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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 10:53 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - June Update

Dear Paul Capon,

I hope this finds you well. My name is Gabbie Ratajczak, and as Jaimie Cugnet mentioned in a previous communication, I will be taking over as the primary contact for the Marten Falls Community Access Road.

I am following up to see if you have any feedback on the Stage 1 Archaeological Report that was distributed a few months ago. Please find the link and additional information below:

Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report documents the archaeological and land use history, to determine whether there is potential for archaeological sites in the additional areas required for aggregate impacts. It incorporates a review of recent mapping, previous archaeological reports, and incorporation of any information collected from Indigenous communities.

The Stage 1 Archaeology Assessment Report was sent out to communities on June 3, 2024. The reports are available for download here: [REDACTED]

Feedback and comments on the report is requested by August 2, 2024.

To support your review, we encourage setting up a meeting with our team to help walk you through the reports, answer any questions you may have or as an opportunity to provide feedback.

If you have any feedback or would like to discuss the Community Access Road, please let me know and I will be happy to schedule a time to connect.

Best,

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her/hers

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada
[REDACTED]

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2024 19:50
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul Capon,

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,

Gabbie Ratajczak
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September 25, 2024

Matawa First Nations Management
[REDACTED]

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

Dear Mr. Paul Capon,

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.

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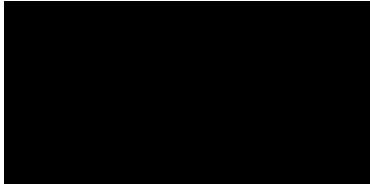




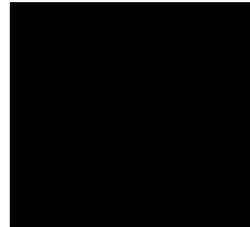
Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.

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
- Peter Moses, Mineral Development Information and Support Officer, Matawa First Nations Management
- Lindsey Jupp, Environmental Technologist, Matawa First Nations Management
- Sarah Cockerton, Manager of Environmental Programs, Matawa First Nations Management
- Alanna McKenzie, Regional Priorities and Jurisdiction Policy Coordinator, Matawa First Nations Management

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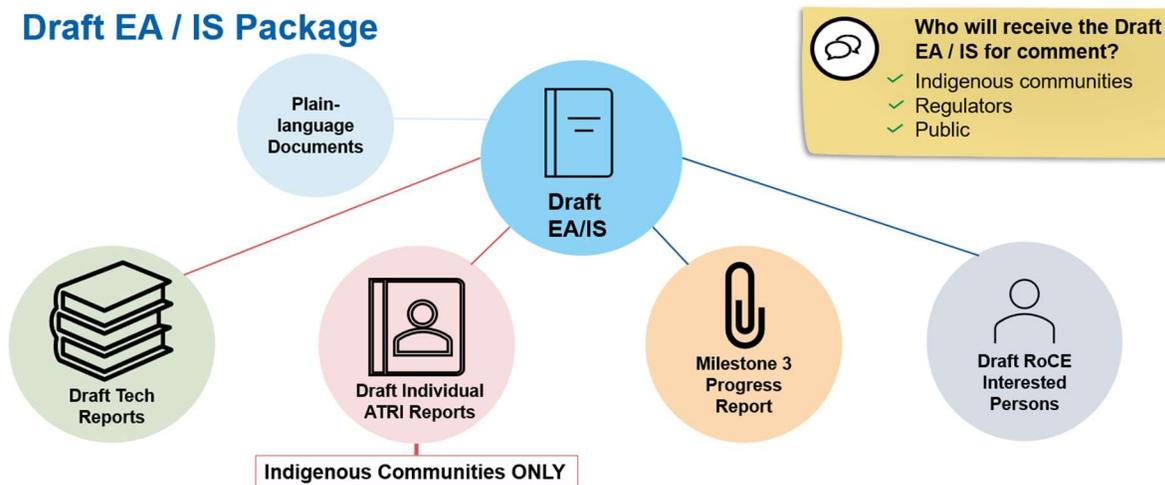
Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

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: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 27 September 2024 18:19
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - September 2024 Update

Dear Paul Capon,

I hope this finds you well.

As Jaimie Cugnet mentioned in her last email, I will now be your main point of contact for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. I look forward to working with you!

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

IK Program

While the request for submission date has passed, we are still welcoming IK from Matawa First Nations Management 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 MFFN Councillor and Senior Community Member Advisor, Bob Baxter, at [REDACTED] or Andrea Nokleby at [REDACTED]

Stay up to date with MFFN CAR Socials

We encourage you to stay updated with the latest news on the MFFN CAR. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her/hers

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada
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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 8:07 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - September 2024 Update

Hello Paul,

Thank you for informing me that Sarah is the best point of contact regarding Indigenous Knowledge as it pertains to the EA / IS, and for providing your phone number.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any other topics on the Community Access Road.

Have a great weekend,

Gabbie Ratajczak
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Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada
[REDACTED]

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 30 October 2024 15:47

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - October 2024 Update

Dear Paul Capon,

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

IK Program

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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 04 November 2024 16:15
To: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - October 2024 Update

Hello Paul,

Thank you for your suggestion. I will be sure to share this with the Project Team.

All the best,

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her/hers

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada

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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie

Sent: November 4, 2024 9:15 AM

To: Paul Capon [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - October 2024 Update

Hello Paul,

Thank you for your suggestion. I will be sure to share this with the Project Team.

All the best,

Gabbie Ratajczak

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Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada

[REDACTED]

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie
Sent: November 29, 2024 10:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - Milestone #3 Progress Report

Dear Paul Capon,

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 Matawa First Nations Management: [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,

Gabbie Ratajczak

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - December 2024 Update

Sent: 2024/12/17, 20:29:05

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul Capon,

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

- **Upcoming Release of the Draft EA / IS**

- On August 9, 2024, Jennifer Duncan notified Niki Angelis, an MFFN CAR Project Consultant, via email that Matawa First Nations Management would like to receive a hard copy of the Draft EA / IS for review. Unless otherwise notified, I will assume that one hard copy of the Draft EA / IS is sufficient for review. Please let me know if this information changes.

- **Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback**

- On November 29, 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.**

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - January 2025 Update

Sent: 2025/01/23, 22:43:40

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul Capon,

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

Prepare for the release of the 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:
 - **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.**
 - **Receiving the Draft EA / IS**
 - We received information that a representative from Matawa First Nations Management would like to receive a hard copy of the Draft EA / IS once it is ready for release. Please let me know if you require any other form of the Draft (i.e., USB) for review. The Draft will be available to all communities on our website as well.
 - **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.

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

- On November 29, 2024, we distributed your community specific Milestone #3 Progress Report.
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If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft EA / IS Document Hosting
Sent: 2025-01-29, 11:40:22 AM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: Paul Capon
Cc: [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses; Angelis, Niki

Hello Paul,

Thank you for your quick response!

Some time ago, I received word that Jennifer Duncan, Four Rivers Group, requested one (1) physical copy of the Draft EA / IS on behalf of Matawa First Nations Management. With this physical copy, along with the one available for Indigenous community members review, Matawa's office would be hosting two (2) physical copies. Would this be sufficient? For your information, the Draft EA / IS is expected to be ~20,000 pages.

