Sc., EP** (she/her) <image001.jpg>  
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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## October Project Updates

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:18 PM

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

Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

We received confirmation from Chief Wesley that we can provide you with a draft Report for the MFCAR Project. The report is too large to send via email. I can provide it to you through MNP's FTP site which will required a password for download. Should this be sent to yourself?

Cheers,

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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

**Sent:** October 30, 2024 3:10 PM

**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>

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## October Project Updates

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

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 1:59 PM

Hello Jodi,

The file will be forthcoming shortly and the password will be:

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Cheers,

**Adena Vanderjagt, B.Sc., EP** (she/her)  
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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** November 5, 2024 10:44 AM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>; philip.goodwinjr <[redacted]>; [redacted]; Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>; Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>  
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## October Project Updates

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Tue, Nov 5, 2024 at 2:02 PM

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

Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth

<[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, "  
<[redacted]>, Andrea Nokleby <[redacted]>, Caroline Wrobel <[redacted]>

File and password have been sent under separate covers.

Warm Regards,

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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

**Sent:** November 5, 2024 10:44 AM

**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>; philip.goodwinjr <[redacted]>;

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

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

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## MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

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**Adena Vanderjagt** <[REDACTED]> Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 4:14 PM  
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>, Chief Gaius Wesley <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Hello Jodi,

Moving forward please use the email [REDACTED] (cc'd) and ensure Philip Goodwin is also Cc'd.

Thanks!

Adena

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Harrison, Callais <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR: January Project Updates

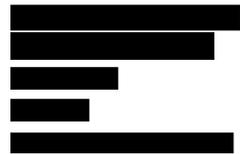
Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]> Wed, Jan 29, 2025 at 11:29 AM  
 To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>  
 Cc: "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[redacted]>, "[redacted]" <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hi Jodi,

Thanks so much! Yes, the Executive Director title is correct for Philip.

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
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## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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

Tue, Mar 4, 2025 at 1:58 PM

Hi Jodi,

I am trying to edit the Community Capacity Funding Agreement to insert Kashechewan specific details for signing but the document is locked with track changes. This means that I cannot update it and provide a clean copy for Chief Wesley's signature. Can you provide a document that is unlocked so I can turn off track changes?

Thanks,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 10:27 AM  
**To:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>;  
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**Cc:** Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>  
Cc: Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 11:53 AM

Hi Jodi,

This version still requires a password to turn off the track changes. Could you potentially edit the agreement to reflect Kashechewan as the party with today's date and pass it along to me?

Cheers,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8:09 AM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Callais Harrison <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>

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## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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**Adena Vanderjagt** <[REDACTED]>  
To: "Miles, Jodi" <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: Callais Harrison <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 12:46 PM

Thanks so much!

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 9:45 AM

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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

Wed, Mar 5, 2025 at 1:06 PM

Perfect! Thanks so much! I will be sending for signature today and hopefully it will be signed soon.

Cheers,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025 9:58 AM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

# MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]> Mon, Mar 17, 2025 at 5:49 PM  
 To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>, Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, [redacted]  
 Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>

Hello Jodi,

Happy Monday to you! Please find attached the signed MFFN CAR community capacity funding agreement.

Cheers,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
 SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES



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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 10:27 AM  
**To:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>; [redacted]  
**Cc:** Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>

Wed, Mar 19, 2025 at 3:27 PM

To: "Miles, Jodi" <[redacted]>  
Cc: Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>, Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>, Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Callais Harrison <[redacted]>

Hello,

Please connect with Eliza Mack at the Nation, she can be reached at the Band Office and her email is:

[redacted]

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES



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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 12:22 PM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>; Germaine Conacher <[redacted]>; Jim Butterworth <[redacted]>; Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>; Callais Harrison <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** Re: MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Project Updates

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Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>

## MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement

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

Wed, Mar 26, 2025 at 11:14 AM

See below in red.

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**From:** Miles, Jodi <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** March 26, 2025 7:53 AM  
**To:** Eliza Mack <[redacted]>  
**Cc:** Adena Vanderjagt <[redacted]>; Callais Harrison <[redacted]>; Chief Hosea Wesley <[redacted]>  
**Subject:** MFFN CAR Community Capacity Funding Agreement

Good morning Eliza,

I have been in contact with Adena Vanderjagt (CC'd) about setting Kashechewan First Nation up with the MFFN CAR Community Capacity Fund lump-sum payment. We have received a signed agreement and a void cheque, but I was wondering if you could provide the following contact information for whoever we should be in touch with regarding the transfer of funds?

- First Name: Eliza
- Last Name: Mack
- Email Address: [redacted]
- Phone Number: [redacted]

Let me know!

Thank you,

Jodi Miles,  
On Behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team

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Harrison, Callais <[REDACTED]>

## MFFN CAR: Finalized Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Payment Status

Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]> Wed, May 14, 2025 at 11:14 AM  
 To: "Harrison, Callais" <[REDACTED]>  
 Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, enochwilliams <[REDACTED]>, Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>, Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>, "philip.goodwinjr" <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>, Conrad Lazarus <[REDACTED]>

Hello Callais,

Please see below for confirmation from the Finance Officer that the lump sum payment was received on April 24th.

Cheers,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
 SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES



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**From:** Conrad Lazarus <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 9:11 AM  
**To:** Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>; Eliza Mack <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[REDACTED]>; philip.goodwinjr <[REDACTED]>; Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>; Germaine Conacher <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: MFFN CAR: Finalized Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Payment Status

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Good morning Adena,

I reviewed our accounts and the First Nation indeed received the funding on April 24th.

Regards,

Conrad Lazarus - Finance Officer  
 KASHECHEWAN FIRST NATION

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**From:** Adena Vanderjagt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2025 10:58:52 AM  
**To:** Conrad Lazarus <[REDACTED]>; Eliza Mack <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley <[REDACTED]>; Philip Goodwin Jr - Executive Director  
<[REDACTED]>; Jim Butterworth <[REDACTED]>; Germaine Conacher  
<[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fw: MFFN CAR: Finalized Community Capacity Funding Agreement and Payment Status

Hello Conrad and Eliza,

Can you please confirm receipt of the lump sum payment as per the email below?

Thanks!

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES

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**Subject:** Kashechewan First Nation Review of the MFCAR draft Environmental Assessment Documents  
**Sent:** 2025-06-23, 2:53:47 PM  
**From:** Adena Vanderjagt [REDACTED]  
**To:** eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca  
**Cc:** Chief Hosea Wesley; philip.goodwinjr; enochwilliams; Germaine Conacher; Jim Butterworth  
**Attachments:** [2025\\_06\\_23\\_KFN\\_EA\\_Review.pdf](#)

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To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed Kashechewan First Nation's comments on the draft Environmental Assessment Documents. If you have any questions or comments related to this review, please respond to the CC list above.

Warm Regards,

**Adena Vanderjagt** (she/her)  
SENIOR MANAGER, CONSULTING, INDIGENOUS SERVICES

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# Kashechewan First Nation Chief & Council



June 23, 2025

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asisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

**RE: Kashechewan First Nation Review and Comments on the Marten Falls Community Access Road Environment Assessment / Impact Statement**

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing as the elected Chief of Kashechewan First Nation (“KFN”). This letter and comments are submitted on behalf of myself, the Council, and Nation members of KFN. As the Chief of my Nation, it is my duty to protect our Section 35 rights exercised throughout Treaty 9, of which we are signatories.

We have completed a review of the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (“EA/IS”) for the Marten Falls Community Access Road. This review focused on how KFN’s rights may be impacted, and how KFN and Marten Falls can work together in the post-approval states to ensure the environment is protected. Below is a summary of some of the more prevalent comments, with a detailed review table that supplements these comments following.

These comments are provided with the acknowledgement and understanding of co-jurisdiction over land and waters with other First Nations that have overlapping and/or close proximity traditional territories. This means that individual First Nations govern their territories; but matters that concern many First Nations must be addressed collaboratively. While KFN members may not frequent the Project area for the exercise of all their rights, there is acknowledgement that impacts in that area may be felt throughout the KFN territory, particularly impacts to water and flow patterns; and that this must be stewarded by those Nations in close proximity. In relation to the Project, KFN acknowledges that while Marten Falls First Nation can, and must, have the right to develop or manage the resources in their own traditional areas, the consequences of those development or management activities on KFN Way of Life and Governance must be properly evaluated and understood. This can be accomplished through consistent and open dialogue with those neighbouring communities in a way that is respectful of all involved.

With this in mind, please accept this letter and table.

**Focused Concerns**



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## Completeness

Overall, the EA/IS main document is not complete enough to allow for fulsome consideration. The review is difficult, with substantial cross referencing required. This approach strains the limited resources of KFN and results in the requirement of more in depth consideration of the final EA/IS. For example, the EA/IS main document does not include a descriptive section for any Valued Component that illustrates the project effects identified in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. Instead, the EA/IS main document jumps from project interactions straight to the summary of residual effects. Within these residual effects tables, there is no description of potential effects beyond a single sentence.

Often, there is a reliance on details within appendices instead. Referring the reader to appendices is not an appropriate method of EA/IS development as appendices are meant to support the overall document, not represent the bulk of detail.

At a minimum, the main document of the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to Valued Components in a detailed way. This will allow for the reader to evaluate the proposed mitigation against the adverse effects and consider the sufficiency of proposed mitigation. For this draft EA/IS, this has not occurred.

The Practitioners Guide developed by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada specifies that:

*“In their Impact Statement, proponents must describe all likely potential effects in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes...”*

Therefore, the final EA/IS main document must be updated to include sufficient details on the project effects to allow for fulsome consideration.

## Significance

Another topic of importance is the significance ratings. Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (2012), significance was determined in a binary manner: adverse federal effects were either significant or not.

For impact assessments under the *Impact Assessment Act*, significance is not determined in a binary way but rather considers the extent to which adverse federal effects are significant along a scale (e.g., negligible, low, moderate, high), supported by findings based on the outcomes of the effects assessment and factors set out in section 22 of the *Impact Assessment Act*.



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This approach under the *Impact Assessment Act* allows significance to consider the nature and context under which the effect occurs and allows for value-based judgement about the severity of the effect. Meaning, it is not exclusively technical or quantitative but can consider the lived experiences and perceptions of Indigenous peoples.

Currently, the EA/IS uses the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* binary approach. Instead, the *Impact Assessment Act* approach must be adopted and integrated into the final EA/IS both in the main document and appendices that support it.

For example, the significance rating for peatlands is identified as “not significant”; however, if using the Impact Assessment Agency approach, the minimum rating of significance could be low significance. This is because, while the magnitude is low, the relative importance and regional context of peatlands to Indigenous groups is high. Additionally, potential effects to peatlands could be amplified in consideration of linked Projects and their regionally connected impacts on peatlands.

### *Integration of the Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report*

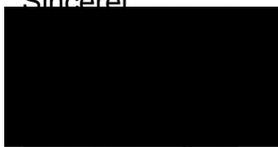
Also noted in our review was the lack of integration of information from the Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report. As the draft was provided to the Marten Falls team, this needs to be integrated into the final EA/IS in each section where relevant information was provided by KFN.

### *Cumulative Effects*

In relation to cumulative effects, because the Marten Falls Community Access Road is considered separately from the Northern Road Link Project and the Webequie Supply Road Project, there appears to be minimal consideration of cumulative effects from northern mining and mineral exploration. This must be remedied in the final as the road may lead to an “opening up” of the northern reaches of the territory.

Thank-you for consideration of KFN’s comments and concerns with the draft EA/IS, we look forward to future collaborative opportunities in the Environmental Assessment/Environment Impact Statement process as the Marten Falls Community Access Road project progresses.

Sincerely,



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Comment #	Reference Section	Reference Details	Comment
1.	5.1.1 Provincial Environmental Assessment Requirements, Page 47 (PDF Page 95)	"The decision regarding ownership of the Community Access Road has yet to be made. It is currently unknown who will own, maintain and operate the Community Access Road."	Kashechewan First Nation (Kashechewan or KFN) is concerned with the lack of defined path forward for the road.  How can Marten Falls guarantee that principles and commitments made through the EA/IS process will be upheld by future owners of the road? Additional discussion is required.
2.	6.1 Indigenous Knowledge, Page 54 (PDF 102)	"Indigenous land and resource use refers to specific areas and resources used for traditional purposes when Indigenous peoples learn and practice their Indigenous Knowledge."	Indigenous land and resource use includes more than traditional practices and purposes and can include modern practices that include socio-cultural, environmental, and economic activities. Please update this section to reflect this.
3.	6.1.2 Consultation and Engagement Program Page 56 (PDF 104)	"...were identified for the consultation and engagement program To date, Marten Falls..."	There is punctuation missing between "program" and "To date".
4.	6.2.1 Data Collection, Page 57 (PDF Page 105)	"Gender-Based Analysis Plus data collection for the Community Access Road included demographics, human health, engagement opportunities, and secondary research."	Please indicate how impact inequity for effects on Indigenous Peoples can be completed using the identified data. There appears to be limited source data used for this analysis outside of engagement opportunities.
5.	6.2.4 Limitations and Assumptions, Page 58 (PDF Page 106)	"We recognize that there may be limited data available for Marten Falls First Nation."	Please confirm whether other Nations were considered for GBA+ analysis or if this consideration only focused on Marten Falls.  If other Nations were not considered, this must be remedied in the Final EA/EIS.
6.	6.8.2 Project Inclusions List, Page 70 (PDF Page 118)		Please note, the Webequie Supply Road is listed twice within the Project Inclusion List.

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Comment #	Reference Section	Reference Details	Comment
7.	7.1.1 Overview, Page 77 (PDF Page 125)		Kashechewan requires engagement on potential locations of road maintenance facilities, rest stops, and pull-out areas which are to be confirmed during detailed design.
8.	7.1.2.1 Roads, Page 78 (PDF Page 126)	“Early investigations on permafrost have shown the Community Access Road is located within the isolated patches of the permafrost zone (Heginbottom et al., 1995), with some possible locations identified in test holes and helicopter reconnaissance by KGS Group (2019a, 2019b). Excavation within identified permafrost areas will be avoided whenever possible, as cutting into surface vegetation can disturb the permafrost regime resulting in thaw and unstable ground. As a precaution, the design will primarily use fill along access roads to minimize permafrost degradation and will follow the recommendations outlined in a permafrost management plan.”	KFN requires review of the permafrost management plan, when developed, to ensure disturbance of the permafrost regime is limited.
9.	6.5.1 Temporal Boundaries Page 60 (PDF 108)	Temporary infrastructure will be decommissioned/removed and areas will be allowed to revegetate naturally.	Kashechewan is concerned that areas where temporary infrastructure are decommissioned or removed may not revegetate in a timely manner and that revegetation may not support plants of traditional importance. KFN requires the proponent to develop a revegetation plan for temporary infrastructure that incorporates species of interest to Kashechewan.
10.	7.2.3.1 Clearing and Grubbing, Page 84 (PDF Page 132)	“Vegetation clearing and grubbing will also occur at construction laydown and staging areas, as well as temporary construction camps. Trees will mainly be removed using heavy machinery, although hand-clearing (for example chainsaws) may be used for small-scale efforts, such as those around sensitive features (Figure 7-4).”	Please identify whether involved Nations, such as KFN, will be afforded the opportunity to salvage medicinal plants or other plant species of importance from the construction development area prior to the removal of woody vegetation and hazard trees.

