

A1. Terms of Reference Notice of Approval - Terms of Reference

TERMS OF REFERENCE - NOTICE OF APPROVAL

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

SUBSECTION 6(4)

APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

FOR

THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Proponent: Marten Falls First Nation

Undertaking: The construction and operation of the Marten Falls Community Access Road and ancillary facilities.

EAIMS No.: 18047

As provided for by subsection 6(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.18 ("the Act"), the proposed Terms of Reference submitted for approval to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on October 23, 2020, with the amendments which I consider necessary, all of which are set out in this notice, is hereby approved ("the approved Terms of Reference").

Pursuant to subsection 6.1(1) of the Act, any environmental assessment for the above-noted undertaking, submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks pursuant to subsection 6.2(1) of the Act, must be prepared in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference.

Reasons:

- I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference will be consistent with the purpose of the Act and the public interest;
- The amendments in this Notice of Approval contain additional requirements for consultation with Indigenous communities with respect to the cumulative effects assessment to be prepared as part of the environmental assessment; and additional requirements for consultation with Indigenous communities at key milestones during the development of the environmental assessment. These amendments have been informed by concerns with respect to potential adverse impacts to established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights that have been shared with the Crown during consultation with Indigenous communities, or that can reasonably be anticipated at this point in the environmental assessment process.

- The approved Terms of Reference includes other consultation requirements that are intended to provide for appropriate input during the environmental assessment by any interested person;
- The approved Terms of Reference provides adequate rationale for focusing the environmental assessment;
- The approved Terms of Reference contains a sufficient level of detail to provide for an accurate assessment of the environmental effects of alternative methods of carrying out the proposed undertaking and the preferred undertaking;
- There are no outstanding issues that have not been incorporated into the approved Terms of Reference, or that cannot be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

Amendments:

To the extent that there is any conflict between the requirements outlined in the approved Terms of Reference (ToR) and the amendments below, it is the amendments below that will take precedence.

1. Cumulative Effects

To strengthen the commitments in the ToR regarding the cumulative effects assessment and related consultation, Section 7.2-Potential Environmental Effects of the ToR is amended to include the following:

1.1 Cumulative effects consultation:

During the preparation of its environmental assessment (EA), Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) will consult with Indigenous communities on the cumulative effects assessment work plan, methodology, results and impact management measures. As part of the consultation on these items, MFFN will offer targeted consultation opportunities to each Indigenous community. MFFN will also consider any consultation activities/tools that Indigenous communities request in order to facilitate the consultation required by this section.

1.2 Consideration of other cumulative effects assessments:

As part of the development of its EA, MFFN will consider, where appropriate, any publicly available information that may be generated through the following which MFFN considers relevant:

- Any cumulative effects assessment developed as part of any EA in respect of the proposed Webequie Supply Road; and
- Any cumulative effects assessment developed as part of any EA in respect of the proposed Northern Road Link.

MFFN will determine how to use any information described in this section in its EA including the cumulative effects assessment. If information described in this section is not available at the time MFFN is prepared to submit its final EA to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), this will not delay the submission of the final EA.

1.3 Consideration of Regional Assessment:

If there is an ongoing or completed Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire area, as part of the development of its EA MFFN will consider, where appropriate, any publicly available information that may be generated through that process which MFFN considers relevant. MFFN will determine how to use any information described in this section in its EA including the cumulative effects assessment. If information described in this section is not available at the time MFFN is prepared to submit its final EA to MECP, this will not delay the submission of the final EA.

1.4 Cumulative effects consultation report:

As part of the draft EA and final EA, MFFN will prepare a cumulative effects consultation report to accompany the cumulative effects assessment within the EA. The report will include:

- A summary of the consultation completed with Indigenous communities and any other organizations/agencies regarding the development of the cumulative effects assessment; and
- Comment-response tables showing how comments from Indigenous communities and any other organizations/agencies were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, in the development of the cumulative effects assessment.

1.5 Draft and final EA report documentation:

The draft EA and final EA will contain draft and final cumulative effects assessments, respectively.

2. Table 11.7 and Cumulative Effects

Table 11.7: Milestones and Targeted Input is amended by adding the following to the list of targeted input for each milestone: "Input into the cumulative effects assessment impact management measures."

3. Consultation Reporting at Key EA Milestones

To support Indigenous communities to provide meaningful input during the development of the EA at each key milestone, Section 11.7 - Milestones and Targeted Input and Table 11-2 (and accompanying Table 4-2 within Appendix B) are amended to include the following:

3.1. Preparing progress reports:

MFFN will prepare a written progress report on the consultation activities associated with each of the following EA milestones:

- NoC of Provincial EA;
- Effects Assessment Methods; and
- Identification of Preferred Alternatives.

Each progress report will:

- Be organized by each Indigenous community;
- Contain a consultation log and summary that tracks consultation activities, information shared by MFFN with the community, any community input and MFFN's responses to such input for the EA milestone; and

- Contain a discussion of how any input and information provided by the Indigenous communities have informed the development of the EA milestone.

3.2. Distributing progress reports:

As soon as practicable after MFFN has reached each EA milestone set out above and prepared the progress report associated with that milestone, MFFN will:

- Provide the relevant progress report to MECP; and
- Provide each Indigenous community with a copy of the community-specific portion of the progress report that relates to that community.

3.3. Proceeding to the next EA milestone:

Once the requirements in sections 3.1 and 3.2 have been completed for a milestone, MFFN will determine when to move to the next milestone.

3.4. Responding to questions or concerns:

In a timely manner, MFFN will respond to any questions or concerns raised by MECP or an Indigenous community in response to the progress reports distributed under section 3.2, including making any revisions to the progress reports as MFFN considers appropriate.

3.5. Records of consultation:

MFFN will append the final progress reports, with any relevant updates made in response to feedback received under section 3.4, as part of the records of consultation that are submitted with the draft EA and final EA.

Dated the 8 day of October, 2021 at TORONTO.

<original signed by>

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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A2. Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement

A2.1 Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement - English

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION – MARTEN FALLS COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD PROJECT

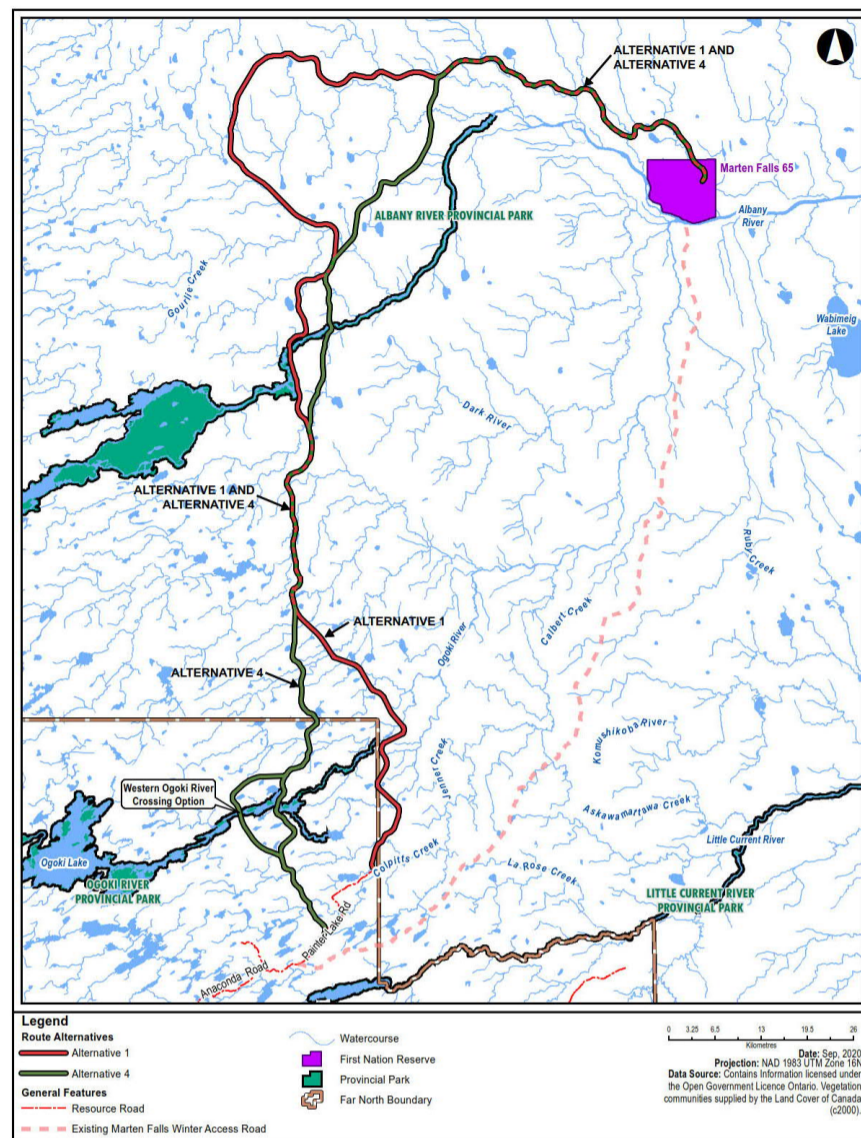
Project Description and Location:

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is commencing an environmental assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road (the Project). Marten Falls First Nation is a remote First Nation community in the Far North of Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki Rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario. The proposed Project will be a multi-purpose all-season community access road approximately 190 km to 230 km in length that will connect the MFFN community to the Ontario provincial highway network. Two alternatives (see map) are being considered in determining the location of the all-season road. The road is intended to provide increased travel safety, reduced price of food, fuel and supplies, improved community social, health, education and wellness services, in addition to providing the MFFN community with future economic development opportunities. The road will be multi-purpose; it will be used by both community and others which may include industry.

The Process

On October 8, 2021, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approved the Terms of Reference with amendments for the Marten Falls Community Access Road. A copy of the approved Terms of Reference, as well as the Notice of Approval, is available at: <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/>

The Project is subject to the Ontario EA process and a federal Impact Assessment (IA). As part of the provincial EA process, MFFN is required to submit an EA report to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) for review and a decision. This EA will be carried out in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference, amendments detailed in the Notice of Approval, and the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. As part of the federal IA process, MFFN is required to submit to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (Agency) an Impact Statement (IS) for the Agency to determine whether it satisfactorily contains all the information and studies outlined in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. The Project is being undertaken as a coordinated provincial and federal assessment resulting in one body of documentation related to the assessment, referred to as the EA / IS. The EA / IS will be submitted to both the MECP and the Agency. A draft of the EA / IS will be made available for review and comment. The EA / IS will then be updated as required and submitted to the MECP and Agency for review, which will include an additional public review component. Notification will be given both for the Draft EA / IS Review and the review associated with submission of the EA / IS to the MECP and the Agency. Notice will be provided indicating when and where the draft and finalized EA / IS can be reviewed.



Consultation and Engagement:

Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the EA / IA process. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the EA / IA process and will be communicated through newspaper advertisements, radio, mail-outs and the Project website (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). Upcoming consultation and engagement will be focused on understanding Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons' level of interest in the Project and how they would like to be kept informed and consulted / engaged with, as well as the effects assessment methods including obtaining feedback on the proposed consultation and engagement approach, existing conditions and baseline field studies, the EA / IA processes, local and regional study areas, Project phases, criteria and indicators, Project-environment interactions, net effects characteristics, and cumulative effects.

Contact Information:

For further information on the Project, contact:

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All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

A2.2 Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement - French

AVIS DE LANCEMENT DE L'ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE

COMMUNAUTÉ AUTOCHTONE DE MARTEN FALLS – PROJET DE ROUTE D'ACCÈS À LA COMMUNAUTÉ AUTOCHTONE DE MARTEN FALLS

Description du Projet et Localisation:

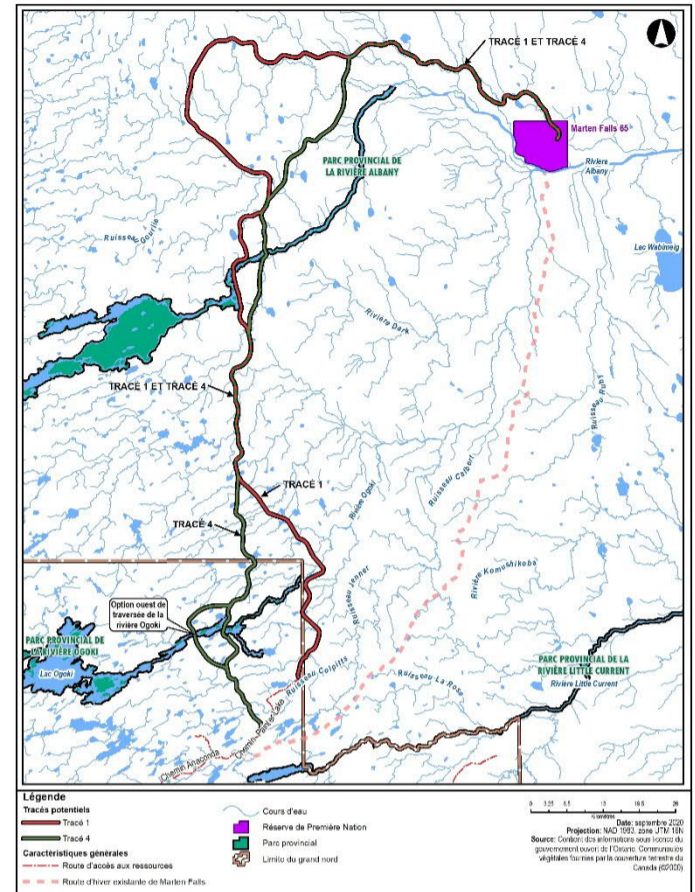
La communauté autochtone de Marten Falls (Marten Falls First Nation, ci-après la communauté) débute une évaluation environnementale (ÉE) en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* de l'Ontario pour le projet de route d'accès à la communauté de Marten Falls (le Projet). La communauté autochtone de Marten Falls est une communauté anishnabe isolée du nord de l'Ontario, située à la confluence des rivières Albany et Ogoki, à environ 170 km au nord-est de Nakina, Ontario. Le projet proposé consistera en une route d'accès multifonctionnelle et utilisable en toute saison, d'une longueur d'environ 190 à 230 km, qui reliera la communauté au réseau routier provincial de l'Ontario. Deux variantes (voir la carte) sont envisagées pour déterminer l'emplacement de la route toute saison. La route a pour but d'accroître la sécurité des déplacements, de réduire le prix de la nourriture, du carburant et des fournitures, d'améliorer les services sociaux, de santé, d'éducation et de bien-être de la communauté, en plus d'offrir à la communauté autochtone de Marten Falls de futures opportunités de développement économique. La route sera multifonctionnelle et elle sera utilisée à la fois par la communauté et par d'autres utilisateurs, dont possiblement l'industrie.

La Procédure

Le Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs a approuvé le 8 octobre 2021 le cadre de référence avec des modifications pour la route d'accès à la communauté de Marten Falls. Une copie du cadre de référence approuvé, ainsi que l'avis d'approbation, sont disponibles à l'adresse suivante:

<http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/>

Le Projet est soumis au processus d'évaluation environnementale de l'Ontario et à une évaluation d'impact fédérale (ÉI). Dans le cadre du processus provincial d'ÉE, la communauté de Marten Falls doit soumettre un rapport d'ÉE au Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPP) pour une révision et décision. Cette ÉE sera réalisée conformément au cadre de référence, aux modifications détaillées dans l'avis d'approbation et aux exigences de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* de l'Ontario. Dans le cadre du processus fédéral d'ÉI, la communauté est tenue de soumettre à l'Agence d'évaluation d'impact du Canada (Agence) une étude d'impact pour permettre à l'Agence de déterminer si elle contient de manière satisfaisante toutes les informations et études décrites dans les lignes directrices individualisées relatives à l'étude d'impact. Le projet est entrepris dans le cadre d'une évaluation provinciale et fédérale coordonnée qui donne lieu à un seul ensemble de documents liés à l'évaluation, appelé ÉE/ étude d'impact. L'ÉE/ étude d'impact sera soumise au MEPP et à l'Agence. Une ébauche de l'ÉE/ étude d'impact sera rendue disponible pour révision et commentaires. L'ÉE/ étude d'impact sera ensuite mise à jour au besoin et soumise au MEPP et à l'Agence pour révision, ce qui comprendra une révision publique supplémentaire. Une notification sera donnée à la fois pour la révision de l'ébauche de l'ÉE/ étude d'impact et pour la révision associée au dépôt de l'ÉE/ étude d'impact au MEPP et à l'Agence. Un avis sera fourni pour indiquer quand et où l'ébauche et la version finale de l'ÉE/ étude d'impact pourront être révisées.



Consultation et Engagement:

Les communautés autochtones, les agences gouvernementales et les personnes intéressées sont encouragées à participer activement au processus d'ÉE/ÉI. Des possibilités de consultation et d'engagement seront organisées tout au long du processus d'ÉE/ÉI et seront communiquées par des annonces dans les journaux, à la radio, par des envois postaux et sur le site Web du projet (www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca). La consultation et l'engagement à venir seront axés sur la compréhension du niveau d'intérêt des communautés autochtones, des organismes gouvernementaux et des personnes intéressées par le projet et sur la façon dont ils souhaitent être tenus informés et consultés/engagés, ainsi que sur les méthodes d'évaluation des effets, incluant l'obtention de commentaires sur l'approche de consultation et d'engagement proposée, les conditions existantes et les études de référence sur le terrain, les processus d'ÉE/ÉI, les zones d'étude locales et régionales, les étapes du projet, les critères et les indicateurs, les interactions entre le projet et l'environnement, les caractéristiques des effets nets et des effets cumulatifs.

Coordonnées:

Pour davantage d'informations sur le projet, contactez:

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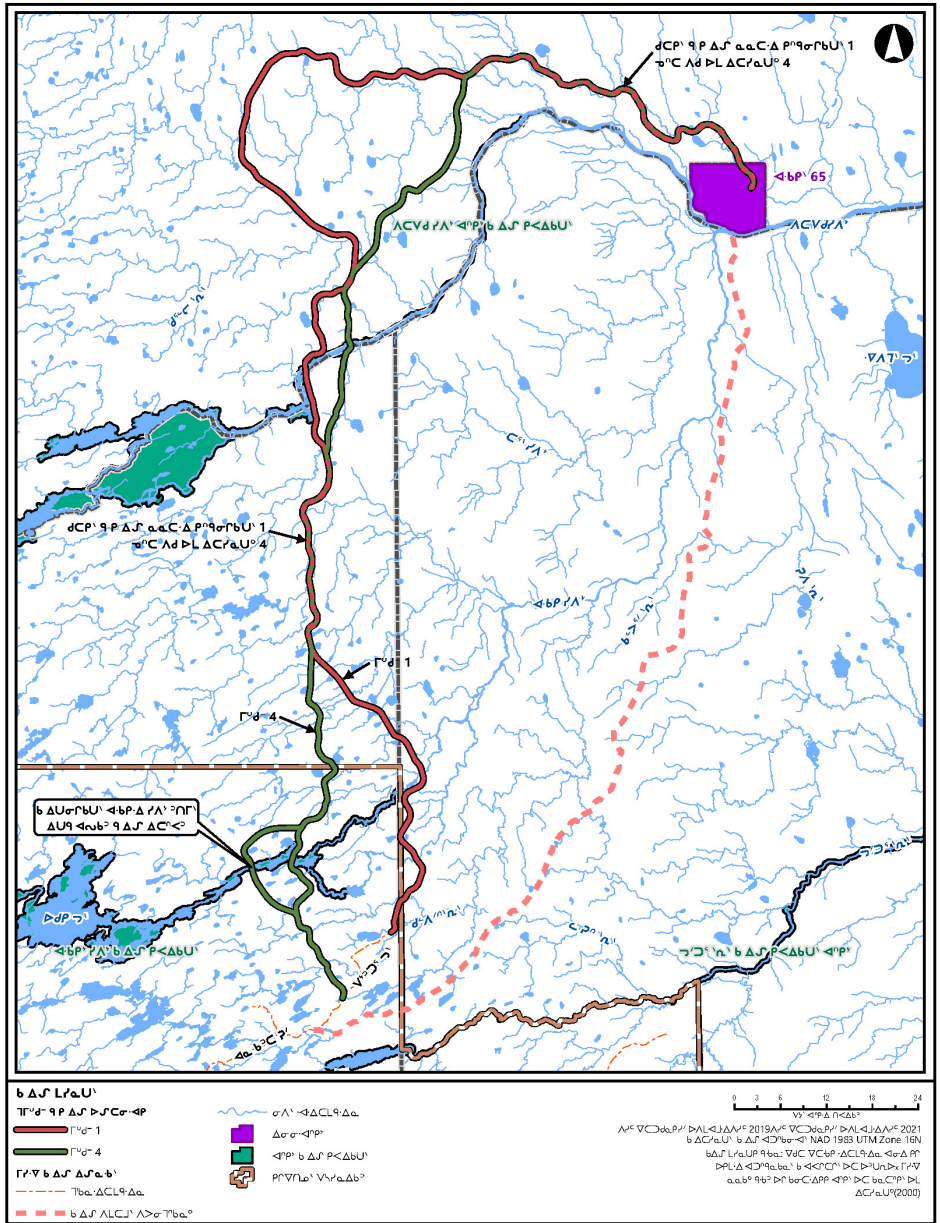
Tous les renseignements personnels inclus dans une demande, tels que le nom, l'adresse, le numéro de téléphone et l'emplacement de la propriété, sont recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs à des fins de transparence et de consultation. Les renseignements sont recueillis en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* ou sont recueillis et conservés dans le but de créer un dossier accessible au grand public, comme le décrit l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée* de 1990. Les renseignements personnels que vous soumettez feront partie d'un dossier public accessible au grand public, à moins que vous ne demandiez que vos renseignements personnels restent confidentiels. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec le coordonnateur de l'accès à l'information et de la protection de la vie privée du Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs au 416-314-4075.

A2.3 Environmental Assessment Notice of Commencement - Cree

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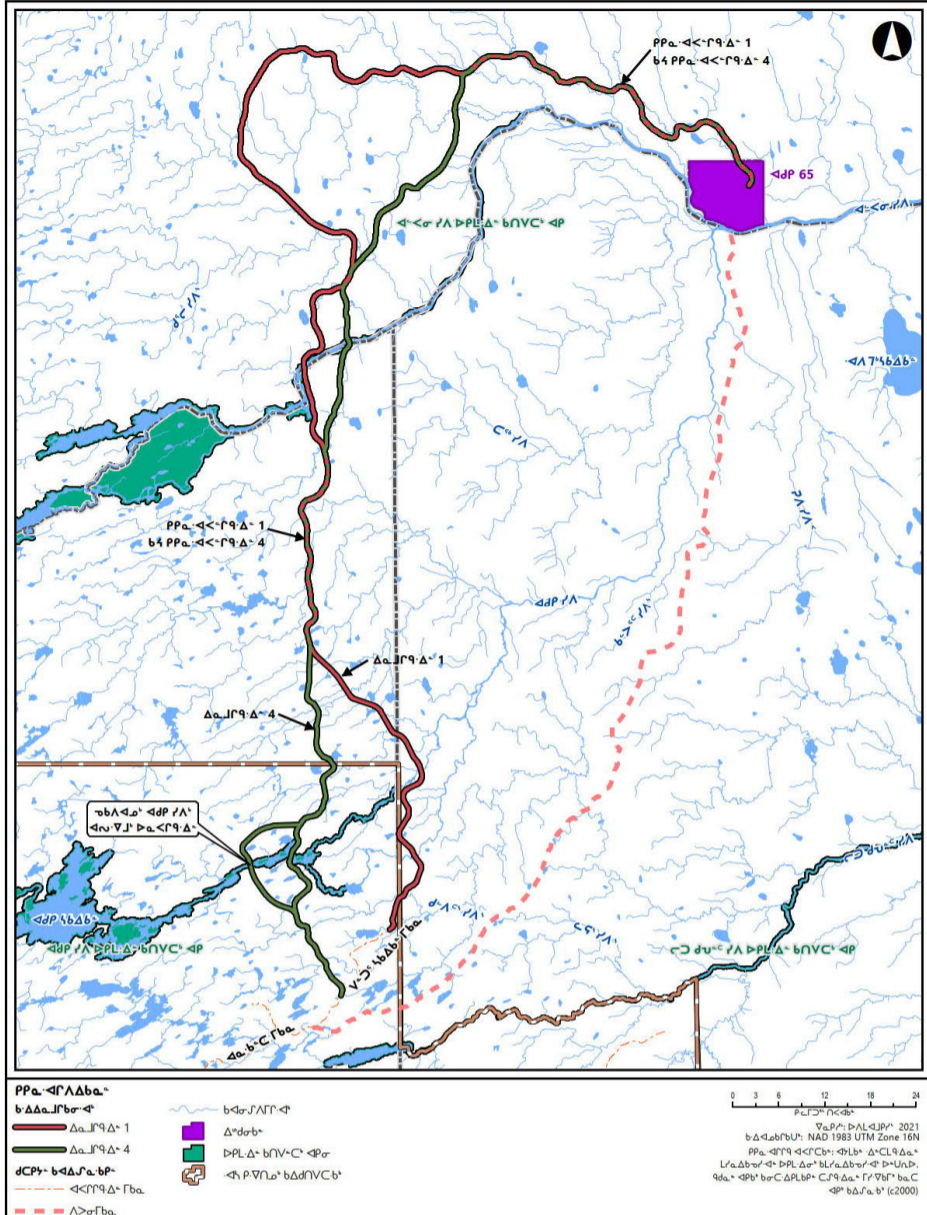
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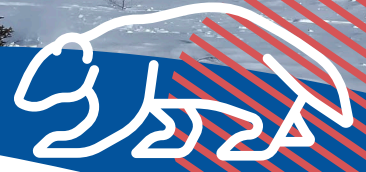
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A3. Field Study Notices & Updates

A3.1 Winter Field Studies Notice



Field Notice



Winter Field Programs

Issued: December 2021

What's Happening and When?

Field studies to document the presence of ungulates (moose, moozoog; caribou, atigwag) and other wildlife in the study area are continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All Season Community Access Road.

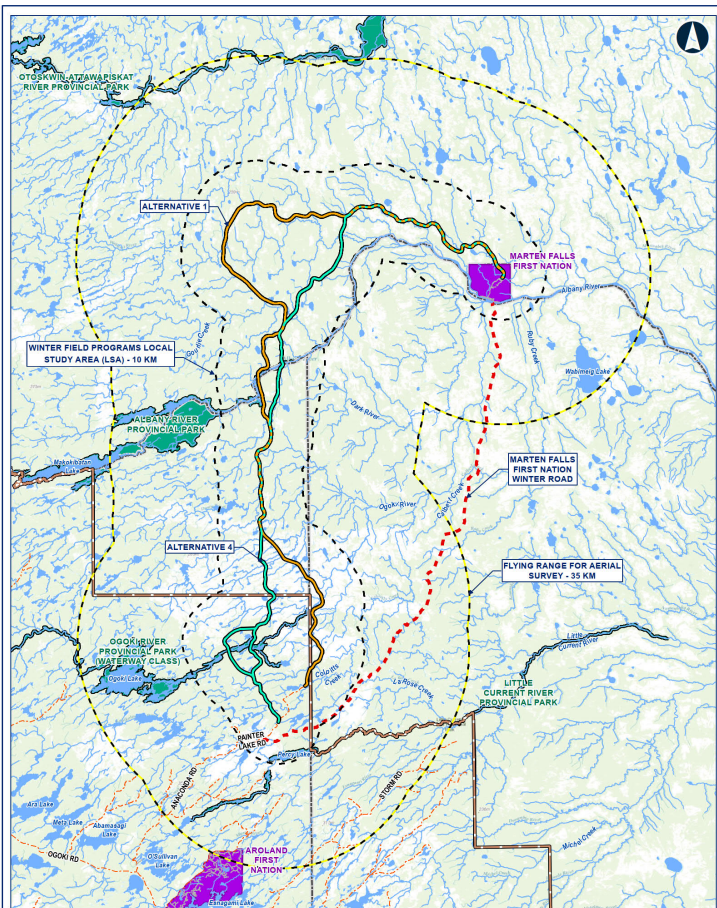
The following winter field programs will occur between **January and March 2022, with exact dates being provided once confirmed:**

- 1. Furbearer ground track surveys (two rounds of five days between January and February):** will be conducted by track specialists. Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to document the number of track sets crossing the transect, species, location and habitat type encountered. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.
- 2. Winter ungulate aerial surveys (15 days between January and March):** will be conducted using a fixed wing aircraft and helicopter to estimate the distribution of wolverine and caribou to determine caribou calf survival in the study area. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.
- 3. Wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waakeg) hair snag surveys (monthly trips from February to May):** 54 hair snag traps will be placed in the study area. Remote cameras will monitor the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine has visited the hair snag trap.





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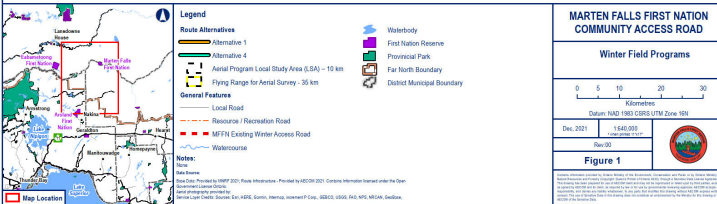
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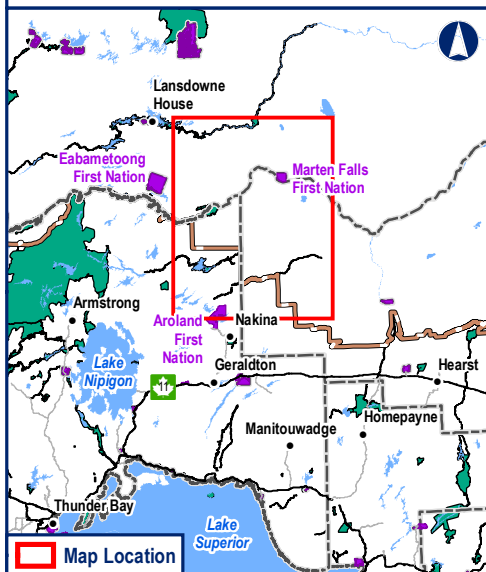
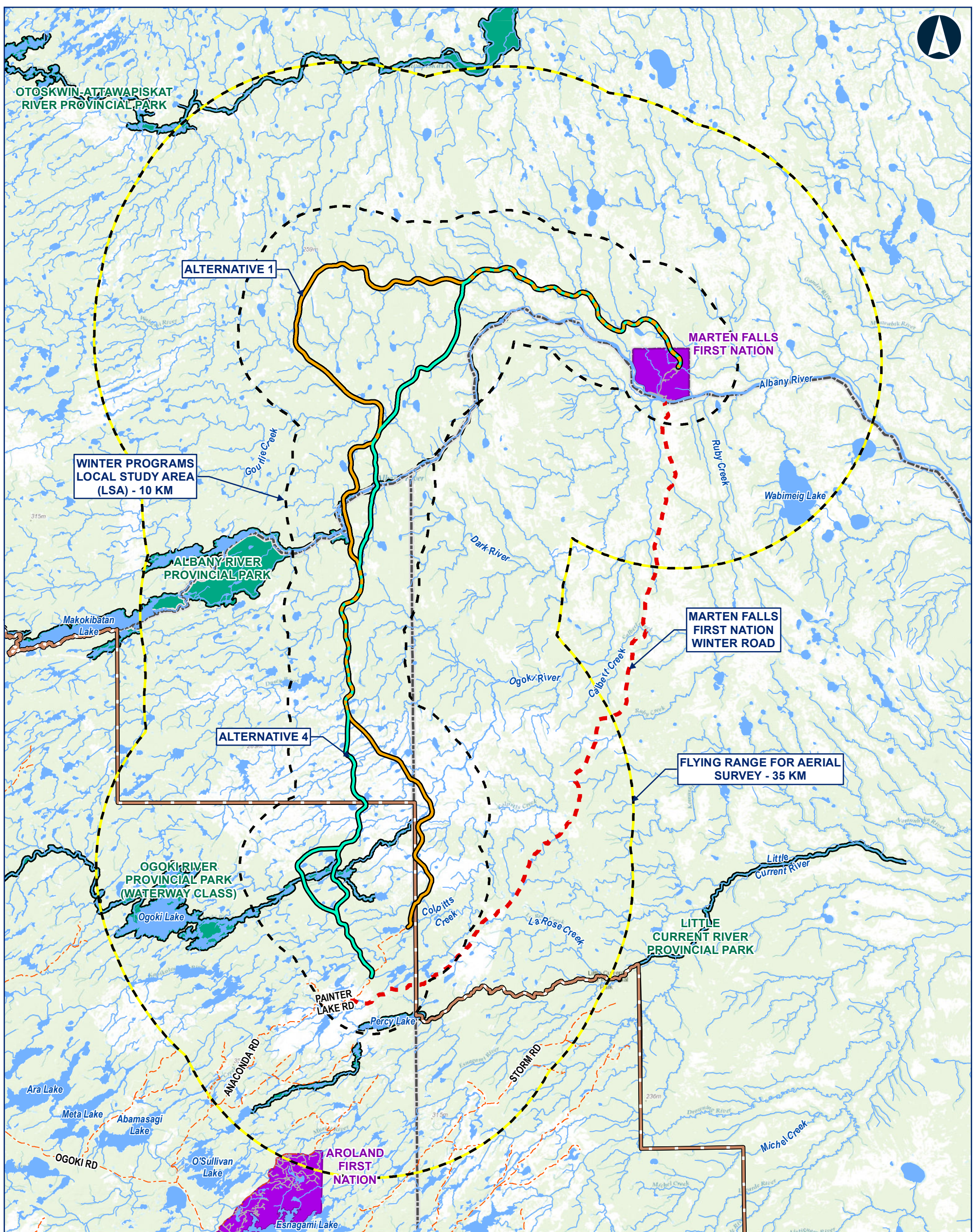
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Route Alternatives

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Winter Programs Local Study Area (LSA) - 10 km
- Flying Range for Aerial Survey - 35 km

General Features

- Local Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary

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A3.2 Furbearer Ground Track Survey Update

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 1:40 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] MFFN Community Access Road: Winter Field Notice - Furbearer Ground Track Surveys

Hello,

In November and December 2021, we shared tentative dates about the furbearer ground track work starting (more details are attached in the field notice). Now that the weather conditions are favourable, we are mobilizing field crews to start the furbearer ground track work from January 20th to the 24th. While crews are in the area, they will also check on the remote cameras (battery refresh and reposition of cameras) and caribou mortality investigation from January 21st to the 27th. We will update you in the next E-Blast.

This is the first of two rounds of the furbearer ground track program. Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to document the number of track sets crossing the transect, species, location and habitat type encountered.

If you are located in the study area, you may notice an increase in air traffic as the study area will be accessed by helicopter during this program.

If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

A3.3 Ungulate Aerial Surveys update

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 3:18 PM

Subject: MFFN Community Access Road: Aerial Surveys Starting

Hello,

In November and December 2021, we shared tentative dates about the ungulate aerial surveys (more details are attached in the field notice). Now that the weather conditions are favourable, we are mobilizing field crews to start the ungulate aerial surveys. The fixed wing portion of the field program will take place from February 7 to 10, and the helicopter portion is expected to take place from February 9 to 14.

During aerial surveys, parallel transect—or straight lines—will be flown throughout the Local and Regional Study Areas to determine caribou calf survival, gather caribou population data and observe signs of other wildlife.

If you are located in the study area, you may notice an increase in air traffic in the study area during this program.

If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,
Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project Team

A3.4 Wolverine Den Surveys Field Study Notice



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Field Notice

Wolverine Den Surveys in Support of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

Issued: February 2022

What's Happening?

To support the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program, wolverine den surveys are likely starting in advance of tree clearing activities (for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program) for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed Community Access Road. The wolverine den surveys will only take place if the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program takes place this spring.

The purpose of this field program is to confirm the presence / absence of active wolverine dens within 4 km of groundwater monitoring well locations, which are located along both route alternatives. If confirmed, mitigation measures will be employed to avoid disturbance to denning wolverines. Field crews will fly parallel transects, or straight lines, within a 4 km radius around each groundwater monitoring well location and observe for wolverine tracks. If conditions are favourable, the field crew will land to verify observed tracks.

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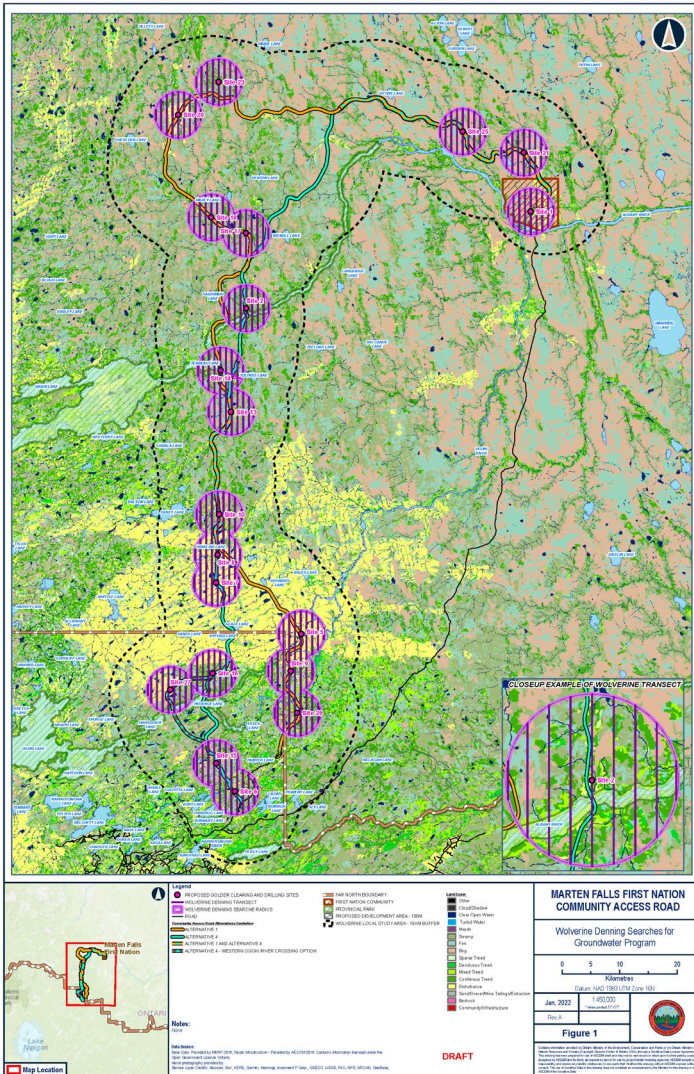
- Wolverine den surveys are expected to start February 2022, but exact dates aren't confirmed yet. Surveys could begin as early as this week (week of February 14, 2022). We will provide updates once dates are confirmed.
- The field crews will be conducting the surveys by helicopter, so you may see helicopters in the area.

If wolverine den surveys are not required due to the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program timing, an update will be provided.





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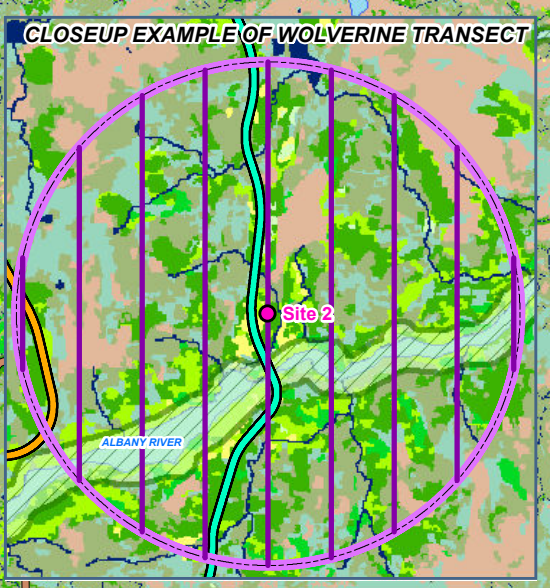
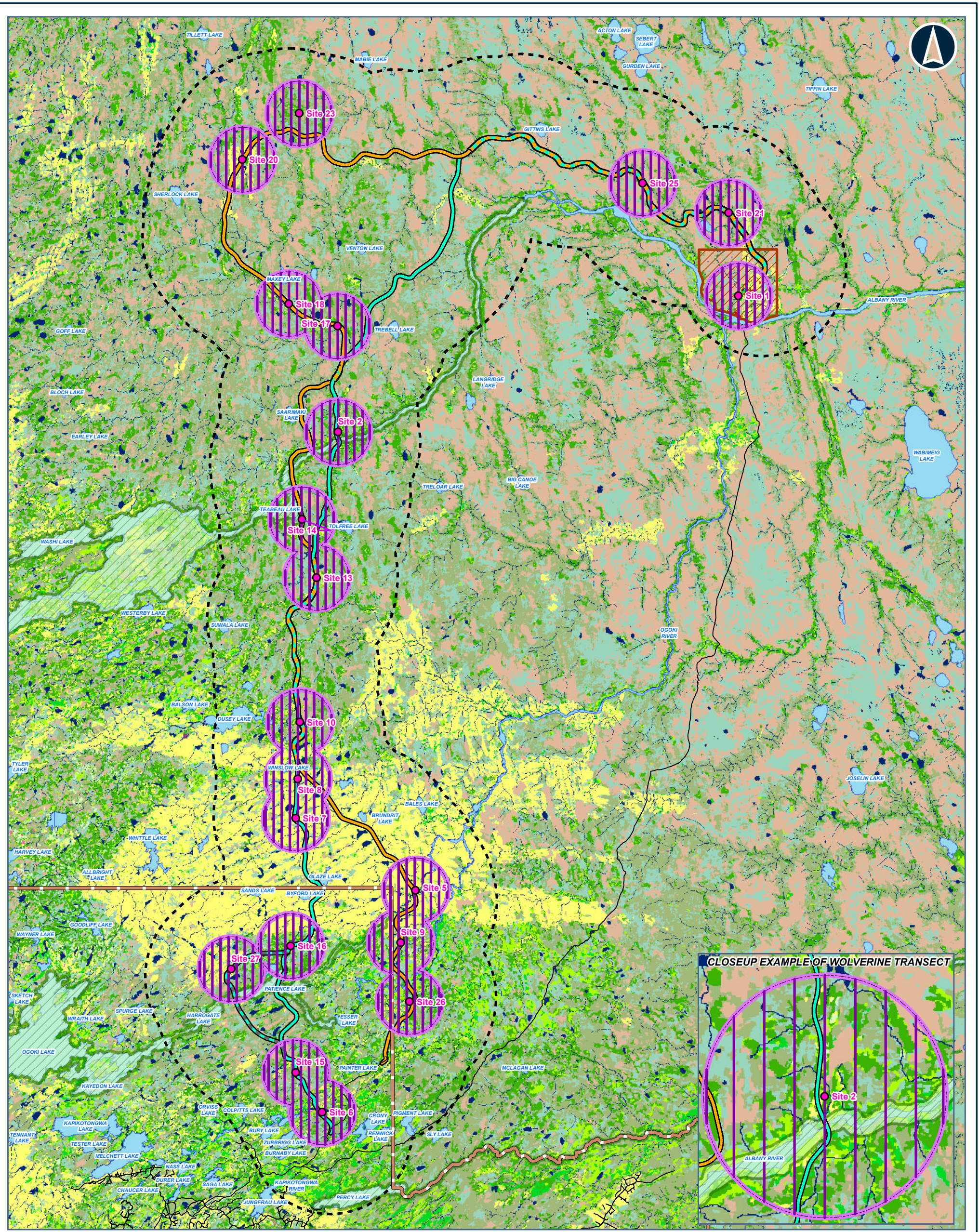
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- PROPOSED GOLDR CLEARING AND DRILLING SITES
- WOLVERINE DENNING TRANSECT
- WOLVERINE DENNING SEARCH RADIUS
- ROAD
- Community Access Road Alternatives Centerline
 - ALTERNATIVE 1
 - ALTERNATIVE 4
 - ALTERNATIVE 1 AND ALTERNATIVE 4
 - ALTERNATIVE 4 - WESTERN OGOKI RIVER CROSSING OPTION
- FAR NORTH BOUNDARY
- FIRST NATION COMMUNITY
- PROVINCIAL PARK
- PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREA - 100M
- WOLVERINE LOCAL STUDY AREA - 10KM BUFFER

Land Cover

- Other
- Cloud/Shadow
- Clear Open Water
- Turbid Water
- Marsh
- Swamp
- Fen
- Bog
- Sparse Treed
- Deciduous Treed
- Mixed Treed
- Coniferous Treed
- Disturbance
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- Bedrock
- Community/Infrastructure

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Wolverine Denning Searches for Groundwater Program

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A3.5 Wolverine Den Surveys and Winter Field Programs update

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 5:11 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] MFFN Community Access Road: Wolverine Den Surveys Notice & Winter Field Program Updates

Hello,

We have updates to share on upcoming field programs for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road. Wolverine Den Surveys in advance of tree clearing for the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program are coming up. Dates are still being confirmed but could start as early as this week. A Field Notice is attached providing more details and why we are doing these surveys. Please note the wolverine den surveys will only take place if the Groundwater and Geochemistry field program takes place this spring. [Learn more about wolverines in our video here.](#) We shared a Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice in October. This program was delayed and is expected to start soon after completion of the wolverine den surveys. [Learn more about groundwater in our video here.](#) The Ungulate Aerial Surveys that started last week has been delayed. Crews are expected to complete this field program later this month. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions. [Learn more about ungulates in our video here.](#) The second round of Furbearer Ground Track Surveys are also expected to start later this month. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions. [Learn more about furbearers in our video here.](#) You can also find the notices on our website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices>. Timing updates will be provided when dates are confirmed. If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

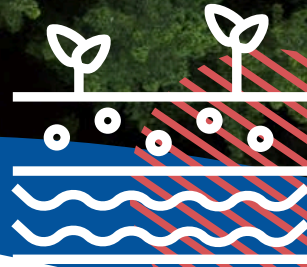
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A3.6 Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Notice



Field Notice



Groundwater and Geochemistry Program

Issued: October 2021

What's Happening?

