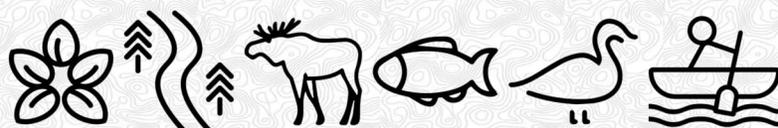
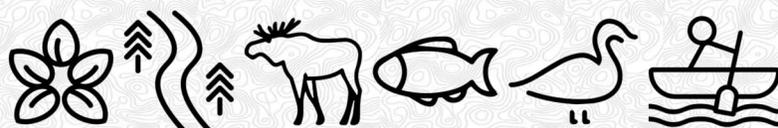


B19. Webequie First Nation

B19.1 Outgoing Community Specific Correspondence



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From: Cugnet, Jaimie <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 21:45
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

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:

<https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>

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,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment

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September 25, 2024

Webequie First Nation
[REDACTED]

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

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse;

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). **We will be in touch with the exact date of the release of the Draft EA / IS as soon as it is confirmed.**

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

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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.

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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 in November and help coordinate the review of this and associated documents.

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

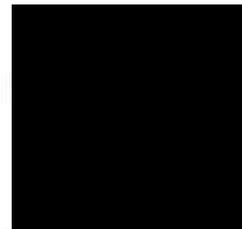
Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.

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

Sincerely,



Qasim Saddique
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

Cc:

- Qasim Sadique, Project Director, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Lawrence Baxter, Senior Community Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Bob Baxter, Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
- Jennifer Bruin, Technical Advisor, MFFN Community Access Road Project Team





- Paul MacInnis, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Mines
- Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment
- Dorothy Moszynski, Special Project Officers, Ministry of the Environment
- Michael Fox, Advisor, Webequie First Nation
- Leon Shewaybick, CCLO (ENDM)
- Selena Wabasse, Deputy Chief, Webequie First Nation
- Eric Shewaybick, Head Councillor, Webequie First Nation
- Tyler Shewaybick, Councillor, Webequie First Nation
- Leonard Beaver, Councillor, Webequie First Nation
- Gordon Wabasse, WSR & NRL Senior Advisor, Webequie First Nation
- Roy Spence, WSR & NRL Senior Advisor, Webequie First Nation
- Jeffrey Jacob, Health Director, Webequie First Nation

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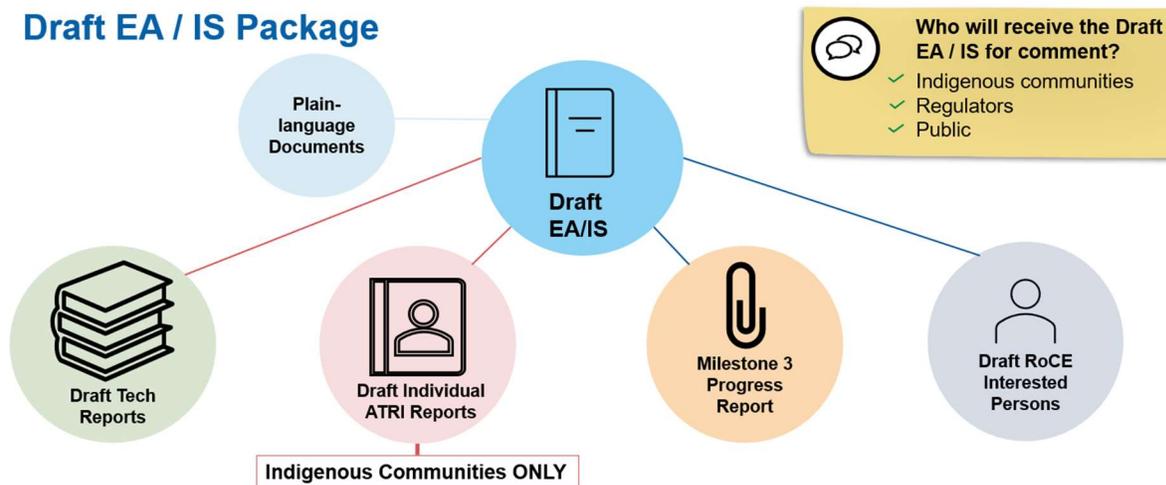
Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

Issued September 2024

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

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

Draft EA / IS Package



How have Indigenous communities influenced the Draft EA / IS?

