

Appendix 4-1

Round 1 APEP Questions and Comments

Round 1 (2009) – Large Area Transportation Network Study

The purpose of Round 1 meetings was to provide information about the Large Area Transportation Network Study, confirm interest in an all-season road and solicit input into the possible route corridors connecting the communities to the Provincial highway system.

Dates of meetings:

- May 5, 2009 (Berens River First Nation and NAC);
- July 6, 2009 (Berens River First Nation);
- April 2, 2009 (Poplar River First Nation); and
- December 2, 2009 (Poplar River First Nation).

A summary of comments and questions is presented in **Table 4-1.1**.

Table 4-1.1: Round 1 Summary of Comments

General Support (Benefits and Opportunities)	Other Comments Received
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decrease in cost of living on food, fuel, freight, services and supplies; ▪ Increase in employment and training opportunities; ▪ Increase in educational opportunities and educational infrastructure (construction/expansion of existent community educational facilities); ▪ Decrease in cost of transportation of goods; ▪ Easier access to better health care facilities; ▪ Increase in intercommunity travel; and ▪ Increase in economic development within the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase in access to traditional land or land that was previously inaccessible for recreational or commercial purposes; ▪ Lack of control over access to and the use of traditional/community lands; ▪ Potential decrease in traditional activities (hunting, trapping, fishing, berry gathering); ▪ Potential impacts to wildlife and the natural environment as a result of increased access into previously undisturbed areas; ▪ Potential decrease in interest in the traditional lifestyle among youth; ▪ Request for compensation for the loss of traditional lands; ▪ Potential for increase in drug and alcohol availability and abuse; and ▪ Potential for increase in criminal activity and gang related violence.