My colleague Niki (cc'd) might be able to deliver one copy in person. Can you provide the hours of operation for Matawa's office?

Warm regards,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
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Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft EA / IS Document Hosting

Sent: 2025-01-29, 12:58:11 PM

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: Paul Capon

Cc: [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses; Angelis, Niki

Hello Paul,

Thank you! This is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to having Matawa and other First Nations review the Draft.

All the best,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak

she/her/hers

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft EA / IS Document Hosting
Sent: 2025-01-29, 9:24:58 AM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie<[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]

Dear Paul Capon,

I hope this finds you well!

As you know, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS) is being released to Indigenous communities in the coming weeks. The Draft EA / IS will be available online and upon request, but we would also like to have a physical copy available to Indigenous community members to view in person at a central location.

The Community Access Road Project Team would like to see if it is possible to store **one (1) physical copy of the Draft EA / IS** in Matawa First Nations Management's administration office in Thunder Bay. We believe it would be beneficial to have the Draft EA / IS available for review at a central location that may be familiar to the First Nation communities of Matawa First Nations Management.

Please let me know if this is a possibility. I am happy to discuss any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her/hers

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada



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From: Angelis, Niki [REDACTED]
To: Ratajczak, Gabbie; Paul Capon
Cc: [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses

Hello Paul,

I work with Gabbie and I will be stopping by today to deliver copy of the Draft EA / IS today before 4:00 p.m.

Should I get in with you upon arrival?

Best,
Niki

Niki Angelis
Communication and Community Engagement

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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: Paul Capon; Angelis, Niki

Cc: [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses

Good afternoon Paul,

Unfortunately, our documents will not be ready today – Niki will be by on Thursday morning to deliver them. She will have reception sign if you are unavailable.

Thank you again!

Warm regards,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her/hers

Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada
[REDACTED]

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - February 2025 Update

Sent: 2025/02/21, 17:17:06

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul,

I hope this finds you well! Thank you again for letting us store a copy of the Draft EA / IS in the Matawa office.

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**
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 - **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.
- **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.

Warm regards,

Gabbie Ratajczak

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Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator, Central Canada



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Sent: 3/28/2025, 8:13:17 AM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]

Hello Paul,

I hope this finds you well!

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- **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!

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

Sent: 4/29/2025, 9:36:14 PM

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Dear Paul Capon,

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

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

Gabbie Ratajczak
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Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: Paul Capon
Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie; Tara Ingram; Kimberly Jorgenson; Shannon Costigan

Good morning Paul,

Thank you for your feedback! I am glad to hear you are able to review the Draft EA / IS documents.

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Consultants and Team would be happy to have a meeting with you to review the Draft Community Well-Being Technical Support Document. I will relay this information to the team and provide you with potential dates for a meeting.

All the best,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
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Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update
Sent: 5/6/2025, 2:52:45 PM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: Paul Capon
Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie; Tara Ingram; Kimberly Jorgenson; Shannon Costigan

Hello Paul,

I hope you're doing well!

Would you and your team be available for a virtual meeting this Friday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. EST?

If so, please let me know who I should include in the meeting, and I will send over a meeting invite via MS Teams.

Kind regards,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her

Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
[REDACTED]

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Sent: May 7, 2025 12:04 PM

To: Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]; Paul Capon [REDACTED]

Cc: Peter Moses [REDACTED]; Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; Tara Ingram [REDACTED]; Kimberly Jorgenson [REDACTED]; Shannon Costigan [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

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Hello Lindsey, Paul and others,

I have sent an MS Teams invite for this Friday, May 9, at 11:00 a.m. EST.

Please feel free to forward the meeting invite as needed.

We are looking forward to chatting this Friday.

Warm regards,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her

Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line

[REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

Sent: 5/8/2025, 10:52 AM

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

To: Paul Capon

Hello Paul,

I was able to reschedule the meeting for Friday afternoon at 2p.m. I have included all the previous attendees – please feel free to forward the meeting invite to others if needed.

I am happy to discuss scheduling a second meeting during the call.

I look forward to chatting with you on Friday, and please let me know if you need anything else!

Warm regards,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak

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Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line

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Subject: MFFN CAR - Community Well-Being Presentation Follow-up
Sent: 5/9/2025, 3:56:35 PM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: Paul Capon; Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp
Cc: Bob Baxter; Jennifer Bruin; Gladstone, Crista; Brierley, Tatianna; Anderson, Victoria; Baker, Nadia
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Hello Paul, Peter and Lindsey,

Thank you kindly for joining the meeting today discussing the Community Well-Being Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

I will send over meeting minutes once finalized and incorporate the notes that Paul has shared with me.

As discussed, please see attached today's presentation, along with the link to our webinars here: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Specific information on the route can be found in the Building the Community Access Road webinar (2024) and the Route Selection webinar (2023).

Please let me know if you would like to receive any more information.

Have a great weekend!
Gabbie

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Community Well-Being

May 9, 2025



Meet The Project Team



Bob Baxter
MFFN Councillor and
Senior Community
Member Advisor



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community
Member Advisor



Jennifer Bruin
Technical Advisor



Qasim Saddique
Project Director

Community Well-Being Team



Crista Gladstone

Community Well-Being
Lead



Eldar Sehic

Economics Lead



Lesley Reid

Biophysical Determinants
of Health Lead



Tatianna Brierley

Community Well-
Being Specialist



Victoria Anderson

Research and
Review



Carla Church

Research and
Review

Building the Community Access Road

“As we move forward to now begin to consider road construction and operations, our commitment remains to be strong stewards of our lands and our environment, in balance with being active partners in growing economic opportunities and benefits for both our communities and other First Nation communities.”

- Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, July 2024



Understanding Community Well-Being



On the Road to Community Well-Being

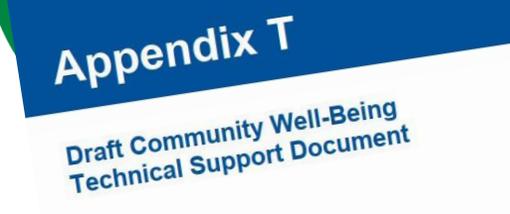
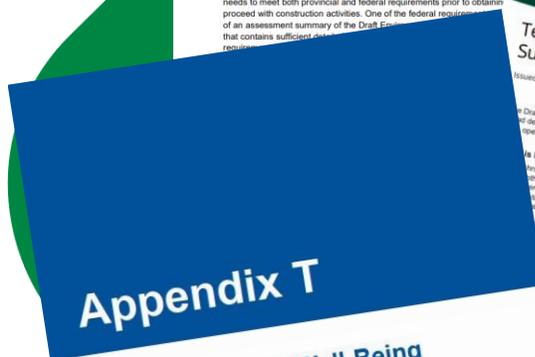
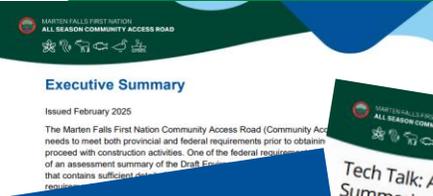
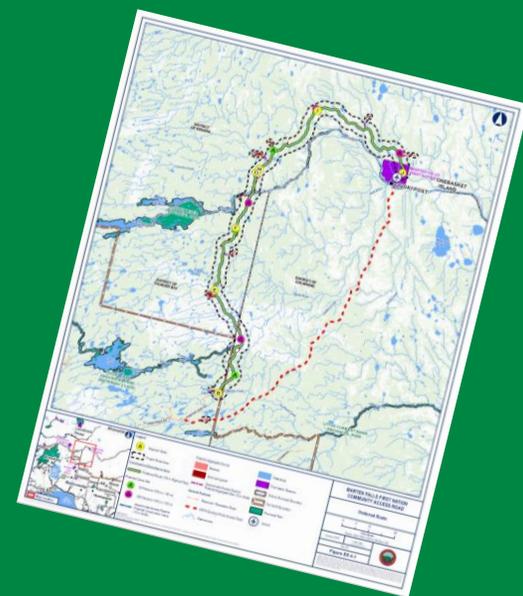
Community Well-Being looks at how the road may affect everyday life in Marten Falls and nearby communities, including health, safety, jobs, housing, and connection to culture and land.