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What are Cumulative Effects and the Inclusions List?

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





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

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

How have Indigenous communities been consulted?

Indigenous Knowledge Program

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

Community Coordinator Program

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

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

Reports

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

In-person & virtual consultation activities

To date, our consultation efforts have included:

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





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



Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road: Draft EA / IS Submission

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

Privacy Statement

All comments, questions, and responses submitted for this survey will be collected and considered in the development of an Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement that will be a part of public record and will be made available to individuals or organizations with an interest in this project. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection Privacy Act, personal information such as name and address will not be included in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement but may be released, if requested in accordance with the Act, to any person as part of the review of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

1. Full Name (first & last)

Enter your answer

2. Email

Enter your answer

3. Community or Organization

Enter your answer

4. Please provide the name and contact information of the key contact who will be receiving the full Draft EA / IS including, Plain-language documents, 17 Technical

Reports, Individual ATRI Reports (by Community), Milestone 3 Progress Report, Record of Consultation and Engagement - Public (Approximately 20,000 pages)? *

Enter your answer

5. Please choose the format(s) you would like to receive the Draft EA / IS. *

Printed

Digital (USB)

Both

6. Plain Language Guides will be made available to Indigenous Communities. What traditional languages would you like these documents translated into? *

Cree (Swampy)

Oji-Cree

Ojibwe

7. Which studies is your community most interested in? Please select as many as you like. *

Noise and Vibrations

Groundwater and Geochemistry

Surface Water

Fish and Fish Habitat

Physiography, Terrain and Soils

Peatlands

Vegetation

Wildlife

Birds

Ungulates

Air Quality and Green House Gas

Land Use

Human Health

Social

Economics

Visual

Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights Interests (ATRI) / Indigenous Knowledge

8. Would you like to organize a meeting(s) with the MFFN CAR Project Team to discuss receiving and reviewing the Draft EA / IS? *

Yes

No

You can print a copy of your answer after you submit

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 26 September 2024 22:30
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - September Update
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the first days of fall.

I understand that, as of February 14, 2024, you have welcomed Deputy Chief Selena Wabasse, Head Councillor Eric Shewaybick, and Councillor Leonard Beaver to the Webequie First Nation Chief and Council. If you could please provide emails and phone numbers for our contact list, I will ensure they are included on all communications moving forward.

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

Community Coordinator Program:

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

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

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

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

Stay up to date!

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

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IK Program

I understand that the latest versions of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements are being reviewed by yourself and Council and was hoping you could share an update on the status. While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Webequie First Nation to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

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

Warm regards,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment
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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

WE'RE HIRING!



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

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

If so, this could be the role for you!

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

Responsibilities

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

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

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - October Update

Sent: 2024-10-31, 8:13:21 AM

From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I understand that, as of February 14, 2024, you have welcomed Deputy Chief Selena Wabasse, Head Councillor Eric Shewaybick, and Councillor Leonard Beaver to the Webequie First Nation Chief and Council. If you could please provide emails and phone numbers for our contact list, I will ensure they are included on all communications moving forward.

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

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 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:

<https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>

Community Coordinator Program:

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

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

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

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

If this capacity funding is of interest to you, please 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 and if you would like to setup a meeting to discuss this opportunity further.

IK Program

- I understand that the latest versions of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements are being reviewed by yourself and Council and was hoping you could share an update on the status. While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Webequie First Nation to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

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

Warm regards,

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment



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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) Milestone #3 Progress Report
Sent: 2024/11/28, 22:54:29
From: Anderson, Victoria [Redacted]
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]

Hello Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this email finds you well. Your main contact for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, Jaimie Cugnet, is away from work until December 2, so I've offered to send the following report on her behalf. I'm happy to answer any questions while she's away, otherwise she will be glad to respond to any comments or concerns upon her return.

