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**Re: Round 3 Consultation Progress Report
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment**

Dear Chief Moonias:

We hope that this letter finds you and your community well.

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the Webequie Supply Road Project (WSR or the Project), a proposed 107 km all-season road that will facilitate the movement of materials and people from the Webequie Airport to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. An Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* and an Impact Assessment (IA) under the federal *Impact Assessment Act* is being conducted to identify and assess how the Project may affect the natural environment as well as the health, socio-economic and cultural well-being of communities.

We are providing the attached Consultation Progress Report 3 (electronic and hard copy), which summarizes and documents Round 3 of the Engagement and Consultation Program with your community for your review and comments.

The Consultation Progress Report 3 is provided as per the requirements of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the provincial EA process and specifically the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) ToR Notice of Approval that requires the proponent to provide Consultation Progress Reports to Indigenous communities at three key milestones throughout the EA/IA process. The Consultation Progress Reports 1 and 2 for Consultation Rounds 1 and 2 were provided to Indigenous communities and the MECP in October 2022 and January 2024, respectively. In the MECP approval letter with the ToR Notice of Approval, dated October 8, 2021, the Ministry acknowledged “the concerns expressed by several Indigenous communities about the consultation process for the ToR, about their role, and input in the EA process for the proposed Project going forward, impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, and about Ontario’s obligations and efforts to meet the duty to consult.” For more information on the Minister’s approval, go to <https://www.ontario.ca/page/webequie-supply-road-project>.

The Consultation Progress Report 3 provides an overview of engagement activities in Consultation Round 3, as well as community-specific summaries of engagement and community feedback and input provided by community members. Consultation Round 3 of the Engagement and Consultation Program occurred from April 2024 to September 2024. Key milestones and topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Summary of input received from Consultation Round 2;

- Summary of preliminary effects assessment for select valued components, including cumulative effects;
- Incorporation of IKLRU information into EA/IA;
- Proposed mitigation, and follow-up monitoring program; and
- Next steps in EA/IA process.

Webequie First Nation is committed to ongoing engagement with your community through the EA/IA process. Our Project Team is available to discuss the contents of the Consultation Progress Report 3, and we hope this provides an additional opportunity for the community to learn about the Project and to raise any concerns or comments about potential effects to your community and the environment more broadly that should be considered in the EA/IA.

Next steps in the engagement and consultation program for the Project will involve various engagement and consultation options for communities to review assessment findings in the draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement (EAR/IS), including targeted sessions with Indigenous communities for feedback and input on the results of the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. Future engagement and consultation sessions for communities are tentatively scheduled to start in Winter of fiscal year 2024/2025 and will coincide with the release of the draft EAR/IS for review and comments. The outcomes from future engagement and consultation activities planned will be used by the Project Team to help inform in the development of the Final EAR/IS that will be submitted to provincial and federal regulators and circulated to all Indigenous communities for review and comments.

We welcome any feedback and input your community may have on the attached Consultation Progress Report 3, so that issues or concerns can be addressed in the EA/IA process for the Project. Should your community have any questions or comments on the Consultation Progress Report 3, please feel free to contact me at 807-472-6147 or michael.fox@supplyroad.ca.

Thank you very much and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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CONSULTATION PROGRESS REPORT – ROUND 3

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1 Introduction

1.1 Project Background

The proposed Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project (the Project) is a new all-season road of approximately 107 kilometres (km) in length from Webequie First Nation to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake (also referred to as the Ring of Fire) in the James Bay lowlands. The Project proponent is Webequie First Nation, a Matawa First Nation Ojibway community located in northwestern Ontario, approximately 525 km north of Thunder Bay, with remote access by air and seasonal winter road.

A 35 metre (m) road right-of-way width, within the broader approximately two (2) kilometre (km) wide preliminary preferred corridor, is proposed for the Project to accommodate a permanent two (2)-lane all-season road. Waterbody crossing structures, aggregate extraction and processing areas, construction camps and storage and laydown yards also form part of the Project components.

On May 3, 2018, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a voluntary agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the Project subject to an individual (now referred as Comprehensive) Environmental Assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Project is also subject to an Impact Assessment (IA) and must meet the requirements of the federal *Impact Assessment Act*.

In August 2020, a proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was submitted to MECP. As part of the development of the ToR, engagement and consultation was initiated with 22 Indigenous communities and organizations/groups, as well as the public, government agencies, and stakeholders, and comments received during the review period were incorporated into the final proposed ToR as applicable.

In October 2021, a Notice of Approval (NoA) of the ToR was issued by the MECP, defining the framework for preparing the EA for the Project. This includes adhering to the approved ToR and amendments made by MECP as described in the NoA. Finally, a Notice of Commencement of the EA was published in November 2021, signifying the formal start of the coordinated EA/IA process and related engagement and consultation activities.

1.2 Purpose

Consultation Progress Reports for the Project seek to fulfill requirements that are defined within the NoA of the ToR. Per Amendment 3, "Consultation Reporting at Key EA Milestones" described in the NoA, MECP specifies that Progress Reports must be prepared for consultation activities associated with each EA milestone, which have been conceptualized as the three Consultation Rounds further detailed in **Section 2.3** below. Furthermore, Consultation Progress Reports must:

- Be organized by each Indigenous community;
- Contain a consultation log and summary that tracks consultation activities, information shared by Webequie First Nation with the community, any community input, and Webequie First Nation's responses to such input; and
- Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.



Consultation Progress Reports must be provided to both MECP and each Indigenous community, with a copy of the community-specific portion of the Consultation Progress Report that relates to that community, before proceeding to the next EA milestone. The Project Team will respond to any questions or concerns raised by MECP or an Indigenous community in response to Consultation Progress Reports including making any revisions to Consultation Progress Reports as considered applicable. Each final Consultation Progress Report must be appended to the Record of Consultation submitted with the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS) for the Project. Therefore, Consultation Progress Reports support the comprehensive documentation of engagement and consultation activities to facilitate successful completion of the EA/IA process for the Project.

The purpose of this Consultation Progress Report 3 (the Report) is to summarize the Engagement and Consultation Program for the EA/IA process and to document the results of activities carried out as part of Consultation Round 3 that occurred from April 2024 to September 2024. Key outcomes (including activities undertaken, feedback received, and responses provided by the Project Team) are documented for each of the 22 Indigenous communities being consulted as part of the Project.



2 Engagement and Consultation Program Background

2.1 Principles and Approach

2.1.1 Webequie-Led Indigenous Communities Consultation

Following the same principles and approach used for Consultation Round 1 and 2, the plan for Consultation Round 3 with Indigenous communities was developed in accordance with the following overarching guidance:

- Elders' guiding principles;
- Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to Indigenous community consultation/engagement; and
- Requirements of applicable legislation, policies, and guidelines.

Elders provided guidance to the Project Team to ensure engagement and consultation were conducted in a respectful manner that reflects the culture and tradition of the Webequie people and their clans and neighbours outside the community. The Project Team ensured that all Project-related engagement and consultation activities were inclusive of the following guiding principles (and will continue to do so for future engagement and consultation):

- Mutual recognition of nation-to-nation;
- Mutual recognition of ancestral knowledge;
- Mutual recognition of traditional knowledge and practices;
- Mutual recognition of clan families and relationships;
- Mutual recognition of sustainable livelihood; and
- Mutual recognition of traditional protocols.

The Webequie First Nation three-tier framework approach to Indigenous consultation is consistent with the Webequie First Nation's traditional cultural values, customs, and beliefs. Webequie is taking this unique approach that is based on not only their Elders but modern-day protocols in terms of how they engage with the public and also fellow Anishinabek, Cree and Oji-Cree peoples. The approach respects multiple aspects of what makes a community work well and relates to how its members see the world and can best benefit from roads, resource development and ownership of their land.

2.1.2 Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples

The Project falls under the jurisdiction of both the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act), and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*. The Ontario Crown may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to Project proponents, and Project proponents are obliged under the EA Act to consult with all interested parties, including Indigenous communities. To ensure each round of engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities is meaningful, it is recognized that Indigenous communities have varying rights and interests in respect of the Project, and community requests for different approaches to engagement and consultation have been accommodated wherever possible to mitigate impacts to their rights and interests. In addition, the "public" consultation process is also open to Indigenous communities.

The MECP and the Ministry of Mines (MINES) (formerly the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines), on behalf of the Ontario Government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of consultation to Webequie First Nation, as proponent. While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and MINES) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the Crown’s obligations under the Duty to Consult.

A Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, MINES and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty to Consult will be shared between the Crown and the proponent, was finalized on February 7, 2020. In addition to the delegated responsibilities, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult. Further details regarding Webequie First Nation’s roles and responsibilities in conducting Statutory Consultation for the Project are provided in Section 10.1.2 of the ToR.

2.2 Identification of Indigenous Communities and Organizations

In coordination with other provincial government agencies, Ontario Crown (MECP) identified a list of 22 potentially affected Indigenous communities that are to be consulted for the Project. These communities were identified by Ontario, as per direction provided in the letter from MECP to Webequie First Nation on December 19, 2018, as potentially having their rights and/or interests affected by the Project. Of these Indigenous communities, 16 were identified as potentially being affected by the Project, while six other Indigenous communities may have an interest in the Project. For the purposes of the EA/IA, all 22 communities will be referred to as potentially affected. The full list of communities is presented in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-1: Indigenous Communities to be Engaged/Consulted

Tribal Council or Affiliation	Community or Organization
Matawa Tribal Council	Webequie First Nation Aroland First Nation Constance Lake First Nation Eabametoong First Nation Ginoogaming First Nation Long Lake #58 First Nation Marten Falls First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Nibinamik First Nation
Mushkegowuk Council	Fort Albany First Nation Kashechewan First Nation Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation
Shibogama Council	Attawapiskat First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation Wapekeka First Nation Wawakapewin First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation



Tribal Council or Affiliation	Community or Organization
Windigo First Nations Council	North Caribou Lake First Nation Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation
Métis Nation of Ontario	Métis Nation of Ontario – Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territories Protocol Area (“Region 2”)
Non Affiliated Tribal Council	Mishkeegogamang First Nation

2.3 Overview of Engagement and Consultation Program

The Engagement and Consultation Program for the EA/IA has been categorized into three different rounds which are associated with distinct Project milestones, topics, timelines, and EA milestones. These rounds are defined in the following **Sections 2.3.1, 2.3.2, and 2.3.3.**

The EA milestones as outlined under Amendment 3.1 in the ToR NoA are below, and there is discretion for the proponent to modify the organization of the topics under the three milestones:

- Notice of Commencement of EA;
- Baseline Data Collection, Identification of Alternatives; and
- Evaluation of Alternatives and Preliminary Effects Assessment.

2.3.1 Round 1

Consultation Round 1 of the Engagement and Consultation Program occurred in April to September 2022. Key milestones and topics covered in this round of consultation included:

- Overview of EA/IA process;
- Consultation to-date and what we have heard (i.e., during the ToR phase);
- Study Plans for discipline studies;
- Criteria and indicators for evaluation and selection of a preferred route and Project effects assessment;
- Approach for evaluation of alternatives (routes, aggregate areas);
- Overview and status of baseline studies;
- Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use (IKLRU) Program; and
- Consultation approach and next steps.

2.3.2 Round 2

Consultation Round 2 took place from March 2023 to November 2023. The following milestones and topics were presented for feedback as part of engagement and consultation activities for this round:

- Summary of input received from Consultation Round 1;
- Overview of results of baseline studies to characterize existing conditions within the study area;
- Identification and evaluation of “alternatives to” the Project and “alternative methods” of carrying out the Project;



- Criteria and indicators used for the evaluation of alternative methods (e.g., routes, construction camps and aggregate source areas) arranged under factors (e.g., natural environment, technical considerations, Indigenous land use and interests);
- Preliminary recommended preferred route and locations for supportive infrastructure (aggregate/rock source areas, construction camps, access roads) from multifactor analysis, including rationale for selection;
- Preliminary engineering design elements of WSR (bridges, culverts, road design); and
- Next steps and schedule.

2.3.3 Round 3

Consultation Round 3 took place from April 2024 to September 2024. The following milestones and topics were covered as part of engagement and consultation activities for this round:

- Summary of input received from Consultation Round 2;
- Summary of preliminary effects assessment for select valued components, including cumulative effects;
- Incorporation of IKLRU information into EA/IA;
- Proposed mitigation, and follow-up monitoring program; and
- Next steps in EA/IA process.