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11.	7.2.3.2 Blast Rock Production for Roadway Subgrade (Drill / Blast / Haul), Page 86 (PDF Page 134)	“Explosives will be transported, handled, and stored in compliance with federal and provincial regulations and will only be used by trained professionals. The storage of explosives will be in specially designed and secured containers and set back and isolated from all other activities.”	<p>Please specify whether Marten Falls will implement a blasting plan and potentially include blasting offset measures, where required, in proximity to waterbodies. Please update the EA/IS main document to include these details for the final.</p> <p>Further, KFN requires review of any blasting plan and requests this be implemented as part of construction activities.</p>
12.	7.2.3.10 Construction Waste; Wastewater Page 93 (PDF 141)	“Domestic wastewater will be discharged to onsite leaching beds at the temporary construction camps.”	Domestic wastewater includes waste from toilets and other household discharges that could include materials and chemicals that are not safe for the natural environment. Additionally, leaching beds are typically placed underground – Please specify whether these will be constructed underground and whether they will be removed/ decommissioned following conclusion of construction activities?
13.	Table 8-2 Indigenous Knowledge of Water, Page 98 and 99 (PDF Page 146 and 147)		<p>No Indigenous knowledge from the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> was included in this table and, therefore, integrated into the assessment.</p> <p>This must be updated in the final EA/EIS with data from the Kashechewan report; particularly as Kashechewan respondents had specific concerns related to water, experience water as an aspect of ongoing governance, and travel various waterways in the region.</p>
14.	Table 8-3: Valued Components, Page 102 (PDF Page 150)		<p>This table refers to Technical Support Documents (Appendix I) for Valued Component information related to Peatlands.</p> <p>Information must be carried over for the final EA/EIS to ensure readability.</p>

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Comment #	Reference Section	Reference Details	Comment
15.	Table 8-4: Spatial Boundaries of Water Disciplines, Page 104		<p>This table refers to Technical Support Documents (Appendix I) for Spatial Boundaries related to Peatlands.</p> <p>Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/EIS to ensure readability.</p>
16.	Figure 8-3: Peatlands Study Area, Page 107 (PDF Page 155)		<p>In place of this Figure, there is a placeholder that refers to Technical Support Documents (Appendix I) for visualization of Spatial Boundaries related to Peatlands.</p> <p>Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/EIS to ensure readability.</p>
17.	8.1.4.1 Watershed and River Systems, Page 108 (PDF Page 156)	"These watersheds generally drain either east towards the Albany River or northeast towards Hudson Bay. They are under the jurisdiction area of the Ministry of Natural Resources."	<p>Please confirm that the Ministry of Natural Resources is the conservation authority for the specified watersheds.</p> <p>If so, please adjust language from jurisdiction to "an area managed" by the Ministry of Natural Resources.</p>
18.	8.1.5 Surface Water, Page 117 (PDF Page 165)	"Field investigations included flying over the area and conducting ground surveys at selected water crossings from 2019 to 2022."	<p>Please specify how water crossings were selected for field investigation.</p> <p>Additionally, why were field investigations discontinued in 2022.</p>
19.	8.1.5.1 Surface Water Use, Page 117 (PDF Page 165)	"Based on a review of publicly available hydropower mapping (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, 2001), Ontario Power Generation (2019) reports, and Water Survey of Canada Hydrometric datasets (Environment Canada, 2022), there are no known hydropower generating stations or active dams in the Local and Regional Study Areas."	<p>While there are no active hydropower generating sites in the RSA currently, there are Ontario Power Generation potential development sites along the Albany River with a 250 MW generating potential. This must be considered and evaluated in the Cumulative Effects assessment portion. Please refer to OPG's Northern Hydroelectric Opportunities Report for details.</p>

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20.	8.1.6.1 Fish Habitat Quantity and Quality Pages 122-123 (PDF 170-171)	"Ogoki River at Crossing RA-1-WC-05: ... Fish sampling was not conducted at this crossing but the fish community in the Ogoki River is well documented.	<p>It is noted that field investigations were conducted between 2019 and 2022; this crossing was not included in these investigations.</p> <p>Additionally, the species listed for this crossing come from outdated sources (Government of Ontario, 2015; and Golder 2013).</p> <p>Additional field investigations should be conducted to confirm the presence of the listed species to ensure those species are present with similar population sizes and seasonal usage.</p>
21.	8.1.6.1 Fish Habitat Quantity and Quality Pages 122-123 (PDF 170-171)	Ogoki River at Crossing RA1-WC-11: In-text reference: Government of Ontario 2015, Golder 2013; and "Fish sampling done in 2022..."	<p>The fish listed to be found at this crossing by the sources Government of Ontario, 2015, and Golder, 2013 were not verified through fish sampling done between 2019-2022. These sources are out of date.</p> <p>Additional field investigations should be conducted to confirm the presence of the listed species to ensure those species are present with similar population sizes and seasonal usage.</p>
22.	8.1.6.1 Fish Habitat Quantity and Quality Page 123 (PDF 171)	Albany River at Crossing RA1-WC-27: "An unknown mussel species was found at the crossing."	<p>Please provide detail on whether these unknown mussels will be investigated to ensure they are not invasive (i.e., Zebra Mussels or Quagga Mussels).</p>
23.	8.1.6.1 Fish Habitat Quantity and Quality Page 123 (PDF 171)	Albany River at Crossing RA1: In-text reference: Government of Ontario 2015, Golder 2013; and MFFN 2021	<p>The fish listed to be found at this crossing by the sources Government of Ontario, 2015, and Golder, 2013 were not verified through fish sampling done in 2021. (The 2021 investigation found other fish species.) These sources are out of date.</p> <p>Additional field investigations should be conducted to confirm the presence of the listed species to ensure those species are present with similar population sizes and seasonal usage.</p>

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24.	8.1.6.1 Fish Habitat Quantity and Quality Page 126 (PDF 174)	Ogoki River at Crossing RA4B-WC-01: In-text references: Government of Ontario 2015, Golder 2013; “Fish sampling was not conducted at this crossing because it would have fallen during a restricted activity window, however it is assumed that the populations are similar to those found at Ogoki River at Crossing RA1-WC-11 (above).”	The investigation period is stated as taking place between 2019-2022. Please clarify if the entire investigation period was under a restricted activity window.  If not, why was investigation of this crossing not completed at another window throughout the 2-year investigation period? Additionally, the sources (Government of Ontario, 2015, and Golder, 2013) are out of date.  Additional field investigations should be conducted for fish presence and seasonality.
25.	8.1.6.1 Fish Habitat Quantity and Quality Pages 126-127 (PDF 174-175)	Albany River at Crossing RA4-WC-34: In-text references: Government of Ontario 2015, Golder 2013; “Fish sampling involved setting minnow traps; no fish were captured.”	The fish listed to be found at this crossing by the sources Government of Ontario, 2015, and Golder, 2013 were not verified through fish sampling done in 2021 as the 2021 investigation using minnow traps resulted in no fish capture.  However, spawning and rearing habitat was deemed moderate to high for large-bodied fish species including Lake Sturgeon.  Minnow traps are commonly used to catch small-bodied freshwater fish species. Why were no methods for large-bodied fish completed during the 2021 fish investigation? Will additional investigations at this water crossing be completed to verify the older data used to report on species presence?
26.	Table 8-10 Pages 132-137 (PDF 180-185)	(g) Valued Component fish species	Four fish were chosen as Valued Components (VCs) to represent the 37 fish species found in the Local Study Area. However, there was no representative VC selected for baitfish such as the fathead minnow.

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			Brook trout, which as assumed to be representative of small-bodied fish such as the fat head minnow are larger carnivorous fish whereas minnows are smaller omnivorous fish; therefore, a representative VC should have been selected.
27.	8.1.6.3 Species of Cultural and Conservation Concern, Page 138 (PDF Page 186)	"A number of fish species have been identified as culturally important to Indigenous communities including Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation. Both Aroland First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation have highlighted the importance of species including Brook Trout, Lake Sturgeon, Northern Pike, Sucker, Walleye, and Lake Whitefish (Dillon, 2024; MFFN, 2023a)."	No details from the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> are reflected in this Section. [REDACTED]  Please update this in the final version to reflect Kashechewan input.
28.	8.1.6.3 Species of Cultural and Conservation Concern Page 138 (PDF 186)	"Although Blackfin Cisco...were found in 2006 downstream from the Waboose Dam on the Ogoki Reservoir...they were not considered likely to be present in the existing conditions Construction Disturbance Area, Local Study Area, or Regional Study Area."	Additional detail is required to support the assumption of Blackfin Cisco not likely to be present in the listed areas. The in-text references (Long Lake, 2008; Golder, 2013) are out of date. The presence/absence of Blackfin Cisco should be verified with up-to-date information.  Additional field investigations should be conducted to confirm the presence (or absence) of the Blackfin Cisco.
29.	8.1.8 Peatlands, Page 150 (PDF Page 198)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, the peatland existing conditions information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix I</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/EIS to ensure readability.
30.	Table 8-13: Indigenous Knowledge of Land,		No Indigenous knowledge from the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> was included in this table and, therefore, integrated into the assessment.

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Comment #	Reference Section	Reference Details	Comment
	Page 151 – 155 (PDF Page 199 – 203)		This must be updated in the final EA/EIS with data from the Kashechewan report as Kashechewan respondents had specific concerns related to habitat, migration, accidents, additional development, and contaminants/pollutants.
31.	Table 8-14: Valued Components of Land Page 157 (PDF 205)	Vegetation > Traditional Use Plants and Species at Risk Plant Populations	Indicators for this Valued Component (VC) do not include plant quality. Traditional use plants may be available to harvest but may be poor quality and not preferred for harvest. Please provide additional details on how plant quality was considered in the final EA/IS.
32.	Table 8-14: Valued Components of Land Page 157 (PDF 205)	Wildlife > Bats "Changes in mortality (due to increased anthropogenic [human-caused] stresses [for example, harvest, vehicle travel].	KFN respects the environment holistically and has particular care and concern for species that are threatened or endangered. KFN has not historically harvested bats, nor would; due to their status. Please indicate whether other indigenous groups harvest bats. If not, remove harvesting an example of anthropomorphic stresses for bats.
33.	Figure 8-11: Ungulates Existing Conditions Local Study Area, Caribou and Moose Regional Study Area		This map specifies that the Local and Regional Study Areas are for "Existing Conditions" however, there is no differentiation on other figures within this section, nor an additional figure displaying the impact assessment LSA and RSA.  Please advise whether the displayed LSA and RSAs are for both existing conditions and assessment of potential effects. If yes, please remove "existing conditions" from the legend, title, etc.
34.	8.2.4 Vegetation, Page 171 (PDF Page 219)	Traditional use plants were selected and studied using both oral and written knowledge from Marten Falls First Nation, the Eabametoong First Nation's Biodiversity Atlas (Eabametoong First Nation et al., no date), and the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.	While the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> does not indicate any berry or plant gathering within the LSA or RSA, there was knowledge shared about plants, activities and valued medicinal plants. Please update this section to include details from the Kashechewan Report.

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35.	8.2.4.7 Traditional Use Plants, Page 196 (PDF Page 244)	A list of 43 traditional use plant species was created by reviewing desktop resources and Indigenous Knowledge provided within the Eabametoong First Nation Biodiversity Atlas (no date).	There are details within the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> which can enhance this section including species of berry, seasonality of harvest and typical locations the berries can be found. In addition, there are details about medicinal plants including species and usage. This section must be updated to incorporate details from Kashechewan.
36.	8.2.5.3.2 Gray Wolf Page 213 (PDF 261)	"Gray wolf was recoded on 23 or 30 cameras..."	This sentence has both a misspelling ("recoded" and not "recorded") and requires adjustment of the word "or" to be "of".
37.	8.2.6.2 Raptors Page 225 (PDF 273)	"Habitat suitability for ospreys is summarized in Table 8-32 and shown on Figure 8-26."	There is an error – "ospreys" in this sentence should be replaced with "boreal owls" as Table 8-32 and Figure 8-26 reference boreal owls.
38.	8.2.7 Ungulates, Page 242 (PDF Page 290)	"Caribou and moose are culturally and traditionally important for Marten Falls First Nation. Moose meat is commonly shared with family, Elders, and community members, and almost all parts of the moose are used for different purposes (Marten Falls First Nation, 2023)."	Both moose and caribou were noted as key species within the Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report.  This section and the EA/IS in general must be updated to include information from the Kashechewan Report
39.	8.2.7.2 Moose Page 257 (PDF 305)	"No such habitats have been recorded in the moose Local Study Area, but they likely exist and just haven't been documented yet."	What processes will Marten Falls undertake to ensure documentation of these moose habitat sites? What are the plans to verify the presence of these habitats? Documentation and verification of moose habitat sites must be included in the final EA/IS.
40.	8.2.8.6.1 Pits and Quarries Pages 276-277 (PDF 324-325)	Several of the potential pit areas have not been verified for their properties.	What processes will Marten Falls undertake to ensure fulsome documentation of these the potential pit areas? How will engagement be undertaken on these sites? Information on potential pit areas must be included in the final EA/IS.
41.	8.2.8.7.4 Soil Sensitivities Page 302 (PDF 350)	"Water erosion risk wasn't calculated for open water, rock, human-made materials, or organic soils, which make up 66.2 percent of the Local Study Area."	Considering open water, rock, human-made materials, and organic soils make up such a large portion of the Local Study Area, why was water erosion risk not calculated?

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42.	8.2.8.7.5 Soil Sensitivity to Acidification Page 304 (PDF 352)	"Since there are few bogs or poor fens in the Local Study Area..."	Page 190 indicates that fens make up 37% of the Local Study Area (LSA) and bogs make up 1%. Fens also make up 50% of wetlands in the LSA. As previously indicated, there are not few fens in the LSA. If the fens are determined to be poor in quality, please explain how this determination was made.
43.	Table 8-52: Indigenous Knowledge of People, Page 309 (PDF Page 357)	"The information, some of which is confidential, that has been used to inform this Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement related to the people disciplines is summarized in <b>Table 8-52.</b> "	This table does not reflect shared information from the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> . This means that information was not used to inform the draft EA/IS.  Please update this table and the final EA/IS to include information provided by Kashechewan.
44.	Table 8-53: Valued Components of People, Page 311 (PDF Page 359)		This table includes a placeholder for valued components for Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests.  Please note that Kashechewan First Nation identified three VCs within the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report: Way of Life, Harvesting, and Governance</i> . These can be used to update the final EA/IS.
45.	Table 8-53: Valued Components of People Page 312 (PDF 360)	Valued Component: Cultural Heritage	Indicators for this VC should include access to culturally significant landscapes. Measures of Change should include changes to access of culturally significant landscapes.
46.	Table 8-53: Valued Components of People, Page 315 (PDF Page 363)	Community Well-Being:  <b>Refer to the detailed Technical Support Document in Appendix T.</b>	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.
47.	Table 8-53: Valued Components of People,	Visual	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.

