

Enclosure 2: Federal Authority Advice Record – Summary of Issues, and Potential Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and Permitting Plan

Project: Northern Road Link Project

Proponent: Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation

CIAR No.: 84331

Response due by: **March 17, 2023**

All comments should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (Reference 84331)¹. Letters and forms can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Agency at *NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca* for assistance.

Department/Agency:	
Date of Advice:	
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1. Expertise

Please identify and describe the specialist or expert information or knowledge within your department or agency that is relevant to an assessment of the Project.

¹ <http://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331?culture=en-CA>

2. Key issues and solutions

Respond to the following **using Table 1 on page 3**

(a) From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the key issues that are material and relevant to decision-making and should be addressed? In identifying key issues, be mindful of the Project's context (size, scope, geography, policy) and the definitions of *effects*,² *sustainability*³ and *public interest*.⁴

(b) For each **key** issue:

- i. Identify the relevant valued component(s) within your mandate and describe the key pathway of effect, or describe the nature of the issue. This may consider⁵ positive and negative effects on components of the environment or on health, social and economic conditions.
- ii. Identify any clarifications or commitments the Proponent could make in its Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues that would build confidence that issues can be addressed and managed without further impact assessment⁶, or that can help focus the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines⁷, if an impact assessment is required.
- iii. Identify, at a very high-level, any information or studies that should be required of the Proponent in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, if an impact assessment is required.⁸

(c) For each issue and solution discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

3. Operational guidance and powers, duties and functions

(a) Within the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, list specific operational policies or guidance documents that could help address issues and manage effects relevant to the project context.

² Note: *effects*, *direct and incidental effects*, and *effects within federal jurisdiction* are defined in section 2 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, which can be found at <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/corporate/acts-regulations/legislation-regulations.html>

³ Guidance: Considering the Extent to which a Project Contributes to Sustainability <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/practitioners-guide-impact-assessment-act/guidance-considering.html>

⁴ Policy Context: Public Interest Determination under the *Impact Assessment Act* <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/services/policy-guidance/public-interest-determination-under-impact-assessment-act.html>

⁵ Other considerations may include sources of high uncertainty that complicate predictions; the purpose and need for the Project and selected alternatives.

⁶ This could mean that mitigation measures that the proponent has committed to implement, in the Detailed Project Description, are referenced in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines.

⁷ For example, regulatory instruments, operational guidance or well-understood mitigation and monitoring measures of proven effectiveness

⁸ Federal authorities are asked what should be included in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines with specific rationale that is commensurate to the project context. Please also identify studies that are not necessarily based on the information provided by the proponent and based on project context.

(b) List the potential powers, duties, or functions, including federal funding, that your department or agency may be required to exercise or perform to enable the Project to proceed, in whole or in part. Validate whether the information in the Initial Project Description is accurate.

(c) For each power, duty or function:

- i. Explain any associated framework to address effects on valued components within your mandate.
- ii. Describe any Indigenous consultation activities that would occur, potential timelines for Indigenous participation, and how potential impacts to Indigenous communities are addressed by your department or agency.
- iii. Describe any public participation opportunities that would occur, and potential timelines for public participation.

(d) Has your department or agency already exercised a power, or performed a duty or function, under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part? Specify as appropriate.

4. Is your department or agency aware of any additional information related to the geographic context of the Project (e.g. potential effects to Indigenous protected and conserved areas, migratory bird sanctuaries, federal species at risk, sensitive/vulnerable health, social or economic conditions)?

Table 1: Key Issues and Solutions Material and Relevant to Decision-making

Comment ID	Document Reference	Valued Component	Description of Key Issue (Context and Rationale)	Solutions for the Proponent	Summary of Issues
<p>Please identify comments by organization and comment number. e.g.: IAAC-01</p>	<p>If the comment is related to a specific section of the Initial Project Description, please provide a reference. You may also choose to copy the relevant text here.</p>	<p>Identify the valued component(s)—within the mandate of your department or agency—to which the effect or issue applies. This may include components of the environment, health, social or economic conditions.</p>	<p>Provide context for the effect or issue. Describe, to the extent possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The positive or negative pathway of effect or nature of the issue • Any powers, duties or functions that your department or agency has that may mitigate, manage, or set conditions related to the effect • Operational guidance or standard and well-understood mitigation or monitoring measures that would address the effect • Any established or emerging policies or directives that are relevant • The potential for residual effects after mitigation has been applied 	<p>Where applicable and necessary,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide instructions for how the Proponent would build confidence about the management of the potential effect, in the Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues, and/or • identify, at a high-level, required information or studies to assess the effects, should an impact assessment be required (or templated requirements that are relevant to the Project). 	<p>For issues and effects to be included in the Summary of Issues, provide a concise, plain language synopsis.</p>

Please insert additional rows as necessary.