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Hello,

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) has reviewed the Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues for the Northern Road Link Project (the Project) submitted by Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation (the Proponent) on May 1, 2023. On May 11, 2023, the Agency determined that the submission conforms to the requirements of the *Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations*.

Based on the Agency's review of the Detailed Project Description and in consideration of comments received to date from Indigenous communities, federal authorities, provincial ministries and the public, the Agency decided that a federal impact assessment is required for the Project.

The [Summary of Issues](#), Detailed Project Description including a response to the Summary of Issues, and the Notice of Impact Assessment Decision with Reasons are available from the Project's page on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331?culture=en-CA>.

## Next Steps

Pursuant to the *Impact Assessment Act*, once a federal impact assessment is required, the Agency develops tailored guidelines and plans to define the scope, content, and conduct of the assessment.

The Agency anticipates a **30-day public comment period** will be held **between June 21 2023 and July 21 2023**, on the following documents:

- draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
- draft Public Participation Plan
- draft Permitting Plan
- draft Cooperation Plan
- draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan.

The Agency will then finalize and post the final documents with the Notice of Commencement for the impact assessment by August 18, 2023. For a description of each of these required documents, please see the Agency's [Practitioner's Guide to Federal Impact Assessments](#) under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at [NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment may be posted online to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference # 84331) subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security or confidentiality. The Agency's [Submission Policy](#) describes what submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For more information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the [Privacy Notice](#).

Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency at [NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca](mailto:NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca) before submitting the information.

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Thank you,  
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