A road can bring real opportunities: more reliable access to healthcare, better food security, and support for local businesses.

New opportunities like a road can make life easier, but they can also bring changes that affect traditions, the environment, and community life.



How to navigate the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document



Navigating Community Well-Being

- **Sections 1-4:** Describes the Project, information that informed the Project, and our study methodology.
- **Section 5: Existing Environment Description**
 - Current community well-being environment within the Local Study Area (Marten Falls and Aroland) and the broader region.
- **Section 6: Selection of Preferred Route Alternative**
 - How the route was selected
- **Section 7: Effects Assessment of the Project**
 - How the project will affect various community well-being factors, and mitigations to limit these effects.
- **Section 8: Cumulative Effects of the Project**
 - How the project effects may combine with other current or proposed projects in the area.
- **Section 9: Monitoring Programs and Future Commitments**
 - Information on ongoing studies and future commitments to ensure effectiveness of mitigations.
- **Section 10: Summary**

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Navigating Community Well-Being

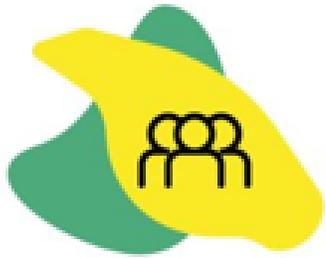
Valued Components

Valued components are specific aspects of the human and natural environment that might be affected by the Community Access Road. **They are important to Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons.**



Navigating Community Well-Being

Valued Components



- Sustainable population growth
- Labour market dynamics
- Business environment
- Public finances
- Regional economy
- Community access to infrastructure and services
- Housing adequacy and suitability
- Cultural preservation and change
- Community and public health
- Access to clean water
- Reliance on store-bought food
- Traditional foods
- Public safety
- Biophysical factors influencing human health

See **Table 4-1** of Appendix T for the list of valued components and indicators (**page 14**)

Navigating Community Well-Being

Summary of Effects

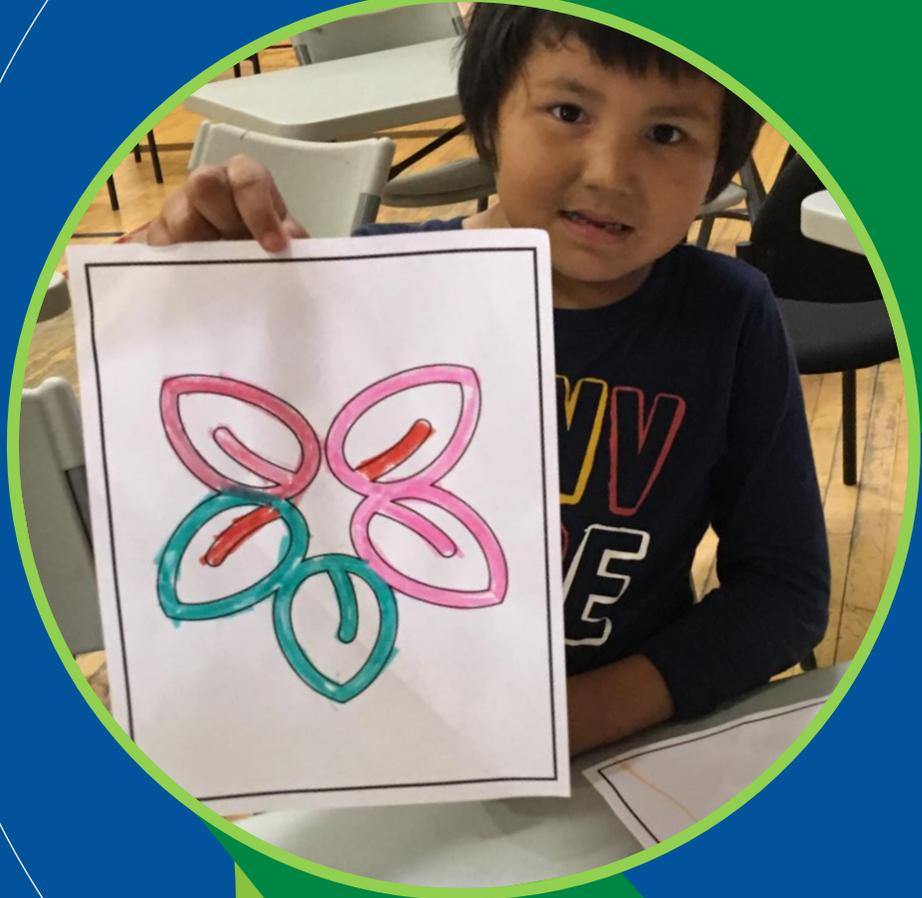
Table 7-24 is located on page 283 of Appendix T

7.4 Summary of the Assessment of Effects

Table 7-24: Summary of Effects and Residual Effects Characterization

Valued Component	Description of Effect	Project Phase	Mitigation Measures	Summary of Residual Effects Characterization	Significance (Significant, Not Significant)	Confidence (High, Moderate, Low)	
Sustainable Population Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in working-aged population may lead to potential gender imbalance, social integration challenges. 	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish working groups with local First Nations to discuss community concerns and proposed topics. House workers in autonomous camps to limit demographic shifts and disruptions. Implement Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hiring policies to prioritize women and reduce gender disparities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not significant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in on-reserve population may lead to increased housing pressure. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mitigation measures proposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not significant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced out-migration among younger families. Improved Elder retention; Easier travel for employment, education, and services. Attraction of off-reserve members and external workers. Enhanced access to medical care for older adults. Shift towards a balanced age distribution. 	Operation and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mitigation measures proposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not significant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of direct, indirect, and induced jobs. Significant labour income and Gross Domestic Product contributions. 		Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Community Readiness Strategies and Adaptive Management Plans to monitor and respond to community needs. Provide information on available opportunities and training programs to help community members obtain necessary qualifications. Offer ongoing job readiness programs and coordinate training timing to support workforce transition and career growth. Gradually integrate new workers into the workforce through shorter days and shift rotations. Create a working group with Marten Falls and Aroland First Nations to discuss workforce needs and training opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not significant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable

Existing Conditions & Effects



Economics: Job Opportunities and Training

- **Increased Job Opportunities:** Construction of the Community Access Road is expected to create approximately 9,500 jobs across Canada, including 8,600+ jobs in Ontario.
- **Training and Job Readiness:** The project will provide training, job readiness programs, flexible work options, and prioritize hiring from Marten Falls and Aroland.
- **Long-Term Economic Benefits:** The project could lead to lasting jobs and new businesses.



