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December 19, 2018

Chief Cornelius Wabasse
P.O. Box 268
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Wabasse:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
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Don Parkinson, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin
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Lori Churchill, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Cornelius Wabasse
Chief
Webequie First Nation
P.O. Box 268
Webequie, ON P0T3A0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Wabasse:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Webequie First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Webequie First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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25) Please indicate whether the Webequie First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

26) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

27) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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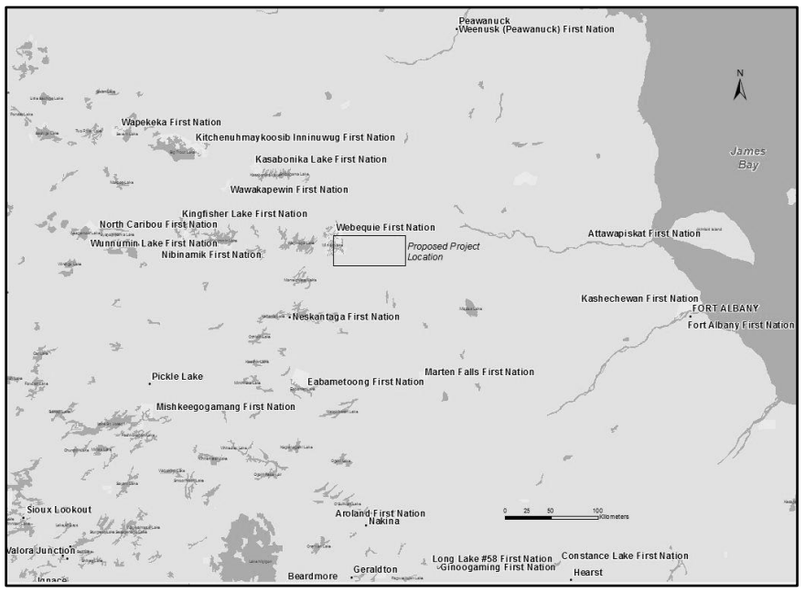
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 11:19 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Webequie First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Wabasse,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Webequie First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Cornelius Wabasse
Chief
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Wabasse,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

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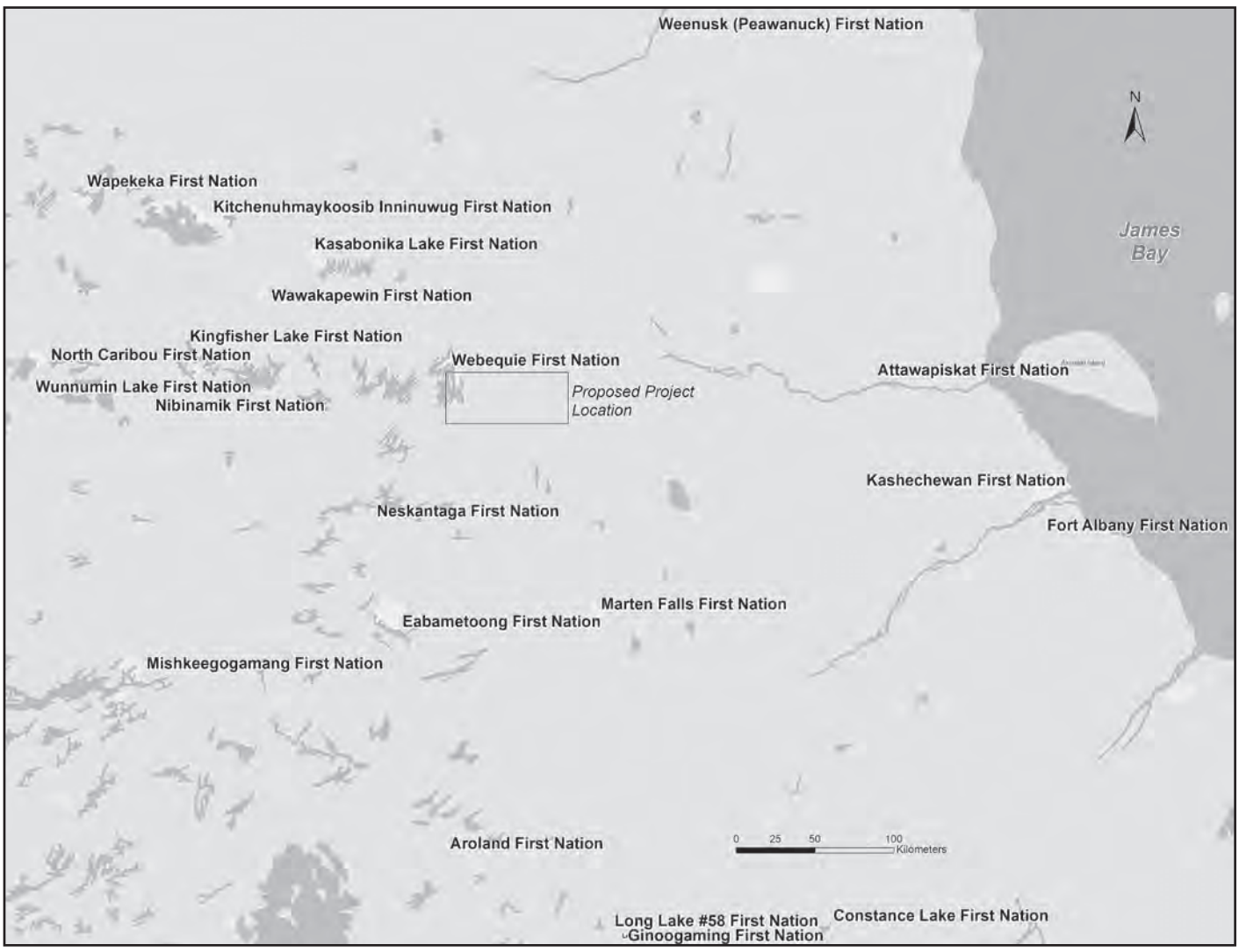
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USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

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Environmental Assessment

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A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to Webequie First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Public Information Centre, first published on October 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

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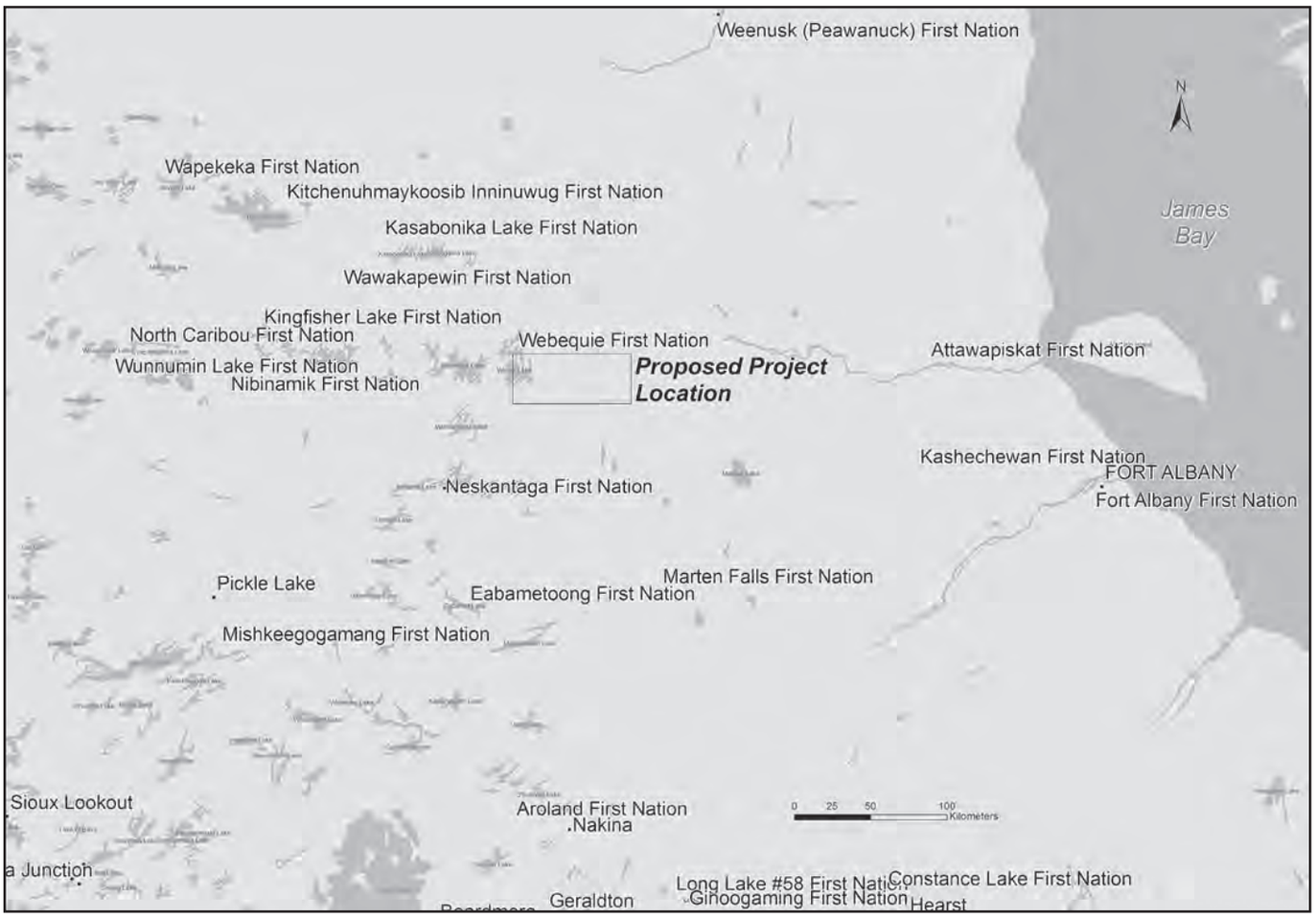
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

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We look forward to seeing you there.

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Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Webequie First Nation
February 11, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a community information session on February 11, 2019, at the Webequie First Nation Band Office. The purpose of this information session was to introduce the Webequie Supply Road Project and to share information on the Environmental Assessment Process and the winter field studies, and answer questions from community members.

Approximately 23 people attended the community information session. The meeting began with a presentation by the Project Team, followed by a question and answer period. A community member was available to translate the information presented in Oji-Cree.

QUESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION

After the overview presentation, community members asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

1. Q: What other communities are involved?
   R: There are a total of 22 Indigenous communities that the government suggested we consult with.

2. Q: What would happen if some communities or community members oppose the project?
   R: We will listen to all concerns from communities and we will work to come up with a solution to ensure that all concerns are taken into consideration. For example, if the road is crossing a sacred site, the road may need to move.

3. Q: Are community members going to be receiving employment?
   R: We currently have community members in BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources) training in order to have community members working on the Project. The goal is to have community members gain environmental field work experience.

4. Q: Will we be able to hear the comments/concerns of other Indigenous communities?
   R: When we go into the other communities we will collect and share the opinions and concerns of those other Indigenous communities.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that a meeting with Chief and Council and another community information session will take place in late February to share information about the Project and the Environmental Assessment. The Project Team will be arranging for meetings with other Indigenous communities to introduce the Project and seek their feedback.



WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION SUPPLY ROAD
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Webequie First Nation
February 22, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with the newly elected Chief and Council and a community information session on February 22, 2019, at the Webequie First Nation Band Hall. The purpose of these meetings was to provide a project overview of the Webequie Supply Road Project, share information on the Terms of Reference and the Environmental Assessment Process and the winter field studies, and answer questions from community members.

The Chief and Council meeting occurred prior to the community information session. The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. Approximately 42 people attended the community information session. The presentation discussed the engagement process, EA process and the winter field studies that had been or were in the process of being undertaken. The presentation was orally translated by a community member, Morley Jacob, to ensure that community members were able to understand materials presented.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEETING

Prior to the presentation and questions from Webequie FN community members, Chief Cornelius Wabasse addressed community members and noted the importance of the EA and that there will be continued communications such as presentations, newsletters, etc. for community members to be informed throughout the process. Chief Wabasse advised community members that the Land Use Plan is in progress and stressed the importance of the Three Tier Structure that will be included in the WSR project activities.

After the overview presentation, community members asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics (marked "R")*, where provided.

1. Q: Why is the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) involved in this process?
   R: The CEAA is involved because the Project is a designated project under the CEAA 2012 legislation. More specifically, the proposed road is more than 50 km, which is the

trigger for a federal EA. The project is large enough that it could have impacts and those impacts need to be properly studied.

2. Q: Why is the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) involved?
   R: The MECP is involved because a project of this size requires a full individual Environmental Assessment (EA). This is a large scale project with potential significant environmental impacts which need to be studied. The Individual EA will then require MECP approval.

3. Q: What is the relationship between CEAA and MECP and the goal?
   R: There are two levels of government that require an EA. This will be a coordinated EA process and one report will be completed to satisfy both requirements. The EA process needs to be completed and if both CEAA and MECP are satisfied that the EA has sufficiently assessed the impacts and that any impacts can be appropriately mitigated, an EA approval letter will be issued to formally authorize the project. In addition, before the start of construction, there are a number of federal and provincial permits required to ensure construction impacts on the environment are mitigated appropriately.

4. Q: What are the benefits?
   R: The EA will look at the social and economic impacts, both positive and negative, as a result of the supply road. The social impacts will assess the benefits such as environmental stewardship, training, job creation.

5. Q: Are you considering other land users and the impacts to the animals?
   R: The road will be designed and built responsibly to ensure that we take into consideration what is important to the community. We need to know information about wildlife and their habitats so that we can keep the road out of those areas, or minimize any possible impacts if the road cannot avoid these areas.

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The following points provide a brief summary of the main feedback shared by community members (marked “MP” for member point).

Community Benefits

- MP: The supply road will be a benefit to the community. The Supply Road fits with the community’s values and will provide social and economic benefits to the community.
  R: *The Terms of Reference (ToR) is a guide of what we want to study to ensure we look at all the impacts of the project, both positive and negative. We want to hear from you and what you want assessed in the EA.*

Revenue Sharing from Resource Projects in the Region

- MP: The community has not seen any revenue previously from resource projects in the area.
  R: *Part of the socio-economic assessment is finding both positive and negative impacts, which may include revenue sharing in some form.*

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by community members.

Consideration for Land Users

- MP: Heard that the road was running into someone's trapline. During your assessment, ensure that the road is not going through traplines.
  R: *The Team needs to know information like this and about the wildlife and their specific areas so that the road is built responsibly.*

Historical Areas

- MP: There are historical sites in the surrounding areas with pictographs that are culturally significant. Ensure that this will not be impacted. Before the Project Team conducts their field studies, I would like to go ahead and see what is currently there.
  R: *Noted.*

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for the Project Team to follow-up. The Project Team will ensure to follow-ups with Webequie community members in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and comments are responded to.