Several engagement activities were undertaken prior to the official initiation of Consultation Round 3, from February 5, 2024 to April 22, 2024, which included virtual (live-stream) topic-specific information sessions and radio shows. Each topic had two sessions, with one weekly live-stream on Facebook and one weekly radio show on Wawatay Radio. Refer to **Table 2-2** for a list of topics which were covered during this period. Schedule of Consultation Activities

Table 2-2 provides a high-level schedule of activities that occurred in Consultation Round 3. For activities that occurred during Consultation Round 1 and Round 2, the reader is referred to the WSR Consultation Progress Reports for Round 1 and Round 2, dated October 21, 2022 and February 5, 2024 respectively, that were distributed to all Indigenous communities and the MECP.

Section 3 of this document provides more detailed activity-specific schedules for activities that occurred during Consultation Round 3.

Table 2-2: Activities During Consultation Round 3

Regulatory Milestone/Activity	Consultation Activity	Date(s)
CONSULTATION ROUND 3		
Notifications, Project Updates and Offer of Engagement Options	Notification letters, emails, fax to inform all Indigenous communities/groups and stakeholders on the Project contact list that since the ToR was approved, the Project Team has been working on the EA/IA phase of the Project and that the Project Team would like to share information on the EA/IA activities including project updates, consultation, and engagement to-date, preliminary findings of disciplines, invitations to review the draft Community-Specific Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Summary documents, and next steps. This included the offer of various virtual and in-person engagement options to communities (e.g., focus group sessions, community sessions, drop-in	January 2024 – September 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.1)



Regulatory Milestone/Activity	Consultation Activity	Date(s)
	sessions, virtual focus groups, virtual community presentations, one-hour teleconference calls, local radio call-in shows and on-line surveys).	
Virtual Community Information Sessions	<p>Round 3 virtual community information sessions held for all 22 Indigenous communities to share information about the EA/IA activities including engagement and consultation to-date, effects assessment preliminary findings, and consultation approach and next steps.</p> <p>In addition, each community was offered real-time translation of the session and a Virtual Reality Open House to access further information about WSR and studies being undertaken, along with opportunities to provide feedback.</p>	April 2024 – July 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.2)
Topic-Specific Live-stream Sessions and Radio Call-in Shows	<p>Virtual live-stream information sessions and Wawatay Radio call-in shows were held on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preliminary results of effects assessment for selected valued components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Surface water; ▫ Aquatic habitat; ▫ Groundwater; ▫ Geology, terrain, and soils; and ▫ Caribou study. ▪ Information on other components such as; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Bridges and water crossings; ▫ Construction camps and other Project opportunities; ▫ Minimizing Project impacts; ▫ Floating Road; ▫ Protections after the EA; and ▫ How Indigenous Knowledge is used in EA/IA. 	January 2024 – April 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.4)
First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings	<p>In-person on-reserve community meetings with interested communities (refer to Section 3.5) were held with: Webequie First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, and Constance Lake First Nation.</p> <p>Additionally, two Elders Indigenous Knowledge sessions were held in Webequie First Nation and in Marten Falls First Nation to provide updates regarding the Project and request additional information about their communities, cultural and spiritual practices, and their feedback on the WSR.</p>	January 2024 – September 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.5)
Chief and Council Meeting	Engagement regarding background on the WSR Project, update on the regulatory process and project milestones.	August 29, 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.6)



Regulatory Milestone/Activity	Consultation Activity	Date(s)
First Nation Off-Reserve Community Meetings	An off-reserve community meeting with Nibinamik First Nation was held at Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre to provide information on project background, consultation efforts, feedback received to-date, potential effects of current activities and how these fit into the overall EA/IA process.	August 6, 2024 (See detailed information on Section 3.7)
Public Information Centre (PIC) #3	Public Information Centre # 3 (Open House) for interested off-reserve First Nation community members, and also open to the public and stakeholders, was held in Thunder Bay and Timmins to share information on EA/IA activities, result of engagement consultation to-date, preliminary effects assessment findings, and future engagement and consultation opportunities.	September 10, 12-13, 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.8)
Three Road Projects Gathering Expo	A Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo that combined the Webequie Supply Road, Marten Falls Community Access Road and Northern Road Link projects (Three Road Projects) was held in Thunder Bay. The 3-Day Gathering provided an opportunity for Elders from Treaty 9 communities to engage directly with the proponents of Three Road Projects and to share their perspective, as well as for all participants to learn about the projects and request clarifications or provide feedback, focusing on the peatlands, building roads in peatlands, water, and fish/fish habitat. Provincial ministries and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada also participated in the session and were available to respond to any questions from participants.	June 11 – June 13, 2024 (See detailed information in Section 3.9)
Project Website	Updates to the Project website with communication materials including: fact sheets, newsletters (refer to Section 3.3 for details), videos, and key Project information. The Project website also includes Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the WSR Project and are available to all interested parties.	Ongoing



3 Engagement and Consultation Activities During Round 3 of the EA/IA Process

During Consultation Round 3, various virtual and in-person activities were facilitated by the Project Team for proactive engagement and consultation with all 22 Indigenous communities. The following subsections provide an overview of all activities that have been carried out as part of Consultation Round 3, including dates, involved communities, general summaries, and other details as applicable. Further information is provided in the detailed Consultation Log in Appendix A.

3.1 Project Notifications and Updates

3.1.1 Notices/Invitations

Notices regarding key Project milestones and invitation letters for engagement activities were sent to Indigenous communities via formal letters, e-mail, mail (Canada Post), and fax (where applicable), as further described in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1: Notices/Invitations Circulated During Consultation Round 3

#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
1	Notice of WSR Consultation Progress Report Round 2	January 29, 2024 – Mail	A notice was sent out via mail to all 22 Indigenous communities which included a cover letter, and a digital (via USB memory stick) and hard copy of the WSR Consultation Progress Report Round 2. The USB contained files supporting Record of Consultation and an electronic version of the Consultation Report for Round 2. The letter explained that the Consultation Progress Report summarizes and documents the results of Round 2 of the Engagement and Consultation Program with Indigenous communities for the Project. The letter further explained that Webequie First Nation is tentatively planning to conduct Consultation Round 3 for the Project and provided a list of topics and milestones which are proposed to be covered as part of the engagement and consultation activities for Round 3.
2	Engagement Options Letter #1 (with information on live-stream and radio shows, topics to be covered, engagement options, and Radio Ad Poster)	January 31, 2024 – E-mail January 31, 2024 – Fax	A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities on available engagement options, and topics to be covered in the upcoming Consultation Round 3. The letter provided a schedule of the topic-specific live-stream sessions for the month of February 2024. The letter indicated that the topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled 'Road



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
			Access and Control Issues' is scheduled for February, 5, 2024. To help create awareness of upcoming engagement activities the letter attached a poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office). Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any further information.
3	Engagement Options Letter #2 (with information on live-stream, topics to be covered, engagement options, and Radio Show Ad Poster)	February 8, 2024 – E-mail February 8, 2024 – Fax	A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities with available engagement options, and topics to be covered in the upcoming Consultation Round 3. The letter indicated that the topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled 'Minimizing Project Impacts', along with a question-and-answer (Q&A) period is scheduled for February 12, 2024. To help create awareness of upcoming engagement activities the letter also attached a poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office). Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any further information.
4	Notice of Draft Community-Specific Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Summary Document	February 9, 2024 – Notification letter via e-mail (Attawapiskat First Nation, Eabametoong First Nation, Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Webequie First Nation, Weenusk First Nation) March 11, 2024 – Notification letter via e-mail (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation)	A notification letter and report were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities, beginning with those communities in the identified Local Study Area for the Project, followed by those in the Regional Study Area. requesting the community's review of the draft Community-Specific Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Summary document with data and information collected for use in the EA/IA. The letter also provided a list of the community-specific baseline information provided in the document and requested each community to provide comments and feedback on the content.



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
5	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #3	February 15, 2024 – E-mail February 15, 2024 – Fax	<p>A follow-up letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities with request for any feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been previously circulated to each community. The letter reiterated an overview of the package sent by the Project Team containing the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2 (hard copy and USB) and understanding of the status of delivery as of February 15, 2024.</p> <p>The letter also provided information that the next topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled 'Temporary construction camps and other Project opportunities', along with a Q&A period is scheduled for February 20, 2024. In addition, the letter provided options for community engagement and attached a project awareness poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office) to help create awareness of upcoming engagement activities. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any further information.</p>
6	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #2	February 22, 2024 – E-mail February 22, 2024 – Fax	<p>A follow-up letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities with request for any feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been previously circulated to each community. The letter reiterated an overview of the package sent by the Project Team containing the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2 (hard copy and USB) and understanding of the status of delivery as of February 22, 2024.</p> <p>The letter also provided information that the next topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled 'Culverts and bridges at waterbody crossings', along with a Q&A period is scheduled for February 20, 2024. In addition, the letter provided engagement options and attached a project awareness poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office). Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any further information.</p>



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
7	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #3 (Sent with Newsletter – Issue 31)	February 28, 2024 – E-mail February 28, 2024 – Fax	Along with the newsletter, a follow-up on the on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 was sent, with information on status of delivery as of February 28, 2024, including a reminder of the request for any feedback on the Consultation Progress Report and issues of concern regarding the Project. The correspondence also included information that the topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled ‘How Indigenous Knowledge is used in the EA/IA’, along with a Q&A period is scheduled for March 4, 2024. In addition, the letter provided community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations.
8	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #4	March 6, 2024 – E-mail March 6, 2024 – Fax	A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities as a follow-up on the request for any feedback on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been circulated via mail (hard copy and USB). The letter also provided information that the next topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled ‘The Results of the Caribou Study’ along with a Q&A period is scheduled for March 11, 2024,. In addition, the letter provided community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.
9	Follow-up for Consultation Round 2 Report	March 7, 2024 – Telephone	Representative of the Project Team called the First Nation band offices of all 22 communities to follow-up on any comments or feedback from communities regarding the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2.
10	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #5	March 14, 2024 – E-mail March 14, 024 – Fax	A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities as a follow-up on the request for any feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been circulated via mail (hard copy and USB). The letter provided the status of delivery as of March 14, 2024, an overview of the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
			<p>and welcomed any feedback for consideration in the EA/IA for the Project.</p> <p>The letter also provided information that the next topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled 'The Floating Road', along with a Q&A period is scheduled for March 18, 2024. In addition, the letter provided community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.</p>
11	Follow-up of Draft Preliminary Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Document	March 18, 2024 – Telephone	<p>Follow-up via telephone to 21 communities regarding the Preliminary Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Document provided to Indigenous communities on February 9 and March 11 requesting confirmation of receipt of the letter and the document, and any feedback or comments on the content. Exception for the follow-up was Attawapiskat First Nation, as a response was received by the Project Team for the original correspondence.</p>
12	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #6	<p>March 20, 2024 – E-mail</p> <p>March 20, 2024 – Fax</p>	<p>A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities as a follow-up on request for feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been circulated via mail (hard copy and USB). The letter provided the status of delivery as of March 14, 2024, an overview of the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2 and welcomed any feedback for consideration in the EA/IA for the Project.</p> <p>The letter also provided information that the next topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled 'What are the protections after the EA', along with a Q & A period is scheduled for March 25, 2024. In addition, the letter provided engagement options and attached a project awareness poster for communities to post to their community website, community Facebook page, or in-community locations (e.g., band office). Contact details of Project representatives were provided for any further information. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.</p>



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
13	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #7 (Sent with Newsletter – Issue 32)	March 27, 2024 – E-mail March 27, 2024 – Fax March 28, 2024 – Mail (Newsletter)	<p>Along with the newsletter, a follow-up on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities, with information on status of delivery as of March 27, 2024, including a reminder of the request for any feedback on the Consultation Progress Report or issues of concern regarding the Project.</p> <p>The correspondence also included information that the topic-specific live-stream session and radio show titled ‘Aquatic Habitat Preliminary Findings’ along with a Q&A period is scheduled for April 1, 2024. The letter provided community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.</p>
14	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #8	April 4, 2024 – E-mail April 4, 2024 – Fax	<p>A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities as a follow-up on feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been circulated via mail (hard copy and USB). The letter provided an overview of the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2 and welcomed any feedback and input to be addressed in the EA/IA process and Consultation Round 3.</p> <p>The letter also provided information that the next live-stream session and radio show titled ‘Surface Water Preliminary Findings’ along with a Q & A period is scheduled for April 8, 2024. The letter indicated that sessions would include a presentation on surface water preliminary findings, along with a Q&A period. The letter provided community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.</p>