Community & Public Health

Access to Health Services: The new road will improve access to emergency and specialized care for MFFN.

Substance Use: Substance use is a concern for community members we have engaged with. The new road could improve access to treatment services. However, the road may also make it easier for substances to enter Marten Falls.

Recreation: The road will help Marten Falls members travel for sports, events, and recreation. It also provides access to the land for traditional activities like fishing, hunting, and camping.



Public Safety

Access to Emergency Services: MFFN has limited access to emergency services. The Community Access Road will likely improve emergency service access.

Road-related Injuries: Increased traffic during construction and long-term use may lead to an increase in road-related injuries. During operations, the CAR may reduce reliance on the winter road which can be dangerous to travel on.

Violence and Harassment: Violent crime and addiction-related incidents are an existing issue in the Thunder Bay region. Increased access could increase these risks.



Mitigation Measures



Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Measures are actions taken to **reduce or avoid negative effects** of the project.

Mitigation Measures help respond to community concerns and support long-term well-being.



Mitigation Measures at a Glance

Potential Concerns (Construction)	Identified Mitigation
Population growth, community access of infrastructure and services, and housing availability.	All construction workers will be housed in autonomous work camps.
Community and public health, cultural preservation and change, and sustainable population growth.	Owner / Contractor to establish a working group with MFFN and AFN to discuss community-proposed topics relating to the road.
Increased access to drugs and alcohol.	Contractor to implement a monitoring program and perform safety checks at work camps and entry points.
Violence and harassment in the community and within the work camps.	Contractor to provide counseling, mentorship, and peer support at work camps. Road contractor to have a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment, discrimination, and violence in work camps.



Cumulative Effects



Cumulative Effects



Cumulative effects consider the combined impact of the Community Access Road with other existing and future developments.

We study cumulative effects to understand:

- How this project fits into the bigger picture
- Whether regional projects might lead to broader or long-term impacts
- What additional actions or monitoring might be needed

Cumulative Effects



Road Use and Safety: As more regional roads are built traffic volumes are expected to increase. This may lead to a higher risk of road-related accidents over time.

Community Safety and Well-being: Increased access to remote areas and a growing temporary workforce may contribute to higher risks of crime and violence in the region.

Consulting on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

We have engaged Indigenous communities, the public and government and agencies both in-person and virtually.

To date, our consultation efforts have included:

5  In-person and virtual Public Information Centres

2  Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest forums

2  In-person Three-Road Gathering & Expo

OVER 30
in-person or virtual
meetings with
11 Communities





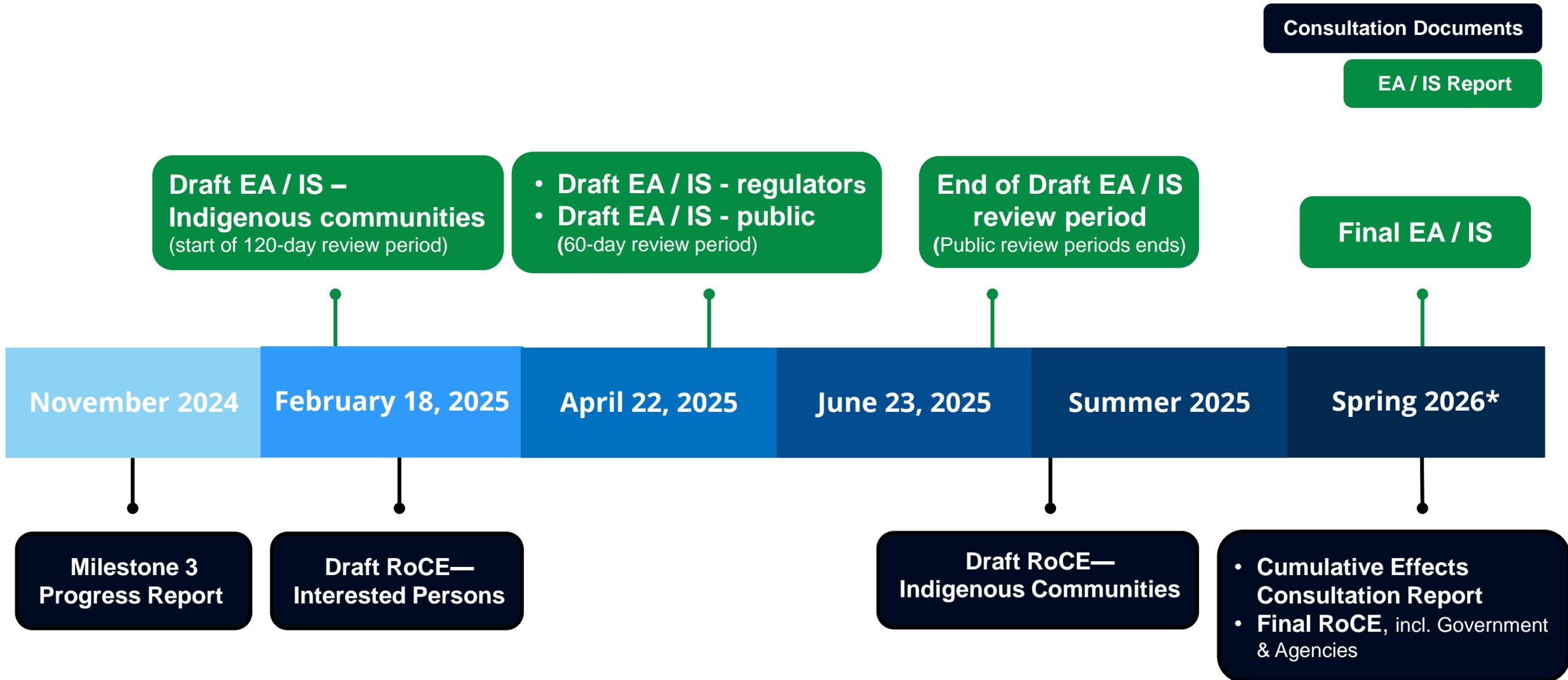
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Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Schedule



Next Steps...

Review the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement!

Documents are available online and in select in-person locations



New video

Available on the project website



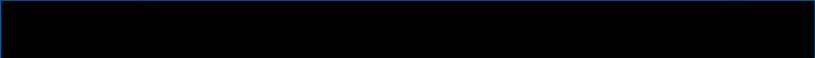
Webinar Series

May 15 @ 4pm
on Ungulates
(mooz / moose &
atik / caribou)



Plain language summaries

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is
[eais.martenfalls
accessroad.ca](http://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca)

Your Feedback is Important to us! Comments, questions and feedback can be sent to: 

Upcoming Activities

- Next Webinar is Thursday May 15 at 4pm EST on Ungulates (moose and caribou).
- Public Information Centre #6
 - Monday May 26 (Thunder Bay)
 - Thursday May 29 (Geraldton)
- Submit feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement (by June 23, 2025)
- Submission of the Final Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement (Spring 2026)





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From: Ratajczak, Gabbie
Sent: May 26, 2025 2:27 PM
To: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
Cc: Peter Moses [REDACTED] Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED] Alanna McKenzie
Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - May 2025 Update

Dear Paul Capon,

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**.

