

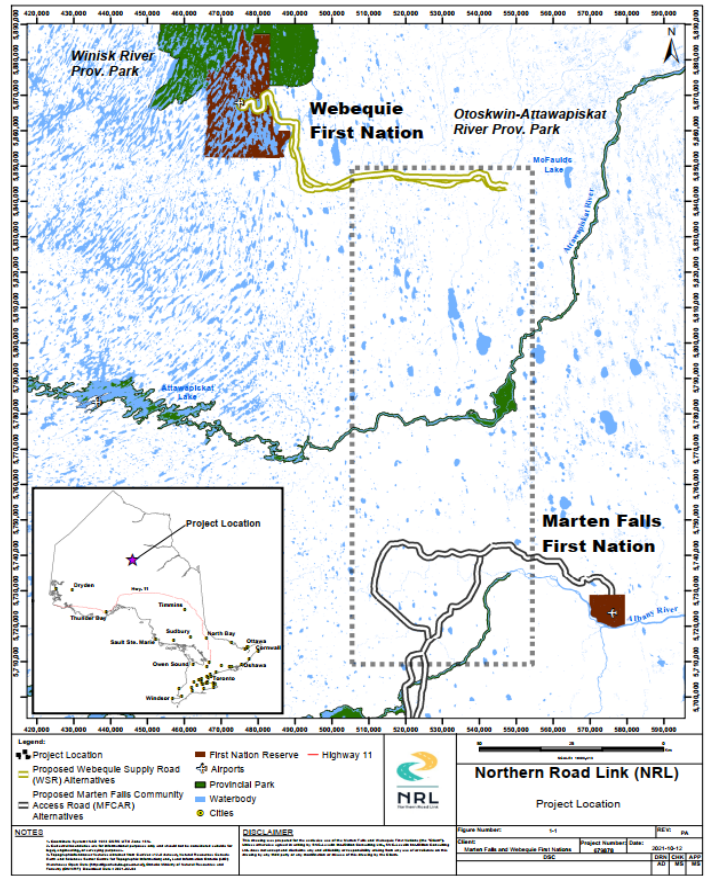
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE & LIVE EVENT

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A Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and was originally made available for a 45-day review period. An additional 23 days were added to the review period for Indigenous Communities. The Draft ToR provided 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. Based on the comments received on the Draft ToR, the ToR will be revised as appropriate to address comments received and a Proposed ToR will be refined and submitted to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review along with a summary of comments received and how they were responded to. 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*, RSO 1990, c. E.18. If approved, the Proposed ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the proposed Project. To review the Draft ToR, please visit the project website at www.northernroadlink.ca.



Virtual Open House

Beginning February 9, 2022, a virtual open house portal will be available. The virtual portal will consist of display material and information about the EA study, the Project and elements of the Draft ToR. Within the virtual portal you will be able to provide comments to the project team. The virtual portal will remain available from February 9, 2022 to February 25, 2022. The virtual portal can be accessed, starting February 9, 2022, via URL: northernroadlink.ca/vropehouse

Live Presentation and Question & Answer Event

A Live Presentation and Q&A Event is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study, the Project and review elements of the Draft ToR. The Live Event will start with a presentation, followed by a question and answer period with project team members. There will be an opportunity to submit questions and provide feedback via a questionnaire during and after the event to support our consultation efforts. Two live events will be held and a recording of the events will be published to the project website. Information gathered at the Live Event and through comments and questionnaires will be used both to refine the Proposed ToR and to gather information to inform the EA. You are invited to attend the Live Events, which have been scheduled as follows:

- Indigenous Community Open House: **Wednesday, February 23, 2022** starting at 6:00 pm.
- Public Open House: **Thursday, February 24, 2022** starting at 6:00 p.m.

Please use the link below to access the Live Event you plan on attending: <https://northernroadlink.ca/stream/>

Contact

For information on the study progress and updates, please visit the Northern Road Link website at www.northernroadlink.ca.

If you are unable to attend the Live Event, or have any comments or questions regarding the study, you are welcome to contact the following:

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