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
15	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #9	April 11, 2024 – E-mail April 11, 2024 – Fax	<p>A letter and fax were distributed to all 22 Indigenous communities as a follow-up on the request for feedback and comments on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 which had been circulated via mail (hard copy and USB). The letter provided an overview of the Consultation Progress Report for Round 2 and welcomed any feedback and input to be addressed in the EA/IA for the Project.</p> <p>The letter also provided information that the topic-specific live-stream session and radio show title 'Preliminary findings of the groundwater assessment' along with a Q & A period is scheduled for April 15, 2024. The letter provided community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.</p>
16	Notice of follow-up of Consultation Progress Report Round 2, and Engagement Options Letter #10 (Sent with Newsletter – Issue 33)	April 18, 2024 – E-mail April 18, 2024 – Fax April 25, 2024 – Mail (Newsletter)	<p>Along with the newsletter, a follow-up on the Consultation Progress Report Round 2 was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities that included a reminder of the request for any feedback on the Consultation Progress Report or issues of concern regarding the Project.</p> <p>The correspondence included information that the topic-specific live-stream session and radio show title 'Preliminary findings of the geology, terrain, and soils assessment' along with a Q&A period is scheduled for April 22, 2024. The letter also provided various community engagement options and attached a poster for staff to post on the community website, community Facebook page, and in other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information.</p>
17	Notice #1 of Virtual Community Information Sessions Round 3 (Part 1 of 2)	April 24, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation) April 27, 2024 – Mail (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation) April 30, 2024 – E-mail, Fax, and Mail (Eabametoong First Nation,	Correspondence was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities that included an invitation letter and poster about virtual community information sessions planned for each community and registration links. The virtual information sessions included a presentation to provide a project update, what we heard from engagement and consultation to-date, scope of the EA/IA and assessment methodology,



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
		<p>Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation)</p> <p>May 8, 2024 – E-mail (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation)</p> <p>May 10, 2024 – Mail (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation)</p> <p>May 14, 2024 – E-mail (Attawapiskat First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation)</p> <p>May 15, 2024 – Fax and Mail (Attawapiskat First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation)</p> <p>May 22, 2024 – E-mail, Mail, and Fax (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Weenusk First Nation)</p> <p>May 29, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2, North Caribou Lake First Nation, Mishkeegogamang First Nation)</p> <p>June 3, 2024 – Mail (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2, North Caribou Lake First Nation, Mishkeegogamang First Nation)</p>	<p>preliminary findings of the effects assessment for select valued components, and next steps in the EA/IA process. The letters noted there would be a platform to allow for real-time translation during the virtual information sessions to accommodate community members.</p> <p>The letters also included a poster of the virtual information session for the community website, community Facebook page, or other in-community locations. Contact details of Project representatives were provided for further information or questions.</p>
18	Invitation to Three Road Projects Gathering & Expo	May 31, 2024 – E-mail	An invitation for the 'Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo' was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities, with information on date, location, planned sessions for the three-day event, and topics to be covered. The notice described the purpose of the event to build-on the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forums previously held and funding information for Indigenous communities to participate in the event.



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
19	Notice #2 of Virtual Community Information Sessions Round 3 (Part 2)	<p>June 3, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation)</p> <p>June 5, 2024 – Mail (Aroland First Nation, Constance Lake First Nation, Webequie First Nation)</p> <p>June 11, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation, Long Lake #58 First Nation)</p> <p>June 12, 2024 – Mail (Eabametoong First Nation, Ginoogaming First Nation. Long Lake #58 First Nation)</p> <p>June 18, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation)</p> <p>June 19, 2024 – Mail (Marten Falls First Nation, Neskantaga First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation)</p> <p>June 25, 2024 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation, Kashechewan First Nation)</p> <p>July 3, 2024 – E-mail, Fax (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Weenusk First Nation)</p> <p>July 8, 2024 – Mail (Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Weenusk First Nation)</p> <p>July 9, 2024 – E-mail and Fax (Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation)</p> <p>July 15, 2024 – E-mail, Fax and Mail (Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation, Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation First Nation)</p>	<p>An invitation notice, letter and poster were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities regarding virtual community information sessions for Consultation Round 3 (Part 2) with registration links. Part 2 Virtual Community Information Sessions for Round 3 were a continuation of the topics covered in Part 1 and included a presentation to provide project update, what we heard from engagement and consultation to-date, scope of the EA/IA and assessment methodology, preliminary findings of the effects assessment for select valued components, and next steps in the EA/IA process. The letter noted that there would be a platform to allow for real-time translation to accommodate community members during the session.</p> <p>The letter also included information on the Virtual Open House for Consultation Round 3 available on the Project website for further information and to provide comments. The letter indicated that the Project Team is available for additional engagement sessions, if interested and contact information of the Project Team was provided for any clarifications or questions.</p>



#	Notice	Date(s) *	Description
20	Notice of Public Information Centre (PIC) #3	August 27, 2024 – Newspaper August 29, 2024 – E-mail September 6, 2024 – E-mail (Reminder)	A notice for PIC #3 was published in local newspapers, posted on the Project website, and sent to all 22 Indigenous communities and stakeholders on the Project's contact list. The notice informed recipients of the Project purpose, EA/IA planning process, and PIC details including date, time, location, and contact information.
21	Field Notice Geotechnical Drilling Program	September 13, 2024 – E-mail	A notice of the fall geotechnical drilling program was sent to select Indigenous communities near the proposed drill sites. The notice was sent via e-mail and provided information on what to expect during the drilling program. The notice was provided as required by the Land Use Permits for Project issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources.
22	Notice of Early Circulation of Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement	September 20, 2024 – E-mail	The notice of the early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS was sent to all 22 Indigenous communities. The letter notification provided an overview of the EA/IA process, information on the Draft EAR/IS, the review and comments period, and offer of support to eligible communities to access capacity funding from the province.

*Note: Activities listed from January 2024 to April 2024 were pre-round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team; and activities undertaken subsequent to September 13, 2024 are post-Round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team.

3.1.2 Newsletters

Monthly newsletters providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project (such as field studies, study plans, the IKLRU Program, alternatives assessment process, cumulative effects assessment, socio-economic primary data collection, and consultation events) were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities via e-mail, mail (through Canada Post), and fax, as further described in **Table 3-2**. Newsletters were also posted on the Project website, ensuring they are accessible to all Indigenous community members. Additionally, Webequie First Nation receives a community-specific newsletter on a quarterly basis that provides information and updates on the Project with highlights on community participation and community-specific activities.

Table 3-2: Monthly Newsletters Circulated During Consultation Round 3

Issue	Month *	Description of Newsletter Contents
30	January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information about the surface water study plan, and vegetation study plan. ▪ Notice of resumption of the radio shows and live-stream.
31	February 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information about the wolverine study, and caribou study. ▪ Information on radio shows and live-stream scheduled for March 2024.
32	March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information on topics for Consultation Round 3, and road foundation design. ▪ Information on radio shows and live-stream scheduled for April 2024.



Issue	Month *	Description of Newsletter Contents
33	April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the Aquatic Habitat Preliminary Findings. Information on the upcoming Virtual Community Information Sessions for Consultation Round 3.
34	May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the Geology, Terrain, and Soils Preliminary Findings. Information on the upcoming Virtual Community Information Sessions for Consultation Round 3.
35	June 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the Three Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay. Information on the upcoming Virtual Community Information Sessions for Consultation Round 3.
36	July 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the wildlife studies' findings. Summary of key themes from Consultation Round 1, Round 2, and Round 3 Part 1. Information on the Public Information Centres scheduled for September 10 at Timmins, September 12 and 13 at Thunder Bay.
37	August 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of Social Environment Preliminary Findings. Summary of Three Road Project Gathering and Expo in Thunder Bay. Information on the Public Information Centres scheduled for September 10 at Timmins, September 12 and 13 at Thunder Bay.
38	September 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on Public Information Centre #3. Preliminary findings of the Human Health and Country Foods study. Early Circulation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report / Impact Statement.

*Note: Activities listed from January 2024 to April 2024 were pre-round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team.

3.2 Virtual Community Information Sessions

Virtual community information sessions were held during Consultation Round 3 – one held for each of the 22 Indigenous communities at the start of each week. The Virtual Community Information Sessions were scheduled for 1.5 hours. The actual length of the meetings varied depending on the number of participants and questions or comments raised.

Table 3-4 shows the schedule of sessions. Session duration and number of community participants is listed by each Indigenous community in **Section 4**. An invitation letter and poster were sent to the Chief of each community at least two weeks in advance of the event. Each session was hosted by the Project Team via Zoom and live-streamed via YouTube. Detailed analytics for each Virtual Community Information Session are presented in **Section 4.2**.

Sessions included an introduction to the current status of the EA/IA process for the Project, a pre-recorded video presentation summarizing topics for engagement during Consultation Round 3, and a Q&A period, during which time responses were provided to questions raised to-date by the community during the ongoing EA/IA phase. At the session, attendees were also encouraged to pose new questions to the Project Team. After each session, the video of the recorded virtual information session was posted to the Project website and YouTube, ensuring community members who were unable to attend could still watch the session pertaining to their community and submit questions and feedback. Comments received from each community and responses provided by the Project Team are detailed in **Section 4.1**.



The community virtual information sessions for Round 3 were conducted in two parts. Part 1 of Consultation Round 3 provided an overview of the Project, engagement and consultation undertaken to-date, scope of the EA/IA, how the EA/IA will be carried out, and the preliminary results of effects assessment for select valued components. The team also provided an update on the engagement and consultation to-date and provided an overview of the key themes of feedback from communities in Round 1 and Round 2. Further details were provided on how the presentation of the session is a shorter version of the full presentation available on the Project website, how the team would like to hear from community members, and that a recording of the session is available through YouTube and the Project Website. The Project Team had a platform which provided a real-time translation of the session in Oji-Cree.

Part 2 of Consultation Round 3 also provided an overview of the Project, engagement and consultation undertaken to-date, key themes of feedback received, scope of the EA/IA, how the EA/IA will be carried out and preliminary results of effects assessment for selected valued components such as vegetation, wildlife, social environment, Indigenous peoples and the exercise of Aboriginal and Treat Rights, cumulative effects assessment.

The dates the invitations were shared and the dates the sessions were held are listed in **Table 3-3**.

Table 3-3: Schedule for Consultation Round 3 Community Virtual Community Information Sessions

#	Indigenous Community/Group	Session Date *	Invitation Letter
CONSULTATION ROUND 3: PART 1			
1	Webequie First Nation	Monday, May 6, 2024	Wednesday, April 24, 2024
2	Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	Monday, June 3, 2024	Wednesday, May 22, 2024
3	Kashechewan First Nation	Monday, May 27, 2024	Tuesday, May 14, 2024
4	Attawapiskat First Nation	Monday, May 27, 2024	Tuesday, May 14, 2024
5	Fort Albany First Nation	Monday, May 27, 2024	Tuesday, May 14, 2024
6	Marten Falls First Nation	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Wednesday, May 8, 2024
7	Neskantaga First Nation	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Wednesday, May 8, 2024
8	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	Monday, June 3, 2024	Wednesday, May 22, 2024
9	Eabametoong First Nation	Monday, May 13, 2024	Tuesday, April 30, 2024
10	Nibinamik First Nation	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Wednesday, May 8, 2024
11	Aroland First Nation	Monday, May 6, 2024	Wednesday, April 24, 2024
12	Constance Lake First Nation	Monday, May 6, 2024	Wednesday, April 24, 2024
13	Ginoogaming First Nation	Monday, May 13, 2024	Tuesday, April 30, 2024
14	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation	Monday, June 10, 2024	Wednesday, May 29, 2024
15	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	Monday, June 3, 2024	Wednesday, May 22, 2024
16	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Monday, May 13, 2024	Tuesday, April 30, 2024
17	Mishkeegogamang First Nation	Monday, June 10, 2024	Wednesday, May 29, 2024
18	North Caribou Lake First Nation	Monday, June 10, 2024	Wednesday, May 29, 2024
19	Wapekeka First Nation	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Wednesday, May 8, 2024