1. The Project Team to advise community when field studies will be conducted so that community members can go out in the field to scope out areas of importance.

2. The Project Team will advise Webequie Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete and to arrange for a community visit to discuss and seek input on the Draft ToR.

3. Webequie FN C&C and community will review the ToR and provide input to be incorporated.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that additional community information sessions will take place to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. The Project Team encouraged community members to provide input as to what should be included as part of draft Terms of Reference. Community members were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.



WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
COMMUNITY MEETING

Webequie First Nation
May 30, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Webequie First Nation community members on May 30, 2019 at the Webequie First Nation Community Centre. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and the EA Terms of Reference (ToR).

Approximately 50 to 60 community members attended the community meeting.

Michael Fox of Indigenous and Community Engagement (ICE) delivered the presentation, with Matthias Suganaqueb providing Ojibway translation. The presentation included: (1) a description of the engagement/consultation process; (2) a brief project description; (3) a description of the EA process, including the Coordinated Federal/Provincial EA Process; (4) a description of the ToR and how it will be prepared; and (5) the need for input from community members. It was noted that this was an EA for Webequie's Supply Road Project and not a Ring of Fire-related mining project or link to the provincial road network. The project will include Webequie's Three Tier Approach. Throughout the process, the Community will be kept apprised of the components and activities of the project. Community members were encouraged to provide input and feedback particularly on potential environmental effects of the project and how to limit these effects.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Webequie FN Leadership and members both on and off-reserve in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to create tools and videos to explain the Project.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will visit the community a number of times throughout the EA process to provide additional information. Webequie members were encouraged to ask the

Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website and meeting with Samson Jacob the Local Consultation Coordinator for this project.

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
COMMUNITY MEETING

Webequie First Nation – AGM Info Session
July 16, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team attended the Webequie FN AGM on July 16, 2019 at the Webequie First Nation Community Centre. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and the EA Terms of Reference (ToR).

Communication materials provided at the AGM included: 100 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 100 copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English; 100 copies of the Community Newsletter in English; 100 copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English; 100 copies of the Webequie Supply Road Newsletter for Webequie FN; and 20 Community Meeting Feedback Forms. Approximately sixty (60) community members attended the AGM - Supply Road Info Session portion.

Don Parkinson of SNC-Lavalin delivered the presentation, with Mathias Suganaqueb providing Ojibway translation. The presentation included: (1) a description of the engagement/consultation process; (2) a brief project description; (3) a description of the EA process, including the Coordinated Federal/Provincial EA Process; (4) a description of the ToR and how it will be prepared; and (5) the need for input from community members. It was noted that this was an EA for Webequie's Supply Road Project and not a Ring of Fire-related mining project or link to the provincial road network. The project will include Webequie's Three Tier Approach. Throughout the process, the Community will be kept apprised of the components and activities of the project. Community members were encouraged to provide input and feedback particularly on potential environmental effects of the project and how to limit these effects.

The following Studies have occurred or will be occurring during this process:

1. Baseline Studies – to establish existing conditions

- Winter Aerial Caribou Survey
- Spring Waterfowl Survey
- Woodland Caribou Calving Habitat Survey
- Bat Survey

- Breeding and Marsh Birds
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Aquatic Habitat
- Vegetation
- Ground Penetrating Radar
- Drilling to understand soil types in areas where bridges may be
- Water sampling in 30 different locations

2. Socio-Economic Environment Studies

3. Cultural Studies

4. Alternatives considered vs Preferred Route

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Webequie FN Leadership and members both on and off-reserve in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Webequie of potential information meetings
2. Project Team to arrange a follow-up.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will visit the community a number of times throughout the EA process to provide additional information. The purpose of this community information session was to provide a project update and to seek feedback and comments on the EA . Webequie members were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website and meeting with Samson Jacob the Local Consultation Coordinator for this project.

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
COMMUNITY MEETING

Webequie First Nation – Off-Reserve Members
August 16, 2019
Open House: 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Presentation: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

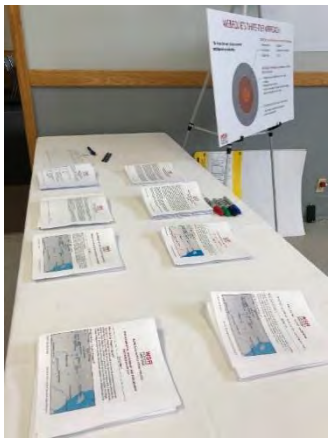
OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Webequie FN off-reserve membership on August 16, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Centre in Thunder Bay. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The first part of the meeting was in open house format for community members to view display boards, communication materials, and to speak to the Project Team. Display boards included: Webequie's Three-Tier Approach; Environmental Baseline Studies; and the Preliminary Preferred Route. Communication materials provided at the open house included: 50 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 50 copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 50 copies of the Community Newsletter in English; 50 copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English; 50 copies of the Webequie Supply Road Newsletter for Webequie FN; 30 copies of the presentation slide deck; and 50 Community Meeting Feedback Forms. Approximately six (6) community members attended the open house.

A dinner and presentation followed the open house. The presentation was on the engagement/consultation process, brief project description, the EA process, the ToR and how it will be prepared and the need for input from Indigenous communities. Approximately twenty-three (23) off-reserve community members attended the dinner and presentation.





FEEDBACK FORMS

The Project Team received two (2) completed feedback forms after the community meeting. The following is a summary of the feedback:

- How did you learn about this Community Meeting?
  - Word of mouth
  - Notice
- What was your main reason for attending this meeting?
  - Want to know how this Project will impact me;
  - Interested in the Project, Want to ask questions or express my concerns;
- What are the good things about the supply road?
  - Business Opportunities
  - Accessibility
- What are the bad things about the supply road?
  - Disruption to communities
  - Change in traditional land and resources
  - Potential environmental impacts
  - Changes to way of life
- Do you have any comments on the route selection?
  - Security is the priority.
  - Fuel and other hazardous materials should not be transported by water and should be restricted.
- Did the meeting help you with your understanding of the Project?
  - Yes
  - Somewhat
- Is there any information that you would like to be provided that was not presented at the meeting?
  - Yes
  - No
- Were you given the opportunity to participate in the meeting – ask questions or express your interest/concern?
  - Somewhat
  - No
- What would help the Webequie Project Team improve these community meetings in the future?
  - One-on-one discussions with the Project Team
  - Provide more information
  - Breakout sessions

- Additional Comments: There are many pros and cons to this Project as there is much concern over what will happen to traditional territories. There are also concerns over accessibility to safe drinking water and to traditional lands. These uncertainties are likely to cause unrest and possibly violence in the community. The children would likely suffer more due to the history and the community needs to heal first before undertaking such an impactful change.





ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Webequie FN off-reserve members in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Webequie off-reserve members when the Draft ToR is complete.

2. Project Team to arrange a follow-up off-reserve community information session.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Webequie off-reserve members once the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with off-reserve members and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to provide a project update and to seek feedback and comments on the Draft ToR. Webequie off-reserve members were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
CHIEF AND COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEETING

Webequie First Nation
October 1, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Webequie FN Chief and Council and community members on October 1, 2019 at Webequie FN Band Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a project update to both Chief and Council and community members. Approximately 27 community members were in attendance.

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of an update on consultation activities to date including: (1) FN communities that have been consulted with; (2) key themes of comments FN communities have provided to the Project Team; (3) a description of the upcoming socio-cultural study component of the EA; (4) the need for Webequie community participation; (5) key findings of the vegetation and wildlife survey; and (6) the need to meet with Webequie community members to discuss the importance of plants and animals. The Project Team provided 10 hard copies of the presentation to Chief and Council for their information and reference. The presentation was translated by Gordon Wabasse, Chair of the Webequie Supply Road Project Management Team. The meeting was recorded and documented.

OPENING REMARKS

Prior to the presentation, Gordon Wabasse provided opening remarks and described the purpose of the community meeting. Gordon Wabasse translated the presentation into Ojibway.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

After the presentation, community members asked questions of clarification regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project (marked “Q”). Responses from each respective Project Team are noted in italics (marked ‘R”), where provided:

1. Q: We have seen planes flying around the community in the past week. I was out at my trapline and saw a plane flying, even at night. Was that for the environmental surveys?
   R: That was not part of our field team. We did have a helicopter flying around the community during the day between Webequie and survey locations. That work was completed between Sunday, September 22 until Thursday, September 26.

2. Q: There have been impacts on water quality and fish communities from Musselwhite Mine. How does something like this get incorporated into the Terms of Reference (ToR)?
   R: We conduct baseline studies on the current environment so that there is data to compare to when environmental monitoring is conducted. This environmental monitoring can be done during construction activities of the road. For example, water quality can be monitored during construction. After the EA is completed and approved, there will be conditions the road construction will have to follow. You as a community can request for environmental monitoring during and after construction to ensure that water quality is monitored.

3. What happens if an accident occurs on the road such as a spill? Who is going to be accountable?
   R: We do not know yet if this road is going to be a FN-owned road, private road or government road. However, environmental management plans (EMPs) are developed that will be followed to address and limit environmental impacts during construction of the road. Additionally, Emergency Response Plans are usually required.

4. What about liability and incidences for crews that are out in the field?
   R: Our company and contractors have safety plans in place to ensure that crews are safe when conducting field work in the field. In addition, our company, as well as our sub-contractors, have insurance.

5. Will the project need permits?
   R: If the EA is approved, we will have a number of permits that will need to be acquired. We will require permits from a number of different ministries.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by community members.

Impacts to Fish

- MP: I have heard that there is mercury in the fish by Kingfisher Lake FN and they can only eat a certain size of pickerel because of the mercury content.
  R: Please let us know in your comments on the Draft ToR that you would want to have mercury content in fish looked at. When a road is built, it is built according to Environmental Management Plans (EMPs), which are best practices and ways to conduct construction activities in a manner that limits and mitigates potential environmental impacts. For example, with waste, you must dispose of it properly, which is described in the EMPs.

Safety on Site

- MP: If an accident happens, we as a community would have to stop the project.

CLOSING REMARKS

Chief Wabasse and Gordon Wabasse provided closing remarks. Chief Wabasse and Gordon thanked the Project Team for visiting the community and providing a project update.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Webequie FN Chief and Council and community members in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to send Webequie FN Chief and Council and Community Members a newsletter that will outline the roles and responsibilities of the Webequie Project Management Team.

2. Project Team to provide Webequie community members another update as the project progresses.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is released for a 30-day public review period. Webequie FN Chief and Council and community members were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.





WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
COMMUNITY MEETING

Webequie First Nation – Off-Reserve Members
October 8, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Webequie FN off-reserve membership on October 8, 2019 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre, Regency Rooms A&B. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process, give a brief Project description and to provide a general Project update.

The meeting was in an open house and presentation format, with dinner provided. Community members were provided an opportunity to view display boards, communication materials, and to speak to the Project Team. The presentation consisted of: (1) a description of the engagement/consultation process; (2) a brief project description; (3) an outline of the EA process; (4) a general Project update; and (5) a request for input from Indigenous communities. Display boards included: Why Are We Here Today; Background information; Regional Project Setting; Webequie's Three-Tier Approach; Webequie's Elder's Principles; Description of the Project; Project Phases and Associated Activities; Coordinated Webequie Federal-Provincial EA Process; What Does An Environmental Assessment Consider?; Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation of the Natural, Socio Economic, and Cultural Environment; Environmental Baseline Studies; Road Design Studies; Hydrology in Road Design; Alternative Concepts Studies; Screening of Alternative Concepts – Webequie Community Input; Preferred Corridor Based on Community Input; Best Route Based on Terrain/Soils; Summary; Project Timeline and the Project Team Contact Information Page.

Communication materials provided at the open house included: 50 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 50 copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 50 copies of the Community Newsletter in English; 50 copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English; 50 copies of the Webequie Supply Road Newsletter for Webequie FN; and 50 Community Meeting Feedback Forms. Approximately thirty-eight (38) off-reserve community members attended the dinner and presentation.

The meeting began with an opening prayer. Chief Cornelius Wabasse welcomed the Project Team to the meeting with off-reserve members. Chief Wabasse provided a project status update. Gordon Wabasse, Director of Lands and Resources and Chair of the Webequie Project Management Team, opened his remarks by noting that EA study emphasis needs to be placed on community well-being, infrastructure, and environmental stewardship. He also noted that the

EA for the Project encompasses project impacts both on the environment and the community as a whole.

Translation of the presentation to Ojibway was provided by Harry Wabasse, a community member and councillor. The meeting ended with a closing prayer.





FEEDBACK FORMS

The Project Team received five (5) completed feedback forms after the community meeting. Community members were able to select more than one option per question. The following is a summary of the feedback:

- How did you learn about this Community Meeting?
  - Notice (2);
  - Facebook post (2);
  - Word of mouth, radio, website
- What was your main reason for attending this meeting?
  - Have not heard of this Project;
  - Interested in the Project (4)
  - Want to know how the Project will impact me
- What are the good things about the supply road?
  - Business opportunities (3),
  - Training opportunities (2);
  - Accessibility (3);
  - Employment opportunities (2);
- What are the bad things about the supply road?
  - Change in traditional land and resources (2);
  - Potential environmental impacts (2);
  - Outsider access (3);
  - Disruption to the communities (2);
  - Changes to way of life (2)
- Do you have any comments on the route selection?
  - The route selection is good. It will provide a direct benefit to the community in terms of creating opportunities and growing the communities' economy.

- Did the meeting help you with your understanding of the Project?
    - Yes (4);
    - Somewhat
- Is there any information that you would like to be provided that was not presented at the meeting?
    - Yes;
    - Somewhat;
    - No (3)
- Were you given the opportunity to participate in the meeting – ask questions or express your interest/concern?
    - Yes (2);
    - Somewhat;
    - No (2)
- What would help the Webequie Project Team improve these community meetings in the future?
    - Additional material (handouts, etc.) (2);
    - One-on-one discussions with the Project Team;
    - Breakout Sessions;
    - More time for questions and answers;
    - Provide more information
- Additional Comments:
    - The Webequie Supply Road Project will benefit businesses and community relations – this benefit will improve the quality of life of the communities involved. Negative impacts may be present, but we are confident that there will be enough positive impacts from the Project to balance the adverse effects out. The cons of the Project are likely to affect other FN communities as well in which we need to be proactive regarding the impacts and challenges.
    - It would be appreciated if you let us know in advance of any upcoming meetings. This October 8th meeting was not posted anywhere, only the October 9th meeting.
    - I am unsure about the Project at times specifically when the Project Team's presentation relates to FN decision and approval, yet the Province of Ontario has arguably the greatest influence on decision making and setting regulations and permits. Also, the federal government solely controls all land and resources.
    - Additional material handouts transcribed in Native language for the elders to read would be appreciated.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Webequie FN off-reserve members in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to provide answer to community member question "Will the impacts to water, from the road from the south (East to West), be assessed as well?".

