

The NRL Newsletter



What have we done since the last newsletter?

- Incorporated Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) comments into Proposed ToR
- Launched Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program
- Website - updated FAQs and recording of Open House #2 presentation
- Planning & Initiating 2022 Field programs
- Posted the Proposed ToR on April 29, 2022. Comments requested by June 28, 2022



Upcoming Activities!

- Submission of Initial Project Description to Impact Assessment Agency
- Ongoing 2022 field activities
- Ongoing meetings and presentations with Indigenous Communities regarding the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program
- Capacity funding availability to be launched by Province of Ontario
- Summer 2022 – Continued live stream radio shows on project focus areas including field program studies



5th Edition

June 2022

Did you know?

The NRL Project is included in the Physical Activities Regulation under the **Impact Assessment Act**. Therefore, an Initial and Detailed Project Description must be submitted to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. The Agency will then determine if the Project is subject to a Federal Impact Assessment (IA). If the Project is subject to a Federal Impact Assessment, the Agency will prepare a Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines which outlines what needs to be studied as part of the IA. A coordinated EA/IA process would be used to satisfy both the Federal and Provincial processes.

Proposed ToR: Comment Themes Received To Date

- Concerns related to potential cultural heritage, culture, and way of life impacts
- Identification of culturally sensitive and significant species/features in the study area
- Concerns related to fish and fish habitat



Anticipated Project Schedule

April 29, 2022 – June 28, 2022

Proposed ToR
Review Period



Summer 2022

Ongoing Engagement, IK
Program, Field Studies, and
Submission of IDP and DPD



Early 2023

Initiate Environmental
Assessment/Impact Assessment



Indigenous Knowledge

The Indigenous Knowledge (IK) program for NRL will collect existing IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use. Our approach to the IK Program is guided by the following key principles:

- The people are a source of knowledge on the uses of the land and its resources, cultural practices, and community values
- We are partners – our goal is to work together to complete the IK Program in a way that it can be meaningfully integrated into the assessment process



Submit your Comments on the Proposed ToR to:

Comments requested by **June 28, 2022**

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