

# NORTHERN ROAD LINK NEWSLETTER

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## **PROGRESS & UPDATES**

Progress and updates since the last Northern Road Link (NRL) newsletter include:

- December 14, 2022 close of additional time for Indigenous Communities to provide comments on the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for a Provincial Environmental Assessment
- January 2023 submission of Initial Project Description (IPD) to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (Agency)



## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Submission of IPD
- Finalizing responses to the proposed ToR comments
- Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests (ATRI) Forum
- Ongoing planning/permitting for 2023 field surveys
- Ongoing meetings and presentations with Indigenous Communities on the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program
- Livestream and radio shows including discussion of comments received on the proposed ToR

Winter 2023 Submission of IPD, IK Program **Commencement of Provincial** Environmental Assessment, **Ongoing Engagement, Field Studies** 

Spring 2023 IK Program, Submission of DPD. Ongoing Engagement, Field Studies

Summer 2023 Open Houses, Commencement of Federal Impact Assessment, Ongoing Engagement, IK Program, **Field Studies** 

IK: Indigenous Knowledge DPD: Detailed Project Description IPD: Initial Project Description

## **Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests** (ATRI) Forum

A 2-day ATRI Forum is being held February 8 & 9, 2023 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The ATRI Forum, hosted by the Province of Ontario, will focus on discussing potential impacts to potentially affected Indigenous communities' Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests for the following Projects:

- Webequie Supply Road (WSR)
- Northern Road Link (NRL)
- Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR)

The ATRI Forum will feature presentations, activities, and breakout sessions to provide a respectful, culturally-sensitive and collaborative space to develop an understanding of Aboriginal and/or Treaty Rights and Interests in any of the Project areas.

Representatives from NRL, MFFN CAR, WSR, the Agency and the Province will be in attendance.

For more information about this event, contact: info@northernroadlink.com



### READY... SET... SHOOT!

#### The Photo Contest is live!

What makes your community home? Send in photos of you using the land for a chance to win a \$250 Northern Store gift card.

Contest closes on April 30, 2023.

Contest details and rules available at.

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