The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program—to document current groundwater conditions in the study area—is continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

An important part of the EA and IA is understanding potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on groundwater in the area. To better understand this, MFFN is installing monitoring wells along both route alternatives to sample groundwater quantity and quality. The wells will be sampled three times per year for two years. When the wells are no longer required, they will be filled in and sealed. We will also be sampling soil and areas where potential construction material may be sourced to identify minerals or chemicals that could affect water quality if used or disturbed. This is the first time we are specifically looking at groundwater and geochemistry for the Community Access Road.

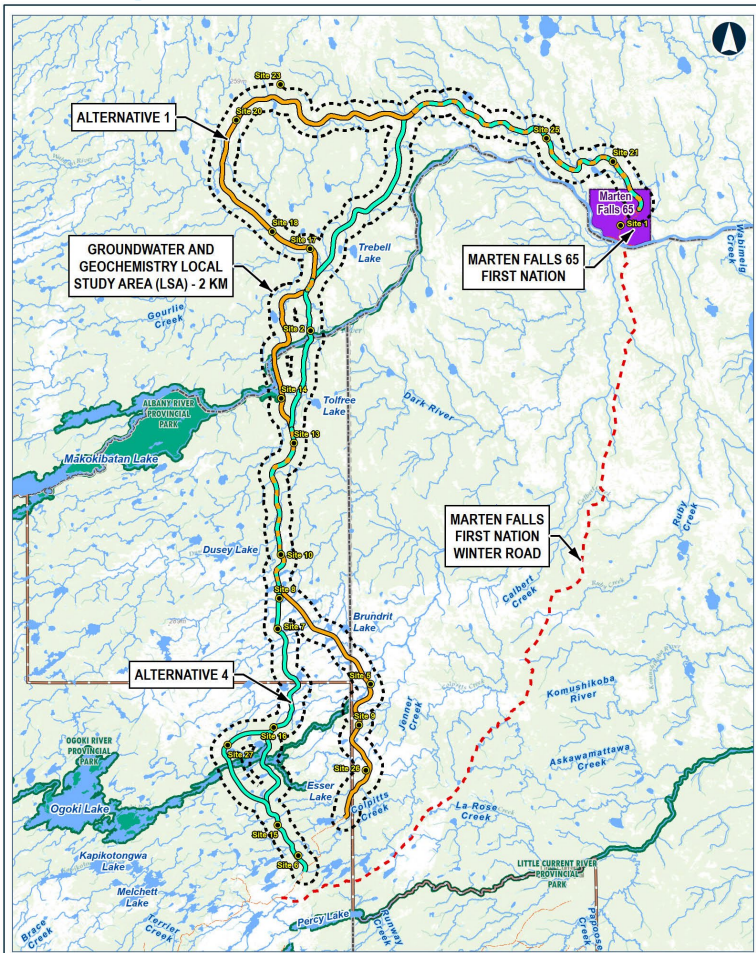
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- **The Groundwater and Geochemistry Program is expected to start in the next month, but due to permitting considerations, we don't currently have exact dates. We will send another update once we receive confirmation to start, however, we may not have enough time to provide two weeks' notice.**
- The field crews will identify locations and clear brush and trees for approximately three weeks to allow helicopter and drill rig access. Once tree clearing is complete, the monitoring wells will be installed. Field technicians will then monitor, test and sample each monitoring well. You may notice helicopters in the area.





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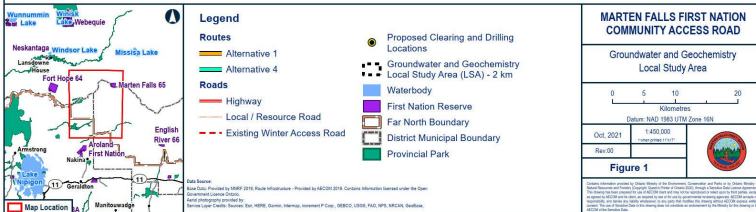
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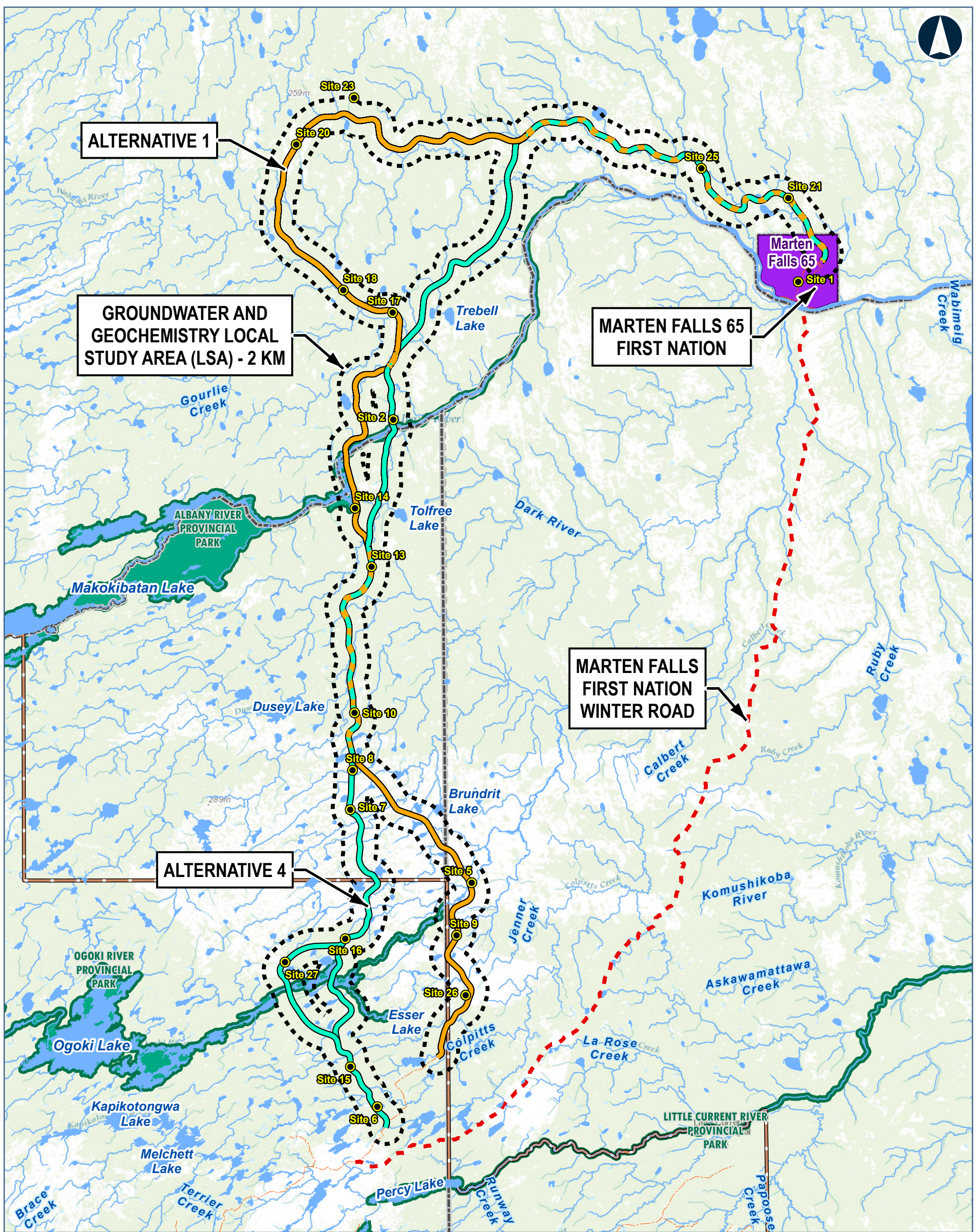
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ALTERNATIVE 1

GROUNDWATER AND GEOCHEMISTRY LOCAL STUDY AREA (LSA) - 2 KM

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION WINTER ROAD

ALTERNATIVE 4



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Routes

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4

Roads

- Highway
- Local / Resource Road
- - - Existing Winter Access Road

- Proposed Clearing and Drilling Locations
- Groundwater and Geochemistry Local Study Area (LSA) - 2 km
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park

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A3.7 Wolverine Hair Snag and Bird ARU update

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:55 AM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] MFFN Community Access Road: Wolverine Hair Snag and Bird Update

Good morning,

In February, 54 wolverine (wishkobishag, wiingwa'waakeg) hair snag surveys were placed in the study area. The attached field notice and our E-Blasts mentioned there would be monthly trips for this program. Field crews are returning to re-bait the hair snags, and they will continue to go back monthly until May 2022. [Learn more about wolverines in our video here.](#)

Crews expect to go in the field March 6 to 16, 2022, however, this is subject to the weather.

While field crews are already in the area—and in an effort to avoid the traditional goose hunt in April—they will be starting the 2022 Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program early (Autonomous Recording Unit work was completed in previous years). These units will be set up in the study area to record bird songs during spring bird migrations. This is the first set-up of around 30 recording units, and they will be moved to a total of 200 locations throughout 2022. We will be following up soon to ask for your input on locations and the program in the upcoming Bird and Spring Programs Discussion Guide.

If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

Sincerely,

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A3.8 Wolverine Den Surveys update

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 5:31 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Update on Wolverine Den Surveys and other winter programs

Hello,

On February 14, 2022 we shared a Field Notice for upcoming Wolverine Den Surveys in support of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program. Now that we have good weather conditions, crews will be conducting the wolverine den surveys from March 11-15, 2022, subject to weather. [Learn more about wolverines in our video here.](#)

The Groundwater and Geochemistry program is anticipated to start soon after the wolverine den surveys. This program will begin with tree clearing and installation for monitoring wells. We will provide dates once confirmed. [Learn more about groundwater in our video here.](#)

Due to current weather and snow conditions the methodology for the second round of Furbearer Ground Track Surveys has been modified. Instead of walking transects, surveys will be conducted from a helicopter with crews landing to validate tracks. We are waiting for appropriate weather conditions required for this program and expect it to be completed in March. [Learn more about furbearers in our video here.](#)

You can also find the notices on our website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices>.

Timing updates will be provided when dates are confirmed. If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

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A3.9 Winter Field Studies update

From: MFFN Community Access Road Project Team <info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 5:21 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Winter Wrap Up & Early Spring Field Programs

Good afternoon,

We have two Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road updates to share about our field programs:

◆
Winter Wrap-Up

We are ready to wrap-up the winter field programs for 2021 / 2022.

In November and December 2021, we shared tentative dates for the furbearer ground track field program (more details are attached in the winter field notice issued December 2021 or [on our website](#)). It looks like we'll have snow later this week, so we are mobilizing field crews to complete this work from April 1 - 5, 2022. This is the last round of surveys for the furbearer ground track program that started in 2021. Due to current weather and snow conditions, instead of walking transects, these surveys will be conducted from a helicopter with crews landing to validate tracks. [Learn more about furbearers in our video here.](#)

While crews are in the field, wolverine den surveys will be completed at remaining sites in advance of the groundwater and geochemistry program (more details are attached in the wolverine denning notice issued February 2022 or [on our website](#)).

◆
Early Spring Field Programs

Please see the attached notice ([or visit our website](#)) for a summary of early spring field programs, starting between March and May 2022. Exact dates for the programs will be shared once confirmed.

You can also find the notices on our website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/documents/#notices>.

If you have any questions or comments, please reply to this email or give us a call at 1-800-764-9114.

Sincerely,

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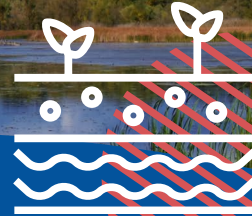
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A3.10 Early Spring Field Notice



Field Notice



Early Spring Field Programs

Issued: March 2022

What's Happening and When?

Field studies are continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All Season Community Access Road.

The following early spring field programs will occur between March and May 2022, with exact dates provided once confirmed:

- 1. Groundwater and Geochemistry** (End of March - December): Field crews will clear brush and trees to allow helicopter and drill rig access at monitoring well site locations. Once tree clearing is complete, the monitoring wells will be installed. Field technicians will then monitor, test and sample each monitoring well. Monitoring is anticipated to begin in June. Some of the sites will be cleared and have wells installed in the fall due to caribou and wolverine found nearby. [Watch our video about groundwater and geochemistry.](#)
- 2. Wolverine Hair Snag Program** (April 5 - 11; April 28 - May 4; May 26 - June 3): Hair snag traps were placed in the study area in February 2022 to provide information about wolverine (*wishkobishag*) demographics (male / female). Crews are returning monthly to re-bait the hair snag traps. [Learn more about wolverines in our video.](#)
- 3. Bird Autonomous Recording Unit Program** (April 9-15; May - July): Field crews will move Autonomous Recording Units deployed in March 2022 to new locations throughout the study area.
- 4. Ungulate Remote Camera Check** (April 10-13; October): Field crews will return to remote cameras deployed in June 2021 to inspect cameras and replace batteries and memory cards. [Learn more about ungulates in our video.](#)
- 5. Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys** (April - October): Transects, or straight lines, will be flown in spring (and again in the fall) to observe waterfowl (such as ducks; *shesheeb*) and shorebird stopover and staging locations, and to observe raptors nesting locations.





Image: Red-breasted Nuthatch



What's Happening? (continued)

- 6. Breeding Bird Point Counts, Marsh Playback Surveys, Eastern Whip-poor-will Autonomous Recording Unit Program** (2 trips; May - July): Skilled observers will use three survey methods to identify birds, including marsh birds, breeding birds and the Eastern Whip-poor-will (a Species at Risk), by sight and sound. Species at Risk birds are those that are listed as endangered or special concern. Species at Risk birds in the study area include Olive-Sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk (*bekshkew*).
- 7. Breeding Bird Aerial Surveys** (2 trips; May - July): Similar to Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys, these aerial surveys will focus on waterfowl and raptor nesting in the breeding season.

**Please note dates are subject to change; we will provide updates as required*

See the next pages for maps.

We are looking for your input on these programs!

We have two new Discussion Guides providing an overview of upcoming field programs. Your insights and knowledge will help shape and enrich our field studies. If you have any questions, comments or feedback on the planned studies, we would like to hear from you.

01

Bird Field Programs Discussion

Guide: Learn about our plans for four different bird programs this spring and share your feedback.

02

Spring Field Programs Discussion

Guide: Learn about our plans for different spring programs coming up and share your feedback.

Contact Information

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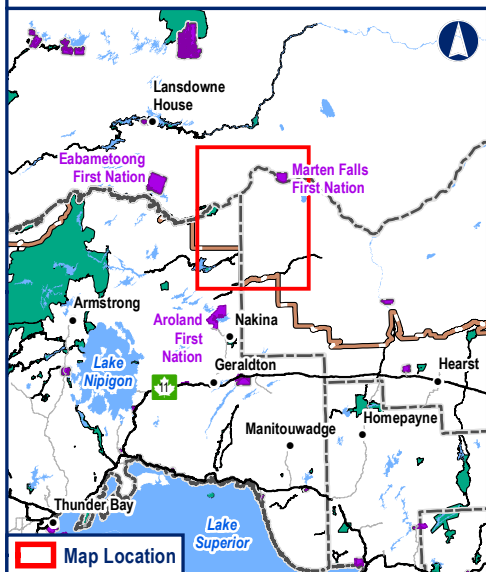
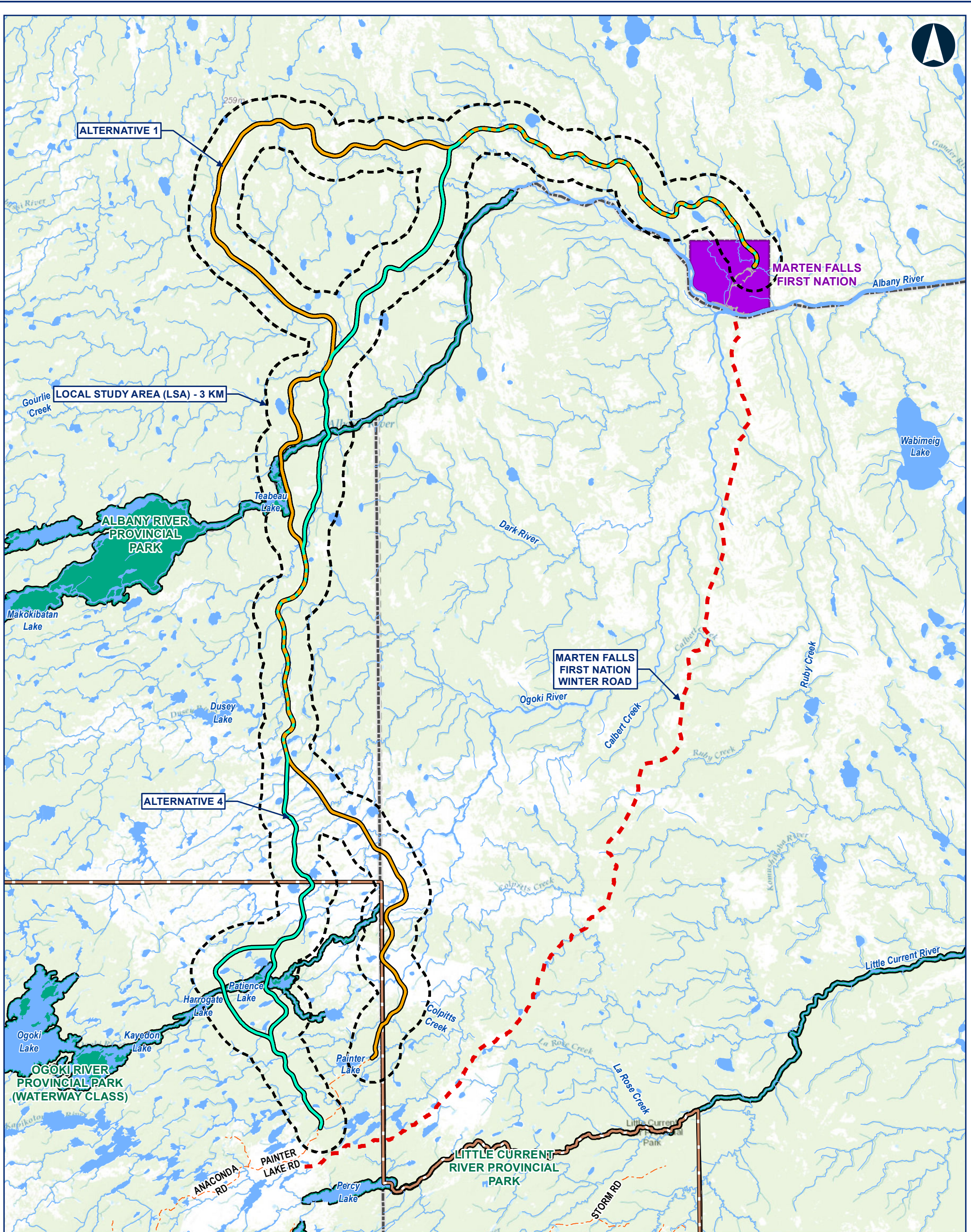
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Legend

Route Alternatives

- Alternative 1 (Orange line)
- Alternative 4 (Green line)
- Local Study Area (LSA) - 3 km (Dashed black line)

General Features

- Local Road (Thin grey line)
- Resource / Recreation Road (Dashed orange line)
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road (Red dashed line)
- Watercourse (Blue line)
- Waterbody (Blue area)
- First Nation Reserve (Purple area)
- Provincial Park (Green area)
- Far North Boundary (Brown outline)
- District Municipal Boundary (Dashed grey line)

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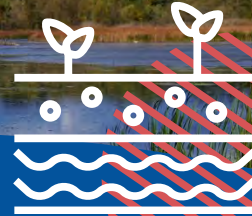


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A3.11 Terrain and Soils Field Notice



Field Notice



Terrain and Soils Field Investigation

Issued: May 2022

What's Happening?

Terrain and soil field investigations in the study area are beginning for the federal Impact Assessment and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation proposed All Season Community Access Road. The Early Spring 2022 Discussion Guide asked questions for your input on this program as part of the overall Physiography Program. [You can find the Guide here.](#)

The purpose of this field program is to better understand the current conditions of the terrain and soil and relationship between the soil and the ecosystems that depend on it. The data collected will identify the type of soil and help determine how the soil will be conserved for reclamation.

The terrain and soils field investigation has two components:

- 1. Field Plot Sampling:** Soils will be sampled at specific locations identified through terrain and soil mapping. Some locations will be assessed visually while others will be on-the-ground, which involves digging small soil pits. The soil pits will help to confirm aspects like soil type, texture, depth to bedrock, soil parent material, topography, drainage and presence / absence of permafrost, landsliding and seepage.
- 2. Soil Quality Sampling:** Data will be collected from proposed pit, quarry areas and areas along the proposed Community Access Road and alternatives within the Local Study Area. These locations will focus on landforms of interest such as landform type, surface expression, slope position, slope class and areas undergoing terrain investigations, including areas near water courses. Soil samples will be submitted to a lab for analysis to determine things like salt content, metal content, nutrient content and pH levels.





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When ?

Terrain and soil field investigations are expected to begin at the end of May. We will provide an update once dates are confirmed or if scheduling changes due to weather or other conditions.

Field crews will be travelling by helicopter and conducting studies on the ground, so you may see helicopters in the area.

Contact Information

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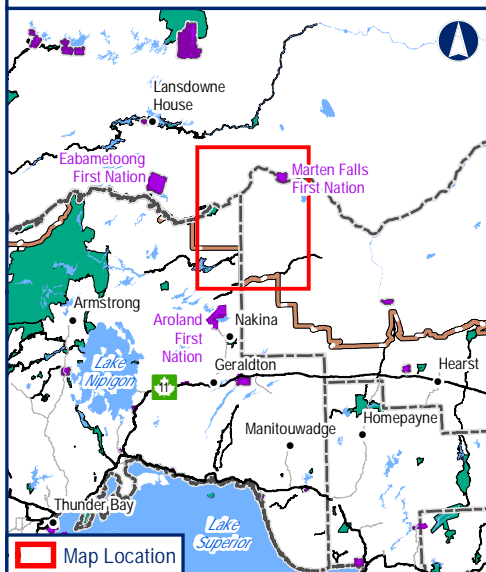
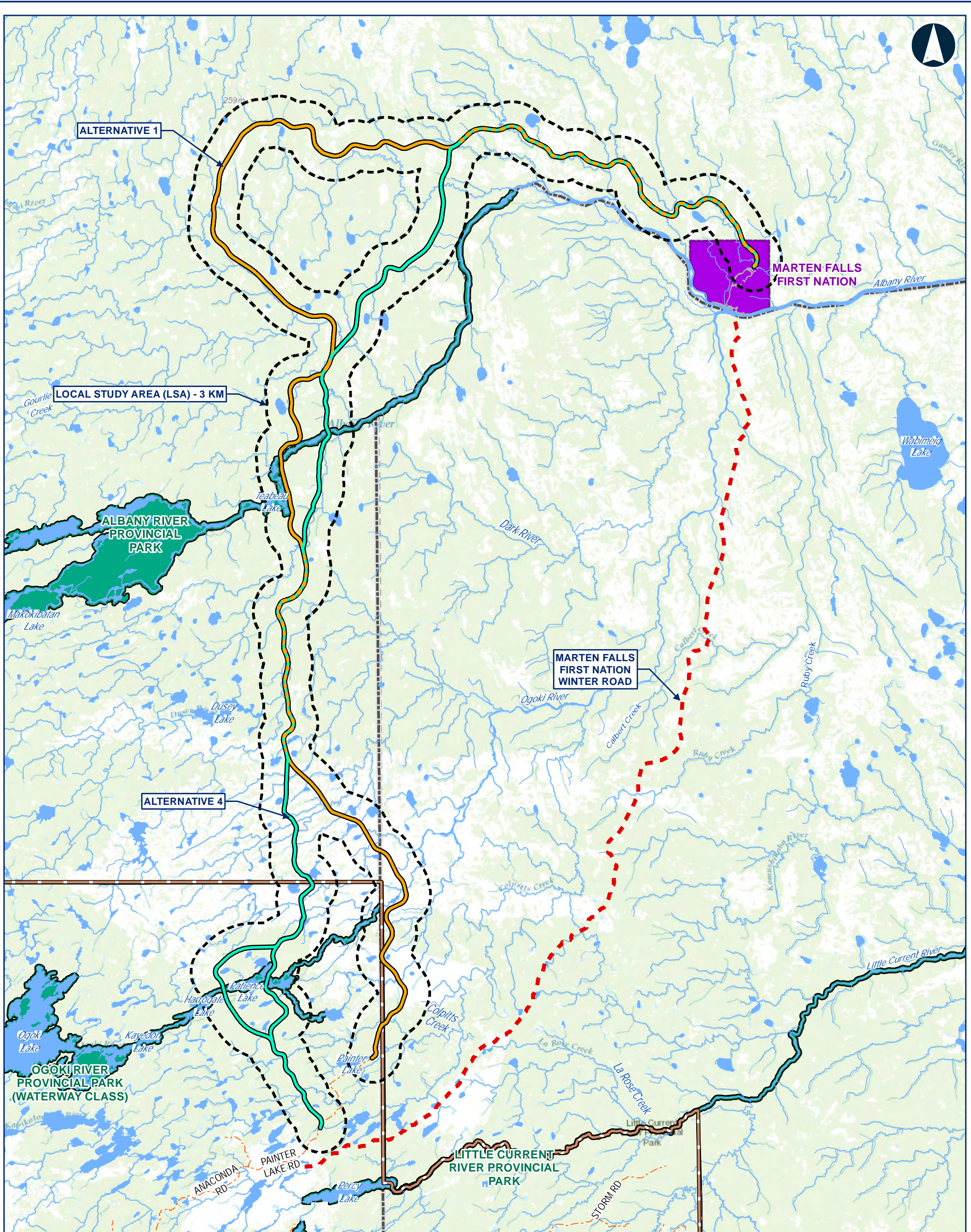
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Route Alternatives

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- Alternative 4 (Green line)

Local Study Area (LSA) - 3 km (Black dashed line)

General Features

- Local Road (Grey line)
- Resource / Recreation Road (Dashed line)
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road (Red dashed line)
- Watercourse (Blue line)

Waterbody (Blue area)

First Nation Reserve (Purple area)

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A3.12 Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Notice



Field Notice



Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat

Issued: May 2022

What's Happening?

Field studies are continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All Season Community Access Road.

The purpose of the Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Program is to understand potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on surface water, fish (including Lake Sturgeon (*Nameh*), Brook Trout, Northern Pike (*Nahwabe*), Walleye (*Okaas*), Lake Whitefish (*Atikameg*)) and fish habitat. To better understand this, information is being collected over multiple years—this includes surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, streams) quantity and quality, sediment quality (e.g., sand, silt, clay), fish habitat and fish communities, and benthic invertebrates (organisms that live at the bottom of lakes, rivers and streams). This work will be taking place at water crossings along both of the route alternatives. This is a continuation of work completed in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

When?

The Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Field Program is expected to begin mid to late June. We will provide an update once dates are confirmed or if scheduling changes due to weather or other conditions.

The field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter, you may see helicopters in the area.

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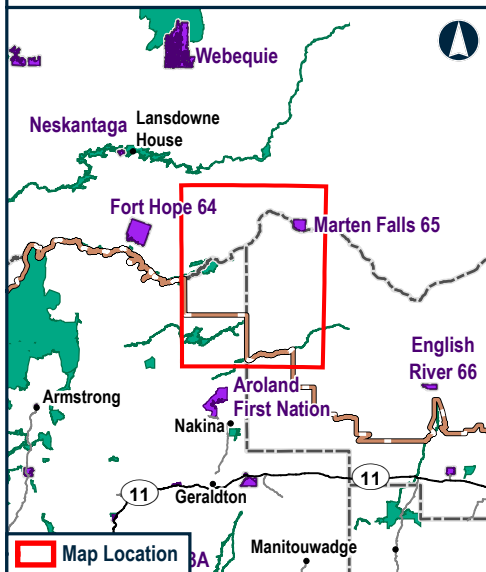
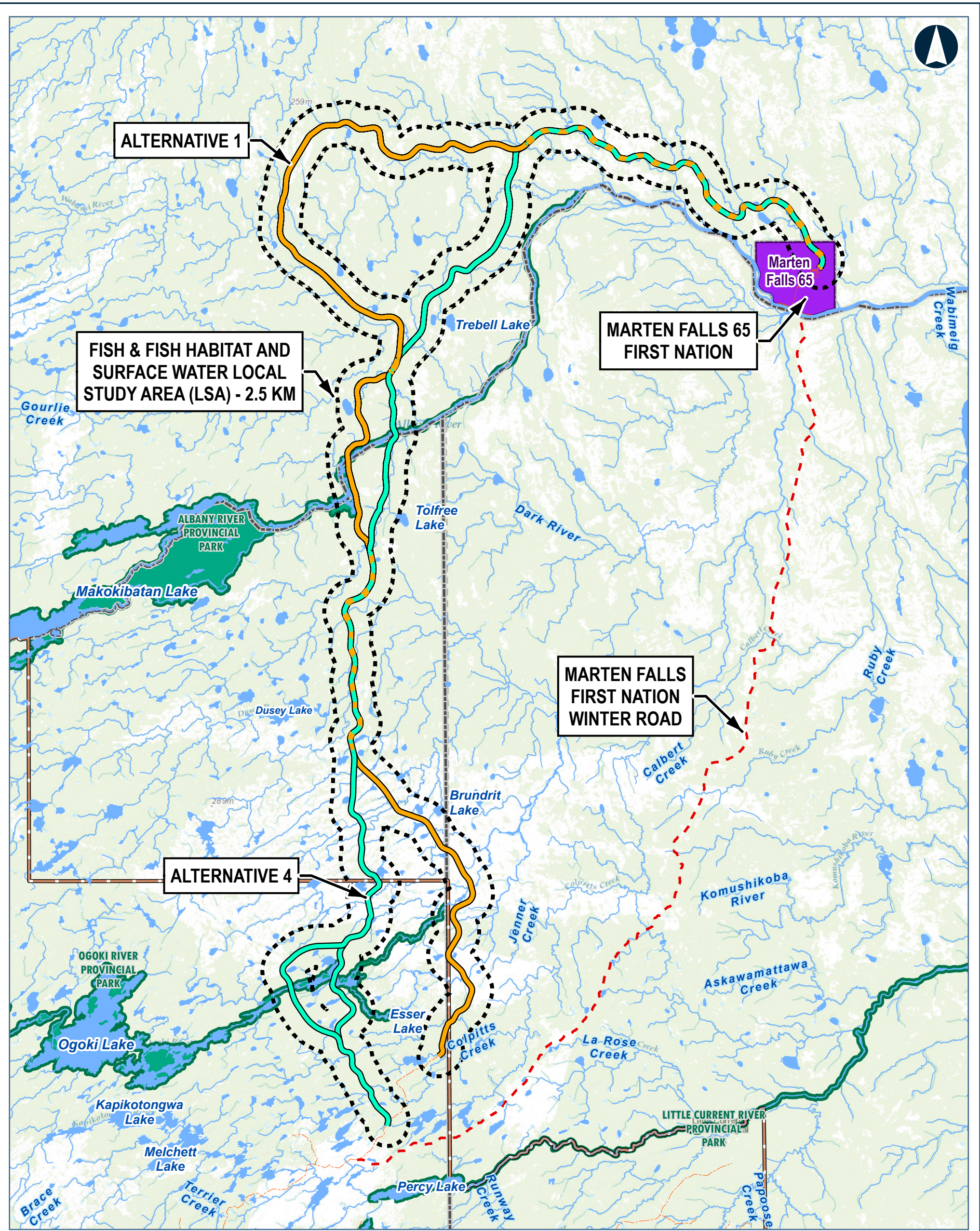
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Where?

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Legend

Routes

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4

Roads

- Highway
- Local / Resource Road
- Existing Winter Access Road

Other Features

- Fish & Fish Habitat and Surface Water Local Study Area (LSA) - 2.5 km
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Far North Boundary
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- Provincial Park

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A3.13 Vegetation Field Study Notice



Field Notice

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Vegetation Field Program

What's Happening?

The Vegetation Field Program is continuing for the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed Community Access Road.

An important part of the EA / IA is understanding potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on plants in the area, such as reindeer lichen (wabakamik), goose berry (oshabomin) and speckled alder (wadopatik). To better understand this, field crews will be visually observing and documenting plant communities in select field plots throughout the study area. Field crews will either observe the plots on the ground or from the air in helicopters. This is a continuation of field studies that took place in 2019 and 2021.

When?

The Vegetation Field Program is expected to begin mid-July. We will provide an update once dates are confirmed or if scheduling changes due to weather or other conditions.

The field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter, you may see helicopters in the area.

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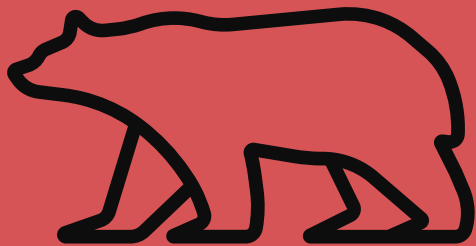
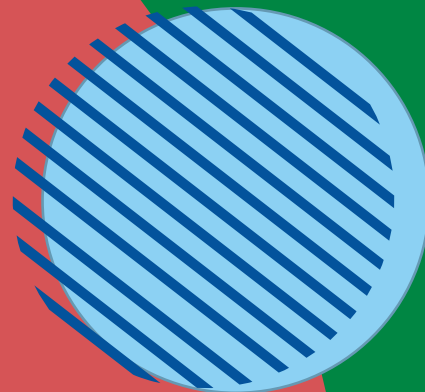


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The Wolverine (*wishkobish*) Hair Snag, Winter Aerial and Furbearer Ground Track Surveys will take place this winter for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road.

This Discussion Guide provides an overview to these upcoming Field Programs. We welcome your feedback on the key questions listed in this Guide. **Your insights will help shape the program.**

A field notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed.





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What are fur bearers?

Fur bearers are animals with fur. Many of these animals are trapped or hunted for their fur hides, like marten (*wabizheshiwag*, *wabashtanang*), beaver (*amikwag*) and wolverine (*wishkobishag*, *wiingwa'waakeg*)

An important part of the winter field program is understanding potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on animals, including fur bearers, in the area. This is the first study we are doing specifically for fur bearers. There are three survey programs that will support our understanding of where animals currently are in the study area:

1. Wolverine (*wishkobish*) Hair Snag
2. Furbearer Ground Track
3. Winter Ungulate Winter Aerial

For the **wolverine hair snag survey program**, 54 non-invasive (does not injure animal) hair snag traps will be placed in the study area. Wolverine (*wishkobish*) are a Species of Special Concern as identified by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and a Threatened species under the Ontario Endangered Species Act. Remote cameras will be positioned to monitor the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine (*wishkobish*) has visited the hair snag trap. Hair snag samples left by wolverine (*wishkobish*) will be collected and submitted for DNA and hormone analysis.



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Winter furbearer ground track surveys will be conducted by track specialists. Transects, or straight lines through the Local Study Area, will be walked to document the number of animal track sets crossing the transect, species, location and habitat type encountered. Data will be used to determine distribution, abundance and density of furbearers and other mammals in the Local Study Area. Surveys will be completed within 3-10 days of optimal snow conditions.

Winter ungulate aerial surveys will be conducted using a fixed wing aircraft and helicopter to estimate the distribution of wolverine (*wishkobish*) and caribou (*atik*), and to determine caribou (*atik*) calf survival in the wolverine (*wishkobish*) / ungulates (caribou and moose) study area within a 35-kilometre corridor of the proposed routes. A series of straight paths spaced every two (2) to 10 kilometres throughout the area will be flown by a fixed wing aircraft. The following day, a helicopter crew will target search areas that were observed by the fixed wing crew (for example, where they saw caribou herds or other signs of wildlife). The winter aerial surveys will take place over 15 days with optimal snow conditions.



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The programs will take place starting Winter 2022. Exact dates will be provided once confirmed.

- **Wolverine hair snag traps** will be deployed in February and will stay in place until May. Field crews will return to the hair snag traps monthly to replenish bait and collect hair samples.
- For the **winter furbearer ground track surveys**, crews will conduct two rounds of surveys for five days each between January and March.
- The **winter ungulate aerial surveys** will be one trip lasting 15 days between February and March.

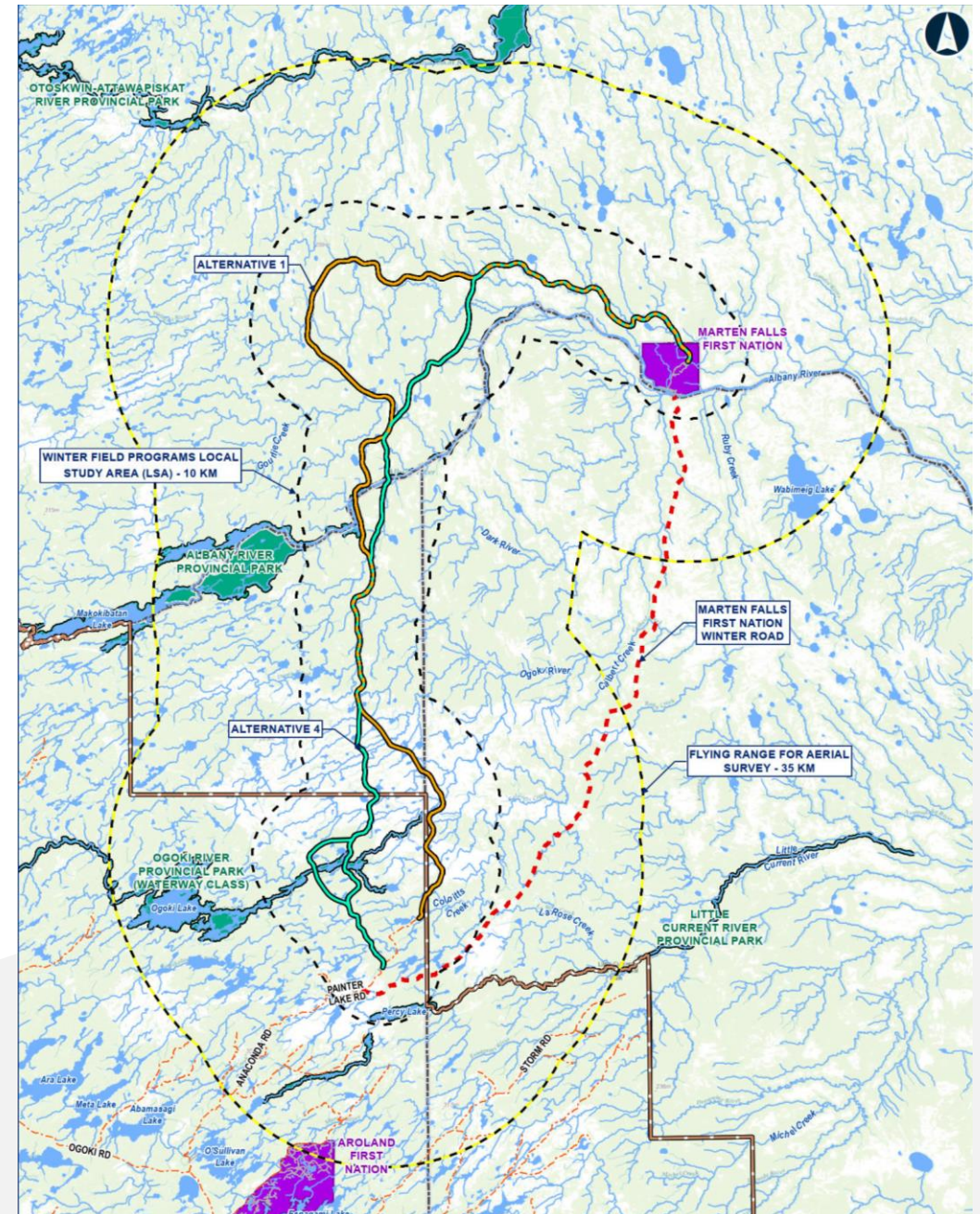


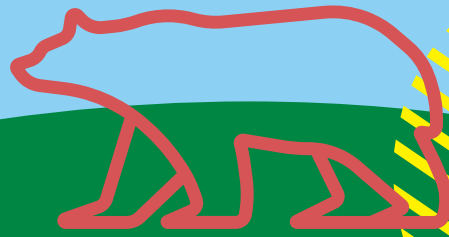
We Need Your Input!

Your input is an important part of shaping our winter field program and will be considered before the field program starts. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we want to hear from you:

- Has your trapline been overlapped by these surveys?
- Have there been any recent wolverine (*wishkobish*) sightings?
- Are you an Indigenous trapper that can supply bait for wolverine (*wishkobish*) hair snag traps?
- Are there any specific timing considerations during January through March we should be aware of when conducting the surveys?

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use in the area of the proposed routes can be shared through the Project's Indigenous Knowledge Program. If you have sensitive and confidential information that you would like to share through this program, please let us know. We will ensure your knowledge is protected.





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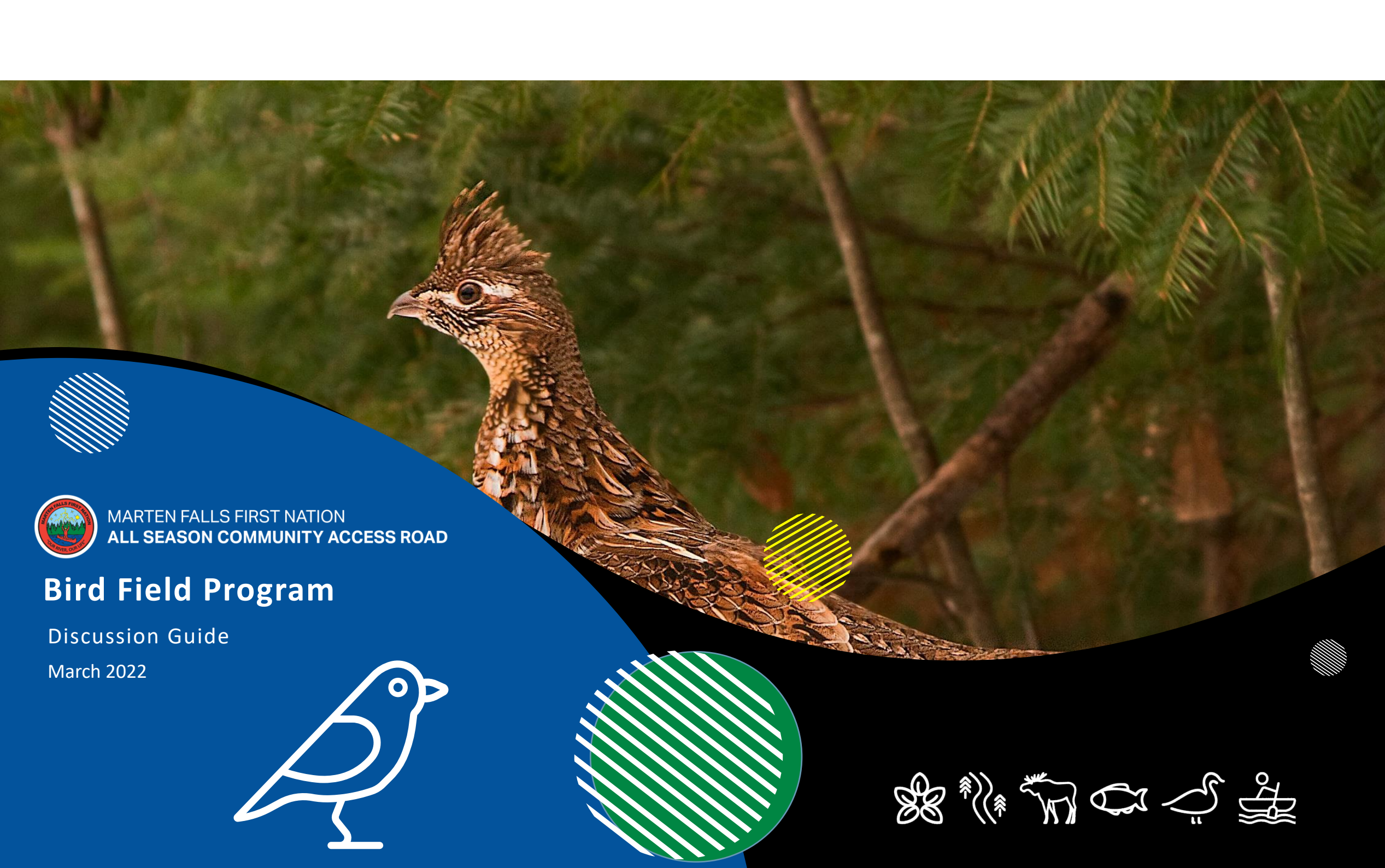
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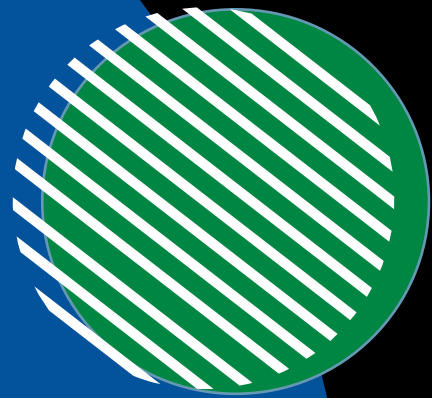
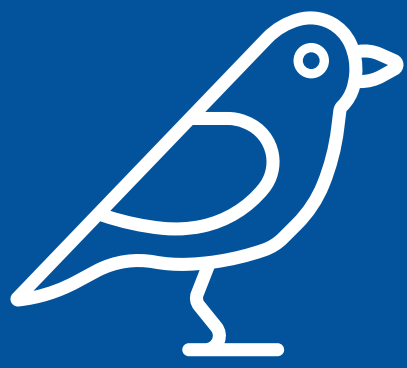


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Bird Field Program

Discussion Guide

March 2022





Bird Field Program

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This Discussion Guide provides an overview to upcoming Bird Field Programs. **We welcome and encourage your feedback on the key questions listed in this Guide. Your insights and knowledge will help shape and enrich our field studies.**

The Bird Field Programs in 2022 include Autonomous Recording Unit, Aerial, Marsh Bird Call Playback and Breeding Bird Point Count Surveys will take place this year for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road.

