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Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR - September Project Updates

1 message

Quigley, Iain <[redacted]>

Thu, Sep 19, 2024 at 2:05 PM

To: [redacted]

Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, Laura Swyers <[redacted]>

Good afternoon Matthew,

As you may be aware, I've taken over in the interim for Hanna Daltrop who you previously worked with regarding the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. I'm pleased to introduce your new primary point of contact - my colleague Laura Swyers, who is cc'd on this email. With that being said, please continue to cc me on any emails for the next few weeks as Laura settles into this role, and Laura and I are happy to help with anything you might need.

Please see below for Project updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road for September:

Stay up to date:

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

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

Fall 2024 Field Studies:

The fall 2024 field notices were shared on September 18, 2024. If you have any questions about these studies, or would like to discuss them further please do not hesitate to reach out.

If you have any questions regarding the above updates, or if there is anything else Laura and I can help with please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,
Iain



Iain Quigley
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Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

MFFN Community Access Road – About the Draft EA / IS

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 2:32 PM

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

Dear Mr. Matthew Angees

My name is Laura Swyers, and I'd like to introduce myself as your **new point for contact** for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

I am excited to have the opportunity to work with you. I understand the significance of this Project and will ensure that your voices and perspectives are brought forward to inform the Project and assessment process. I am here to listen, learn, and support you in any way I can.

If you would like to get in touch, my contact information is at the bottom of this email.

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 Shibogama First Nations Council'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 Shibogama First Nations Council has easy access to the documents and has identified a key contact to help guide the review process.

Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [redacted]

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

Sincerely,
Laura Swyers,
On behalf of the MFFN CAR Project Team



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2 attachments



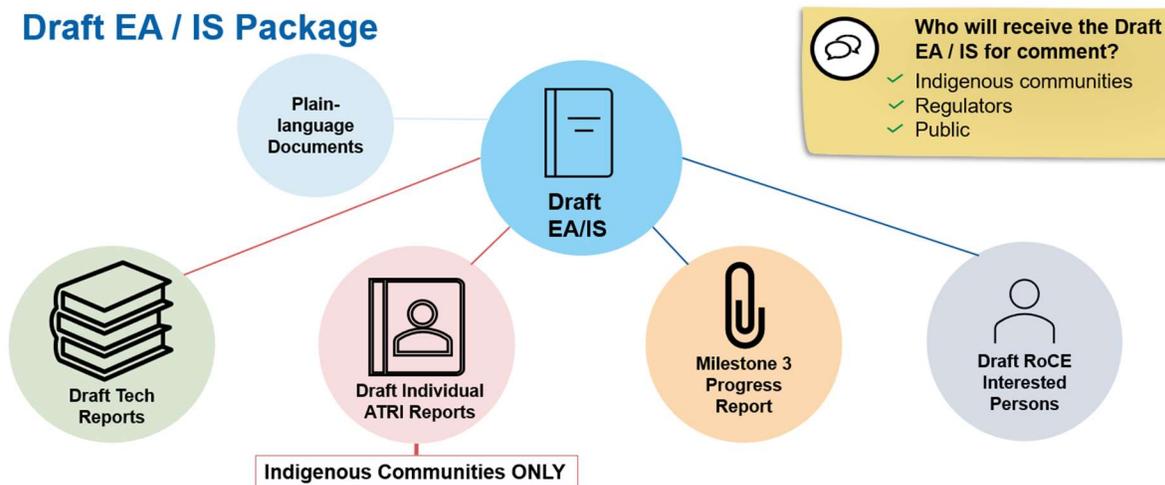
Frequently Asked Questions – Draft EA / IS

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.





September 26, 2024

Shibogama First Nations Council
[REDACTED]

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

Dear Mr. Matthew Angees,

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 Shibogama First Nations Council has easy access to the documents and has identified a key 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 Shibogama First Nations Council 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 Shibogama First Nations Council. 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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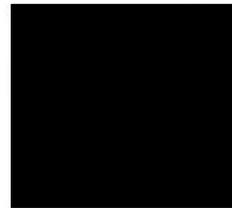
Don't hesitate to be in touch! We're happy to support you through this review.

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

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Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR - October Project Updates

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Oct 24, 2024 at 4:21 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>

Bcc: [REDACTED]

Good afternoon Mr. Angees,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am following up on the phone message I left earlier regarding some recent updates on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road.

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

Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process:

[REDACTED]

Thank you very much for your time and I hope to talk soon.

Best regards,
Laura



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Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

Milestone #3 Progress Report for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

Fri, Nov 29, 2024 at 10:42 AM

To: [redacted]
Cc: Lucia Jara Moreno <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>
Bcc: [redacted]

Dear Mr. Matthew Angees,

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 Shibogama First Nations Council:

[redacted]

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

We welcome any edits or comments to the Shibogama First Nations Council 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: [redacted]

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,
Laura



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Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

December Outreach - Follow Ups and 2024 Year End

Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

Thu, Dec 19, 2024 at 3:59 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Mr. Angees,

I'm following up to my previous phone call message to provide you with updates to the MFFN CAR Project before the holidays.

Please fill out our survey!

- In September, we sent you an email with a letter and FAQ in preparation for the release of the Draft EA / IS. As we prepare to submit the Draft EA / IS, we want to ensure your community has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process.
- **Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process:**
[redacted]

Milestone #3 Progress Report Feedback

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

Happy 2024 Year-end!

As we approach the new year, we'd like to acknowledge the milestones achieved for the MFFN Community Access Road in 2024. In particular, we celebrated the selection of the final route for the Community Access Road. On August 26, 2024, Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council signed a Band Council Resolution confirming the proposed final route.