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	Page 315 (PDF Page 363)	<b>Refer to the detailed Technical Support Document in Appendix V.</b>	
48.	Figure 8-51: Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights Study Area Page 318 (PDF 366)	"[Placeholder: Refer to the detailed Technical Support Document in Appendix O]"	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.
49.	Figure 8-55: Community Well-Being Study Area Page 322 (PDF 370)	"[Placeholder: Refer to the detailed Technical Support Document in Appendix T]"	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.
50.	Figure: 8-57: Visual Environment Project Study Area and Regional Study Area Page 324 (PDF 372)	"[Placeholder: Refer to the detailed Technical Support Document in Appendix V]"	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.
51.	8.3.4 Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Page 325 (PDF 373)	"This assessment includes several steps, which will be detailed in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	By the release date of this Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, all sections should be completed. Proper feedback cannot be provided if sections are not complete in the draft.
52.	8.3.4 Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Page 325 (PDF 373)	"The initial data collection for Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights was obtained by assessing the current state of valued components such as Indigenous Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes, Cultural Continuity, and Well-Being. Efforts to incorporate insights from engaged Indigenous communities, included organizing two forums for discussion."	Details from the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> were not included in the EA/IS and were not considered in the current state. Please update the EA/IS to include details from the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Condition Report</i> .

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53.	8.3.4 Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Page 325 (PDF 373)	"At a later date, each of the 23 Indigenous communities will be issued a Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report. Our intention is for Indigenous communities to first review this Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	While the intention to review the draft is noted, the draft has many aspects that are incomplete. This means review is difficult, requires cross reference, or the necessary details are not present at all.  The final EA/IS must have all relevant details present to allow for fulsome consideration and evaluation.
54.	8.3.5.2 Noise Page 362 (PDF 375)	Table 8-55 Noise Monitoring and Measurement Locations	Short term measurements of 20 minutes are shorter than is typical for assessment of noise levels which, in most cases, require samples of 1 hour.  Please indicate how 20 minutes can effectively characterize noise sources or events.
55.	8.3.6 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Page 332 (PDF 380)	"The Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessment reports for the Community Access Road have been shared with neighbouring Indigenous communities, and feedback has been received from some communities."	Section 8.3 mentions feedback received by Indigenous communities, but does not list this feedback, or the Nations that provided it.  Please provide details on the feedback provided and how it was addressed in the EA/IS.
56.	8.3.6.6.3 Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Page 347 (PDF 395)	"Therefore, only two of the nine river crossings were assessed in the fall of 2019..."	Please clarify if the additional seven river crossings will be assessed in the future during the field investigation and whether this information will be included in the final EA/IS.
57.	8.3.6.7 Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Page 349 (PDF 397)	"The Proponent team will continue to work with members of Marten Falls First Nation to determine culturally important areas rather than relying on the standard procedures to document existing conditions as prescribed by the Province."	Kashechewan requires additional engagement on culturally significant areas, as capacity allows. Kashechewan also requests immediate notification if any human remains are discovered during Project construction.
58.	8.3.6.7 Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Page 349 (PDF 397)	"Table 8-62 and Figure 8-61 to Figure 8-65 provide a summary of Indigenous Knowledge data points relevant to built	As currently written, it appears that only information and data points provided by Marten Falls were considered. It is unclear whether information provided by Kashechewan was included in the data points in Table 8-62.

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		heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes within and adjacent to the Local Study Area.”	Please clarify whether information from Kashechewan’s Existing Conditions Report was included in Table 8-62, so that Kashechewan can confirm whether the cultural heritage information Kashechewan provided was assessed.
59.	8.3.8 Community Well-Being Pages 362-363 (PDF 410-411)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report, Community Well-Being information was not available to summarize.”	By the release date of this Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, all sections should be completed in their entirety. The final EA/IS must have all relevant details present to allow for fulsome consideration and evaluation. Please ensure this is completed for the final EA/IS.
60.	8.3.9.7 Extractive Resource Industry Page 370 (PDF 418)	“Highway 11 is being realigned to support the Community Access Road development and operation.”	Currently, the realignment of highway 11 is not included on the cumulative effects project inclusion list (page 71 and 72). Please update the Project Inclusion List to include this project.
61.	8.3.10 Visual Environment Page 372 (PDF 420)	“A the time of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, the visual existing conditions information was not available to summarize.	By the release date of this Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, all the sections should be completed in their entirety. The final EA/IS must have all relevant details present to allow for fulsome consideration and evaluation. Please ensure this is completed for the final EA/IS.
62.	Figure 9-3 : Peatlands Effects Assessment Local and Regional Study Areas, Page 380 (PDF Page 428)	<b>Figure 9-3: Peatlands Effects Assessment Local and Regional Study Area</b> [Placeholder: Refer to the detailed Technical Support Document in <b>Appendix I</b> ]	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/EIS to ensure readability.
63.	Surface Water and Sediment Quality	Full Section	There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Surface Water and Sediment Quality to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from project interactions straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).

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			<p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate.</p> <p>At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Page 86 - 88 for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Surface Water and Sediment VC.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes...”</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS main document to include sufficient details on the project effects to Surface Water and Sediment Quality to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>
64.	Surface Water and Sediment Quality	Full Section	There is insufficient detail within this section to evaluate the significance rating. Please see cover letter for detailed comments. Please amend this for the final EA/IS.
65.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water	Valued Component: Surface Water Quantity Description of Potential Effect: Changes to surface water quantity from short-term water taking	Likelihood for this Predicted Residual Effect is listed as “Probable”; Uncertainty is listed as “Moderate”. As described in this table (see reference details) and Section 7.2.3.6 Temporary Construction Camps indicates that

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	Page 387 (PDF 435)	"Potable water for work sites, temporary construction camps, and temporary laydown areas will be obtained from surface water sources...."	"water will be required to support both camp and construction activities." (Page 91). As such, the likelihood for the Predicted Residual Effect should be updated to "Certain" and the Uncertainty to "Low".
66.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water  All		Mitigation measures are meant to be actions taken to reduce the severity of impact. Compliance with established regulations is required and part of standard project design. These standard aspects of project design should not be listed as a mitigation measure. It is suggested that any of these measures, where listed, be identified as a project design component and not a mitigation measure.
67.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water, Page 388 (PDF Page 436)	An Adaptive Management Plan will be developed in the event of an unexpected change to water quantity or quality (in other words, increase in turbidity in accordance with Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment standards).	Kashechewan requires review of the adaptive management plan, once developed.
68.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water Page 389 (PDF 437)	Valued Component: Surface Water Quantity, Surface Water Quality, Sediment Quality Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to surface water quantity, surface water quality, and sediment quality due to changes in channel hydraulics at waterbody crossings	Likelihood for this Predicted Residual Effect is listed as "Possible", and Uncertainty is listed as "Moderate". There is a high interaction with project activities and operations as much of the Project crosses through wetlands and over waterbodies. As such, there will be instances in which the road crosses wetlands and alters otherwise unrestricted surface water. Likelihood and Uncertainty should be updated to reflect this. Likelihood: Certain; Uncertainty: Low.
69.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water Page 390 (PDF 438)	Valued Component: Surface Water Quantity, Surface Water Quality, Sediment Quality Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Changes to surface water quantity, surface water quality, and sediment quality due to changes in channel hydraulics at waterbody crossings	Reversibility is listed as "Reversible". The Project is expected to be permanent and not decommissioned, as such, permanent waterbody crossings would be a predicted effects for this VC. Reversibility should be updated to reflect this; Reversibility: Irreversible

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70.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water Page 391 (PDF 439)	Valued Component: Surface Water Quantity, Surface Water Quality, Sediment Quality Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to surface water quantity, surface water quality, and sediment quality due to changes in land cover	Project activities during construction such as gathering/quarrying materials and rock will release dust and debris. Likelihood, and Uncertainty should be updated to reflect this. Likelihood: Certain; Uncertainty: Low.
71.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water, Page 394 (PDF Page 442)	"Chemical vegetation maintenance, including the use of pesticides and herbicides, will be in accordance with the Ministry of Transportation requirements and / or Pesticide Act and Regulations (Government of Ontario, 1990j), as applicable, noting that the use will be reserved for situation that cannot be managed by other methods and the use of herbicide will be restricted around sensitive area (for example, wetlands)."	Within the Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report, it was noted that 96% of Respondents would not harvest in areas where pesticide or herbicide was applied.  Kashechewan requires notification in the event of pesticide or herbicide usage to ensure Kashechewan land users are aware. This notification must include locational and timing details.
72.	Table 9-6: Summary of Residual Effects for Surface Water Page 396 (PDF 444)	Valued Component: Surface Water Quality, Sediment Quality Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to surface water quality and sediment quality from the wash-off of organic debris to nearby waterbodies and/or increased rates of erosion in disturbed and exposed areas with sediment transport and delivery to adjacent waterbodies	There is no "Predicted Residual Effect" details listed for this potential effect. Please update or indicate that this is a continuation of the table on the previous page - as all other table cells have repeated details except this one.
73.	9.3.3 Fish and Fish Habitat, All		There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Fish and Fish Habitat to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from project interactions straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).

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			<p>Information missing includes: geomorphological changes and their effects to hydrodynamic conditions and fish habitats; potential effects to riparian areas that could affect aquatic biological resources and productivity; changes to water quality at discharge point and receiving environment; changes to water quality due to runoff from any temporary or permanent project component; effects to fish biodiversity; direct effects of contamination downstream; direct and incidental effects on fish behaviors, distribution, abundance and migration patterns; etc.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Page 90 – 92 for full requirements of information required in the main EA/IS document to assess effects to the Fish and Fish habitat VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes...”</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects to fish and fish habitat to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>

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74.	9.3.3 Fish and Fish Habitat, All		There is insufficient detail within this section to evaluate the significance rating. Please see cover letter for detailed comments. Please amend this for the final EA/IS.
75.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 407 (PDF 455)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction: Neutral where proposed work is above the high water mark</li> <li>• Magnitude: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Geographic Extent: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Duration: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Frequency: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Reversibility: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Probability: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Significance: Not Applicable</li> <li>• Uncertainty: Not Applicable</li> </ul>	<p>The first row of Table 9-10 has Predicted Residual Effect listed as “Not Applicable”.</p> <p>There is limited explanation on why this is the case. Secondly, there are mitigations proposed, and therefore, the residual effects should be characterized based on the mitigation applicability.</p> <p>Physical alterations to waterbodies above the high-water mark can still impact the waterbody via dust and debris, introduction of sediment into the water, etc.</p> <p>Additional details are required, and residual effects criteria must be evaluated and included for Magnitude, Geographic Extent, Duration, Frequency, Reversibility, Probability, Significance, Uncertainty.</p>
76.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat, All		<p>Mitigation measures are meant to be actions taken to reduce the severity of impact. Compliance with established regulations is required and part of standard project design. These standard aspects of project design should not be listed as a mitigation measure.</p> <p>It is suggested that any of these measures, where listed, be identified as a project design component and not a mitigation measure.</p>
77.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish	Complete work as quickly as possible to shorten the duration of disturbance.	The EA/IS does not include sufficient details for KFN to understand the duration of disturbance to evaluate whether this mitigation measure would

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	and Fish Habitat, Page 407 (PDF Page 455)		be effective in addressing changes to fish habitat quantity and quality through physical alterations of waterbodies.
78.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 408 (PDF Page 456)	“Avoid constructing in sensitive habitats (for example, spawning areas, groundwater upwellings) where feasible.”	Please identify how sensitive habitats will be pinpointed prior to construction as sufficient detail is not included in the EA/IS document.
79.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 413 (PDF 461)	Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to fish habitat quantity and quality through changes to riparian vegetation	Riparian zones act as filters and buffers for waterbodies. Removing or altering riparian zones have the potential to increase the level of sediment and debris in the waterbody, causing changes to water and habitat quality for fish. Magnitude and Frequency should be updated to reflect this. Magnitude: Medium; Frequency: Continuous (for waterbodies in which the riparian zone remains altered from its initial state).
80.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 413 (PDF Page 461)	“Do not use herbicides during future maintenance.”	This is contradictory to the mitigation listed for Surface Water and Sediment Quality which indicated that “Chemical vegetation maintenance, including the use of pesticides and herbicides, will be in accordance with the Ministry of Transportation requirements and / or Pesticide Act and Regulations (Government of Ontario, 1990j), as applicable, noting that the use will be reserved for situation that cannot be managed by other methods and the use of herbicide will be restricted around sensitive area (for example, wetlands).”  Please specify what the approach will be in relation to herbicide and adjust the mitigation affected in the final EA/IS, as appropriate.
81.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 414 (PDF 462)	“Obtain a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes from the Ministry of Natural Resources and have Aquatics Specialists rescue and relocate fish within the isolated workspace prior to construction in the isolated workspace.”	Kashechewan requires ongoing engagement in relation to any fish relocation undertaken as part of this project. This will ensure that any locations selected are within areas that Indigenous harvesters frequent and

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			will increase those harvesters' knowledge of any ecosystem level changes that may impact their overall harvesting rights.
82.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 414 (PDF 462)	"Develop and follow a Sediment and Erosion Control Plan in accordance with Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications Construction Specification for Temporary Erosion Control (Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, 2021a) and Construction Specification for Temporary Sediment Control (Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications, 2020)."	Kashechewan First Nation requires review of any developed Sediment and Erosion Control Plan for the Project.
83.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 415 (PDF 463)	Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to fish habitat quantity and quality from the placement of waterbody crossing structures and changes in channel morphology	<p>The third row of Table 9-10 on this page has Predicted Residual Effect listed as "Not Applicable" for multiple criteria.</p> <p>There is limited explanation on why this is the case. Secondly, there are mitigations proposed and therefore the residual effects should be characterized based on the mitigation applicability.</p> <p>Changes to fish habitat quantity and quality from the placement of waterbody crossing structures and changes in channel morphology above the high-water mark can still impact the waterbody via dust and debris, introduction of sediment into the water, etc.</p> <p>Additional details are required, and residual effects criteria must be evaluated and included for Magnitude, Geographic Extent, Duration, Frequency, Reversibility, Probability, Significance, and Uncertainty.</p>
84.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 419 (PDF 467)	Blasting-related injuries or mortality to fish.	It is indicated here that there will be no residual effect to fish from blasting related injuries. The finding of no residual effect is not substantiated through documentation to be deemed sufficient. Please update this section to adequately substantiate this finding.

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85.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat Page 419 (PDF 467)	Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to fish habitat quality from the deposition of air contaminants and fugitive dust emissions	It is indicated here that there will be no residual effect. Much of the project construction and operation occurs around or within the boundaries of waterbodies. This contrasts with the finding of residual effects to peatlands due to fugitive dust emissions. Waterbodies do include less specialized ecosystems than Peatlands, but the finding of no residual effect is not substantiated through documentation to be deemed sufficient. Please update this section to adequately substantiate this finding.
86.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 420 (PDF Page 468)	Changes to fish survival and reproduction from improved public access to recreational angling areas	<p>The residual effects criteria noted are conducive to a consideration of low to moderate significance. However, the predicted residual effect has ratings of “Not significant”.</p> <p>Please see cover letter for commentary on lack of detail regarding the significance rating and requirement for a scale.</p> <p>Please provide additional detail and rationale why, for this specific potential effect the rating was applied as such with the higher criteria ratings overall.</p>
87.	Table 9-10: Summary of Residual Effects for Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 421 (PDF Page 469)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Wash, refuel, and service machinery to prevent any deleterious substances from entering a waterbody (DFO, 2023).</li> <li>• Store fuel and other materials for the machinery in to prevent any deleterious substances from entering a waterbody (DFO, 2023).”</li> </ul>	Please identify how the proposed mitigation measures will be monitored to ensure compliance as no details are listed within this section or within the follow-up monitoring section.
88.	9.3.4 Groundwater and Geochemistry, All		There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Groundwater and Geochemistry to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from project interactions straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where

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			<p>residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Page 86 - 88 for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Groundwater Quantity and Quality/Geochemistry VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes...”</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects to groundwater and geochemistry to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>
89.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 428-433 (PDF 476-481)	“Predicted Residual Effect: No predicted residual effect”	Several rows in Table 9-14 are indicated as having no predicted residual effect. Short-term water takings and the ability of ground water to recharge could result in residual effects; referral to other locations such as Appendices for this information is inappropriate and should be contained in the body of the EA/IS.