A field notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed and information will be provided regularly by email in our monthly Project Updates.

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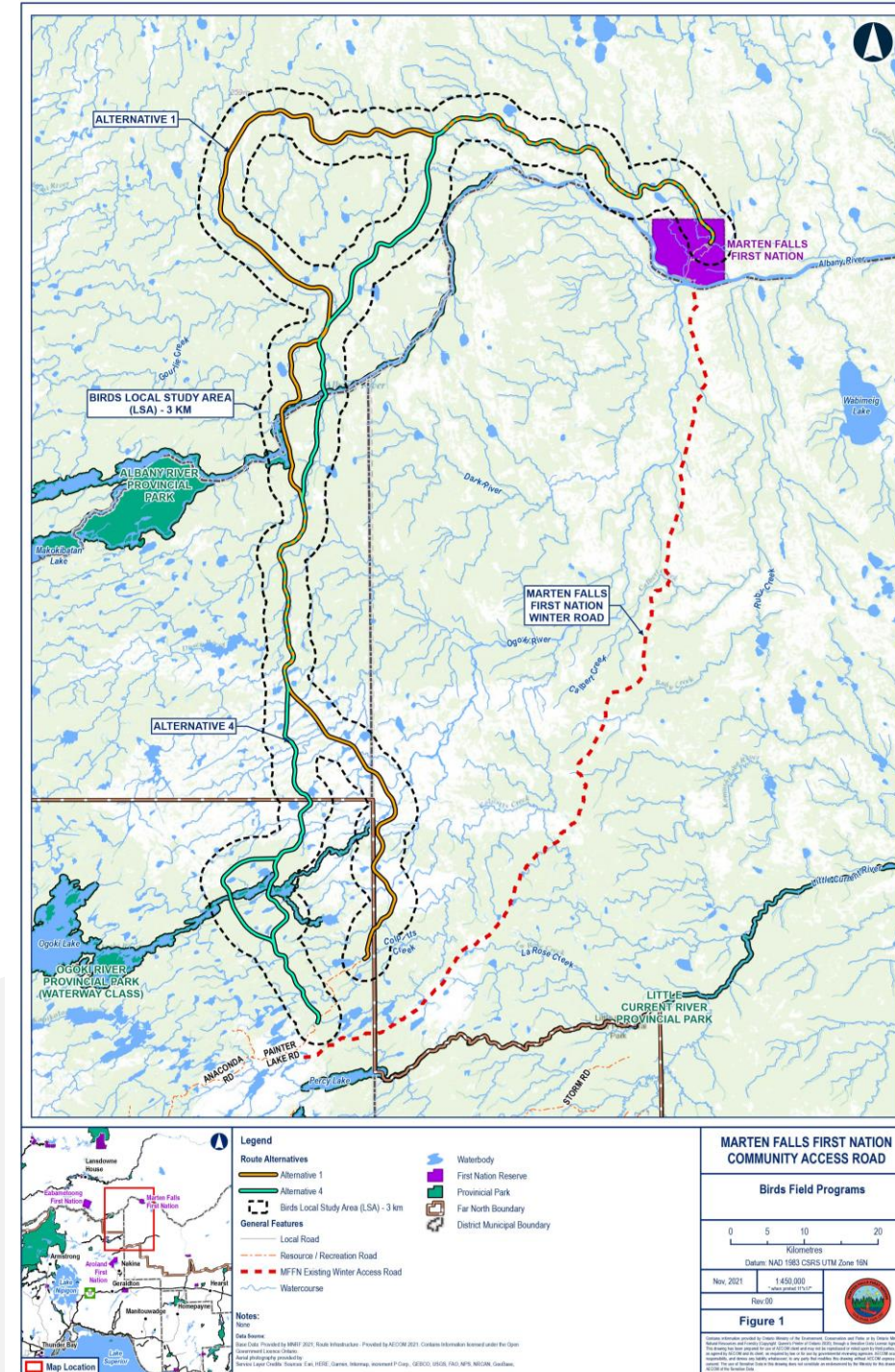


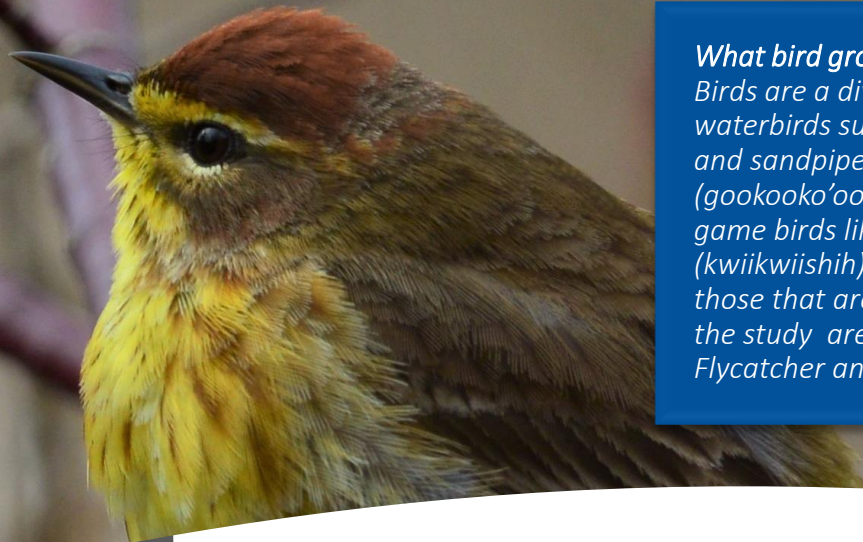
Your input is an important part of shaping our bird field program and will be considered as we plan our field program. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we want to hear from you:

- Do you know of any stopover or nesting sites for waterfowl and raptors (*binesi*)? Other information or interest in birds that you can provide is also appreciated.
- Are there known locations of stick nests for eagles (*binsei*) or ospreys (*saagwadamo*)?
- Are there any areas in the study area that are known waterfowl staging / harvesting locations?
- Are there any known staging areas if a spring harvest occurs?
- Are there any areas in the study area we should avoid? This could be because the areas are cultural / spiritual / sacred sites.
- What are your Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?

[Share your thoughts through this Survey!](#)

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What bird groups are we studying?

Birds are a diverse category of species and can include: waterbirds such as ducks (*shesheeb*), geese (*nikah*), herons, and sandpipers; raptors (*binesi*) such as owls (*gookooko'oo*), hawks (*gekek*) and eagles (*mikisi*); upland game birds like grouse; and songbirds like jays (*kwiikwiishih*), warblers and sparrows. Species at Risk birds, those that are listed as endangered or special concern, in the study area include birds such as the Olive-Sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk (*bekshkew*).

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The bird field programs are important to understand potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on birds in the area. We previously conducted bird studies in 2018 and 2019. There are four programs that will support our understanding of where birds currently are in the study area:

1. Autonomous Recording Unit Surveys
2. Aerial Surveys
3. Marsh Bird Call Playback Surveys
4. Breeding Bird Point Count Surveys



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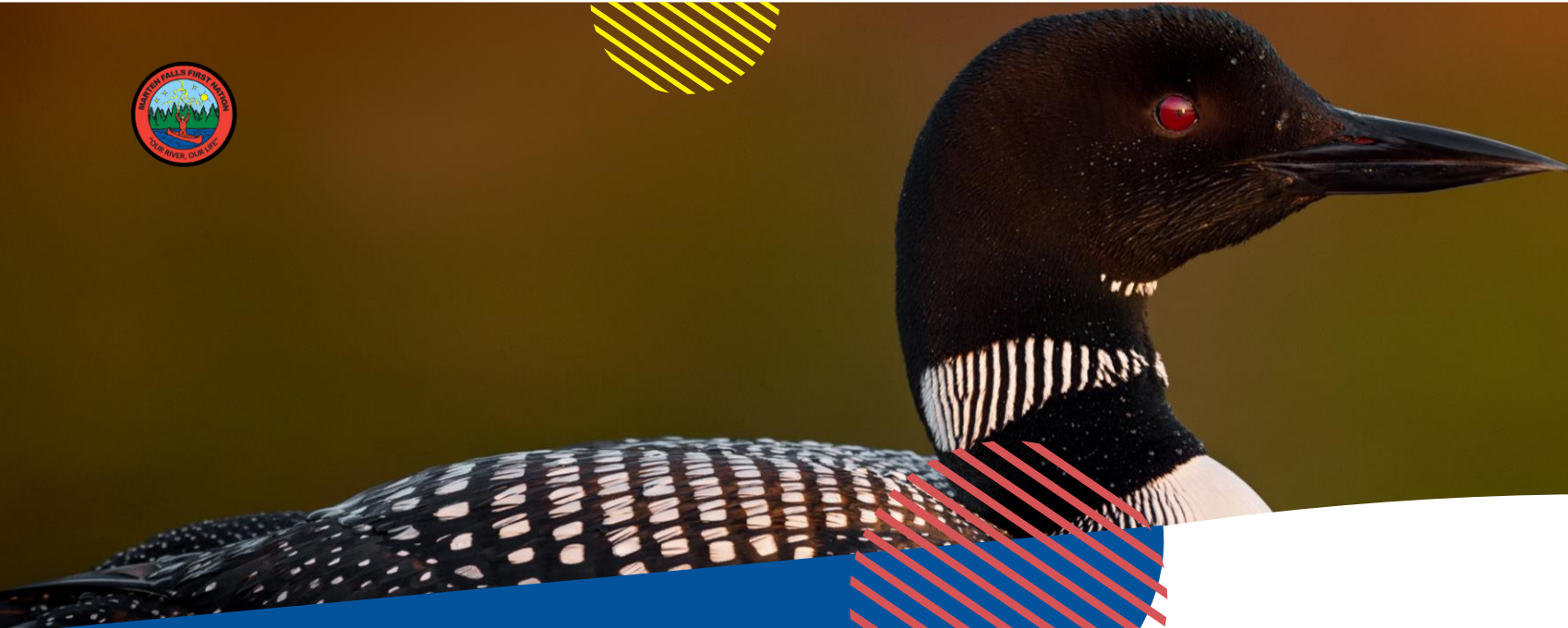
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Autonomous recording unit surveys, will be used to record bird-songs. This study will complement other bird field programs conducted during the breeding season, migration (spring and fall) and winter. The Autonomous Recording Units will help provide more frequent data collection and will be valuable in finding rare bird species and bird *Species at Risk*, such as the Common Nighthawk (*beshkew*), Eastern Whip-poor Will (*biigokokew'owesi*), Short-eared Owl and the Yellow Rail.

Autonomous Recording Units will be installed in early spring (2022) throughout the study area, including some locations where breeding bird count surveys will be conducted, to record spring migration. The Autonomous Recording Units will be left in place for the rest of 2022 to record through fall migration and early winter.

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Aerial surveys will be conducted to understand the waterbirds, shorebirds and raptors (*binsei*) in the Local Study Area. These surveys will be used to estimate the location of birds between spring and fall (excluding raptors (*binsei*)), the range of ages of the birds (i.e., young or adult) and the percentage of each of these age ranges for these birds types.

Helicopters will be used to identify and count birds in areas where birds gather and in other open habitats. There are two types of aerial surveys, one focusing on the breeding birds in spring 2022 and the second is a waterfowl survey in spring and fall 2022.



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Marsh bird call playback surveys will help to determine the presence, location, age ranges and percentages of each age range of breeding marsh birds. A recording of bird calls will be played for 30 seconds, followed by 30 seconds of silence where an experienced bird specialist will listen for calls from species of interest. This approach will help us to detect marsh bird species that are elusive or rare.

Surveys will be conducted twice during the bird breeding season between late May and early July 2022.



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Breeding bird point count surveys will primarily target songbirds, upland game birds, raptors (*binesi*) and waterbirds due to the abundance of forest, bog, fen and other wetland habitats in the Local Study Area. The objective of these surveys is to determine the presence, location, age ranges and percentages of each range of breeding birds. Specialists with experience in identifying Northern Ontario birds by sight and sound will listen and count birds at a number of stations throughout the Local Study Area in spring and early summer of 2022. Breeding bird point count surveys were also previously conducted in 2018 and 2019.

During all-natural environment studies, wildlife and **bird habitat data** will be collected to help predict the Project effects on bird species and their habitats. Habitat such as marshes and wetlands will be documented with photographs and will be reviewed by qualified individuals to classify the habitat.



When?

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The programs will take place starting Spring 2022. Exact dates will be provided once confirmed.

- **Bird Autonomous Recording Unit surveys:** four trips starting in March 2022 and ending early winter 2022
- **Aerial surveys:** spring and fall 2022
- **Marsh call playback and breeding bird point count surveys** will occur together: May 2022 until July 2022



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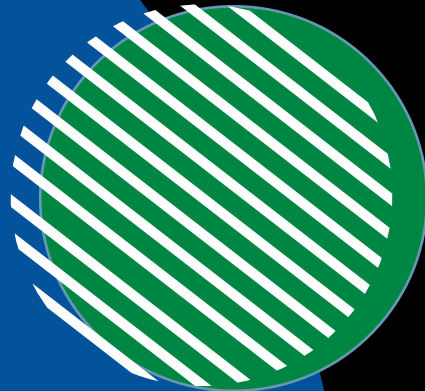
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Spring Field Programs

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Spring Field Programs

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This Discussion Guide provides an overview to these upcoming Field Programs. We welcome your feedback on the key questions listed in this Guide. **Your insights and knowledge will help shape and enrich our field studies.**

Spring Field Programs will begin for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) and provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road.

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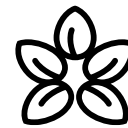


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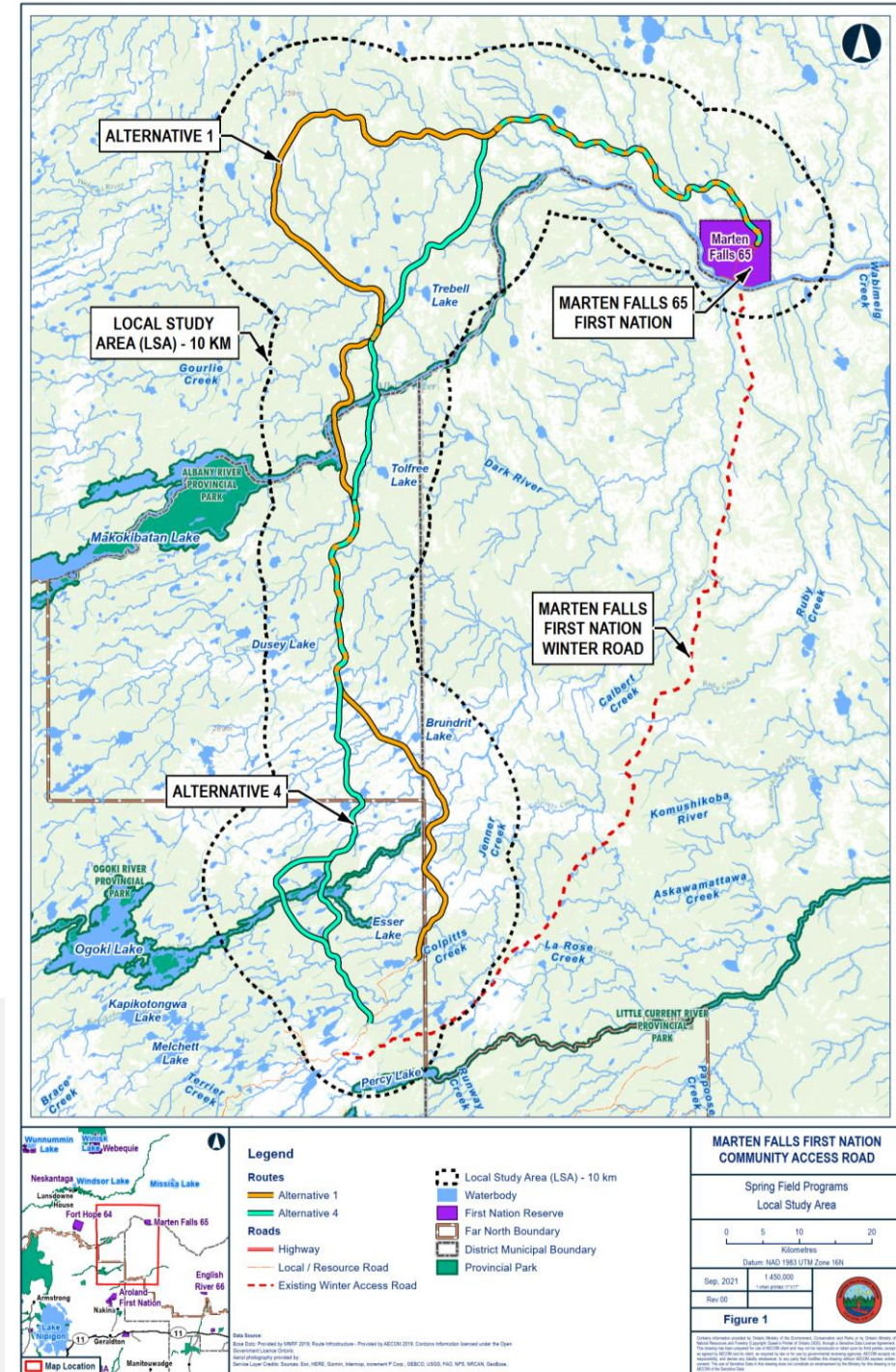
Your input is an important part of shaping our Spring Field Programs and will be considered before the field programs start. Check out the next few pages to learn about the programs and where we are looking for your feedback.

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Share your thoughts through these Surveys!



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What's Happening?

Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program



The purpose of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program is to understand the current groundwater quantity and quality in the study area. [A Discussion Guide was distributed in July 2021](#) and a [Field Notice](#) was distributed in October 2021—both documents include a map and more information about the program, which is now anticipated to start as early as March 2022.

Prior to initiating the groundwater program, a separate Wolverine Denning Survey will be conducted. The purpose of this survey is to observe wolverine tracks from the air to understand the presence of wolverine dens near proposed groundwater monitoring wells. This program is expected to occur in March 2022. A [Field Notice](#) distributed on February 14, 2022, includes more details. Once the denning surveys are complete, the groundwater program itself will begin. The first component is to clear a small area for the helicopter and equipment to land so that the wells can be installed.

Groundwater monitoring wells will be set up in the study area and sampled for two years. The wells will extend into the ground far enough to reach the groundwater; the depth of each well will vary by location. Above ground, the wells are relatively small, about 10 centimetres across and 75 centimetres tall. When the wells are no longer required, they will be filled in and sealed.

We need your input!

- What do you think about the proposed sampling locations? Do they overlap or intersect with your trapline or hunting areas?
- Are there any groundwater sources in the area (such as springs or wells) that are used for drinking water or are important for cultural or spiritual practices?
- Are there any locations in the study area that should be avoided for clearing helicopter landing pads and drill pads, and installing monitoring wells? This could be because the areas are cultural, spiritual or sacred sites.
- Are there any specific timing considerations (related to hunting seasons / community events) we should be aware of when installing the monitoring wells?
- Do you have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?



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What's Happening?

Surface Water Field Program

The Surface Water Field Program started in September 2019 and consisted of collecting information on stream crossings and fish habitat. In Fall 2021, water and sediment samples were collected from crossings in the study area and we conducted aerial assessments of the crossings. Two Marten Falls First Nation members joined the team to help with surface water surveys. [A Discussion Guide was distributed in July 2021](#) and a [Field Notice](#) was distributed in August 2021—both documents include a map and more information about the program, which is now happening again, starting in June.

We need your input!

- Are there any important water crossings or fishing sites in the study area that we should sample?
- Are there any locations in the study area that we should avoid during our sampling (e.g., areas of cultural significance, important fishing locations and gear used)? Information on the gear used for fishing will potentially be used to inform population surveys during our baseline field work should survey sites be located downstream of fishing activities.
- Do you know of any locations where Lake Sturgeon (*Nameh*), Brook Trout, Northern Pike (*Nahwabe*), Walleye (*Okaas*), Lake Whitefish (*Atikameg*) or burbot spawn or overwinter?
- Do you know what time of year fish are spawning / reproducing in any rivers in the study area?
- Are there any locations in the study area that are springs, drinking water sources or areas of water use? This could be for cultural or spiritual practices
- Do you have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?





What's Happening?

Physiography Field Program

The Physiography Field Program will collect information on geologic features and soil conditions including moisture and nutrient levels. This information is important to better understand the current conditions and relationship between the soil and the ecosystems that depend on it, including plants that grow in the forest (e.g., Jack Pine (*Okikatik*)) and wetlands (e.g., various willows (*Wiisihkobihmagoon*)). [A Discussion Guide was distributed in July 2021](#) and includes a map and more detailed information about the program which is happening again and is anticipated to start in June 2022.

We need your input!

- Are there any areas in the study area we should avoid? This could be because the areas are used for gathering traditional use plants and / or are cultural, spiritual or sacred sites.
- Are there any locations in the study area that are springs, drinking water sources or areas of water use? This could be for cultural or spiritual practices. This information would be helpful to inform reporting, mapping and / or site selection for terrain and soils field work.
- Are there any areas that should be avoided for mild ground disturbance (hand auger) (e.g., burial sites, areas of cultural significance, gathering areas)?
- Do you have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?





What's Happening?

Vegetation Field Programs



In September 2019 and 2021, the Vegetation Field Programs included ground and visual surveys. Two Marten Falls First Nation members joined the team to help with this study—[read about their experiences in our October 2021 E-Blast](#). Field crews will continue to visit locations across the study area to document which types of plants are present such as fungi, lichens, species at risk and traditional use plants. [A Discussion Guide was distributed in July 2021](#) and includes a map and more detailed information about the program, which is happening again and is anticipated to start in June 2022.

We need your input!

- Are there any plants in the study area that are culturally significant or used for traditional purpose that the field team should look out for in the surveys?
- Are there any areas in the study area we should avoid? This could be because the areas are used for gathering traditional use plants or are cultural, spiritual or sacred sites.
- Are there any locations in the study area that are springs, drinking water sources or areas of water use? This could be for cultural or spiritual practices. This information would be helpful to inform reporting, mapping and / or site selection for vegetation field work.
- Are there any areas that should be avoided for mild ground disturbance, like those caused by use of a hand auger (e.g., burial sites, areas of cultural significance, gathering areas)?
- Do you have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?



What's Happening?

Ungulate Remote Camera Program

The Ungulate Remote Camera Program began in June 2019 when remote, motion sensor wildlife cameras were placed on active game trails through the Local Study Area. Cameras were retrieved later that year. New cameras were deployed in June 2021 and will stay in place for two years with maintenance visits occurring every six months. These cameras will collect important information on the presence and seasonal patterns of caribou, moose, wolves and other wildlife. Three Marten Falls First Nation members joined the team to help with this program.

[A Discussion Guide was distributed in May 2021](#) and includes a map and more detailed information about the program. The next maintenance visit is planned to start in May 2022.

We need your input!

- Based on your knowledge of wildlife distribution and movement in the region:
 - Are there any areas, like game trails or features such as salt licks, travel routes, wolf dens, winter use areas or calving grounds that you know see a lot of wildlife activity?
 - Are there any areas that should be avoided by the field team and / or their helicopter, including timing? This could be because of increased activity or the presence of field staff might affect wildlife.
 - Do you have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests in the area?





What's Happening?

Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys



In February 2022, 54 non-invasive hair snag traps were placed in the study area (they do not injure the animal). [A Field Notice](#) and [Discussion Guide](#) were distributed in December 2021—both documents include a map and more information about the program. Wolverine (*wishkobish*) are a Species of Special Concern and considered a Threatened Species. Remote cameras will be positioned to monitor the baited hair snag traps to help confirm if a wolverine (*wishkobish*) will be collected and submitted for DNA and hormone analysis. Hair snag traps will stay in place until May 2022. Field crews will return to the hair snag traps monthly until May to replenish bait and collect hair samples. Next winter, the program will resume from January to May.

Two Marten Falls First Nation members joined the team to help with this program.

- We need your input!**
- Has your trapline or hunting area(s) been overlapped by these surveys?
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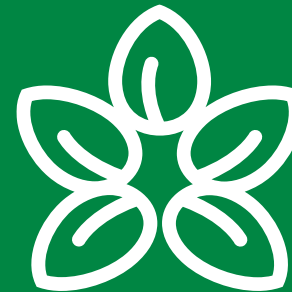
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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION (MFFN) COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

October 2021 update

current and upcoming activities



Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) October e-blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. In this e-blast you will learn about:

Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment

Where we are in the provincial and federal processes.

Field Support Staff Experience

Hear from Lexi Baxter, an MFFN community member about his experience participating in September field programs.

Field Studies Update

Overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies

Valued Component Video

Watch the newly released videos about the 'valued components' we are studying for the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment.

Project Team Profile

Get to know Jennifer Bruin, the MFFN CAR
Technical Advisor

Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment

We are pleased to announce that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) Minister Honourable David Piccini has approved the Terms of Reference with amendments on October 8, 2021. This means that the Community Access Road can move into the Environmental Assessment phase of the provincial Environmental Assessment process.

[View the Notice of Approval](#)

Notice of Commencement

On October 29, 2021, we issued the **Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment**. The Notice of Commencement is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Ojibway](#), [Oji-Cree](#) and [Cree](#). We will share more details about upcoming consultation and engagement soon.

[View the Notice of Commencement](#)

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Field Support Staff Experience

Levi Baxter is a MFFN community member and participated in the Vegetation, Bat Acoustic Recording Unit Pickup and Caribou Mortality Investigation field program in September. Levi spoke with us about his experience on the field program:

"The work we did for this program was divided into 3 tasks: checking vegetation in multiple locations, finding and picking up bat detectors previously placed a year ago, and investigating a caribou. I was given the opportunity to learn multiple new skills and gain knowledge during the program. Knowledge about plants, trees, soil, and skills for figuring out how to extract soil or tell the difference between similar plants and moss. I learned about bat detectors, observed experts investigate caribou corpses, how to conduct a ground depth probe check, and how to use a GPS and communications device.

The best part for me was the caribou mortality investigation because it was my first time doing one. It was fascinating trying to figure out what was the cause of death and seeing the skeletal frame of the animal."

Levi will be back in the field soon when he joins field crews for the upcoming Remote Camera Check field program in November.



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Remote Camera Check

The dates for the Remote Camera Check field program have been updated. The field program is currently taking place from October 30 – November 7. The original dates were November 1

– 6 but the dates have been extended so the field crew can conduct aerial surveys in the area for future field programs. [The initial field notice is available here](#) on our website. Crews will be joined by two MFFN community member Field Study Support Staff. During this program crews will also conduct reconnaissance for the upcoming Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys. You may notice helicopters in the Study Area.

Recently Completed Field Studies

Vegetation, Bat Acoustic Recording Unit Pickup and Caribou Mortality Investigation Program

The Vegetation, Bat Acoustic Recording Unit Pickup and Caribou Mortality Investigation field program took place between September 18 and September 29, 2021. The field crew was joined by two Field Study Support Staff from MFFN. The field crew completed a total of 122 vegetation surveys, which included 24 ground-based surveys and 98 visual surveys from the helicopter. For both surveys, the purpose was to determine the plant community classification, identify wildlife habitat and collect information about the plants found at each site. The Bat Acoustic Recording Units were collected from all 17 stations and the data will be analyzed to determine what bat activity was recorded at each station. The crew observed a stand of black ash (agimagwatic) along the banks of the Ogoki River, which is listed as Endangered by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario.



Upcoming Field Studies

To help us understand the current conditions (quality and quantity) of the environment along the proposed alternative routes, scientific field studies will continue to be taking place for aquatic and terrestrial environments and wildlife. The information we collect through these studies will be strengthened by the Indigenous Knowledge shared with us by MFFN and neighbouring

Indigenous communities through the Indigenous Knowledge Program.

Program-specific Discussion Guides have been distributed to Indigenous community representatives with information about what the program is, why it's important to the Community Access Road and asking for specific input. These guides are distributed ahead of field programs.

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming field study programs for 2021 and their approximate timelines*:

Ungulate Remote Camera Check (October 30 – November 7): Crews will inspect, replace batteries and memory cards in remote cameras installed in June 2021. Cameras will capture images of animals like moose (moozoog), caribou (atigwag) and bears (makwa'ang).

Air Quality Monitoring Maintenance

(November): The air monitoring device in MFFN will undergo routine maintenance.

Groundwater and Geochemistry (TBD):

Installation of monitoring wells so that we can assess groundwater fluctuations, seasonal changes in water quality and develop an understanding of current conditions.

*Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.

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Valued Component Videos

We are continuing to develop videos to showcase the valued components we are studying as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment. Our latest video on Ungulates (hooved animals such as moose [moozoog] and caribou [atigwag]) is now live – [click here to see the multimedia showcase!](#) New videos will continue to be added every couple of weeks; we will continue to provide monthly updates about which videos are available for viewing. We are currently working on videos for a few of our upcoming field programs, this includes Climate Change, Furbearers (such as wolverines [Wishkobishag / wiingwa'waakeg] and martens [Wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), Atmospheric Environment and Greenhouse Gases, and Birds!

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Project Team Profile



**Jennifer Bruin, B.A. Env., MCIP, RPP, EP, PMP,
MBA**

Principal, J. Bruin Associates Inc.
Technical Advisor

Jennifer Bruin is a sustainable development leader and strategist with over 20 years of experience working within project management, engineering consulting and environmental assessment. Jennifer has worked on projects ranging from transportation to land development and has been involved in all phases of project planning and operations in projects in Canada and the United States.

Jennifer is currently serving as Technical Advisor on the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project. In her role she oversees all aspects of the federal-provincial coordinated Environmental Assessment process, including the review of environmental process and project deliverables.

She is honored to be working on this important community-led project that is setting a precedent

for its inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge within decision making process and scientific data collection for the natural environment.

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November 2021 update

current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) November e-blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. In this e-blast you will learn about:

Environmental Assessment

Where we are at in the provincial process.

Field Studies Update

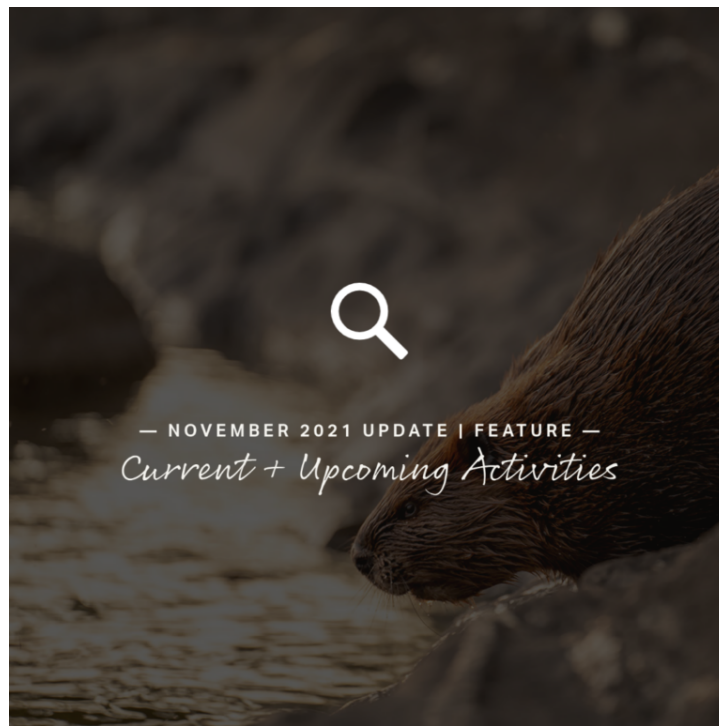
Overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies.

Valued Component Video

Watch the newly released videos about the '*valued components*' we are studying for the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment.

Project Team Profile

Meet Qasim Saddique, Advisor and Project Director.



Environmental Assessment

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Minister Honourable David Piccini has approved the Terms of Reference with amendments on

October 8, 2021. [Click here to view the Notice of Approval](#). This means that the Community Access Road can now start the Environmental Assessment phase. **On October 29, 2021**, the Community Access Road entered the Environmental Assessment phase of the provincial process with the release of the **Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment**.

The Notice of Commencement is available in [English](#), [French](#), [Ojibway](#), [Oji-Cree](#) and [Cree](#).

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Field Studies Update

Recently Completed Field Studies

Remote Camera Check

The Remote Camera Check field program started earlier this month and included two MFFN community members as Field Study Support Staff—Matthew Waboose and Levi Baxter. Matthew and Levi were instrumental in the speedy helicopter refueling and used GPS to lead the team to camera locations. Read about Levi's experience as a Field Study Support Staff in the [October e-blast available on our website](#). [Read the initial field notice](#).

The program couldn't finish due to technical difficulties and we expect the remaining site visits to be completed over the course of two days in December. Dates will be provided once confirmed.

Air Monitoring

In November, technicians made a second maintenance visit to the air monitoring device in MFFN. This marks the halfway point for the air monitoring program! This study is important to help us understand the current air quality levels of the study area. Local air quality is affected by sources of emissions within the Project area. Some of these sources

include community vehicle traffic, airport activity, wood and fuel burning furnaces and diesel engines in Marten Falls. Seasonal forest fires also have the potential to influence local air quality, specifically particulate matter concentrations. The program will run until May 2022 and continues to be supported by MFFN community member Support Staff conducting weekly inspections and maintenance on the device.



Upcoming Field Studies

To help us understand the current conditions (quality and quantity) of the environment along the proposed alternative routes, scientific field studies will continue to be taking place for aquatic and terrestrial environments and wildlife. The information we collect through these studies will be strengthened by the Indigenous Knowledge shared with us by MFFN and neighbouring Indigenous communities through the Indigenous Knowledge Program.

Program-specific Discussion Guides will continue to be distributed to Indigenous community representatives with information about what the program is, why it's important to the Community Access Road and asking for specific input. These guides are distributed ahead of field programs.

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines*:

- **Ungulate Remote Camera Check (December 2021):** Crews will finish the program started in early November to inspect and replace batteries and memory cards in remote cameras installed in June 2021. Cameras will capture images of animals like moose (moozoog), caribou (atigwag) and bears (makwa'ang).
- **Furbearer Ground Track Surveys (January - February 2022):** Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to inform the distribution, abundance and density of furbearers (such as wolverines [Wishkobishag / wiingwa'waaqeg] and martens [Wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), and mammals in the study area.
- **Ungulate Aerial Surveys (January - March 2022):** Aerial surveys will be conducted to observe signs of wildlife including moose (moozoog), wolves (maihganang) and wolverine (wishkbishag), and to gather population and distribution information on caribou (atigwag).
- **Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys (February – May 2022):** Hair snag traps will be placed in the study area to provide information about wolverine (wishkbishag) demographics (male / female).
- **Bird Autonomous Recording Units (February 2022):** Audio recording devices will be deployed to gain an understanding of birds in the study area, including presence, distribution and abundance of birds. This will be the first of several bird programs in 2022.

Field Notice for upcoming Winter programs will be distributed shortly.

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.*

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Valued Component Videos

We are continuing to develop videos to showcase the valued components we are studying as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment – [click here to see the multimedia showcase!](#) New videos will be added soon including air quality and greenhouse gases, cumulative effects, furbearers (such as wolverines [Wishkobishag / wiingwa'waakeg] and martens [Wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), and birds!

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Project Team Profile

Qasim Saddique

Principal, Suslop

Advisor to Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council & Project Director of the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project

Qasim Saddique is a management Consultant, Economist, Lecturer and Board Director with over 15 years of experience in socio-economic development, consultation and engagement, research, sustainability strategy, strategic communication, policy development, and training and education with Indigenous communities across Canada. Currently, he is a Principal Consultant at Suslop.

Qasim has had the privilege of acting as an advisor to Marten Falls Chief and Council since 2016 and under the direction of Chief and Council, he has led the community's efforts to study and build the Community Access Road and the Northern Road Link projects. These projects will act as pillars for the community's social and economic development. These are large infrastructure

projects that set new precedents for Indigenous led environmental assessments where an Indigenous community does not just wait for opportunities but leads development through a community centric approach that benefits the community first.

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December 2021 update

current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the MFFN Community Access Road (CAR) December e-blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. In this e-blast you will learn about:

- **2021 Highlights**
- **Upcoming Field Studies**
- **Message from Larissa Stevens**



2021 Highlights

2021 has been a difficult year for many people and communities; throughout the year, we've weathered challenges imposed by COVID-19, various States-of-Emergency and regional and localized forest fires. As the year reaches a close, we'd like to thank you for the time you have taken to review the information we provided about our proposed Community Access Road, and for the insights you have given us. We appreciate your perspectives and know that your feedback helps strengthen the decisions we make through the planning process.

Despite these challenges, we have accomplished a lot over the year. Here are some key highlights from the Community Access Road Project:

- **Meetings and Discussions with Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons:** Thank you to everyone who has been and continues to be interested in the Community Access Road, and for your feedback, questions, comments and concerns. We've had multiple virtual meetings during 2021 and look forward to continued discussions in the new year.
- **Indigenous Knowledge Program:** Early in 2021, we developed an **Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet**, and distributed an updated **Study Area Memo**

and an **Indigenous Knowledge Program Guidance Document** that contains tools and resources to support communities in collecting and sharing this important information. In 2022, we will collect data with communities that are part of the program, and continue to reach out to communities who have expressed interest in setting up the **Data Sharing and Funding Agreements** that support this work and facilitate the implementation of the Indigenous Knowledge Program. Learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program:

<https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/indigenous-knowledge-program/>

- **Terms of Reference Approval:** In October, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Minister Honourable David Piccini approved the Terms of Reference with amendments. On October 29, 2021, the Community Access Road entered the Environmental Assessment phase of the provincial process with the release of the **Notice of Commencement for the Environmental Assessment**. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Valued Component Videos:** We created a new [multimedia webpage](#) to showcase the valued components we are studying in the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment. Videos are now available for groundwater, surface water, fish and fish habitat, vegetation and hooved animals (i.e., caribou / atigwag and moose / moozoog), with more to come in the new year. These videos will help Indigenous communities and interested persons understand technical work on the Project and supports consultation efforts.
 - **Valued components** are topics being studied as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment to understand how they may be affected by the proposed Community Access Road.
- **Youth Engagement Program:** To honour youth participation in decisions that will impact their future and acknowledge their unique perspective, we held a Youth Engagement Program in MFFN community in November.
- **Field Studies:** In advance of the field studies, we distributed **Discussion Guides** to Indigenous communities asking key questions for input to help shape our program plans. We also followed up with **notices** once dates for the program were confirmed.

Here's a highlight of 2021 field programs:

- **Caribou Collaring:** Collars were placed on 30 adult female caribou in the local study area by wildlife professionals in February. Data will be collected for three years.
- **Surface Water and Fish & Fish Habitat:** In September, 14 water crossings were visited by field crews to assess water, sediment, benthic invertebrates (organisms

that live at the bottom of lakes, rivers and streams—like a crayfish), fish habitat and fish communities.

- **Bat Acoustic Monitoring:** 17 autonomous recording units were deployed for three months to collect data on bat activity. Units were retrieved in September.
- **Air Monitoring:** An air monitoring device was installed in MFFN in May 2021 to collect hourly data on air quality. Data will continue to be collected until May 2022.
- **Vegetation:** In September, a field crew completed 122 vegetation surveys, including 24 ground-based surveys and 98 visual surveys from a helicopter. Surveys will continue in 2022.
- **Remote Cameras:** Remote cameras were deployed in June and will collect important information on the presence and seasonal patterns of caribou (atigwag), moose (moozoog), wolves and other wildlife for two years.

In early 2022, we will continue to consult and engage on the Community Access Road. An **Engagement Survey**--to understand interests and how best to communicate and engage--will kick-off our efforts in the new year. We will also follow up directly with communities to schedule **update meetings** and confirm interest in participating in the **Indigenous Knowledge Program**.

We want to hear from you. If you would like to schedule a time to meet with us to discuss the Community Access Road, please be in touch. Email us at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca or call 1-800-764-9114.

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Field Studies Update

Upcoming Field Studies

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines*:

- **Furbearer Ground Track Surveys (January - February 2022):** Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to identify tracks that will inform the distribution, abundance and density of furbearers (such as wolverines [Wishkobishag / wiingwa'waakeg] and martens [Wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), and mammals in the study area. Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.
- **Ungulate Aerial Surveys (January - March 2022):** Aerial surveys will be conducted to observe signs of wildlife including moose (moozoog), wolves (maihganang) and wolverine (wishkbishag), and to gather population and distribution information on caribou (atigwag). Timing will be related to optimal snow conditions.
- **Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys (February – May 2022):** Hair snag traps will be placed in the study area to provide information about wolverine (wishkbishag) demographics (male / female).
- **Ungulate Remote Camera Check (Winter 2022):** Crews will finish the program started in early November to inspect and replace batteries and memory cards in remote cameras installed in June 2021. Cameras capture images of animals like moose (moozoog), caribou (atigwag) and bears (makwa'ang). This program will be completed with one of the other winter programs in an effort to reduce helicopter-use and crews.

A [Field Notice](#) for upcoming winter programs was distributed on December 8, 2021. If you have any questions, comments or feedback on the planned studies, we would like to hear from you (contact information below).

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.*

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Message from Larissa Stevens

“It is with mixed emotions that I announce that my last day on the project is December 17, 2021. I have worked with members of Marten Falls First Nation as part of the Marten Falls Community Access Road project since the development of the pre-cursor proposal document date May 2017. Over the years I have met and worked with so many wonderful people and learned so much about community history in the area known as the Ring of Fire and environmental assessments. I enjoyed supporting Marten Falls First Nation in advancing the Community Access Road Project, a critical piece of infrastructure for the community in face of climate change. I will cherish the memories made in Ogoki consulting and I wish the community all the best going forward.”

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January 2022 update

current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road (CAR) January e-blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. In this e-blast you will learn about:

Field Studies Update

Overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies

Land Use Assessment

Upcoming outreach

Indigenous Knowledge Program

Update and timeline

Valued Component Videos

Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases and Furbearer videos are ready!

Meet with us Virtually!



Field Studies Update

Recently Completed Field Studies

Furbearer Ground Track Surveys

Field crews braved cold temperatures in the first round of furbearer ground track surveys this month. Due to extreme weather, the program had to end early and will continue in February with a second round of surveys. Ground track surveys involve walking transects, or straight lines through the study area, to inform the distribution, abundance and density of fur bearers furbearers (such as wolverines [wishkobishag / wiingwa'waaqeg] and martens [wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), and mammals in the study area. Field crews included MFFN community member Field Support Staff.

Caribou Collaring

In February 2021, 30 GPS radio collars tracking activity / movement were placed on female caribou (atigwag) in the Local Study Area. In January of this year another mortality was reported and to-date there have been four mortalities. A mortality investigation, including determining the cause of death (e.g., predation, hunter, natural causes) and retrieving the collar when we're able to do so. The collars that are still on other caribou will continue to provide information on the location via satellite to an online database until February 2024.

Ungulate Remote Camera Check

In June 2021 remote cameras were installed in the Local Study Area to capture images of animals like moose (moozoog), caribou (atigwag) and bears (makwa'ang). In January 2022 crews returned to the cameras to inspect and replace batteries and memory cards.





Upcoming Field Studies

To help us understand the current conditions (quality and quantity) of the environment along the proposed alternative routes, scientific field studies will continue to be taking place for aquatic and terrestrial environments and wildlife. The information we collect through these studies will be strengthened by the Indigenous Knowledge shared with us by MFFN and neighbouring Indigenous communities through the Indigenous Knowledge Program.

Program-specific Discussion Guides will continue to be distributed to Indigenous community representatives with information about what the program is, why it's important to the Community Access Road and asking for specific input. These guides are distributed ahead of field programs.

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming winter field study programs and their approximate timelines*:

- **Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys (Today - May 2022):** Hair snag traps will be placed in the study area to provide information about wolverine (wishkbishag) demographics (male / female). This program is starting today.
- **Furbearer Ground Track Surveys (February 2022):** Transects, or straight lines through the study area, will be walked to inform the distribution, abundance and density of fur bearers furbearers (such as wolverines [wishkobishag / wiingwa'waaqeg] and martens [wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), and mammals in the study area.

- **Ungulate Aerial Surveys (February - March 2022):** Aerial surveys will be conducted to observe signs of wildlife including moose (moozoog), wolves (maihganang) and wolverine (wishkbishag), and to gather population and distribution information on caribou (atigwag).
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- **Air Monitoring (March 2022):** Technicians will be performing a routine maintenance visit on the air monitoring device in MFFN.

A [Field Notice](#) for upcoming winter programs was distributed on December 8, 2021. An update was provided on January 12, 2022 confirming dates for the first round of ground track surveys, remote camera check and caribou mortality field programs. If you have any questions, comments or feedback on the planned studies, we would like to hear from you (contact information below).

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required.*

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Land Use Assessment: Upcoming outreach

In the coming months, we will be reaching out to outfitters, trappers, tourism operators, mining claim holders and other groups / organizations to help inform the Community Access Road's land use assessment. Stay tuned for more information.

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Indigenous Knowledge Program: Update and timeline

The Indigenous Knowledge Program is a critical component for the Community Access Road. A recent update was provided to Indigenous communities with an illustrated timeline for key steps and their completion dates.

Find out more about the [Indigenous Knowledge Program](#).

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Valued Component Videos

We are continuing to develop videos to showcase the valued components we are studying as part of the Environmental Assessment and Impact Assessment. Our latest videos on [Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases](#) and [Furbearers](#) (such as wolverines [Wishkobishag / wiingwa'waakeg] and martens [Wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), are now live, click the links to check them out

[Click here to see our full multimedia showcase!](#)

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Meet with Us Virtually!

Did you know that we've been meeting with different groups, including Indigenous communities, virtually throughout the pandemic? We've also hosted virtual webinars & Q&As with telephone and computer access—a recent success was a Community Access Road update presentation and Q&A with MFFN community members in late 2021. Reach

out if you would like to set-up a virtual meeting or broader community webinar if you are interested in meeting with our team.