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team will be following up on Draft ToR comments that were raised in the 30-day public review period. Webequie FN off-reserve members were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
COMMUNITY MEETING

Webequie First Nation – Off-Reserve Members
December 9, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Webequie FN off-reserve membership on December 9, 2019 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre for the off-reserve member holiday party. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an update on the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project and status of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).

A dinner was provided. Prior to the start of the dinner, an opening prayer was provided by an Elder. Chief Cornelius Wabasse provided opening remarks, wishing community members a happy holiday season and thanking the Project Team for attending the holiday dinner to provide an update on the WSR Project.

The Project Team provided a brief update on the WSR Project. The update was translated into Ojibway by Councillor Harry Wabasse. The project update included: summary of key themes and issues/concerns of comments received on the Draft ToR, and an update on key milestones of the project.

Over 160 off-reserve community members attended the dinner and presentation. No feedback or issues/concerns were raised by community members.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Webequie off-reserve members to provide additional update as the project progresses. Webequie off-reserve members were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.2

Aroland First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Dorothy Towedo
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Towedo:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Dorothy Towedo
Chief
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Aroland, ON P0T1B0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Towedo:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Aroland First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Aroland First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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1) Please indicate whether the Aroland First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

2) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

3) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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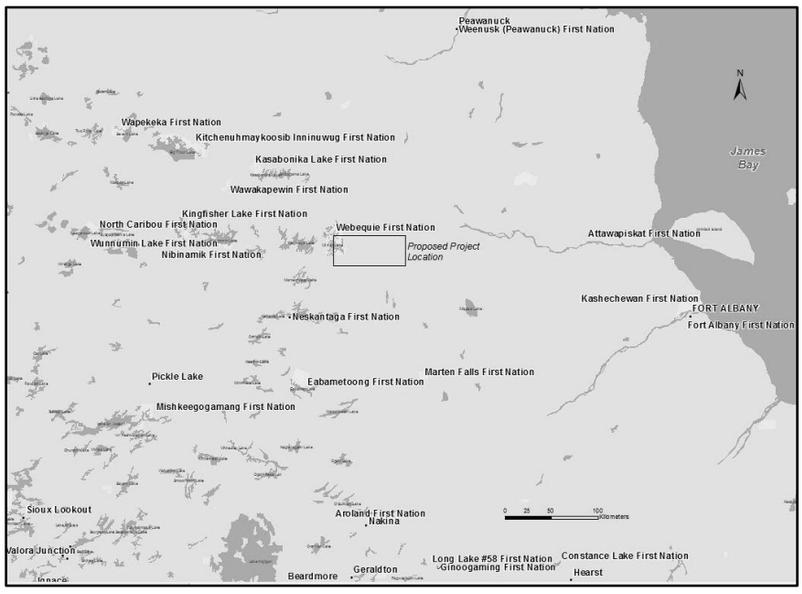
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public, as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.

This notice was first published January 25, 2019

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September 11, 2019

Ms. Dorothy Towedo
Chief
Aroland First Nation
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Aroland, ON P0T1B0

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Towedo,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

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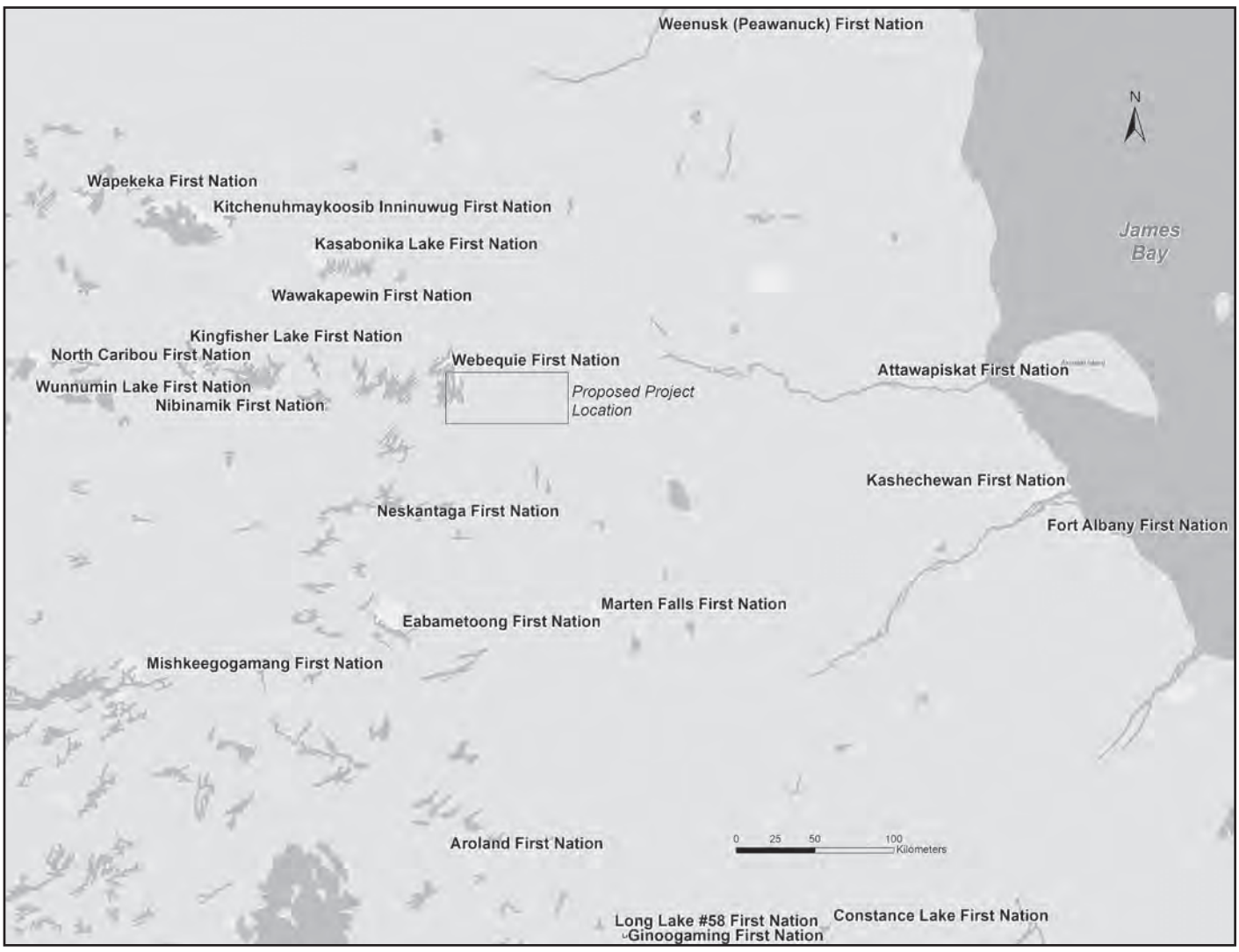
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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

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500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
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Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Thunder Bay, ON
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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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October 2, 2019

Chief Dorothy Towedo
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Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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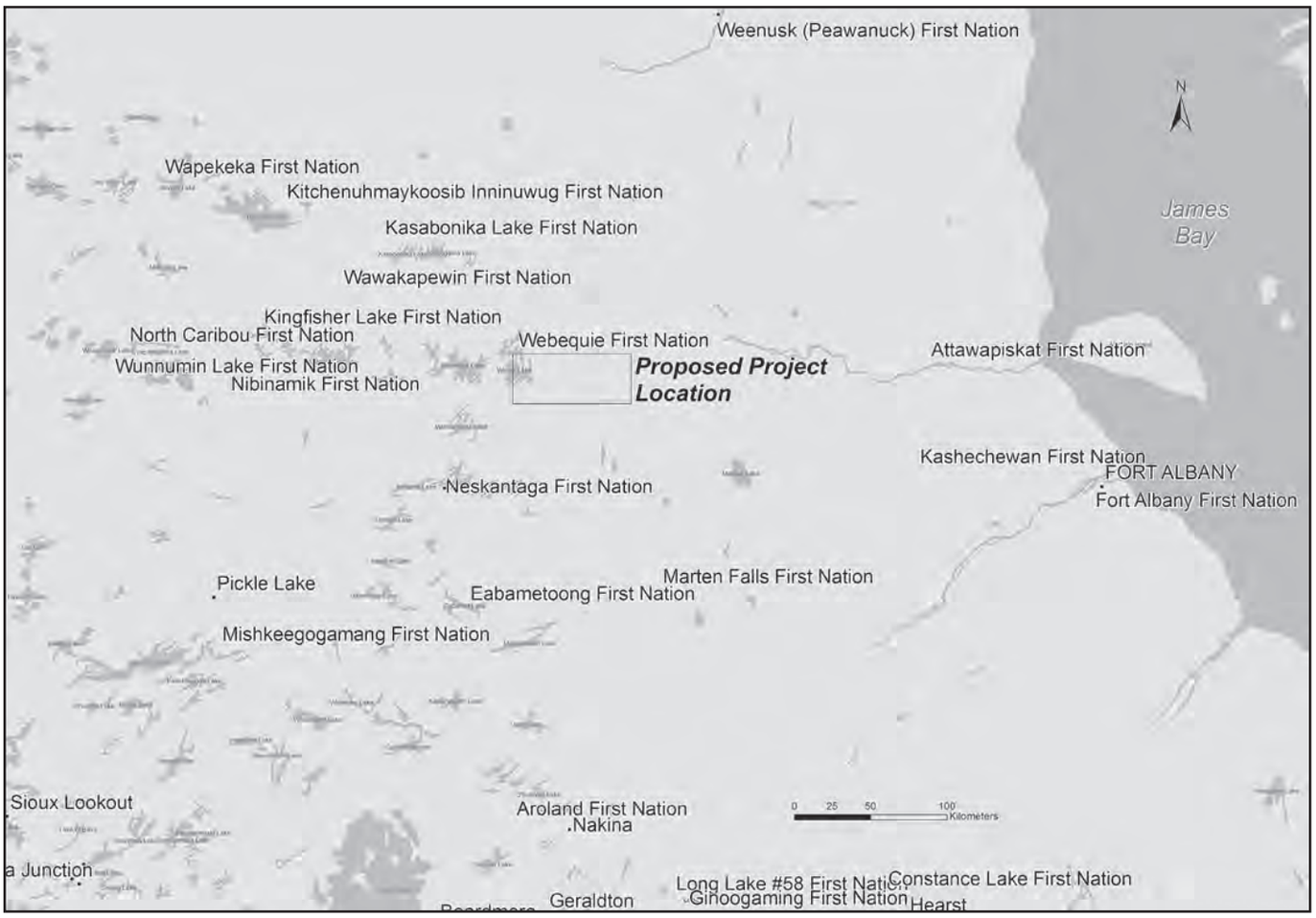
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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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RE: Webequie Supply Road Project Draft Terms of Reference Comments

After reviewing the Draft Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment ("The Project"), Aroland First Nation (AFN) has a number of comments and concerns related to the potential impacts of The Project on the region. Our concerns include the potential for direct impacts to our community and traditional territory that would result from the connection of the Project to the provincial highway system, as well as the potential for cumulative effects that would result from additional road and mining developments in the region.

It is our position that presenting the Project in isolation without considering the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region under-represents the potential impacts of the project. AFN holds the position that a regional assessment is absolutely necessary to assess the impacts of potential mineral development activity and its supporting infrastructure in the Ring of Fire. Once operating, all-season roads like this one will enable extensive mineral exploration development activities with widespread cumulative effects on our people and our inherent and established Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

Draft Terms of Reference Comments

Terms of Reference Section	Terms of Reference Excerpt	Comment
1.3 Project Background and Context	To provide context and background for the proposed development of the all-season Webequie Supply Road (WSR) and the scope of this EA, it is important to understand the various road/transportation studies that have been completed in the region. A brief description of these relevant studies is presented below. Section 5 of the ToR (Description of and Rationale for Alternatives) provides additional detail. All of these studies have	The Noront document "Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012" includes the document titled" SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010". This is a primary road/transportation study undertaken by the project management consultant for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment and is publicly available. This document is an important road/transportation study completed in the region, by the by the project management

	contributed to the rationale for the development of the WSR.	consultant for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment, is entirely relevant to the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment and should be referenced in the Project Background and Context Section. This reference should include the conclusions of the study, including the conclusion of the study that the Nakina to McFauld's Lake route option "is not the lowest cost option or the shortest distance however, this route not only addresses the mandate to provide access for the residence of Martin Falls to the mine site and Nakina but also provides an opportunity for the local community to participate in the project. Long term benefits to the local businesses and residence include opportunities for employment, training, access to secondary education facilities and better access to medical facilities. In addition, the provincial government will possibly be a stake holder and may provide financial assistance or incentives that will reduce Norton's capital cost for the project." SNC-Lavalin provided this option with a number 1 ranking, and included the following notes in support of this ranking: • Most beneficial to Martin Falls community by providing employment and economic opportunities to residents and businesses. • Possibly 2 stake holders, Noront and provincial Government of Ontario • A spur road could be constructed to Webequie • Martin Falls Band and the Webequie band would have the opportunity to participate in the project. • Increased certainty of supplies to local communities and lower costs for supplies. SNC-Lavalin's conclusion, including the potential for a spur road constructed from