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			Currently, there is no information on whether extraction of aggregate material will include quarrying below the water table; there is no information on whether a site balance model was completed that incorporates groundwater fluxes for construction, operations, etc.; there is no discussion of spatial or temporal changes to groundwater quality at potential receptor locations – or indeed – discussion of receptors outside of baseline information. Overall, the EA/IS has insufficient information for KFN to review and provide critique of the conclusions.
90.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 428 (PDF 476)	Permit or register water takings of more than 50,000 litres per day with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Permit to Take Water or Environmental Activity and Sector Registry programs.	As it is a requirement for water takings over 50,000 litres to access a permit or register the water taking, this cannot be included as a mitigation. Please adjust this measure to be part of project design.  This comment must also be applied to other project design features noted in the mitigation and enhancement measures such as the aggregate permits being permitted by the Ministry of Natural Resources, and the aggregate pit dewatering in excess of 50,000 litres being permitted.
91.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 431 (PDF 479)	"A Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan should be developed and implemented for the Project operations and maintenance."	Kashechewan First Nation requires review of the Spill Prevention and Emergency Response Plan, once developed, and subject to capacity.
92.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 431 (PDF 479)	"A Waste Management Plan will be developed for the Project and include details for how wastes should be stored, handled, and disposed of."	Kashechewan First Nation requires review of the Waste Management Plan, once developed, and subject to capacity.

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93.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 432 (PDF 480)	"A Blasting and Communication Management Plan will be developed for the Project and include guidelines for explosives handling, storage, and loading to minimize explosives exposure to the environment and minimize explosives residue after blasting."	Kashechewan First Nation requires review of the Blasting and Communication Plan, once developed, and subject to capacity.
94.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 432 (PDF 480)	"Road maintenance should be carried out according to best management practices such as those outlined by Best Practices for the Use and Storage of Chloride-Based Dust Suppressant (Environment Canada, 2007) to reduce the use of chemicals for dust control and minimize runoff of chemicals to the environment."	KFN is concerned with the usage of chloride-based dust suppressants as there is potential for this to impact both vegetation and wildlife. Further engagement is required to explore potential dust control alternatives and/or to mitigate the impacts that the use of chloride-based dust suppressants may have on KFN'S rights and interests.
95.	Table 9-14: Summary of Residual Effects for Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 432 (PDF 480)	Alternative chemicals or methods of dust control that pose less risk of runoff and infiltration should be considered for use.	Further engagement is required to explore potential dust control alternatives and/or to mitigate the impacts that the use of chloride-based dust suppressants may have on KFN's rights and interests.
96.	9.3.5 Peatlands, Page 434 (PDF 482)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, the peatland effects assessment information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in Appendix I. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.
97.	9.3.6.1 Determination of Significance, Page 434 (PDF Page 482)		The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has suggested that significance be applied with a scalable extent (e.g., negligible, low, moderate, high). Please provide rationale for not identifying an extent of significance and instead applying a binary scale.

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			<p>This method likely does not allow for a reasonable weighting of all evidence and rationales of effect.</p> <p>Further, due to the lack of narrative related to effects within the EA/IS means it is difficult for KFN to evaluate the determination in a meaningful way.</p> <p>The EA/IS must be updated to include additional detail and a rationale for binary significance determinations is required.</p>
98.	9.3.6.2 Surface Water Page 434 (PDF 483)	"The magnitude of the predicted residual effects on surface water and sediment features are negligible in magnitude."	<p>A negligible rating for surface water magnitude means there is little to no variation predicted and hydrology will remain within the natural variation.</p> <p>There are limited details within the effects assessment to substantiate this magnitude rating; particularly as there are only 47 bridges and 21 culverts proposed for the road. If road construction and operation results in even a small adjustment to hydrology and surface flow patterns this would mean that the magnitude should be rated as low (5% variation).</p> <p>The Project Area is relatively untouched land and water; project development of any kind will create impacts in the Project Area higher than a negligible degree and this should be described in the main EA/IS document and the criteria applied should be reconsidered.</p>
99.	9.3.6.2 Surface Water Page 435 (PDF 484)	"Residual effects on the surface water and sediment valued component were considered not significant as the residual effects were assessed negligible in magnitude, and they do not represent a substantial management concern."	See comment above.

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100.	9.3.6.3 Fish and Fish Habitat Page 435 (PDF 483)	“Residual effects on the fish valued component were considered not significant as the residual effects were assessed negligible to medium in magnitude and they do not represent a substantial management concern.”	<p>The significance rating for fish and fish habitat must be reevaluated using a non-binary scale. Further, additional evaluation is required for species of importance to Indigenous Nations in relation to their social and ecological contexts.</p> <p>As detailed in previous comments, there is limited effects assessment details and without this, the sufficiency of mitigation is unclear. Mitigation should prevent the diminishment or loss of key components fish and not merely reduce the management concern.</p>
101.	9.3.6.4 Groundwater and Geochemistry Pages 435-436 (PDF 483-484)	“Residual effects on the groundwater valued component were considered not significant as the residual effects were not assessed as high in magnitude, long-term or permanent duration, irreversible...”	<p>Effects are likely to be medium significance if they are medium to high in magnitude, have a moderate duration, are irreversible and generate impacts in a social or ecological context.</p> <p>It is unreasonable that all residual effects criteria must be high or irreversible to allow for significance considerations which is why the binary rating is problematic.</p> <p>This requires further consideration by the proponent, direction from the regulator, and updated engagement with KFN once a direction has been chosen to inform KFN of direction for the final.</p>
102.	9.3.6.5 Peatlands, Page 436 (PDF Page 484)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, the peatland effects assessment information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in Appendix I. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.”	Information must be carried over from appendices to the EA document for the final EA/IS to ensure readability.

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103.	9.4.2 Vegetation, Page 442 (PDF Page 490)		<p>There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Vegetation to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from project interactions straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).</p> <p>Information missing includes: details on dust deposition on vegetation; a summary of information from the Far North Biodiversity Project; details on invasive species, descriptions of vegetation control methods contemplated; a lack of characterization of vegetation elements and details on habitat fragmentation; discussion of how hydrological or drainage changes may affect vegetation, and no description of any revegetation procedures to be implemented as part of the project; etc.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (multiple sections) for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Vegetation VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to</p>

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			<p>understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes..."</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects to vegetation to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>
104.	Table 9-15: Project-Environment Interactions – Vegetation Page 445 (PDF 493)	Project Phase: Construction Indicator: Availability, Distribution	Description of Potential Effects should be updated to include changes to the biodiversity, relative abundance and distribution of vegetation areas per the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Page 46). This should be assessed in conjunction with increased human activity to allow a fulsome consideration of potential impacts.
105.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 449 (PDF 497)	Magnitude: Low - 2,309.3 hectares or 2 percent of the upland ecosystems within the effects assessment Regional Study Area will be directly affected. Loss of functional area might reduce the ability of remaining areas to carry out ecosystem functions.	<p>The local study area is noted as the area representing the expected limit of direct effects from the community access road. Therefore, direct effects to vegetation must be described in the context of the local study area.</p> <p>Please provide the total amount of upland ecosystem within the local study area. Please further identify the percent of upland ecosystems that will be directly affected.</p> <p>Finally, please update the predicted residual effects using local study area parameters.</p> <p>This must be applied in all instances where the regional study area has been used within Table 9-17.</p>
106.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation	Valued Component(s): Upland Ecosystem Project Phase: Construction	Magnitude is identified as being 'low' with the disclaimer "Loss of function area might reduce the ability of remaining areas to carry out ecosystem functions." Please update the magnitude to reflect a moderate to high-level

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	Page 449 (PDF 497)	Description of Potential Effect: Changes to Upland Ecosystems as a result of direct vegetation loss	magnitude, that appropriately fits descriptions and rationale as expressed in Table 9-16. Additionally, please update significance to a non-binary scale as per Impact Assessment Agency guidance documents.
107.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 449 (PDF 497)	Develop and implement a Project-specific Environmental Protection Plan.	Kashechewan First Nation requires review of the Environment Protection Plan, once developed, and subject to capacity
108.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 451 (PDF 499)	Prepare and Implement a Vegetation Restoration Plan. Include the seeding and / or planting of Traditional Use Plants in the Vegetation Restoration Plan.	KFN requires involvement in the development of the Vegetation Restoration Plan and requires input into seeding and/or planting of Traditional Use Plants to ensure revegetation is conducive to supporting Indigenous rights in the future.
109.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 451 (PDF 499)	Valued Component(s): Riparian Ecosystems Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to Riparian Ecosystems as a result of direct vegetation loss	Please update the magnitude to reflect an increased magnitude, that appropriately fits descriptions and rationale as expressed in Table 9-16. Additionally, please update significance to align in a non-binary scale as per Impact Assessment Agency guidance documents.
110.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 451 (PDF 499)	Valued Component(s): Designated Areas Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to Designated Areas as a result of direct vegetation loss	See comment above.
111.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 450 (PDF 498)	Valued Component(s): Wetland Ecosystem Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to Wetland Ecosystems as a result of direct vegetation loss	See comment above.

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112.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 452 (PDF 500)	Valued Component(s): Traditional Use Plant Species Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to Traditional Use Plant Species as a result of direct vegetation loss	Geographic Extent is listed as “Construction Disturbance Area”. This does not recognize the potential for displacement of Indigenous harvesters. Often harvesters dislike harvesting in disturbed areas Please update the Geographic Extent to Regional and update language in the final EA/IS to reflect this change.
113.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 455 (PDF 503)	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effects: Changes all vegetation valued components as a result of the introduction and spread of invasive plant species “Context: Limited existing human disturbance has resulted in limited potential for invasive species to be present in the Construction Disturbance Area. No invasive plant species were documented during field surveys.”	The language of “limited existing human disturbance has resulted in limited potential for invasive species” does not mean that invasive plants will not be introduced during project construction and operation. Once project activities commence, the area will no longer have ‘limited existing human disturbance’, and the rate of potential invasive species may increase. Invasive species and their seeds (such as grasses) can be carried in vehicle tires, on vehicle bodies and via vehicle waste. Please adjust this language and the overall consideration of effects to include more in-depth consideration of invasive species. This will ensure the assessment is conservative in its findings.
114.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 456 (PDF 504)	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effects: Changes all vegetation valued components as a result of the introduction and spread of invasive plant species “Context: Limited existing human disturbance has resulted in limited potential for invasive species to be present in the Construction Disturbance Area. No invasive plant species were documented during field surveys.”	See comment above.
115.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Project Phase: Construction	While boreal forests typically experience wildfire and other natural disturbances which can limit effects of anthropogenic disturbances, the resilience of the forest type and impacts on biodiversity must still be

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	Page 456 (PDF 504)	Description of Potential Effects: Changes all vegetation valued components as a result of fragmentation and edge effects “...given that boreal forests are generally adapted to large-scale natural disturbances and are less influenced by fragmentation and edge effects than temperate and tropical forests.	considered. Please update the EA/IS to include assessment details which describe edge effects and how this will be managed moving forward.
116.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 456 (PDF 504)	“As per the Ministry of Transportation Ontario’s Weed Control Maintenance Best Practice (MBP-320), weeds in the Construction Disturbance Area will be controlled using a combination of biological, chemical, cultural, manual, and mechanical control methods during Operation and Maintenance (Ministry of Transportation, Ontario 2003). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that mechanical removal is the preferred approach, with chemical herbicides being reserved for situations that cannot be managed any other way.</li> <li>Herbicide use will be restricted around sensitive areas (for example, wetlands)”</li> </ul>	Herbicide application can impact vegetation, in particular, plants that Indigenous harvesters and wildlife consume – in turn impacting the health of those harvesters and/or wildlife. Continued engagement is required with KFN regarding the use of chemical herbicide and the identified restrictions around sensitive areas.  Further, the of impact herbicide use must be explored in an expanded EA/IS section in the final EA/IS.
117.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 457 (PDF 505)	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effects: Changes all vegetation valued components from the release of sediment during construction	No predicted residual effects are listed. Through project activities, operation and maintenance, there will be increased exposure through sediment release and dust deposition which can collect on vegetation and impact the harvest of traditional plant use species. Please update the Predicted Residual Effects to reflect this consideration or alternatively include a separate Valued Component for this table that reflects the impact of dust and sediment on traditional use plants species.
118.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance	See comment above.

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119.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Page 457 (PDF 505)	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effects: Changes all vegetation valued components from the release of sediment during construction	The Description of Potential Effect has an error and should be updated to be "during operation and maintenance"
120.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Pages 458 (PDF 506)	"Adherence to federal and provincial regulations and guidelines regarding fuel and residue, chemical product, petroleum product, and hazardous substance collection and storage, use and handling, and disposal and treatment, such as the federal Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, Ontario Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and the Ontario Environment Act."	Mitigation measures are meant to be actions taken to reduce the severity of impact. Adherence to federal and provincial regulations is required and part of standard project design. These standard aspects of project design should not be listed as a mitigation measure.  It is suggested that any of these measures, where listed, be identified as a project design component and not a mitigation measure. Please apply this throughout Table 9-17 and the EA/IS broadly.
121.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Pages 459-460 (PDF 507-508)	Valued Component(s): All Valued Components Description of Potential Effect: Changes to all vegetation valued components as a result of increased access	As there are no effects assessment details within this Section, it is impossible to evaluate whether there will be an impact to vegetation availability for traditional purposes due to increased accessibility to the area. Please include details related to this consideration in analysis completed for the final EA/IS.
122.	Table 9-17: Summary of Residual Effects for Vegetation Pages 460 (PDF 508)	"Install access controls (for example, gates and boulders) to control public vehicle travel on some temporary access routes and trails."	Access controls can influence Indigenous harvester behavior and result in increased avoidance of areas surrounding the gates on routes and trails typically used.  Within the Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report it was noted that 87% of Respondents would not harvest in areas where gates are present.