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February and March 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

Welcome to the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road combined February and March E-Blast with updates on current and upcoming activities. This E-Blast features:

Project Update Video

New Discussion Guides: Birds and Spring Programs

Field Studies Update: Overview of recently completed and upcoming field studies

News Feature: Northern College launches environmental programming to train industry and First Nation field technicians



Video, Survey and Gift Card

Watch a video, fill out the survey by March 31, 2022 and you'll have a chance to win one of five \$50 gift cards!

Find out what we're up to, including field programs, consultation and engagement activities, the Indigenous Knowledge Program, and next steps. After you watch the video, please fill out our survey—we are looking for your input.



Click to watch

New Discussion Guides: Birds and Spring Programs

We have two new discussion guides and we are looking for your input to help shape these programs:

1. **Birds:** Learn about our plans for Autonomous Recording Unit, Aerial, Marsh Bird Call Playback and Breeding Bird Point Count Surveys. We welcome your feedback on the key questions in the Discussion Guide. [Learn more](#)
2. **Spring Field Programs:** Learn about our plans for Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program, Surface Water Field Program, Physiography Field Program, Vegetation Field Program, Ungulate Remote Camera Program and Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys. [Share your feedback.](#)

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Field Studies Updates

Ungulate Aerial Surveys

Field crews completed aerial surveys in February to gather population and distribution information of caribou (atigwag) and other wildlife including moose (moozoog), wolves (maihganang) and wolverine (wishkobishag). A total of 162 caribou were observed during the aerial survey program. Aerial surveys will continue in winter 2023.

Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys

In February, field crews deployed 54 wolverine hair snag traps in the study area to collect information about wolverine (wishkobishag) demographics (male / female). During deployment the field crew also found wolverine tracks.

In March, crews have been completing the first round of monthly re-baiting and hair samples have been collected. The remote cameras captured great images of wolverine visiting the hair snag traps.

Upcoming Field Studies

Our field crews are very busy in the upcoming spring and summer months! There are a lot of moving parts when scheduling winter and spring programs, including snow conditions, accommodations, weather and on-going monitoring of COVID-19 situations. We appreciate your understanding as timelines shift and change.

Our field studies will be strengthened by the Indigenous Knowledge shared with us by MFFN and neighbouring Indigenous communities through the Indigenous Knowledge Program. In addition, study-specific Discussion Guides will continue to be distributed to our contact list to provide information about what the study or program is and why it's important to the Community Access Road. Your input is important, and we want to make it easy for you to provide it! Discussion Guides will be sent out in advance of a program or study starting, so you have an opportunity to shape the program through your input. If you have ideas on ways to make it easier for you to have a say, please let us know. We are all ears.

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming field study programs and their approximate timelines*:

- **Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys (March 6 – 16, 2022; April – May 2022):** Hair snag traps were placed in the study area in February 2022 to provide information about

wolverine (wishkobishag) demographics (male / female). Crews will be returning each month to re-bait the hair snag traps. [Learn more about wolverines in our video here.](#)

- **Bird Autonomous Recording Units (March 6 – 16, 2022; May – July 2022):** 30 Autonomous Recording Units (ARU) will be set-up in the study area. In an effort to avoid the traditional goose hunt in April, this program will be completed by crews while out re-baiting wolverine hair snag traps. This program will continue throughout summer and fall, 2022. [Read the Discussion Guide and share your feedback.](#)
- **Wolverine Denning Surveys (March 11 – 15, 2022):** In support of the Groundwater and Geochemistry program, proposed drill sites will be surveyed for presence of tracks and sign of wolverine denning. If a maternal wolverine is located close to drilling locations, mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize negative impacts to this species during this time period. [Learn more about wolverines in our video here.](#)
- **Air Monitoring (March 14 - 17, 2022):** Technicians will be performing a routine maintenance visit on the air monitoring device in MFFN. [Learn more about air quality and greenhouse gases in our video here.](#)
- **Caribou (atik) Mortality Investigation (March 2022):** In February 2021, 30 radio collars were placed on adult female caribou (atik) to collect data over three years. Mortality investigations will continue to be conducted as needed. Field crews will likely include another mortality investigation with an upcoming spring program—details TBD. [Learn more about ungulates in our video here.](#)
- **Furbearer Ground Track Surveys (March 2022):** Due to current weather and snow conditions the methodology for the second round of Furbearer Ground Track Surveys has been modified. Instead of walking transects, surveys will be conducted from a helicopter with crews landing to validate tracks to inform the distribution, abundance and density of furbearers (such as wolverines [wishkobishag / wiingwa'waakeg] and martens [wabizheshihwag / wabashtanang]), and mammals in the study area. We are waiting for appropriate weather conditions required for this program and expect it to be completed soon. [Learn more about furbearers in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)
- **Groundwater and Geochemistry (March – May 2022):** Installation of monitoring wells to assess groundwater fluctuations, seasonal changes in water quality and develop an understanding of current conditions. This program will continue into the summer and fall. [Learn more about groundwater and geochemistry in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)
- **Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys (April – September 2022):** Transects, or straight lines, will be flown in spring and fall to observe waterfowl (such as ducks;

Shesheeb) and shorebird stopover and staging locations, and to observe raptors nesting locations. [Read the Discussion Guide and share your feedback.](#)

- **Breeding Bird Aerial Surveys (May – July 2022):** Similar to Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys, these aerial surveys will focus on waterfowl and raptor nesting in the breeding season (and does not include shorebirds). [Read the Discussion Guide and share your feedback.](#)
- **Ungulate Remote Camera Check (May & October 2022):** Field crews will return to remote cameras deployed in June 2021 to inspect cameras and replace batteries and memory cards. [Learn more about ungulates in our video here.](#)
- **Breeding Bird Point Counts, Marsh Playback Surveys and Eastern Whip-poor-will Autonomous Recording Units (May – July 2022):** Skilled observers will use three survey methods to identify birds, including marsh birds, breeding birds and the Eastern Whip-poor-will (a Species at Risk), by sight and sound. Species at Risk birds are those that are listed as endangered or special concern. Species at Risk birds in the study area include Olive-Sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk (bekshkew)
- **Surface Water (May 2022):** Field crews will collect information on surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, streams) quantity and quality, sediment quality (e.g., sand, silt, clay) and benthic invertebrates (organisms that live at the bottom of lakes, rivers and streams). This work will be taking place at approximately 50 to 60 water crossings along both of the route alternatives being studied. Additional fishing effort and fish habitat information may also be collected in spring. [Learn more about surface water and fish and fish habitat in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)
- **Vegetation, Physiography and Terrain (June 2022):** This field program will collect information on plants, geologic features, and soil conditions including moisture and nutrient levels. This information is important to better understand the current conditions and relationship between the soil and the ecosystems that depend on it, including plants that grow in the forest or wetlands. [Learn more about vegetation in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)

Our website is updated regularly with [Field Notices that you can view at your convenience.](#) Recent notices and updates include:

- December 10, 2021: [Field Notice](#) for upcoming winter programs
- January 19, 2022: Updates confirming dates for the first round of ground track surveys, remote camera check and caribou mortality field programs
- February 4, 2022: Update confirming dates for the first round of ungulate aerial surveys
- February 14, 2022: [Field Notice](#) for wolverine denning survey

- March 9, 2022: Update on wolverine denning survey timing

If you have any questions, comments or feedback on the planned studies, we would like to hear from you (contact information below).

**Timelines and programs are approximate and may shift; we will provide updates as required*

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[News Feature: Northern College launches environmental programming to train industry and First Nation field technicians](#)

The Northern College is introducing a six-week Environmental and Field Monitor training program. Training began this past month in February at Lac Seul First Nation, near Sioux Lookout in Northwestern Ontario. Northern Ontario Business Staff spoke with former Project Team member Larissa Stevens who noted the range of field work opportunities that community members can get involved in with minimal experience. With ongoing and upcoming field studies, there will be a variety of positions available for community members on the field team to get involved in the Project.

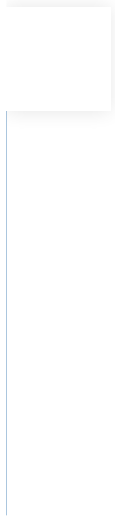


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April 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

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- **Upcoming In-Person Engagement**
- **Indigenous Knowledge Program**
- **Field Study Updates**
- **Upcoming Field Studies**



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1. **Upcoming Public Information Centre:** The first Public Information Centre for the Environmental Assessment is being planned for early summer 2022. This will be an opportunity to meet the team in the Thunder Bay area (assuming public health guidelines allow gatherings), learn more about the planning process and share your feedback, ideas and community values related to the proposed all season access road. Stay tuned for more details.
2. **Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC):** We will be at the PDAC Conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (**Room 202D**) in Toronto on June 14 and 15. The PDAC is the voice of mineral exploration and development in Canada. There will be a room dedicated to the three road projects at PDAC, including ours. We look forward to seeing you in-person!

Indigenous Knowledge Program

There is an Indigenous Knowledge Program in place to collect relevant information on Indigenous land and resource use and important cultural values in and around the proposed Community Access Road study area. The submission deadline for Indigenous Knowledge Program Studies to inform the EA / IA is June 30, 2022. Over the fall and winter, inputs from each Indigenous community will be discussed and included in the assessment. More details on the Indigenous Knowledge Program are available [on the website](#).

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Field Studies Updates

Due to snow and weather conditions, the Groundwater and Geochemistry Program has been postponed to September – December, 2022 and the remaining furbearer ground track surveys have been postponed to winter 2022 and 2023.

We continue to see new visitors investigating the wolverine hair snag trap locations, including a Grey Wolf, Canada Lynx and more. Check out some photos below!

Upcoming Field Studies

Our field crews are very busy in the upcoming spring and summer months! There are a lot of moving parts when scheduling spring and summer programs, including the spring melt, hunting seasons, accommodations, weather and on-going monitoring of COVID-19 situations. We appreciate your understanding as timelines shift.

Our field studies will be strengthened by the Indigenous Knowledge shared with us by MFFN and neighbouring Indigenous communities through the Indigenous Knowledge Program. In addition, study-specific Discussion Guides will continue to be distributed to our contact list to provide information about what the study or program is and why it's important to the Community Access Road. An [Early Spring Discussion Guide](#) and [Bird Discussion Guide](#) were shared in March for all of the programs below.

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Below is a high-level overview of upcoming field study programs and their approximate timelines*

- **Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys (May 2-10 and June 2022):** Hair snag traps were placed in the study area in February 2022 to provide information about wolverine (wishkobishag) demographics (male / female). Crews have been returning each month to re-bait the hair snag traps. The traps will be re-baited one last time in May 2022 and hair snag traps will be removed in June 2022. This field program will continue in 2023. [Learn more about wolverines in our video here.](#)
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- **Breeding Bird Aerial Surveys (May 13-15, June (two trips) 2022):** Similar to Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys, these aerial surveys will focus on waterfowl and raptor nesting in the breeding season (and does not include shorebirds). [Read the Discussion Guide and share your feedback.](#)
- **Physiography, Terrain and Soils Program (late May / early June, 2022):** This field program will collect information on geologic features, and soil conditions including moisture and nutrient levels. This information is important to better understand the current conditions and relationship between the soil and the ecosystems that depend on it, including plants that grow in the forest or wetlands (asabi'biya or asabi'gama). Our collection approach helps limit disturbances in the area. Soil data will be collected by setting up soil plots, digging soil pits to a depth of 50-60cm with a shovel and hand augering to 125cm to collect soil data at various depths to test the data to verify soil and terrain data for the area.
- **Breeding Bird Point Counts, Marsh Playback Surveys and Eastern Whip-poor-will Autonomous Recording Units (early and late June 2022):** Skilled observers

will use three survey methods to identify birds, including marsh birds, breeding birds and the Eastern Whip-poor-will (a Species at Risk), by sight and sound. Species at Risk birds are those that are listed as endangered or special concern. Species at Risk birds in the study area include Olive-Sided Flycatcher and Common Nighthawk (bekshkew). [Read the Discussion Guide and share your feedback.](#)

- **Vegetation Program (mid July 2022):** Vegetation plots will be set up to collect samples and record to verify mapping of vegetation information for the area. [Learn more about vegetation in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)
- **Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat Program (mid June 2022):** Field crews will collect information on surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, streams) quantity and quality, sediment quality (e.g., sand, silt, clay) and benthic invertebrates (organisms that live at the bottom of lakes, rivers and streams). This work will be taking place at water crossings along both of the route alternatives being studied. Additional fishing effort and fish habitat information may also be collected in spring. [Learn more about surface water and fish and fish habitat in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)
- **Air Monitoring Program (late Spring / early Summer 2022):** Following data collection of current air quality over one year, the air monitoring program will be wrapping up with technicians decommissioning and removing air monitor equipment in MFFN.
- **Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (September to December 2022):** Installation of monitoring wells to assess groundwater fluctuations, seasonal changes in water quality and develop an understanding of current conditions. Water, soil, and bedrock samples will also be collected to understand key rock and groundwater conditions. This program will continue into 2023. [Learn more about groundwater and geochemistry in our video and Discussion Guide here.](#)

Our website is updated regularly with [Field Notices that you can view at your convenience.](#)

[The Early Spring Field Notice distributed on April 29, 2022 can be viewed here.](#)

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May 2022 update

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2. **Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC):** The Community Access Road will no longer be at the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference in Toronto, however Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation will be there for the Northern Road Link from June 14-15 in Room 202D.

Indigenous Knowledge Program – Submission Deadline Reminder

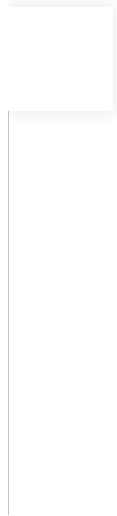
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Field Study Updates

Due to high water levels the caribou mortality investigation was not completed in May and will be included in an upcoming June field program.

Visitors continue to explore the wolverine hair snag traps, this month we saw a curious a black bear investigating the structure.



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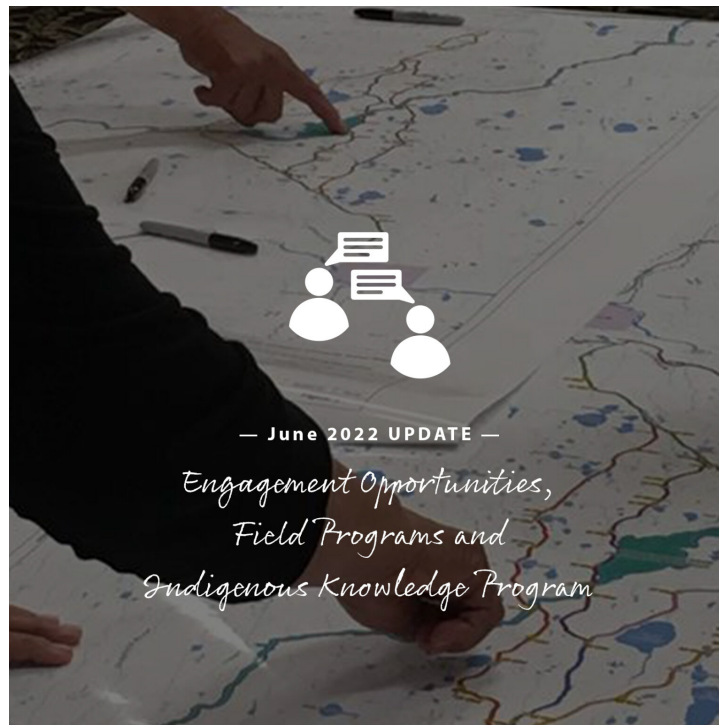
MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION (MFFN) COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

June 2022 update

Current and upcoming activities

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- **Upcoming Public Information Centre #3 in Thunder Bay and Geraldton**
- **Field Study Updates**
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Meet with us In-Person Next Week!

Join us at our upcoming Public Information Centre (PIC #3) for an introduction to the provincial Environmental Assessment / federal Impact Statement phase of the Project. This will be an opportunity to meet the team in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, learn more about the planning process and share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all season access road.

When and Where:

Monday, June 27, 2022

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre

Room: Regency A

555 Arthur Street West

Thunder Bay, Ontario

5:00* – 8:00 p.m.

**Indigenous community members are invited to join at 5:00 p.m. and the public is invited to join starting at 6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Geraldton Community Centre

200 Wardrope Avenue

Geraldton, Ontario

4:00* – 7:00 p.m.

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Additional details on the Public Information Centre is available on the website. We look forward to seeing you in-person!

Field Study Updates

June was a busy month for field crews. Five programs were completed, including the physiography, terrain and soils program, the second round of breeding bird aerial surveys, a caribou mortality investigation, a breeding bird point counts and marsh playback surveys, and Eastern Whip-poor-will Autonomous Recording field program. This year's wolverine hair snag program was also completed in June, and the hair snags were decommissioned but will remain in place for when the field program starts again next winter. Read field program [notices](#), [watch videos](#) and [fill out Discussion Guides](#).

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Our field crews are continuing field studies. There are a lot of moving parts when scheduling field programs, including helicopter availability, weather and on-going monitoring of COVID-19 situations. We appreciate your understanding as timelines shift.

Below is a high-level overview of upcoming field study programs and their approximate timelines*. You can also learn about the programs in the video links below and share your feedback in Discussion Guide links.

- Breeding Bird Point Counts, Marsh Playback Surveys and Eastern Whip-poor-will Autonomous Recording Units: June 25- July 4, 2022. [Fill out the Discussion Guide.](#)
- Breeding Bird Aerial Surveys: June 22-24, 2022. [Fill out the Discussion Guide.](#)
- Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat Program: June 21- July 1, 2022. [Watch the video and fill out the Discussion Guide.](#)
- Vegetation Program: July 12-18, 2022. [Watch the video and fill out the Discussion Guide.](#)

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A6. MFFN Community Access Road 2021 Review



December 15, 2021

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Re: Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road 2021 Review

Dear Chief [REDACTED],

2021 has been a difficult year for many people and communities; throughout the year, we've weathered challenges imposed by COVID-19, various States-of-Emergency and regional and localized forest fires. As the year reaches a close, we'd like to thank you for the time you have taken to review the information we provided about our proposed Community Access Road, and for the insights you have given us. We appreciate your perspectives and know that your feedback helps strengthen the decisions we make through the planning process.

Despite these challenges, we are proud of what we have accomplished this year and look forward to continued progress in 2022. Accompanying this letter is the December E-Blast which provides a snapshot of the work that's been completed in 2021 for the Community Access Road. [You can also find the E-Blast here.](#)

As we begin to focus our efforts on the provincial Environmental Assessment and continue work on the federal Impact Assessment, we look forward to continuing the conversations we have started. We will reach out early in the new year to discuss with you the opportunity to meet; to provide you with an update on the Community Access Road, and to hear your perspectives and gather your feedback.

We know there are other projects happening right now that are also seeking to engage you. We also know your time is limited, so we will do our part to make engagement on our Project as easy as possible; we want to work with you to understand how best to get you the information you need so that you can lend your voice to the conversation.

We wish you a safe and warm holiday season, and all the best for 2022. A member of our team will follow-up in the early new year.

Sincerely,





Qasim Saddique
Project Director



Lawrence Baxter
Senior Community Member Advisor

CC:

- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, MFFN Leadership
- Qasim Saddique, MFFN CAR Project Team
- Larissa Stevens, MFFN CAR Project Team
- Lawrence Baxter, MFFN Community Member Advisor
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A7.1 Invitations

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MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Join us for the Marten Falls First Nation All-Season Community Access Road Public Information Centre #3: Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Introduction

The Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team will be hosting the first Public Information Centre during the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) / federal Impact Statement (IS) phase of the Project. Join us to learn more about the EA / Impact Assessment (IA) processes and the progress made to-date. Importantly, it's also an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all-season access road.

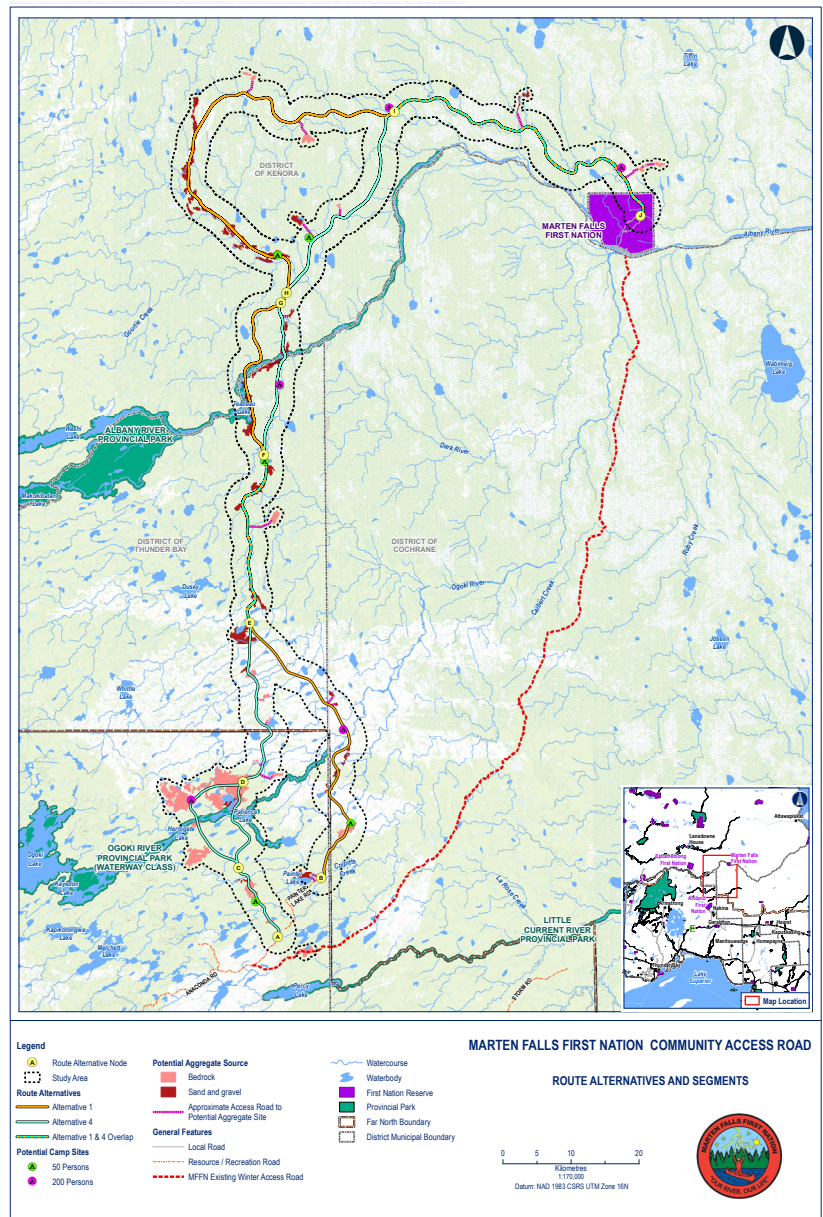
About the Project

MFFN is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario.

MFFN has a winter access road but it is not reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting MFFN to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community. The EA / IA will assess the potential impacts and benefits related to the proposed Community Access Road.

What is the Process

MFFN is preparing an Individual EA / IS for the proposed Community Access Road. On October 8, 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) with amendments, and MFFN published a Notice of Commencement of the EA October 29, 2021. The ToR serves as a framework for the preparation and review of the EA for the proposed Project, and the Project is now in the EA phase of the provincial process. The federal Government published a Notice of Commencement of the IA on February 24, 2020 and the Project is now in the Impact Statement phase. This is the first Public Information Centre held after ToR approval to support the EA processes; both EA and IA.





MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

About the Public Information Centre

Join us to learn about and provide feedback on:

- ➔ The Community Access Road's history and updates since the ToR and latest virtual meetings;
- ➔ Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests;
- ➔ The EA / IA Indigenous Knowledge Program and Community Coordinator Program;
- ➔ The EA processes, study areas and schedules, including Project phases and milestones;
- ➔ Approach to consultation and engagement;
- ➔ How we're assessing impacts and comparing route alternatives; and
- ➔ Preliminary results of field studies, and information on upcoming field studies.

Information panels will be available for review, along with maps, fact sheets, including information on the Indigenous Knowledge and Community Coordinator Programs, and feedback forms. Project Team members will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

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

Contact

For information on the EA / IA process and progress related to this Project, please visit <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

If you are unable to attend the event, or have any comments or questions regarding the Project, you are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time during the process at 1-800-764-9114 or info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

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Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your participation.

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ROUTE D'ACCÈS TOUTES SAISONS À LA PREMIÈRE NATION DE MARTEN FALLS

Soyez des nôtres au Centre d'information #3 sur le projet de route d'accès toutes saisons à la Première Nation de Marten Falls : Introduction à l'évaluation environnementale / étude d'impact environnemental

L'équipe du projet de route d'accès à la Première Nation de Marten Falls (PNMF) organise le premier Centre d'information de la phase d'évaluation environnementale (EE) provinciale et d'étude d'impact environnemental (EIE) fédérale du projet. Soyez des nôtres pour en apprendre davantage sur les processus d'EE et d'évaluation d'impact (EI) et les progrès réalisés jusqu'à maintenant. Il s'agit également d'une importante occasion de faire connaître vos commentaires, vos idées et vos valeurs en ce qui concerne le projet de route d'accès toutes saisons.

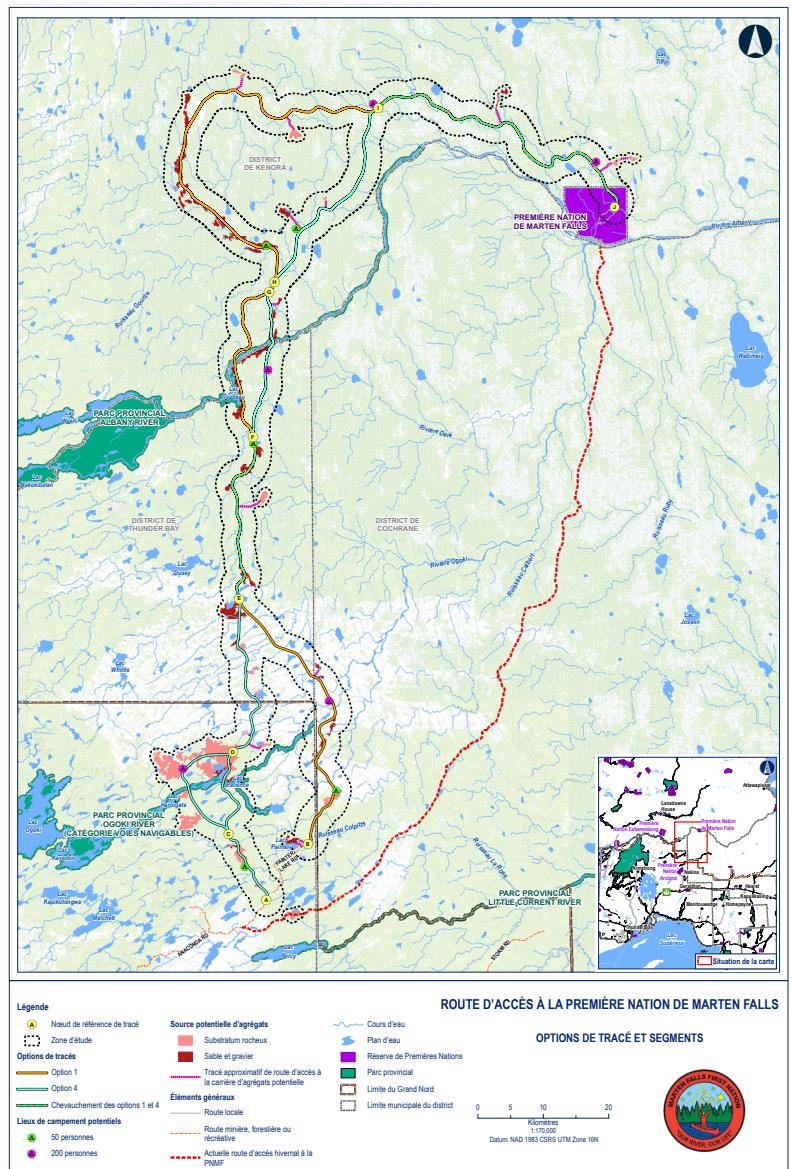
À propos du projet

La Première Nation de Marten Falls (PNMF) est une communauté autochtone éloignée du Nord de l'Ontario, dont le territoire se situe au confluent des rivières Albany et Ogoki, environ 170 km au nord-est de Nakina (Ontario).

La PNMF est accessible par une route d'hiver dont la fiabilité déficiente rend le transport des biens et des personnes difficile. La construction d'une route toutes saisons reliant la PNMF au réseau routier de la province améliorerait la qualité de vie des habitants de la communauté. L'EE et l'EI évalueront les incidences et les avantages potentiels du projet de route d'accès.

Le processus

La PNMF a entamé une EE/EIE individuelle relativement au projet de route d'accès. Le 8 octobre 2021, le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPNP) a approuvé le cadre de référence avec modifications, et la PNMF a publié un avis de lancement de l'EE le 29 octobre 2021. Le cadre de référence sert à la préparation et à l'examen de l'EE du projet proposé. Le projet en est actuellement à la phase d'EE du processus provincial. À l'échelon fédéral, le gouvernement a publié un avis de lancement de l'EI le 24 février 2020 et le projet en est à la phase d'étude d'impact environnemental. Le Centre d'information, le premier à avoir lieu après l'approbation du cadre de référence, a pour but d'appuyer les deux processus environnementaux, soit l'EE et l'EI.





ROUTE D'ACCÈS TOUTES SAISONS À LA PREMIÈRE NATION DE MARTEN FALLS

Au sujet du Centre d'information

Soyez des nôtres pour vous renseigner sur ce qui suit et nous donner vos commentaires :

- ➔ L'historique du projet de route d'accès et les progrès réalisés depuis l'approbation du cadre de référence et la dernière réunion virtuelle;
- ➔ Les droits et les intérêts des Autochtones ou issus de traités;
- ➔ Le programme des connaissances autochtones et le programme de coordination communautaire de l'EE/EI;
- ➔ Les processus d'évaluation environnementale, les zones d'étude et les calendriers, y compris les phases et étapes du projet;
- ➔ L'approche de la consultation et de la participation;
- ➔ Notre façon d'évaluer les incidences et de comparer les options de tracés;
- ➔ Les résultats préliminaires des études de terrain et les études de terrain à venir.

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Où et quand?

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Des rafraîchissements seront servis.

Merci de votre participation.

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MOONZHAG GA'INA'MOONG MIKANA AGOOKIING ANISHINAABE DAZHIKEWINING

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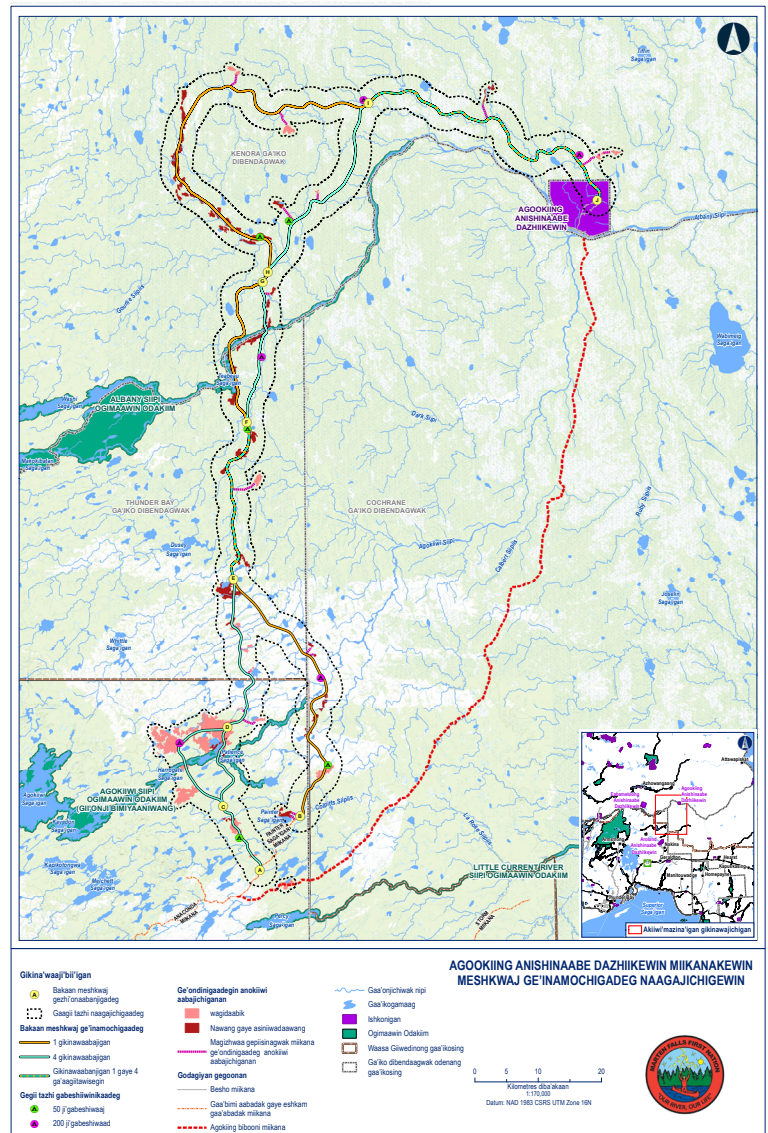
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Giiwedining Ontario noopiming dagwan Agookiing Anishinaabe Dazhiikewin (MFFN), ineke Albany gaye Ogoki ziihiwan, goji bigo 170 km diba'akan giiwedining waabanong izhi Nakina, Ontario.

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Agookiing Anishinaabe Dazhiikewin ogwayanjitooon baabikish akiwi nanaagajichigewini (EA/IS) gaa'wii inamochigaadeg dazhiikewining. Megwaa apii October 8, 2021, wa'a akii'wigimaa gaa'niigaaniziikandag, akiwi ganawenjigewin (MECP) o'gii'odaapinaan ji'aabadak anokiiwi ganawabanjigewin (ToR) gaa'gii mamiino'bi'igaadegin gaye MFFN oga'bagidinaan o'mazina'igan gezhi maadanokaadeg EA megwaa October 29, 2021. O'owe ToR inaabadan ji'biminizha'igaadeg ge'niizhi gwahyanji'chigaadeg anokiiwin gaye geniizhi giuwe naagadawaabanjigaadeg EA ge'niinanokaadeg anokiiwin, o'owe dash anokiiwin aazha i'imaag EA apiitanokaade Ontario ogimaa gaa'izhi babaamizid. Aawe federal ogimaa ogii pagidinaan wiindamagewini ji'madanokaadeg IA megwaa February 24, 2020 megwaa noongom anokaade aaniin ge'doojigemagak anokiiwin dibaajimowin. Mii'owe nitam ge'waa'wiinjigaadeg bigo wenenag ji'wiindamawindwaa apii gaagii ishkwaaw odaapinigaadegiban ToR ge'onji dago aabadakin akiwi naagaji'chigewi anokiiwinan dago gaye ini EA gaye IA.





MOONZHAG GA'INA'MOONG MIIKANA AGOOKIING ANISHINAABE DAZHIKEWINING

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- ➔ EA/IA Anishinaabe gikendamaawi anokiiwin gaye dazhiikewining anokiiwin;
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Geganoonind

Wiikikendaman EA/IA aaniin eni'apiitanokaadeg o'owe anokiiwin, inaabin o'omaa mamakaadabikong <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>

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Aanapii gaye Aandi?

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Miigwech gaabiwiji'iwewan.

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A7.1.5 PIC Notice - Oji-Cree

A7.2 Advertising

A7.2.1 Newspaper Advertisements



Superior-Greenstone District School Board Enhances School Communications

MARATHON, Ontario – Superior-Greenstone District School Board continues to find ways to enhance connections and communication between its schools and parents or guardians with a series of new initiatives. During the course of the last several weeks, parents/guardians were provided with the opportunity to create accounts in the new PowerSchool Portal, a tool designed to help share up to date information with families regarding their child's education. By creating an account, parents/guardians gain

online access to mid-term and final report card marks, live attendance data as well as providing them with ability to complete forms online. Stacey Wallwin, Technology Enabled Learning and Technology Lead, said, "the School Board continues to use its online platform Edsby as their main communication tool for parents/guardians, students and staff. However, as we all know, there is not one ideal digital tool that meets all our needs. Many of us have different communication apps like Facebook and Instagram

to connect with others, and many have multiple streaming apps for entertainment. Education is no different. By welcoming parents/guardians into the PowerSchool Portal, we have provided our families with great access to the information that matters, right at their fingertips". The launch of the PowerSchool Portal is also helping to support an important change that the Ministry of Education implemented across the Province. All students who began secondary school in the 2020-2021 school

year are now required to earn two (2) online learning credits in order to graduate. Wallwin stated that "students who take an e-learning course have the flexibility to schedule their learning around other timetable offerings, while having a greater number of courses to choose from. Students will be taught by an Ontario Teacher and connect with peers in the safe, online, provincial e-learning platform. As our world becomes increasingly digital, the important skills acquired while taking an e-learning course will

transfer beyond Superior-Greenstone District School Board into our students' post-secondary education and work lives". Parents/guardians are free to have their child opt-out of this learning opportunity without any impact on the student's graduation requirement. Parents/guardians can now login to their PowerSchool Portal account and select "forms". If a child is currently in grade 9 or 10, and parents/guardians wish to opt-out of the mandatory e-learning, they can simply complete the online form.

Parents with students currently enrolled in one of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board high schools will now be contacted through automated attendance calls and texts to make parents/guardians aware of student absences. Charles Bishop, Superintendent of Education, states that "attendance auto calls are another mechanism for schools to be able to communicate with parents/guardians. But because these calls report student absences, they become a great opportunity for schools and parents/guardians to work together to support those students who may face challenges that hinder their ability to attend school on a regular basis. Regular school attendance is a major contributing factor to student success, and truancy is higher in schools in the North than the rest of the province. The more schools and parents/guardians can work together to support students to consistently attend school, the better it will be for the student's success."

All of these new tools are designed to align with the School Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan. Director of Education Nicole Morden Cormier noted that "Superior-Greenstone District School Board strives to enhance our communication and transparency with our families and we look forward to the conversations and increased connections that will occur as a result of the latest technology enhancements."

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION
ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

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Cooling housing market

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

Rising interest rates are having an impact on the local housing market, levelling off prices and the number of offers for home sales, according to the Thunder Bay Real Estate Board.

The trends come as the Bank of Canada increases its key interest rate. The central bank has ratcheted up the rate from 0.25 per cent to 1.5 per cent so far this year in an effort to tame inflation, which reached a 31-year high of 6.8 per cent in April.

The rate hike could see monthly payments jump by as much as 45 per cent in 2025/26 for variable rate mortgages taken out during the lowest-interest period in 2020/21, the Bank of Canada projected in a financial system review released last week.

The impact for fixed-rate mortgages was estimated at 30 per cent. The projection assumed mortgages would renew at between 4.4 and 4.5 per cent in 2025/26.

Local realtors started seeing impacts to the local housing market in March, when the central bank hiked rates, said Karen Hill, president of the Thunder Bay Real Estate Board.

The fact that the market was so strong before then means the cool-down is so far simply bringing prices and demand closer where they were before COVID-19, she said.

"We are actually noticing a little bit of a difference," she said. "We're not seeing as many competing offers, because people are very conscious about what it's going to look like at the new interest rates."

"The good news is the market has been strong for so long recently, that we're going to get more towards how it was pre-pandemic."

The average sale price of a single-detached home in the city of Thunder Bay now stands at around \$340,000, up from around \$320,000 at the same time last year, with price increases seen during the pandemic beginning to slow.

"It's still classified as a seller's market – it [only] takes the average house 11 days to sell," said Hill. "We anticipate that just to level off a little bit."



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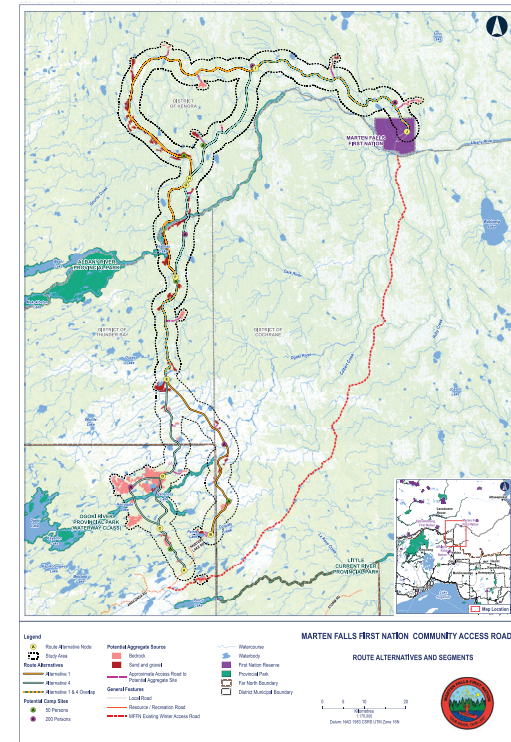
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- The Chronicle Journal

Forest site of mass grave exhumation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUCHA, Ukraine — The lush green beauty of a pine forest with singing birds contrasted with the violent deaths of newly discovered victims of Russia's war in Ukraine, as workers exhumed bodies from another mass grave near the town of Bucha on Kyiv's outskirts.

The hands of several victims were tied behind their backs. The gruesome work of digging up the remains coincided with the Ukrainian police chief's report that authorities have opened criminal investigations into the killings of more than 12,000 people since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24.

Workers wearing white hazmat suits and masks used shovels to exhume bodies from the soil of the forest, marking each section with small yellow numbered signs on the ground. The bodies, covered in cloth and dirt, attracted flies.

"Shots to the knees tell us that people were tortured," Andriy Nebytov, head of the Kyiv regional police, said at the scene. "The hands tied behind the back with tape say that people had been held (hostage) for a long time and (enemy forces) tried to get any information from them."

Since the withdrawal of Russian troops from the region at the end of March, authorities say they have uncovered the bodies of 1,316 people, many in mass graves in the forest and elsewhere.

The horrors of Bucha shocked the world after Russian troops left. The mass grave that reporters saw Monday was just behind a trench dug out for a military vehicle. The bodies of seven civilians were retrieved. Two of the bodies were found with their hands tied and gunshot wounds to the knees and head, Nebytov said.

National police chief Igor Klimenko told the Interfax-Ukraine news agency on Monday that criminal investigations into the deaths of more than 12,000 Ukrainians included some found in mass graves. He said the mass killings also were done by snipers firing from tanks and armored personnel carriers. Bodies were found lying on streets and homes, as well as in mass graves.

He didn't specify how many of the more than 12,000 were civilians and how many were military.

Complete information about the number of bodies in mass graves or elsewhere isn't known, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told the American Jewish Committee on Sunday. He cited the case of two children who died with their parents in the basement of an apartment building in Mariupol in a Russian bombing. Zelenskyy, who is Jewish and lost rela-



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukrainian tanks move in Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine in late May.

tives in the Holocaust, asked:

"Why is this happening in 2022? This is not the 1940s. How could mass killings, torture, burned cities, and filtration camps set up by the Russian military in the occupied territories resembling Nazi concentration camps come true?"

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Ukrainian forces had driven the Russians out of more than 1,000 settlements since the war began, and he vowed Monday they would liberate all occupied territory, including Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014.

In his nightly video address, he said the battle over the Donbas "will surely go down in military history as one of the most brutal battles in and for Europe."

"The price of this battle for us is very high," he said. "It's just terrible."

The total war front in the country, he said, is now 2,500 kilometers long 1,550 miles.

Amnesty International, in a report Monday, accused Russia of in-

discriminate use of banned cluster munitions in strikes on Kharkiv, killing and wounding hundreds of civilians.

Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, has been subject to intensive shelling since Russia began attacking Ukraine.

"The repeated use of widely banned cluster munitions is shocking, and a further indication of utter disregard for civilian lives," said Donatella Rovera, Amnesty International's senior crisis response adviser. "The Russian forces responsible for these horrific attacks must be held accountable for their actions, and victims and their families must receive full reparations."

The report cited doctors in Kharkiv hospitals who showed researchers distinctive fragments they had removed from patients' bodies, as well as survivors and witnesses of the attacks.

Luhansk governor Serhiy Haidai told The Associated Press that fierce street fighting contin-

ued Monday in Sievierodonetsk, one of two large cities in the Donbas region still to be fully captured by Russian troops.

During the day, Haidai updated his estimate of how much of the city Russians control from 70 per cent to 80 per cent. Ukrainian forces are fighting the enemy "block by block, street by street, house by house with a varying degree of success," he told The AP.

More than 10,000 people remain in the city. Haidai said efforts to evacuate them have been halted because Russian troops destroyed two of the three bridges connecting Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk, the second city in Luhansk not yet overrun by Moscow. The remaining bridge is old, decrepit and unsafe, the governor said.

Lysychansk remains under Ukrainian control, but is regularly shelled by the Russian forces. On Sunday, Haidai said, the shelling killed three civilians in the city, including a 6-year-old boy.

Eduard Basurin, an official of

the Russia-backed separatists in Donetsk, claimed Monday that Sievierodonetsk has been blocked off and Ukrainian fighters have no choice but to surrender. Haidai dismissed that as "a lie."

"There is no threat of our troops being encircled in the Luhansk region," he said.

Russia-backed separatists in the Donetsk region said Monday that the Ukrainian forces shelled a market in the city of Donetsk, killing three civilians and injuring 18 more. It was the fiercest shelling by Ukrainian forces since 2015, according to the Russian news agency RIA Novosti.

The head of the Russian-backed government in Donetsk, Denis Pushilin, also cited heavy shelling, and said on his Telegram channel that more forces — especially Russians — were being called in to help.

The Russian military said Monday it destroyed "a large number of weapons and military equipment" that Ukrainian forces had received from the U.S. and Europe.

Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said "high-precision air-launched missiles" hit the supplies near the Udachna railway station in the Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine. Konashenkov also said "a temporary deployment point for foreign mercenaries" and a Ukrainian radar station of the Buk-M1 anti-aircraft missile system were destroyed in the neighboring Luhansk region.