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]

Upcoming Webinars

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https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NSkGYLThRLO_BdSeAqjXuw#/registration
- 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

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,

Gabbie Ratajczak
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Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
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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: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - May 2025 Update
Sent: 2025-05-26, 3:15:23 PM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: Paul Capon
Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie
Bcc: [REDACTED]

Hello Paul,

Thank you for letting me know.

All the best,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her

Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
[REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Follow- Up: MFCAR Water Crossing Maps/Images
Sent: 2025-06-09, 8:23:14 AM
From: Kuenstler, Dan [REDACTED]
To: Shannon Costigan
Cc: jennifer.bruin; Trimble, Ingrid; eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hi Shannon,
It was nice meeting you at the PIC. Thank you for reaching out and for your email. Please use the links below to download the maps that you requested.
Southern water crossings

[REDACTED]

Northern water crossings
[REDACTED]

We understand Four Rivers is using these materials to support their engagement and discussions with community members of Constance Lake First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation and Long Lake First Nation. We would appreciate any information Four Rivers can share on the feedback they gain from their discussions with community members on the Draft EA/IS and the proposed water crossings. As discussed, the water crossing locations and design have not been finalized, so any feedback you provide will help ensure community members' input is taken into consideration.

I have included the eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca email herein so that if you have any additional questions you can easily contact the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team.

A note that Ingrid Trimble's email is [REDACTED].

Regards,
Dan



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Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - July 2025 Update
Sent: 7/29/2025, 1:37:28 PM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie<[REDACTED]>
To: Paul Capon
Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED].pdf

Dear Paul Capon,
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]

Warm regards,

Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her

Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line

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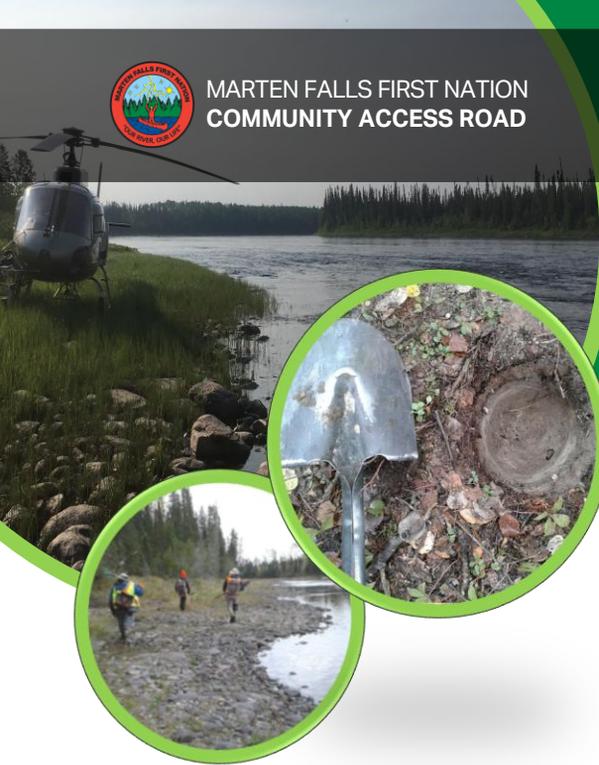


MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
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Field Notice

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.

Lawrence Baxter

Senior Community Member Advisor

Marten Falls First Nation

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Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - July 2025 Update

Sent: 8/6/2025, 8:10:11 AM

From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [redacted]

To: Paul Capon

Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [redacted] Alanna McKenzie; [redacted]

Hi Paul,

Thank you for your feedback! Apologies for the delayed response, I was on vacation.

We currently have a video on archaeology on our website: [redacted]
[redacted]

We also have a webinar on Archaeology and Cultural Heritage: [redacted]
[redacted]

In 2023, each community would have received the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment Report for review. In 2024, we shared the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for review.

If you or any of the communities you work with have specific questions on archaeology, please feel free to send them via email. We can also schedule a meeting to discuss.

Thank you!
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her

Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
[redacted]

Subject: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - August 2025 Update
Sent: 8/27/2025, 9:56:21 AM
From: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]
To: Paul Capon
Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED] Alanna McKenzie

Dear Paul Capon,

I hope this finds you well.

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

- **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]

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I would be happy to schedule a time to connect with you to discuss the Community Access Road.

Warm regards,
Gabbie

Gabbie Ratajczak
she/her

Communications and Community Engagement Specialist, Environment Business Line
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Upcoming Vacation Alert: September 8th – 12th inclusive

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B28.2 Incoming Community Specific Correspondence

From: Paul Capon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, September 27, 2024 1:26 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - September 2024 Update

Hi Gabbie: thanks for informing me that you are the main contact for this project assessment. Lots of work I am sure. For Indigenous Knowledge (IK) as pertaining to the EA/IS, I will pass you off to Sarah Cockerton at Four Rivers – they much more information than I. If there is other information you would like from me, please call me at [REDACTED] Thanks Paul Capon

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - December 2024 Update
Sent: 2024-12-17, 3:11:10 PM
From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
To: Ratajczak, Gabbie; Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie

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Thanks Gabbie: Congratulations on the route selection. Good teaching tool to share with other First Nations on the process and lessons learned. Thanks Paul Capon

From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]

Sent: October 30, 2024 10:12 AM

To: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) - October 2024 Update

Hi Gabbie: One suggestion for the Access Road would be to reach out to Lac Lequoix, New Slate Falls and Collin. Those are communities who have had recent road access. It would be useful to hear from their experience. They probably will say there is both positive and negative impacts to the community. Further, the issues about impacts to the traditional territory is equally important and how to have more control over the territory.

Thanks Paul Capon

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft EA / IS Document Hosting
Sent: 2025-01-29, 11:58:44 AM
From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
To: Ratajczak, Gabbie
Cc: [REDACTED] Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses; Angelis, Niki

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Thanks for the two copies. I know it is extensive. The community copies would be for the public but a second copy for the staff who work with First Nations would be very helpful. It is always helpful to have a back up. Glad to know Jeniffer touched based with you.

Thanks for all your work in this area, and the community education that goes with it to Marten Falls members.

Thanks Paul

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft EA / IS Document Hosting
Sent: 2025-01-29, 9:38:50 AM
From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
To: Ratajczak, Gabbie
Cc: [REDACTED] Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses

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Thanks Gabbie: I hope to go though the report on Thursday. It would be great to store a copy at our office. Probably Four Rivers would be the please for this. However, I will let them speak to this. One favour I would ask though would be to have at least two copies if possible, at Matawa. Thanks Paul Capon

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - Draft EA / IS Document Hosting
Sent: 2025-02-11, 1:02:41 PM
From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
To: Angelis, Niki; Ratajczak, Gabbie
Cc: [REDACTED] Alanna McKenzie; Lindsey Jupp; Peter Moses

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Hi Niki: I am in Toronto today. If you can deliver one to the Four Rivers Office [REDACTED] and one to the Matawa office [REDACTED]. The reception can sign it for me. Thanks ever so much. Thanks Paul Capon

From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]

Sent: April 29, 2025 12:36 PM

To: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Cc: Peter Moses [REDACTED]

Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]

Alanna McKenzie [REDACTED]

Tara Ingram [REDACTED]