#	Indigenous Community/Group	Session Date *	Invitation Letter
20	Wawakapewin First Nation	Monday, June 3, 2024	Wednesday, May 22, 2024
21	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Monday, May 27, 2024	Tuesday, May 14, 2024
22	Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2	Monday, June 10, 2024	Wednesday, May 29, 2024
CONSULTATION ROUND 3: PART 2			
1	Webequie First Nation	Monday, June 17, 2024	Monday, June 3, 2024
2	Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	Monday, July 15, 2024	Wednesday, July 3, 2024
3	Kashechewan First Nation	Monday, July 8, 2024	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
4	Attawapiskat First Nation	Monday, July 8, 2024	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
5	Fort Albany First Nation	Monday, July 8, 2024	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
6	Marten Falls First Nation	Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
7	Neskantaga First Nation	Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
8	Kasabonika Lake First Nation	Monday, July 15, 2024	Wednesday, July 3, 2024
9	Eabametoong First Nation	Monday, June 24, 2024	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
10	Nibinamik First Nation	Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Tuesday, June 18, 2024
11	Aroland First Nation	Monday, June 17, 2024	Monday, June 3, 2024
12	Constance Lake First Nation	Monday, June 17, 2024	Monday, June 3, 2024
13	Ginoogaming First Nation	Monday, June 24, 2024	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
14	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation	Monday, July 29, 2024	Wednesday, July 3, 2024
15	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	Monday, July 15, 2024	Wednesday, July 3, 2024
16	Long Lake #58 First Nation	Monday, June 24, 2024	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
17	Mishkeegogamang First Nation	Monday, July 29, 2024	Monday, July 15, 2024
18	North Caribou Lake First Nation	Monday, July 29, 2024	Monday, July 15, 2024
19	Wapekeka First Nation	Monday, July 22, 2024	Tuesday, July 9, 2024
20	Wawakapewin First Nation	Monday, July 22, 2024	Tuesday, July 9, 2024
21	Wunnumin Lake First Nation	Monday, July 22, 2024	Tuesday, July 9, 2024
22	Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2	Monday, July 29, 2024	Monday July 15, 2024

*Note: Activities listed April 2024 were pre-round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team.



3.3 Project Website

A dedicated website, www.supplyroad.ca, was created at the beginning of the Project in 2019 to provide Indigenous communities, Indigenous organizations and councils, stakeholders and general public with information on the Project, post notifications of upcoming activities and engagement events, and provide access to important documentation for review. Public notices/invitations, community information session presentations, and other relevant documents and communication materials (such as fact sheets, newsletters, and study plan summaries) are posted on the website to provide Indigenous community members and stakeholders easy access to Project information.

Throughout Consultation Round 3, recorded topic-specific live-stream sessions/radio shows and community virtual information sessions have been continuously uploaded to the website, ensuring community members who are unable to attend sessions can access Project information and provide their feedback to the Project Team.

In addition, a unique webpage was created for each of the 22 Indigenous communities, which can be accessed by entering “[supplyroad.ca/\[communityname\]](http://supplyroad.ca/[communityname])” into the web browser. Each community-specific webpage contains the following:

- Videos with information on a range of topics related to the Project;
- A live-stream recording of the community virtual information sessions;
- A Virtual Reality (VR) open house walkthrough, replicating a traditional open house setting with display boards presenting information on various aspects of the Project;
- Links to join the consultation sessions (no-registration required);
- Feedback and questions form;
- Frequently asked questions;
- A sign-up form for the WSR monthly newsletter; and
- A comment form, allowing community members to ask questions or provide feedback to the Project Team with ease.

The website also provides interested individuals with contact information and opportunity to submit questions or comments to the Project Team. The website is updated regularly to ensure all relevant documentation to-date is readily available and to provide information and notices in a practical manner.

3.3.1 Frequently Asked Questions

The reader is referred to the WSR Consultation Progress Reports for Round 1 and Round 2, dated October 21, 2022 and February 5, 2024, respectively, or to the Project website for a list of FAQs.

There have been no additional FAQs for the Project during Consultation Round 3.

3.4 Virtual Topic-Specific Live-stream Sessions and Radio Call-In Shows

Throughout Consultation Round 3, the Project Team hosted topic-specific live-stream sessions and radio call-in shows relevant to the WSR Project, as listed in **Table 3-4**. Each began with a live-stream topic-specific event on Facebook Live and YouTube at 12:00 PM EST followed by a live radio show at 2:00 PM EST on Wawatay Radio. In the two weeks leading up to each information session/radio call-in show, the Project Team ran a 30 second ad on Wawatay Radio three times each day to advertise the event.



Table 3-4: Virtual Topic-Specific Live-stream Sessions and Radio Call-In Shows during Consultation Round 3

Date *	Topic	Discussion Points
February 5, 2024	Road Access and Control Issues	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, February 5, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:30 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of Road Access & Control Access Issues. ▪ Background on previous concerns shared by Indigenous communities in the region (from previous studies) on remote communities being connected to the provincial highway network. ▪ Possible methods to mitigate these concerns.
February 12, 2024	Minimizing Project Impacts	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, February 12, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:30 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minimizing Project Impacts. ▪ A review of the WSR Project. ▪ Environmental Management Plans (EMPs), components, and specific plans that sit within an EMP. ▪ EMP enforcement and compliance.
February 20, 2024	Construction Camps and Other Project Opportunities	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:30 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction camps and other Project opportunities for community members. ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Employment opportunities potentially available to community members once the project moves from the planning phase to actual construction and operation. ▪ Tentative construction timeframe, and the number, types, and timing of the different jobs available during and after WSR Project.
February 26, 2024	Bridges and Water Crossings	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, February 26, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:30 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Number and location of watercourse crossings along the road's length. ▪ Location and approximate span of major crossings. ▪ Typical bridge design to be used. ▪ Different styles of culverts that would be used for WSR.

Date *	Topic	Discussion Points
March 4, 2024	How Indigenous Knowledge (IK) is used in the EA/IA	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, March 4, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:30 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Review of what IK is, emphasizing its appropriately broad definition. ▪ How IK can contribute to EA/IA (via use of examples from some of the different studies conducted during an EA/IA).
March 11, 2024	Preliminary Results of the Caribou Studies	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, March 11, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:00 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Types of caribou studies undertaken, including winter aerial surveys and caribou collaring. ▪ Preliminary results of both types of series. ▪ Description of further analysis to be undertaken. ▪ Potential effects of the Project.
March 18, 2024	The Floating Road	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, March 18, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:00 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Review of muskeg and how water flows through muskeg. ▪ Challenges of building roads through muskeg. ▪ Typical design approaches to address these challenges.
March 25, 2024	What are the Protections after the EA?	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, March 25, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:00 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Key definitions of frequently used terminology including commitments, monitoring and mitigation. ▪ Monitoring framework developed during EA/IA process. ▪ Description of the federal regulator's approach to monitoring and compliance.
April 1, 2024	Aquatic Habitat Studies Preliminary Findings	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, April 1, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:00 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Purpose of the studies. ▪ Review of results of fish community sampling, spring spawning surveys, and benthic invertebrate surveys. ▪ Review of results related to aquatic Species-at-Risk. ▪ Potential effects of the Project.



Date *	Topic	Discussion Points
April 8, 2024	Surface Water Preliminary Findings	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, April 8, 2024 on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Purpose of the studies. ▪ Review of studies including surface water quantity and surface water quality. ▪ Review of drainage area characteristics, and physical characteristics. ▪ Review of results of the studies and potential effects of the Project.
April 15, 2024	Groundwater Preliminary Findings	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, April 15, 2024, and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:00 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Review of the desktop and field studies undertaken. ▪ Presenting of a map of monitoring well locations. ▪ Groundwater level measurements results, hydraulic conductivity results, groundwater quality results. ▪ Review of the hydrogeological conceptual site model. ▪ Explanation of the results and indication in terms of potential effects on the Project.
April 22, 2024	Geology, Terrain, and Soils Preliminary Findings	<p>The Project Team hosted a half-hour live-stream from 12:00-12:30 PM EST on Monday, April 22, 2024 and a one-hour radio show on Wawatay Radio from 2:00-3:00 PM EST on the same day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A review of the Project. ▪ Purpose of the studies. ▪ Review of geology of the local and regional study areas. ▪ Review of the geochemistry field work undertaken. ▪ Review of results, geological hazards, physiography of the study area, soils, and permafrost. ▪ Explanation of the results and indication in terms of potential effects on the Project.

*Note: Activities listed from January 2024 to April 2024 were pre-round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team.



3.5 First Nation On-Reserve Community Meetings

First Nation on-reserve community meetings were held during Consultation Round 3 with Webequie First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation and with Constance Lake First Nation (refer to **Table 3-5**). These engagement opportunities were offered to all 22 Indigenous communities. The purpose of each community meeting was to share project update information and seek feedback/questions on the socio-economic and health conditions of the community assembled into draft baseline study reports shared with the community leadership. The presentation materials were presented by technical specialists. Each meeting ended with a Q&A period and breakout focus groups were held with participants (women and land users focus group and men and land users focus group).

Table 3-5: Consultation Round 3 On-Reserve Community Meetings

#	Community	Date/Time*	Location	Topics Covered
1	Webequie First Nation	January 12, 2024	Webequie First Nation Community Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WSR Project update presentation was delivered, and a Q&A period followed. ▪ Particular emphasis was made on progress to-date and upcoming activities as the project moves into the later stages of the EA/IA and advanced design stages. ▪ Questions and comments received reflected support for the Project and identified the importance of maintaining project momentum through the initiation of training opportunities and other preparatory activities.
2	Nibinamik First Nation	January 16, 2024	Nibinamik First Nation School Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project update presentation was delivered, followed by a Q&A period. ▪ Questions and comments about the Project were received from the membership and fielded by the Project Team. ▪ Comments received reflected were related to: length of the bridge crossing Winisk Lake; Engagement with Nibinamik First Nation; Impacts of road development projects.
3	Webequie First Nation	May 13 – 14, 2024	Webequie First Nation Band Hall	<p>A Project update presentation was delivered, followed by discussions on the draft socio-economic and health baseline study reports that were circulated to the community leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comments and concerns received reflected the following topics: communication protocols & engagement materials; socio-economic conditions; social issues; health conditions; potential effects of the WSR Project on the community.

#	Community	Date/Time*	Location	Topics Covered
4	Webequie First Nation	August 20 - 22, 2024	Webequie First Nation Community Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project update presentation was delivered, followed by an IK validation presentation. Meeting focused on validation of collected IK data and gathering of additional Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) information. Particular emphasis was made on progress to-date and upcoming activities as the Project moves into the later stages of the EA/IA and advanced design stages. Questions and comments received reflected the following topics: community participation and availability, Land use, environmental concerns, new social issues and use of Indigenous monitors.
5	Constance Lake First Nation	September 12, 2024	Constance Lake First Nation Anglican Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project update presentation was delivered, followed by a Q&A period. Questions and comments about the Project were received from the membership and fielded by the Project Team. Questions, and concerns received reflected the following topics: Project route; Impact to wildlife; influx/in-migration concerns.
6	Webequie First Nation	September 12, 2024	Thunder Bay, ON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Knowledge validation session with Webequie First Nation Elders. Project update and map provided along with an overview of the Project. Discussion topics included traditional activities, cultural and spiritual practices, and Elder's thoughts on Project benefits and impacts.

*Note: Activities listed from January 2024 to April 2024 were pre-round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team.

3.6 Chief and Council Meeting

One Chief and Council meeting was held during Consultation Round 3 with Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation's Chief Hunter and a community member. The Project team provided project updates, regulatory process update, and information on the project milestones to the Chief and community member. Details are provided in **Table 3-6**.

Table 3-6: Consultation Round 3 Chief and Council Meeting

Community	Date	Meeting Summary
Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	August 29, 2024	<p>The Project team (Michael Fox) met with Chief Hunter and community member, Clinton Park in Timmins. A background on the Project, and an update on the regulatory process and project milestones was provided.</p> <p>The Project Team provided the Chief with a binder containing Consultation Progress Reports for Round 1 & Round 2, the project update presentations for Round 3 Part 1 and 2, IKLRU Program letters sent to Weenusk First Nation to-date, socio-economic existing conditions report for Weenusk First Nation and a project update presentation for the Chief and Council.</p>



3.7 Off-Reserve Community Meetings

The Project Team hosted an open house session for Indigenous off-reserve members in Thunder Bay at Superior Inn Hotel & Conference Centre on September 13, 2024. Details of this event and feedback provided at this session is summarized in **Section 3.8**.

