

NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE

Northern Road Link Project

Marten Falls First Nation and Webequie First Nation

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) and Webequie First Nation (WFN) are conducting a coordinated Environmental Assessment/Impact Assessment (EA/IA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act* for the design, construction and operation/maintenance of a proposed all-season multi-use road called the Northern Road Link project (the Project). The Project is located between the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (MFFN CAR) 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 MFFN CAR.

THE PROCESS

The Proposed Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Project was approved by the provincial Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks on March 3, 2023. The ToR is a work plan for the provincial EA process. It proposes the range of studies required to understand the potential effects of the Project and the consultation to be undertaken. The Notice of Commencement of the EA was published on April 1, 2023.

On May 23, 2023, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) decided that the Project requires an IA. On August 18, 2023, the Agency issued Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) for the Project and the Notice of Commencement of an IA. The TISG provides direction and requirements for the proponent to prepare an Impact Statement (IS).

The EA/IA is now ongoing, with the proponent currently focusing on baseline studies, the alternatives assessment, the Indigenous Knowledge Program, and consultation and engagement activities. The proponent will prepare one document (and associated supporting documents) to meet the requirements of the EA and the IA. The Project team is calling this document an Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement (EAR/IS).

OPEN HOUSES

In-person Open Houses are being held to provide interested persons an opportunity to learn about the Project and the EA/IA. The Open Houses will each start with a 20-30 minute presentation, followed by time to visit different stations to discuss different topics and speak to Project team members. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback during and after the Open Houses to support our consultation efforts. In addition, we will post a recording of the presentation to the Project website. Information gathered at the Open Houses will be to inform the EA/IA. Questions about the Project and feedback on the Project can be provided at any time by contacting the Project team at info@northernroadlink.com and by participating in future consultation and engagement activities. To learn about future consultation and engagement activities please visit the Project website at www.northernroadlink.ca.

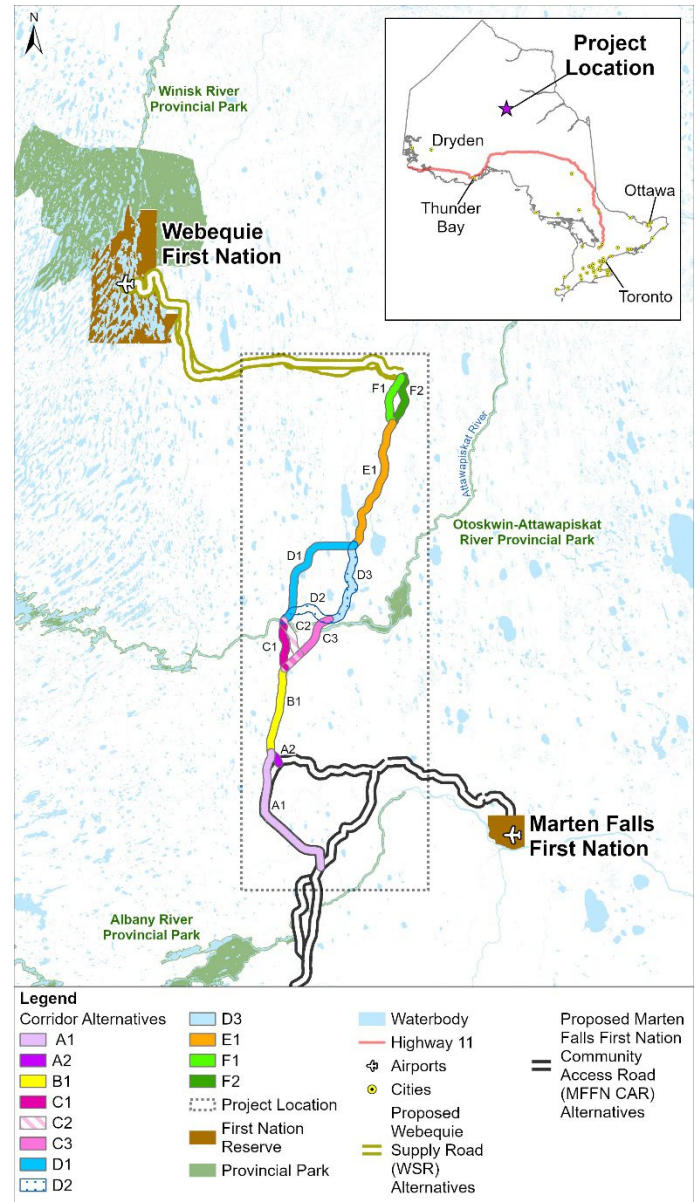
You are invited to attend the Open Houses, which have been scheduled as follows:

- Indigenous Community Open House:**

Tuesday October 17, 2023

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, Embassy Room
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay



- **Public Open Houses:**

Wednesday October 18, 2023

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, Embassy Room
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Thursday October 19, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #133
520 Main St, Geraldton

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Best Western Northwood
245-A Airport Road, Timmins

CONTACT

For information on the EA/IA and Project updates, please visit the Northern Road Link Project website at www.northernroadlink.ca.

If you are unable to attend the Open Houses, or have any comments or questions, you are welcome to contact the following:



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