Two batteries of multiple-launch rocket systems were destroyed in the Luhansk and Kharkiv regions, Konashenkov said.

There was no immediate confirmation of the Russian claim from Ukraine.

The Dutch government said it will host a ministerial conference next month on accountability in Ukraine aimed at strengthening and coordinating war crimes investigations.

Foreign Minister Wopke Hoekstra said Monday that the international community already has taken swift action to investigate alleged atrocities in Ukraine but there is "an urgent need to further coordinate existing efforts on this front."

The July 14 meeting in The Hague will be hosted by the Dutch government, International Criminal Court Prosecutor Karim Khan and European Commissioner for Justice Didier Reynders.

Khan already has launched an investigation and deployed his largest ever team of prosecutors to Ukraine to gather evidence, including to Bucha, near the capital of Kyiv, where bodies littered the streets after Russian forces retreated early in the war.

South Korea claims North completed prep for new nuclear test

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — South Korea's top diplomat said Monday that North Korea has completed preparations for a new nuclear test and that only a political decision by the country's top leadership can prevent it from going forward.

After talks with Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Washington, South Korean Foreign Minister Park Jin said the North would pay a price if it goes ahead, as feared, with what would be its seventh nuclear test in the coming days.

"North Korea has completed preparations for another nuclear test and I think only a political decision has to be made," Park said. Prior to Monday, U.S. and South Korean officials had said only that the North was nearing completion of such preparations.

"If North Korea ventures into another nuclear test, I think it will only strengthen our deterrence and also international sanctions," Park said. "North Korea should change its mind and make the right decision."

Apart from sanctions, Park did not say what that price the North would pay or outline how the deterrence policy would change, but Blinken said the United States and treaty allies South Korea and Japan could adjust their military postures in response.

"We're preparing for all contingencies this in very close coordination with others and we are prepared to make both short and longer-term adjustments to our military posture," Blinken said. He added that in addition, "the pressure will be sustained, it will continue and, as appropriate, it will be increased."

Both Park and Blinken men

stressed the door to negotiations without any preconditions remains open for North Korea. But Blinken, repeating comments from numerous U.S. officials in recent days, lamented that North Korea continues to ignore overtures for dialogue.

On Sunday, North Korea test-fired what appeared to be artillery shells toward the sea, according to South Korea's military, days after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un called for greater defense capability to cope with outside threats.

The North's artillery tests draw less outside attention than its missile launches, of which it has conducted more so far this year than in any previous year. But its forward-deployed long-range artillery guns are a serious security threat to South Korea's populous metropolitan region, which is only 40-50 kilometres from the border with North Korea.

The suspected artillery launches were the latest in a spate of weapons tests by North Korea this year in what foreign experts call an attempt to pressure its rivals Washington and Seoul to relax international sanctions against Pyongyang and make other concessions.

In March, North Korea test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching the mainland U.S. in breach of a 2018 moratorium on big missile tests.

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Arts and Entertainment

Brian Michon sells painting to company in Geraldton

Rick Garrick
Wawatay News

Fort Willam artist Brian Michon continues to have success with his artwork after recently selling his Spirit Dancer painting to a construction company in Geraldton.

"It's a three-part piece that is now hanging in their boardroom," Michon says. "It was just picked up about two weeks ago. The piece is representative of the dancers at the powwows — it's more like a figurative work but more abstraction in the background, so I wanted to bring the two styles together."

Michon says he made the painting panels to be hung side-by-side, but each of the individual panels could also be hung separately.

"Each painting would be able to stand on its own," Michon says.

Michon says he started doing

paintings of powwow dancers about five years ago after deciding that he wanted to explore more of his own style, noting he had previously been doing mainly portrait work and some landscapes.

"I go to the powwows here and I take pictures and I'll reach out to some of the dancers and I'll ask them if they mind if I use their image in some of my paintings," Michon says. "Most of them are very responsive to the idea."

Michon says he began drawing at a very young age in public school and art was his favourite subject in high school. He later studied and graduated with an Advertising Art-Graphic Design diploma from Sault College of Applied Arts and Technology, a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts Studies from Algoma University and a Digital Media Design diploma from the International Academy of Design in

Toronto.

"I ended up in the sign industry for 13 years in Brampton — I worked as a graphic artist in a sign shop," Michon says. "I loved working there but in the back of my mind I always knew I wanted to start painting full-time. During that time I was painting on my own and I would take the odd commission here and there for portraits."

Michon says one of his portraits was selected in 2009 for a special mention award from the Kingston Prize, which is a fine art portrait painting and drawing competition across Canada.

"I've been concentrating more on painting larger pieces," Michon says. "Sometimes it's not easy to transport those around, but from a distance people will notice them, and it's probably what attracts them to my table. It's something I enjoy doing, painting and displaying my work and meeting people,

so I enjoy going to those craft shows."

Michon says he moved back to Geraldton in 2013 to help his parents in their senior years, and has since been doing more artwork after his mother passed on in 2019.

"It was my way of dealing with my grief, I was putting myself more into my art," Michon says. "I've painted my mom a few times as well, so that's a way I've dealt with losing her."

Michon says he usually gets most of his art supplies from Painted Turtle or Michaels in Thunder Bay.

"For this (Thunder Bay Public Library Stories of Anishinaabe Resilience) mural I ended up painting that on 1/4 inch plywood, four pieces of four by four, and put those together to make one eight-foot square painting," Michon says. "So most of the material I buy



Rick Garrick/Wawatay News

Fort Willam artist Brian Michon poses next to one of his portrait paintings at a craft show before the COVID-19 pandemic.

locally in Thunder Bay and even in Geraldton there's a store called Stedmans where I'm able to buy paint as well."

Michon says he also recently did a portrait of the late Elder Dave Courchene for Biigtigong Nishnaabeg.

"They were commemorating the work he's done and the (Turtle) Lodge he had built," Michon says.

Michon says he has been getting good sales of prints of his artwork that he prints using a high-quality printer he bought a few years ago.

"The majority of my sales will be those prints," Michon says. "The printer I got, it's all pigment-based ink which has great properties. You can archive these prints for a very long time."



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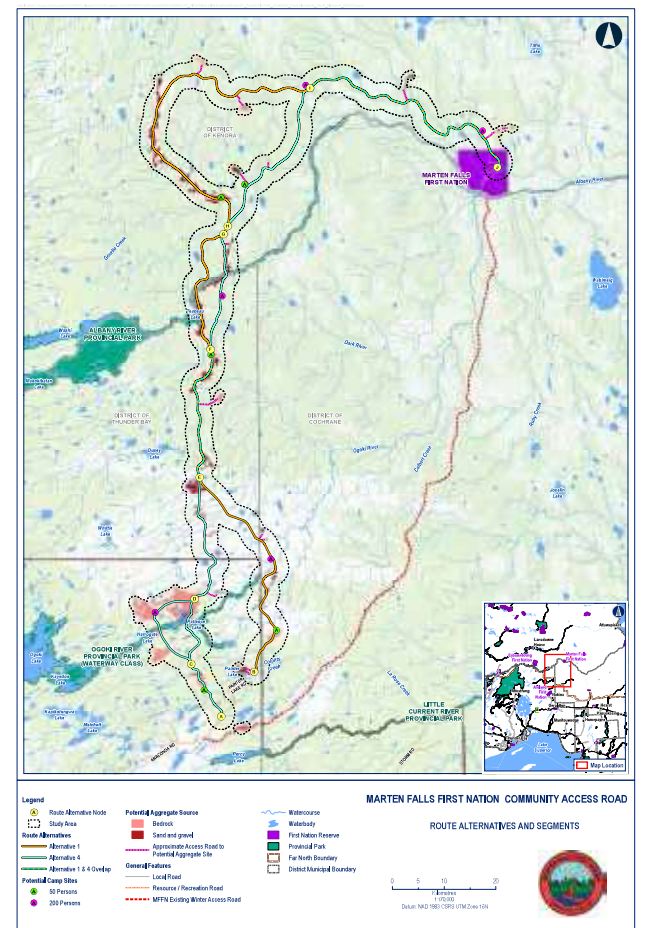
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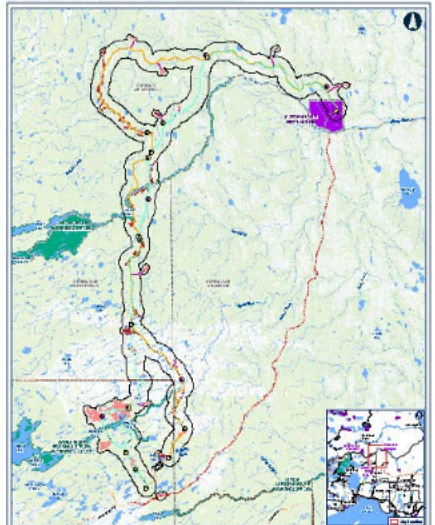
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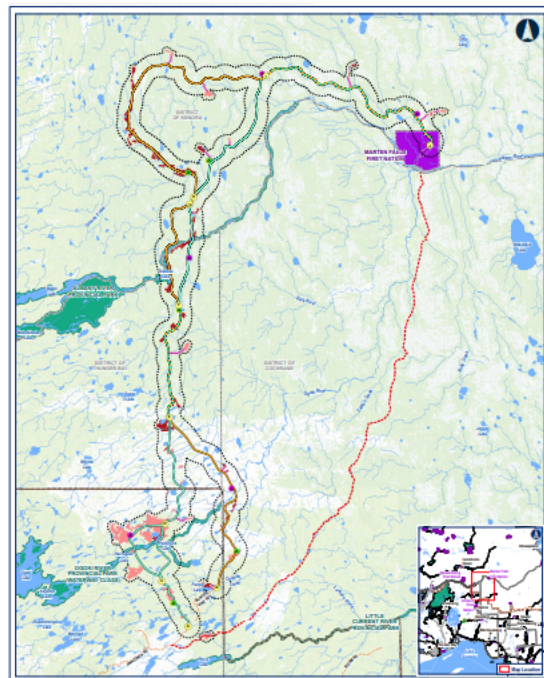
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Marten Falls First Nation

All Season Community Access Road



Notices and Announcements



Cold Lake First Nations Elections - Chief Band Election



Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road



Employment & Training Support
"We aspire to attain our highest potential"



A7.3 Display Boards



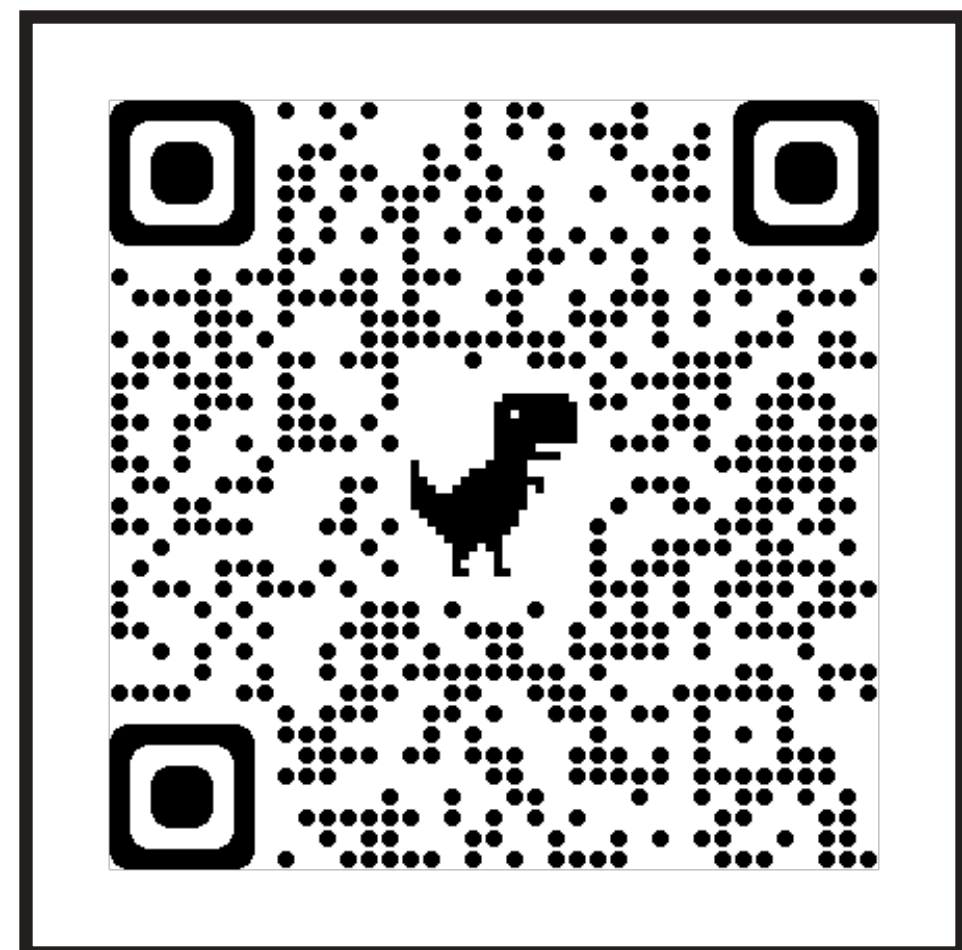
Welcome! Boozhoo!

Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road

Public Information Centre: Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Phase #1 Introduction (PIC #3)

Thunder Bay: June 27, 2022

Geraldton: June 29, 2022





Planning for an All Season Community Access Road to Marten Falls First Nation is progressing well.

Thanks for joining us today to learn about:

- The Community Access Road history and updates since the Terms of Reference
- The Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA / IA) process
- Study areas, including specific updates made to reflect potential sources of aggregate material
- Preliminary results of field studies, and information on upcoming field studies
- Indigenous Knowledge and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
- How Indigenous communities have been involved to-date and plans for future consultation and engagement, including the Community Coordinator Program
- Feedback we've heard to-date and how it is being considered
- Ongoing and future consultation and engagement opportunities
- Next steps

Have your say. Share your comments, ideas and values with the Project Team.





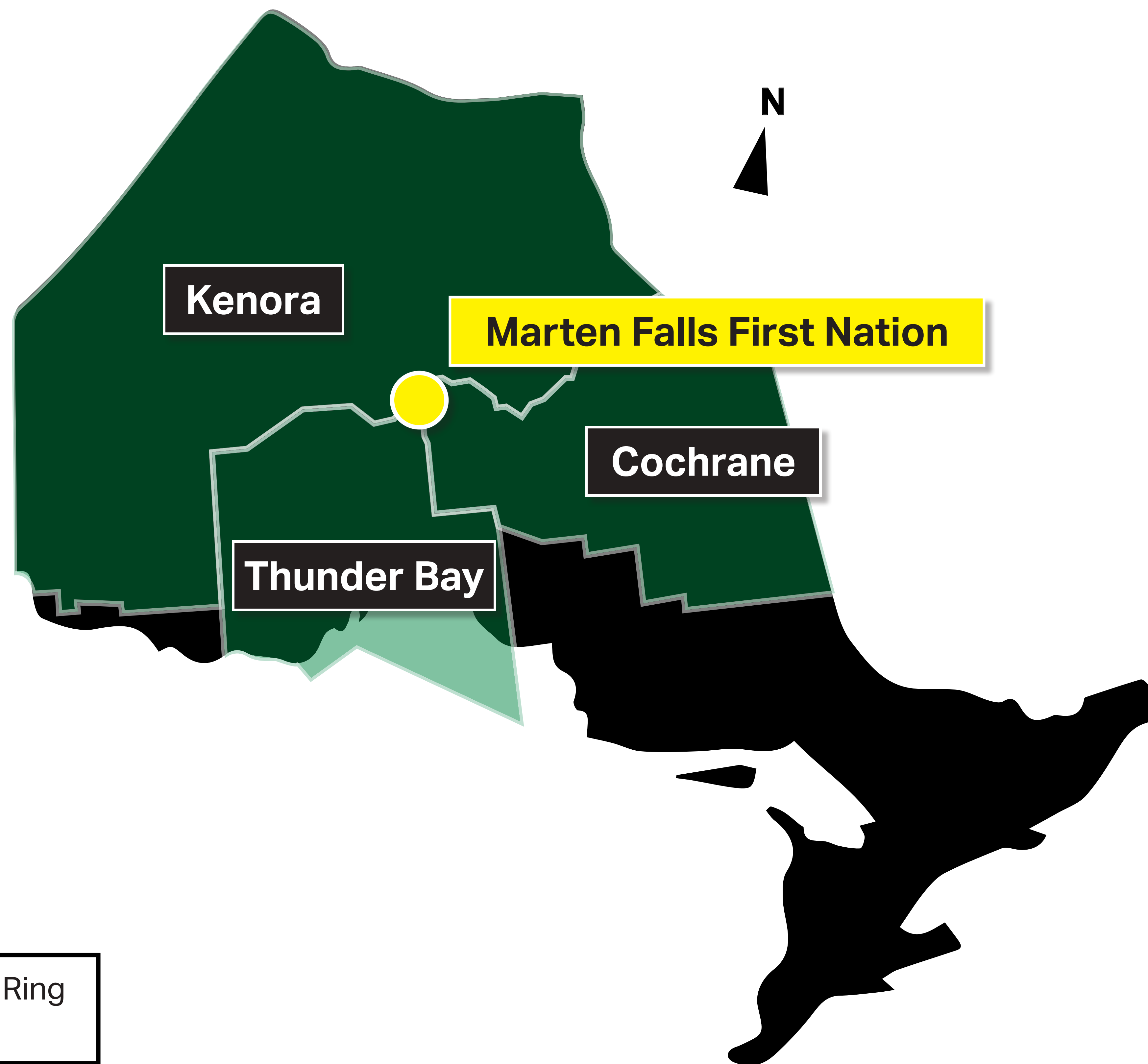
Introduction to the Community Access Road Project

Marten Falls First Nation has a winter access road but it is not reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting Marten Falls First Nation to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community.

Components of the Community Access Road

- 190 km to 230 km of two-lane gravel road;
- Quarries, borrow areas and aggregate sources;
- Bridges for river and stream crossings; and
- Temporary construction access roads, work areas and camps.

The Community Access Road Project does not include a road to the Ring of Fire. It is a separate project to the Northern Road Link Project.





About Marten Falls First Nation

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community led by an elected Chief and Council.

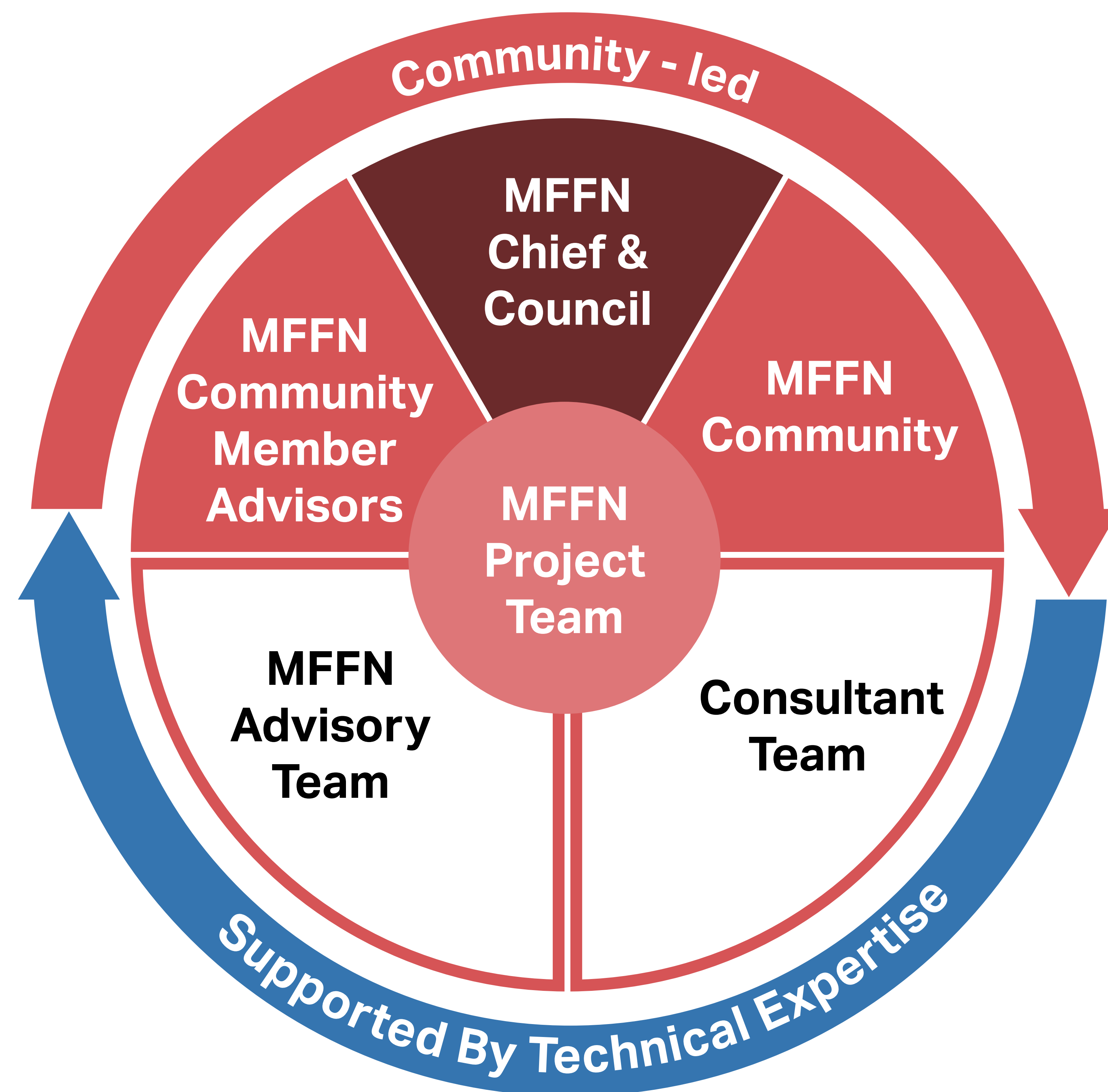
Marten Falls First Nation is located in the Far North of Ontario, at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki Rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario, and 430 km northeast of Thunder Bay.

Marten Falls First Nation has a registered population of 814, with approximately 352 members living in-community.

What is Community-Led?

Planning for the Community Access Road is community-led. This means that the Marten Falls First Nation community membership helps to develop solutions and advance decisions about the Community Access Road.

Marten Falls First Nation—as the Proponent or owner of the Project—has formed a Project Team that includes community members and acts with guidance, direction and input from the Chief and Council, Community Member Advisors and membership.





Why is the Community Access Road Needed?

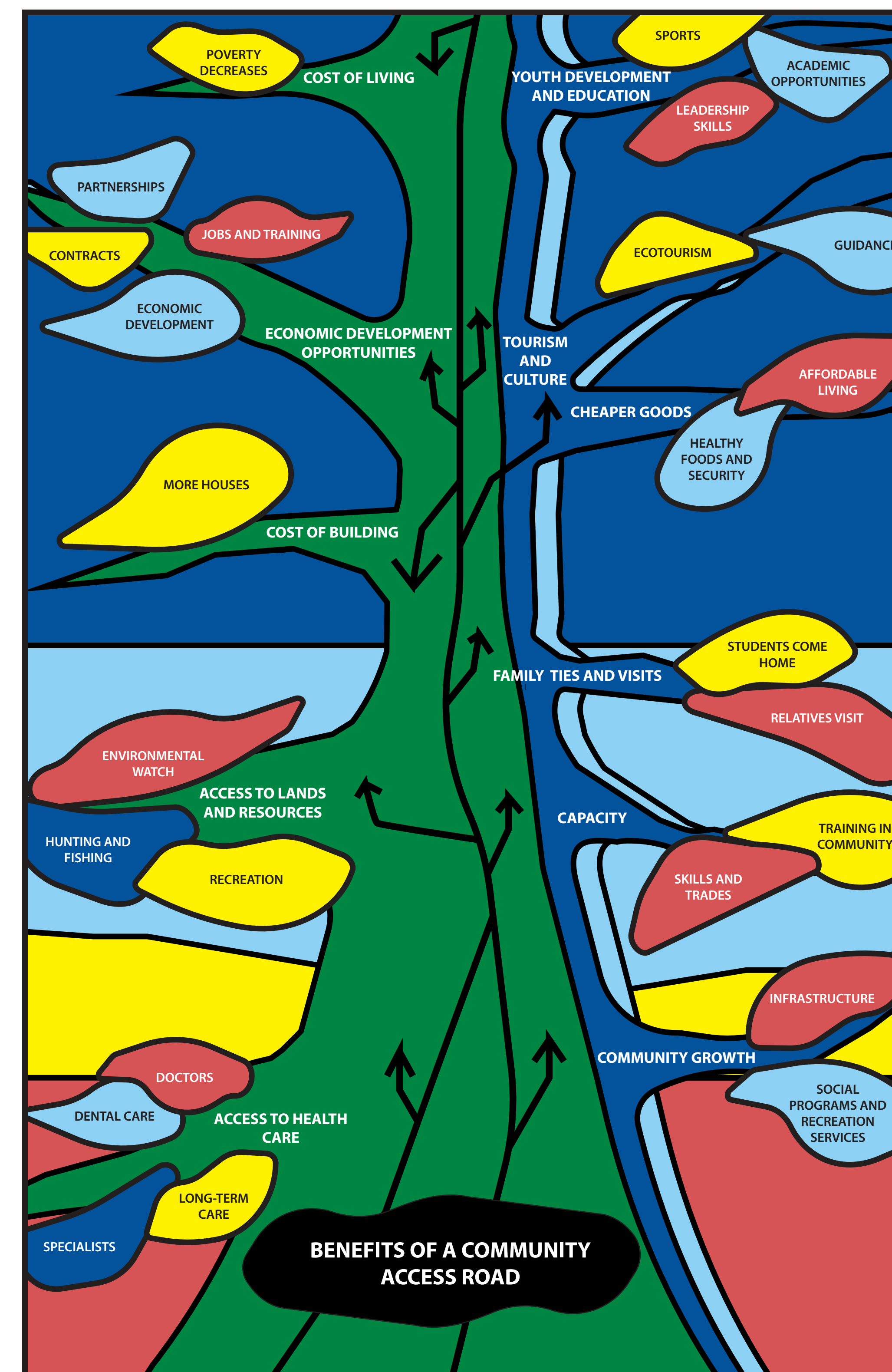
Better access would allow increased opportunities for:

- Social interaction with other communities;
- Access to emergency, health and social services;
- Training and jobs during planning and construction;
- Local economic development; and
- Increased ability for families to be together in the community.

A Community Access Road would reduce reliance on winter roads which have become increasingly unreliable due to climate change, and would also reduce transportation costs for goods and services; meaning more affordable food, fuel and other vital supplies and services.



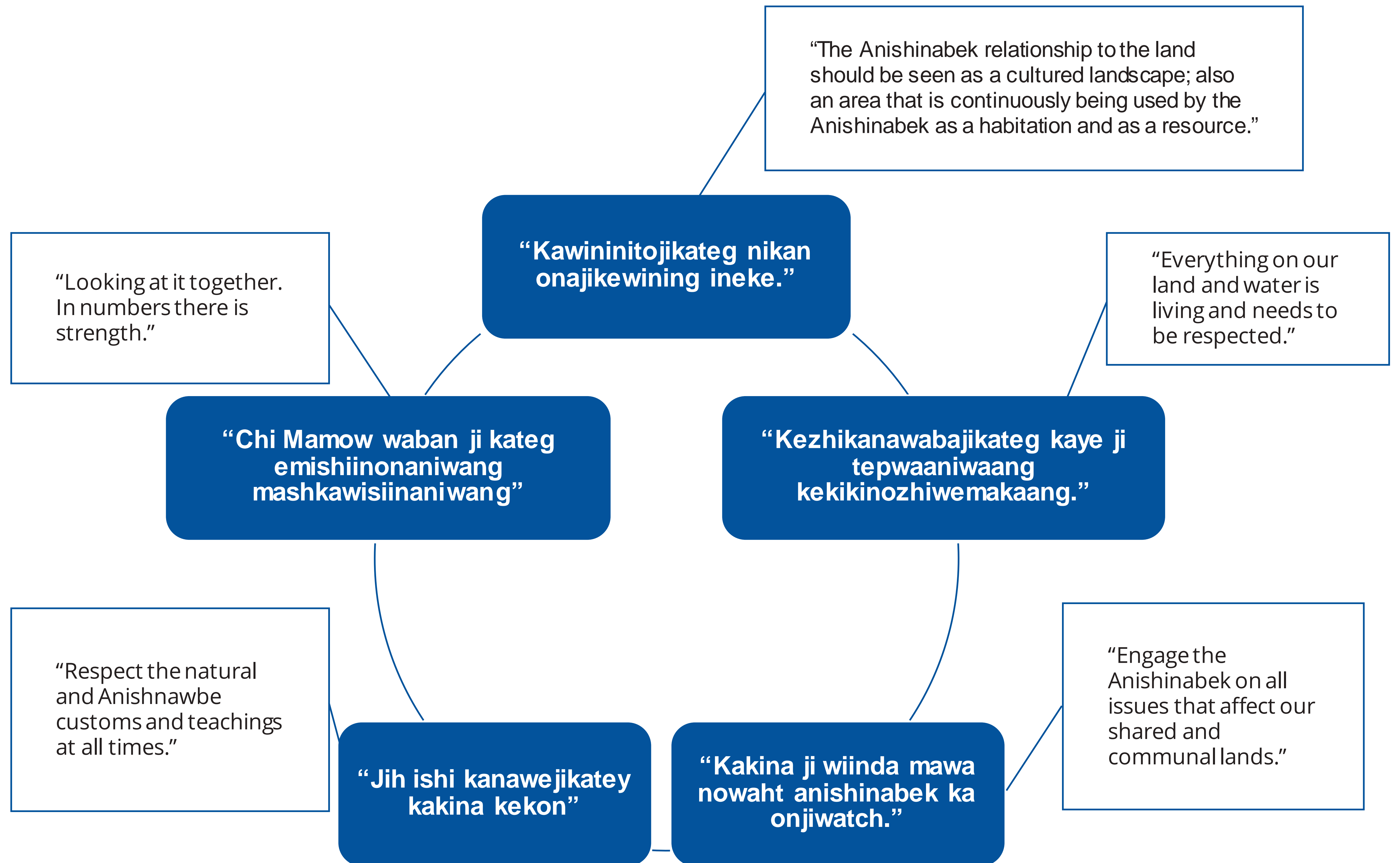
Do you have any concerns or feedback you would like to share?





Guiding Principles throughout the EA / IA

To honour the traditional lands in which this community access road will be developed and to respect the traditional teachings, the following Guiding Principles (developed for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Based Land Use Plan for Project Planning and Engagement) will be adopted throughout the Project.





Putting Guiding Principles into Action

The Guiding Principles will be put into action by:



Providing an opportunity for early and ongoing communication and dialogue.



Working with neighbouring Indigenous communities to confirm existence of, align with and respect protocols and policies for Anishinabek Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge and / or leading collection of Indigenous Knowledge.



Customizing Consultation Plans.



Delivering Project-related information in a timely and culturally sensitive manner, using plain language, translations (i.e., Oji-Cree and other traditional languages as needed) and visual aids to enable understanding.



Facilitating multiple and ongoing opportunities for dialogue and conversations, and encouraging participation of relevant subgroups self-identified by those being engaged or consulted with (e.g., women, youth, elders).



Taking cultural practices, events and activities into consideration when planning and scheduling events.



Facilitating an understanding of both the Indigenous Knowledge and western science and engineering principles.



Providing interested persons and potentially affected Indigenous communities ongoing opportunities to share their concerns, questions and opinions on potential effects of the Community Access Road, their knowledge of the local environment, input on the effects assessment and its conclusions, the development of impact management measure follow-up and management strategies.



Demonstrating and validating how feedback was considered and / or incorporated into decision making, including providing direction as to where feedback is included in the EA / IS.



Hearing from Marten Falls First Nation Community Members

"A road to Marten Falls would be great because people could afford to go back there and not have to decide between paying bills or seeing family." – Mya Baxter

"We've been waiting over 20 years for a road to Marten Falls. In the last year alone, we had many challenges like early snow and the river freezing causing delays to bring materials into the community. If the winter road didn't freeze in time, over 20 truckloads of materials would have needed to be flown in or the community would have to wait until next year. This has been a long time coming! If we work together, we will get this road done!" – Lawrence Baxter



Where Will the Proposed Community Access Road be Built?

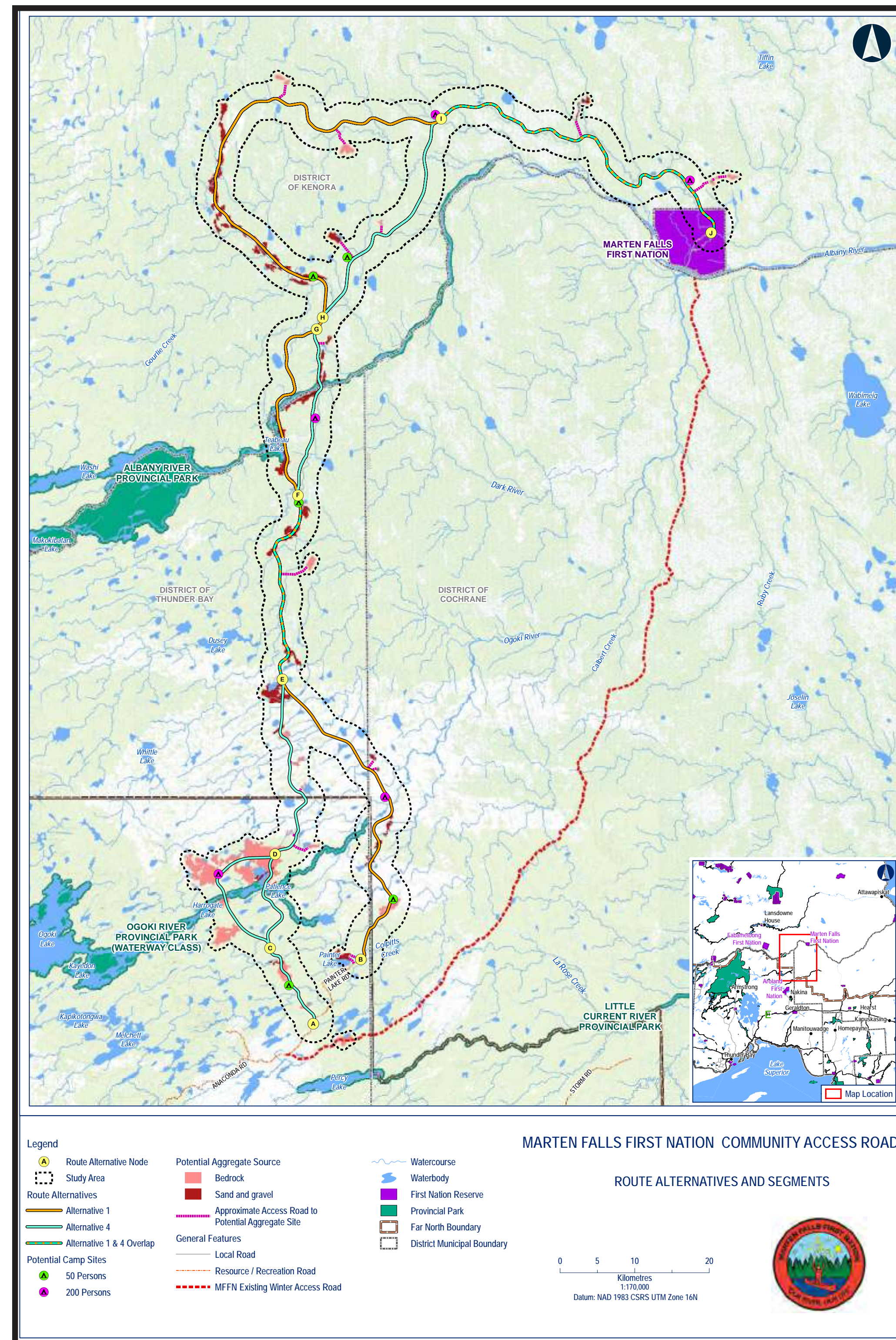
There are 2 general route alternatives that have been identified which will be assessed and evaluated through the EA / IA process.

What's New?

We have new information and we're updating the Local & Regional Study Areas to include areas where we can potentially source materials and build infrastructure, including:

- Potential aggregate areas (e.g., gravel to build the road)
- Access roads to aggregate sites
- Temporary construction camps

With the exception of some aggregate sites that will remain in place for road maintenance purposes when the road is built, the majority of these are temporary and only needed during construction.



Alternative 1 is shown in orange; Alternative 4 in green. Where alternatives intersect, the colours combine.



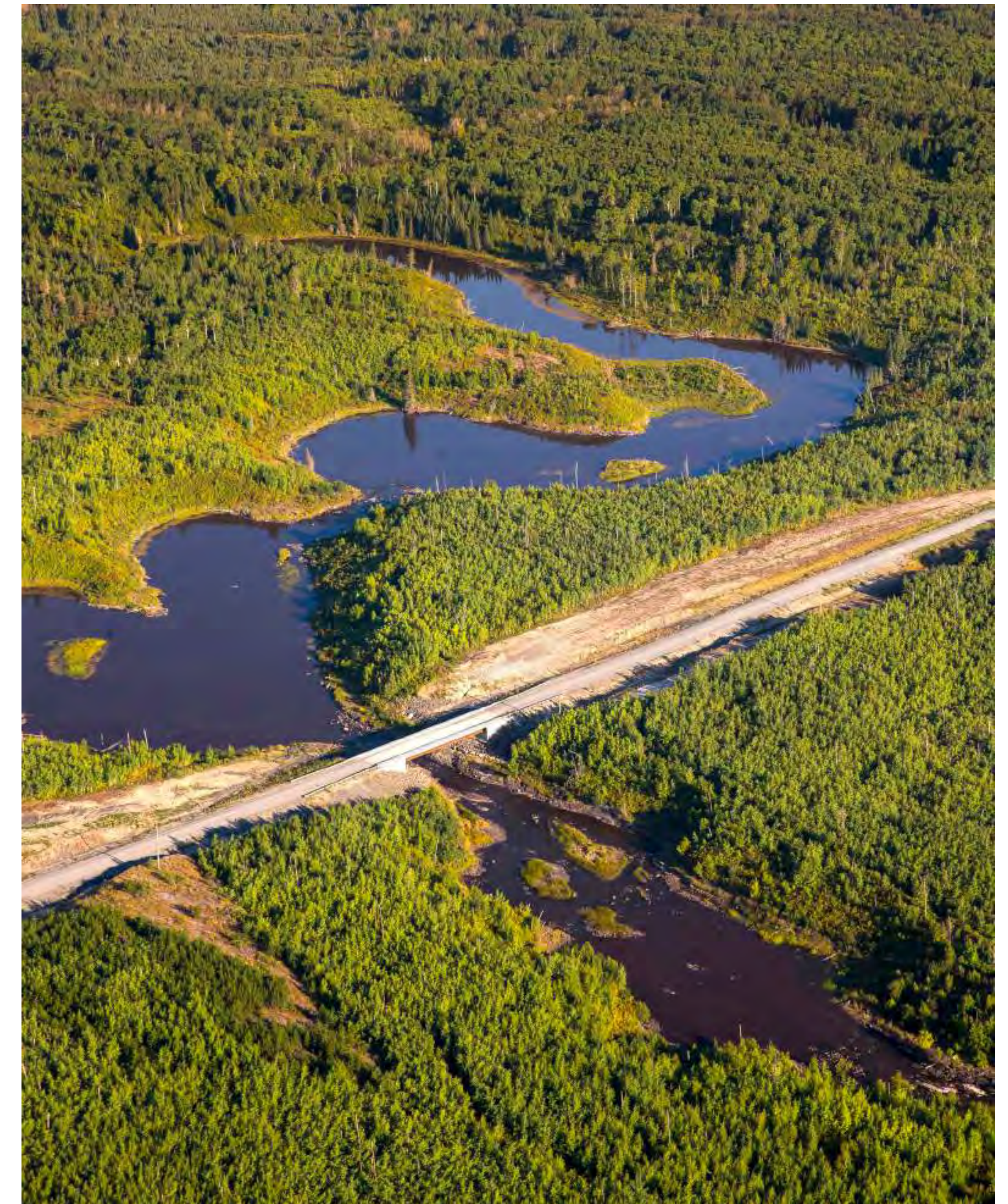
What do you think about the alternative routes?

What do you think about the new areas identified to source aggregate and related infrastructure?



What Could the Road or Bridges Look Like?

Sample photos of all season roads and bridges in Northern Manitoba with corridor dimensions that are the same as what is proposed for the Community Access Road Project.





What Makes the Community Access Road different than other projects?



Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

- Marten Falls First Nation is the proponent.
- The purpose is to provide Marten Falls First Nation all-season access to their community; if approved the road would be designed and built as an all-season multi-use gravel road that would allow for industrial use.
- The proposed community access is a 190 km to 230 km two-lane gravel road.
- Regardless of decisions related to the Ring of Fire, the Northern Road Link or the Webequie Supply Road, the Community Access Road can be constructed independently and does not rely on the other road projects or activities.



Webequie Supply Road

- Webequie First Nation is the proponent.
- The purpose of the Supply Road is to provide year-round movement of supplies, materials and people to mineral exploration activities and future mining developments from Webequie First Nation's airport.
- The proposed road is 107 km.



Northern Road Link

- Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation are co-proponents.
- The purpose of the Northern Road Link is to enable economic activity by facilitating the transport of goods, services and resources. The proposed multi-use road is between the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road and the proposed Webequie Supply Road.
- The proposed road is approximately 117 km to 164 km.