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123.	9.4.3 Wildlife, All		<p>Additional detail is required on how the proponent has considered this unintended impact because of implementing a gate.</p> <p>There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Wildlife to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from refined existing conditions information, to project interactions, straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).</p> <p>Information missing includes: a lack of description of population level effects such as noise, sensory disturbance, habitat alteration, air emissions, and dust; a lack of detail on increased predation, potential for spread of disease, poaching opportunities, etc. There is no discussion of how new road access may impact wildlife mortality.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (page 94) for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Wildlife VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to</p>

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			<p>understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes..."</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects to vegetation to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>
124.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 471-510 (PDF 519-558)	"A comprehensive list of mitigation measures ... is provided in the [name] Technical Support Document."	By the release date of this Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, all the sections should be completed in their entirety. Proper feedback cannot be provided if the sections are not complete in their draft forms. Please update the Mitigation and Enhancement Measures column of this table where detail is provided in an Appendix only.
125.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 473 (PDF 520)	Project Phase: Construction; Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Fugitive dust emissions-Fugitive dust emissions and deposition may cause changes in soils and vegetation, which can adversely affect wildlife habitat availability and distribution	As stated in the Predicted Residual Effect, due to low levels of human disturbance there is little dust and emission recorded for the existing conditions of the Project Area and Project Study Area. All phases of the project will increase dust and emissions relative to existing conditions. Additional assessment details are required to understand how dust and emissions will be managed.
126.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 475-476 (PDF 523-534)	Project Phase: Construction; Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Increase in wildlife attractants-Attraction of wildlife to the Project site (for example, corvids to food waste or raptors to roadkill) may increase human-wildlife interactions and change predator-prey relationships, which can affect wildlife survival and reproduction	The long-term duration, continuous frequency, and irreversibility of these potential effects do not align with a "not significant" rating and negligible magnitude. Instead, the proponent must consider using a scale of significance that can better reflect conditions.
127.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 476 (PDF 534)	"Blasting will be suspended within 4 kilometres of known or potential wolverine denning areas during the denning period to minimize sensory disturbances (January 15 to May 31). If timing windows cannot be adhered to, follow environmental	Wolverines are sensitive to anthropomorphic disturbances and can have natal and maternal denning periods from January to April. Blasting can impact denning, natal and maternal periods through noise and alteration of air quality. Please indicate how wolverine denning areas will be identified to

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		approval conditions, permits, or authorizations issued for the Project, including those issued from Environment and Climate Change Canada, Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.”	apply the specified four-kilometre buffer. Is the proponent considering using radio collars to track wolverine movement?  Additionally, KFN requires notification in the event that a timing window will not be adhered to.
128.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 479 (PDF 527)	Valued Component: Bats (little brown myotis and northern myotis) Description of Potential Effect: Sensory disturbance – Sensory disturbance (for example, lights, smells, noise, human activity) can alter bat habitat availability, use and connectivity (movement and behaviour), which can lead to changes in habitat availability and distribution and adversely affect survival and reproduction “Context: Generally tolerant to human disturbance such as noise associated with construction activities.”	Little Brown Myotis are not tolerant to human disturbance. This is especially true during hibernation periods. Additionally, Northern Myotis are not highly tolerant of human disturbance and are more associated with natural, undisturbed habitats. Please update the context within this entry and the associate predicted residual effect as a result.
129.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 485 (PDF 533)	Valued Component: Furbearers (wolverine) Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Increase in predator access – Increased access for predators (for example, coyote, wolf and black bear) may increase competition for prey and may increase predation risk and decrease survival and reproduction for wolverine	The permanent duration, continuous frequency, irreversibility of these potential effects does not align with the rating of “not significant” and negligible magnitude. The impact to wildlife species from increased predator/competitive interactions can compound over time. Please further consider magnitude and significance and apply a range of significance extents to better reflect variability of parameters.
130.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 487 (PDF 535)	“Herbicides will not be used during Operation and Maintenance.”	This mitigation and enhancement measure specifies that herbicides will not be used during operation and maintenance however, in the fish and fish habitat effects assessment it specifies that “As per the Ministry of Transportation Ontario’s Weed Control Maintenance Best Practice (MBP-320), weeds in the Construction Disturbance Area will be controlled using a

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			<p>combination of biological, chemical, cultural, manual, and mechanical control methods during Operation and Maintenance”.</p> <p>Please clarify which approach will be employed and adjust the appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures. This is required for the entirety of Table 9-22 where herbicide is repeatedly identified as not being used during operations and maintenance.</p>
131.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 489 (PDF 537)	<p>Valued Component: Furbearers (wolverine) Project Phase: Construction; Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Increase in public access – Could affect wolverine survival and reproduction through increased trapping efforts</p>	As stated in the Predicted Residual Effect for this Valued Component, increase access to areas in the Project Area can lead to increased trapping efforts. As this area currently experiences limited traffic and limited hunting/trapping/etc., the change in harvest of furbearers could have serious implications to wolverine populations which are threatened under the <i>Endangered Species Act</i> . Additional consideration must be given to the predicted residual effect for this valued component.
132.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 492 (PDF 540)	<p>Valued Component: Furbearers (American marten) Project Phase: Construction; Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Increase in predator access – Increased access for predators (for example, coyote, wolf and black bear) may increase competition for prey and may increase predation risk and decrease survival and reproduction for American marten</p>	The permanent duration, continuous frequency, and irreversibility of these potential effects do not align with a rating of “not significant” and negligible magnitude. Additional consideration must be given to the predicted residual effect for this valued component.
133.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 495 (PDF 543)	<p>Valued Component: Furbearers (American marten) Project Phase: Construction; Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Increase in public access – Could affect American marten survival and reproduction through increased trapping efforts</p>	As stated in the Predicted Residual Effect for this Valued Component, increase access to areas in the Project Area can lead to increased trapping efforts. As this area currently experiences limited human traffic and limited hunting/trapping/etc., the change in harvest of furbearers could negatively impact furbearers. Additional consideration must be given to the predicted residual effect for this valued component.

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134.	Table 9-22: Summary of Residual Effects for Wildlife Pages 502 (PDF 550)	Valued Component: Furbearers (beaver) Project Phase: Construction; Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Increase in public access – Could affect beaver survival and reproduction through increased trapping efforts	As stated in the Predicted Residual Effect for this Valued Component, increase access to areas in the Project Area can lead to increased trapping efforts. As this area currently experiences limited human traffic and limited hunting/trapping/etc., the change in harvest of furbearers could negatively impact furbearers. Additional consideration must be given to the predicted residual effect for this valued component.
135.	9.4.4 Birds, All		<p>There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Birds to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from refined existing conditions information, to project interactions, straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).</p> <p>Information missing includes increased predation opportunities disruption to movement corridors, increased poaching opportunities; there is no analysis of bird conservation region priority species.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (page 92-94) for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Birds VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a</p>

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			<p>manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes..."</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects to Birds to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>
136.	Table 9-25: Summary of Residual Effects for Birds Pages 531-600 (PDF 579-648)	Mitigation and Enhancement Measures: "See [Section Name] mitigation measures for [Potential Effect]..."	The majority of this table references various sections of the EA/IS for Mitigation and Enhancement Measures. For proper and fulsome review, the mitigation measures for each Valued Component, Project Activity, Project Phase, etc. should be listed. Please update the table to reflect this information.
137.	Table 9-25: Summary of Residual Effects for Birds Pages 531-600 (PDF 579-648)	Magnitude Levels	For each Valued Component, Project Activity, Project Phase, etc. in this table, magnitude is provided as a descriptor/rationale. No magnitude levels are given. Please give provide magnitude levels for each row in Table 9-25 that align with Table 9-24: Bird Magnitude Definition.
138.	Table 9-27: Summary of Residual Effects for Ungulates Pages 609-657 (PDF 657-705)	"No predicted residual effect."	For many Valued Components, Project Activity, Project Phase, etc. in this table, no predicted residual effects are listed. Please update to include the predicted residual effects criteria used to reach this conclusion for evaluation.
139.	9.4.5 Ungulates, All		There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to Ungulates to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from refined existing conditions information, to project interactions, straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details

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			<p>on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).</p> <p>Information missing includes: a description of an assessment of the potential adverse effects on boreal caribou habitat; discussion of how linear disturbance may impact caribou seasonal habitats and result in functional habitat loss, etc.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Ungulates VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that "In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes..."</p> <p>This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects on ungulates to allow for fulsome consideration.</p>

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140.	Table 9-27: Summary of Residual Effects for Ungulates Pages 626-628 (PDF 674-676)	Valued Component: Woodland Caribou Project Phase: Construction, Operation and Maintenance Description of Potential Effect: Sensory disturbance – (for example, lights, smells, noise, human activity) can later ungulate habitat availability, use and connectivity (movement and behaviour), which can lead to changes in abundance and distribution and adversely affect survival and reproduction Significance: Not Significant	<p>As previously stated in the Construction Phase for the same Valued Component and within the Description of Potential Effect, “The Nipigon range already exceeds the disturbance threshold established by Environment and Climate Change Canada, so any additional habitat loss is considered significant.”</p> <p>The description of this Predicted Residual Effect indicates the extent of the Construction Disturbance Area that will no longer be considered functional Habitat. KFN understands non-functional habitat to be areas that are unsuitable or no longer provide the necessary resources and conditions for caribou to thrive.</p> <p>Due to the addition of non-functional habitat (e.g., 27,020 hectares from ambient noise, smells and light spill) to the already noted Construction Disturbance Area, the significance for this Predicted Residual Effect should be reevaluated and have a low to moderate significance applied.</p>
141.	Table 9-27: Summary of Residual Effects for Ungulates Pages 631 (PDF 679)	“Increased predator access—increased access for predators (for example, wolf and black bear) and prey may increase predation risk and decrease survival and reproduction for moose and caribou.”	This is not a mitigation measure, rather a statement of an indirect project effect which may occur. Please provide a relevant mitigation measure to address increased predator access.
142.	9.7 Assessment of Significance, Page 670 (PDF Page 718)		<p>The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada suggests that significance be applied with a scale (e.g., negligible, low, moderate, high). Please provide rationale for not identifying a scale of significance and instead applying a binary significant/not significant rating.</p> <p>This method likely does not allow for a reasonable weighing of all evidence and rationales of effect.</p>

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			<p>Further, due to the lack of narrative within the EA/IS it is hard for KFN to evaluate the determination in a meaningful way.</p> <p>The EA/IS must be updated to include additional detail and a rationale for binary significance determinations is required.</p>
143.	9.4.7.2.2 Furbearers (Wolverine), Page 671 – 672 (PDF Page 719 – 720)	Due to the high level of uncertainty (in other words, low prediction confidence) about how wolverines will respond to the Community Access Road once constructed and in the ability to avoid or mitigate the magnitude of these effects on the regional wolverine population, a precautionary approach was applied, and it is anticipated that the Project effects may be <b>significant</b> to the sustainability of the population in the effect assessment Regional Study Area.	It is recommended that the proponent implement a collaring program and robust monitoring of wolverines to ensure any population effects are tracked and can be managed adaptively.
144.	Table 9-31: People Study Area, Page 687 (PDF Page 735)		Please ensure the Study Areas for Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests is available and included in the final EA/IS to allow for fulsome consideration.
145.	9.5.2 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests, Page 689 (PDF Page 737)	"As described in <b>Section 8.3.4</b> , each of the 23 Indigenous communities listed in <b>Section 11.2</b> will be issued a Preliminary Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report. Marten Falls First Nation's intention is for Indigenous communities to first review this Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The feedback will be included as a summary in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement while keeping information confidential and will be developed based on	<p>While the intention to review the draft is noted, the draft EA/IS, therefore, has many aspects that are incomplete. This means review is difficult, requires cross reference, or the necessary details are not present.</p> <p>The final EA/IS must have all relevant details present to allow for fulsome consideration and evaluation.</p>

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		dialogue with Indigenous communities and a literature review of publicly available documents.”	
146.	9.5.3 Acoustic Environment, All		<p>There are insufficient details within the EA/IS for the predicted residual effects to the Acoustic Environment to be identified. The EA/IS jumps from refined existing conditions information, to project interactions, straight to the Summary of Residual Effects where residual effects criteria is described with no details on the potential effect beyond the limited description of the change (i.e., one sentence or less).</p> <p>Information missing includes: a lack of detail of ambient vibration and other sound levels resulting from the project including changes to the perception of non-anthropogenic sounds, etc.</p> <p>Please see the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Page 85) for full requirements of information required to assess effects to the Acoustic Environment VC.</p> <p>Referring readers to Appendices is not appropriate. At minimum, the EA/IS must set out the adverse effects to valued components in a detailed way so that applied mitigation can be evaluated against the impacts; and those mitigations can then be considered for sufficiency. This has not occurred.</p> <p>The <i>Practitioners Guide</i> developed by the IAAC specifies that “In their Impact Statement, proponents must <b>describe all likely potential effects</b> in a manner that is sufficient to enable impact assessment participants to understand ... the changes that are likely to be caused by the project and the positive and negative consequences of these changes...”</p>

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			This has not been completed. Please update the final EA/IS to include sufficient details on the project effects on the acoustic environment to allow for fulsome consideration.
147.	Table 9-36: Summary of Residual Effects for Acoustic Environment Page 695 (PDF 743)	Valued Component: Noise Significance: Not significant	As previously stated in the EA/IS, there is relatively little human disturbance in the Project Area; existing day and night noise levels are lower than that of populated areas (Table 9-33) for the majority of the Project Area. As such, any alteration to existing conditions (with a high magnitude, as depicted), could have a residual effect on the area. Additional consideration and discussion of the significance rating must be undertaken.
148.	Table 9-36: Summary of Residual Effects for Acoustic Environment Page 695 (PDF 743)	Valued Component: Noise Reversibility: Reversible	Considering the length of construction and the lifespan of the project, noise will be ongoing (even if intermittent). It is not possible to reverse the long-term effects of sound with a permanent project lifespan. Please provide additional rationale for this residual effect rating.
149.	Table 9-44: Summary of Project Effects for Archaeology Page 737 (PDF 785)	"If impacts will be proposed to Caviar (Eilp-1), a Stage 3 AA is required. The Stage 3 AA for Caviar (Eilp-1) must include the hand excavation test unit methodology as outlined in Section 3.2 and Table 3.1 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Ontario Government 2011), to further test the nature and density of the site. Given that Caviar (Eilp-1) is primarily located on exposed bedrock, hand excavation covering the entire site may not be possible. Therefore, the Stage 3 AA would consist of site documentation and recording."	In KFN's Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment review, KFN stated that "If there is a chance that any site identified by Indigenous groups may be impacted by the Project, they require additional assessment." The Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment found that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Therefore, the finding may have cultural heritage value or interest to KFN, and either avoidance and protection or Stage 4 mitigation is warranted. KFN requires input on Stage 4 mitigation if it is not possible to avoid and protect this site.  KFN is interested in reviewing the Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment, contingent upon KFN capacity.

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150.	Table 9-44: Summary of Project Effects for Archaeology Page 737 (PDF 785)	"If impacts will be proposed to Caviar (Eilp-1), a Stage 3 AA is required. The Stage 3 AA for Caviar (Eilp-1) must include the hand excavation test unit methodology as outlined in Section 3.2 and Table 3.1 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Ontario Government 2011), to further test the nature and density of the site. Given that Caviar (Eilp-1) is primarily located on exposed bedrock, hand excavation covering the entire site may not be possible. Therefore, the Stage 3 AA would consist of site documentation and recording."	Being that there was an archaeological site of potential Indigenous cultural heritage value or interest, avoidance and protection or Stage 4 mitigation is warranted.  KFN seeks input on Stage 4 mitigation if the site cannot be avoided or protected, and requests to review the Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment, subject to our capacity.
151.	9.5.6 Community Well-Being Page 740 (PDF 788)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, Community Well-Being was not available to summarize."	By the release date of this Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, all sections should be completed in their entirety. Proper feedback cannot be provided if the sections are not complete in their draft forms.
152.	9.5.8 Visual Environment Page 705 (PDF 798)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, information from visual was not available to summarize."	By the release date of this Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement, all sections should be completed in their entirety. Proper feedback cannot be provided if the sections are not complete in their draft forms.
153.	6.0 Methods 6.8 Cumulative Effects 10. Cumulative Effects	"The Impact Assessment Act (Government of Canada, 2024a) requires that each environmental assessment of a project consider any cumulative environmental effects that are likely to result from the project in combination with the environmental effects of other physical activities that have been or will be carried out in the region."  "The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (Government of Canada, 2017b) requires that each Environmental Assessment of a project take into account any cumulative environmental effects that are likely to result from	Please clarify whether the <i>Impact Assessment Act</i> or the <i>Canada Environmental Assessment Act</i> was used as a standard to guide the assessment of cumulative effects.