		McFaulds Lake to Webeque, is mirrored in the WSR EA ToR, September 2109. The primary focus of this SNC-Lavalin scoping study is the development of transportation infrastructure consisting of: • An all–seasons road from McFaulds Lake to a major highway or rail link • Infrastructure facilities required for concentrate handling at Nakina and Pickle Lake. The proposed transportation concept considered for this SNS-Lavalin report is to transport mine operating supplies (primarily fuel, reagents, grinding media, AN, explosives etc.) from either Pickle Lake or Nakina, Ontario to McFaulds Lake by an all season road and transport concentrate out either by truck or by pipeline. Four road route options were considered in this 2010 SNC-Lavalin scoping study. Based on the scoping study findings, two route options have been short listed, and it is recommended that further geotechnical work be scheduled and executed before final route selection. These routes are Option 3 Nakina to Martin Falls to McFaulds Lake or Option 2 Pickle Lake to Mc Faulds Lake. Option 2 starts at Pickle Lake, continues northeast to the Attawapiskat River crossing and continues north to McFaulds Lake. Option 3 Nakina to Martin Fall crosses the Albany River, continues north to the Attawapiskat crossing then north to the McFaulds Lake mine site.
1.4 Purpose and Rationale for the Undertaking and Study	In the Introduction it is stated: it is expected that there will ultimately be an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments. This means that, with implementation of the Project, it is also likely that Webequie First Nation could more readily gain year-round access to the provincial highway system (i.e., the community currently	The Purpose of the Undertaking should be amended to include the following goal/objective: To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. This is obviously a goal/objective for the undertaking and must be included as part of the Purpose of the Undertaking.

	has no plans to avoid an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system). It is in this scenario that the effects of the road would likely be realized or felt to the fullest.	Webequie First Nation is clear that in the Rationale for the Undertaking that it "will maintain interests in participating in either of the north-south and/or east-west all-season road options."
2.1.3 Process for Federal-Provincial Coordinated EA	To help facilitate a coordinated process, an EA Coordination Team has been established for this project that includes representatives of both the federal and provincial governments. The purpose of this team is to address and coordinate the requirements of both processes in an efficient manner.	As the Proponent is aware, First Nations are governments. All potentially impacted First Nation governments must be offered the opportunity to be members of the EA Coordination Team to provide their First Nation government input, and meet with the Proponent on a regular basis to exchange information, provide multi-lateral updates on the EA process and other regional planning processes, explore issues and try to collectively resolve them before they compromise the EA process, work on a coordinating EAs and related regional planning processes to keep these processes moving forward in a coordinated fashion to the greatest possible extent, and seek feedback from potentially impacted parties.
3.2 Indication of How the Environmental Assessment is to be Prepared		Aroland First Nation has no objection to the Proponent preparing the EA under Section 6.1(2) of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Aroland First Nation further agrees that project alternatives (i.e., alternatives to the undertaking) have been considered to the point where a planning solution for fulfilling the project purpose, provided that the project purposes is amended as noted above to include the goal/objective: To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Therefore, "alternative methods" to be examined during the EA for carrying out the Undertaking will need to include "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method.

4. Description of the Undertaking	The Project consists of a new all-season road of approximately 107 km in length from WFN to the mineral deposit development area near McFaulds Lake	The Description of the Undertaking should be amended to: The Project consists of a new all-season road of approximately 107 km in length from WFN to the mineral deposit development area near McFaulds Lake, and a future connection to the provincial highway system.
4.1 Design Considerations and Criteria	"…input from Indigenous communities (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge), government agencies…"	Aroland First Nation, and other potentially impacted First Nations, are governments. The language should be amended: "…input from Indigenous governments (including Indigenous Knowledge), Crown government agencies…" This language should be reflected across the ToR.
5.1.1 Alternatives to the Undertaking	The range of "alternatives to" the Project (i.e., functionally different ways of approaching the opportunities identified by Webequie First Nation to improve the community's economic and social well-being) was limited by the primary objectives of the Project, as determined by Webequie First Nation	The MECP Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments states that a "reasonable range of alternatives must be considered." The purpose of the requirement to consider alternatives is to ensure that the most appropriate means of addressing the identified problem or opportunity is selected. The Proponent is clear that the problem/opportunity includes Webequie First Nation to advancing options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Examining the alternatives for "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project will enable the Proponent to assess, and consult on, examining alternatives that will assist in identifying potential environmental effects, and identifying potential advantages and disadvantages between various options for solving the problem or taking advantage of an opportunity that provides environmental and/or societal benefits. As

		MECP notes in the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments, this approach within the environmental assessment will help illustrate why and how the Proponent has selected the preferred alternative methods for the Project. As noted above, "alternative methods" to be examined during the EA for carrying out the Undertaking will need to include "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method and alternative methods for connections between the Supply Road and: • North-South connection through Nakina via Highway 584; • North-South connection adjacent to Aroland First Nation via Highways 634 and 584 • Eastern connection to the DeBeers Victor diamond mine; potential port facilities at the Attawapiskat First Nation; and connection to the James Bay coast winter road, with connection to rail facilities in Moosonee; and • East-West connection to the Pickle Lake Road (previously Highway 808) and Highway 599 near Pickle Lake. Effects related to these alternatives for connecting the Supply Road to the provincial highway system will need to be assessed as part of this EA, and carried forward into the EA. Aroland First Nation is not suggesting that the specific roads be assessed, but that the alternative methods for *connecting* the Webequie Supply Road to this reasonable range of previously proposed roads to the Ring of Fire mining area should be identified and carried forward for assessment in the EA.

		In the Introduction it is stated: "it is expected that there will ultimately be an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments. This means that, with implementation of the Project, it is also likely that Webequie First Nation could more readily gain year-round access to the provincial highway system (i.e., the community currently has no plans to avoid an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system). It is in this scenario that the effects of the road would likely be realized or felt to the fullest." Section 5.1.2.1 Background and Context provides extensive information on the need for Webequie First Nation to be connected to the provincial highway system through an all-season road, and the benefits of such a connection.
5.1.2.2 Alternative Road Corridors	"…the identification of the current alternative road corridors for the WSR EA is limited to those between the Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area."	As noted above, the Purpose of the Undertaking should be amended to include the following goal/objective: To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. The Proponent makes it very clear in the Draft ToR that the Webequie Supply Road Project will ultimately include an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Therefore, the identification of alternative road and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system must be carried forward for assessment in the EA. This will enable the Proponent to carry out, and consult on, alternative connections and the range of potential impacts that will result from those connections, together with a detailed cumulative effects assessment that includes

		the road corridor(s) to the provincial highway system as part of the overall effects assessment, and determination of the preferred alternative.
5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	Webequie First Nation conducted an initial examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area. This examination did not include reference to the aforementioned SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010 appendix to the Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012	Webequie First Nation's examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area should include examination of the SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010 appendix to the Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012.
5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	Webequie and Marten Falls have engaged in regular dialogue regarding shared uses and interests, including in the context of Marten Falls' own CBLUP process. At the Draft Plan stage, in order to respect the ongoing Three-Nation discussions, Webequie First Nation has chosen not to advance planning direction in the shared area. Dialogue will be ongoing between the Draft and Final Plan to confirm a respectful planning arrangement for the shared area. Webequie and Marten Falls are currently advancing their interests in access between the communities, Ring of Fire and the region by way of proposals and environmental assessment processes for community and supply access road projects.	The Proponent makes it clear in the Draft ToR that study of alternative connections between the Webequie Supply Road and the provincial highway system are well underway and being actively considered. As such, the identification of alternative roads and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system must be carried forward for assessment in the EA. Further, as MECP notes in the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessment, the "environmental assessment process should be open and transparent. This will enable all interested persons to follow the process through its various stages of planning and decision-making until a preferred undertaking is selected. Anyone should be able to trace the results of the environmental assessment planning process using the evaluation approaches set out therein. Means of achieving transparency can include, but are not limited to: • Using appropriate, well-established and easily understood evaluation methods;

		• Making the process clear, rational and logical; • Sharing complete information with all interested persons to support conclusions and recommendations at each phase in the process; • Documenting the process in easy to understand language with explanations of the rationale for making certain choices." Aroland First Nation seeks an environmental assessment process that carries forward the appropriate range of alternative methods, and ensures the transparency outlined by the MECP.
5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	The process for screening Alternative Concepts 1, 2A and 2B included an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives against the following factors, which were identified based on discussions with community members as to project area features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued components for the community. Based on a consolidated Indigenous Knowledge database prepared by WFN, and information assembled from published sources and project team field investigations relative to project area sensitivities, the Webequie community-based considerations (valued components) presented in **Table 5-2** were accounted for in developing the evaluation criteria against which the alternative road corridor concepts were screened during the Terms of Reference phase.	The Proponent's screening of Alternatives Concepts 1, 2A and 2B did not include screening criteria related to the identification of alternative roads and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. As such, the screening and determination of the preferred supply road corridor included in the Draft ToR, which did not include consultation with Aroland First Nation, is premature. This alternatives assessment for determining a preferred supply road corridor should be carried forward into the EA and be inclusive of consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system.
5.4 Development of Routing Sub-Alternatives	Since the geotechnical component is expected to have such a significant bearing on development, assessment and selection of the supply road corridor, during the winter of 2018-19, terrain mapping	The terrain mapping and geotechnical assessment may need to be carried forward into the EA phase depending on the outcome of the alternative methods analysis noted above, especially with respect to routing considerations that may

within Preferred Supply Road Corridor	and related opportunities and constraints were overlain on a 2 km wide band along the community's preferred corridor to identify a set of sub-alternatives. A summary of the preliminary terrain analysis and route assessment is presented in the following sections.	be altered with respect to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. The development of routing sub-alternatives within the "Preferred Supply Road Corridor" in the Draft ToR does not include reference to considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Such considerations should be carried forward into the EA, as part of the assessment of alternative methods. The local route location criteria are reasonable, but in the absence of consideration of connection alternatives to an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system, the routing sub-alternatives assessment in the Draft ToR risks eliminating or neglecting potential alternative connections, and subjecting those to proper assessment within the EA.
6.1 Study Area	**Regional Study Area (RSA):** established to assess the potential, largely indirect and cumulative, effects of the Project in the broader, regional context. The RSA extends beyond the LSA to include the maximum geographical extent to which impacts from the Project may be expected. The EA will define and describe the specific study areas for each of the environmental components (e.g., natural, socio-economic, cultural) in greater detail. Each component will be assessed within the context of LSA and RSA. The size and extent of each study area may differ for each environmental study component.	The Regional Study Area must be inclusive of the range of impacts associated with the alternative all-season road connections from the Webequie Supply Road to the provincial highway system, inclusive of environmental, social, economic and cumulative impacts directly and indirectly related to the existence of a supply road connected to the Ring of Fire mining area that will facilitate development of the Ring of Fire mining area, and transportation of materials, supplies and people to and from the Ring of Fire mining area.
6.2 Data Collection Methodology	This section describes overarching data collection methodology goals and the approach to develop a fulsome understanding of the existing	Aroland First Nation is willing and able to provide relevant and detailed planning and assessment information with respect to the considerations related to the connection

6.4.2 Economy, Resource, Commercial and Industrial Activities	(or baseline) natural, socio-economic and cultural conditions in the Study Area for the Project.	between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Aroland First Nation is also willing and able to provide relevant and detailed planning and assessment information with respect to commercial, recreational, and industrial activities in the region and address potential effects on these sectors
6.4.3 Population, Demographics and Community Profile	The EA document will detail the existing state of communities and potential effects on the population and demographics, education, employment and housing in relation to the Project. This will include community profiles on the Indigenous Communities surrounding Webequie First Nation, including: › Attawapiskat First Nation, › Eabametoong First Nation; › Kasabonika Lake First Nation, › Marten Falls First Nation, › Neskantaga First Nation, › Nibinamik First Nation, and › Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation.	Aroland First Nation stands to be directly and indirectly impacted by the Undertaking. As such, Aroland First Nation must be included in the assessment of project impacts, and cumulative impacts. Effects may include impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, including traditional and current land uses, and other socio-economic aspects.
7.2 Socio-Economic Environment **7.3 Cultural Environment**	A preliminary list of potential socio-economic effects is presented in **Table 7-2.** The EA will specifically and directly consider potential project effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights.	The preliminary list of potential socio-economic effects is insufficient to characterize the potential socio-economic effects that may be experienced by Aroland First Nation and its community members. Aroland First Nation recommends that the Proponent engage in detailed discussions with Aroland First Nation representatives to determine a comprehensive list of socio-economic effects, effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and the cultural environment.
8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	The assessment approach for the Project will be guided by the Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to consultation/engagement, whereby neighbouring First Nations are engaged/consulted in a respectful manner that acknowledges and reflects the culture, traditions and beliefs of their people and ancestors,	Based on the information in the Draft ToR, Aroland First Nation does not appear to be characterized as a “neighbouring First Nation, and as a result Aroland First Nation may not be engaged/consulted in the manner outlined here. Aroland First Nation stands to be significantly impacted by the Project and should be engaged/consulted as a First Nation that will likely be significantly impacted.

	and the shared history and aspirations of its neighbouring communities.	
8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	An assessment of alternatives to the undertaking to meet the project purpose as defined by WFN has been completed and is presented in Section 5.1 of the [Draft] ToR.	As noted above, the approach to the assessment of alternative methods included in the Draft ToR is deficient and must be inclusive of considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Further, the with respect to determining alternative methods of carrying out the Project, it is relevant to understand the background of the various road/transportation studies that have been conducted in the Webequie First Nation/McFaulds Lake region over recent years, the Draft ToR is missing a key road/transportation study undertaken by the Project Management consultant for the project, namely the the appendix to the Noront document “Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle’s Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012” titled ”SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010”. Further, the EA should identify and evaluate routing alignment alternatives within the preferred corridor, including alternatives that optimize benefits and minimize impacts with respect to the connection between the Project and provincial highway system. The The assessment of alternative designs and/or locations should involve a comparative evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages against a set of natural environment, socio-economic environment and technical considerations (e.g., cost, constructability) that includes effects on Aroland First Nation, including socio-economic effects, effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and the cultural environment, to provide a clear rationale for the selection of a preferred alternative.

		Aroland First Nation should also be consulted and engaged in refining the Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation contained in table 8-1.
8.0 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	Conduct a cumulative effects assessment of the net effects of the Project in combination with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable developments in the local and regional area and assess the significance of those effects;	The WSR Project and the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine are inherently linked. The Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine has an approved Terms of Reference for a provincial EA based on a voluntary agreement between Ontario and Noront signed in 2011. As such, the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine can be classified as a "reasonably foreseeable" project due to the existence of extensive baseline data, effects assessment and public media announcements. As such, the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine and associated potential effects must be considered in the WSR EA and cumulative effects assessment.

Aroland First Nation looks forward to actively participating in the EA process for the Webequie Supply Road and advancing a regional planning process for the Ring of Fire that that involves all potentially impacted First Nations, so that development in the region is planned effectively in a coordinated and sustainable manner.

Respectfully

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Dear Chief,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Michael

March 5, 2020

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Re: Comments Received on Draft Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Dorothy Towedo,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation and the Project Team, we thank you for your thorough review and comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road Project.

Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have carefully reviewed your comments on the Draft ToR. Please find enclosed the Project Team's responses to Aroland First Nation's comments. Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have considered your thoughtful comments and will incorporate them, where appropriate, into the final version of ToR.

We value your community's review and participation in the ToR process for the Webequie Supply Road. It is our understanding that Aroland First Nation is in the process of developing a Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with Ontario to support participation and consultation for the Webequie Supply Road project. We wish to give you an opportunity to ensure that all your interests and concerns are taken into consideration and addressed in a timely manner. Should you and your community have questions regarding the responses to your comments, the Project Team will be happy to meet to discuss the comments and provide further clarification where necessary.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback and input. Please advise if you and your community would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Draft Terms of Reference Comment/Response Table

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Comments Received from Aroland First Nation AFN – (Councillor Sheldon Atlookan, Community Consultation and Liaison Officer – All Season Roads), October 16, 2019				
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AFN-1	N/A	After reviewing the Draft Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment ("The Project"), Aroland First Nation (AFN) has a number of comments and concerns related to the potential impacts of The Project on the region. Our concerns include the potential for direct impacts to our community and traditional territory that would result from the connection of the Project to the provincial highway system, as well as the potential for cumulative effects that would result from additional road and mining developments in the region. It is our position that presenting the Project in isolation without considering the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region under-represents the potential impacts of the project. AFN holds the position that a regional assessment is absolutely necessary to assess the impacts of potential mineral development activity and its supporting infrastructure in the Ring of Fire. Once operating, all-season roads like this one will enable extensive mineral exploration development activities with widespread cumulative effects on our people and our inherent and established Aboriginal and Treaty rights.	The Webequie Project Team appreciates the time and effort taken by Aroland First Nation to provide comments on the draft ToR. Concerns related to the potential impacts of the Project that would result from additional road connections and mining developments in the region will be addressed as part of the cumulative effects assessment described in Section 8.1 of the ToR.	Section 8.1
AFN-2	Section 1.3 Project Background and Context	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** To provide context and background for the proposed development of the all-season Webequie Supply Road (WSR) and the scope of this EA, it is important to understand the various road/transportation studies that have been completed in the region. A brief description of these relevant studies is presented below. Section 5 of the ToR (Description of and Rationale for Alternatives) provides additional detail. All of these studies have contributed to the rationale for the development of the WSR. **Comment:** The Noront document "Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012" includes the document titled" SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010". This is a primary road/transportation study undertaken by the project management consultant for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment and is publicly available. This document is an important road/transportation study completed in the region, by the project management consultant for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment, is entirely relevant to the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment and should be referenced in the Project Background and Context Section. This reference should include the conclusions of the study, including the conclusion of the study that the Nakina to McFauld's Lake route option "is not the lowest cost option or the shortest distance however, this route not only addresses the mandate to provide access for the residence of Martin Falls to the mine site and Nakina but also provides an opportunity for the local community to participate in the project. Long term benefits to the local businesses and residence include opportunities for employment, training, access to secondary education facilities and better access to medical facilities. In addition, the provincial government will possibly be a stake holder and may provide financial assistance or incentives that will reduce Norton's capital cost for the project." SNC-Lavalin provided this option with a number 1 ranking, and included the following notes in support of this ranking: • Most beneficial to Martin Falls community by providing employment and economic opportunities to residents and businesses. • Possibly 2 stake holders, Noront and provincial Government of Ontario • A spur road could be constructed to Webequie • Martin Falls Band and the Webequie band would have the opportunity to participate in the project.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4 of the Draft ToR, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR and is considered beyond the scope of the WSR project. Alternative road route options connecting the McFauld's Lake area to the provincial highway system will not be identified and analyzed for the WSR EA. As a result, documents containing information and previous analysis of road corridor options that link the McFauld's Lake area to the provincial highway system are not considered relevant to the WSR EA and will not be referenced. Section 1.0 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity around this issue.	Section 1

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		• Increased certainty of supplies to local communities and lower costs for supplies. SNC-Lavalin's conclusion, including the potential for a spur road constructed from McFaulds Lake to Webequie, is mirrored in the WSR EA ToR, September 2109. The primary focus of this SNC-Lavalin scoping study is the development of transportation infrastructure consisting of: • An all–seasons road from McFaulds Lake to a major highway or rail link • Infrastructure facilities required for concentrate handling at Nakina and Pickle Lake. The proposed transportation concept considered for this SNS-Lavalin report is to transport mine operating supplies (primarily fuel, reagents, grinding media, AN, explosives, etc.) from either Pickle Lake or Nakina, Ontario to McFaulds Lake by an all season road and transport concentrate out either by truck or by pipeline. Four road route options were considered in this 2010 SNC-Lavalin scoping study. Based on the scoping study findings, two route options have been short listed, and it is recommended that further geotechnical work be scheduled and executed before final route selection. These routes are Option 3 Nakina to Martin Falls to McFaulds Lake or Option 2 Pickle Lake to Mc Faulds Lake. Option 2 starts at Pickle Lake, continues northeast to the Attawapiskat River crossing and continues north to McFaulds Lake. Option 3 Nakina to Martin Fall crosses the Albany River, continues north to the Attawapiskat crossing then north to the McFaulds Lake mine site.		
AFN-3	Section 1.4 Purpose and Rationale for the Undertaking and Study	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** In the Introduction it is stated: it is expected that there will ultimately be an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments. This means that, with implementation of the Project, it is also likely that Webequie First Nation could more readily gain year-round access to the provincial highway system (i.e., the community currently has no plans to avoid an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system). It is in this scenario that the effects of the road would likely be realized or felt to the fullest. **Comment:** The Purpose of the Undertaking should be amended to include the following goal/objective: • To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. • This is obviously a goal/objective for the undertaking and must be included as part of the Purpose of the Undertaking. Webequie First Nation is clear that in the Rationale for the Undertaking that it "will maintain interests in participating in either of the north-south and/or east-west all-season road options."	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity.	Section 1.4.2
AFN-4	Section 2.1.3 Process for Federal-Provincial Coordinated EA	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** To help facilitate a coordinated process, an EA Coordination Team has been established for this project that includes representatives of both the federal and provincial governments. The purpose of this team is to address and coordinate the requirements of both processes in an efficient manner. **Comment:** As the Proponent is aware, First Nations are governments. All potentially impacted First Nation governments must be offered the opportunity to be members of the EA Coordination Team to provide their First Nation government input, and meet with the Proponent on a regular basis to	It is the Project Team's understanding that the EA Coordination Team was established by the provincial and federal ministries and agencies principally responsible for coordinating and/or conducting environmental/impact assessments on behalf of their respective levels of government and providing information directly to their minister to inform the minister's decision on the project within the applicable legislative and regulatory processes. It is also the Project Team's understanding that the government agencies involved determined that a relatively small EA Coordination Team would be most efficient in achieving this purpose. The Team necessarily includes Webequie First Nation, as the project proponent, in order provide advice and discuss procedural aspects of the EA/IA processes.	

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		exchange information, provide multi-lateral updates on the EA process and other regional planning processes, explore issues and try to collectively resolve them before they compromise the EA process, work on a coordinating EAs and related regional planning processes to keep these processes moving forward in a coordinated fashion to the greatest possible extent, and seek feedback from potentially impacted parties.	The project's engagement and consultation program, described in Section 10 of the ToR, includes appropriate mechanisms and opportunities (outside the EA Coordination Team forum) for First Nation government input and meetings with the proponent, as well as government ministries and agencies on the EA Coordination Team (upon request), to exchange information, provide multi-lateral updates on the EA process and other regional planning processes, and issue identification/resolution. The consultation plan for Indigenous communities was developed by Webequie First Nation in accordance with the following components: Elders' guiding principles; Webequie First Nation three-tier approach to Indigenous community consultation/engagement; and requirements of applicable legislation, policies and guidelines. The three-tier framework developed by Webequie for consultation is a Nation to Nation approach with Indigenous communities that is consistent with the Webequie's traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs.	
AFN-5	Section 3.2 Indication of How the Environmental Assessment is to be Prepared	Aroland First Nation has no objection to the Proponent preparing the EA under Section 6.1(2) of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Aroland First Nation further agrees that project alternatives (i.e., alternatives to the undertaking) have been considered to the point where a planning solution for fulfilling the project purpose, provided that the project purposes is amended as noted above to include the goal/objective: • To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Therefore, "alternative methods" to be examined during the EA for carrying out the Undertaking will need to include "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA will recognize and include an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system, as well as mining and other future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR. As stated in Section 5.1.1.6 and Section 5.6, the Do nothing alternative will be carried forward to the EA study as a comparator study for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project.	
AFN-6	Section 4. Description of the Undertaking	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The Project consists of a new all-season road of approximately 107 km in length from WFN to the mineral deposit development area near McFaulds Lake. **Comment:** The Description of the Undertaking should be amended to: • The Project consists of a new all-season road of approximately 107 km in length from WFN to the mineral deposit development area near McFaulds Lake, and a future connection to the provincial highway system.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project.	
AFN-7	Section 4.1 Design Considerations and Criteria	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** "…input from Indigenous communities (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge), government agencies…" **Comment:** Aroland First Nation, and other potentially impacted First Nations, are governments. The language should be amended: • "…input from Indigenous governments (including Indigenous Knowledge), Crown government agencies…" This language should be reflected across the ToR.	Engagement of WSR Project Team with Indigenous communities includes community members, leadership and government, as well as Indigenous organizations. Webequie First Nation will comply with all applicable laws and respond to all regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Project. The three-tier framework developed by Webequie for consultation is a Nation to Nation approach with Indigenous communities that is consistent with the Webequie's traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs. This process is designed to ensure input from Indigenous governments.	
AFN-8	Section 5.1.1	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:**	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project.	Section 5.1.1

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	Alternatives to the Undertaking	The range of "alternatives to" the Project (i.e., functionally different ways of approaching the opportunities identified by Webequie First Nation to improve the community's economic and social well-being) was limited by the primary objectives of the Project, as determined by Webequie First Nation. **Comment:** The MECP Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments states that a "reasonable range of alternatives must be considered." The purpose of the requirement to consider alternatives is to ensure that the most appropriate means of addressing the identified problem or opportunity is selected. The Proponent is clear that the problem/opportunity includes Webequie First Nation to advancing options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Examining the alternatives for "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project will enable the Proponent to assess, and consult on, examining alternatives that will assist in identifying potential environmental effects, and identifying potential advantages and disadvantages between various options for solving the problem or taking advantage of an opportunity that provides environmental and/or societal benefits. As MECP notes in the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments, this approach within the environmental assessment will help illustrate why and how the Proponent has selected the preferred alternative methods for the Project. As noted above, "alternative methods" to be examined during the EA for carrying out the Undertaking will need to include "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method and alternative methods for connections between the Supply Road and: • North-South connection through Nakina via Highway 584; • North-South connection adjacent to Aroland First Nation via Highways 634 and 584 • Eastern connection to the DeBeers Victor diamond mine; potential port facilities at the Attawapiskat First Nation; and connection to the James Bay coast winter road, with connection to rail facilities in Moosonee; and • East-West connection to the Pickle Lake Road (previously Highway 808) and Highway 599 near Pickle Lake. Effects related to these alternatives for connecting the Supply Road to the provincial highway system will need to be assessed as part of this EA, and carried forward into the EA. Aroland First Nation is not suggesting that the specific roads be assessed, but that the alternative methods for connecting the Webequie Supply Road to this reasonable range of previously proposed roads to the Ring of Fire mining area should be identified and carried forward for assessment in the EA. In the Introduction it is stated: "it is expected that there will ultimately be an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments. This means that, with implementation of the Project, it is also likely that Webequie First Nation could more readily gain year-round	The WSR Project is intended for economic activities between WFN and mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. This could include other economic development opportunities in the same corridor. Section 5 has been revised to provide clarity.	

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		access to the provincial highway system (i.e., the community currently has no plans to avoid an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system). It is in this scenario that the effects of the road would likely be realized or felt to the fullest." Section 5.1.2.1 Background and Context provides extensive information on the need for Webequie First Nation to be connected to the provincial highway system through an all-season road, and the benefits of such a connection.		
AFN-9	Section 5.1.2.3 Alternative Road Corridors	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** "…the identification of the current alternative road corridors for the WSR EA is limited to those between the Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area." **Comment:** As noted above, the Purpose of the Undertaking should be amended to include the following goal/objective: • To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. The Proponent makes it very clear in the Draft ToR that the Webequie Supply Road Project will ultimately include an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Therefore, the identification of alternative road and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system must be carried forward for assessment in the EA. This will enable the Proponent to carry out, and consult on, alternative connections and the range of potential impacts that will result from those connections, together with a detailed cumulative effects assessment that includes the road corridor(s) to the provincial highway system as part of the overall effects assessment, and determination of the preferred alternative.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project.	Section 5
AFN-10	Section 5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Webequie First Nation conducted an initial examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area. This examination did not include reference to the aforementioned SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010 appendix to the Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012. **Comment:** Webequie First Nation's examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area should include examination of the SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010 appendix to the Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012.	Please refer to Response AFN-2 regarding reference to the cited SNC-Lavalin Report.	Section 5
AFN-11	Section 5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Webequie and Marten Falls have engaged in regular dialogue regarding shared uses and interests, including in the context of Marten Falls' own CBLUP process. At the Draft Plan stage, in order to respect the ongoing Three-Nation discussions, Webequie First Nation has chosen not to advance planning direction in the shared area. Dialogue will be ongoing between the Draft and Final Plan to confirm a respectful planning arrangement for the shared area. Webequie and Marten Falls are currently advancing their interests in access between the communities, Ring of Fire and the region by way of proposals and environmental assessment processes for community and supply access road projects. **Comment:** The Proponent makes it clear in the Draft ToR that study of alternative connections between	Please refer to Response AFN-5. The draft ToR cites previous studies related to all-season road connections between the Ring of Fire and the provincial highway system. To the Project Team's knowledge, there are currently no environmental assessments in progress for such an initiative. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA will recognize and include such a connection, as well as mining and other future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR.	Section 5