A meeting was held for Nibinamik off-reserve members and leadership of Nibinamik First Nation at the Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre on August 6, 2024 to provide project background, information on consultation efforts made to-date and general themes of feedback received on the Project to-date from First Nation communities in the region. The Project Team also provided an explanation of the current project activities to identify possible effects of the Project and how they fit into the overall environment/impact assessment process. A total of 15 people attended the meeting.

3.8 Public Information Centre (PIC) #3

The Project Team hosted PIC #3 at the Best Western Premier Northwood Hotel in Timmins on September 10, 2024 and on September 12, 2024, at the Superior Inn Hotel & Conference Centre in Thunder Bay. Both Open Houses were for all interested off-reserve Indigenous community members, the public and stakeholders. The open house in Timmins on September 10 consisted of two sessions: one between 2:00 – 4:00 PM and the second from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The second session was specifically for Indigenous community members.

The open house sessions on September 10 and 12 included a display of information about the Project, Project Team representatives sharing information about the ongoing EA/IA study and activities, results of engagement and consultation activities to-date, preliminary effects assessment results for the Project and future engagement and consultation opportunities and this was livestreamed. A total of 9 individuals attended the session on September 10 and 18 individuals attended on September 12. Communication materials were provided to attendees.

The Project Team hosted an Open House session for Indigenous off-reserve community members in Thunder Bay on September 13, 2024. This off-reserve open house consisted of two sessions: one between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM and the second from 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM, followed by an informal open house with display information about the Project. Project Team representatives shared the same information as shared in the open house for the public and stakeholders, which was also livestreamed. A total of 9 individuals attended the session. Communication materials were provided to attendees, which included: the WSR Notice of Public Information Centre #3 and various poster boards, a hard copy of the presentation, feedback form, and newsletter Issue 37.

The presentation was followed by a Q&A period. **Table 3-7** and **Table 3-8** details the questions asked by stakeholders/public at the Open Houses and corresponding responses.

Table 3-7: Questions Asked by Stakeholders/Public at Open Houses in Timmins and Thunder Bay and Corresponding Responses

#	Question	Response
1	Where can the Effects Assessment be reviewed?	An early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS will be released in the winter of fiscal year 2024/2025 and there will be 60 days for Indigenous communities to review and provide comments. There will also be an additional 60 days for Indigenous review of the document following the formal release of Draft EAR/IS to stakeholders and the public for review and comment. The final EAR/IS will be released following finalization of all reviews and comments by all parties.

#	Question	Response
2	How can feedback be provided without reviewing the report?	Project information, methodology and activities undertaken to-date are available on the WSR website (<i>supplyroad.ca</i>) and feedback is always welcome for consideration in the EA/IA. However, the Draft EAR/IS will need to be finalized first before it becomes available for review. The Project Team envisions the Draft EAR/IS will likely be available in the winter of fiscal year 2024/2025 and anticipates an EA/IA decision on the road by 2027.
3	When will WSR start the construction phase? How will materials be delivered for each phase of the road? Will there be a small window of delivering materials through the ice roads to begin construction?	Subject to receiving all applicable permits/approvals and funding the start of construction for the WSR is tentatively winter 2028. Material and equipment to be mobilized to start construction of the WSR will use the winter ice road to Webequie First Nation. The construction of the road will progress starting from Webequie and ending at the eastern terminus of the road near the McFaulds Lake area. Aggregate source areas in close proximity to the WSR route are proposed for development to provide the needed aggregate materials to construct and maintain the road.
4	The road, an Economic Development Road is being built to McFaulds and is not tied to the Ring of Fire? Clarify.	The WSR will connect the community of Webequie to the Ring of Fire area in order to provide social and economic opportunities to Webequie First Nation. The Northern Road Link (NRL) will connect to the WSR. The NRL and MFCAR projects will provide a connection to the Ring of Fire area and will also allow for the community of Webequie to have connection to the provincial highway network.
5	What kind of economic development opportunities are there besides mining?	Years ago, Webequie had a vision when exploring road construction, and this project is a continuation of that vision. There will be employment and business opportunities in the mining sector and if the NRL and MFCAR projects proceed with access to the provincial highway network there will be other opportunities besides mining.
6	Is the Project not the same as building a road from Pickle Lake to the new community?	No, the WSR has project-specific purposes that are different from other road projects in the area and broader region.
7	When will operation of the road start?	The regulatory approval process for the WSR takes time, and the Project cannot skip steps. Only a best-case scenario, base-case scenario and worst-case scenario can be provided at this stage. The Project is currently on year seven going on year eight of its proposed development.
8	Are there ongoing studies? Water testing and fish testing will start in Mushkegowuk and would like if know if there is an opportunity to submit findings into the EA?	The EA/IA for the WSR is currently ongoing and details regarding results of studies related to fish and water completed by Webequie will be documented in the Draft EAR/IS. Information to contribute to the EA/IA from Indigenous community members and others are welcome.



#	Question	Response
9	Is Webequie one of the communities that the Weenusk River pours into?	Yes, it is.
10	What is the comfort level to construct a 50 km road on the muskeg?	Roads have been constructed on muskeg with proper engineering design that distribute the weight of the road, like the use of a snowshoe. The design work for the road is ongoing, including that part of the road in muskeg.
11	Will heavy-duty trucks be able to drive on the whole road, even on the muskeg?	The design of the road will take into consideration the weight of light and heavy-duty trucks that are expected to use the WSR.
12	Is a floating road a limitation?	Design, maintenance and surface treatment are being evaluated as part of the floating road design to overcome challenges of construction in muskeg.
13	It seems there are a lot of unknowns on this Project. Wyloo, federal government, provincial government are in court, with the regional assessment ongoing. Is there a potential for other court cases to influence construction of the road?	Potentially other court cases may influence the Project.
14	What is involved with cumulative effects?	Cumulative effects are being assessed and the results will be documented in the EAR/IS. The cumulative effects involve the assessment of changes to the environment that are caused when combining past, present and future projects or human activities in the context to the proposed WSR.
15	Upon review of the posterboard illustrating the projects being considered in the cumulative effects assessment, the Ministry of Mines representative observed that Rapid Lynx fibre optic line was not mentioned. This is a new linear feature in the region and the most current routing for the broadband line will be provided to the Project Team.	The Project Team made note of the concern and the need to add Rapid Lynx fibre optic line to the list of other projects / physical activities to be considered in the cumulative effects assessment.

Table 3-8: Questions Asked by Indigenous Off-Reserve Community Members at Open House in Thunder Bay and Corresponding Responses

#	Question	Response
1	Has the Project faced any backlash or reluctance or disagreements from Indigenous communities during consultation?	Yes. Different concerns have been received from the different Indigenous communities. For example, the Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about potential downstream effects to water.
2	Months ago, it was mentioned that the Premier announced Ontario is going to develop a transmission line for 5 Matawa communities. Would the transmission line be built along the road?	This is yet to be determined although constructing a transmission line along the road would be ideal as there is an established corridor. However, the transmission line would still have to go through its own review process and is currently not part of the EA/IA for the WSR Project.
3	Canada is heading towards a green future in 2035, what additional infrastructure would be built along the road? Charging stations?	At this stage, it is assumed that any infrastructure needed to accommodate societal changes in 2035 will be put in place and may be considered in future development stages of the Project.
4	What are the total estimated kilometres to get from Webequie to Nakina?	It is assumed that the total estimated kilometres from Webequie to Nakina is approximately 400 km.
5	Will job opportunities be available to neighbouring communities like Neskantaga and Kasabonika Lake First Nations? Depending on jobs and construction phase, will the opportunities be on a rotational basis?	The Project is not an exclusive opportunity to Webequie. The Project Team has identified different jobs and at what stage of the Project such jobs are required. Depending on the commitment to build, the opportunities can be 24-hours / 7 days a week basis or rotational.
6	Will there be mobile camps?	There are four temporary construction camps along the route. One outside Webequie and three along the route towards the eastern end of the road.
7	Has Health & Safety been identified?	A detailed Health and Safety Plan will be prepared by the proponent to guide the construction and operation of the road. Health and safety requirements are proposed to be included in the Construction Environmental Management Plan and Operation Environmental Management Plan for the Project.
8	How much baseline studies have been done?	An extensive range of baseline studies has been conducted across various disciplines (wildlife, fish, plants, water, etc.) that includes the results from the review of background information sources and fieldwork conducted.
9	Are there any sites identified for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment?	The Project Team made note of the question and this will be considered when preparing the Draft EAR/IS and supportive Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Project.

3.9 Three Projects Gathering and Expo

The Three Roads Project Gathering and Expo was held June 11 – 13, 2024 at Superior Inn and Convention Centre in Thunder Bay to provide an engaging and interactive space for consultation in order for participants to learn more about the three road projects, discuss the upcoming release of the Draft EAR/IS for WSR and Marten Falls Community Access Road projects, ask questions and share feedback related to water, peatlands and building roads in peatlands.

The gathering was held over two and a half days with Day One set aside exclusively for an Elders Gathering to provide Elders an opportunity to engage with the individual Project Teams for all three road projects. Day Two was opened to all participants and focused on a series of technical presentations on key issues allowing for engagement and consultation opportunities in the morning and one-on-one conversations with Project Team members, Ontario and the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada in the afternoon. Day Three was also opened to all participants and this session was a half-day workshop on a common approach to reviewing the upcoming circulation of Draft EAR/ISs for two of the three road projects.

A total of 44 individuals signed the registration sheet on Day One; 62 individuals signed on Day Two; and 48 individuals signed on Day 3. It should be noted the number of individuals is an approximate number as some participants did not sign the sign-in sheet. **Table 3-9** details the questions asked by participants as well as suggestions and/or concerns from participants during and following each presentation regarding the Project.

Table 3-9: Questions Asked, Suggestions and Concerns Raised and Corresponding Responses

#	Question/Suggestions/Concerns	Stakeholder/Participant	Response
WSR Overview			
1	Why is the road wide?	Marten Falls First Nation member	The actual width of the WSR for two lanes of vehicle travel is approximately 11 metres, excluding the shoulders and roadside ditches, within a 35 m wide cleared right-of-way. An approximate 2.5 km wide corridor was used for evaluating route alternatives.
2	What do the inherent rights look like?	Fort Albany First Nation member	The inherent right is not just Webequie's rights (the three-tier model), but it also recognizes the rights of neighbouring communities.
3	Can the three-tier model be provided in writing?	Fort Albany First Nation member	The Project aims to minimize impact on Indigenous rights and sensitive receptors hence the Project Team first examined a large corridor than route alternatives within the corridor to select a preferred route. Some net effects may remain after mitigation and each Project Team plans to have a discussion with the First Nations to discuss their Project and impacts to inherent rights, including how to compensate for net impacts, where applicable.
4	Do road projects go through federal environmental process or only the provincial environmental process?	Attawapiskat First Nation Member	Yes, the road projects go through provincial and federal environmental assessment process.

#	Question/Suggestions/Concerns	Stakeholder/Participant	Response
Elder Led Discussion			
5	What do inherent rights look like from an EA coordination process?	Fort Albany First Nation Elder	Webequie First Nation recognizes its inherent rights and has its own model of what it looks like – it's three-tier model. The model explains how Webequie First Nation sees the world and how they engage within their own community, with their neighbours and with the broader world.
6	Can a copy of the presentation about inherent rights over groups of people be provided? A better dialogue on inherent rights is needed.	Fort Albany First Nation Elder	Webequie First Nation supports and wants to engage in First Nation to First Nation discussions. Lawyers sometimes serve as gatekeepers, and this makes it difficult to speak to community members.
7	Initially, the Project was not about the mine. It was about government, First Nation and leaders.	Fort Albany First Nation Elder	<p>The Project is not about a mine or mining. There is a need to integrate First Nation principles with government principles. The EA/IAs for the three projects are led by Indigenous proponents and will incorporate Indigenous principles.</p> <p>The Record of Consultation shows how often the Project Team consult with communities and documents all consultation activities that have been undertaken with each community. Every community is different as to how they would like to be engaged, and the Record of Consultation reflects this approach. The Project is required to prepare three different Consultation Progress Reports at key milestones in EA/IA process on how consultation with each First Nation has been used to inform the effects assessment.</p>
Presentation on Peatlands and Other Terrain			
8	Can a copy of all presentation be provided?	Anonymous	Yes, the Project Team is figuring out the best way to share the presentation with everyone.
9	Where are the aggregates coming from?	Anonymous	Aggregate sites in proximity to the Project have been identified and further field investigations are required. The Project will aim for the sources of aggregate to be in close proximity to the Project so as to minimize the need to build access roads.
10	Will aggregates be affected by the peatlands?	Anonymous	No, the proposed aggregates source areas are outside of the peatlands and will not directly affect the peatlands.



