



June 21, 2023

Sent by email

Correspondence to Municipalities

James McPherson, Municipality of Greenstone
Penny Lucas, Township of Pickle Lake
Bill Mauro, City of Thunder Bay
Vicki Blanchard, Sioux Lookout
Doug Lawrence, Sioux Lookout

Dear All,

Subject: Comments invited on the Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and Draft Public Participation Plan for the Northern Road Link Project by July 21, 2023

On May 23, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) announced that an impact assessment is required for the Northern Road Link Project (the Project) proposed by Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation (the Proponent). The Agency has developed the following draft documents:

- Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines)
- Public Participation Plan
- Cooperation Plan
- Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan
- Permitting Plan

The draft Guidelines and draft Plans are available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website¹ (Reference #84331).

The Agency is conducting a 30-day comment period from June 21, 2023, to July 21, 2023, inviting the public, Indigenous communities, and other jurisdictions to provide feedback on the above draft documents.

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¹ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331>

The Agency invites your municipality to review and provide input on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Public Participation Plan. Please submit any comments by **July 21, 2023**.

In providing comments on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, you may choose to consider:

- How the project influences your municipalities' plans and priorities;
- Any key issues related to **sustainability**² (positive or negative) that may require additional information or studies;
- What conversations you've had, or intend to have, with the Proponent about existing programs and plans that can help mitigate adverse effects and enhance benefits; and
- Local sources of knowledge that are relevant to the assessment.

In providing comments on the draft Public Participation Plan, you may consider:

- Providing information on how your municipality would like to participate in the impact assessment process;
- Identifying any challenges facing you or your community that may prevent people from accessing public participation opportunities regarding the impact assessment.

All comments should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website³ (Reference #84331). Documents 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment will be made publicly available as part of the project file and may be posted online via the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference #84331), subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security

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² Sustainability means the ability to protect the environment, contribute to the social and economic well-being of the people of Canada, and preserve their health in a manner that benefits present and future generations.

³ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331>

or confidentiality. The Agency's Submission Policy⁴ describes what submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For further information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice.⁵

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 Caitlin Cafaro at *NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca*, or 416-476-5476 **before** submitting the information. This will ensure that your submission is handled appropriately.

Invitation to public information sharing sessions

The Agency invites you to attend an information session on the federal impact assessment of the Project. Representatives from the Agency will deliver presentations on the impact assessment process and the Project, answer questions, and collect comments on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Public Participation Plan. Interested participants can select and join one of the following in-person sessions:

Timmins

July 5, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EST)
Holiday Inn Express
30 Algonquin Blvd W
Timmins, ON P4N 2R3

Thunder Bay

July 11, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EST)
Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre
1 Valhalla Inn Rd
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6J1

Geraldton

July 12, 2023, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (EST)
Legion
RCL Robert Forest Branch #133
522 Main St
Geraldton, ON P0T 1M0

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⁴ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/participation/conditions>

⁵ <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/protection>

Please register for one of the public information sessions at least 24 hours in advance of the session by emailing *NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca*. Meeting details will be provided to those who register.

Notice to members of the public

In addition to the Registry, the Agency uses print, web, radio and social media to advertise public comment periods. We would appreciate your support in making residents aware of the opportunity to comment. If you routinely send notices to residents, including via social media, please consider posting or forwarding this link: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/152045?culture=en-CA>

Please feel free to contact me at *NorthernRoad-RouteDuNord@iaac-aeic.gc.ca* or by phone at 416-476-5476.

Sincerely,

<original signed by>

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