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		the Webequie Supply Road and the provincial highway system are well underway and being actively considered. As such, the identification of alternative roads and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system must be carried forward for assessment in the EA. Further, as MECP notes in the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessment, the "environmental assessment process should be open and transparent. This will enable all interested persons to follow the process through its various stages of planning and decision- making until a preferred undertaking is selected. Anyone should be able to trace the results of the environmental assessment planning process using the evaluation approaches set out therein. Means of achieving transparency can include, but are not limited to: • Using appropriate, well-established and easily understood evaluation methods; • Making the process clear, rational and logical; • Sharing complete information with all interested persons to support conclusions and recommendations at each phase in the process; • Documenting the process in easy to understand language with explanations of the rationale for making certain choices." Aroland First Nation seeks an environmental assessment process that carries forward the appropriate range of alternative methods, and ensures the transparency outlined by the MECP.		
AFN-12	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The process for screening Alternative Concepts 1, 2A and 2B included an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives against the following factors, which were identified based on discussions with community members as to project area features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued components for the community. Based on a consolidated Indigenous Knowledge database prepared by WFN, and information assembled from published sources and project team field investigations relative to project area sensitivities, the Webequie community-based considerations (valued components) presented in **Table 5-2** were accounted for in developing the evaluation criteria against which the alternative road corridor concepts were screened during the Terms of Reference phase. **Comment:** The Proponent's screening of Alternatives Concepts 1, 2A and 2B did not include screening criteria related to the identification of alternative roads and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. As such, the screening and determination of the preferred supply road corridor included in the Draft ToR, which did not include consultation with Aroland First Nation, is premature. This alternatives assessment for determining a preferred supply road corridor should be carried forward into the EA and be inclusive of consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project. Section 5 has been revised to provide clarity.	Section 5.2
AFN-13	Section 5.4 Development of Routing Sub-Alternatives within Preferred Supply Road Corridor	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Since the geotechnical component is expected to have such a significant bearing on development, assessment and selection of the supply road corridor, during the winter of 2018-19, terrain mapping and related opportunities and constraints were overlain on a 2 km wide band along the community's preferred corridor to identify a set of sub-alternatives. A summary of the preliminary terrain analysis and route assessment is presented in the following sections.	It is the Project Team's intent to carry the terrain mapping and geotechnical assessment forward into the EA phase. The preliminary criteria for evaluating alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking presented in Table 8-1 of the draft ToR include the following within the "Technical Considerations" factor group: "Constructability – Terrain and soil stability".	Section 5.4

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		Comment: The terrain mapping and geotechnical assessment may need to be carried forward into the EA phase depending on the outcome of the alternative methods analysis noted above, especially with respect to routing considerations that may be altered with respect to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. The development of routing sub- alternatives within the "Preferred Supply Road Corridor" in the Draft ToR does not include reference to considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Such considerations should be carried forward into the EA, as part of the assessment of alternative methods. The local route location criteria are reasonable, but in the absence of consideration of connection alternatives to an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system, the routing sub-alternatives assessment in the Draft ToR risks eliminating or neglecting potential alternative connections, and subjecting those to proper assessment within the EA.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 relative to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system.	
AFN-14	Section 6.1 Study Area	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** **Regional Study Area (RSA):** established to assess the potential, largely indirect and cumulative, effects of the Project in the broader, regional context. The RSA extends beyond the LSA to include the maximum geographical extent to which impacts from the Project may be expected. The EA will define and describe the specific study areas for each of the environmental components (e.g., natural, socio-economic, cultural) in greater detail. Each component will be assessed within the context of LSA and RSA. The size and extent of each study area may differ for each environmental study component. **Comment:** The Regional Study Area must be inclusive of the range of impacts associated with the alternative all-season road connections from the Webequie Supply Road to the provincial highway system, inclusive of environmental, social, economic and cumulative impacts directly and indirectly related to the existence of a supply road connected to the Ring of Fire mining area that will facilitate development of the Ring of Fire mining area, and transportation of materials, supplies and people to and from the Ring of Fire mining area.	Section 6.1 – "Study Areas" has been relocated to Section 8.0 "Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects" A new Section 8.2 – "Study Area Definitions" has been included with revised text to that in Section 6.1. It is deemed to more appropriate to include Study Area definitions in Section 8 as it outlines the approach for describing existing environmental conditions and predicting direct and indirect effects from the Project, from a spatial perspective. A new section 8.1 – Cumulative Effects had been added to generally describe the approach for the assessment, which encompasses the Regional Study Area. The section also includes a commitment to prepare a workplan for the cumulative effects assessment at the outset of the EA. The workplan will be provided to the MECP and IAAC for review and guidance and will be summarized and presented to the public and Indigenous communities, and others as part of the consultation and engagement activities for the Project.	Section 8.1 Section 8.2
AFN-15	Section 6.2 Data Collection Methodology Section 6.4.2 Economy, Resource, Commercial and Industrial Activities	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** This section describes overarching data collection methodology goals and the approach to develop a fulsome understanding of the existing (or baseline) natural, socio-economic and cultural conditions in the Study Area for the Project. **Comment:** Aroland First Nation is willing and able to provide relevant and detailed planning and assessment information with respect to the considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Aroland First Nation is also willing and able to provide relevant and detailed planning and assessment information with respect to commercial, recreational, and industrial activities in the region and address potential effects on these sectors.	The WSR Project Team encourages Aroland First Nation to engage and participate in the EA process. We welcome input in the form of information and comments, relevant to the planning and assessment of the WSR. As stated in response to comment AFN-5, the purpose of the WSR is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake Area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR.	
AFN-16	Section 6.4.3 Population, Demographics and Community	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The EA document will detail the existing state of communities and potential effects on the population and demographics, education, employment and housing in relation to the Project. This will include community profiles on the Indigenous Communities surrounding Webequie	Agreed. Aroland First Nation will be included in the assessment of project impacts and cumulative impacts. The level of engagement between Webequie FN and Aroland FN will be discussed further as the consultation program progresses. Aroland First Nation has been	Section 6.5.2

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	Profile	First Nation, including: • Attawapiskat First Nation, • Eabametoong First Nation; • Kasabonika Lake First Nation, • Marten Falls First Nation, • Neskantaga First Nation, • Nibinamik First Nation, and • Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation **Comment:** Aroland First Nation stands to be directly and indirectly impacted by the Undertaking. As such, Aroland First Nation must be included in the assessment of project impacts, and cumulative impacts. Effects may include impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, including traditional and current land uses, and other socio- economic aspects.	added to the list of communities where community profiles will be generated for the purpose of baseline data collection and the assessment of effects.	
AFN-17	Section 7.2 Socio- Economic Environment Section 7.3 Cultural Environment	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** A preliminary list of potential socio- economic effects is presented in **Table 7-2**. The EA will specifically and directly consider potential project effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights. **Comment:** The preliminary list of potential socio- economic effects is insufficient to characterize the potential socio-economic effects that may be experienced by Aroland First Nation and its community members. Aroland First Nation recommends that the Proponent engage in detailed discussions with Aroland First Nation representatives to determine a comprehensive list of socio- economic effects, effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and the cultural environment.	The potential socio-economic effects presented in Table 7-2 (now renumbered to Table 7-1) is a preliminary list of effects. A full range of direct and indirect impacts of the WSR will be assessed in the EA. The WSR Project Team encourages Aroland First Nation to engage and discuss potential direct and indirect impacts.	Section 7.2
AFN-18	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The assessment approach for the Project will be guided by the Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to consultation/engagement, whereby neighbouring First Nations are engaged/consulted in a respectful manner that acknowledges and reflects the culture, traditions and beliefs of their people and ancestors, and the shared history and aspirations of its neighbouring communities. **Comment:** Based on the information in the Draft ToR, Aroland First Nation does not appear to be characterized as a "neighbouring First Nation, and as a result Aroland First Nation may not be engaged/consulted in the manner outlined here. Aroland First Nation stands to be significantly impacted by the Project and should be engaged/consulted as a First Nation that will likely be significantly impacted.	Aroland First Nation will be included in the assessment of project impacts and cumulative impacts. The level of engagement between Webequie FN and Aroland FN will be discussed further as the consultation program progresses.	Section 8
AFN-19	Section 8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** An assessment of alternatives to the undertaking to meet the project purpose as defined by WFN has been completed and is presented in Section 5.1 of the [Draft] ToR. **Comment:** As noted above, the approach to the assessment of alternative methods included in the Draft ToR is deficient and must be inclusive of considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 relative to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. With respect to the Noront Resources Terms of Reference, WFN is not relying directly on previous documents, other than to provide context. References to the documents relied on are provided; a direct reference to and status of the Noront EA Terms of Reference for the Eagle's Nest Project has been provided throughout the revised ToR.	Throughout

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Attawapiskat First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

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RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Gull:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2019

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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Gull:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Attawapiskat First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Attawapiskat First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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28) Please indicate whether the Attawapiskat First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

29) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

30) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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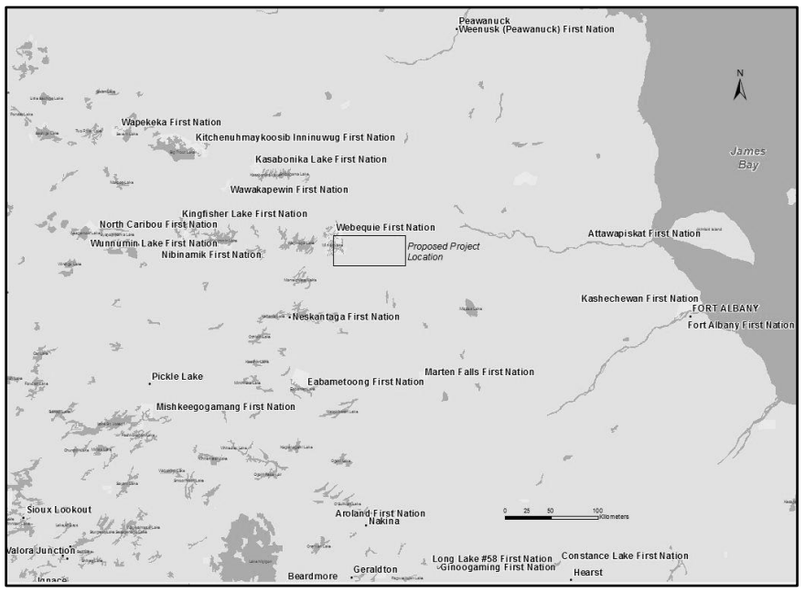
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:30 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Attawapiskat First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Gull,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Attawapiskat First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Ignace Gull
Chief
Attawapiskat First Nation
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Gull,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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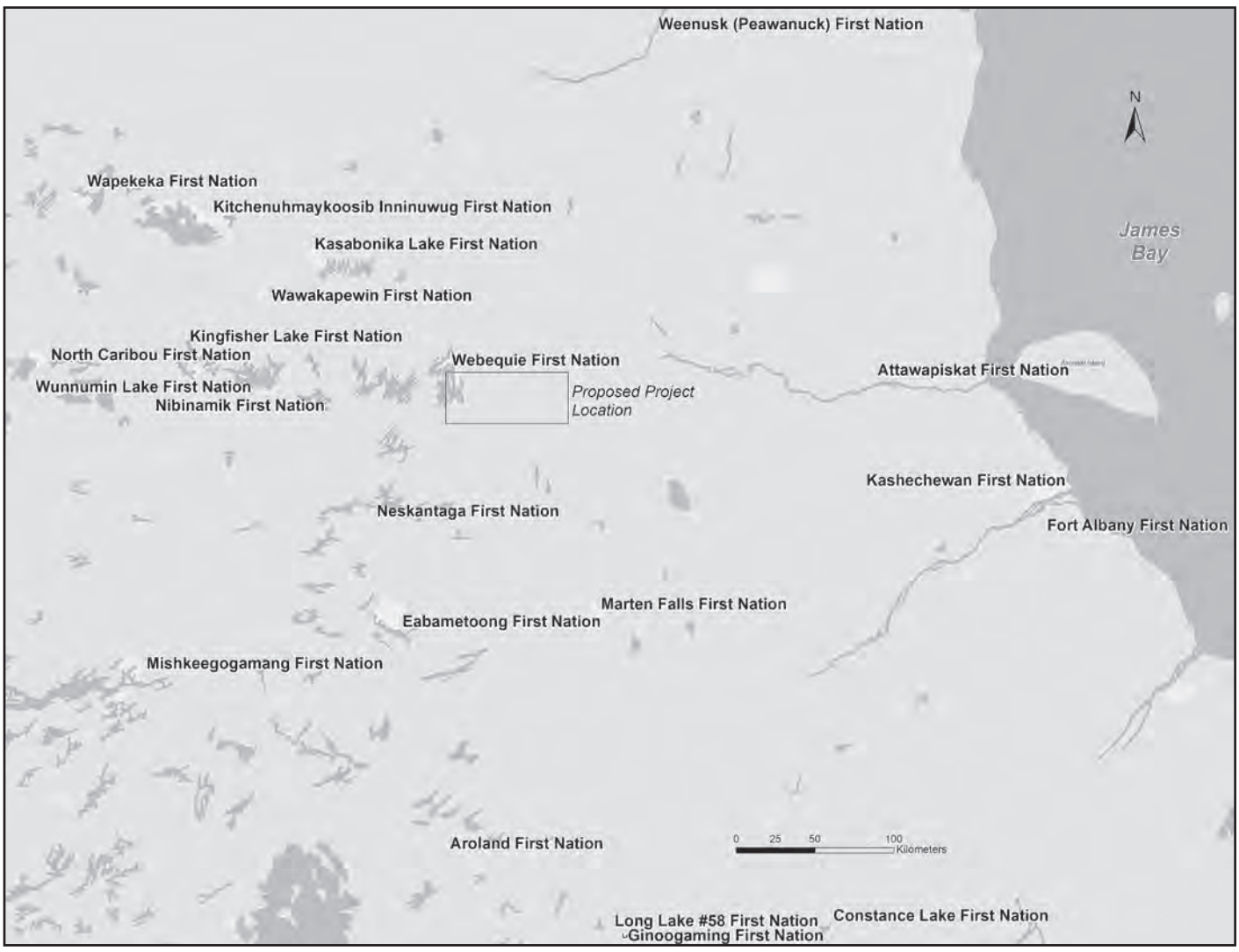
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

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A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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<Original signed by>

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Re: Attawapiskat First Nation Preliminary Comments on Draft Terms of Reference, Webequie Supply Road

Attawapiskat First Nation is providing preliminary comments on the Webequie Supply Road on Draft Terms of Reference.

It does not signal the consent of Attawapiskat First Nation for any developments within the area commonly known as the "Ring of Fire", including developments related to transport and resource exploitation within that area. The community's position remains that it is unable to turn its mind to a good faith and complete assessment of the pros and cons of any engagement with resource development within the Ring of Fire.