#	Question/Suggestions/Concerns	Stakeholder/Participant	Response
11	Will the animals and habitat be studied?	Anonymous	Several wildlife studies are ongoing. This presentation is focused on peatland and this question will be better addressed at the wildlife booth.
Presentation on Building Roads on Peatlands			
12	How is groundwater flow and direction determined?	Marten Falls First Nation Elder	All disciplines provide input into the determination of groundwater flow and direction. Equalization culverts will be used to make sure that water can flow under the road.
13	How will the Project Team get to the quarry site?	Marten Falls First Nation Band Councillor	Getting to the quarry site depends on the schedule of operations. The winter road will be used to get equipment to the quarry site(s) to be developed. The approach to mobilize equipment in the winter using existing winter roads, so work can be done in the summer, is still to be determined.
14	How will the governance structure work and what is in place for future generations? There is a need to maintain livelihood and wellbeing.	Fort Albany First Nation Member	There are recent models of Impact Benefit Agreements with different language in the contracts that can define operations. There are many opportunities prior to construction, during construction and through the operation phase; however, discussion regarding governance structure is still needed with the government.
15	Who is responsible for post construction oil spills and damages to the land?	Anonymous	The responsible party after construction during the operation and maintenance phase of the Project will depend on ownership, and this is yet to be determined. There are commitments in the EA/IA for continuous monitoring after the road is constructed. The owner of the road will be responsible for implementing the monitoring commitments in the EA/IA.
Presentation on Building Roads on Common Approach to Review EAR/IS			
16	22 communities are mentioned but the project is dealing with two (2) specific communities.	Marten Falls First Nation Elder	At the onset of the Project, a list of communities was provided by the provincial and federal governments for the Project Team to consult. Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation are unique in that they are both proponents and potentially affected communities. Other First Nation community members determined by the Crown are consulted as well and some are attending this session. Relevant Tribal Councils are also consulted.



#	Question/Suggestions/Concerns	Stakeholder/Participant	Response
17	If the government funds the road, will they also control it? And how will maintenance be handled?	Marten Falls First Nation Elder	<p>The decision to be the proponent of the road for the EA/IA was made at the community level; however, the EA/IA is being funded by the province.</p> <p>The EA/IA process is being driven by the proponent and the province and federal governments are the regulators.</p> <p>Discussions about ownership is still ongoing; however, the community will oversee major decisions about proceeding to the next phases of project development – road detail design, construction and operations.</p>
General Questions, Concerns and/or Suggestions			
18	There are seven main water highways throughout the North and not four as communicated. Each highway system has their respective dialect and would have been used for travelling, trading, trapping, hunting, fishing and other activities.	Marten Falls First Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the suggestion and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration while preparing the Draft EAR/IS.
19	Comment on how Webequie is one of the largest First Nation and the land area now known as Webequie First Nation was discovered hundred of years ago.	Webequie First Nation Council Member	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration while preparing the Draft EAR/IS.
20	Suggestion on engagement method with Indigenous communities, independent Indigenous EA/IA review, provision of project information directly to community members, additional Elders based consultation, the need for discussion with residential school survivors, concerns on project impact and Indigenous involvement.	Fort Albany First Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the suggestions and concerns raised and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration for future planned engagement and consultation and while preparing the Draft EAR/IS.
21	<p>Comment on how beneficial the Project will be as an all-access road has been needed for years and this would allow for a better way of living.</p> <p>Suggestion that the development of the Project need to follow a respectful process so there is no impact on special and spiritual areas.</p>	Constance Lake First Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration when completing the assessment of effects to the socio-economic and cultural environments from the Project. This will include following a respectful engagement process with Indigenous communities to identify and avoid impacts to cultural and/or spiritual areas.

#	Question/Suggestions/Concerns	Stakeholder/Participant	Response
22	Comment that there is value in every single stumpage that will be cut and suggestion that communities look into stumpage fees and participate in hauling or cutting logs.	Constance Lake First Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration while preparing the Draft EAR/IS.
23	Suggestion that youth should attend the events as well.	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration for future engagement and consultation events.
24	Suggestion that communities should have a garage where they can fix cars used for travel back and forth and other questions regarding insurance and licensing of vehicles.	Anonymous	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
25	Suggestion that Elders be paid for their invaluable experience.	Attawapiskat First Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
26	Suggestion that the community way of life adapts to modern life while making community way of life priority. This includes adapting the way of life to government policies while also preserving the community ways.	Marten Falls First Nation Elder	The Project Team took note of the comment made and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
27	Will the questions and feedback shared during this session be incorporated into the draft?	Anonymous	The Project Team assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
28	Can an extension of the 60 days EA/IA review for public comment period be requested?	Anonymous	The Project Team assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
29	Suggestion to consult with Indigenous people living in Timmins.	Anonymous	The Project Team took note of the suggestion and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
30	Suggestion to consult with knowledge and wisdom holders.	Anonymous	The Project Team took note of the suggestion and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.
31	Suggestion for traditional rights to be done before cutting down any tree.	Anonymous	The Project Team took note of the suggestion and assured participants that this will be taken into consideration.

#	Question/Suggestions/Concerns	Stakeholder/Participant	Response
32	Concern that the Indigenous communities must adapt to provincial and federal regulations regarding construction of the road.	Marten Falls First Nation Elder	Regulators must approve the Project and so do the communities to make an informed decision.

The summary report of the Three Projects Gathering and Expo event and feedback from communities are presented in the Record of Consultation for the EAR/IS. The summaries are also included in the Record of Consultation of this report.

3.10 Indigenous Knowledge and Land and Resource Use Program

On December 13, 2021 invitation letters were sent to all 22 Indigenous communities offering to participate in the Project’s IKLRU Program. The letter included information on the purpose of the program, suggested data sharing agreement template and available Province of Ontario capacity funding for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the program. As part of engagement activities for Consultation Rounds 2 and 3, the Project Team sent out several reminder invitations to all Indigenous communities via mail and e-mail to undertake and/or share IKLRU information to help inform the EA/IA, with the latest being on June 5, 2024 to Kingfisher Lake First Nation via e-mail.

The purpose of the IKLRU Program is to:

- Promote sharing of IKLRU information relevant to the Project;
- Help identify potential impacts of the Project, including those on Indigenous rights and interests; and
- Collaborate and work with Indigenous communities to enhance positive impacts or to identify measures to avoid/reduce potential effects on Indigenous rights and interests.

While the IKLRU Program is distinct from the Engagement and Consultation Program for the Project, the two are complementary and collectively serve to solicit Indigenous perspectives, values and inputs with respect to project planning and the assessment process. Communities were encouraged to share as much or as little IKLRU information as they wished, and in whatever form they preferred.

To-date, the following Indigenous communities have provided IKLRU information to the Project Team:

- Webequie First Nation;
- Marten Falls First Nation; and
- Weenusk First Nation.

Each First Nation collected IKLRU data through one-on-one interview with community members and provided a report to the Project Team documenting their IKLRU information for use in the EA/IA for the Project. The information provided by these three First Nations will be incorporated into the EAR/IS to ensure that Indigenous Knowledge, land use practices and cultural considerations are appropriately reflected in the understanding of existing conditions and in the evaluation of potential project effects, including recommended mitigation and/or monitoring. An early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS for review by Indigenous communities is planned for winter of this fiscal year 2024/2025.



During Consultation Round 3, the Project Team hosted two Indigenous Knowledge sessions with Webequie First Nation. The first Indigenous Knowledge session was held August 20-22, 2024 to validate the Indigenous Knowledge data collected and collect additional GBA+ information. The second was held with Elders on September 12, 2024, to validate the IKLRU information collected and documented.

- **August 20-22** – The session was attended by numerous community members and focus groups consisted of Elders, women, men and individual interviews. Key topics discussed include:
 - Community participation and availability in future meetings;
 - Use of traplines for hunting and harvesting;
 - Potential adverse environmental & social effects of the Project; and
 - Participation of Indigenous monitors in data collection
- **September 12** – Eight Elders participated in the Indigenous Knowledge session, which included break out sessions with smaller groups for general discussion and questions-and-answers. Key topics discussed include:
 - Hunting, trapping, fishing and the tradition of sharing;
 - Traditional camp life, roles and responsibilities in the community;
 - The importance to Eskers: medicinal resources and wildlife breeding grounds;
 - Potential beneficial and adverse effects of the Project;
 - Potential mitigations for adverse project effects;
 - Employment opportunities for Indigenous monitors;
 - Migration and
 - Medicinal resources and benefits.

3.11 Communication Materials

To compliment activities, meetings, and events that occurred during Consultation Round 3, communication materials were developed. These included presentation slide decks, general summary fact sheets for each valued component, handouts, display boards, posters, video tutorials, and other materials. All materials were written/recorded in plain language free of technical jargon and have been produced to ensure that information is clear and easy to understand, and a translated version was made available. Many are available on the Project website to ensure community members, and all interested parties can download them following engagement and consultation activities. More specifically, the following materials can be accessed on the Project website:

- **Fact Sheets** – a brief overview of the assessment purpose, study area, timeline, existing conditions, and data requirements for each valued component;
- **Newsletters** – monthly newsletters providing up-to-date information on various aspects of the Project (such as field studies, study plans, the IKLRU Program, studies undertaken for Value Components (VCs), cumulative effects assessment, socio-economic primary data collection, and consultation events);
- **Study-specific web-pages** – summarize field studies and the socio-economic and IKLRU programs, including data collection topics, methods, rationale, and ways to get involved;
- **Round #3 Virtual Community Information Sessions – Presentation and Video Recording Parts 1 and 2)** – provides an overview of the EA/IA process, engagement and consultation to-date, overview of supportive infrastructure (rock/aggregate sources areas, construction camps, access roads), preliminary results of the VC studies, road design components, and next steps in EA/IA process. Includes videos of recorded virtual information sessions, allowing community members to watch their community-specific session on-demand and provide comments or feedback;



- **Topic-Specific Live-stream Sessions** – provide information on various disciplines, or valued components, that are being studied as part of the EA/IA process;
- **Public Information Centre #3 and other Open House Sessions** – provides videos of recorded open house sessions;
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** – a list of FAQs and corresponding responses, which represent key themes related to the WSR Project.



4 Engagement and Consultation Results

4.1 Engagement and Consultation Activities Undertaken and Results by Indigenous Community/Group

4.1.1 Neskantaga First Nation

4.1.1.1 Key Consultation Activities Undertaken to Date

Table 4-1 below describes key consultation activities that occurred during Consultation Round 3 with Neskantaga First Nation.

Table 4-1: Key Consultation Activities Undertaken During Round 3 – Neskantaga First Nation

Date *	Description of Key Consultation/Engagement Activities
January 29, 2024	The Project team sent a package via Canada Post to Neskantaga First Nation which included a digital (USB memory stick) and a hardcopy of the WSR Consultation Progress Report – Round 2, with cover letter.
February 9, 2024	The Project team sent a letter Draft Community-Specific Existing Conditions Summary document to Neskantaga First Nation with request for the community's feedback and input on the draft document which is based on the WSR draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report.
May 21, 2024	Virtual Community Information Session for Round 3 Part 1 presenting information on project update, engagement and consultation to-date, scope of EA/IA, EA/IA methodology, preliminary results of effects assessment for select valued components, and next steps.
July 02, 2024	Virtual Community Information Session for Round 3 Part 2 presenting information on project update, engagement and consultation to-date, scope of EA/IA, EA/IA methodology, preliminary results of effects assessment for select valued components, and next steps.
June 11.2024	Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo, held in Thunder Bay. The first day of the event was dedicated to discussion for Indigenous community members and Elders only; the second day sessions were focused on technical presentations and Q&A sessions along with booths for direct contact with project teams, federal agency, and provincial organizations; and the third day included a half-day session on approach for review of the Draft EAR/IS for WSR and MFCAR projects. Only one participant from Neskantaga First Nation attended the gathering over the three days.
August 29, 2024	Invitation to PIC #3 circulated via e-mail.
Monthly (January 2024 – September 2024)	Newsletters 30 – 38 circulated via e-mail, mail, and fax.