Kimberly Jorgenson [REDACTED]

Shannon Costigan [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

Good Morning Gabbie: I am still going over the Appendix T – The draft Community Wellbeing Technical Support Document. It is very thorough and there is a lot to go through! There is a lot of good information here. I wonder if we should book a meeting to go over things from a high level? Thanks Paul Capon

From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]

Sent: May 6, 2025 2:59 PM

To: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Cc: Peter Moses [REDACTED]; Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie

[REDACTED]; Tara Ingram [REDACTED]; Kimberly Jorgenson [REDACTED]

Shannon Costigan [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

Hi Gabie: I am available at that time. Thanks Paul

From: Paul Capon <[REDACTED]>

Sent: May 7, 2025 12:17 PM

To: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]; Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]

Cc: Peter Moses [REDACTED]; Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; Tara Ingram [REDACTED]; Kimberly Jorgenson [REDACTED]

Shannon Costigan [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - April 2025 Update

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Hi Gabbie: Do you think we could do something in the afternoon? I think we might get a few more people on. We might also need a second meeting for those who missed the first. Thanks Paul

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - May 2025 Update
Sent: 2025-05-26, 2:40:15 PM
From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]
To: Ratajczak, Gabbie
Cc: Peter Moses; Lindsey Jupp; [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie

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Thanks Gabbie for this. I will not be able to make the presentation tonight. I hope all goes well. Thanks Paul Capon

Hi All,

Thanks for taking the time to chat with me last night. I'm just sending a quick email regarding the maps Dan had of the southern water crossings with the on the ground images included. These are great tools for starting conversations. If these (and the ones for the northern portion of the route) are in the public domain, I would appreciate if you could direct me to their location. If you have digital copies that you are willing to share, please send them to me via email or shared folder. Four Rivers is doing some engagement next week and it would be great to have these. I am going on vacation Thursday, but will keep my eye on my email if I haven't heard back tomorrow.

Thank you,

Shannon Costigan  

Project Manager LFC/PL

Four Rivers Environmental Services Group      

Matawa First Nations Management LC/PL

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From: Paul Capon [REDACTED]

Sent: July 29, 2025 4:34 PM

To: Ratajczak, Gabbie [REDACTED]

Cc: Peter Moses [REDACTED]; Lindsey Jupp [REDACTED]; Alanna McKenzie [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road - July 2025 Update

Thanks, Gabby, for this. I especially like the map. I also like all the tools you have put together. I wonder if you might do some videos on the archeology sites. There is a lot of questions in our communities about archaeological work. Having a video of the work on the road might help on community education about both the road and archaeology. I know some communities have been interested in training programs on this topic as well.

Thanks Paul Capon

B28.3 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: May 9, 2025
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm EST

Attendees: Paul Capon, Matawa First Nations Management
Lindsey Jupp, Matawa First Nations Management
Peter Moses, Matawa First Nations Management
Jennifer Bruin, MFFN CAR Project Team
Bob Baxter, MFFN Community Member Advisor
Nadia Baker, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Victoria Anderson, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Tatianna Brierley, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Crista Gladstone, MFFN CAR Project Consultant
Gabbie Ratajczak, MFFN CAR Project Consultant

Project #: 60593122
Location: Virtual, MS Teams

Prepared By: Gabbie Ratajczak (MFFN CAR Project Consultant)

Absent:

Regarding: MFFN CAR Overview on the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Community Well-Being Report

Notes of Meeting

Meeting Summary

The Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) Project Team (the Project Team) and representatives of Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) met to discuss the Community Well-Being Technical Report, part of the MFFN CAR Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Statement (IS).

The meeting started with introductions from the Project Team, followed by a presentation by MFFN CAR Project Consultants. There was an opportunity for discussion and questions throughout the meeting. An MFFN CAR Project Consultant (Project Consultant) also shared final route maps with MFNM. A summary of comments, questions and action items are captured below.

The following materials were made available to MFNM immediately following the meeting:

- MFFN CAR Matawa Meeting – Community Well-Being PowerPoint Presentation

The following action items were identified during the meeting:





Meeting Summary

- **Action:** MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send link to the Building the CAR webinar (complete).

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
1	General Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFNM references a Chief's resolution dating 20 years back supporting the CAR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The comment was acknowledged.
2	General Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFNM expressed interest in road routing and requested access to the webinar. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: MFFN CAR Project Consultant to send link to the Building the CAR webinar.
3	Socio-Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFNM emphasized that Community Well-Being is central—housing, jobs and economic development are top concerns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The comment was acknowledged. These themes are being prioritized in the report, with a focus on long-term community well-being and equity.
4	Consultation Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFNM asked if the team would present in other communities and acknowledged the Community Well-Being webinar purpose in educating the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Team is open to in-community presentations and sharing summary documents.
5	Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFNM raised concerns about community awareness of provincial road regulations and driver licensing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project Consultant noted licensing requirements are addressed in the reports. Training programs are being considered, including support for members to obtain driver's licenses through direct financial assistance.





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ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
6	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Lands, Territory and Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFNM and the MFFN Community Member Advisor discussed historical inequalities in land access and the risk of increased recreational use infringing on Aboriginal Rights, especially when it came to cottage rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Final EA / IS report will continue to address these concerns, including the need for land stewardship and protection of Aboriginal rights.
7	Mineral Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFNM raised concerns about policy changes (e.g., Mining Act) undermining Treaty rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Consultant emphasized the importance of MFFN leading the narrative.
8	Economy, Human Health, Socio-Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFNM highlighted the need for on-reserve housing, a housing authority, training centres and equity investment. Suggested converting work camps into housing and creating First Nations-owned companies (e.g., aggregates, logistics). Mental health, paramedic services and treatment options were identified as critical. Paul Capon and Long Lake #58 First Nation Chief Judy had spoken on a separate occasion and emphasized the need for a First Nations taxation regime and sustainable funding. Financial literacy, opportunities for investment and bank operation efficiency were also identified as areas to explore economic development. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Consultants agreed, adding that these ideas align with mitigation strategies and long-term sustainability goals. The establishment of a housing authority, supporting financial literacy and equity investment mechanisms are all steps in the right direction. Paramedic services will be incorporated into mitigation planning. The Final EA / IS will consider land-based healing treatment options and maternal, youth and elder wellness programs. The Project Consultant confirmed taxation will be explored further and include recommendations for a self-government mechanism to oversee long-term sustainability.
9	Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFNM commented that economic development could include ownership of the management company that will build the road and ownership of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ownership and operation of the road have not yet been identified, however, discussions on these topics are ongoing.





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Item #	Topic / Theme	Comments / Questions	Response / Action Items
		maintenance company who will operate the road.	
10	Crossing Structure (Bridges and Culverts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matawa First Nations Management asked if there be a bridge or barge over the Albany River? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Project Consultant confirmed a permanent crossing is planned. The MFFN Community Member Advisor explained the location was chosen for its narrow width and cultural considerations.
11	Fish and Fish Habitat, Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Capon described a need for a First Nations Fish and Wildlife Services to manage planning, monitoring and enforcement. Traditional harvesting income programs and cultural signage are also needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These elements will be integrated into environmental planning and monitoring strategies to ensure cultural and ecological sustainability.
12	Human Health, Country/Traditional Foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warehouse, food preparation and distribution infrastructure (e.g., community kitchens) are needed to support food access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Final EA / IS report will include recommendations for community kitchens and food logistics infrastructure to support local food security.
13	Provincial Government Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFNM asked who will provide the funding for these services (will it be the contractor, owner, companies, governments, etc.)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The services related to the MFFN CAR will be funded by the Ontario provincial government.
14	Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MFNM made a recommendation to consider wider nation-building resources as needed with a recognized self-government mechanism to oversee this process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The comment was acknowledged.