Any engagement will require reaching a satisfactory resolution of Attawapiskat First Nation's outstanding legacy issues with De Beers Canada, and evidence that Canada and Ontario are fully committed to, and are working towards, honouring the commitments set out in Mino-Wha-Ko-Me-To-Win, signed by Canada, Ontario, and Attawapiskat First Nation signed on July 29th, 2019.

Also note that Attawapiskat First Nation reserves the right to submit additional comments and information requests at a later date, at our discretion.

General comments:

Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned that Ontario's environmental assessment for the proposed Webequie Supply Road is proceeding at a pace that is out of step with the federal impact assessment process. Decisions about alternatives to the project, alternative methods of carrying out the project and the terms of reference for the environmental assessment are being made at the provincial level before the IAAC has completed its consultation with First Nations on these topics. The Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues was due at the IAAC on November 10, 2019. This means that the IAAC has not yet (or only recently) begun to consult with First Nations on the Indigenous Engagement Plan, and to develop the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines in consultation with First Nations. At the provincial level, the proponent will soon submit the final Terms of Reference (ToR), and

plans to begin the EA in the Winter of 2020. Key decisions about the project are therefore being made by Ontario and the proponent without a federal assessment of the project's impacts to our rights and interests.

The draft ToR does not address the cumulative effects of this project from future development in the Ring of Fire. Only the immediate impacts of the project are being considered. Missing is a way of rigorously analyzing development scenarios and their anticipated cumulative effects. The draft ToR makes it clear that this project is being contemplated in connection with an all-season road between Webequie and the provincial highway system. Roads are well known to invite cumulative effects. In fact, the draft ToR states that increased mineral exploration "is considered an important and long-term economic opportunity by the Webequie First Nation," and that increased mineral exploration is a way of realizing the social and economic benefits of the project (p. 130). If the Webequie Supply Road is approved and built, it will create enormous pressure for the building of further roads and transmission lines. The industrialization of the western portion of Attawapiskat First Nation territory will have far-reaching regional impacts on the environment that supports our way of life. Our community must be able to explore the consequences of alternate future development scenarios and identify a preferred future, thereby setting limits to development and the downstream impacts to our territory.

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Section 4.1.1 (p.24): The section states that ditches will be sized for a 25-year storm return period, and culverts at watercourse crossings for a 100-year storm return period. Are these sizes sufficient to handle potentially more frequent/larger storm returns as a result of climate change?

Section 4.3.2 (p. 27) and Section 9.2 (p. 126): The draft ToR states that the operational responsibility for the road has yet to be determined. Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on who will be responsible for the effects and operational monitoring?

Section 5.1.1 (p. 29): Alternatives to the undertaking have been rejected without detailed analysis. For example, the ToR makes the unsupported claim that upgrading the existing trail system to a winter road would have only "somewhat lower and less permanent environmental effects than an all-season road." Attawapiskat First Nation objects to the dropping of this alternative from further analysis.

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the James Bay coast winter road due to the potential impacts to waterways, wildlife habitat/movement corridors and cultural resources.

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Section 5.1.2.3 (p. 47): Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on how our interests are represented in a land-use planning process that is being completed by Webequie First Nation.

Section 5.1.2.3 (p. 52): Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on how our community's interests were taken into account by the WFN Local Working Group in identifying "sensitivities and features of value for protection that should be avoided." The proposed Webequie Supply Road is located within a portion of Attawapiskat First Nation traditional lands in the upper watersheds of the Attawapiskat and Ekwan rivers. As such, Attawapiskat First Nation should be included in the list of First Nations referenced in this section.

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Section 5.2 (p. 65): Attawapiskat First Nation requests further detail on how caribou protection is factored into the evaluation of the three alternative road concepts. Given that linear features are conduits for predators and are avoided by caribou, how does Alternative 1 "minimize anthropogenic and predator access to known caribou habitat areas"? For Alternative 2A, the evaluation offers contradictory statements, on the one hand claiming that the fact that "predators already have access" is an advantage, and on the other that predator access is a disadvantage. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on the relative impact of existing predator access compared with the expected increase in predator access for the three road alternatives.

Section 5.4.1.1 (p. 71): Future permafrost condition is not included in the list of routing considerations. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on how climate change has been factored into decisions about the preferred route.

Section 6.1 (p. 78): The ToR states that "the size and extent of each study area may differ for each environmental study component." Attawapiskat First Nation supports this approach, but questions how cumulative effects, including historic range contraction of species such as caribou, will be considered in the delineation of the various regional study areas.

Section 6.2.1 (p. 81): The caribou aerial surveys lack clear objectives and information on how historic or future data will be used for establishing population trends and for long-term monitoring. Attawapiskat First Nation questions how a single survey can be used to establish a baseline for caribou populations. Attawapiskat First Nation does not support aerial surveys for caribou as these are disruptive to the animals, especially during the calving season, and an aerial survey would yield little information that would be relevant to the road EA. We prefer the EA to rely on knowledge and information provided by hunters and other land users for establishing population trends. Attawapiskat First Nation suggests the use of aerial photography together with land cover mapping from the MNRF's Far North Land Cover Dataset to identify suitable habitat types in the study area.

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Section 6.2.1 (p. 83-84): Fish habitat sensitivities and habitat values should be determined in consultation with land users. Benthic invertebrate sampling should be conducted alongside the aquatic habitat survey.

Section 6.2.1 (p. 84): The MNRF's Far North Land Cover Dataset should be used as base layer for the mapping of vegetation communities. This dataset should be included in Table 6-1 under Published Sources of Information for Existing Conditions.

Section 6.2.3 (p. 85): The methods for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities on the socio-economic environment are not defined. Attawapiskat First Nation requests that our knowledge be used to inform socio-economic baseline studies and to develop socio-economic monitoring programs.

Section 6.3.3 (p. 93): The survey method for evaluating waterfowl stopover and staging areas is unacceptable to Attawapiskat First Nation. A single fly-over late in the fall migration season (October) is not an appropriate way of establishing a baseline of waterfowl stopover and staging areas.

Section 6.3.4 (p. 96): Attawapiskat First Nation recommends adding a section after Rare Plant Species and Communities that includes plant species of cultural significance to First Nations communities. Similarly, Section 6.3.6 and Table 7-1 (p. 100) should be expanded to address species that are of concern to Indigenous communities.

Section 6.4.1 (p. 106): Webequie First Nation applied for an exemption from Section 12(1) of the Far North Act, which stipulates that "constructing or expanding all-weather transportation infrastructure and any other infrastructure that is associated with it cannot occur without a community-based land use plan (CBLUP) in place." The exemption was granted on March 2, 2018. Attawapiskat First Nation has not yet finalized its CBLUP and is concerned that Webequie's exemption interferes with Attawapiskat's decision-making authority over areas of shared use.

Section 7.1, Table 7-1 (p. 113): The introduction of invasive plant species (*Phragmites australis* and other species) should be included as a Potential Effect in ditches, wetlands and riparian areas by construction vehicles and road traffic during operation. Mitigation measures must address pre-emptive action (e.g. clean vehicle protocols) and post-establishment removal.

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Section 7.1 (p. 114): No potential effects are listed for the disposal of solid waste, or for the disposal of wastewater/sewage. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on where these wastes will be

disposed, and how the EA will evaluate the plans for handling and disposal of these wastes. The descriptions provided refer only to "off-site" disposal and a "licensed waste facility."

Section 8 (p. 120): Figure 8.1 shows that cumulative effects assessment will take place only in the final stages of this project-specific environmental assessment. Attawapiskat First Nation is deeply concerned that cumulative effects assessment is not integrated into the earlier stages of the EA process.

Section 8.1.1, Table 8-1 (p.123): Fragmentation should be included as an indicator related to Upland Ecosystems, Riparian Ecosystems & Wetlands, SAR, and Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat. Areas of waterfowl nesting, staging, and stopover areas should be included as indicators under Migratory Birds.

Section 8.1.1, Table 8-1 (p. 124): Ecosystem Services (carbon sequestration & storage) and Disturbance Regulation (changes to the regulatory functions of wetlands, rivers, and riparian areas) should be added as criteria/indicators for evaluation.

Section 9.2 (p. 127): The design of monitoring programs requires consultation with Attawapiskat First Nation. Our land users must be actively involved, throughout all phases of the project, in identifying actual effects, assessing the significance of those effects, assessing the effectiveness of mitigation/restoration/enhancement measures, and evaluating the need for additional action.

Yours Truly,

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Dear Charles,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to Chief David.
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Re: Comments Received on Draft Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief David Nakogee,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation and the Project Team, we thank you for your thorough review and comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road Project.

Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have carefully reviewed your comments on the Draft ToR. Please find enclosed the Project Team's responses to Attawapiskat First Nation's comments. Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have considered your thoughtful comments and will incorporate them, where appropriate, into the final version of ToR.

We value your community's review and participation in the ToR process for the Webequie Supply Road project. It is our understanding that Attawapiskat First Nation is in the process of developing a Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with Ontario to support participation and consultation for the Webequie Supply Road project. We wish to give you an opportunity to ensure that all your interests and concerns are taken into consideration and addressed in a timely manner. Should you and your community have questions regarding the responses to your comments, the Project Team will be happy to meet to discuss the comments and provide further clarification where necessary.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback and input. Please advise if you and your community would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Draft Terms of Reference Comment/Response Table

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We require that the environmental assessment	It is our understanding that the IACC (the Agency) have invited First Nations to provide comments on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) and Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan during the review period from December 19, 2019 to January 28th, 2020. The draft TISG includes a requirement for the proponent to consider alternatives methods and to consult and engage with Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders on alternatives (e.g. routing). The Agency's draft Cooperation Plan explains that through cooperation, the Agency and MECP will strive to increase efficiency and certainty for proponents, as well as for the public and Indigenous groups, and ensure that the best available expertise is shared and applied. The Cooperation Plan is intended to be flexible and does not preclude the Agency or MECP from adjusting the cooperative approach described in the Plan. As such the Agency and MECP have agreed to undertake their respective assessment processes in a cooperative manner and to the extent possible, such that they work together in reviewing the proponent's documentation. The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1 to the ToR. The ToR has committed in Section 6.5 to the development of work plans for select environmental components at the outset of the EA, which will include preparing a work plan for assessing cumulative effects. The work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders. The preliminary definition of the spatial and temporal scales for use in the assessment are now stated in Section 8.2 of the ToR for greater clarity. The preliminary list of criteria and indicators has been revised in Section 8.3.1 and Appendix B of the ToR. The preliminary list has been developed by the Webequie Project Team and includes input received during discussions with Indigenous communities from the engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The criteria, indicators and evaluation methods will be further developed, refined and finalized during the EA process in consultation with Indigenous communities, government agencies, the public and any other interested persons or groups.	Section 6.5 Section 8.1 Section 8.2 Section 8.3.1 Appendix B

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		baseline conditions, predicted environmental and socio-economic imp acts, and the significance of these predicted impacts. Indigenous knowledge can also inform the types of technical investigations that need to be completed to respond to the questions and concerns of our land users.		
AtFN-8	Section 4.1.1 (p. 24)	Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about the mining of aggregate for use in road construction, and in particular the suggestion that the gravel will be mined in esker s, which are important wildlife habitats.	We are very mindful of the fact that eskers are important wildlife habitats. The aggregate sourcing process will take important issues such as this into consideration during the EA process. The preliminary potential effects of the Project, including potential impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, are discussed in Section 7 of the ToR.	
AtFN-9	Section 4.1.1 (p.24)	The section states that ditches will be sized for a 25-year storm return period, and culverts at watercourse crossings for a 1 00-year storm return period. Are these sizes sufficient to handle potentially more frequent/larger storm returns as a result of climate change?	All roadside ditches will be sized for the 10-year Minor System Design Flow and a minimum 100-year Major System Design Flow in accordance with MTO Drainage Standards. As part of the EA the effects of climate change on the Project will be examined including drainage design with respect to the sizing and type of structures at waterbody crossings. The preliminary drainage design criteria for the road has been revised in Section 4.1.1 of the ToR.	Section 4.1.1
AtFN-10	Section 4.3.2 (p. 27) and Section 9.2 (p. 126)	The draft ToR states that the operational responsibility for the road has yet to be determined. Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on who will be responsible for the effects and operational monitoring?	WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction and operation will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR. Section 1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	Section 1.1
AtFN-11	Section 5.1.1 (p. 29)	Alternatives to the undertaking have been rejected without detailed analysis. For example, the ToR makes the unsupported claim that upgrading the existing trail system to a winter road would have only "somewhat lower and less permanent environmental effects than an all-season road." Attawapiskat First Nation objects to the dropping of this alternative from further analysis.	The process for screening the alternatives included an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives against the a set of factors that were identified based on both discussions with community members as to project area features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued components from the outcome of several community meetings in 2017 and 2018 and criteria inherent in the broader definition of the environment, as required under the EA Act and in accordance with MECP's Codes of Practice. Section 5.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide further details of the screening and analysis of the Webequie Supply Road corridor alternative concepts.	Section 5.2
AtFN-12	Section 5.1.1 (p. 34)	The option for a new rail corridor is similarly dismissed without any analysis. There are in fact multiple and conflicting reports on the options for road vs. rail and their projected costs.	The ToR recognizes the results of transportation investigations conducted in relation to the feasibility of rail transport in the region, including the KWG analysis and the Cliffs Integrated Transportation System (ITS) that optimized all-season road connection of the Black Thor mine assets and facilities with the provincial highway system and the CN Rail system at Highway 584 near Nakina, as summarized by the Northern Policy Institute in its "Roads, Rail and the Ring of Fire" commentary paper. The all-season road option was preferred over a heavy rail system from a cost, constructability and First Nations community benefits perspective. Although the long term advantages of the rail (vs road) option were recognized, rail capital costs in the order of 50% higher than road costs made the rail option less feasible. Similar arguments can be applied to the WSR Project. More importantly, it should also be noted that advantages accruing to the rail options studied previously were associated with the movement of mine product; the Webequie Supply Road will not be used for this purpose, and the cost of constructing and maintaining rail infrastructure is not warranted for the type and volume of traffic envisaged.	Section 5.1.1.3 Appendix A - Relevant Background Studies, Provincial Plans and Policies
AtFN-13	Section 5.1.1 (p. 36)	The following statement requires further explanation, given that an all-season road is far more costly to implement than an upgraded winter road: "Given current and projected available resources (people and financing), it [an all-season road between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area] is the likeliest alternative to be within Webequie's technical and economic abilities to implement." The ToR does not explain how Webequie is planning to fund the construction of this road.	The ToR narrative on alternatives to the Undertaking has considered the option (Alternative 2) of upgrading the existing trail system to a seasonal winter road. Upgrading the existing trail system to a winter road would have the advantages of lower capital and maintenance costs and somewhat lower and less permanent environmental effects than an all-season road, but would not return the same social and economic benefits to Webequie community members, as there would not be the opportunity to provide goods and services to the camps and facilities in and around McFaulds Lake throughout the year. Other disadvantages of a winter road connection are fully described in the ToR such as operational period limitations (a winter road would only be operational for 5 to 8 weeks a year, depending on weather) and uncertainties (climatic vagaries) resulting in lower levels of reliability and overall economic activity.	Section 5.1.1.6.