Date *	Description of Key Consultation/Engagement Activities
September 10, 12-13, 2024	<p>Public Information Centre (PIC) #3 was held in Thunder Bay and Timmins for the public, stakeholders and First Nation off-reserve community members. The open house in Timmins on September 10 consisted of two sessions with the second session specifically for Indigenous community members.</p> <p>The open house session on September 13 in Thunder Bay was targeted for Indigenous off-reserve community members. This session consisted of an informal open house with displays and presentation with a Q&A period. A total of 9 individuals attended the session on September 10, 18 individuals on September 12 and 9 individuals on September 13.</p>

*Note: Activities listed from January 2024 to April 2024 were pre-round 3 consultation activities undertaken by the Project Team.

4.1.1.1 Virtual Community Information Session

The Round 3 Part 1 live Virtual Community Information Session with Neskantaga First Nation was held on May 21, 2024, from 12:05-12:45 PM EST. An invitation to participate was sent on May 8, 2024. The information session was 40 minutes long and began with an introduction regarding the purpose of the session and an overview of the topics to be covered by the Project Team, followed by a video of Chief Wabasse discussing the importance of the Project. The Project Team presented information on the preliminary results of the effects assessment for select valued components – surface water and fish & fish habitat. The Project Team had a platform which provided a real-time translation of the session in Oji-Cree. No participants from Neskantaga First Nation were in attendance and as such, no questions or comments were received.

On July 2, 2024, at 12:05 PM EST the Round 3 Part 2 live Virtual Community Information Session with Neskantaga First Nation was held. An invitation to participate was sent on June 18, 2024. An Oji-Cree translator provided real-time translation of all meeting content. The meeting began with a video message from Chief Cornelius Wabasse of Webequie First Nation, followed by a discussion of preliminary assessment results for the vegetation, wildlife, social environment, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights valued components. The presentation concluded with information on the cumulative effects assessment and the assessment of other aspects and effects. No participants from Neskantaga First Nation were in attendance and as such, no questions or comments were received.

During both Part 1 and Part 2 information sessions, participants were informed that the unabridged version of the presentation was available on the website and included preliminary results for several other valued components.

4.1.1.2 Summary of Feedback Received and Response

No feedback was received from Neskantaga First Nation during Consultation Round 3.

4.2 Social Media, Project Website and Associated Analytics

4.2.1 Definitions

The social media analytics described in **Table 4-2** have been used to quantify engagement on the Project via social media. The goal of social media outreach is to promote awareness of the various engagement options available to Indigenous communities, and how community members can learn more about the Project or provide their perspectives and comments on the Project. One of the key conclusions the Project Team have reached is that streaming on-line engagement and consultation events leads to project website usage, with social media and advertising helping to drive daily usage.

The Project Team routinely shared information on the Project regarding notifications on planned Project activities, engagement options and key Project updates via social media platforms and the Project website. The following sections provide information on the information sharing via social media platforms and Project website.

Table 4-2: Social Media Analytics Definitions Used for the Project

Platform/Metric	Definition
Facebook	
<i>Page likes</i>	The number of people who liked your page.
<i>Page followers</i>	The number of people who have clicked on the 'follow' button on your page.
<i>Page views</i>	The number of people who have visited your page.
<i>Engagement</i>	Engagement is any action someone takes on your Facebook page or one of your posts. This includes the likes, reactions, number of likes and shares. It can also include saves, viewing a video or clicking on a link.
<i>Reach</i>	The number of people who saw your page posts on their news feed at least once.
<i>Profile visits</i>	This is the number of times a page's profile has been viewed by people, including people who are logged into Facebook and those who aren't.
<i>Impressions</i>	Impressions are the number of times any content from your page or about your page entered a person's screen. It is the number of times your post was seen. It can even be more than once.
<i>Organic like</i>	The likes you receive without the use of the promotions. You can use hashtags and trending keywords to help the post reach more people.
<i>Paid like</i>	If someone sees a promoted or sponsored post and likes it, it's counted as a paid like.
<i>Page clicks</i>	The number of people who clicked on your page after seeing your post, video or story.
<i>Engagement by post type</i>	This lets you know the engagement your page has by its type. We can get to know which kind of content will receive the most engagement (e.g., if it's an image or multiple images, or a video).
<i>Paid reach</i>	The number of people who saw your post due to an ad you paid for.
<i>Video minutes viewed</i>	The total number of minutes your video was watched for.
LinkedIn	
<i>Likes</i>	The total number of likes/reactions on your post.
<i>Comments</i>	The total number of comments on your post.
<i>Engagement</i>	The total number of reactions, comments, clicks and shares on your LinkedIn posts published during the selected period.
<i>Impressions</i>	Impressions refers to the number of times your post is displayed on someone's news feed – regardless of whether they click on it or not.
<i>Reach</i>	The number of people who see your content.
<i>Page views</i>	The total number of times your company page was viewed during your specified date range.

Platform/Metric	Definition
<i>Unique views</i>	The total number of unique users that have viewed your company page. This number excludes multiple visits from a single user.
<i>Average engagement rate per post</i>	The average engagement rate for posts published during the selected date range. For each post, the engagement rate is calculated by taking the reactions, comments, clicks and shares received, divided by the number of followers at the time of the post.
<i>Total reactions</i>	The total number of reactions received on posts published during the selected period. This includes all types of responses such as like, celebrate, love, insightful and curious.
YouTube	
<i>Channel</i>	A YouTube page is referred to as a “channel”.
<i>New subscribers</i>	YouTube’s equivalent of a new follower.
<i>Watch time (HOURS)</i>	Watch time is the total amount of minutes viewers have spent watching your videos. The higher the watch time, the higher the chances of YouTube elevating your video in the recommended videos.
<i>Subscribers’ growth</i>	This will show you which videos, locations, and periods gain and lose subscribers.
<i>Audience retention</i>	Audience retention shows you the percentage of viewers who watch and leave your video at every single moment of the video.
<i>Engagement</i>	Comments, shares, likes, and dislikes.
<i>Impressions click-through rate</i>	Impressions click-through rate measures your video’s ability to prompt people to watch your video after seeing it on their homepage, recommendation section, or trending section.
<i>View</i>	YouTube counts a “view” when someone watches 30 seconds of your video.

4.2.2 Social Media Platforms

The social media platforms such as YouTube and Facebook provide access to the information sessions held, allowing viewers to access the information even after the event. This “after the fact” option has been provided to ensure availability of the information, and to accommodate Indigenous community members who are busy on the land, working, raising families and other activities.

Table 4-3: YouTube Analytics – Round 3

Video title	Video Publish Date	Views	Watch Time (hours)	Subscribers	Impressions	Impressions Click-through Rate (%)
Webequie Supply Road: Aquatic Habitat Preliminary Findings	5-Apr-24	5	0.4134	0	187	1.07
WSR Presents: Surface Water Preliminary Findings	9-Apr-24	3	0.4238	0	155	0
WSR Presents: Surface Water Preliminary Findings	12-Apr-24	10	0.3693	0	86	3.49
WSR Presents: Groundwater Preliminary Findings - Radio session	16-Apr-24	4	2.0818	0	102	2.94



Video title	Video Publish Date	Views	Watch Time (hours)	Subscribers	Impressions	Impressions Click-through Rate (%)
WSR Presents: Groundwater Preliminary Findings	16-Apr-24	11	1.3565	0	421	1.66
WSR Presents: Groundwater Preliminary Findings	18-Apr-24	23	0.8683	0	359	4.18
WSR Presents: Geology, Terrain and Soils Preliminary Findings	23-Apr-24	15	1.8573	0	640	1.72
WSR Presents: Geology, Terrain and Soils Preliminary Findings- Radio session	23-Apr-24	4	2.3294	0	61	3.28
Webequie Supply Road - Public Open House #3	11-Sep-24	8	1.0609	0	131	4.58
Webequie Supply Road - Public Open House #3	11-Sep-24	10	0.1589	0	123	5.69
Webequie Supply Road - Thunder Bay Public Open House #3	13-Sep-24	8	0.0709	0	178	1.12
Webequie Supply Road - Thunder Bay Indigenous Open House #3	14-Sep-24	11	1.5396	0	439	1.14
Webequie Supply Road - Thunder Bay Indigenous Open House #3	14-Sep-24	9	1.446	0	252	0.79

Facebook and Instagram are additional platforms utilized by the Project team to connect and interact with stakeholders and interested parties. These pages share Project updates, announcements about upcoming events like virtual information sessions and career and training expos and offer engaging content for viewers.

Table 4-4: Facebook and Instagram Analytics (social media reach) – Round 3

Month	Facebook reach	Instagram reach
April	6028	197
May	510	5
June	589	128
July	981	91
August	368	36
September	2182	324



4.2.3 Project Website

The Project website is updated regularly to provide relevant updates and information to viewers. The website has maintained a constant usage base with streaming and/or events occurring throughout the year. Spikes in website traffic are observed during streaming events such as virtual information sessions and open houses.

Figure 4-1: Project Website Traffic Averages

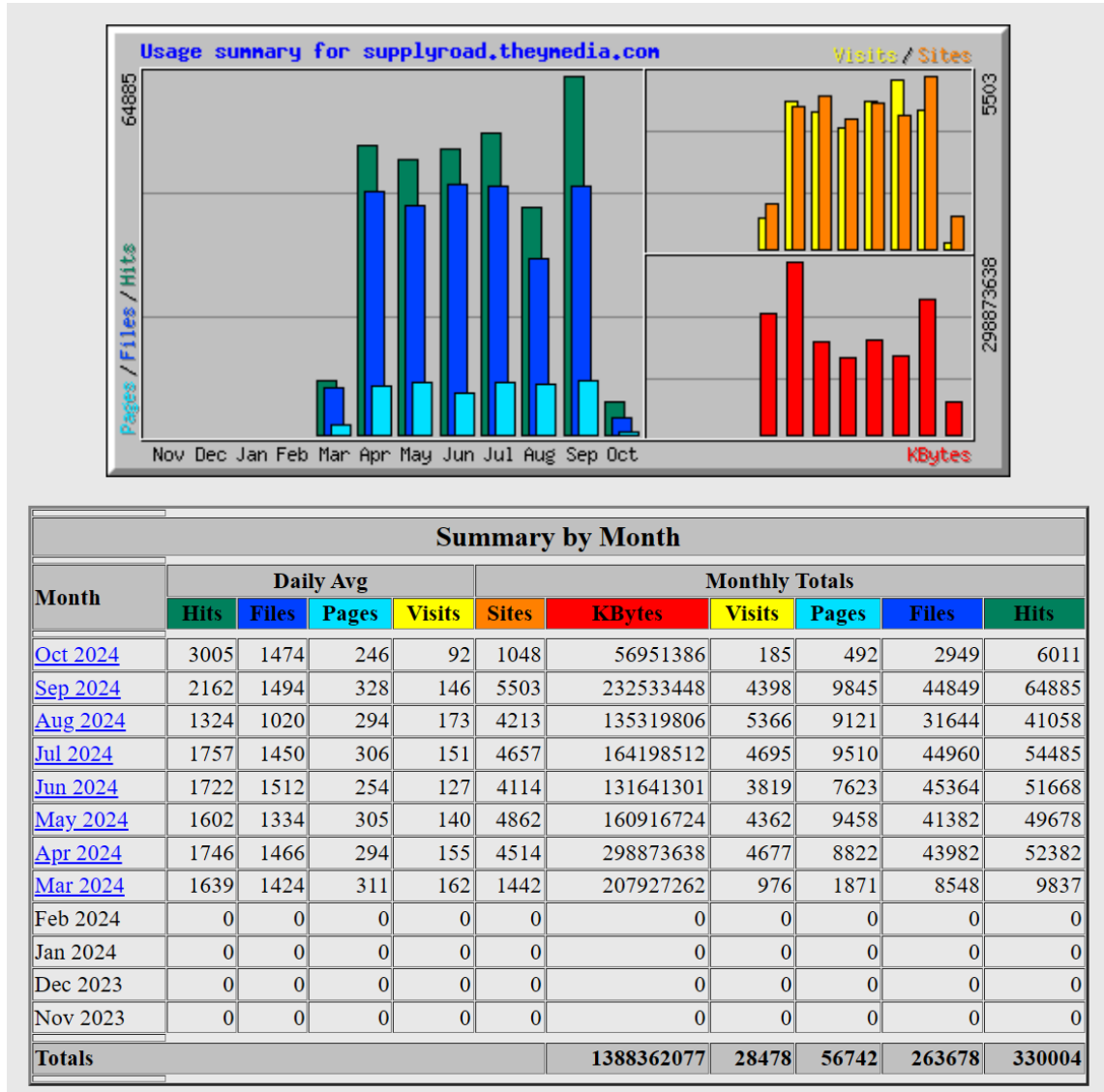
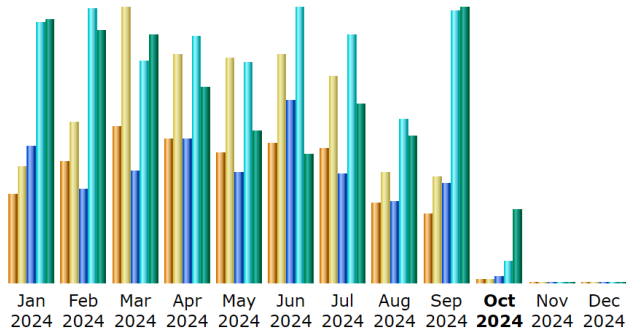