**Post-meeting Notes are included above. Although the information referenced in the Post-meeting Notes was not explicitly discussed during the meeting, the intent is to include additional related information to improve information sharing and progress the discussion with Matawa First Nations Management.*





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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.



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
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Community Well-Being

May 9, 2025



Meet The Project Team



Bob Baxter
MFFN Councillor and
Senior Community
Member Advisor



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community
Member Advisor



Jennifer Bruin
Technical Advisor



Qasim Saddique
Project Director

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Lesley Reid
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of Health Lead



Tatianna Brierley
Community Well-
Being Specialist



Victoria Anderson
Research and
Review



Carla Church
Research and
Review

Building the Community Access Road

“As we move forward to now begin to consider road construction and operations, our commitment remains to be strong stewards of our lands and our environment, in balance with being active partners in growing economic opportunities and benefits for both our communities and other First Nation communities.”

- Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, July 2024



Understanding Community Well-Being

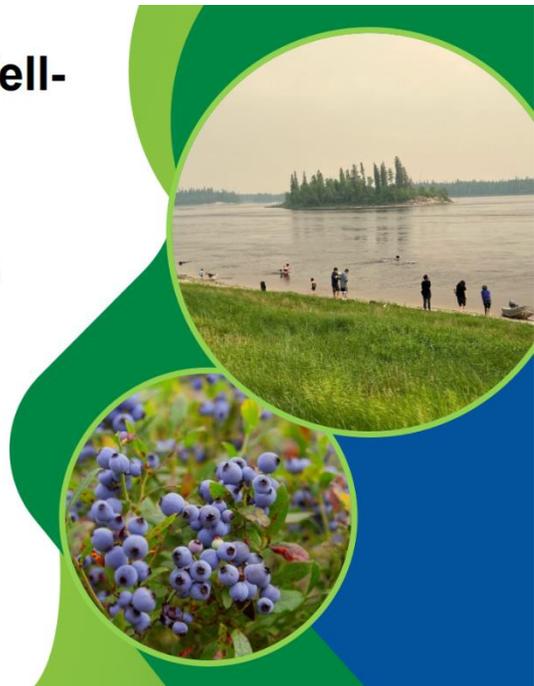


On the Road to Community Well-Being

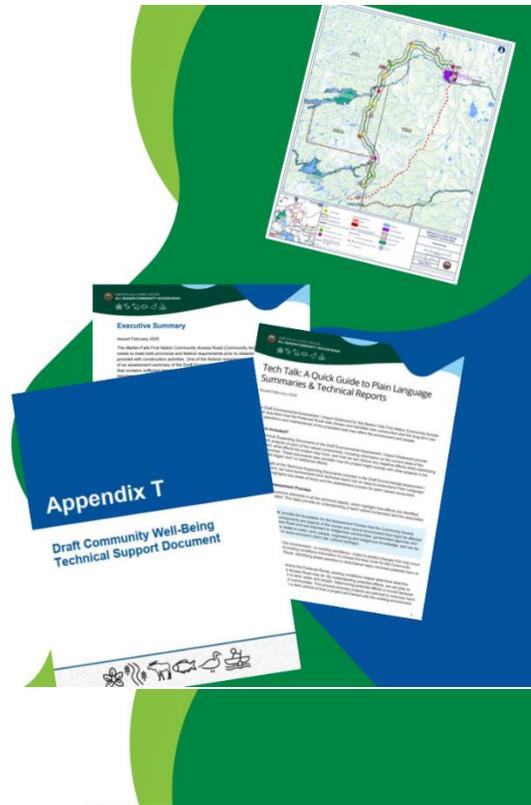
Community Well-Being looks at how the road may affect everyday life in Marten Falls and nearby communities, including health, safety, jobs, housing, and connection to culture and land.

A road can bring real opportunities: more reliable access to healthcare, better food security, and support for local businesses.

New opportunities like a road can make life easier, but they can also bring changes that affect traditions, the environment, and community life.



How to navigate the Community Well-Being Technical Support Document



Navigating Community Well-Being

- **Sections 1-4:** Describes the Project, information that informed the Project, and our study methodology.
- **Section 5: Existing Environment Description**
 - Current community well-being environment within the Local Study Area (Marten Falls and Aroland) and the broader region.
- **Section 6: Selection of Preferred Route Alternative**
 - How the route was selected
- **Section 7: Effects Assessment of the Project**
 - How the project will affect various community well-being factors, and mitigations to limit these effects.
- **Section 8: Cumulative Effects of the Project**
 - How the project effects may combine with other current or proposed projects in the area.
- **Section 9: Monitoring Programs and Future Commitments**
 - Information on ongoing studies and future commitments to ensure effectiveness of mitigations.
- **Section 10: Summary**

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COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD
Draft Community Well-Being Technical Support Document: Existing Conditions & Effects Assessment

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Valued Components

Valued components are specific aspects of the human and natural environment that might be affected by the Community Access Road. **They are important to Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons.**



Navigating Community Well-Being

Valued Components



- Sustainable population growth
- Labour market dynamics
- Business environment
- Public finances
- Regional economy
- Community access to infrastructure and services
- Housing adequacy and suitability
- Cultural preservation and change
- Community and public health
- Access to clean water
- Reliance on store-bought food
- Traditional foods
- Public safety
- Biophysical factors influencing human health

See **Table 4-1** of Appendix T for the list of valued components and indicators (**page 14**)

Navigating Community Well-Being

Summary of Effects

Table 7-24 is located on page 283 of Appendix T

7.4 Summary of the Assessment of Effects

Table 7-24: Summary of Effects and Residual Effects Characterization

Valued Component	Description of Effect	Project Phase	Mitigation Measures	Summary of Residual Effects Characterization	Significance (Significant, Not Significant)	Confidence (High, Moderate, Low)
Sustainable Population Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in working-aged population may lead to potential gender imbalance, social integration challenges. 	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish working groups with local First Nations to discuss community concerns and proposed topics House workers in autonomous camps to limit demographic shifts and disruptions. Implement Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion hiring policies to prioritize women and reduce gender disparities. No mitigation measures proposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	Not significant	Not applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in on-reserve population may lead to increased housing pressure. 	Operation and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mitigation measures proposed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	Not significant	Not applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced out-migration among younger families. Improved Elder retention, Easier travel for employment, education, and services. Attraction of off-reserve members and external workers. Enhanced access to medical care for older adults. Shift towards a balanced age distribution. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	Not significant	Not applicable
Labour Market Dynamics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of direct, indirect, and induced jobs. Significant labour income and Gross Domestic Product contributions. 	Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Community Readiness Strategies and Adaptive Management Plans to monitor and respond to community needs. Provide information on available opportunities and training programs to help community members obtain necessary qualifications. Offer ongoing job readiness programs and coordinate training timing to support workforce transition and career growth. Gradually integrate new workers into the workforce through shorter days and shift rotations. Provide coordination with Market Entry and Labour Effect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No adverse residual effect anticipated. 	Not significant	Not applicable

Existing Conditions & Effects



Economics: Job Opportunities and Training

- **Increased Job Opportunities:** Construction of the Community Access Road is expected to create approximately **9,500 jobs across Canada**, including **8,600+ jobs in Ontario**.
- **Training and Job Readiness:** The project will provide training, job readiness programs, flexible work options, and prioritize hiring from Marten Falls and Aroland.
- **Long-Term Economic Benefits:** The project could lead to lasting jobs and new businesses.