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		the project in combination with the environmental effects of other physical activities that have been or will be carried out.”	
154.	Executive Summary 10. Cumulative Effects	This section describes three components of a cumulative effects assessment. One of these components is “temporal overlap”, described as: “When one activity happens at the same time as another activity...”	Note, cumulative effects assessments must also include the interactions between the residual effects of this Project with the residual effects of past projects. It is not sufficient to assume the residual effects of past projects are encapsulated in the existing conditions as this contributes to a sliding baseline effect and leads to an inaccurate prediction of impacts and cumulative effects.
155.	10. Cumulative Effects 10.2 Water, Page 778 (PDF Page 826)	Temporal boundaries are defined by Project phase and used to determine temporal boundary overlap with other projects.	While scoping the three factors for cumulative effects assessments is helpful for assessing Project interactions with other projects in the area; limiting temporal boundaries to Project phases can create inaccuracies in predictions for temporal overlap between project residual effects.  For example, impacts from Project construction may persist into the operation and maintenance phases and overlap temporally with other projects. Without applying this approach, some projects and physical activities may have been excluded from the assessment for various VCs where residual impacts were identified only for the construction phase.
156.	10. Cumulative Effects 10.2.3 Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 779 (PDF Page 827) And 10.2.3.1 Determination of Significance	“Two residual effects were carried forward to the cumulative effects assessment... Overall, the Valued Component fish populations are expected to remain self-sustaining and ecologically effective.”  “Overall, the Valued Component fish populations are expected to remain to be self-sustaining and ecologically effective; therefore, the predicted cumulative effects on fish and fish habitat are assessed as not significant.”	Significance determinations throughout the cumulative effects section are made with little to no assessment present for consideration. There must be a description or demonstration of how the residual effects from this Project on fish and fish habitat will interact from the residual effects of other projects on fish and fish habitat in the area. It is not sufficient to only state no significant changes will occur and that fish populations will remain self-sustaining; nor to refer readers to multiple volumes and appendices for these relevant details. Complete information and justifications must be

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			provided for Nations to provide informed feedback and make informed decisions about the Project in an easy to navigate way.
157.	10. Cumulative Effects 10.2.4 Groundwater and Geochemistry	All	Thank you for the information provided. This section constitutes a more comprehensive and complete cumulative effects assessment and should be carried throughout the rest of the Valued Components for Cumulative Effects.
158.	10. Cumulative Effects 10.2.4 Groundwater and Geochemistry, Page 783 (PDF Page 831)	"At the junction between the Project and the Northern Road Link it could be possible for slightly increased cumulative effects to occur locally since three road segments would be joining however these effects would still be characterized the same as the residual effects and managed with the same monitoring and mitigation plans."	Please provide a justification for this finding as impacts could interact at a local level and compound to create a cumulative impact.
159.	10. Cumulative Effects 10.2.4 Groundwater and Geochemistry, Page 783 (PDF Page 831)	"Due to temporal separation of the construction phase of each project, the cumulative impacts from the two projects combined were generally assessed to have the same characteristics as the residual effects of each project."	As previously discussed, impacts occurring within the construction phase of a project can persist into the operations and maintenance phase. Please elaborate on the predicted duration of these effects (from both the MFCAR Project and assumed from the Rapid Lynx Broadband project) to support this justification. The same should be carried forward for each Valued Component and residual effect.
160.	10.3.2 Vegetation, Page 792 (PDF Page 840)	"Overall, the vegetation ecosystems and plant populations are expected to remain self-sustaining and ecologically effective within the effects assessment Regional Study Area."	As previously stated, there must be a description or demonstration of how the residual effects from this Project on vegetation will interact from the residual effects of other projects on vegetation in the area. It is not sufficient to only state no significant changes will occur and that vegetation ecosystems will remain self-sustaining.
161.	10. Cumulative Effects	All	As a general note, the cadence and level of detail changes between valued components in the cumulative effects assessment. Consistency in this area

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			would better inform feedback and understanding of potential Project cumulative interactions and impacts.
162.	10.3.3 Wildlife, Page 796 (PDF Page 844)	"The addition of the Project and past, present and reasonably foreseeable developments is expected to result in effects on little brown myotis and northern myotis..."	Previous sections state that cumulative effects assessments considered only present and reasonably foreseeable developments. Please clarify if past projects are included in the cumulative effects assessment or if they considered only in the effects assessment.
163.	10.3.3 Wildlife, Page 797 (PDF Page 845)	"...the weight of evidence from the analysis predicts that the changes to little brown myotis and northern myotis habitat availability, distribution, and population survival and reproduction are expected to remain within the resilience and adaptability limits of the regional populations..."	Were resilience and adaptability limits or other such thresholds identified for other indicator species or Valued Components? If so, please include throughout the cumulative effects assessment. If not, please describe how this may impact the level of uncertainty and prediction confidence.
164.	Table 11-6 Summary of Input and Information Received from Indigenous Communities and Influence on Milestones 1, 2, and 3	All	If possible, please disaggregate the information provided by Indigenous communities on these milestones.
165.	12.1.4 Leveraging an Indigenous Climate Lens, Page 921 (PDF Page 969)	"These communities contributed their knowledge through climate change webinars, workshops, and surveys. Knowledge Keepers from these communities shared observations of environmental changes, such as shifts in animal migration patterns, changes in fish populations, and variations in vegetation health. For instance, they reported that certain bird species, including waterfowl, are migrating earlier in the spring and leaving later in the fall. These shifts have direct impacts on	While it is positive that Indigenous perspectives are included in the Climate Change section, because the data is aggregated, it is unclear which Nation's feedback is used throughout. It is recommended that Marten Falls disaggregate this information and specifically identify the Nation or Nations' whose report specific climate change observations.

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		hunting practices, which are vital for food security and cultural heritage.”	
166.	Table 12-3: Construction Adaptation Measures and Expected Outcomes, Page 927 (PDF Page 975)	Wildfire Adaptation Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Implement early warning systems Develop evacuation plans...”</li> </ul>	Please indicate whether KFN will be included in any early warning systems related to wildfires developed for the Marten Falls Community Access Road.
167.	Table 12-3: Construction Adaptation Measures and Expected Outcomes, Page 928 (PDF Page 976)	Illumination Challenges During Storms Adaptation Measures: “Utilize high-intensity or LED lighting systems”	Please indicate how Marten Falls will balance the need for high-intensity or LED lighting systems during storms with potential impacts to harvesters from increased light shed in proximity to the road. Increased light can negatively impact harvesters and land users and their experience while using the land. Safety must be adequately balanced with the rights of harvesters.
168.	Table 12-3: Construction Adaptation Measures and Expected Outcomes, Page 927 - 929 (PDF Page 975 - 977)	Various Adaptation Measures	Multiple climate events include developing emergency plans as their adaptation measures. Kashechewan First Nation requires involvement in and identification through these emergency plans as climate events are typically regional in nature and can impact Kashechewan First Nation both directly and indirectly.  Please confirm that Kashechewan First Nation will be included in the development and execution of any relevant emergency plans.
169.	13.1.2.1 Construction, Page 933 (PDF Page 981)	“One of the requirements that the contractor selected for the Community Access Road will have to fulfill is the preparation and implementation of the plans related to accidents and malfunctions. The prime contract will be responsible for drafting plans, while subcontractors will be responsible for reviewing and implementing these.	Please provide detail on how Marten Falls will guarantee that the contractor will prepare and implement plans and that Marten Falls commitments to interested Indigenous communities for involvement in plans will be upheld.  This is particularly relevant for the spill contingency plan, the emergency response plan, the wildlife management plan, and the traffic management

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		A list of potential plans is provided below for consideration. The final list will be confirmed once the ownership of the Community Access Road is determined."	plan, as KFN requires involvement in the development and execution of those plans.
170.	13.1.2.2 Operations, Page 935 (PDF Page 982)	"The Community Access Road will require consideration of the following safety and traffic management protocols: ..."	Please provide details on how Marten Falls will ensure the road owner will implement the identified safety and traffic management protocols as the ownership of the Community Access Road has not yet been determined.
171.	13.1.3 Engagement and Feedback, page 936 (PDF Page 984)	"Table 13-2 presents the feedback obtained on traffic, community safety, and impacts to humans, traditional subsistence and cultural resources. It lists feedback directly sent to Marten Falls First Nation. At the time of writing this Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement no feedback relating to accidents or malfunctions was listed on the Agency's registry."	Table 13-2 does not include feedback provided by Kashechewan First Nation in the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> . Within this report Kashechewan respondents shared their perspectives on how the project could result in impacts on Kashechewan. One such impact was, with the increase in vehicle traffic (Section 5.3.5), respondents were concerned about an increase in accidents or vehicle strikes with wildlife. Additionally, respondents also noted that fuel spillage should be watched carefully as contaminants/pollutants could travel upriver or through water more generally (Section 5.3.2)  Please update the table to include this information.
172.	13.1.4.1 Potential Mitigation Measures, Page 940 (PDF Page 988)	" <b>Culturally Appropriate Reporting System:</b> consider establishing an easy-to-use and culturally sensitive reporting system. This system should be developed in collaboration with Indigenous communities to ensure it respects traditional protocols and communication methods;"	Kashechewan First Nation requires involvement in the development of culturally appropriate reporting systems to ensure Kashechewan protocols and communication methods are respected.
173.	13.2 Meeting Canada's Environmental Obligations and Climate Change Commitments,	"There are sections of the road that will be on peatlands. Leaving these in place to avoid releasing carbon stored in the peatlands will be considered;"	This section includes permissive language for peatlands removal. Kashechewan First Nation requires engagement from Marten Falls in the event that peatlands will be removed or altered rather than left in place.

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174.	13.3 Contributions to Sustainability, Page 942 – 943 (PDF Page 991 – 992)	“The Assessment Process is a tool to ensure the sustainability of projects. The three principles of sustainability are environmental sustainability, social sustainability and economic sustainability. As part of the analysis, potential mitigation measures are used to attempt to balance environmental impacts against development / social gains.”	<p>There is no discussion within this section of how the roads could open the region to more development and no exploration of how this could impact environmental sustainability or social sustainability.</p> <p>While it is acknowledged that this project would make the Marten Falls community more sustainable, consideration must be given to the implications of the road to the broader regional environmental context.</p>
175.	14.1.1.1 Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 946 (PDF Page 994)	“If new waterbodies are identified prior to construction, an Aquatics Specialist will be contracted to assess the waterbody. Depending on the nature of the waterbody, recommendations for construction methods, appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures, and permitting requirements will be made by the Aquatics Specialist and, if necessary, local First Nation communities and appropriate regulatory agencies including Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources will be engaged.”	Kashechewan First Nation requires notification in the event that a new waterbody is identified and will be impacted by construction activities.
176.	14.1.1.2 Groundwater and Geochemistry, Page 947 (PDF page 995)	“Marten Falls First Nation has also noted interest in highlighting the importance of combining western science hydrology and Indigenous Knowledge (Marten Falls First Nation, 2023). The community noted that relevant Indigenous Knowledge provided by Marten Falls First Nation may be integrated into the groundwater monitoring program to provide a holistic approach to the Project’s monitoring activities.”	<p>Kashechewan First Nation identified concern with changes to the muskeg, water levels and river systems as a whole in the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i>. Additionally, Kashechewan has requested to be informed of groundwater monitoring results (Section 5.4).</p> <p>Please update this section to include the specific information and requirements provided by Kashechewan First Nation.</p>

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177.	14.1.1.2 Groundwater and Geochemistry, Page 947 (PDF page 995)	“Locations of groundwater monitoring instruments (for example, piezometers) will be determined in consultation with vegetation ecologists so that effects on vegetation valued components are considered when determining their placement.”	Locations of groundwater monitoring instruments should also be determined in consultation with Marten Falls First Nation and other Nations where berry, plant, or medicine gathering was identified within the Project Development Area. This will ensure that instruments do not interfere with species of cultural importance.
178.	14.1.1.3 Peatlands, Page 948 (PDF Page 996)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix I</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.”	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
179.	14.1.2.1 Vegetation, Page 948 (PDF Page 996)	“Refine vegetation community mapping and field-verify the locations of sensitive or difficult to restore vegetation communities ((for example, organic wetlands) to inform the micro-siting of temporary access roads, staging areas, camps, debris and / or timber stockpiles, as well as the centreline of the Community Access Road within the 100-metre cleared right-of-way”	Kashechewan First Nation must be informed of the results of vegetation community mapping and field verification of difficult to restore vegetation communities to inform micro-siting.
180.	14.1.2.2 Wildlife, Page 948 (PDF Page 996)	“Monitoring programs for the pre-construction, Construction, and Operation and Maintenance Phases of the Project will be determined based on requirements outlined in provincial and federal permits, and through engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities and federal and provincial regulators.”	At minimum, there must be a wildlife monitoring program established for operation and maintenance phases to ensure wildlife-vehicle collisions are reduced. This could be accomplished through animal detection systems, managing roadside vegetation, and installing salt licks to deter wildlife from approaching the road.  Please confirm that a wildlife monitoring program will be implemented and that Kashechewan will have input/oversight of this program through ongoing review of results.

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181.	14.1.3.1 Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. Please refer to <b>Section 8.3.4</b> for further information. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
182.	14.1.3.3 Cultural Heritage	"If the Ogoki and / or Albany River cultural heritage landscapes are determined to meet the criteria in Ontario Regulation 9/06 or Ontario Regulation 10/06 of the Ontario Heritage Act, it is recommended that Heritage Impact Assessments be prepared to fully assess impacts and propose design alternatives and mitigation measures to conserve the Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of the cultural heritage landscapes."	Kashechewan requires continued notification and review of information related to cultural heritage assessments undertaken.
183.	14.1.3.6 Community Well-Being, Page 951 (PDF Page 999)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. Please refer to <b>Section 8.3.8</b> for further information. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
184.	14.1.3.8 Visual Environment, Page 951 (PDF Page 999)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. The full Visual Environment Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix V</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
185.	14.2.1.1 Surface Water, Page 951 – 952 (PDF Page 999 – 1000)		Kashechewan First Nation requires review of all surface water monitoring results undertaken in the construction phase.