Figure 4-2: Project Website Unique Visitors



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2024	1,267	1,662	16,044	30,464	381.33 GB
Feb 2024	1,722	2,289	10,899	32,062	364.83 GB
Mar 2024	2,233	3,903	13,131	26,007	358.18 GB
Apr 2024	2,046	3,231	16,949	28,801	284.42 GB
May 2024	1,846	3,190	12,935	25,836	218.81 GB
Jun 2024	1,989	3,236	21,292	32,153	187.10 GB
Jul 2024	1,929	2,945	12,838	29,031	260.11 GB
Aug 2024	1,134	1,577	9,631	19,220	213.11 GB
Sep 2024	986	1,502	11,643	31,969	397.63 GB
Oct 2024	57	61	795	2,509	107.43 GB
Nov 2024	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2024	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15,209	23,596	126,157	258,052	2.71 TB

The Project website also has unique visitors, who are distinct individuals visiting the website within a specific time frame, such as a day, week, or month. This metric counts each visitor only once, regardless of how many times they return to the website during that period. The Project website’s unique visitors have grown slowly through the Project, corresponding to the Project website’s growth in position in search results on Google organically, i.e., typing in specific terms brings up the Project website in search results.

The Project website’s data usage occurs in bulk and is always Project-related, with people using the actual data posted on the website. The approach for the website’s design and social media components were focused to function as a main outpost for data usage, and the data from the site can be utilized for gaining understanding of the Project, and for providing information to First Nations and other stakeholders. An easy to understand and use method is utilized on the Project website and social media components, using layman’s language and translations for different topics. Data usage during virtual information sessions and streaming events is sometimes limited for events specific to a First Nation.

Figure 4-3: Data Usage of Project Website

	Hits	206 Hits	Bandwidth
/wp-content/uploads/1649/90/Long-Form-Version-of-Slides.mp4	442	336	146.42 GB
/wp-content/uploads/1648/82/Long-Form-Version-of-Slides-Translat...	440	259	70.66 GB
/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/AR4-ENV-502_CL_FIN.pdf	57	0	42.74 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/SNC-Submission-ToR-for-Review-2020-0...	32	0	298.90 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/20240606_WSR-EA-IA-Round3_Part-2_Det...	25	0	122.82 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/WSR-SPECIES-AT-RISK-STUDY-PLAN-SUMMA...	16	0	132.77 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Section-6-8.pdf	15	0	94.19 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/WSR-EA-IA-Phase-Round-1-Oji-Cree-202...	14	0	229.74 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Web-Caribou-and-Wolverine-Surveys-Fa...	13	0	52.30 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Q68-SNC-163_FIN_colour.pdf	12	0	158.44 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Web-Cumulative-Effects-Work-Plan-Fac...	12	0	38.71 MB
/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/WSR-ToR-Sections-10-11.pdf	11	0	6.64 MB

5 Integration of Feedback into the EA/IA Process

As part of Consultation Round 3, the engagement and consultation activities listed in **Section 3** continued to seek comments and feedback from the 22 Indigenous communities regarding various aspects of the Project and the EA/IA. The feedback that has been received in Round 3, like Round 1 and 2, has been responded to and will be integrated into the ongoing EA/IA. **Table 5-1** provides a summary of commitments to address key issues of concern raised during Consultation Round 3 of the EA/IA and status of resolution.

From the engagement and consultation activities conducted for Consultation Round 3, the goal of the Project Team was to receive feedback on the preliminary results of the EA/IA for valued components such as water quality, fish/fish habitat, species-at-risk (e.g., caribou), Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests, and proposed mitigation and monitoring as well as those other topics of concern raised in previous Consultation Rounds 1 and 2. All comments and issues of concern from the engagement and consultation completed to-date will be considered and addressed by the Project Team in the draft and final EAR/IS for the Project. **Section 2** (Engagement and Consultation Summary) of the Draft EAR/IS, to be released in Winter of fiscal year 2024/25, summarizes the engagement and consultation activities undertaken for the Project to-date and/or planned by Webequie First Nation. A separate Record of Engagement and Consultation is also being prepared to support the Draft EAR/IS and provides detailed responses to comments and questions raised during the EA/IA. Where any issues remain unresolved at the time of the Draft EAR/IS submission, this will be noted, along with a record of all efforts made to resolve the issue.

Indigenous communities will have an opportunity to review an early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS, as per the information provided in the Project Team correspondence to all Indigenous communities on September 20, 2024. Early circulation of the Draft EAR/IS is a discretionary step in the EA/IA process which the Project Team is offering to hear community's views and help us better understand any concerns to address when finalizing the document. This opportunity will provide communities an extended review period of 60-days to provide their review and comments on the Draft EAR/IS. Following the circulation of the Draft EAR/IS to Indigenous communities, the Draft EAR/IS will be circulated formally to the public and stakeholders for 60-day review. This would provide an additional 60 days for Indigenous communities to review the Draft EAR/IS, for a total review period of 120 days.

The Project Team looks forward to the input from Indigenous communities which will lead the way for an informed decision-making process for the planning and development of the Project. Copies of the Draft EAR/IS to be circulated formally to the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities for review and comments will be made available at the Administration office of each Indigenous community, at Tribal Council and Nishnawbe Aski Nation offices, at participating municipal offices and libraries, and through the Project website.



Table 5-1: Summary of Commitments to Address Key Issues/Concerns Raised by Indigenous Communities and Groups During Consultation – Round 3

Key Topic/Theme of Concern	Comment	Source	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Preliminary Draft Community-Specific Existing Conditions Summary	Attawapiskat First Nation requested information on the references that are cited in the document.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Attawapiskat First Nation	The Project Team responded to Attawapiskat First Nation with information regarding the report. The correspondence explained that the preliminary Draft Community-Specific Existing Conditions Summary document is a part of the uncirculated draft Socio-Economic Existing Conditions Report and provided clarifications on the references which were Transcripts from key informant interviews and focus group sessions with Webequie Knowledge Holders prepared in 2022 and 2023. The Project Team’s response clarified that the statements will be reframed to provide clarity that the views expressed come from Webequie Knowledge Holders.	Addressed in the response
Consultation Progress Report for Round 2	Attawapiskat First Nation requested a digital copy of the WSR Consultation Progress Report for Round 2.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Attawapiskat First Nation	The Project Team responded to Attawapiskat First Nation with a copy of the report attached to the e-mail correspondence.	Addressed in the response
Engagement and Consultation – Visit to community	Constance Lake First Nation requested a visit from the Project Team to provide an update of the Project and also requested a representative from Webequie First Nation accompany the team to facilitate Nation-to-Nation discussion.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Constance Lake First Nation	The Project Team responded to Constance Lake First Nation stating that a community visit would be arranged. The visit was carried out on September 12, 2024.	Addressed in the response



Key Topic/Theme of Concern	Comment	Source	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Draft EAR/IS	Constance Lake First Nation and Matawa First Nation requested hard copies of the Draft EAR/IS and a table of contents ahead of release of full document, for Matawa Tribal Council and Constance Lake First Nation.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Constance Lake First Nation and Matawa Tribal Council	The Project Team has acknowledged the request and have currently listed this requirement in the commitments list for the Project.	In progress
Information on WSR	Ginoogaming First Nation requested a link to all Project materials which had been shared with Ginoogaming First Nation since Project initiation.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Ginoogaming First Nation	The Project Team has acknowledged the request and have currently listed this requirement in the commitments list for the Project. The Project Team is currently assembling the materials requested and will be sending shortly to Ginoogaming First Nation.	In Progress
Aboriginal Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI)	Fort Albany First Nation requested information on how inherent rights are assessed in the EA/IA process.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Fort Albany First Nation	The Project Team responded noting that the evaluation of impacts to rights are examined within the framework of Webequie Three-Tier approach, or governance structure, and engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities are an essential step in this process. The Team mentioned that the details of the assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interest will be provided in the Draft EAR/IS and that the approach will follow the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada guidance: <i>Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples</i> .	Addressed in the response



Key Topic/Theme of Concern	Comment	Source	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
Engagement and Consultation – Visit to community	Kashechewan First Nation requested an in-community meeting and information session for the WSR, Northern Road Link (NRL) and Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR).	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Kashechewan First Nation	The Project Team acknowledged the request and have currently listed this requirement in the commitments list for the Project.	In progress
Caribou Migration	Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation expressed their concerns of the Project on caribou migration routes.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation	The Project Team as part of the EA/IA is examining potential impacts on the migratory movement of caribou (Boreal and Eastern Migratory populations). To assess the movement of caribou the Project Team has reviewed background studies and Indigenous Knowledge shared by communities and conducted field investigations that include aerial surveys and caribou collaring. The results of the assessment on potential impact to caribou, as a result of the Project, will be described in the Draft EAR/IS that will be made available for Indigenous review and feedback.	In progress
ATRI	Marten Falls First Nation requested clarification whether Project Team would like feedback on ATRI in a separate correspondence or as comments on the EAR/IS.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Marten Falls First Nation	The Project Team responded indicating that feedback from Marten Falls First Nation is welcome, and it can be provided separately as a correspondence or in the form of feedback for the WSR EAR/IS.	Addressed in the response



Key Topic/Theme of Concern	Comment	Source	Response/Proposed Actions	Status of Resolution
EAR/IS	Marten Falls First Nation requested clarification whether the Webequie First Nation plans to review the MFCAR Draft EAR/IS when it's released.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Marten Falls First Nation	The Project Team responded that currently it has not been decided whether the Project Team, on behalf of Webequie First Nation, will review the MFCAR Draft EAR/IS.	Addressed in the response
Engagement and Consultation	Nibinamik First Nation invited the Project Team to present an update on WSR at the scheduled off-reserve meeting and requested information on WSR for the meeting presentation.	EA/IA phase – Consultation Round 3 Nibinamik First Nation	<p>The Project Team responded indicating that the Project Team would present a project update at the scheduled off-reserve meeting and provided engagement and consultation documentation related to Nibinamik First Nation since May 2022.</p> <p>The Project Team presented a project update at the he off-reserve meeting held on August 6, 2024 in Thunder Bay.</p>	Addressed in the response



6 Conclusions/Next Steps

As shown in this Consultation Progress Report (Round 3), during the EA/IA phase of the Project, the Project Team remains dedicated to continuous engagement and consultation with potentially affected communities through various engagement methods and activities. The Project Team will address any questions or concerns raised by Indigenous communities and Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks in response to this report, making any necessary revisions. This report will also be included in the Record of Engagement and Consultation submitted with the Draft EAR/IS.

Next steps in the Engagement and Consultation Program for the Project will involve various engagement and consultation options for communities for the Project Team to explain the assessment findings in the draft EAR/IS, including targeted sessions with Indigenous communities for feedback and input on the results of the cumulative effects assessment for the Project. Future engagement and consultation sessions for communities are tentatively scheduled to start in Winter of fiscal year 2024/2025 and will coincide with the release of the Draft EAR/IS for review and comments. The outcomes from future engagement and consultation activities planned will be used by the Project Team to help inform in the development of the Final EAR/IS that will be submitted to provincial and federal regulators and circulated to all Indigenous communities for review and comments.



APPENDIX A

Record of Consultation Reports
(To be provided in a separate file)

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