

NORTHERN ROAD LINK NEWSLETTER

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YEAR IN REVIEW

Here are some key highlights from last year for the Northern Road Link (NRL) Project:

❄ **Winter:** Jointly hosted the *Three Road Projects Gathering and Expo* and presented at the PDAC Conference.

Spring: Completed winter/spring 2025 geotechnical field programs and gathered input on Draft Study Plans from communities.

Summer: Commenced socio-economic and human health data collection and conducted community workshops at Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) and Webequie First Nation (WFN).

Fall: Completed 2025 EA/IA-related fieldwork.

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SAVE THE DATE

NRL OPEN HOUSE #5

Mark your calendars for the upcoming NRL Open House #5. These sessions will focus on the **Preferred Corridor Selection** and provide an opportunity for community members to review plans, ask questions, and provide feedback.

Please save the dates for the upcoming Open House #5 sessions:

February 19:	**Timmins**
February 24 & 25:	**Thunder Bay**
February 26:	**Geraldton**

LIVESTREAMS AND RADIO SHOWS:

Keep an eye out for upcoming programs in 2026.

Alternatives Assessment

How the Evaluation Works

A multi-criteria assessment was completed to compare different corridor options and support the identification of the recommended Preferred Corridor. The process supports decision making that is traceable and repeatable. The assessment considered the following five key factors:

- **Indigenous Land Use & Interests**
  - For example: hunting areas, traplines, cultural sites, etc.
- **Biological Environment**
  - For example: caribou, fish habitat, wetlands, species at risk, etc.
- **Physical Environment**
  - For example: water bodies, air quality, and greenhouse gases, etc.
- **Socio-Economic Environment**
  - For example: archaeology, parks, and recreation, etc.
- **Technical Considerations**
  - For example: construction costs and challenges like permafrost, etc.

Current Status

The Project is currently at **Step 6**, which involves summarizing results and identifying a recommendation. The Project team will focus on:

- **Community Feedback:** Discussing these results with stakeholders and Indigenous communities to answer questions and gather input.
- **Open Houses:** Hosting events to present the preliminary results and obtain direct feedback.
- **Final Selection:** Refining the model if necessary and documenting the final decision in a formal assessment report.