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186.	14.2.1.2 Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 952 (PDF Page 1000)	“Environmental Monitors and Indigenous Environmental Monitors will be onsite during construction to confirm that all waterbodies crossed by the Community Access Road right-of-way and access roads have been identified and documented in the waterbody crossing list.”	Please confirm whether Kashechewan First Nation can participate in the ongoing monitoring of waterbodies in relation to crossing structures. If yes, Kashechewan First Nation requires continued engagement to understand this opportunity.
187.	14.2.1.3 Groundwater and Geochemistry, Page 953 (PDF Page 1001)	“As construction proceeds, the monitoring program may need to be modified or updated based on changing conditions or work plans. The monitoring program should be overseen by and directed by a qualified person retained for environmental monitoring of the Project.”	<p>Kashechewan First Nation identified concern with changes to the muskeg, water levels and river systems as a whole in the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i>. Additionally, Kashechewan has requested to be informed of groundwater monitoring results (Section 5.4).</p> <p>Please update this section to include the specific information and requirements provided by Kashechewan First Nation.</p> <p>Additionally, the monitoring program should also be directed and overseen by an Indigenous monitor to ensure culturally appropriate methods. Please identify whether an Indigenous monitor will be appointed.</p>
188.	14.2.1.4 Peatlands, Page 954 (PDF Page 1002)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix I</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.”	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
189.	14.2.2.1 Vegetation, Page 954 (PDF Page 1002)	“During construction, the following monitoring programs will be required. These programs will be further developed during the preparation of the Environmental Protection Plan: ...”	Please identify whether the vegetation monitoring programs will be directed and overseen by an Indigenous monitor to ensure culturally appropriate methods.
190.	14.2.2.2 Wildlife, Page 955 (PDF Page 1003)	“A reporting protocol and system to report incidental wildlife observations and wildlife-vehicle collisions (bats, furbearers and other large mammals, and reptiles and amphibians)	KFN requires involvement in the development and execution of the Environmental Protection Plan to ensure KFN is identified for ongoing reporting and included in the reporting protocol and system.

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		during Construction and Operation and Maintenance will be developed. The details of the incidental wildlife and wildlife-vehicle collision reporting system will be described in the Environmental Protection Plan”	
191.	14.2.2.2 Wildlife, Page 955 (PDF Page 1003)	“Ground-based pre-clearing surveys (“wildlife sweeps”) will be completed along the Construction Disturbance Area under the direction of the Environmental Monitor, prior to any clearing or grubbing. The wildlife sweeps will entail surveying for sensitive wildlife features, including mammal dens, beaver lodges, amphibian and reptile habitats, and bat maternity roost habitat”	Please update this section to include an Indigenous monitor for the ground-based pre-clearing surveys (“wildlife sweeps”) as critical Indigenous knowledge can contribute to the success of this work, particularly in relation to crucial species such as beaver.
192.	14.2.2.4 Ungulates, Page 958 (PDF Page 1006)	“If activity restrictions cannot be followed for construction activities, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks will be engaged to determine alternative approaches. This may include daily monitoring of caribou locations with collars and only commencing construction activities if collar data indicates that there are no caribou within pre-defined “cautionary zones” (pre-defined spatial buffer areas)”	If activity restrictions cannot be followed for construction activities, KFN should be engaged in the determination of alternate approaches and informed of any alternate approaches considered by Marten Falls.
193.	14.2.2.4 Ungulates, Page 958 (PDF Page 1006)	“In addition to the intensive monitoring during sensitive seasons described above, ground-based pre-clearing surveys (“wildlife sweeps”) will be completed outside of the sensitive timing windows to detect and document presence of large mammals, migratory bird nests and raptor stick nests ahead of clearing and blasting activities. Trained staff will survey the areas to be cleared or blasted, plus a 500-metre buffer, by foot, all-terrain vehicles, snow machine, or trucks. Wildlife	Please update this section to include an Indigenous monitor for the ground-based pre-clearing surveys (“wildlife sweeps”) as critical Indigenous knowledge can contribute to the success of this work, particularly in relation to crucial species such as caribou.

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		observations and signs will be documented and reported to the contractor’s Environmental Manager”	
194.	14.2.2.4 Ungulates, Page 958 - 959 (PDF Page 1006 - 1007)	<p>“During Construction, Operation and Monitoring, the following Before-After Control-Impact monitoring programs are potential approaches that could be discussed and evaluated during engagement and consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deploying and maintaining Global Positioning System collars on adult female caribou...”</li> </ul>	KFN requests Marten Falls to commit to the deployment of GPS collars on adult female caribou as this will ensure sufficient information is collected on residences, seasonal movements, movement corridors, habitat requirements, and key habitat areas.
195.	14.2.2.4 Ungulates, Page 958 - 959 (PDF Page 1006 - 1007)	<p>“During Construction, Operation and Monitoring, the following Before-After Control-Impact monitoring programs are potential approaches that could be discussed and evaluated during engagement and consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remote camera monitoring at selected reference sites...”</li> </ul>	KFN requires Marten Falls to commit to the deployment and ongoing monitoring of remote cameras at selected reference sites as this can provide crucial data on predation risk and changes to movement over time. Additionally, please confirm how selected reference sites will be identified and how KFN information provided in the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> will be considered.
196.	14.2.2.5 Physiography, Terrain and Soils, Page 960 (PDF Page 1008)	“During detailed design, a Project-specific Soil Management Plan will be developed...”	KFN requires review and input of the Soil Management Plan.
197.	14.2.3.1 Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, Page 960 (PDF Page 1008)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. Please refer to <b>Section 8.3.4</b> for further information. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement”	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
198.	14.2.3.2 Acoustic and Vibration Environment,	“A noise monitoring program is not recommended for the Project.”	The road will take an area that is entirely remote/rural and introduce road traffic to the area that will displace wildlife and land users. Please indicate

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	Page 960 (PDF Page 1008)		and provide specifics on why a noise monitoring program was not warranted to ensure noise levels are not in exceedance of predicted.
199.	14.2.3.3 Cultural Heritage, Page 961 (PDF Page 1009)  And  14.2.3.4 Archaeology, (Page 961 (PDF Page 1009)	“Construction monitoring for this discipline will be further determined based on the results of the Cultural Heritage Evaluation Reports described in <b>Section 14.2.3.3.</b> ”	KFN requires review and consideration of the Cultural Heritage construction monitoring as determined following the results of the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment.
200.	14.2.3.6 Community Well-Being, Page 962 (PDF Page 1010)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement, Community Well-Being information was not available to summarize. This discipline includes information related to social, economics and human health. The full Community Well Being Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix T</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.”	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
201.	14.2.3.8 Visual Environment, Page 963 (PDF Page 1011)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. The full Visual Environment Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix V</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.”	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
202.	14.3.1.1 Surface Water, Page 963 (PDF Page 1011)		Kashechewan First Nation requires review of all surface water monitoring results undertaken in the operations phase.

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203.	14.3.1.2 Fish and Fish Habitat, Page 964 (PDF Page 1012)	"Culverts and bridges will be regularly inspected and maintained to prevent blockages from forming and causing ponding or backwater effects."	Please confirm whether Kashechewan First Nation can participate in the ongoing monitoring of waterbodies in relation to crossing structures. If yes, Kashechewan First Nation requires continued engagement to understand this opportunity.
204.	14.3.1.3 Groundwater and Geochemistry, Page 964 (PDF Page 1012)	"At sites where impacts to groundwater levels or quality have been identified, the groundwater monitoring programs should continue, as per the construction monitoring program until a return to baseline equivalent conditions is observed, or a site-specific remediation monitoring plan is implemented;"	<p>Kashechewan First Nation identified concern with changes to the muskeg, water levels and river systems as a whole in the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i>. Additionally, Kashechewan has requested to be informed of groundwater monitoring results (Section 5.4).</p> <p>Please confirm continued notification of ongoing operations and maintenance monitoring results.</p> <p>Additionally, please provide detail on the criteria to be used to identified 'continued impacts to groundwater levels' during operations and maintenance and who will be responsible for this ongoing determination.</p>
205.	14.3.1.4 Peatlands, Page 965 (PDF Page 1013)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. The full Peatlands Technical Support Document can be found in <b>Appendix I</b> . A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
206.	14.3.2.1 Vegetation, Page 965 (PDF Page 1013)	"During operations, the following monitoring programs will be required. These programs will be further detailed during subsequent project phases, when restoration and Terrestrial Biodiversity Offsetting Plans have been developed"	KFN requires involvement in the review of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Offsetting Plan referenced within this section to ensure rehabilitated/restored vegetation communities and wetland offset areas meet the requirements of the community.

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207.	14.3.2.2 Wildlife, Page 965 (PDF Page 1013)	“Engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities and federal and provincial regulators, as well as requirements outlined in federal and provincial permits, will determine the monitoring programs during the Operation and Maintenance Phase of the Project. As required by the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, 2020), opportunities to participate in the development and implementation of the operation and maintenance monitoring program will be provided for representatives from Indigenous groups.”	KFN requires confirmation from Marten Falls that they will be engaged in the determination of monitoring programs during the operation and maintenance phase of the project.
208.	14.3.2.2 Wildlife, Page 966 (PDF Page 1014)	“The purpose of the Before-After Control-Impact Study monitoring program will be to determine the efficacy of mitigation measures, verify the predictions in the assessment, to guide any future measures that could be implemented during the Operation and Maintenance Phase, and to fulfill Species at Risk permitting requirements. The Before-After Control-Impact Study will be based on the methods implemented for the existing conditions study.”	KFN requires review of the Before-After Control-Impact Study monitoring program results, upon availability.
209.	14.3.2.2 Wildlife, Page 966 (PDF Page 1014)	<p>“The following monitoring is anticipated to be required as part of permitting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wolverine hair snag/camera trap surveys: monitoring of wolverine population that interacts with the Project Local Study Area to allow for modelling of the wolverine population density in the Operation and Maintenance Phase;”</li> </ul>	Wolverines are species of importance to KFN. As denning sites are critical to this species, Marten Falls should include a collaring survey for ongoing monitoring which would help in identification of critical habitat areas and denning sites.

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210.	14.3.2.2 Wildlife, Page 967 (PDF Page 1015)	<p>“The following monitoring is recommended to satisfy the requirements of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter snow tracking – to monitor the abundance and distribution of furbearers during Construction and Operation and Maintenance;</li> <li>• Beaver lodge survey – to monitor the abundance and distribution of beavers during Construction and Operation and Maintenance;</li> <li>• Remote camera program - to monitor the occurrence and distribution of wildlife during construction, and operation and maintenance. Additional details on the recommended remote camera program are provided in the Ungulates Technical Support Document (<b>Appendix M</b>); and</li> <li>• Autonomous recording unit surveys for anurans – to monitor species presence and distribution during Construction and Operation and Maintenance.”</li> </ul>	In addition to the proposed monitoring, KFN requires Marten Falls to commit to the deployment of GPS collars on adult female caribou as this will ensure sufficient information is collected on residences, seasonal movements, movement corridors, habitat requirements, and key habitat areas.
211.	14.3.2.5 Physiography, Terrain and Soils, Page 969 (PDF Page 1017)	“The post-construction monitoring will occur within one full growing season after the completion of construction, but timing may be extended if needed.”	KFN requires review of any post-construction monitoring results for Physiography, Terrain and Soils as erosion and sediment control may impact surface water which is of concern to KFN.
212.	14.3.3.1 Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests, Page 969 (PDF Page 1017)	“At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. Please refer to <b>Section 8.3.4</b> for further information. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.”	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.

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213.	14.3.3.2 Acoustic and Vibration Environment, Page 970 (PDF Page 1018)	"No operational monitoring for acoustic is recommended at this time."	The road will take an area that is entirely remote/rural and introduce road traffic to the area that will displace wildlife and land users. Please indicate and provide specifics on why a noise monitoring program is not warranted to ensure noise levels are not in exceedance of predicted.
214.	14.3.3.6 Community Well-Being, Page 970 (PDF Page 1018)	"At the time of writing the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement this information was not available to summarize. Please refer to <b>Section 8.3.8</b> for further information. A summary will be provided in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement."	KFN will provide comments on this summary section, once provided in the final Environmental Assessment/Impact Statement.
215.	14.5 Other Commitments, Page 977 (PDF Page 1025)		Kashechewan First Nation requests to be informed of ongoing monitoring results (Section 5.4) within their existing conditions report.  Please confirm continued notification of ongoing operations and maintenance monitoring results and add to the other commitments section.
216.	Appendix F - Draft Surface Water Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment, Table 7-8: Characterization of Predicted Residual Effects and Determination of Significance for Surface Water, Page 175 (PDF Page 191)		As there is reliance future identification of sites for short-term water discharges, Kashechewan First Nation requires notification of locations, when available, and reporting on ongoing monitoring to ensure surface water quality is not impacted by short-term water discharges.

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217.	Appendix F - Draft Surface Water Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment, 7.3.2.6 Residual Changes to Surface Water Quality from the Emission and Deposition of Airborne Particulate Matter to Nearby Waterbodies, Page 167 – 168 (PDF Page 183 – 184)	Draft Surface Water Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment, because deposition of fugitive dust could result in changes to surface water quality due to increased concentrations of chemical constituents and suspended solids in the receiving waterbodies.	<p>Additional details are required on how the proponent will minimize dust generating activities as these activities have the potential to alter water pH, affecting fish mortality and long-term health.</p> <p>Following provincial guides and regulations are a minimum standard and do not constitute additional mitigation to alleviate the level of effect.</p>
218.	Appendix F - Draft Surface Water Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment, 7.3.1.8.2 Mitigation and Enhancement Measures, Page 134 (PDF Page 150)	“Chemical vegetation maintenance, including the use of pesticides and herbicides during construction of the Project will be in accordance with the Ministry of Transportation requirements...”	Chemical vegetation maintenance is noted within the <i>Kashechewan First Nation Existing Conditions Report</i> as a key concern with 96% of respondents indicating they would not harvest in areas where this has been undertaken. Additional engagement is required in the event of chemical vegetation maintenance usage.
219.	Appendix I – Peatlands Table 7-4: Summary of Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures	Predicted Residual Effects	When predicted residual effects are identified, descriptions of Direction, Magnitude, Geographic Extent, Duration, Frequency, Reversibility, Probability, Significance and Uncertainty are not listed. This makes it difficult to fully understand and assess residual effects. Please update.

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	and Predicted Residual Effects on Peatland Ecosystems Pages 136-146 (PDF 183-193)		
220.	Appendix I – Peatlands Table 7-4: Summary of Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures and Predicted Residual Effects on Peatland Ecosystems Pages 141 (PDF 188)	Valued Component(s): Peatland Ecosystems Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to peatland ecosystems from the release of sediment Predicted Residual Effect: No predicted residual effect	As previously described in the EA/IS comments, the Project Area has very little human disturbance. The characteristics of peatlands increase the potential to retain contaminants such as sediment which can impact peatland function. KFN has concerns that there will be residual effects from construction and operation phases due to sediment. Please update accordingly.
221.	Appendix I – Peatlands Table 7-4: Summary of Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures and Predicted Residual Effects on Peatland Ecosystems Pages 142 (PDF 189)	Valued Component(s): Peatland Ecosystems Project Phase: Construction Description of Potential Effect: Changes to peatland ecosystems from their spills of fuel or other contaminants Predicted Residual Effect: No predicted residual effect	As previously described in the EA/IS, the Project Area has very little human disturbance. The characteristics of peatlands increase their potential to retain contaminants such as fuel/spills which can impact peatland function. KFN has concerns that there will be residual effects from construction and operation phases due to potential fuel spills.
222.	Appendix I: Draft Peatlands Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, Page 135 (PDF Page 181)	“Prepare and Implement a Vegetation Restoration Plan that includes measures specific to peatland communities and peatland, restoration, including peat stockpile management.”	For peatland restoration to be effective, long-term monitoring is required to ensure understanding of restoration outcomes and guide future efforts.  How will Marten Falls ensure the future operator of the road will be committed to the necessary monitoring?