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 Webequie 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 haven't already, please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: <https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>.

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,

Victoria Anderson BA, BSc
She/Her

Socio-Economic Specialist, Impact Assessment and Permitting, Western Canada
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Subject: Webinar on Building the Community Access Road – Thank You for Joining
Sent: 2024-12-02, 1:01:09 PM
From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team<info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Cc: [Redacted]
Bcc: [Redacted]

Thank you for registering and / or attending the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Webinar: Building the Community Access Road.

The webinar focused on the final route, design features of the road and details on how it will be constructed. We also discussed the upcoming release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. **The recording of this webinar, and others, can be viewed** [Redacted]

There are more webinars to come in 2025 – stay tuned for updates!

Sincerely,

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

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MFFN Community Access Road Project Team
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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - December Update

Sent: 2024/12/18, 19:14:11

From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I understand that, as of February 14, 2024, you have welcomed Deputy Chief Selena Wabasse, Head Councillor Eric Shewaybick, and Councillor Leonard Beaver to the Webequie First Nation Chief and Council. If you could please provide emails and phone numbers for our contact list, I will ensure they are included on all communications moving forward.

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

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

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

- On November 28, 2024, we distributed your 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.**

Please fill out the Draft EA / IS 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 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:**
<https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>

Community Coordinator Program:

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

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

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

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

If this capacity funding is of interest to you, please 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 and if you would like to setup a meeting to discuss this opportunity further.

IK Program

- I understand that the latest versions of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements are being reviewed by yourself and Council and was hoping you could share an update on the status. While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Webequie First Nation to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

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

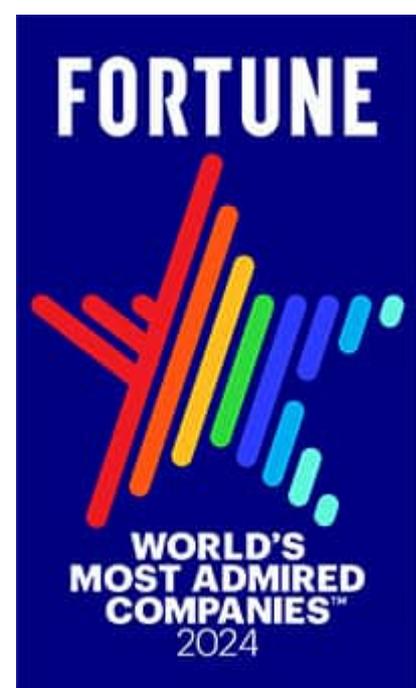
Happy Holidays,
Jaimie

Jaimie Cugnet

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - January Update

Sent: 2025/01/24, 16:54:43

From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I understand that, as of February 14, 2024, you have welcomed Deputy Chief Selena Wabasse, Head Councillor Eric Shewaybick, and Councillor Leonard Beaver to the Webequie First Nation Chief and Council. If you could please provide emails and phone numbers for our contact list, I will ensure they are included on all communications moving forward.

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

Prepare for the release of the Draft EA / IS

- o As we approach the release of the Draft EA / IS, we would like to provide you with a few reminders and updates:
- o **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
 - 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.**
- o **Please fill out our survey!**
 - 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:** <https://forms.office.com/r/QLXhJdWg6y>
 - If you do not fill out the survey and identify a preferred method of receiving the document, we will send you a link to a website that hosts the Draft EA / IS document. Please note, the Draft EA/IS is expected to be ~20,000-pages.
- o **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.
 - 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. Your community 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 you wish to meet with the MFFN CAR Project Team outside of this event, we are happy to book in-person meetings during this timeframe.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

- On November 28, 2024, we distributed your 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.**

Community Capacity Funding Program

- In November 2024, we introduced the one-time lumpsum capacity funding payment of \$ [REDACTED] to support your review and comment on the Draft EA / IS. **Please let us know if you are interested in receiving the lumpsum payment by February 28, 2025.**

IK Program

- I understand that the latest versions of the IK Sharing and Funding Agreements are being reviewed by yourself and Council and was hoping you could share an update on the status. While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Webequie First Nation to be included in the draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

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

Warm regards,
Jaimie

Jaimie Cugnet

Communication & Community Engagement Specialist, Environment



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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - February Update
Sent: 2025/02/21, 22:21:52
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well.