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

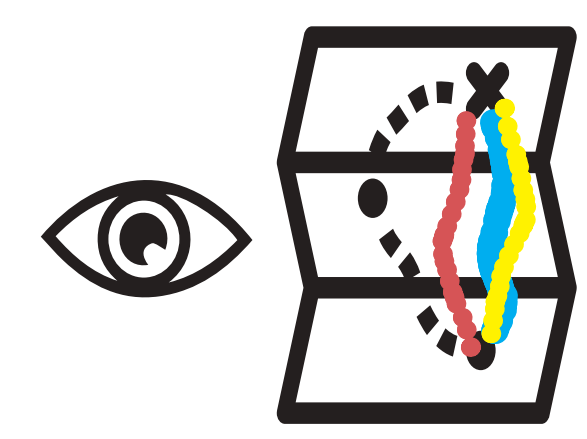
EA / IA Process & Design

Construction

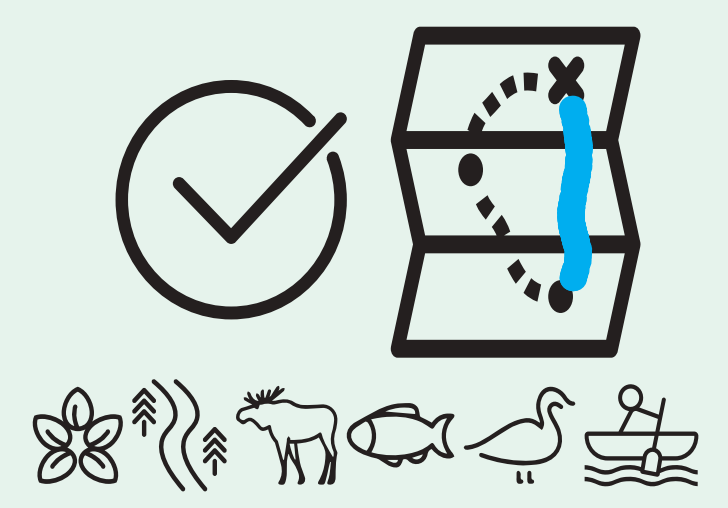
Operation & Maintenance



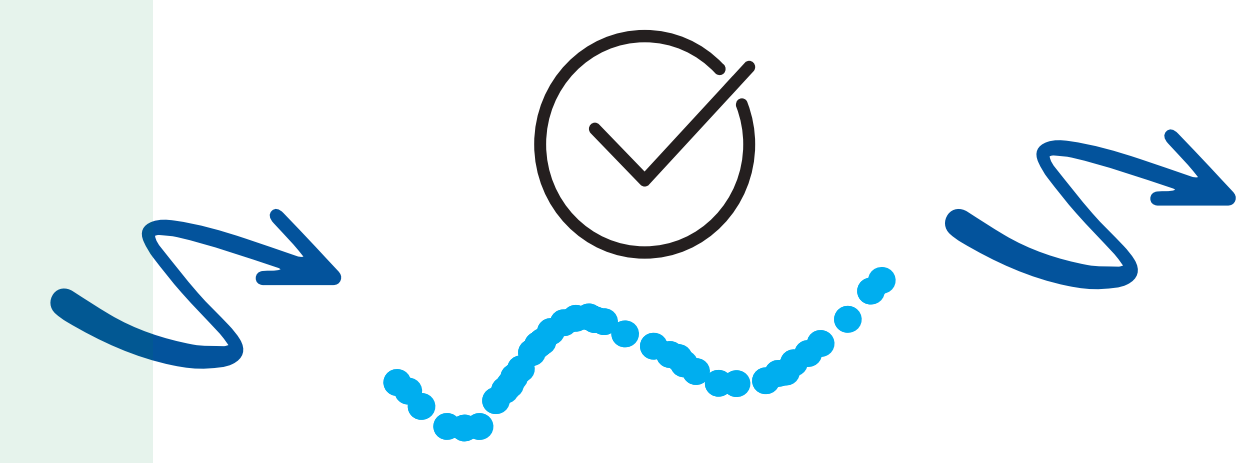
Step 1:
Define the
Community
Access Road



Step 2:
Identify
alternative
routes (i.e., #1,
#2, #3, #4)



Step 3:
Evaluate alternative
routes #1 and
#4, temporary
infrastructure and
aggregate sources
against a set of criteria
and indicators

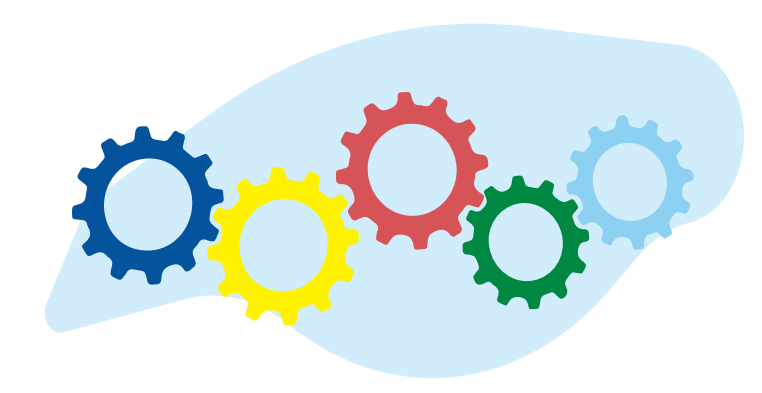
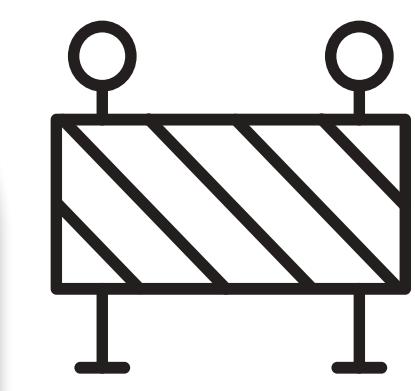


Step 4:
Select the
preferred
route



Step 5:
Submit the
combined
provincial EA
Report and the
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Impact
Statement

Federal and provincial decisions made to approve or not. If approved, Project moves forward



Marten Falls First Nation made a community decision to move forward with #1 and #4

WE ARE HERE

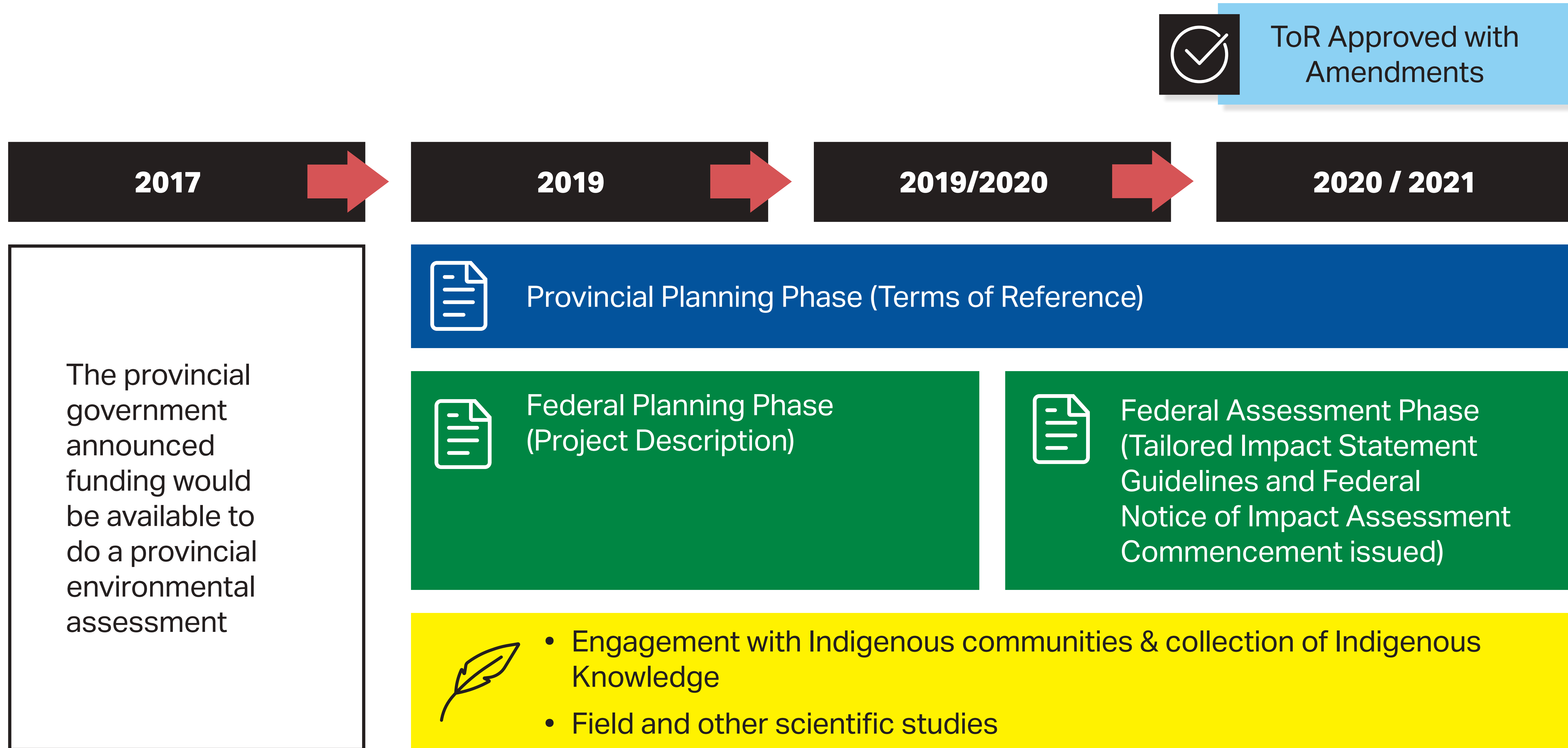
? What is the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Impact Assessment (IA) Process? The first step in planning the proposed Community Access Road is to complete a provincial (Ontario) EA and federal IA. Since this is combined, it's referred to as the EA / IA Process.

What is an Impact Statement (IS)? A detailed technical document prepared by Marten Falls First Nation to meet federal requirements. The provincial version is called the EA Report. The provincial EA Report and the federal IS will be combined as one report.



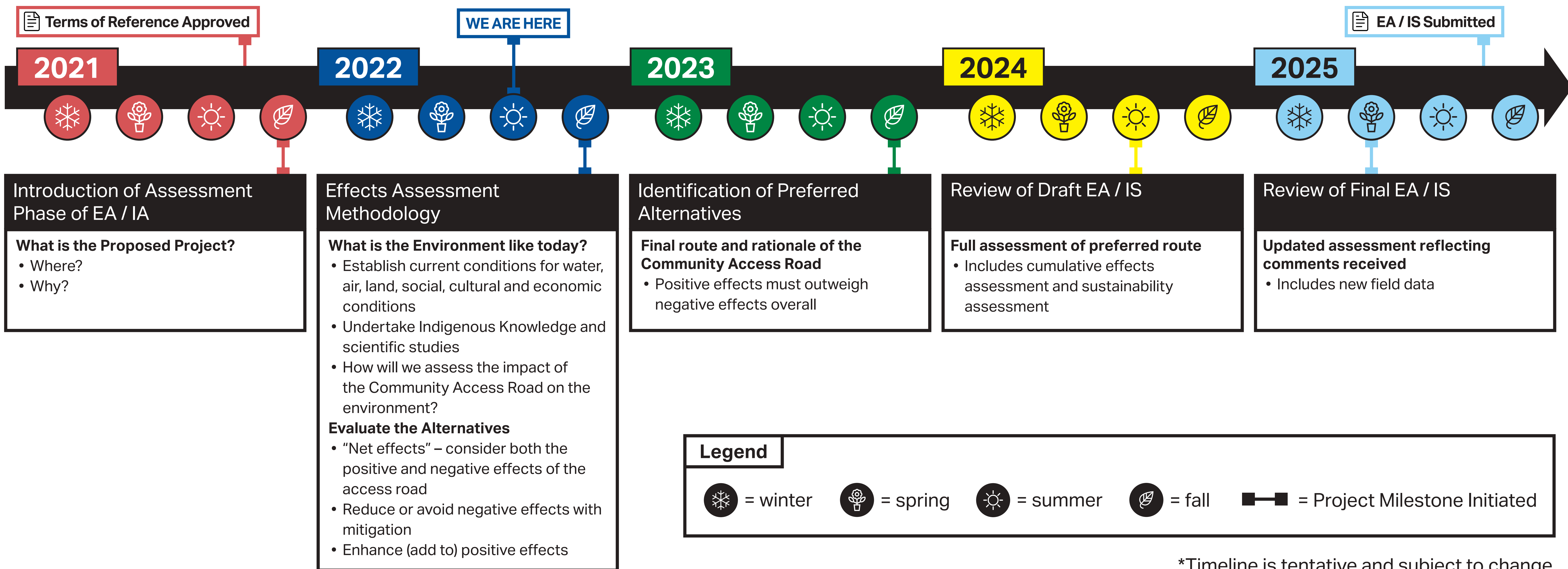


Previous Milestones





Marten Falls Community Access Road EA / IA Process Milestones Timeline*

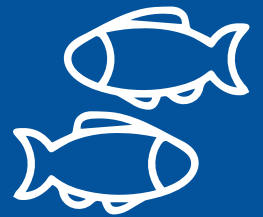


*Timeline is tentative and subject to change




Proposed Alternative Route Evaluation Criteria for the EA / IA Process

Using a set of criteria and indicators, the evaluation will identify the preferred route for the Community Access Road, temporary infrastructure and aggregate sources with the least potential for negative effects, greatest opportunity for mitigating negative effects and greatest benefit to the community. Alternatives #1 and #4 will be evaluated against the following (which are listed in no particular order):




Natural Environment

- Air quality;
- Noise;
- Peatlands;
- Physiography, Geology, Terrain and Soils;
- Surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, ponds, creeks) and groundwater;
- Significant ecological features and protected sites;
- Vegetation communities, including wetlands and muskeg;
- Wildlife and fish; and
- Species at Risk.




Socio-economic and Cultural Heritage

- Archaeological sites;
- Community well-being;
- Community services and infrastructure;
- Changes to land use and access for industrial / commercial business activity; and
- Human Health.



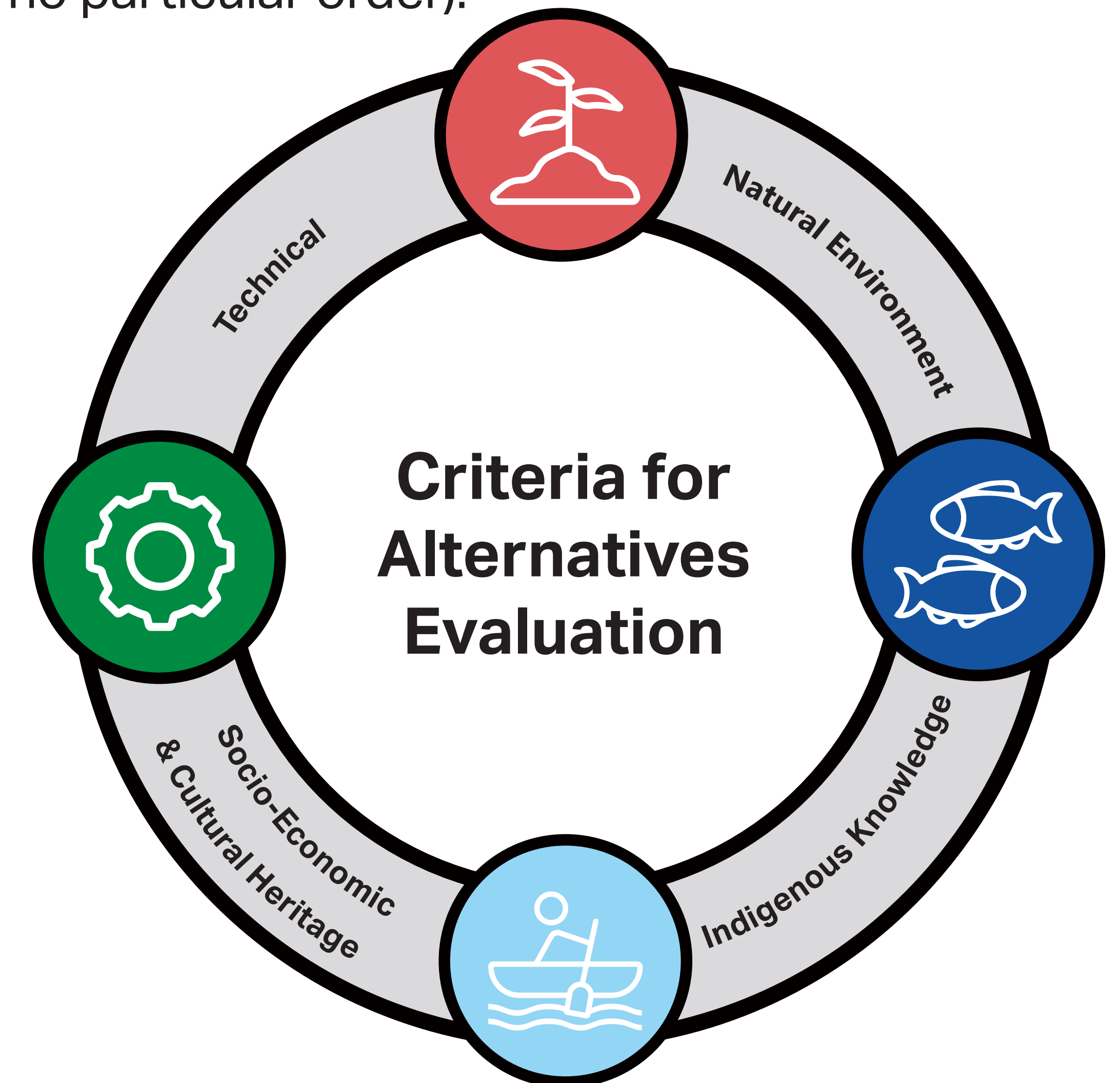
Technical


- Route length;
- Aggregate availability;
- Construction implementation;
- Capital cost;
- Safety; and
- Maintenance cost.



Indigenous Knowledge

- Traditional use of land and resources, including Indigenous and Treaty Rights;
- Cultural and spiritual sites;
- Indigenous landscapes; and
- Reserve land.



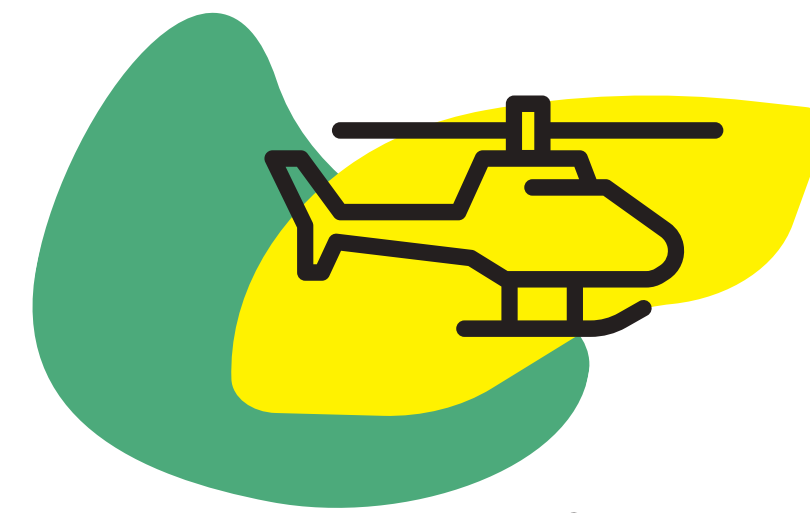
 Are there other criteria you suggest we consider?

The criteria represents important features and are used to predict whether the proposed Community Access Road may result in effects on the environment or people through its construction and operation.

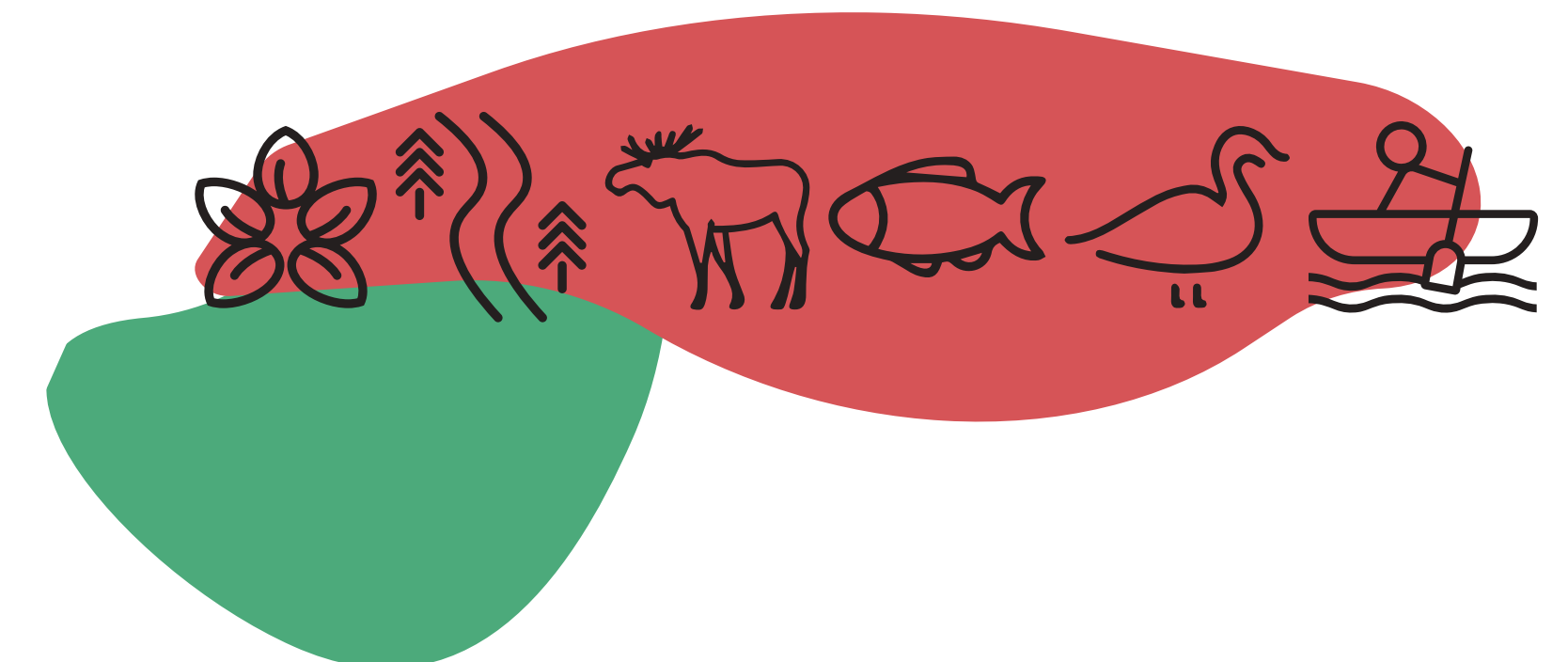


A Holistic Approach to the EA / IA Process

Indigenous Knowledge Program, Indigenous Land and Resource Use and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests



Natural Field Studies



Other Valued Components (i.e., things we are studying. Examples include archaeological and cultural heritage, climate adaptation and resiliency).

COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Consultation & Engagement



Community Coordinator Program

Social and Health, Land and Resource Use and Economics

Cumulative Effects Assessment



Tell us what you think is most important to understand when planning the Marten Falls Community Access Road!



Natural Science Field Studies

Field studies have been conducted since 2019 and will continue through 2022 and beyond to help us better understand the existing conditions of the environment and potential effects of the Community Access Road.

This information can help to inform how to best avoid or reduce potential effects during construction and operation on animals and the land.



Conducted from 2019 to 2021

- Air Quality Monitoring (installation and monitoring)
- Bat Acoustic Recording Unit (ARU)
- Caribou Collaring
- Caribou Tracking and Investigations
- Remote Camera (installation and check)
- Surface Water (fall)
- Fish and Fish Habitat (fall)
- Vegetation Surveys
- Aerial Winter Ungulate Survey
- Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys
- Wolverine Denning Survey
- Bird ARU (deployment)



Upcoming in 2022

- Air Quality Monitoring (monitoring)
- Caribou Tracking and Investigations
- Breeding Bird Aerial Survey (spring)
- Aerial Waterfowl Migration Survey (spring and fall)
- Remote Camera (check)
- Surface Water (spring)
- Fish and Fish Habitat (spring)
- Bird ARU (summer and fall)
- Physiography and Terrain Surveys
- Vegetation Surveys
- Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (installation and monitoring)



2023 and Beyond

- Bird ARU (retrieval)
- Wolverine Hair Snag Surveys
- Remote Camera (check and retrieval)
- Groundwater and Geochemistry Program (monitoring)
- Caribou Tracking and Investigations
- Fur Bearer Winter Tracking Survey



Visit our website (martenfallsaccessroad.ca/multimedia) to watch videos about what we're studying and share your feedback through Discussion Guides.



Field Studies - Methods and Early Observations

The Project area crosses multiple watersheds and over 100 waterbodies. These typically drain towards James Bay. Surface water readings and fish and fish habitat assessments are ongoing in the Project area.

Winter snow tracking and motion sensitive camera monitoring are ongoing for furbearers and ungulates, and hair snag surveys are ongoing for wolverine. Thirty wildlife remote cameras were installed in 2021 on active game trails and natural features such as creek banks or habitat edges. The remote cameras have captured various species including wolverine, Canada lynx, gray wolf and pine marten. We have seen caribou in group sizes up to ten animals, including calves, in the Local Study Area during the winter aerial ungulate survey.

Bird indicator data will be collected using a combination of methods including point count surveys, autonomous recording units (ARUs), marsh bird call playback surveys, species-specific surveys, and aerial surveys.

Environmental Monitors from Marten Falls First Nation have been of great assistance to the field teams, providing invaluable knowledge and support.

More data will become available in 2023.



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Visit the map area and provide feedback in the Discussion Guides!



Looking at Social and Health, Land and Resource Use and Economics



Social and Health

- The construction and operation of the Community Access Road could result in social and health effects for some community members.
- Marten Falls First Nation, Aroland First Nation and Greenstone are communities of focus for this assessment.
- Adverse effects could result from things like increased traffic in the area, changes in the population of communities, change in supply / reliance on country foods, increased potential for outsiders to come into communities and increased access to drugs / alcohol.
- The road could also result in positive benefits including potential for better access to health services, education and better connections with friends and family.
- To assess these effects, we will be talking to providers of services (e.g., health care) in the affected communities and to community members to receive their perspectives.
- To meet Gender Based Analysis (GBA+) requirements, we are also interested in speaking to all identity sub-groups that may be present in a community.



Land and Resource Use

- The development of the road could change how the land is being used or could be used in the future.
- This assessment is focused on **non-traditional** use of land including: forestry, mining, use of Parks, recreation activities and energy development.
- Existing land use plans such as Marten Falls Community Based Land Use Plan will be considered.
- The road will remove some of the existing land base and change land access.
- To assess these effects, we are conducting interviews with various land users including: Ontario government agencies, forestry companies, mining companies and various organizations.



Economics

- The development of the road could result in both positive and negative economic effects.
- During the construction period, there will be new job opportunities and contracts for local companies.
- Job training opportunities will be examined / recommended to increase local community member participation in the Project.
- Once the road is operational, it is expected that there will be new business opportunities in the area, including in Marten Falls.
- Potential adverse effects to existing economic activities such as remote tourism outfitters and trapping will also be examined.
- We are conducting interviews with various interests including community Economic Development Officers and Remote Tourism Outfitters.



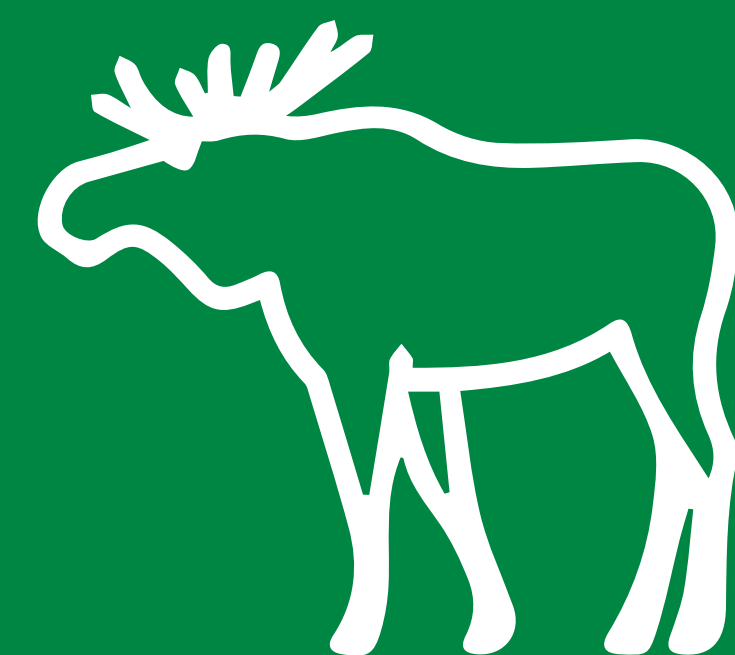
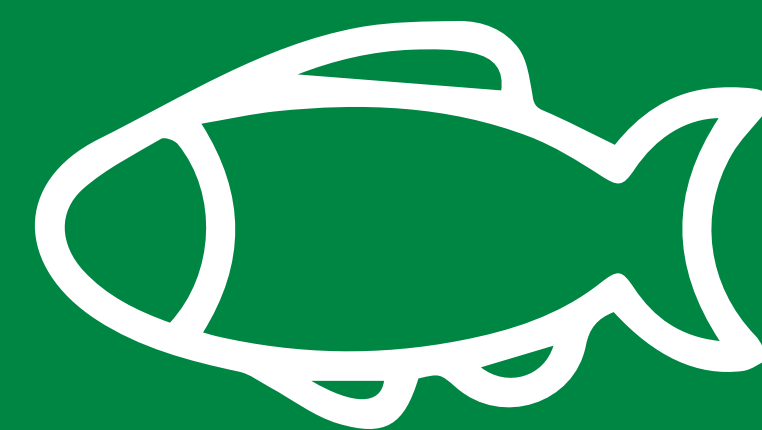
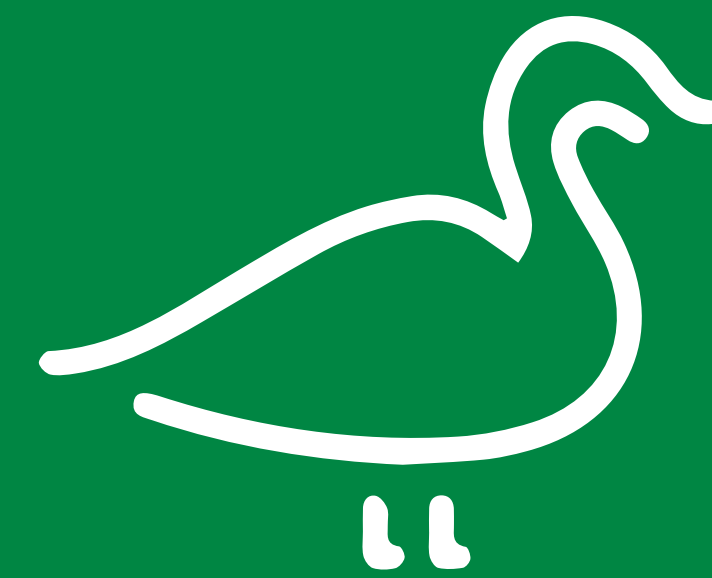
Do you have information to share about social and health, land and resource use and / or economics in the study area?



Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land & Resource Use



Indigenous Knowledge refers to Indigenous systems of knowledge as well as cultural practices related to the production of knowledge based on traditional belief systems, relationships to the environment, and community practices. It is the accumulated and living knowledge built upon the historic experiences of Peoples living on the land and adapting to social, economic, environmental, spiritual and political change (Chiefs of Ontario, n.d.). It includes knowledge about the natural environment (e.g., locations of caribou seasonal use and calving areas), the relationships between environmental changes and species or ecosystems, and how potential effects to the environment can be avoided or reduced.



Indigenous Land and Resource Use refers to specific areas and resources used for traditional purposes when Indigenous peoples learn and practice their Indigenous Knowledge (Garvin et al., 2001). This includes the areas and sites used for hunting, trapping, fishing, and gathering and the resources harvested, as well as cultural sites, features and practices. Sometimes referred to as Traditional Land Use.



Importance of Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use

To honour and respect Indigenous Knowledge, a Sharing Agreement is being developed with each community who chooses to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program. The agreement(s) outlines how confidential and sensitive information will inform the assessment processes and how it will be protected. Funding has also been made available to participating communities. To create a holistic assessment process, Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use is needed to:



Provide an understanding of Aboriginal Rights and Interests related to the Project and to identify potential impacts to Rights.



Better understand the existing environmental conditions.



Inform field programs.



Help to identify and understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests.



Identify potential areas or sites that we may need to avoid.



Help predict potential Project effects.



Find ways to avoid or minimize potential Project impacts.



Identify and develop monitoring program.



An Integrated Approach

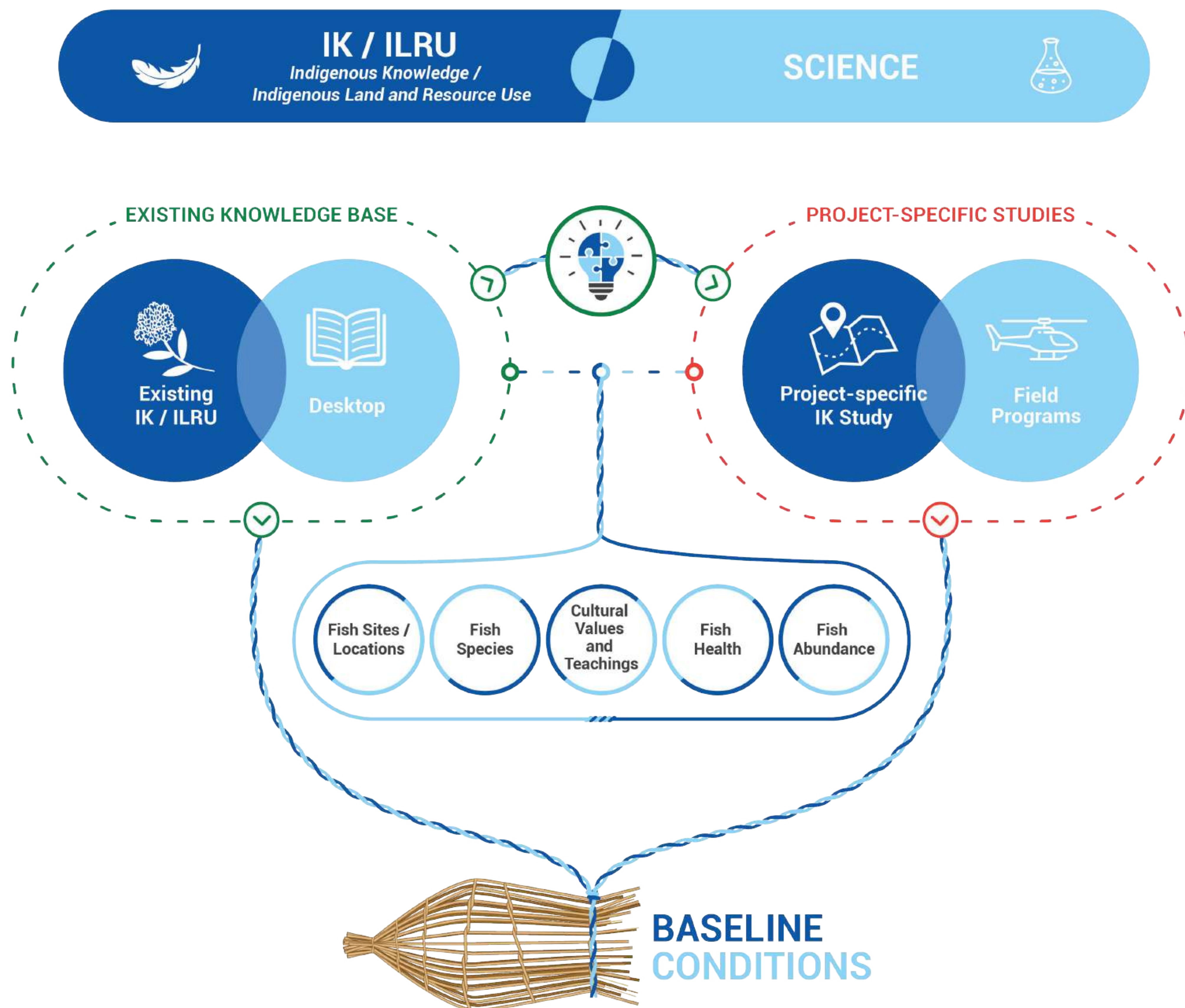
The information generated will be used in tandem with scientific approaches, and both knowledge systems will be used in forming the foundation for baseline conditions, predicting potential Project effects, and determining appropriate mitigation and monitoring methods.

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Does your community have Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use that you would like to share?

Reach out to book a meeting:

Andrea Nokleby
anokleby@dillon.ca





Understanding Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

We are striving to work with identified Indigenous Communities to better understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the Project area.

Aboriginal Rights are collective rights which flow from Indigenous Peoples' continued use and occupation of certain areas. They are inherent rights which Indigenous peoples have practiced and enjoyed since before European contact.

Treaty Rights are rights set out in a treaty agreement between a First Nation and the Crown. These Rights are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The Constitution does not define Indigenous Rights under Section 35, but they can include:

- Aboriginal title - ownership rights to land
- Rights to occupy and use lands and resources, such as for hunting and fishing
- Cultural and social rights



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Are there impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights within the Project area (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) we should consider?

Does your community have Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)? Reach out to book a meeting:

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Summary of Consultation and Engagement Completed To-Date

Communications

6500+
COMMUNICATIONS LOGGED

1 PROJECT FACEBOOK PAGE; POSTING ON MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION PRIVATE PAGE

1 PLAIN LANGUAGE GUIDE (OJI-CREE AND ENGLISH)

370+
MAILING LIST CONTACTS

14
FIELD NOTICES

10
E-BLASTS

General Engagement

356
VIDEO VIEWS

2 PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

8 DISCUSSION GUIDES INCLUDING SURVEYS, COVERING 17+ FIELD PROGRAMS

7 VIDEOS ON VALUED COMPONENTS; 11 COMING SOON

3+
CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Indigenous-Specific Engagement

95+ LETTERS EXCHANGED WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, TRIBAL COUNCILS AND PROVINCIAL TERRITORIAL ORGANIZATIONS

3 LETTERS SENT TO TRAPLINE HOLDERS

MORE THAN 18 IN-PERSON MEETINGS WITH MORE THAN TEN COMMUNITIES INCLUDING MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

20+ VIRTUAL MEETINGS WITH MORE THAN NINE COMMUNITIES

1 YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM DELIVERED TO MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION

13 INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY COORDINATOR PROGRAM



How would you like to be informed and consulted with during the EA / IA process?

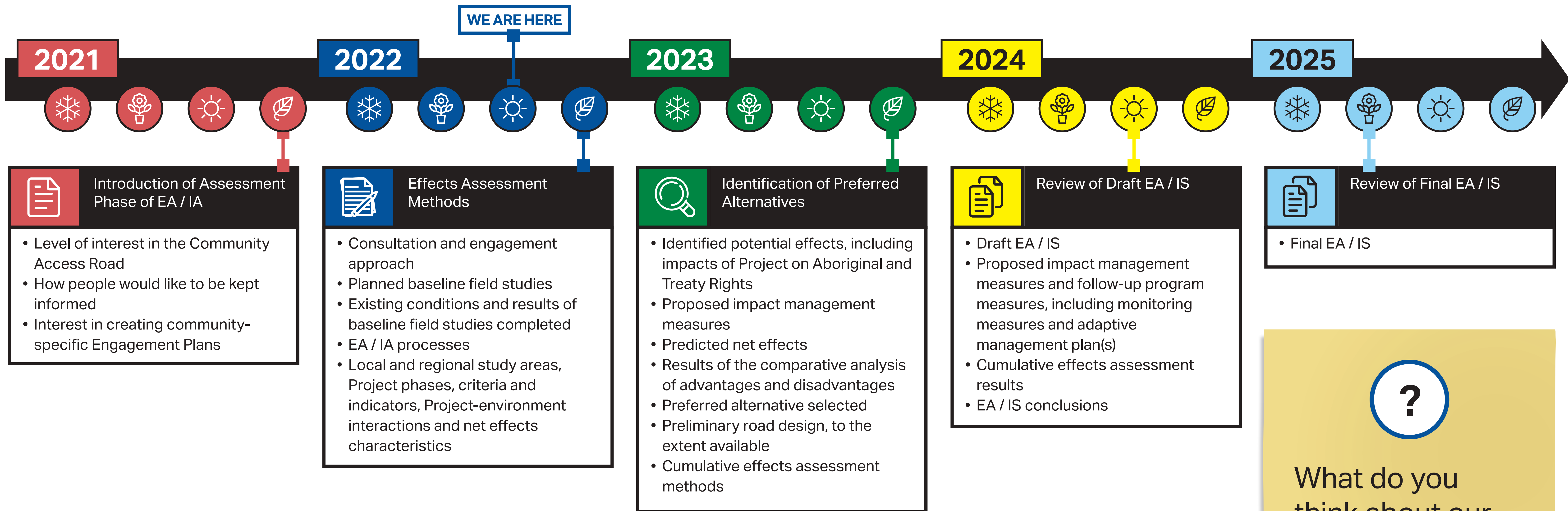
What topics are of most interest to you?

Are you on our mailing list? Would you like to be?



Consultation and Engagement for the EA / IA Process

The following highlights key topics we are requesting input for the EA / IA process:



Legend

- = winter
- = spring
- = summer
- = fall
- = Project Milestone Initiated

What do you think about our consultation and engagement plan and approach?



What have we heard?

High level feedback themes we've heard:

Consultation and Engagement

- Request for ongoing consultation and engagement
- Consultation fatigue with other projects going on in the area and requests from different government agencies and proponents

General / Alternative Routes

- Questions and concerns about who would be permitted to use the road and potential to develop along the new road.
- The source of the aggregate required to build and maintain the road

Socio-Economic

- Hope to maximize economic development opportunities for local employment and social opportunities
- Assess the increased hunting and fishing pressure as a result of the road
- Concerns expressed by some remote tourism outfitters that road will increase access and impact their operations

Environmental Effects

- Cumulative or long-term effects
- Effects to wildlife
- Effects to caribou migration
- Effects to peatlands
- Effects on streams, rivers and lakes
- Effects on fisheries
- Effects on moose

Field Studies

- Consideration of water courses and wildlife
- Would like to have findings of field studies shared
- Involvement / review of water related information
- Interest in caribou field study results when they become available

Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Land and Resource Use

- How can Indigenous Knowledge and western science be combined?
- Need to engage community Knowledge Keepers

Challenges Communities are Facing During COVID-19

- Emergencies and community crises, due to the pandemic or other ongoing issues
- Inability to bring communities together for in-person events and meetings
- Not enough staff / capacity to help proponents

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Tell us what you think about the Community Access Road.



Six Month Look-Ahead

- Continue with Natural Field Studies
- Continue with Socio-Economic Studies
- Distributing Engagement Questionnaire to Indigenous communities
- Promotion of Community Coordinator Program to specific Indigenous communities
- Planning meetings with Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons (virtual and / or in-person)
- Engaging communities to participate in the Indigenous Knowledge Program
- Seeking feedback on valued component Discussion Guides
- Issue community-specific Progress Milestone Report to Indigenous communities
- Move into Effects Assessment Methodology
- Public Information Centre late fall / early winter





Thank you for joining us! Meegwetch!

Stay Involved

- Your feedback is important. Fill out the survey by July 13, 2022. A paper copy is available at the welcome table or you can fill it out on our website <https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/get-involved/>
- Join us at the next Public Information Centre in Fall 2022
- Schedule a meeting with us; reach out any time and we can discuss your feedback and answer any questions
- Join our mailing list. Leave your email or address at the welcome table
- Email us at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca
- Call us at [1-800-764-9114](tel:1-800-764-9114)
- Visit our website www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca
- Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MFFNCommunityAccessRoadProject/>

Thank you for coming!





Share your feedback!

What do you think about the alternative routes?

Tell us what you think is most important to understand when planning the Community Access Road?

Does your community have Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use and / or Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)? If so, sign-up to book a meeting with us.

How would you like to be consulted with during the EA / IA Process?

What do you think about the new areas identified to source aggregate and related infrastructure?

Tell us what you think about our Field Studies in the Discussion Guides.

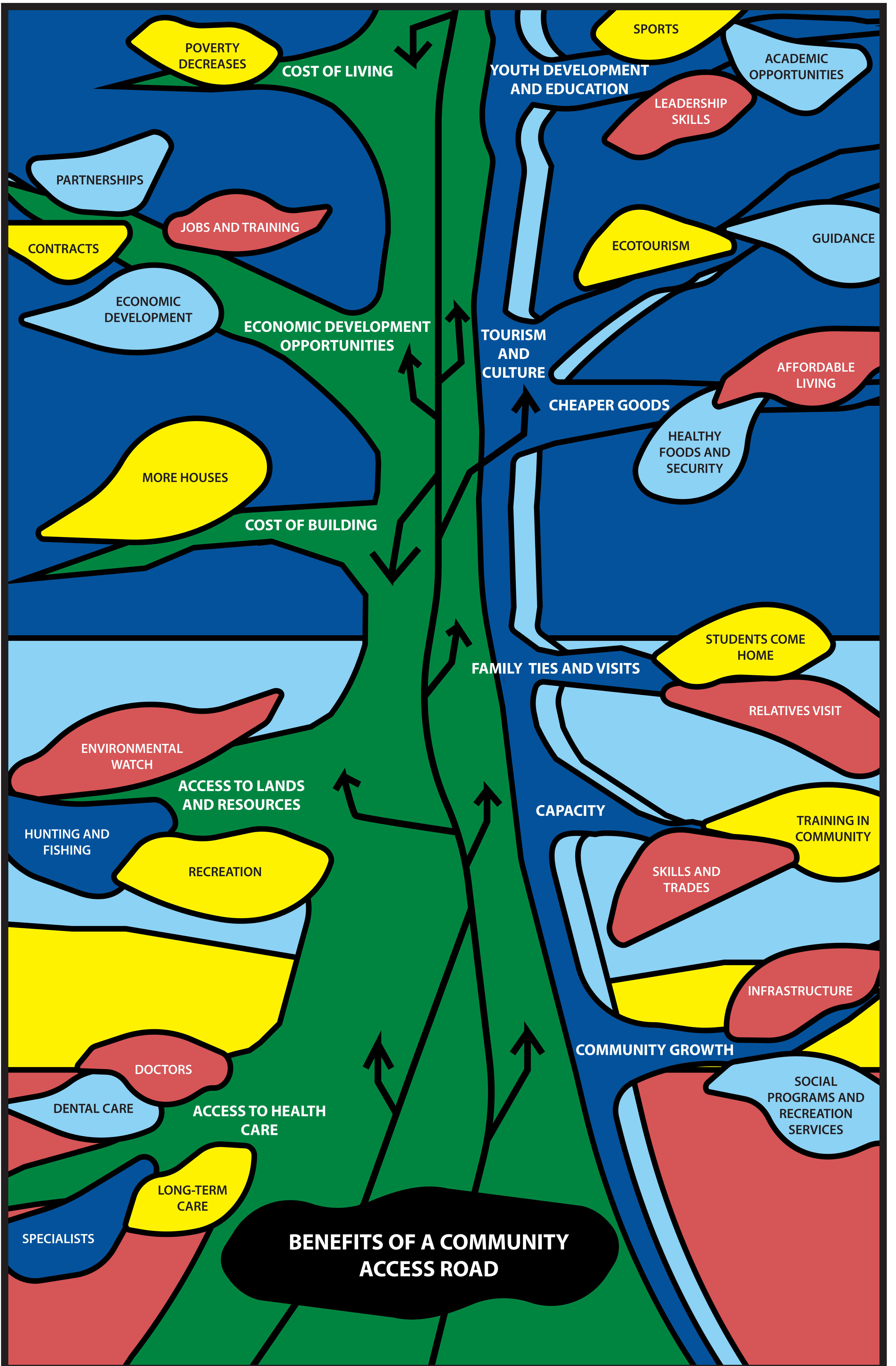
What do you think about our consultation and engagement plan and approach?

Are there other alternative route evaluation criteria for the EA / IA process you suggest we consider?

Do you have information to share about social and health, land and resource use and / or economics in the study area?

Are there impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights within the Project area (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) we should consider?

What topics are of most interest to you?





Do you have any concerns or feedback you would like to share?

A7.4 Fact Sheet

A7.4.1 MFFN Fact Sheet - English



MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Phase #1 Introduction
Public Information Centre, June 2022

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers. MFFN has a winter access road, but its condition varies making transportation of goods and people to and from the community unreliable; ultimately affecting the community's well-being. A multipurpose all-season road access connecting MFFN to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community and builds on decades of previous planning work. The Community Access Road does not include a road to the Ring of Fire; it is a separate project to the Northern Road Link Project.

Visioning Together

Planning for the Community Access Road is community-led; meaning MFFN community membership helps to develop solutions and advance decisions about the Community Access Road. MFFN—as the Proponent or owner of the Project—has formed a Project Team that includes community members and acts with guidance, direction and input from the Chief and Council, Community Member Advisors and community membership.

About the Process

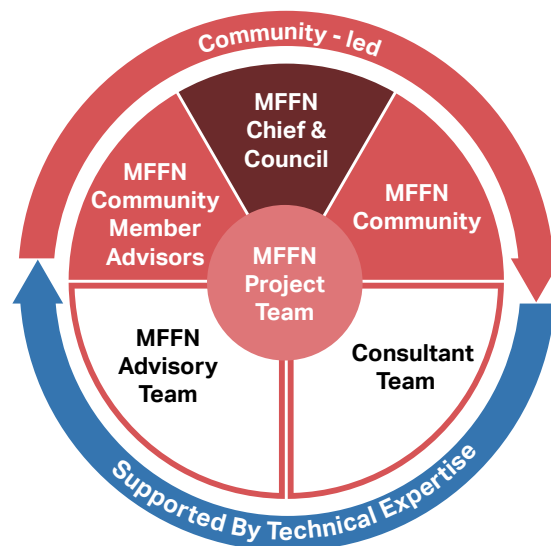
A first step in planning the proposed Community Access Road is to complete a provincial (Ontario) Environmental Assessment (EA) and federal Impact Assessment (IA). The Terms of Reference for the provincial EA was approved with amendments, and we are now in Phase #1 of the coordinated EA / IA process.