We took part in multiple events this year, including hosting in-community meetings with Marten Falls First Nation in July and October and in-community meetings with Aroland First Nation in June and July. We also attended the Three-Road Projects Gathering and Expo in June. We extend a great thank you to everyone who attended and took part in these gatherings. Your collaboration has helped shape the future of the road.

Coming up in 2025, we are preparing for the release of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment. We look forward to receiving your insights on this document and are enthusiastic about what 2025 will hold for the Community Access Road.

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

Have a fantastic holiday and start to your new year,

Laura



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January 2025 Updates for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jan 28, 2025 at 9:47 AM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good morning Mr. Angees,

Happy new year!

I wanted to follow up my recent message with reception with an email summarizing some of the updates to the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

- **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.
 - **Please fill out our survey!**
 - We want to ensure Shibogama First Nations Council has easy access to the documents and has identified a key community contact to help guide the review process.
 - Please fill out this questionnaire to identify a key contact and preferences related to the review process: [REDACTED]
 - If you do not fill out the survey and identify a preferred method of receiving the document, we will send you a link to a website that hosts the Draft EA / IS document. Please note, the Draft EA/IS is expected to be ~20,000-pages.
 - **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 28 / 29, 2024, we distributed your specific Milestone #3 Progress Report.
 - We welcome any edits or comments to your specific section which you may provide through email, telephone or by scheduling a meeting. Please provide your feedback by February 14, 2025.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Take care,
Laura



Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

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

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 13, 2025
at 4:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: "Swyers, Laura" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Matthew Angees,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Website: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address:

AECOM Canada ULC.
C/O Joanne Wang

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

If you are not able to provide us with your feedback through any of these addresses, please contact us at [REDACTED]. We will find a way to support your submission through other means.

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

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

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

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

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

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MFFN CAR - Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) available for Indigenous community review

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

Fri, Feb 21, 2025 at 5:19 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>, Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Angees,

I want to provide a brief project update for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

MFFN CAR Draft EA / IS Email

As you may already be aware, the Draft EA / IS is now available for Indigenous communities, groups, and councils to review. All information pertaining to the Draft EA / IS will come from a separate email account [REDACTED]. Please ensure all questions and comments on the Draft EA / IS are sent to this email address.

Book a Meeting!

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

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. Please let us know if we should expect to receive any feedback from Shibogama First Nations Council.

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

Thank you very much,

Laura



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Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

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1 message

Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

Mon, Mar 31, 2025 at 5:07 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Hello Mr. Angees,

As a follow up to my recent phone message, I wanted to provide some updates to the MFFN CAR Project:

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

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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!

Take care,
Laura



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1 message

Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Apr 30, 2025 at 3:28 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[REDACTED]>, Jodi Miles <[REDACTED]>, Lucia Jara Moreno <[REDACTED]>
Bcc: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Good afternoon Mr. Angees, I'm writing to provide a few updates for the MFFN CAR Project:

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

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 Review Period Now Starting: 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 10, 2025, the Community Well-Being Report was released for review by Indigenous communities and groups.

Public Information Centre #6:

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

Upcoming Webinars:

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

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

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

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the MFFN CAR Project.
Take care, Laura



Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates | May 2025

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 3:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]
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Hello Mr. Angees,

I hope you are doing well. I'm emailing you to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project for May:

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

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

Book a Meeting: We are here to assist you in the review process of the Draft EA / IS. Please reach out if you would like to book an in-person or virtual meeting to discuss the Draft EA / IS. We understand the size of the document (~20,000 pages) can be overwhelming and are here to support you with review. **Since your community indicated interest in a meeting in the Draft EA / IS survey, please let us know when you can meet.**

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:

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

[REDACTED]

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

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

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss any of the above.



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL-SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

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

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

Thunder Bay Monday, May 26, 2025

Location:

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

Time:

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

*Light refreshments will be served.

Geraldton Thursday, May 29, 2025

Location:

Geraldton Community Centre
200 Wardrope Avenue, Geraldton, Ontario

Time:

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

*Light refreshments will be served.

Learn about:

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

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

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

Contact Information

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

Email: info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

Phone: [REDACTED]



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



Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates | June 2025

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 3:26 PM

To: [redacted]
Cc: Kyla Zielbauer <[redacted]>, Jodi Miles <[redacted]>
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Hello Mr. Angees,

I hope you are doing well. I'm emailing you to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project for June:

Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement (EA / IS) - Closure of Review Period

The review period for the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact statement (EA / IS) officially closed on June 23, 2025.

Public Information Centre #6:

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

Coming Up...

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

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss any of the above.

Kind regards.

Laura



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Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>

MFFN CAR Project Updates | July 2025

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>
Bcc: [redacted]

Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 2:05 PM

Hello Mr. Angees,

I hope you are doing well. I'm emailing you to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project for July:

Draft Record of Consultation and Engagement for Indigenous Communities

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

Ongoing Field Studies

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

For more information, read the full field notice here: <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/2025-07-09-MFFN-Summer-2025-Field-Notice.pdf>

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss any of the above.

Kind regards.
Laura



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MFFN CAR Project Updates | August 2025

1 message

Swyers, Laura <[redacted]>
To: [redacted]
Cc: Jodi Miles <[redacted]>
Bcc: [redacted]

Thu, Aug 28, 2025 at 2:15 PM

Hello Mr. Angees,

I hope you are doing well. I'm emailing you to provide updates on the MFFN CAR Project for August:

New Video: Understanding Cumulative Effects

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

To watch our latest video, click here:

<https://vimeo.com/1096031872/90de3c9f05?fl=pl&fe=vl>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Laura



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