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

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

- **MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email**
 - As you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous community review at [REDACTED]. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. **Please ensure you send your questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS to this email address.**
 - **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 Capacity Funding Program**
 - In November 2024, we introduced the one-time lumpsum capacity funding payment of \$ [REDACTED] to support your review and comment on the Draft EA / IS.
 - The deadline for expressing interest is approaching fast - please let us know if you are interested in receiving the lumpsum payment **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 will still accept feedback after this date. Any feedback received after February 14, 2025, will be incorporated into the Draft RoCE.

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

Warm regards,
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Subject: Follow-Up on Consultation and Engagement Activities
Sent: 2025/02/26, 17:20:10
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Good morning Chief Cornelius Wabasse and Council,

The Project Team for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR) is finalizing their reporting on consultation and engagement activities for 2024 in relation to their Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA / IA). At this time, we would like to provide you with some general updates and opportunities to discuss next steps with the Project Team.

Over the last two years, as a result of feedback from participating communities and their representatives, this Indigenous-led road Project Team has worked to reduce consultation fatigue by combining efforts with other road projects (Webequie Supply Road [WSR] and Northern Road Link [NRL]) in Northern Ontario to host events together where possible. The Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forums held in February and November 2023, and the Three Roads Projects Gathering and Expo in June 2024, were undertaken to address consultation and engagement priorities while being respectful of cultural protocols. These events provided opportunities to share information in settings that encouraged discussions and feedback. They have also encouraged community representatives from potentially affected Indigenous communities to participate in learning more about these road projects and to share information individually with each of the Project Teams, that can be considered in each of the EA / IA processes.

Today, we would like to provide you with summaries of the feedback we have received through your community's participation in the ATRI Forum held in November 2023. Attached you will find summaries of discussions held in the MFCAR breakout sessions your representatives attended in November 2023 and participation in the Cumulative Effects Workshop undertaken on the last day of the ATRI Forum.

We note that the Project Teams from MFCAR, NRL, and WSR have indicated their willingness to work with your community through their respective assessment processes and would be happy to set up separate meetings to discuss the next steps at your convenience. We look forward to hearing from you.

Chi Miigwech,
Jaimie

Jaimie Cugnet

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ABORIGINAL AND / OR TREATY RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD (WSR) • MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD (MFCAR) • NORTHERN ROAD LINK (NRL)

MIIGWECH / MIIGWETCH / THANK YOU!

Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation greatly appreciate your community's participation in the 3-day Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum and Cumulative Effects Workshop held in Thunder Bay from November 21 to 23, 2023. The Forum focused on discussing potential impacts to northern Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests and the Workshop provided an overview and discussion of the Cumulative Effects Assessment as they relate to the following Projects:

**Webequie Supply Road (WSR) • Northern Road Link (NRL)
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR)**

**AS PART OF THE ASSESSMENT PROCESSES FOR THE PROJECT(S),
OUR GOAL IS TO WORK WITH YOU TO:**



Develop an understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests of each community within each distinct Project area.



By understanding Rights and Interests we will be in a better position to have discussions about potential Project(s) impacts.



Together, we can then look at ways of avoiding, reducing, and mitigating potential negative impacts while enhancing potential opportunities to support Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interest.

The Forum was also an important opportunity to:

- Meet face-to-face
- Connect on how we can work together
- Better understand the roles we all play in assessing potential impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests
- Reduce consultation fatigue
- Provide input into the ongoing Baseline (Existing) Conditions reporting for all three road Projects

For your review and comment, please find attached:

- Summary of comments your community provided in the individual Project-Specific Breakout Session(s)
- Summary of comments provided during the Cumulative Effects Discussion (Day Three Morning)

As First Nation Proponents we understand that assessing potential impacts to Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests is complex and iterative. As such, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with your community one-on-one to further our conversations on this important part of the assessment processes.