Community & Public Health

Access to Health Services: The new road will improve access to emergency and specialized care for MFFN.

Substance Use: Substance use is a concern for community members we have engaged with. The new road could improve access to treatment services. However, the road may also make it easier for substances to enter Marten Falls.

Recreation: The road will help Marten Falls members travel for sports, events, and recreation. It also provides access to the land for traditional activities like fishing, hunting, and camping.



Public Safety

Access to Emergency Services: MFFN has limited access to emergency services. The Community Access Road will likely improve emergency service access.

Road-related Injuries: Increased traffic during construction and long-term use may lead to an increase in road-related injuries. During operations, the CAR may reduce reliance on the winter road which can be dangerous to travel on.

Violence and Harassment: Violent crime and addiction-related incidents are an existing issue in the Thunder Bay region. Increased access could increase these risks.



Mitigation Measures



Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Measures are actions taken to **reduce or avoid negative effects** of the project.

Mitigation Measures help respond to community concerns and support long-term well-being.

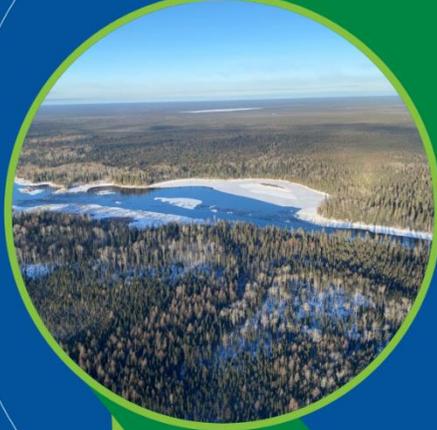


Mitigation Measures at a Glance

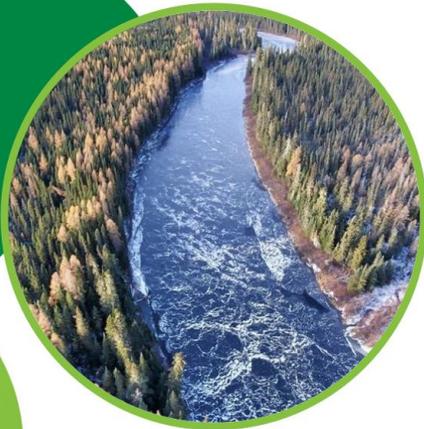
Potential Concerns (Construction)	Identified Mitigation
Population growth, community access of infrastructure and services, and housing availability.	All construction workers will be housed in autonomous work camps.
Community and public health, cultural preservation and change, and sustainable population growth.	Owner / Contractor to establish a working group with MFFN and AFN to discuss community-proposed topics relating to the road.
Increased access to drugs and alcohol.	Contractor to implement a monitoring program and perform safety checks at work camps and entry points.
Violence and harassment in the community and within the work camps.	Contractor to provide counseling, mentorship, and peer support at work camps. Road contractor to have a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment, discrimination, and violence in work camps.



Cumulative Effects



Cumulative Effects



Cumulative effects consider the combined impact of the Community Access Road with other existing and future developments.

We study cumulative effects to understand:

- How this project fits into the bigger picture
- Whether regional projects might lead to broader or long-term impacts
- What additional actions or monitoring might be needed

Cumulative Effects



Road Use and Safety: As more regional roads are built traffic volumes are expected to increase. This may lead to a higher risk of road-related accidents over time.

Community Safety and Well-being: Increased access to remote areas and a growing temporary workforce may contribute to higher risks of crime and violence in the region.

Consulting on the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement

We have engaged Indigenous communities, the public and government and agencies both in-person and virtually.

To date, our consultation efforts have included:

5  In-person and virtual Public Information Centres

2  Aboriginal and / or Treaty Rights and Interest forums

2  In-person Three-Road Gathering & Expo

OVER 30
in-person or virtual
meetings with
11 Communities





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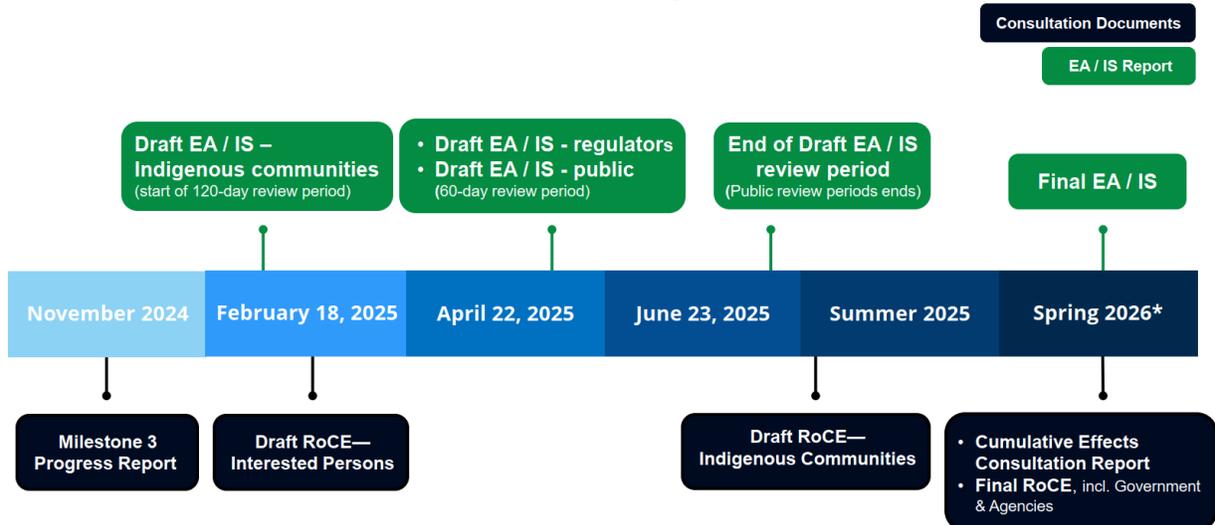
Questions?

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Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Schedule



Next Steps...

Review the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement!

Documents are available online and in select in-person locations



New video

Available on the project website



Webinar Series

May 15 @ 4pm on Ungulates (mooz / moose & atik / caribou)



Plain language summaries

EA / IS website is eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Your Feedback is Important to us! Comments, questions and feedback can be sent to: eaisinput@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Upcoming Activities

- Next Webinar is Thursday May 15 at 4pm EST on Ungulates (moose and caribou).
- Public Information Centre #6
 - Monday May 26 (Thunder Bay)
 - Thursday May 29 (Geraldton)
- Submit feedback on the Draft Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement (by June 23, 2025)
- Submission of the Final Environmental Assessment and Impact Statement (Spring 2026)



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