The EA / IA process will determine the preferred route and identify how the proposed Community Access Road may affect the social, cultural, economic, built and natural environments. To identify the route the road will follow and to understand how best to avoid and / or minimize Project effects, data is collected, studies are conducted and people are consulted with. Your input is important!

Imagining Community Access

The proposed Community Access Road is currently at the early stages of planning, and is intended to support both community needs and current and future industry. The access road is anticipated to include the following features:

- Between 190 km to 230 km of two-lane gravel road;
- Quarries, borrow areas and aggregate sources;
- Bridges for river and stream crossings; and
- Temporary construction access roads, work areas and camps.

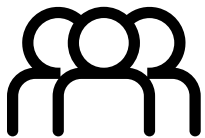
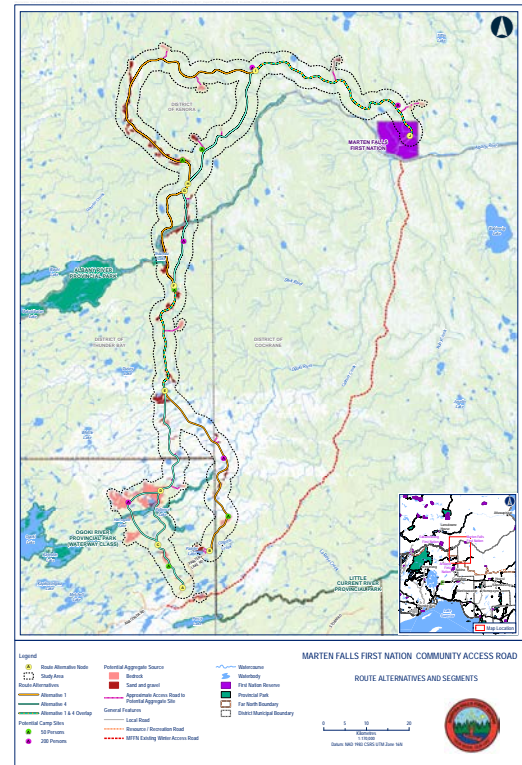


A Community Access Road would reduce reliance on winter roads, and the cost of transporting goods and services to the community; meaning more affordable fuel, food and other vital supplies and services.



Where Will the Proposed Community Access Road be Built?

Two general route alternatives (1 and 4) have been identified and will be assessed and evaluated through the EA / IA process. Both potential routes start at the end of Painter Lake Road and run north before turning eastward towards the MFFN community; roughly following the west / north side of the Albany River. An assessment and evaluation will be completed in the EA / IA process to compare the alternatives against a set of criteria specific to the Community Access Road. The criteria includes natural environment, socio-economic and cultural heritage, technical and Indigenous Knowledge considerations. The criteria represents important features and are used to predict whether the proposed Community Access Road may result in effects on the environment or people through its construction and operation.



Importance of Indigenous Knowledge and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests

- A critical component of the EA / IA process is the integration of Indigenous Knowledge (IK) into planning and design. The collection and use of IK is sensitive and will be guided by the Indigenous communities who participate. We are also striving to work with identified Indigenous communities to better understand Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests as they relate to the development of the Community Access Road.
- If your community has IK, or information pertaining to Indigenous Land and Resource Use or Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and / or Interests that you would like to share, please contact us. We'd be happy to meet with you to discuss.



Field Studies

- Field studies have been conducted since 2019 and will continue through 2022 and beyond to help us better understand the existing conditions of the environment and potential effects of the Community Access Road. This information can help inform how best to avoid or reduce potential effects during construction and operation on animals and the land.

Get Involved

The MFFN Community Access Road Project Team welcomes your feedback. Please contact us at any time with questions or comments, or to schedule a meeting. We want to hear what you have to say.

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A7.4.2 MFFN Fact Sheet - Cree

A7.4.3 MFFN Fact Sheet - Ojibway



AGOOKIING ANISHINAABE DAZHIIKEWIN MIKANAAKEWI INAMOCHIGEWIN ANOKIIWIN

Akiiwi Naanagajichigewin gaye Ge'doojigemagak Anokiiwin #1 Nitam Gaawii maadanokaadegin Wiindamagewinan, June 2022

Giwwedinong Ontario noopiming dagwan Agookiing Anishinaabe Dazhiikewin (MFFN), inake Albany gaye Ogoki ziibiiwan. Bibooni miikanaang inamon Agooking, zhaagooch gaawin nepich ji'gii abadak gaye zanagan ji'onji bimijigagaadegin gegoonan gaye ji'onji bimiyaaaniwang, e'onji maazhise'igowaaj o'bimaadiziwanaang. Andawendaagwan idash ji'onishing miikana nepich ji'onji bimiyawaagewaad gaye ji'anikemochigaadeg gichi odaabani miikanang i'imaag Agookiing gaye ji'onji wii'dookaagowaad o'dazhiikewiniwaang gaye aazha baatiino baboon gaa'giipi onendamowaapan anokiiwini. O'owe inamochigewin gaawin wiin ji'onji dagonigaadeg jii'namochigaadeg Wigwasigamaang biwaabikokaan gaa'wiizhi ozhichigaadeg, bakaan wiin o'owe anokiiwin giwwedinong miikanaakewin izhinikaade.

Maamawi Izhinamowin

Dazhiikewining onjiimagan o'owe onachigewin, wiinawaa Agookiing gaa'onji dibendaagoziwaaj da'wawijitwaawag ji'onatowaaj gaye ji'onendamowaaj ge'zhi'onachigaadeg miikanaakewin gaa'wii inamochigaadeg dazhiikewining. Agookiing Anishinaabe Dazhiikewining gii'onji onendaagwan o'owe maajitaawin, ogii'onasaawaan ge'baminamowaaj anokiiwini gaa'giitagonindwaa Agookiing gaa'onjiwaaj jii'inwaazowaaj ji'onji gikinooshkamaagewaaj gaye ji'bimi waawiindamaawawaaj Agookiing ogimaakaan gaye giigidowiniwag, Agookiing dazhiikewining gaa'onjiwaaj gaa'bimi gikinooshkamaagewaaj gaye Agookiing gaa'onji dibendaagoziwaaj.

Gaa'ani bimanokaadeg

Nitam ge'niizhi maajichigaadeg miikanaakewin gaa'wii'inamochigaadeg dazhiikewining binamaa dajiizhanokaadewan (Ontario) Akiiwi Naanagajichigewin (EA)

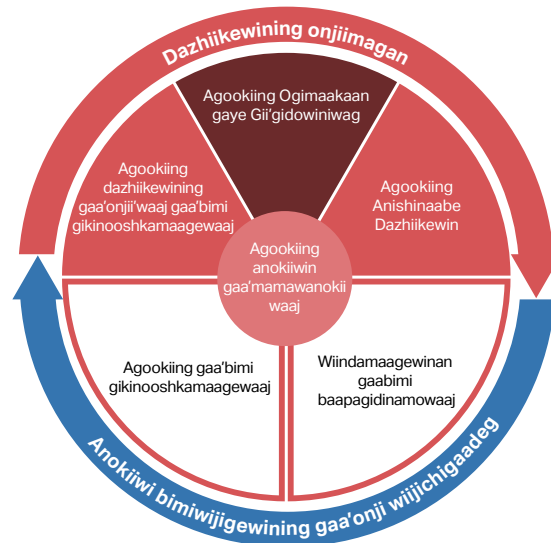
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Ontario ogimaawin akiiwi naanando'gikenjigewin oga na'naando gikendaan gezhi onizhishinig ge'inamochigaadeg gaye ji'gikinwabanjigaadeg aaniin gaa'wii inamochigaadeg dazhiikewining ge'doojigemagak bimaadiziwining, Anishinaabe

E'wawenabanjigaadeg inamochigewin dazhiikewining

Megwaa bimi wawenabanjigaade dazhiikewining gaa'wiinamochigaadeg gaye inwaade ji'wuiji'igowaad gaa'daawaad dazhiikewining megwaa gaye niigaan geni'yaagin anokiiwinan. Gii'onaabanjigaade geniizhi maadanokaadeg:

- Go'jibigo 190 km akonaag 230 km ji'apiisinaagwak asiniwi miikana gaye da'niinzhwabaanedamon;
- Moona'iganan, ge'ondaawangwenaniwang gaye asiniig ge'ondinindwaa;
- Da'azhoganokaadewan gaazhi'ziibwang gaye siibiisan; gaye
- Da'ozhichigaadewan ajina anokii miikanaan, gedananookiwaad gaye anokii gabeshiwinan.



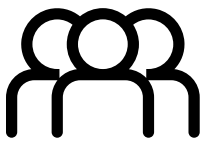
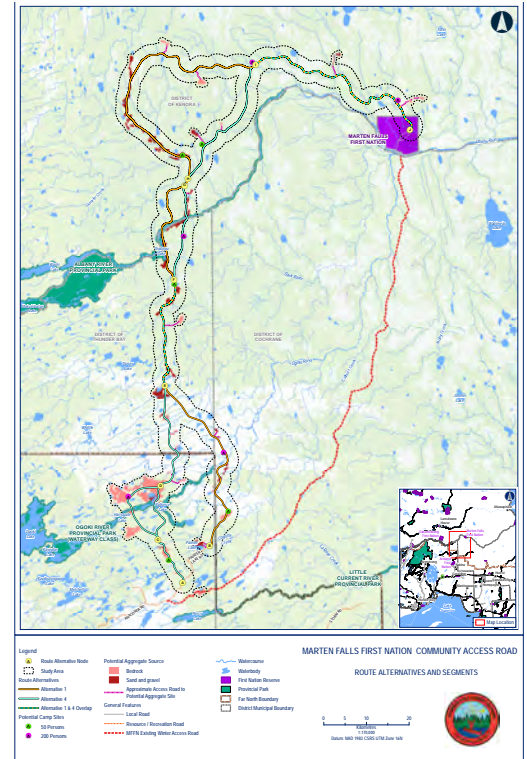
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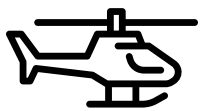
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Gaagichiinendagwakin Anishinaabe gikendamaawinan gaye Anishinaabe Odoogimaawi Ashodamagoowinan gaye Gaagichiinendaagwakin

- Gichiinendaagwan EA/IA ji'dago aabadak Anishinaabe gikendamaawinan (IK) i'ima onachigewining gaye onaabanjigewining. Ga'mawandoonigaadegin gaye ga'abadakin IK gichiinabandan gaye oga'gikinowinigonawaa Anishinaabe dazhiikewinan gaa'dagwiimagakin. Ninga'biminizha'amin ji'bimi wiidanokiimayaang awashime ji'nisidawendamaang Anishinaabe Odoogimaawi Ashodamagoowinan gaye Gaagichiinendaagwakin megwaa ani'bimanokaadeg dazhiikewi inamochigewin.
- Giishpin gidazhiikewin ayawaaj IK gemaa wiindamaagewinan ayaagin, dabishko Anishinaabe odakiim gaye gaa'ondaaji'och gemaa Anishinaabe Odoogimaawi Ashodamagoowinan gaye godagiyen Gaagichiinendaagwakin wiipi'dibaadodaman, bigiigidon. N'ga'gichiinendaamin ji'nagishgaagoyan ji'bidimaajimoyan.



Babaami nanaagajichigewinan

- Gii'pii babaami nanaagajichigaaniwan nitam 2019 biinish o'owe megwaa 2022 gaye wedi niigaan ji'wiji'chigemagak aaniin ezhinaagwak miziwe agwajing gaye ge'doojigemagak miikanaakewi anokiiwin. O'owe wiindamaagewin da'wiji'iwemagan ge'doojigaadeg gegoonan ge'onji maanzhise'igowaaj awiyaaazhiishag gaye akiikaang megwaa anokiiwin doojigaadeg.

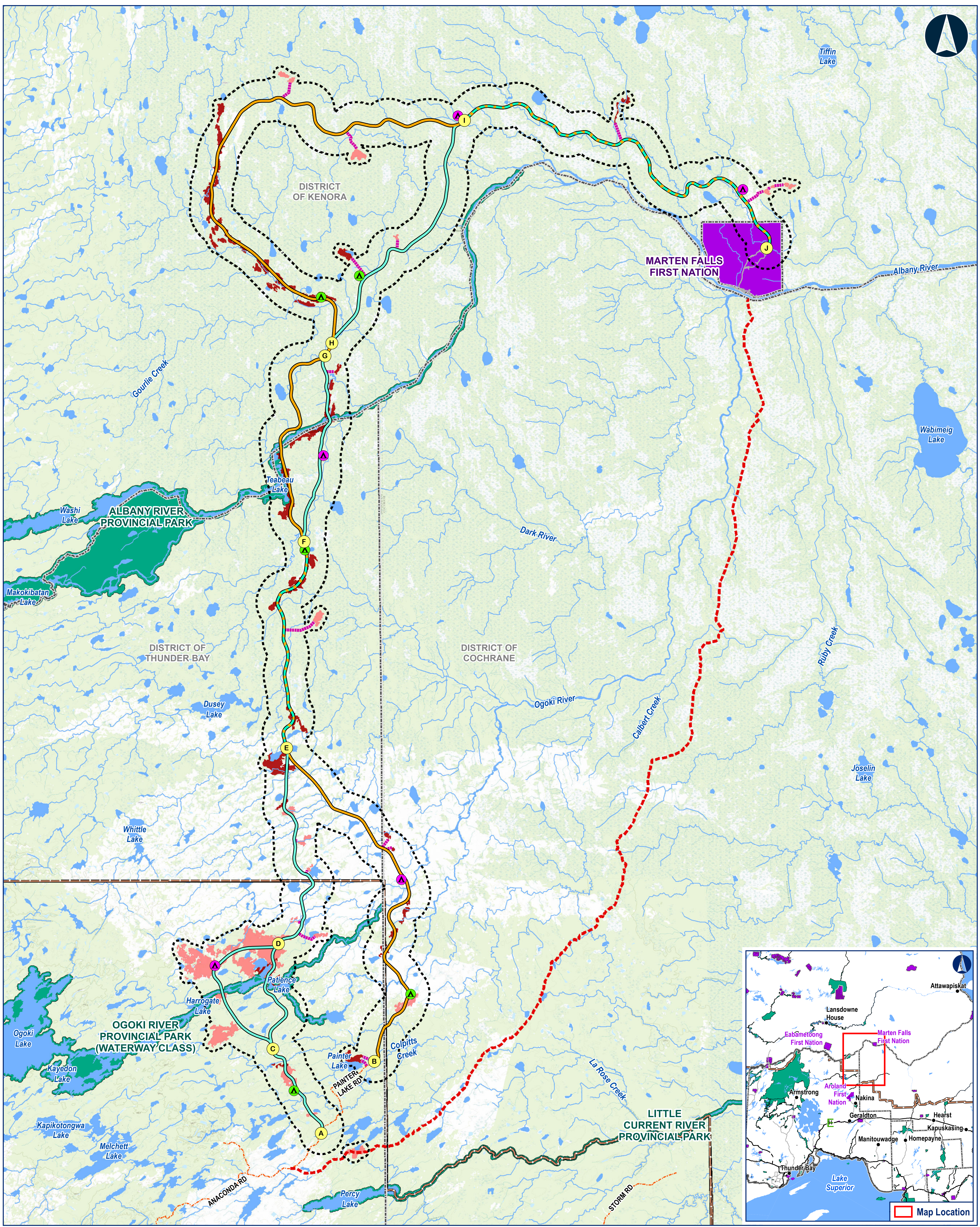
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- Gii'gidowin: 1-800-764-9114
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A7.4.4 MFFN Fact Sheet - Oji-Cree

A7.5 Maps

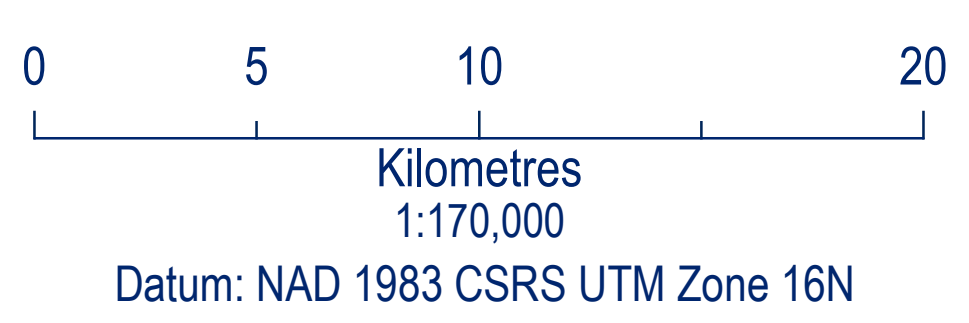


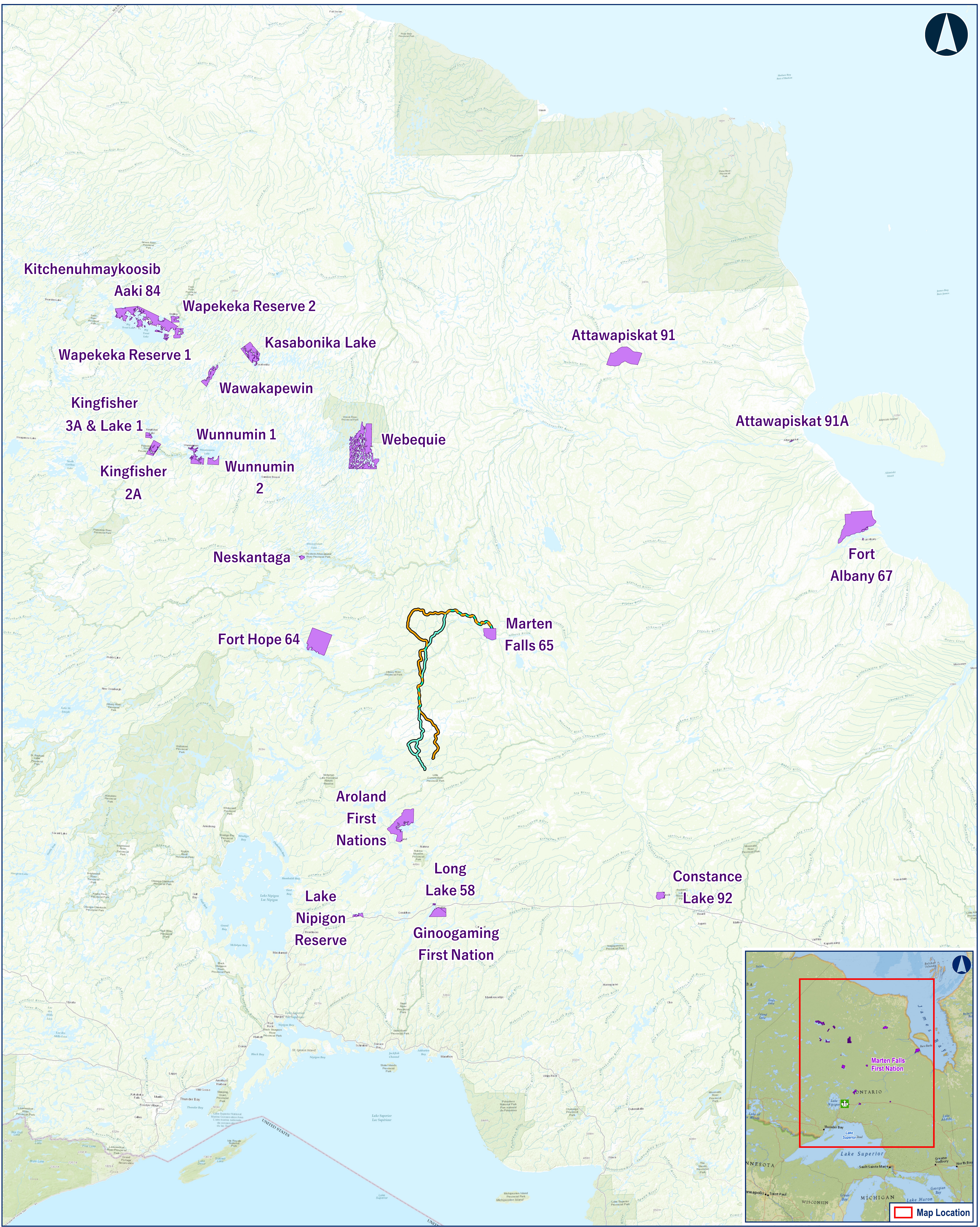
Legend

- ▲ Route Alternative Node
- Study Area
- Route Alternatives**
- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 & 4 Overlap
- Potential Camp Sites**
- ▲ 50 Persons
- ▲ 200 Persons
- Potential Aggregate Source**
- Bedrock
- Sand and gravel
- Approximate Access Road to Potential Aggregate Site
- General Features**
- Local Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- MFFN Existing Winter Access Road
- Watercourse
- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Provincial Park
- Far North Boundary
- District Municipal Boundary

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

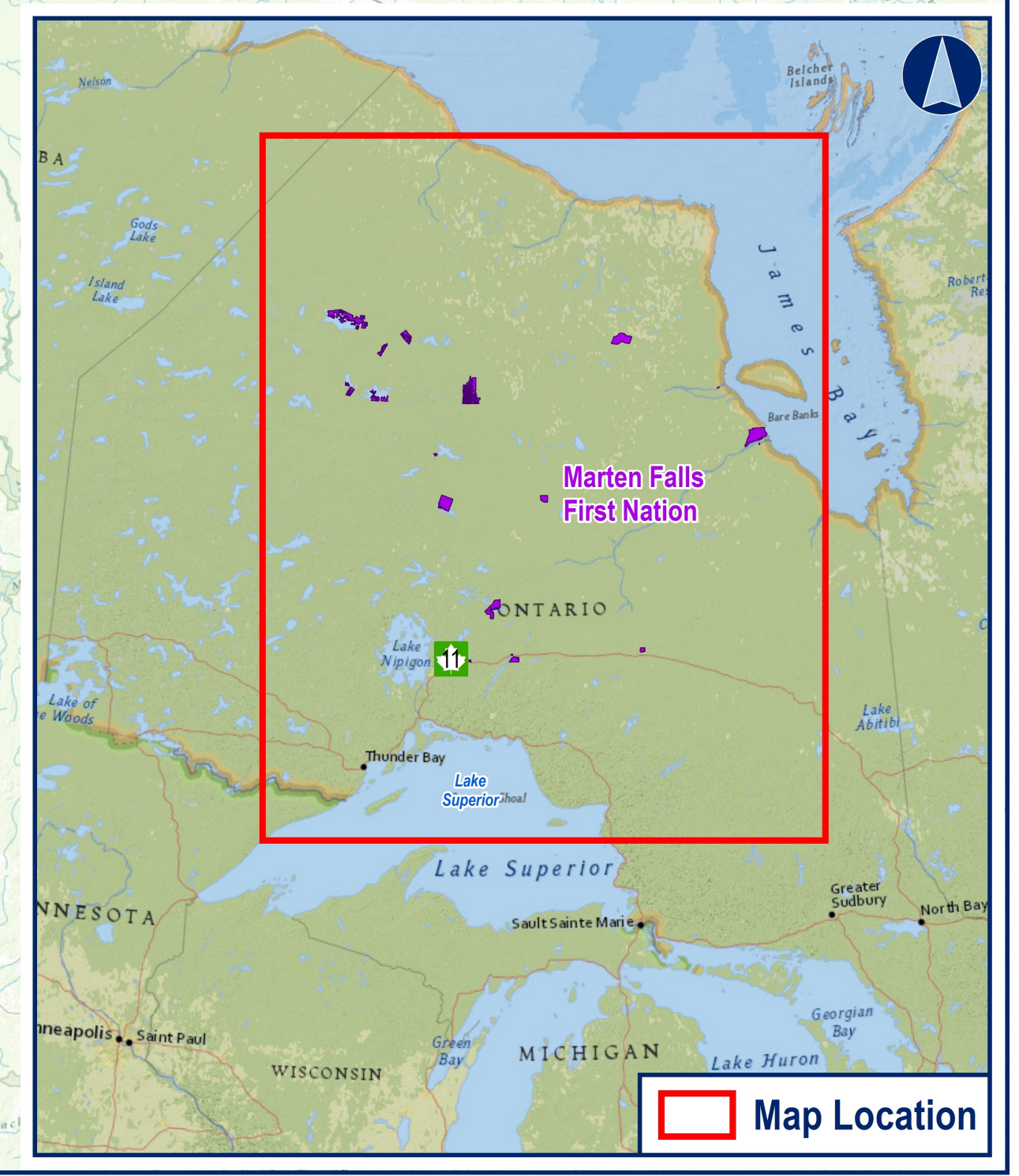
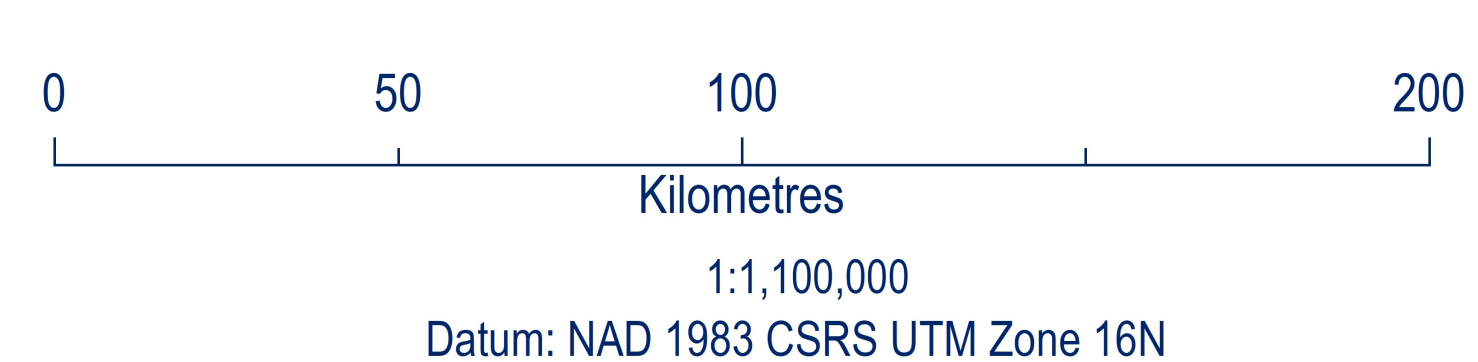
ROUTE ALTERNATIVES AND SEGMENTS

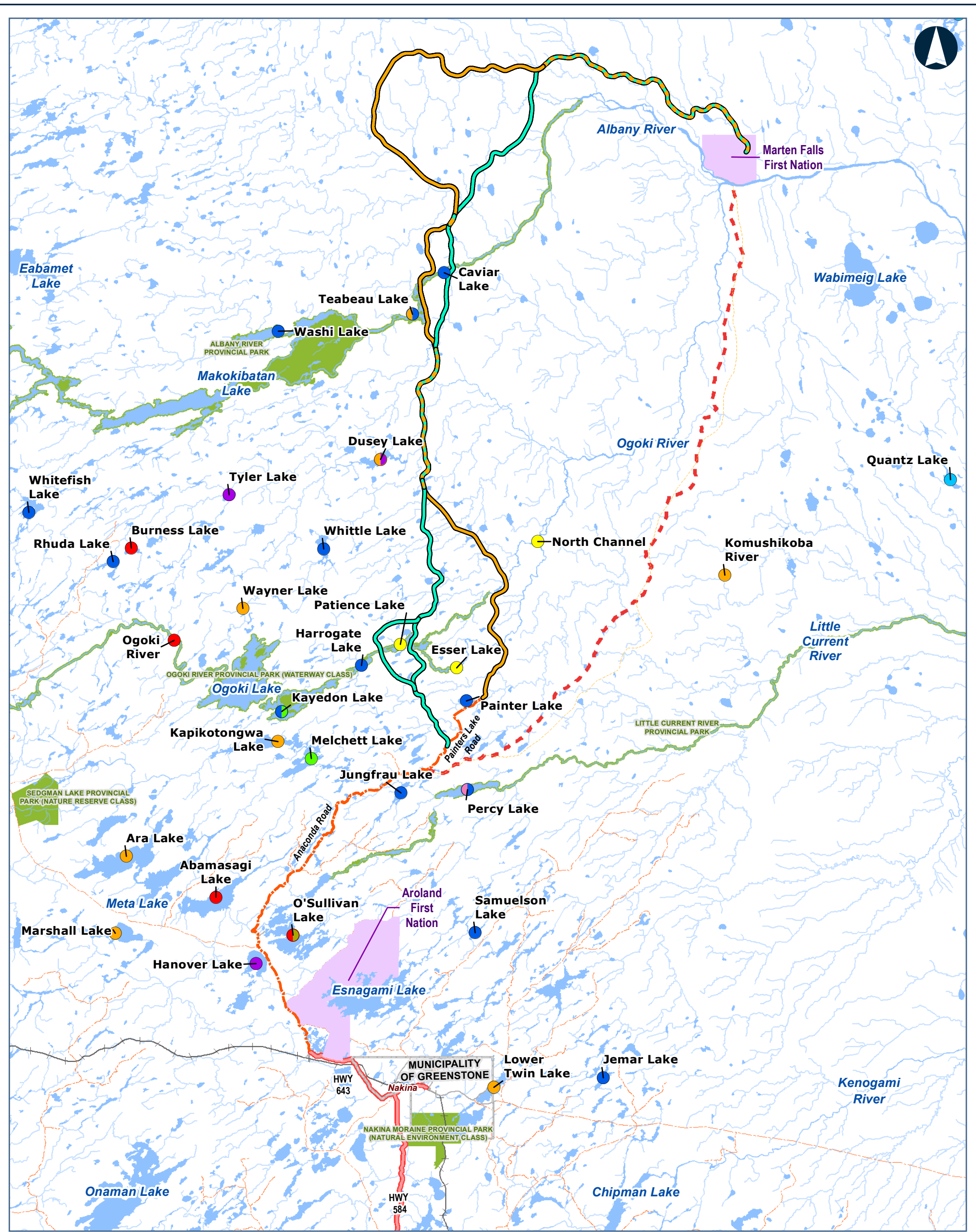




- Legend**
- First Nation Reserve
- Route**
- Alternative 1
 - Alternative 4
 - Alternative 1 & 4 Overlap

MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD
LOCATION OF NEIGHBORING INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES





Legend

- Andoomoozwe Outfitters
- Boreal Forest Outfitters
- Dusey River Adventures
- Hearst Air Service
- Leuenberger Air Service
- O'Sullivan's Rainbow
- Nakina Outpost Camps (a.k.a 7 Lakes Wilderness Camps)
- Nakina North Outfitters
- Twin Lakes Outfitters

Project Development Area

- Alternative 1
- Alternative 4
- Alternative 1 & 4 Overlap

General Features

- Highway
- Local Road
- Winter Road
- Resource / Recreation Road
- Existing Winter Access Road
- Railway
- Watercourse

Waterbody

- Waterbody
- First Nation Reserve
- Municipal Boundary
- Provincial Park

Notes:
 Locations are indicated at center of operator identified lake
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Tourism Outfitter Locations

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A7.6 Discussion Guide

A7.6.1 Remote Camera Installation



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ALL SEASON COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD

Remote Camera Installation

Discussion Guide

May 2021





Remote Camera Installation

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The Remote Camera Installation Field Program—to document the presence of wildlife in the study area—is continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation’s proposed All-Season Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

The purpose of this Discussion Guide is to provide an overview of the upcoming Remote Camera Installation Field Program and to receive your feedback on key questions. **Your insights will be helpful when planning the upcoming program.**

A field notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed.





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What's Happening?



An important part of the EA and IA is understanding potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on different wildlife. To better understand this, MFFN is installing remote, motion sensor wildlife cameras on active game trails throughout the Local Study Area. These cameras will collect important information on the presence and seasonal patterns of caribou, moose, wolves and other wildlife. This is a continuation of work that started in 2019 when similar cameras were installed. Cameras will be installed within each of the various habitat types (e.g., forest, marsh, swamp) found in the study area. We are looking for recommendations on areas within the Local Study Area that we should consider installing cameras (e.g., on game trails or in areas that see an abundance of wildlife.)

The study area includes the areas within 10km of the proposed route options and is shown in a figure below.

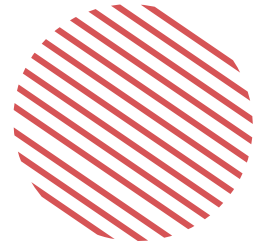
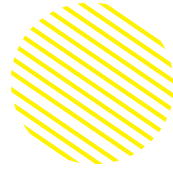


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When?

Cameras are expected to be set up in June. Once set up, they will stay in place for two years. Maintenance visits will take place every six months to check the cameras. Exact dates will be provided once confirmed.





We Need Your Input!

Your input is an important part of shaping this field program and any insights shared will be considered before the program starts in June. If you have any insights on the following questions, we want to hear from you.





Legend

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alternative 1 | Waterbody |
| Alternative 4 | First Nation Reserve |
| Railway | Far North Boundary |
| General LSA (10km) | District Municipal Boundary |
| | Provincial Park |

Notes:
None

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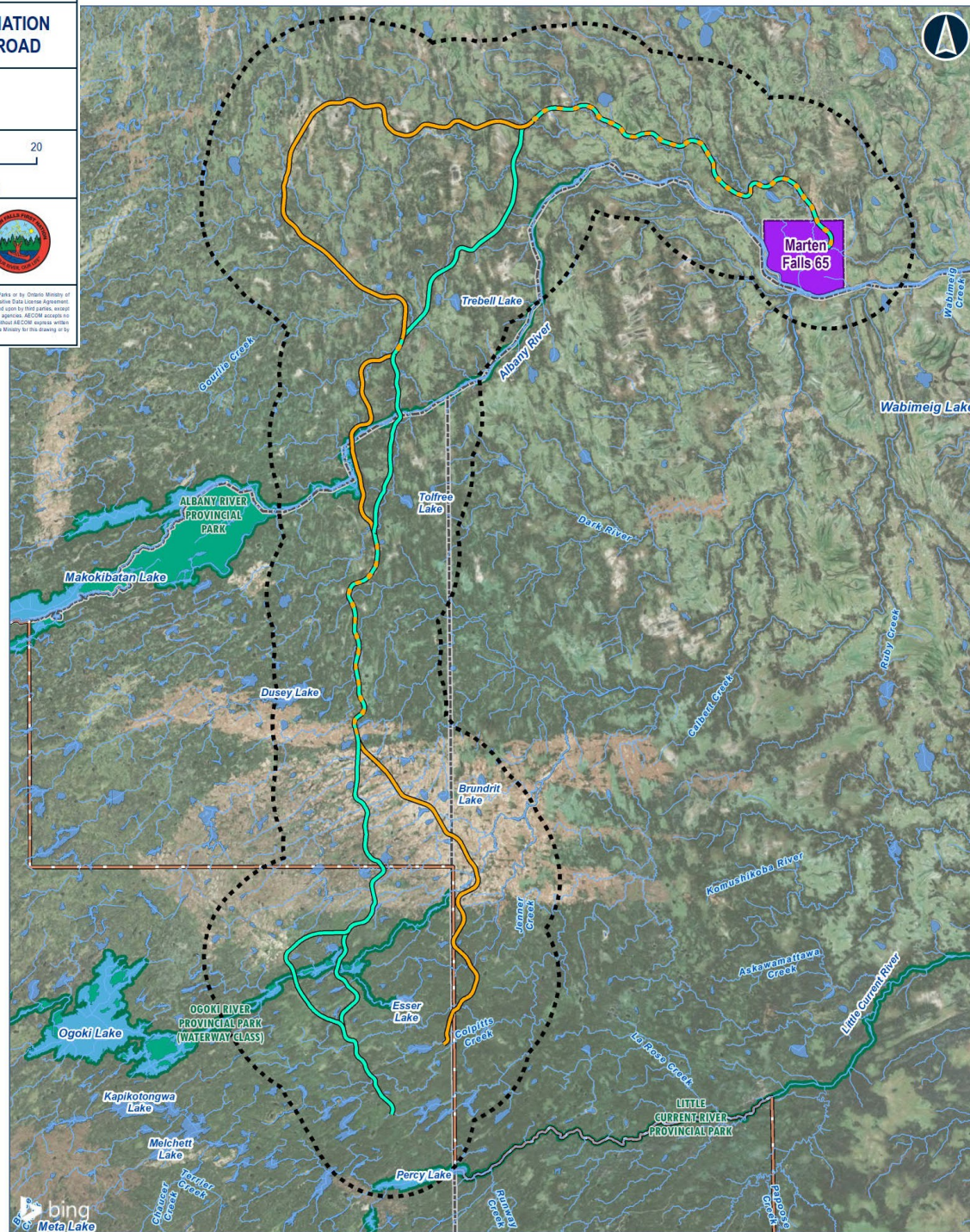
Phase 1 Alignment

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Based on your knowledge of wildlife distribution and movement in the region:

- Are there any game trails you think we should avoid setting up cameras on (including timing)? This could be because of concerns about cultural, spiritual and / or sacred sites.
- Are there any game trails or features (e.g., salt licks, travel routes, wolf dens, winter use areas, calving grounds) that would be ideal locations to set-up a camera?
- Are there any areas that should be avoided by the field team and / or their helicopter (including timing)? This could be because of increased activity or the presence of field staff might affect wildlife.

If you have any insights, please contact us by May 28, 2021. You can also fill out an online form at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/camera-program-guide-2021/>.





If you have sensitive and confidential information that you would like to share through the Indigenous Knowledge Program to make sure it is protected, please let us know.

Contact Information

Contact the Project Team at any time with questions or comments

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James McCutcheon

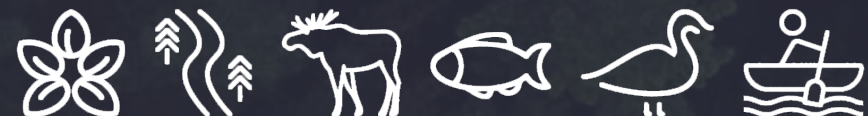
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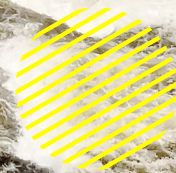
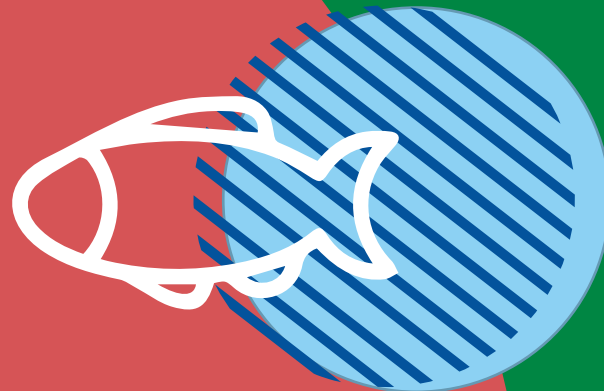
A7.6.2 Surface Water, Fish, and Fish Habitat Summer Field Program



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Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Summer Field Program

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Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Summer Field Program

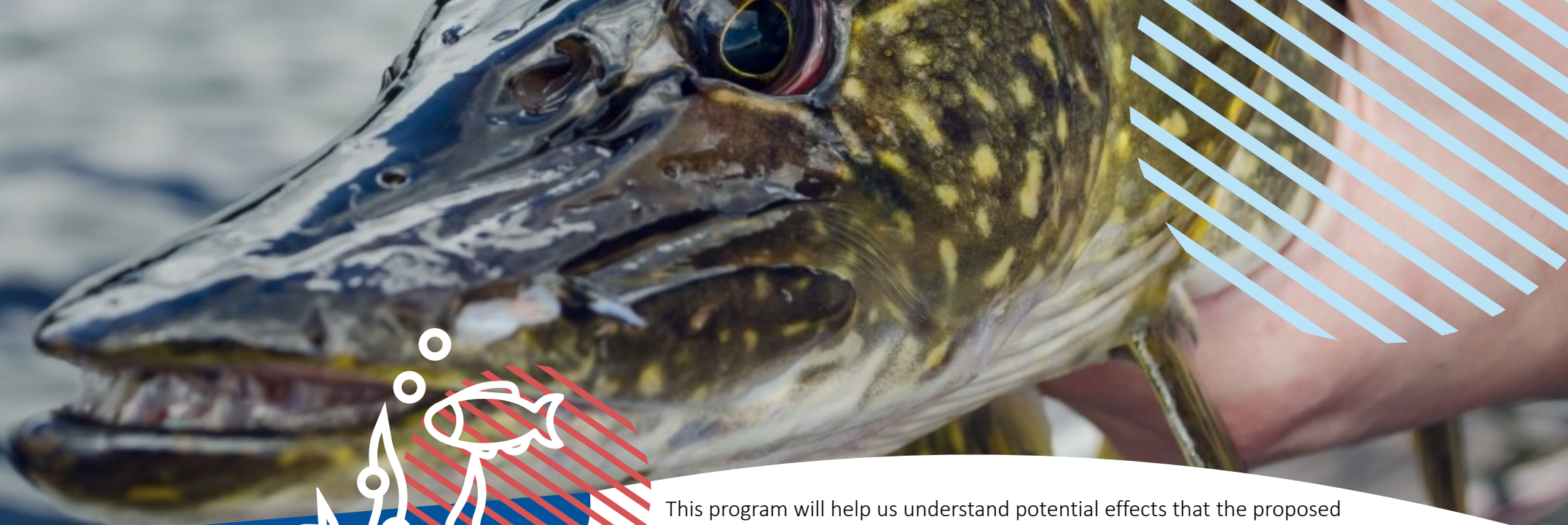
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The Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Summer Field Program—to document and understand surface water, fish and fish habitat in the study area—is continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation’s proposed All-Season Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

The purpose of this Discussion Guide is to provide an overview to this upcoming Field Program and receive your feedback on key questions. **Your insight will help shape the program.**

A field notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed.





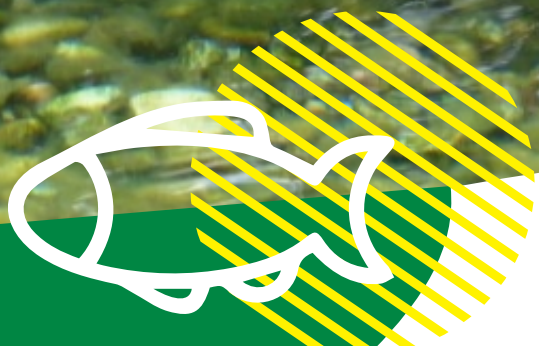
Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Summer Field Program
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What's Happening?



This program will help us understand potential effects that the proposed Community Access Road may have on surface water, fish and fish habitat. The program will collect information over multiple years, on surface water (e.g., lakes, rivers, streams) quantity and quality, sediment quality (e.g., sand, silt, clay), fish habitat and fish communities, and benthic invertebrates (organisms that live at the bottom of lakes, rivers and streams). This work will be taking place at approximately 50 to 60 water crossings along both of the route alternatives.

This summer's program builds on previous field studies that took place in 2019 and 2020. Field work done in 2019 and 2020, information gathered through desktop analysis, data collected from other projects in the area, Indigenous Knowledge, and the current field program will each inform our assessment of potential effects the Community Access Road may have.



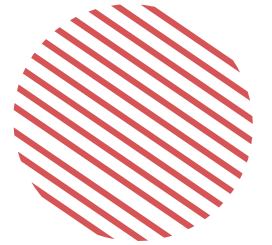
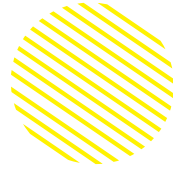
Surface Water, Fish and Fish Habitat Summer Field Program
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When?



The work will be starting mid-August 2021 and will take approximately 12 days.
In 2022, there will be an additional spring program.





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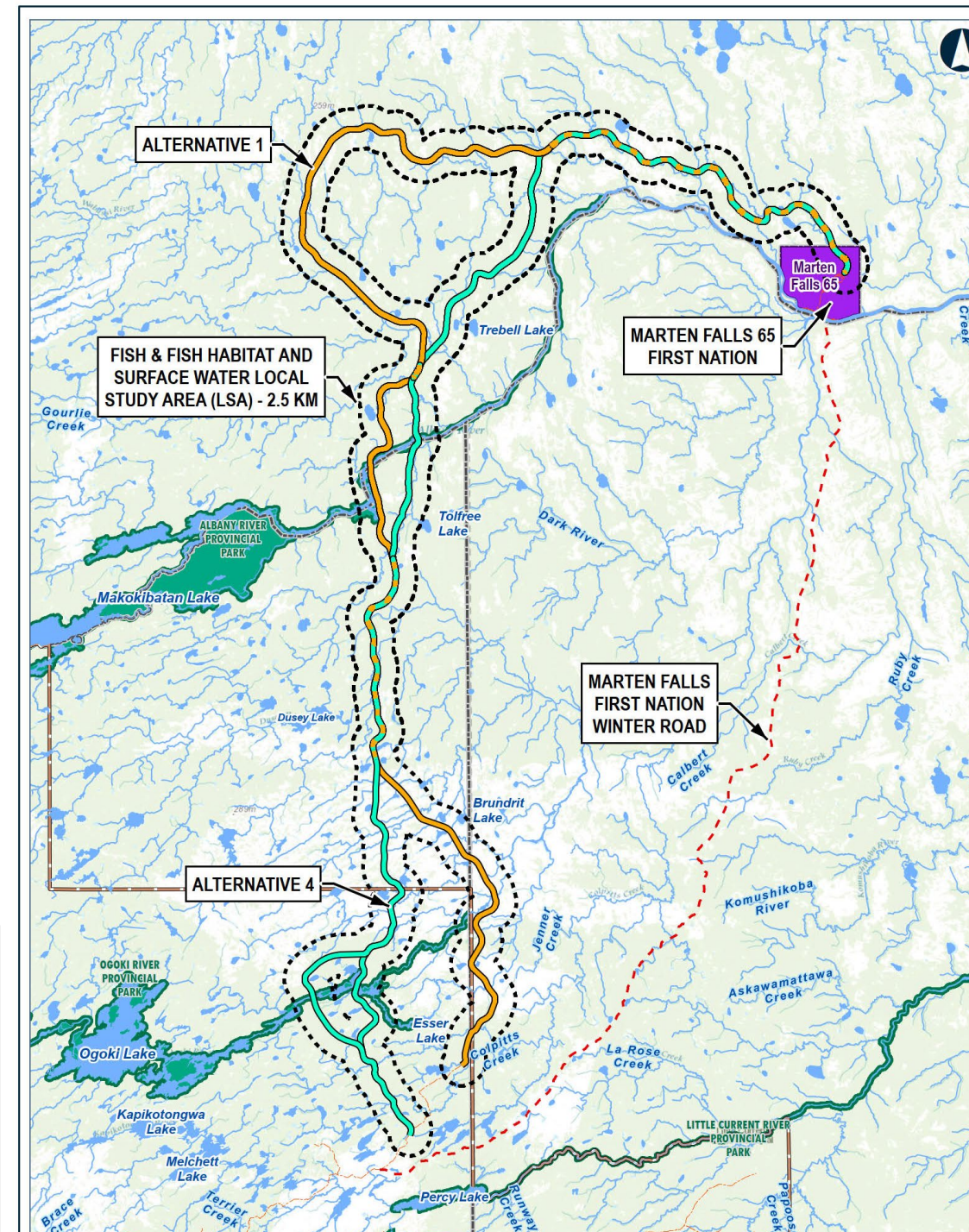
Your input is an important part of shaping this field program and will be considered before the program starts. Your input will also help us to avoid interrupting or impacting any fishing activities that may be taking place in the area by community members. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we want to hear from you.