Based on positive feedback, we planned related sessions in 2024 and 2025.
Please stay tuned for updates on other sessions and more information on upcoming ones.

To **schedule a one-on-one meeting** or to share further information about your Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests with Project Team Representatives please contact:

MFCAR: Andrea Nokleby: [REDACTED]

NRL: Mishal Naseer: [REDACTED]

WSR: Michael Fox: [REDACTED]



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Cumulative Effects Workshop

Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFCAR) • Northern Road Link (NRL) • Webequie Supply Road (WSR)

November 23rd, 2023

The Cumulative Effects Workshop was undertaken with all community representatives present on Day 3 of the Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests Forum in Thunder Bay held from November 21st to 23rd, 2023. The purpose of the Workshop was to introduce the concept of cumulative effects and how they would be assessed in the environmental assessment/impact assessment (EA/IA).

The Workshop opened with an overview presentation on Cumulative Effects Assessment by representatives of the three road Project Teams which was followed by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's (IAAC) overview presentation. This was then followed by a formal Q&A session where community representatives could ask questions of members of the Project Teams, for Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR), Northern Road Link (NRL), and Webequie Supply Road (WSR), IAAC staff, and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) staff about cumulative effects and the cumulative effects assessment process.

The table below outlines the comments made and issues raised by participating community representatives and the responses provided during the session by members of the MFCAR, NRL, and WSR Project Teams, IAAC, MECP, Ministry of Mines (MINES), and Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff. The last column provides further information from the Project Teams as overall post-forum responses considered feedback on comments shared and issues raised by participating community representatives. The table includes comments from an Attawapiskat First Nation community member who attended for information purposes only and were not representing Attawapiskat First Nation. No formal representation from Attawapiskat First Nation was present during the Forum.

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - March Update

Sent: 3/25/2025, 10:41:35 AM

From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the first week of spring.

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

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous Community review**
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- **Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum #2 Summary**
 - On February 26, 2025, we distributed the ATRI Forum #2 Summary with comments and notes. Please let the MFFN CAR Project Team know if there are any adjustments needed to the comments your community has provided.
- **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!
- **IK Program**
 - While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Webequie First Nation to be included in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Please let me know if you have any questions about this program, or feel welcome to reach out directly to Bob Baxter at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

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

Warm regards,

Cugnet, Jaimie

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - April Update

Sent: 4/30/2025, 4:32:30 PM

From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well.

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

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) Updates**
 - **Public Review Period Now Starting**
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 - **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 [REDACTED] and keep an eye out for an email from info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.
- **Upcoming Webinars**
 - Our Draft EA / IS webinar series will start in May. The first in this series is Community Well-Being, held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vpqexWmeRpalobu3qIkAsA
 - Keep an eye out for more information on the remaining webinars in the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Series:
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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - April Update

Sent: 5/1/2025, 6:31:30 AM

From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

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

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - May Update
Sent: 5/26/2025, 7:58:42 AM
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well.

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

- **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.
 - **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.
- **Public Information Centre #6 (poster attached)**

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 [REDACTED]
- **Upcoming Webinars**
 - Our next webinar in the Draft EA / IS webinar series is People: Land and Resource Use to be held on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. EST. Register now by following this link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ngDSnC7AQuGQeeDvI340DA
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PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #6: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Thunder Bay Monday, May 26, 2025

Location:

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

Time:

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

*Light refreshments will be served.

Geraldton Thursday, May 29, 2025

Location:

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

Time:

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

*Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about:

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

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

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

Contact Information

Website: [Redacted]

Email: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Phone: [Redacted]



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

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - June 2025 Update
Sent: 6/26/2025, 1:31:17 AM
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well.