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			<p>Additionally, in restoration of peatland, often vascular plants recover quickly while others, such as bryophytes may not recover or recover more slowly. How will Marten Falls ensure recovery to pre-disturbance conditions?</p> <p>Further, there are two other road segments proposed: the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road. Will efforts be coordinated for peatland recover to ensure a whole-system approach is taken as this is essential for conservation and recovery.</p>
223.	Appendix I: Draft Peatlands Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, 7.3.2.1 Residual Effects on the Availability and Distribution of Peatland Ecosystems as a Result of Direct Peatland Loss, Page 147 (PDF Page 195)	“After implementation of the mitigation measures, the effects of direct peatland ecosystem loss on the availability and distribution of peatland ecosystems will be <b>permanent</b> (irreversible) and <b>long term</b> in duration. The effects are <b>certain</b> to occur, and the changes are <b>negative</b> ; however, because the loss will be relatively small in extent, the magnitude if considered <b>low</b> . As a result, the residual effects of direct peatland loss on the availability and distribution of peatland ecosystems are determined to be <b>not significant</b> .”	<p>KFN disagrees with the characterization of the residual effect to peatland as not significant based solely on a low magnitude. Instead, significance should be characterized using multiple criteria and benchmarks as per the IAAC Practitioner’s Guide. In the case of Peatlands, the minimum rating of significance should be of low significance as magnitude is low, but the relative importance and regional context is high. While the effect to Peatlands may be negligible on its own, of which KFN does not agree, it could be amplified with other physical activities impacting the same valued component (i.e., the Northern Road Link and Webequie Supply Road).</p> <p>This must be further explored between Marten Falls First nation and Webequie First Nation to allow for consideration regionally and reassessed within the final EA/IS to identify significance along a scale that allows for consideration of environmental and social conditions.</p>
224.	Appendix I: Draft Peatlands Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment,		See above comment

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	7.3.2.2 Residual Effects on the Composition and Function of Peatland Ecosystems as a Result of Direct Peatland Loss, Page 147 - 148 (PDF Page 195 - 196)		
225.	Appendix I: Draft Peatlands Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, Residual Effects on Peatland Ecosystems as a Result of Changes to Groundwater, Page 148 - 149 (PDF Page 196 - 197)	<p>Construction of the Community Access Road through peatlands also has the potential to alter groundwater quantity and flow, altering the availability of peatlands. Mitigation measures, namely construction of the road using the “floating road” construction methodology and implementation of a monitoring program, are expected to limit residual changes. However, there is uncertainty about the effectiveness of this mitigation and measurable changes to groundwater levels near the road are possible.</p> <p>Changes to peatland ecosystems resulting from changes in groundwater that may alter drainage patterns and increase or decrease groundwater levels are expected to be <b>negative</b> in direction, <b>medium</b> in magnitude, <b>local</b> in geographic extent, <b>long term, continuous, irreversible, and probable</b>. As a result, the residual effects as a result of changes to groundwater on peatland ecosystems are determined to be <b>not significant..”</b></p>	<p>The IAAC Practitioner’s Guide includes suggested criteria for characterizing significance along quantitative or qualitative (descriptive) scales. Moderate significance are effects that are moderate in magnitude (this effect includes this rating); moderate duration (this effect is long term and continuous); partially reversible (this effect is irreversible and probable); and has high levels of impact in a social and ecological context.</p> <p>Therefore, this effect should not be categorized as “not significant” rather, of moderate significance with the requirement for additional robust monitoring, coordination with other project partners, and ongoing engagement with KFN.</p>
226.	Appendix I: Draft Peatlands Technical Support Document:	“As the Project’s Terrestrial Biodiversity Offsetting Plan is developed, it is anticipated that restoration and offsetting measures will contribute to minimizing the long-term residual	First, KFN requires involvement in the development of the Terrestrial Biodiversity Offsetting Plan as peatlands are of particular importance to KFN.

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	Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, 8.2.1.4 Characterization of Cumulative Effects, Page 169 (PDF Page 224)	effects of direct peatland loss on peatland ecosystems. It is assumed that the Northern Road Link project will implement a Terrestrial Biodiversity Offsetting Plan similar to the one that will be developed for the Project, as offsetting is a required of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Northern Road Link project..."	Second, Marten Falls should confirm and connect the Offsetting Plans between itself and Webequie First Nation and identify that a coordinated approach will be taken to ensure a regional approach to restoration and management of peatlands. Please confirm this coordinated approach within the final EA/IS or through engagement with KFN.
227.	Appendix K: Draft Wildlife Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, 9.1 Pre-Construction Monitoring Program, Page 433 (PDF Page 457)	"Due to the importance of beavers to Indigenous Communities and the uncertainty with respect to the effect of the Project on populations of furbearers and the fact that there are gaps in the existing conditions data, an additional aerial survey for active beaver lodges will be completed throughout the effects assessment Local Study Area to complement existing conditions data and refine the baseline characterization of beaver distribution."	The referenced additional aerial surveys must be completed, assessed, and included in the final EA/IS to allow KFN to adequately consider potential project effects.
228.	Appendix K: Draft Wildlife Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, Table 10-2: Potential Effects Summary and Recommendations, Page 444 (PDF Page 468)	"Prepare a Blasting and Communication Management Plan that is in accordance with Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications..."	<p>Blasting can disturb and impact wildlife and also has the potential to impact the ability of KFN land users and harvesters to exercise their rights and interests.</p> <p>KFN harvesters and land users have preferred harvesting times and conditions that must be considered in relation to blasting. Further, blasting poses a safety concern for KFN members who may be out on the land.</p> <p>Therefore, KFN requires engagement on the development of the Blasting and Communication Management Plan referenced. KFN must also be notified before blasting occurs, with sufficient time to notify members.</p>

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229.	Appendix M: Draft Ungulates Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment, 7.3.1.2.1.3 Predicted Residual Effects, Page 282 (PDF Page 311)	"The amount of disturbance in the Nipigon range in the existing conditions exceeds the 35% threshold, and the addition of the Project is predicted to increase the level of total disturbance (natural and anthropogenic combined) from 42.9% to 43%."	Given that the current disturbance level already exceeds the identified threshold, KFN requires additional involvement in ongoing management of caribou to ensure mitigation measures prevent increased mortality or habitat loss.
230.	Appendix O – Aboriginal & Treaty Rights & Interests Table 9-3: Proposed Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest Indicators Page 34-35 (PDF 44-45)	Valued Component: Cultural Continuity and Wellbeing (ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions)	Changes in access to sites and areas used for traditional activities should be included as an indicator for this Valued Component.
231.	Appendix O – Aboriginal & Treaty Rights & Interests 9.6 Residual Effects Page 40 (PDF 50)	Residual Effects Assessment	No residual effects assessment has been completed for Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests – this prevents a fulsome assessment. Please update with a detailed residual effects assessment in the final EA/IS.
232.	Appendix R – Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Page 16 (PDF 204)	"At the Albany River crossing WA-15, two locations containing archaeological material were identified;...Temporary non-diagnostic artifacts do not help to place the archaeological location within a specific time period or to a particular cultural group.	The Stage 2 Study Area WA-15 intersects a fishing site identified in KFN's Existing Conditions Report. As no further work is recommended in the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, KFN requests immediate notification of any new discoveries so that appropriate protocols can be conducted.

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		Given the isolated nature of the find, and the lack of temporal or cultural information it provides, Location 1 is concluded to have no further cultural heritage value or interest as the site does meet the criterion identified in Section 2.2, Standard 1a of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, no further work is recommended for Location 1."	
233.	Appendix R – Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Page 16-18 (PDF 204-205)	"Location 2 is a campsite on exposed bedrock adjacent to a fishing location...the campsite retains cultural heritage value or interest. Location 2 has been registered with the MHSTCI as the Caviar (Elip-1) site...it is not yet evident that the level of cultural heritage value or interest may result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4 mitigation."	<p>In KFN's Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment review, KFN stated that "If there is a chance that any site identified by Indigenous groups may be impacted by the Project, they require additional assessment." [REDACTED]</p> <p>Therefore, the finding may have cultural heritage value or interest to KFN, and either avoidance and protection or Stage 4 mitigation is warranted. KFN requires input on Stage 4 mitigation if it is not possible to avoid and protect this site.</p> <p>KFN is interested in reviewing the Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment, contingent upon our capacity.</p>
234.	Appendix S1: Draft Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment, Table 7-7	"Implement watering or application of Ontario Ministry of Transportation approved dust suppressants that are environmentally friendly."	<p>Dust suppressants are of concern to Nation as they can potentially impact subsistence vegetation and displace potential land users or harvesters who would otherwise use the area in the exercise of their rights should awareness or evidence of dust suppressants be identified.</p> <p>Additional engagement with KFN is required to ensure proper protocols/situations for usage/deployment.</p>

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	Mitigation Measures, Page 117 (PDF Page 118)		
235.	Appendix T – Community Wellbeing 7.1.1.18 Regional Economy Mitigation Page 202 (PDF 222)	<p>“Enhancement measures focused on improving the regional economy include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor should prioritize hiring Marten Falls First Nation and Aroland First Nation members, as well as other Indigenous community members...”</li> </ul>	Prioritized hiring methodologies is not mitigation in which there can be measurement of achievement. A target should be set for hiring Nation members in and around the Project Area. Additionally, are there goals or targets as to how neighbouring Nations will be included in the Project construction, operation and maintenance? If yes, please provide detail.
236.	Appendix T – Community Wellbeing	Predicted Residual Effects	When predicted residual effects are identified, descriptions of Direction, Magnitude, Geographic Extent, Duration, Frequency, Reversibility, Probability, Significance and Uncertainty are not listed. This makes it difficult to fully understand and assess residual effects. Please update.
237.	Appendix V: Draft Visual Environment Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment Report, Table 4-1: Visual Environment Indicators, Page 26 (PDF Page 27)		<p>There is no valued component related to Indigenous rights and/or traditional land use meaning the project’s potential to result in alterations to the visual environment to those experiences / activities were not considered.</p> <p>The connection to land, elements of locationality, and ‘Sense of Place’ are all contributing factors to KFN use and enjoyment while exercising rights on the land.</p> <p>Aesthetics contribute to the perceptions KFN members have on the places where KFN member exercise those rights.</p> <p>The draft EA/IS does not articulate how the perceptions of Indigenous Peoples could change during the construction and operational project phases, or how the rights and interests KFN could be impacted. This must be explored for the Final EA/IS.</p>

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238.	Appendix V: Draft Visual Environment Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment Report, 5.2.1 Establishing Existing Visual Conditions, Page 49 (PDF Page 50)	“Scenic viewpoints are locations that would be more affected by changes in both scenic quality and visibility.”	<p>Information from KFN was not included in the effects assessment for this VC.</p> <p>KFN specific scenic quality is different from that of the public and may diverge from conditions required by Marten Falls as connection to land, elements of locationality, and ‘Sense of Place’ are all contributing factors to KFN’s cultural identity.</p> <p>This distinct perspective must be discussed through additional engagement and incorporated into the Final EA/IS.</p>
239.	Appendix M: Draft Ungulates Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions and Effects Assessment, 7.3.1.2.1.2 Mitigation and Enhancement, Page 281 (PDF Pge 310)	“Progressive restoration and revegetation will be implemented as non-permanent features will be decommissioned and restored or left to revegetate naturally.”	Additional detail is required on the timescale anticipated for restoration activities as a delay in restoration may result in caribou species habituating to different habitats and areas.

## **B9.3 Community Specific Meeting Materials**



## 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 25, 2025  
**Time:** 1:00-2:00 pm EST

**Project #:** [REDACTED]

**Attendees:** Ivan Iserhoff, Mushkegowuk Tribal Council MDA  
Eddie Sutherland, Kashechewan First Nation Community Engagement Coordinator  
Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team  
Jennifer Bruin, MFFN CAR Project Team  
Rowena Baxter, MFFN CAR Community Coordinator Advisor  
Ingrid Trimble, MFFN CAR Project Consultant  
Erin Greenaway, MFFN CAR Project Consultant  
Gabbie Ratajczak, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

**Location:** Timmins, Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo

**Prepared By:** Gabbie Ratajczak (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

**Absent:** N/A

**Regarding:** MFFN CAR Breakout Session at Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo

## Notes of Meeting

### Meeting Summary

The MFFN CAR Project Team (the Project Team) and representatives of Kashechewan First Nation and Mushkegowuk Tribal Council 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

- N/A





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1	Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council explained that whatever happens with the Ring of Fire, we must accommodate the mining companies that come after them. It's affecting Kashechewan First Nation and Fort Albany First Nations with the road. The provincial and federal governments are trying to work together, but the province doesn't consider the people on the land. Currently, this process is not Indigenous led. If we led the process we'd be further ahead than we are today.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you for your comment.</li> </ul>
2	Human Health, Land and Resource Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mushkegowuk Council 's all about the land, and we still use the land today, such as cutting our own wood. When I moved to Timmins, the food I was eating changed and I was sick more often. I wasn't eating any more fish and geese, it all became processed food. We have riches on this land. Is it for the benefit of the people?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thank you for your comment.</li> </ul>
3	Federal IA Process, Provincial EA Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are the federal and provincial processes different?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project Team provided a brief explanation of the process differences and indicated that a single submission was prepared to comply with both regulatory requirements. The Project Team pointed to the hard copy of the Draft EA/IS and appendices which were available in the breakout room. The Project Team indicated that this met the requirements of both provincial and federal process.</li> </ul>





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4	Indigenous Knowledge (IK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where and how does IK play a role?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both processes ask proponents to consider IK. Many major decisions were based on IK, such as the selection of the Preferred Route and river crossings.</li> </ul>
5	Cumulative Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did you study impacts to the Albany River and impacts of estuaries? Over time the gradual impacts will be different.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lakes and rivers, including the Albany were studied as part of the Draft EA / IS. Local and regional study areas were established to study the watersheds, both upstream and downstream of those areas. Each technical discipline studied cumulative effects, and it would be outlined in those reports.</li> </ul>
6	Cumulative Effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Along the Albany River, there are two migration routes for caribou. Kashechewan First Nation's concern is the estuary and the effects on spawning and breeding areas, migration routes and fish. Particularly coming from the impacts of mining in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caribou, as well as fish spawning and breeding grounds were studied as part of the Draft EA / IS and individual reports were written for each, which also consider potential impacts from other activities like mining.</li> </ul>
7	Groundwater, Surface water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How would you monitor the water quality if the mining wasn't 100% operational? Or during exploration?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wells were drilled and installed to monitor groundwater levels and collect existing conditions information. Some of these wells will not be reclaimed and will be used to continue monitoring groundwater quality. If changes in water quality are identified changes can be made to operations. This is also known as adaptive management. We will also be monitoring the water flow in peatlands during construction.</li> </ul>





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8	Land and Resource Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Many Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation community members used to go down as far as MFFN. The rivers are our highways. What are they going to do when they are forced out?</li><li>• They won't be able to use the land as they used to.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• They will not be forced out, it is their traditional territory.</li><li>• MFFN will not allow that. MFFN does not want that change and they have made that clear.</li></ul>

*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.*