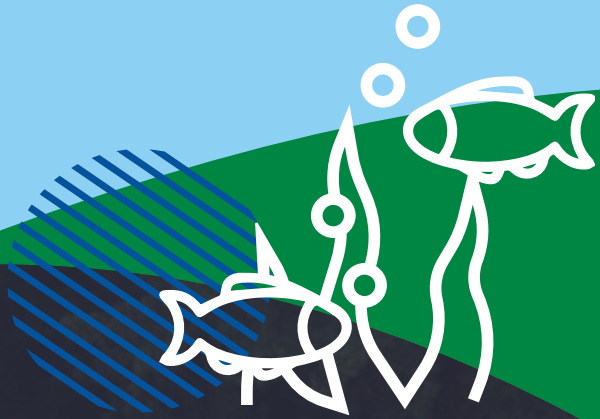


We Need Your Input!

- Are there any important water crossings in the study area that we should sample?
- Are there any important fishing sites in the study area that we should sample?
- Are there any locations in the study area that we should avoid during our sampling (e.g., areas of cultural significance, important fishing locations and gear used)? Information on the gear used for fishing will potentially be used to inform population surveys during out baseline field work should survey sites be located downstream of fishing activities.
- Do you know of any locations where Lake Sturgeon (Nameh), Brook Trout, Northern Pike (Nahwabe), Walleye (Okaas), Lake Whitefish (Atikameg), or Burbot spawn or overwinter?
- Do you know what time of year fish are spawning / reproducing in any rivers in the study area?
- Are there any locations in the study area that are springs, drinking water sources, or areas of water use? This could be for cultural or spiritual practices.

If you have any insights, please contact us by July 31, 2021. You can also fill out an online form at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/surface-water-fish-and-fish-habitat-summer-field-program-discussion-guide-2021/>





If you have sensitive and confidential information that you would like to share through the Indigenous Knowledge Program to make sure it is protected, please let us know.

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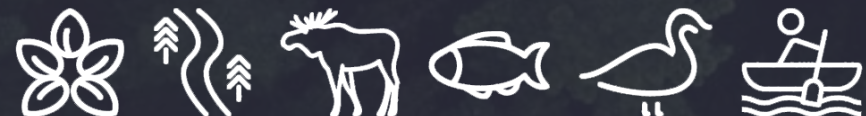
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A7.6.3 Groundwater and Geochemistry Summer Program



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Groundwater and Geochemistry Summer Field Program

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The Groundwater and Geochemistry Summer Field Program will soon begin for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

The purpose of this Discussion Guide is to provide an overview of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Summer Field Program and to receive your feedback on key questions. **Your insight will help shape the program.**

A field study notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed.





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What's Happening?



An important part of this field program is understanding potential effects the proposed Community Access Road may have on groundwater in the area. The purpose of the Groundwater and Geochemistry Field Program is to understand the current groundwater quantity in the study area—to answer the question how much is there—and to determine the quality of the groundwater—or more specifically to understand its chemical make-up. At the same time, we will also be sampling soil and areas of potential aggregate sources (where construction materials could be found) to identify minerals or chemicals that could affect water quality if disturbed or used during construction.

What is groundwater?
Groundwater is any water that is found below the Earth's surface. Groundwater is held below the ground under rock layers known as aquifers. Groundwater can come in contact with the surface through springs and wells.

What is geochemistry?
Geochemistry is the study of the chemicals held in rocks and minerals.

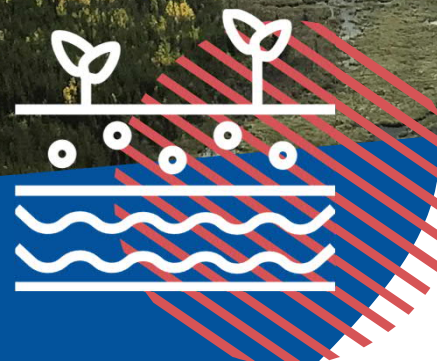


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What's Happening?



Monitoring wells will be set up in the study area (one kilometre on either side of both route alternatives) and sampled three times per year—in the spring, summer and fall—for two years. When sampling, field technicians will measure groundwater levels and flow rate, complete in-field tests for basic chemistry and collect samples to send for laboratory analysis. The information collected on groundwater levels, quality and seasonal fluctuations will be used to develop an understanding of existing conditions. Field crews will make every effort to avoid sensitive habitats and areas when selecting the location of the groundwater wells. The wells will extend into the ground far enough to reach the groundwater; the depth of each well will vary by location. Above ground, the wells are relatively small in size, about 10 centimetres across and 75 centimetres tall. When the wells are no longer required, they will be decommissioned – this means they will be filled in and sealed.

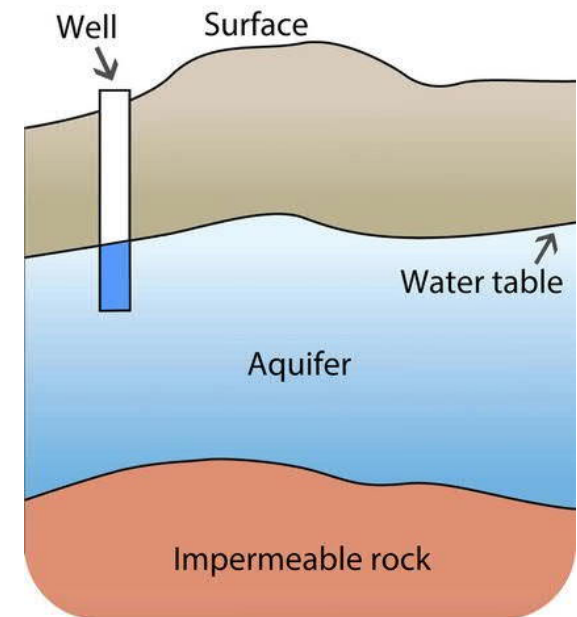


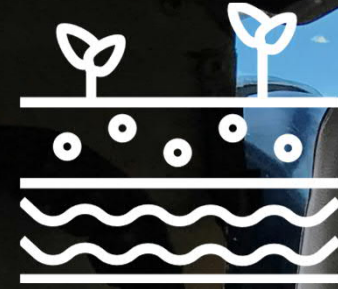
Groundwater and Geochemistry Summer Program
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What's Happening?



There are three stages for the Groundwater and Geochemistry Summer Field Program that will take place in 2021: 1) Groundwater well drilling and installation (August to October); 2) groundwater well monitoring, testing and sampling (following installation) (October); and 3) a community well survey and sampling in Marten Falls First Nation to identify and assess wells and springs used as drinking water sources (timing to be determined). Dates are estimates and detailed information about the future programs will be shared through field notices at a later date.



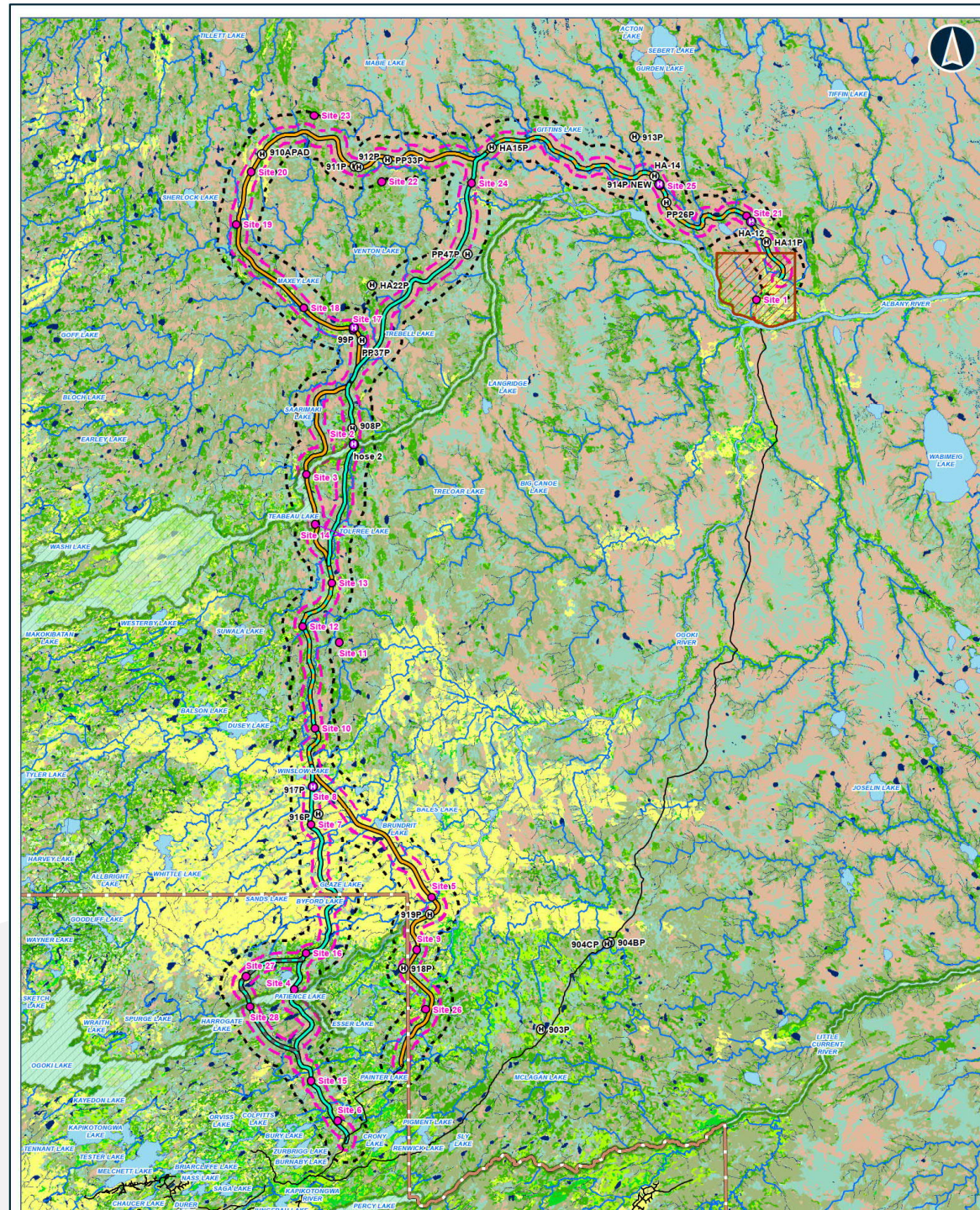
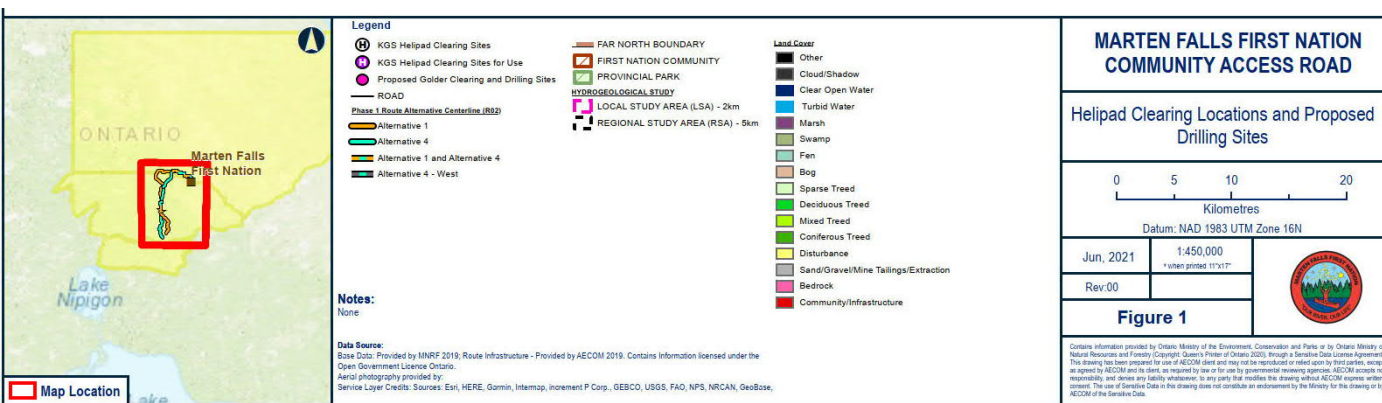


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When?



The field program will take place starting in Summer 2021. For approximately the first three weeks of the program, the field crew will identify well locations and clear brush and trees to allow helicopter and drill rig access to those locations. Once tree clearing is complete, the monitoring wells will be installed; this is anticipated to take roughly 30 days to complete. Field technicians will then monitor, test and sample each monitoring well over a period of approximately two to three weeks. At a later date, consultation and engagement activities will focus on identifying current and historical drinking water sources within the regional study area. Water well surveys will occur at the locations where drinking water sources were identified.

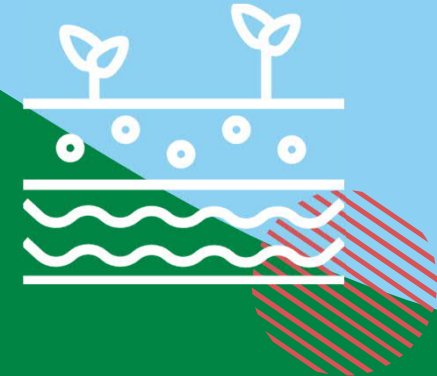
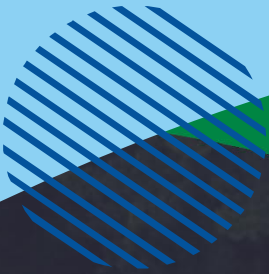
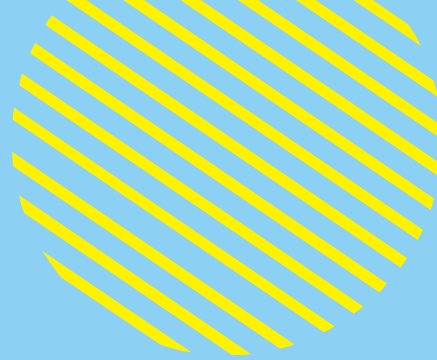


Your input is an important part of shaping this field program and will be considered before the field program begins. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we would like to hear from you:

- Are there any groundwater sources in the area (such as springs or wells) that are used for drinking water or are important for cultural or spiritual practices?
- Are there any locations in the study area that should be avoided for clearing helicopter landing pads and drill pads, and installing monitoring wells (e.g., burial sites, areas of cultural significance, gatherings areas)?
- Are there any specific timing considerations from August to October we should be aware of when installing the monitoring wells?

If you have any input, please contact us by **July 26, 2021**.





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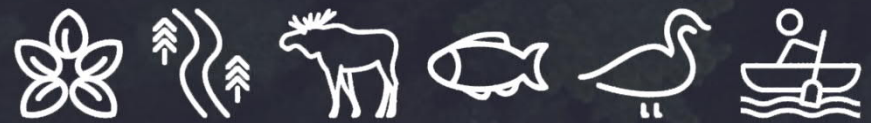
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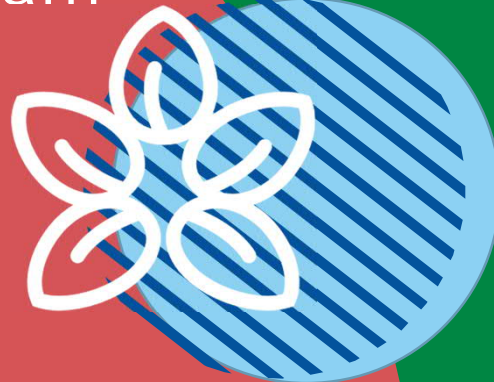
A7.6.4 Vegetation, Physiography, and Peatlands Field Program



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Vegetation, Physiography, and Peatlands Field Program Discussion Guide

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Vegetation, Physiography, and Peatlands Field Program

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The Vegetation, Physiography and Peatlands Field Program—to document and understand vegetation, physiography, terrain, soils and peatlands in the study area—is continuing for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

The purpose of this Discussion Guide is to provide an overview of this Field Program and receive your feedback on key questions. **Your insight will help shape the program.**



Vegetation means plant life (trees, shrubs, grasses, mosses) found in an area.

Physiography is the study of the physical features of the land including terrain and soils.

Peatlands (muskeg or mashkiig) are a type of wetland with peat soil and mosses, grasses and shrubs or stunted trees.





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What's Happening?



The field program will collect information on plants, geologic features, and soil conditions including moisture and nutrient levels. This information is important to better understand the current conditions and relationship between the soil and the ecosystems that depend on it, including plants that grow in the forest (e.g., Jack Pine (Okikatik)) or wetlands (e.g., various willows (Wiisihkobihmagoon)).

This is a continuation of field studies that took place in June 2019.





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What's Happening?



This field program includes both visual plots and ground plots:

- Visual plots: field staff walking on the ground or looking from the helicopter. There will be between 150 and 180 visual surveys.
- Ground plots: field staff will use a hand auger in the ground for information. This will inform the overall terrain mapping of the Project area and will include information on: how deep the bedrock is, topography (land surface features), slope, drainage and geological processes such as permafrost, seepage and high water tables. There will be between 50 and 60 ground plots.



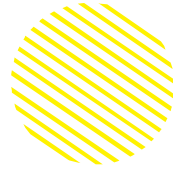


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When?



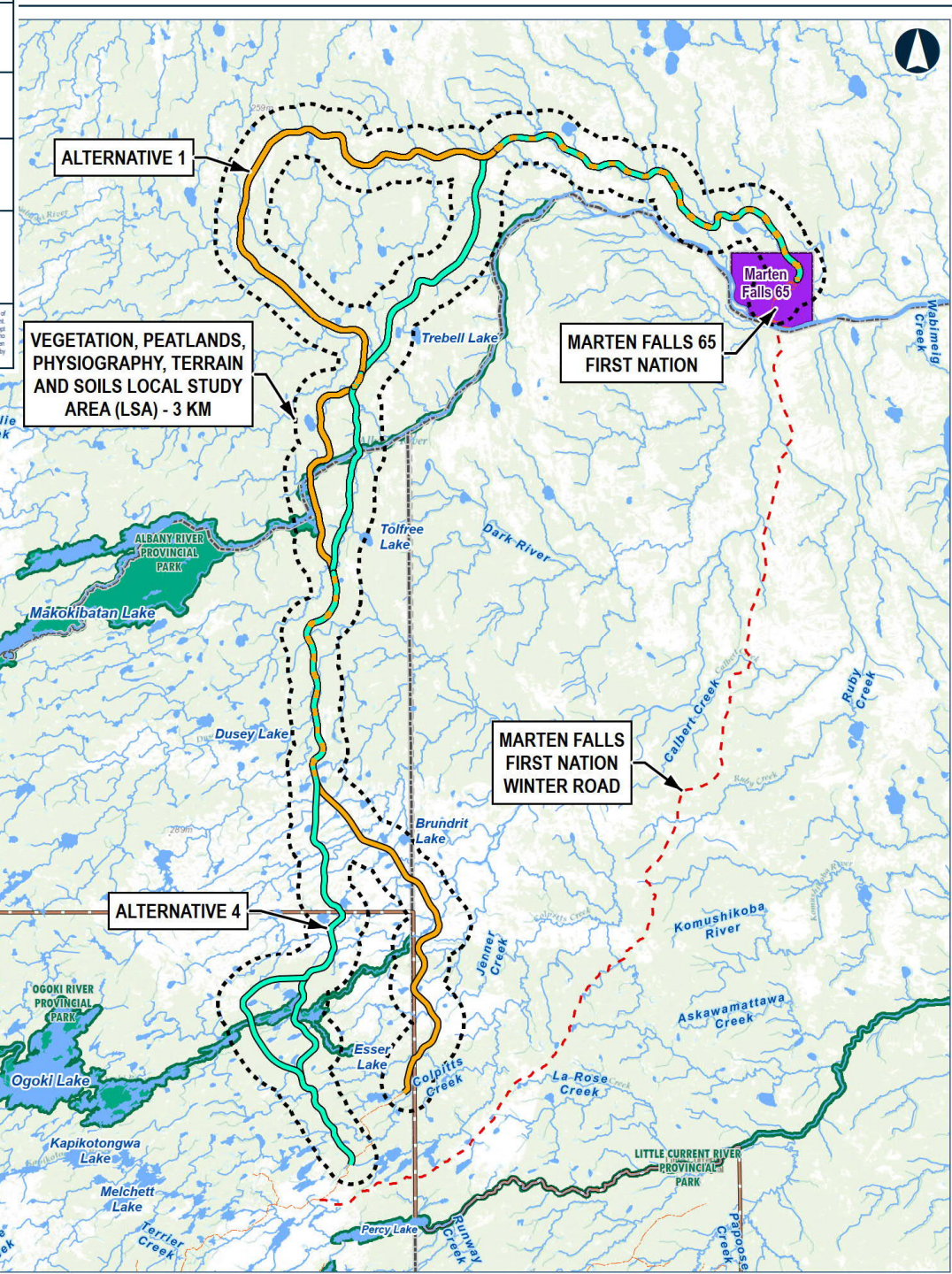
The field program will be approximately 16 days between mid August and end of September 2021. Exact dates will be provided once confirmed. Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter during the field program. The helicopter will only land in natural clearings or airports.



We Need Your Input!

Your input is an important part of shaping this field program and will be considered before the field program starts. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we want to hear from you.





- Are there any plants in the study area that are culturally significant or used for traditional purposes that the field team should look out for in the visual surveys?
- Are there any areas in the study area we should avoid? This could be because the areas are used for gathering traditional use plants or are cultural / spiritual / sacred sites.
- Are there any locations in the study area that are springs, drinking water sources, or areas of water use? This could be for cultural or spiritual practices. This information would be helpful to inform reporting, mapping and / or site selection for terrain and soils field work.
- Are there any areas that should be avoided for mild ground disturbance (hand auger) (e.g., burial sites, areas of cultural significance, gathering areas)?

If you have any insights, please contact us by July 31, 2021. You can also fill out an online form at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/vegetation-physiography-and-peatlands-field-program-discussion-guide-2021/>





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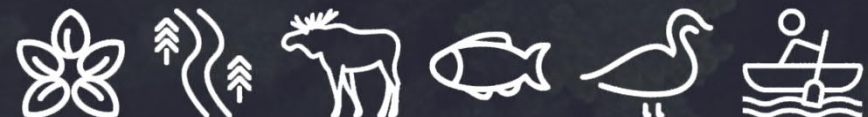
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A7.6.5 Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys



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Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys

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Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys

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The Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys—to document and understand the seasonal distribution, abundance and density between years for waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors in the study area—is starting for the federal Impact Assessment (IA) for Marten Falls First Nation's proposed All-Season Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference (ToR), a framework to guide the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA), is currently with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If the ToR is approved, this field program will also inform the provincial EA.

The purpose of this Discussion Guide is to provide an overview to this upcoming Field Program and receive your feedback on key questions. **Your insight will help shape the program.**

A field notice will be distributed once dates are confirmed.





Stopover / Staging Areas:
places where migrating birds
will stop to rest, drink and eat.

Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys
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What's Happening?

The Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys will collect information on waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors in the study area. Waterfowl and shorebirds include geese (nikah), ducks (shesheeb) and swans (waabihssi). Raptors in the study area will include osprey (saagwadamo) and the boreal owl. The purpose of the surveys is to better understand the seasonal distribution (excluding raptors), abundance and density between years for waterfowl, shorebirds and raptors. Potential stopover / staging areas for migrating waterfowl and shorebirds will be examined by circling areas of suitable open water habitats and counting the number of individual waterfowl and shorebirds. Aerial surveys will target raptors when moving among wetlands and lakes.





Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys
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What's Happening?



This survey will continue in 2022 with Spring Aerial Surveys to verify the breeding status of raptor nests (i.e., stick nests), including those identified in Spring 2018 aerial surveys conducted by Zoetica. This information will be used to understand where birds currently stopover in the study area as a first step in predicting how the Community Access Road might affect birds, their migration and their habitats.



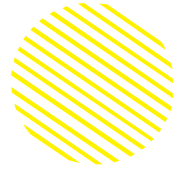
Aerial Waterfowl Migration Surveys
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When?



The field program is anticipated to take place in two parts in September. Exact dates will be provided in a field notice once confirmed.

Field crews will be accessing sites across the study area by helicopter during the field program. No equipment will be left in the field or Marten Falls First Nation community for this program.



We Need Your Input!

Your input is an important part of shaping this field program and will be considered before the program starts. If you have any feedback on the following questions, we want to hear from you.

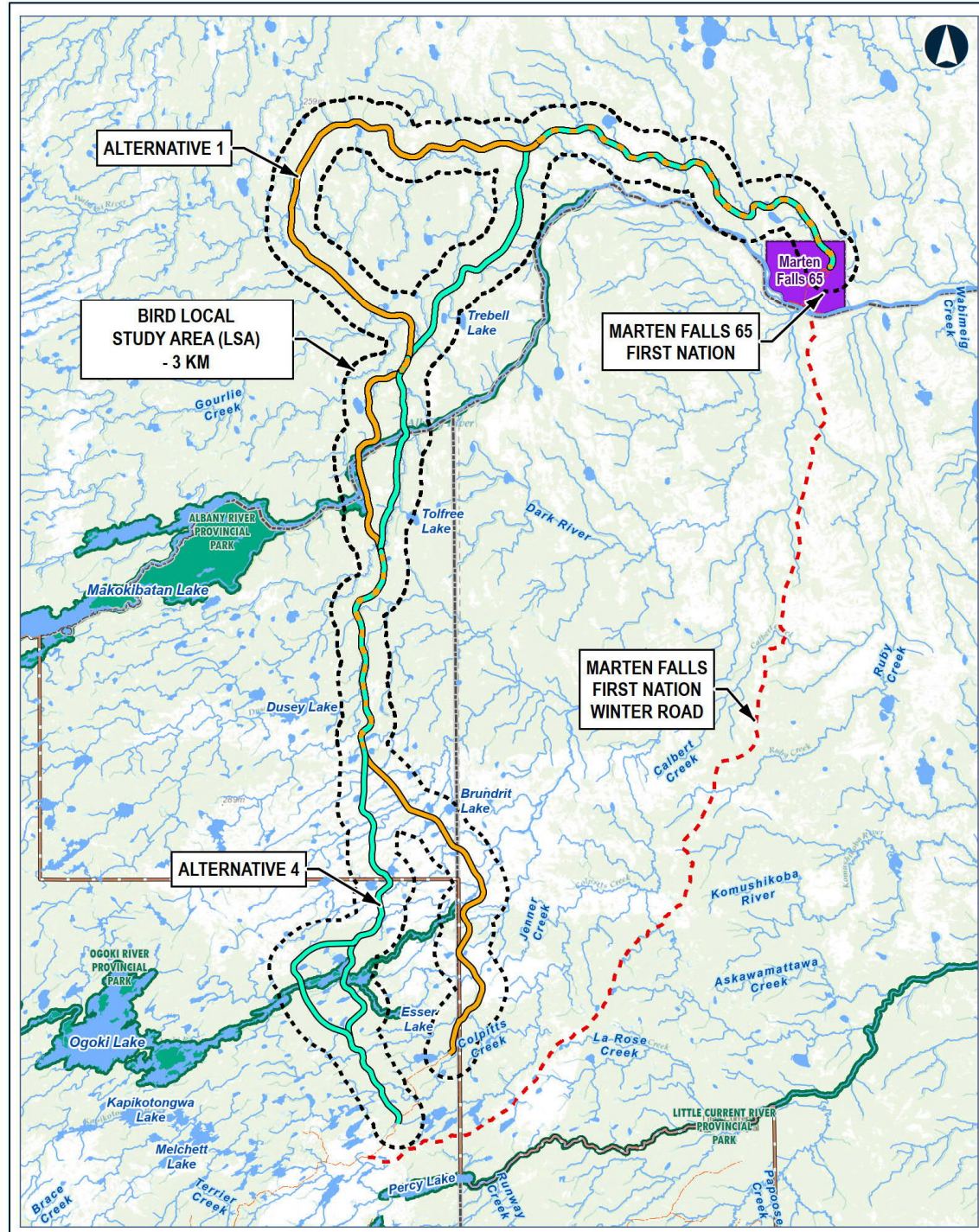


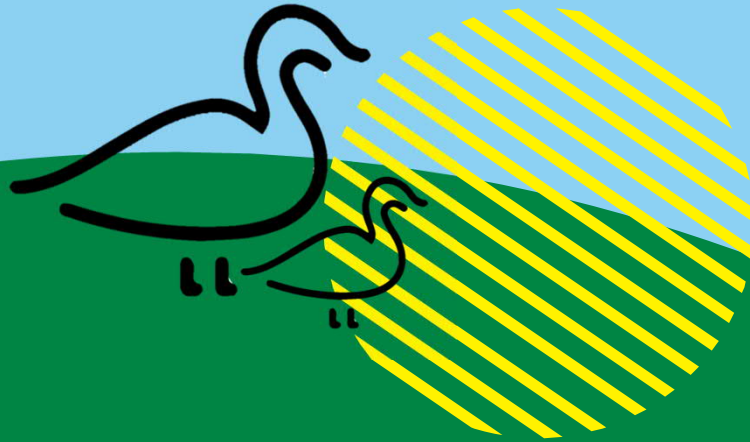
We Need Your Input!



- Are there any areas in the study area that are known waterfowl staging / harvesting locations?
- Are there any areas in the study area we should avoid? This could be because the areas are cultural / spiritual / sacred sites.

If you have any insights, please contact us by September 13, 2021. You can also fill out an online form at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/waterfowl-discussion-guide-2021/>.





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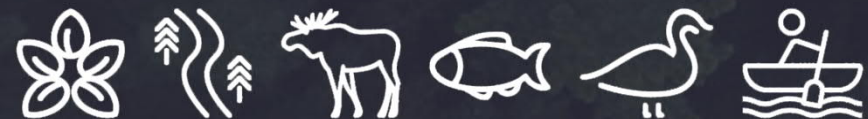
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A8. Indigenous Knowledge Program

A8.1 Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline Update



Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline and Update

January 21, 2022

In December 2019, the Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team (Project Team) introduced an Indigenous Knowledge Program to support the federal and provincial assessments for the Community Access Road Project (the Project). Since that time the following milestones have been accomplished:

- The Terms of Reference for the Project were approved with amendments on October 8, 2021 by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- The Notice of Commencement of the Environmental Assessment (EA) was published on October 29, 2021; and
- The federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines were issued on February 24, 2020.

The Indigenous Knowledge Program is a critical component of the information base upon which the assessments will be conducted. The information generated through the Indigenous Knowledge Program will be used in tandem with scientific approaches, and both knowledge systems will be used in forming the foundation for baseline conditions, predicting potential project impacts, and determining appropriate mitigation and monitoring methods.

Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Timeline (attached) illustrates the key steps in the Indigenous Knowledge Program and their anticipated completion dates. As noted above, the Project Team began communicating with Indigenous Communities in December 2019, and Project funding support for those communities who have expressed an interest in participating in the Indigenous Program began in the summer of 2020 and is on-going. To more holistically integrate Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use into the assessment processes we have targeted a June 30, 2022 deadline for the completion of Project-Specific Indigenous Knowledge/Indigenous Land and Resource Use Studies.

Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use is invaluable in that it helps us to better understand and appreciate the environment with respect to the identity, culture, and heritage of Indigenous Communities. If your community has Indigenous Knowledge or information on Indigenous Land and Resource Use related to the Project that you would like to share or if you would like to learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Program please do not hesitate to reach out to Bob Baxter at 1-807-628-7553 or bbaxter48@gmail.com or Andrea Nokleby at 1-604-417-5332 or anokleby@dillon.ca.

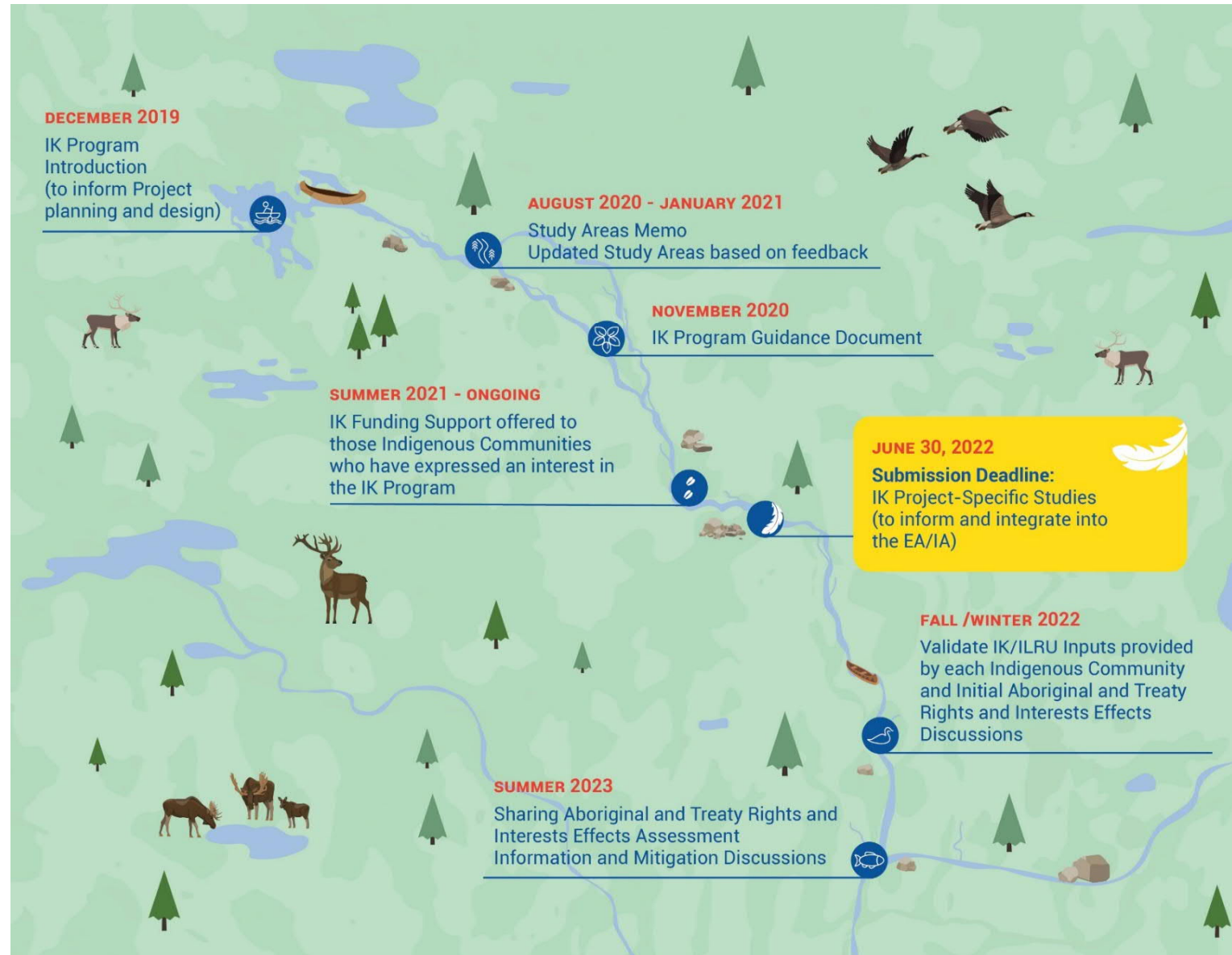
We hope you and your community are safe and well.





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Figure 1: Indigenous Knowledge Program Timeline



A8.2 Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet - English

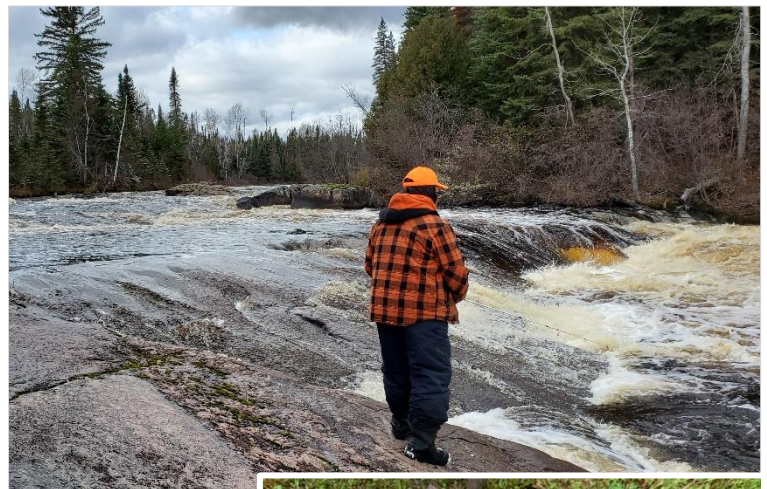


Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet

What is the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program?

The Program aims to collect Indigenous Knowledge (IK) relevant to the MFFN Community Access Road Project. This includes information on Indigenous land and resource use and important cultural values in and around the Project area. The information shared with the MFFN Project Team will be used in the assessment processes for the Project. The key objectives of the IK Program are to:

- Identify areas where Indigenous land uses (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering), important resources (e.g., moose, water, etc.), and/or important values (e.g., sharing of your culture) could be impacted by the proposed Project (the road);
- Understand community views about the potential positive or negative impacts of the Project on land and resource use and important values;
- Work with communities to avoid or mitigate (reduce) the potential negative impacts of the Project; and
- Work with communities to maximize the potential positive impacts.



How will information be collected and shared?

The Program involves two key ways for information gathering and sharing:

- Existing and relevant IK and land and resource use information previously collected by communities (e.g., for community-based land use planning) can be shared; and/or
- A Project-specific Study can be completed to collect relevant IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use in and around the Project area.





The MFFN Project Team has developed an IK Program Guidance Document that contains tools and resources to support communities in collecting and sharing this important information. It has been designed to meet the requirements of the assessment processes. The document was shared with communities in early November 2020.

How will the information we share be protected?

The MFFN Project Team will work with communities to develop IK Sharing Agreements before any sensitive information is shared. The Agreement will outline how confidential or sensitive information will be stored, protected, accessed, and used in the assessment processes.

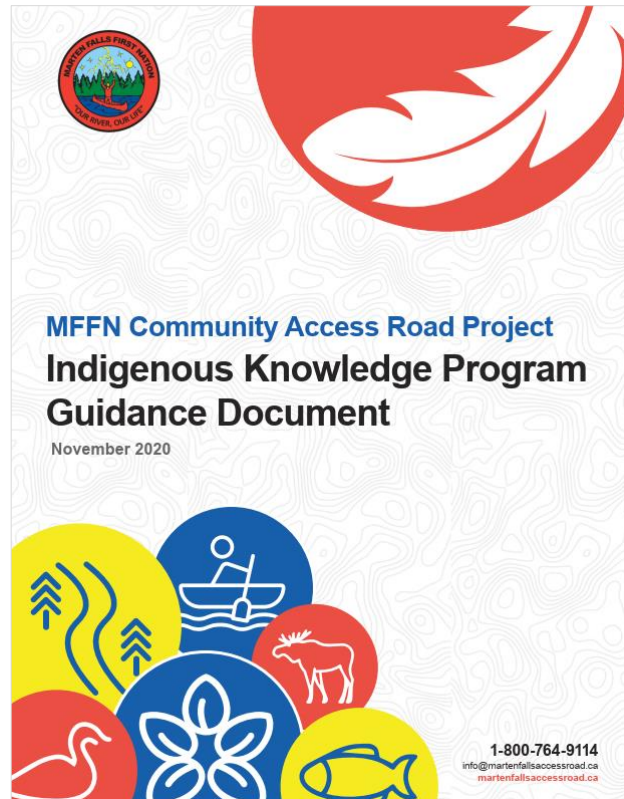
How will the information be used in the impact assessment process?

The information collected will be used to:

- Support our understanding of existing environmental conditions in and around the Project area;
- Identify the impacts of the Project on lands, resources, and people;
- Guide how impacts on lands, resources, and people will be assessed;
- Help identify ways to avoid or reduce any negative impacts and improve any benefits; and
- Help identify monitoring programs.

Where can we get more information on the IK Program?

Please see the MFFN Community Access Road Project website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/> or contact the Project Team directly at **1-800-764-9114** or info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.



A8.3 Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet - Cree

A8.4 Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet - Ojibway

A8.5 Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet - Oji-Cree

A8.6 PIC Feedback Form



Feedback Form

GET INVOLVED

We want to hear your ideas, suggestions and opinions! Thank you for attending and participating in the Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Phase #1 Introduction Public Information Centre (PIC #3) for the Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road. Please complete this Feedback Form so your valued input may be considered and documented.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone _____

FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS

How would you prefer to receive information about this study in the future?

- Email (please provide email above) I do not wish to receive further information
 Regular Mail

Are there better ways to let you know about future meetings? _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MEETING?

Please check all that apply.

- Newspaper Advertisement Received the Notice via Email
 Project website Other, please specify:
 MFFN CAR Facebook Page

What parts of this Public Information Centre were of the most interest to you? (check all that apply)

- Viewing the information displays
 Having the opportunity to meet and talk directly with the Project Team
 Providing feedback regarding the proposed Community Access Road
 Other, please specify: _____

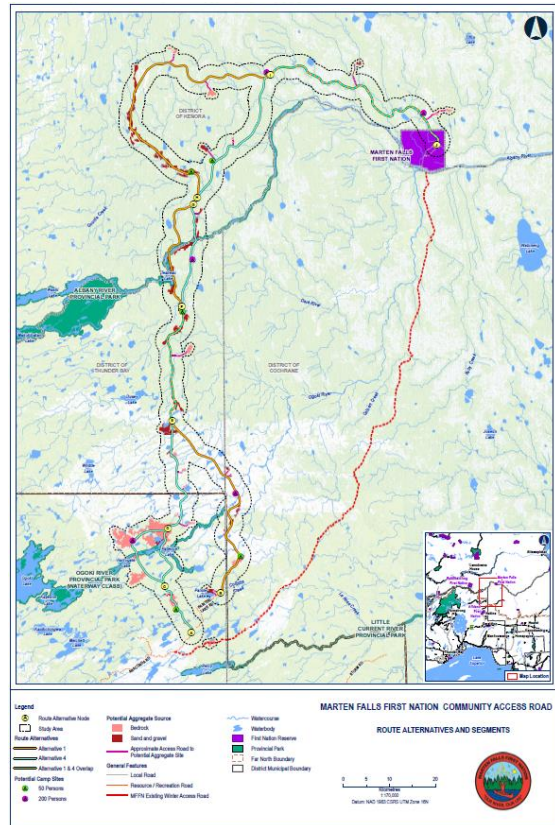




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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

What do you think about the two route alternatives being evaluated through the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment (EA / IA) process? Do you have any concerns of feedback you would like to share?



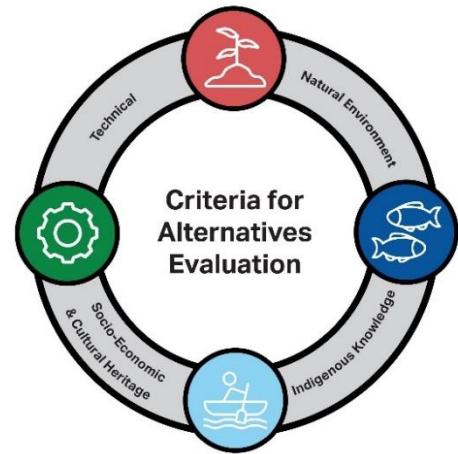
What do you think about the new areas identified to source aggregate and related infrastructure?





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Are there other criteria you suggest we consider for the alternative route evaluation?



What do you think is most important to understand when planning the Marten Falls Community Access Road?

Field studies have been conducted since 2019 and will continue through 2022, do you have any feedback on the methods and early observations shared? Or general comments related to the field study maps shared?

Do you have information to share about social and health, land and resource use and / or economics in the Study Area?





Does your community have Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use and / or Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) that you would like to share? If so, leave your contact information below and we will book a meeting:

Are there impacts on Aboriginal or Treaty Rights within the Project area (hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.) that we should consider?

How would you like to be informed and consulted with during the EA / IA process? What topics are of most interest to you?

What do you think about our consultation and engagement plan and approach?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

What other questions or thoughts do you have about the Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road? Is there additional information you would like to receive?





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We appreciate the time you have taken to learn more about our plans and contribute your input!

Please submit this form at the Welcome Table before you leave.

For additional information, please visit the Project website at: www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca or contact the Project Team directly via telephone at [1-800-764-9114](tel:1-800-764-9114) or email at info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca.

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