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

- **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Review Period Complete!**
 - The review period for the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact statement officially closed on June 23, 2025. We sincerely value all the feedback provided. Input on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement is important to us and will help inform the preparation of the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement 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: [REDACTED]
- **What is 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.

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

Warm regards,
Jaimie

Cugnet, Jaimie

UPCOMING VACATION: June 26 – July 5

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie
Sent: July 10, 2025 8:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jennifer Bruin

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

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

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]

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 **Wednesday, October 8, 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 discussion on the assessment process.

Kind regards,
Jaimie

Cugnet, Jaimie

UPCOMING VACATION: June 26 – July 5

Communication and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - July 2025 Update
Sent: 7/24/2025, 5:03:56 PM
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this finds you well.

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

- **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: [REDACTED]
- **Draft Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interests: 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 for this report is 90 calendar days. Please submit any comments, questions, additional Indigenous Knowledge or details about important sites, areas or resources through email. We would be very pleased to meet with you to review the Draft Report and answer any questions you may have.
 - Please use the following link to access and download your community-specific report: [REDACTED]

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

Warm regards,
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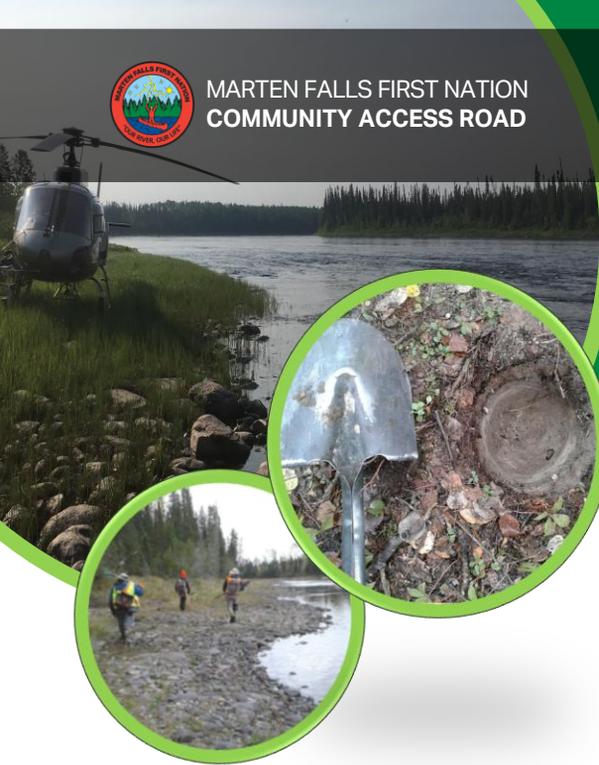


MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Field Notice

Summer / Fall 2025 Field Notice

Issued: July 2025



What's Happening?

Field programs will be continuing into the 2025 summer and fall seasons to support the Preliminary Design and future permitting for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

The following three field programs are outlined in this notice:

- Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment
- Groundwater Well Decommissioning
- Geotechnical Investigation

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

Archaeological assessments are crucial for determining the potential presence of archaeological sites and artifacts and are mandated through the Ontario Heritage Act. For the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road, background archaeological research (Stage 1) began in 2019 to look into archaeological potential for possible unknown sites, and some initial field surveys were conducted in 2019.





Now that the preferred route has now been chosen for the Community Access Road, archaeologists will conduct Stage 2 field surveys in the following locations in advance of geotechnical investigations:

- where the road is planned to cross waterbodies;
- at sites where bridges may be built; and
- at one potential aggregate location.

The investigations will focus on the area where geotechnical drilling will be required, and where helicopter landing sites may be created.

The archaeology team will complete the work **during the summer or fall season**. Dates have yet to be determined, though the work is expected to take approximately two weeks to complete. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

The stages of an Archaeological Assessment in Ontario

- 1** **Stage 1 – Background Study:** A background study is first conducted to determine archaeological potential, which means areas where people liked to live.
- 2** **Stage 2 – Field Survey:** Archaeologists go out and look for sites that may be impacted by construction. In Northern Ontario, this is typically completed using a test pit survey. This means a team of archaeologists dig small holes in areas of high archaeological potential and sift the soil to search for artifacts.

