

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Northern Road Link Project Environmental Assessment

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) and Webequie First Nation (WFN) are conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, RSO 1990, c. E.18 for the design, construction and operation / maintenance of a proposed all-season multi-use road called the Northern Road Link. The proposed Northern Road Link is located between the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR) and the proposed Webequie Supply Road (WSR) and would connect the Ring of Fire mineral deposits in the McFaulds Lake area to the highway network via the MFCAR.

THE PROCESS

A Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared by MFFN and WFN. The Draft ToR provides MFFN and WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Environmental Assessment Act requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies, evaluation of alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Following the review period of the draft ToR, the ToR will be revised as appropriate to address comments received and a Proposed ToR will be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review. Public, government agencies, and Indigenous communities will be notified when the Proposed ToR is submitted to the MECP for an opportunity to review and comment on the Proposed ToR. Following this review, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will make a decision to approve, approve with amendments or reject the ToR under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved, the Proposed ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Beginning November 24, 2021, the Draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 45-day period at: northernroadlink.ca.

You may also inspect the Draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

Matawa First Nations Management
233 Court Street South, 2nd Floor, Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-344-4575

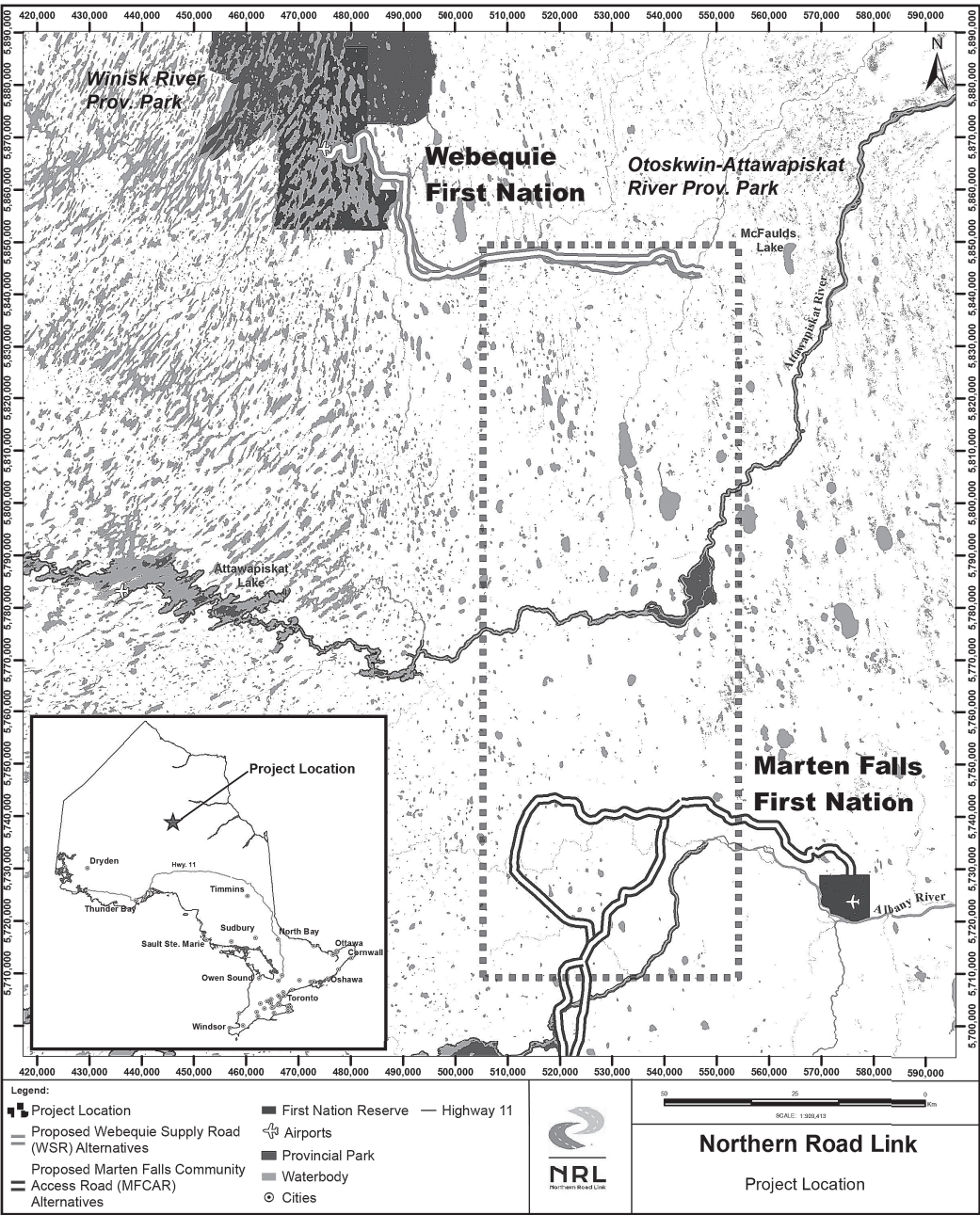
Timmins Public Library
Main Branch
320 Second Avenue, Timmins, ON
Tel: 705-360-2623 ext. 8519
Mon-Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m

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405 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807- 854-1490
Mon, Wed 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tues, Thurs, Sat 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue, Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thunder Bay Public Library
Waverley Community Hub
285 Red River Road, Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-345-8275
Mon-Tues 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wed-Fri 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Greenstone Public Library
Longlac Public Library Branch
110 Kenogami Road, Longlac, ON
Tel: 807-876-4515
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Tues 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wed 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



A hard copy of the Draft ToR will be provided to the following Indigenous communities for circulation to their community members:

- Animbiigoo-Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
- Aroland First Nation
- Attawapiskat First Nation
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Eabametoong First Nation
- Fort Albany First Nation
- Ginoogaming First Nation
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation
- Kashechewan First Nation
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug
- Long Lake #58 First Nation
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) – Region 2
- Neskantaga First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation
- Red Sky Independent Métis Nation
- Wapekeka First Nation
- Wawakapewin First Nation
- Webequie First Nation
- Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation

Please submit your comments on the Draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed below, or on the Northern Road Link website (northernroadlink.ca) by January 8, 2022.

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