If the team finds artifacts, we have a site!

- 3** **Stage 3 – Find Site Limits:** The next step is finding the site limits. When looking for site limits the team of archaeologists digs larger 1 m by 1 m excavation units and collect the artifacts. These units are dug every 5 m until we find the site edge.
- 4** **Stage 4 – Excavation or Avoidance:** In the final step, the site is either excavated or the development is moved to avoid and protect the site. Depending on the size and nature of the site, it might be easy to move the purposed impacts than remove the site. Some projects are easier to move around archaeological sites than others.



Geotechnical Investigation

Field crews are proposing to conduct geotechnical investigations to support preliminary exploration of potential aggregate sites and water crossing locations along the route for the Community Access Road. Geotechnical investigations will focus on aggregate sites and water crossings to assess material quantity, quality, soil suitability and groundwater monitoring.

Advance notice was initially provided for the Geotechnical Investigation in the [Fall 2024 Field Notice](#), however, work was unable to commence at that time. Instead, it is expected that this work will be conducted **during the fall 2025 season**. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.

Groundwater Well Decommissioning

Field crews will be decommissioning selected monitoring wells this fall as part of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program. This program has been essential for checking the health of groundwater along the proposed route for the Community Access Road. The program has tested for things like minerals, dissolved metals (such as mercury), and volatile organic compounds. By understanding current groundwater conditions, we can better predict how the road might affect the natural environment.

The wells are being decommissioned are in a location that will not support future long term monitoring of the proposed roadway. Future wells within the final right of way may be installed in accordance with the mitigations outlined in Section 9.3.4 of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. The report is available here:

Since 2022, field crews have collected samples from the same monitoring wells each spring, summer, and fall to track seasonal changes. With the sampling now complete, field crews will proceed with decommissioning selected wells **during the fall season**. An update will be provided once dates are confirmed.



What to expect

Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter—you may see helicopters in the area. An update will be provided if the above schedule changes due to weather or other conditions.

To learn more about our studies, view our past [webinar recordings](#), [valued component videos](#), [Groundwater and Geochemistry Discussion Guide](#), and the [Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement](#) on our website.

Where?

See the next page for a map of the study area.

Contact Information

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

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Subject: MFFN CAR Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement: Feedback Extension Request Follow-up
Sent: 8/20/2025, 8:17:41 AM
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this message finds you well.

I'm writing to follow up regarding your Community's intention to provide feedback on the **Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS)** for the proposed Community Access Road. We understand, that Webequie Chief and Council were finalizing their submission and had requested a two-week extension in June to allow additional time for completion.

As we begin the development of the Final EA / IS, we kindly ask if Webequie First Nation intends to provide feedback on the Draft EA /IS in advance of **September 5, 2025**.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Warm regards,

Cugnet, Jaimie

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - August 2025 Update
Sent: 8/25/2025, 1:39:23 PM
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

I hope this find you well.

- **New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects**
 - As part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment for the Community Access Road, we are looking closely at how different activities—past, present and future—may combine to affect the land, water, animals and people. This includes considering how the Community Access Road might interact with other projects happening in the same area or at the same time. By looking at the bigger picture, we aim to better understand the full impact of the Project on the environment and the Community.
 - To watch our latest video, click here: [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: MFFN CAR Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement: Feedback Extension Request Follow-up
Sent: 8/28/2025, 1:23:55 PM
From: Cugnet, Jaimie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Importance: High

Hi Michael,

I hope you are looking forward to the last long weekend of summer.

I am following up my email below regarding Webequie First Nation's feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement.

Do you anticipate Chief and Council providing feedback in advance of September 5, 2025?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,
Jaimie

Cugnet, Jaimie

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From: Cugnet, Jaimie
Sent: August 20, 2025 8:18 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: MFFN CAR Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement: Feedback Extension Request Follow-up

Dear Chief Cornelius Wabasse,

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