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			WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction and operation, including finding, will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR.	
AtFN-14	Section 5.1.1 (p. 36)	Why is the Do Nothing option being carried forward as a comparator in the EA study, instead of the Winter Road option?	Refer to response to AtFN-13 for winter road alternative. It is not unusual to carry the Do Nothing alternative forward for comparison with the technically preferred alternative method of carrying out the Undertaking, since this captures/emphasizes the comparison of advantages and disadvantages between project effects and retaining the status quo (i.e., not addressing the stated purpose and objectives of the Project).	Section 5.1.1.2
AtFN-15	Section 5.1. 2.1 (p. 36)	Attawapiskat First Nation does not support the eastern connection option to connect the Ring of Fire to potential port facilities in Attawapiskat, nor does it support the connection to the James Bay coast winter road due to the potential impacts to waterways, wildlife habitat/movement corridors and cultural resources.	Noted.	
AtFN-16	Section 5.1.2 (p. 45)	It is unclear to Attawapiskat First Nation who the proponent of the Webequie Supply Road is, given that Cliffs asked Webequie in 2011 if they would consider being the proponent for such a road.	Refer to response AtFn-10.	
AtFN-17	Section 5.1.2.3 (p. 47)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on how our interests are represented in a land-use planning process that is being completed by Webequie First Nation.	As part of the vision for the community, Webequie shows respect for neighbouring communities that have shared the land and, therefore, will incorporate shared interests in the development and implementation of the land use plan. The Webequie First Nation Draft Community Based Land Use Plan (CBLUP, March 2019) is currently in progress and recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. As part of the input received through consultation activities conducted to date for this project it is our understanding that Attawapiskat First Nation have asserted that they have shared traditional territory with Webequie First Nation but have not specified as to whether these areas coincide with the project area. After the Draft Plan is finalized it will then be shared with adjacent First Nation communities and all interested people and organizations. The joint planning team (Webequie and MNRF) will consider all input during the Draft Plan stage and continue work to prepare the Final Plan. Further details on the Webequie Community Based Land Use Plan are presented in Section 6.3.6 for greater clarity.	Section 6.3.6
AtFN-18	Section 5.1.2.3 (p. 52)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on how our community's interests were taken into account by the WFN Local Working Group in identifying "sensitivities and features of value for protection that should be avoided. "The proposed Webequie Supply Road is located within a portion of Attawapiskat First Nation traditional lands in the upper watersheds of the Attawapiskat and Ekwan rivers. As such, Attawapiskat First Nation should be included in the list of First Nations referenced in this section.	Refer to response to AtFN-17. T The Webequie Project Team encourages Attawapiskat First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time. Webequie is prepared to discuss and resolve issues and concerns through the ToR process and during the EA. WFN will follow-up with Attawapiskat to arrange a mutual convenient time for the Webequie Project Team to meet and discuss the comments and concerns raised by Attawapiskat.	
AtFN-19	Section 5.2 (p. 64)	Webequie First Nation has identified caribou habitat fragmentation as a significant issue, but in the evaluation of alternatives, caribou travel routes are not explicitly considered as important habitat features. Attawapiskat First Nation requests that caribou travel routes be considered in the analysis, especially as areas that favour constructability (areas of high ground) can also be used by caribou as travel routes.	All available information with regard to caribou (i.e., observations, habitat, movement) will be acquired and assessed as part of the EA process.	
AtFN-20	Section 5.2 (p. 65)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests further detail on how caribou protection is factored into the evaluation of the three alternative road concepts. Given that linear features are conduits for predators and are avoided by caribou, how does Alternative 1 "minimize anthropogenic and predator access to known caribou habitat areas"? For Alternative 2A, the evaluation offers contradictory statements, on the one hand claiming that the fact that "predators already have access" is an advantage, and on the other that predator access is a disadvantage. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on the relative impact of existing predator access compared with the expected increase in predator access for the three road alternatives.	Additional criteria and indicators for caribou have been considered in the screening and evaluation of alternative concept corridors for the WSR. Detail of the analysis are presented in the revised Section 5.2 of the ToR.	Section 5.2

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AtFN-21	Section 5.4.1. l (p. 71)	Future permafrost condition is not included in the list of routing considerations. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on how climate change has been factored into decisions about the preferred route.		
AtFN-22	Section 6.1 (p. 78)	The ToR states that "the size and extent of each study area may differ for each environmental study component." Attawapiskat First Nation supports this approach, but questions how cumulative effects, including historic range contraction of species such as caribou, will be considered in the delineation of the various regional study areas.	Section 8.2 of the ToR now provides greater clarify on the study area definitions. The EA will further define the LSA and RSA boundaries for each environmental factor/criterion (e.g. surface water, fish, wildlife, air, socio-economic, etc.) depending on the nature of likely effects and the geographic extent and characteristics of each factor. The selection of study areas will also consider comments and input received from Indigenous communities, regulatory agencies, the public and stakeholders. Study areas will also be designed to capture the maximum spatial extent of potential effects from the Project including other existing developments and proposed reasonably foreseeable developments as in the case of the cumulative effects assessment (Section 8.1). For example, in some cases, larger or separate study areas will be developed to address select potential environmental and socio-economic features, including but not limited to Caribou (Boreal population) to allow for greater accuracy in the prediction of project effects and development of mitigation measures.	Section 8.2
AtFN-23	Section 6.2.1 (p. 81)	The caribou aerial surveys lack clear objectives and information on how historic or future data will be used for establishing population trends and for long-term monitoring. Attawapiskat First Nation questions how a single survey can be used to establish a baseline for caribou populations. Attawapiskat First Nation does not support aerial surveys for caribou as these are disruptive to the animals, especially during the calving season, and an aerial survey would yield little information that would be relevant to the road EA. We prefer the EA to rely on knowledge and information provided by hunters and other land users for establishing population trends. Attawapiskat First Nation suggests the use of aerial photography together with land cover mapping from the MNRF's Far North Land Cover Dataset to identify suitable habitat types in the study area	There have been multiple aerial surveys conducted in the last few years, both by MNRF and sponsors/proponents of various other projects (i.e., Nibinamik First Nation, Webequie First Nation, Marten Falls First Nation). A number of data collection methods and tools will be used to inform the EA which include but are not limited to: aerial surveys (developed with input from MNRF and MECP biologists), MNRF collaring data, NHIC caribou occurrence data, caribou habitat mapping, Far North Land Cover Data, aerial photography and Indigenous Knowledge.	
AtFN-24	Section 6.2.l (p. 83)	Existing data from breeding bird surveys has little coverage of the study area and therefore a poor ability to detect trends for most species. The description of bird survey techniques in the draft ToR makes no mention of the number of stations that will be visited in the planned breeding bird survey. The draft ToR states that marsh birds will be surveyed opportunistically, as part of the breeding bird survey. This approach is unlikely to lead to an accurate assessment of the habitats (stopover and staging areas) where migratory waterfowl concentrate. Ducks and geese are important components of First Nations diets, and their habitats are also potential Significant Wildlife Habitats. Waterfowl migration staging/stopover areas should be assessed separately from the planned breeding bird surveys.	Waterfowl surveys were conducted in spring 2019. The detailed methodology and results of data collected in 2019 will be reported in a separate natural environment baseline report and summarized in the EA Report. A total of 113 breeding bird point count stations (which both target migratory and year-round resident bird species) were surveyed twice in 2019. Surveys were conducted in all accessible habitat types, including wetlands. This survey was conducted using standardized point count survey protocol, which can be repeated as required in subsequent years. The survey complements previous breeding bird point count surveys that were conducted for the Noront Eagle's Nest Project and other studies in past years. Waterfowl surveys were conducted in spring 2019, in addition to a fall survey conducted in October 2017. These surveys augment existing data (Noront) regarding waterfowl staging and migration for the area. Further breeding bird surveys are being contemplated for 2020.	
AtFN-25	Section 6.2. l (p.83)	The approach to the amphibian survey (noting frog calls during the breeding bird survey point counts) is unlikely to lead to an accurate assessment of amphibian diversity and habitat requirements in the study area.	It is recognized that amphibians are an integral part of most wetland ecosystems. Amphibians occurring within the projects study area are generally limited to five frog species, which are expected to occur widely across the project area. Traditional survey of frogs involves evening call counts, which provide an estimation of frog numbers at each sample site. The logistics of conducting evening surveys in remote locations of the project area make these surveys impractical. Acoustic detections surveys, using Songmeters is a remote method of conducting presence/absence surveys. However, no quantitative data can be accurately collected using this method.	
AtFN-26	Section 6.2.1 (p. 83-84)	Fish habitat sensitivities and habitat values should be determined in consultation with land users. Benthic invertebrate sampling should be conducted alongside the aquatic habitat survey.	Th Webequie Project Team as part of the EA will be seeking input from land users and Indigenous Knowledge from communities with respect to wildlife, including fish and fish habitat. Benthic invertebrate sampling is currently being contemplated for the 2020 field season.	
AtFN-27	Section 6.2.1 (p. 84)	The MNRF ' s Far North Land Cover Dataset should be used as base layer for the mapping of vegetation communities. This dataset should be included in Table 6-1 under Published Sources of Information for Existing Conditions.	The MNRF Far North Land Cover Dataset as well as other MNRF data sets are considered to be encompassed in the MNRF Land Information Ontario (LIO) (2016) cited in table.	

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AtFN-28	Section 6.2.3 (p. 85)	The methods for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities on the socio-economic environment are not defined. Attawapiskat First Nation requests that our knowledge be used to inform socio-economic baseline studies and to develop socio-economic monitoring programs.	During the process of our consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities, the Webequie Project Team we will make every effort to acquire local knowledge and use this Indigenous Knowledge to inform socio-economic baseline studies and develop socio-economic monitoring programs.	
AtFN-29	Section 6.3.3 (p. 93)	The survey method for evaluating waterfowl stopover and staging areas is unacceptable to Attawapiskat First Nation. A single fly-over late in the fall migration season (October) is not an appropriate way of establishing a baseline of waterfowl stopover and staging areas.	Waterfowl surveys were conducted in the spring of 2019, in addition to a fall survey conducted in October 2017. These surveys augment existing data (Noront Eagle's Nest Project) regarding waterfowl staging and migration for the area. Further studies are being contemplated for the 2020 field season.	
AtFN-30	Section 6.3.4 (p. 96)	Attawapiskat First Nation recommends adding a section after Rare Plant Species and Communities that includes plant species of cultural significance to First Nations communities. Similarly, Section 6.3.6 and Table 7-1 (p. 100) should be expanded to address species that are of concern to Indigenous communities.	Known plant species of cultural value or significance (i.e., country foods) to Indigenous communities has been added to Section 6.2.4 of the ToR. These include: wild berries or nuts (Blueberry, Wild Strawberry, Gooseberry/Currant, Raspberry), wild plants (Labrador Tea Leaves, Muskrat Root, Wild Rice, Mint Leaves, and Dandelions), and Tree Foods (Cedar Tea, Maple Syrup, and Poplar Inner Bark).	Section 6.2.4
AtFN-31	Section 6.4.1 (p. 106)	Webequie First Nation applied for an exemption from Section 12(1) of the Far North Act, which stipulates that "constructing or expanding all-weather transportation infrastructure and any other infrastructure that is associated with it cannot occur without a community-based land use plan (CBLUP) in place." The exemption was granted on March 2, 2018. Attawapiskat First Nation has not yet finalized its CBLUP and is concerned that Webequie' s exemption interferes with Attawapiskat's decision-making authority over areas of shared use.	Webequie First Nation's application seeking an exemption from Section 12(1) of the *Far North Act* was accepted by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry on March 2, 2018. The issuance and approval of an Order permitting development under Sections 12(2) and 12(4) of the Act cannot occur until after the EA is approved. In addition to the exemption application, other requirements under Section 12(2) must be met before the Minister could consider making an Order. Effects to territories of Indigenous communities will be examined in the EA through the consultation and engagement process, including the assessment any potential effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. Sections 2.1.5 and 6.3.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity on the above.	Section 2.1.5 Section 6.3.1
AtFN-32	Section 7.1, Table 7-1 (p. 113)	The introduction of invasive plant species (*Phragmites australis* and other species) should be included as a Potential Effect in ditches, wetlands and riparian areas by construction vehicles and road traffic during operation. Mitigation measures must address pre-emptive action (e.g. clean vehicle protocols) and post-establishment removal.	Potential effects of the introduction and spread of noxious and invasive plant species (e.g., from external equipment/vehicles brought to site) which can affect plant community composition and affect wildlife habitat availability and distribution has been added to Sections 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.4 Section 7.1.5
AtFN-33	Section 7.1, Table 7-1 (p. 114)	Loss of habitat and ecological function should be included as a Potential Effect of aggregate source extraction and production. The restoration of exhausted gravel pits should be included as a mitigation measure.	Section 7 of the ToR has been revised and reorganized to reflect the preliminary potential effects of project activities, including the proposed aggregate extraction and processing areas.	Section 7
AtFN-34	Section 7.1 (p. 114)	No potential effects are listed for the disposal of solid waste, or for the disposal of wastewater/sewage. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on where these wastes will be disposed, and how the EA will evaluate the plans for handling and disposal of these wastes. The descriptions provided refer only to "off-site" disposal and a "licensed waste facility.	Refer to response to AtFN-33. The disposal of solid waste or disposal/management of wastewater/sewage from the construction and operation of the Project will be examined in the EA.	
AtFN-35	Section 8 (p. 120)	Figure 8.1 shows that cumulative effects assessment will take place only in the final stages of this project-specific environmental assessment. Attawapiskat First Nation is deeply concerned that cumulative effects assessment is not integrated into the earlier stages of the EA process.	The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1 to the ToR. The ToR has committed in Section 6.5 to the development of work plans for select environmental components at the outset of the EA, which will include preparing a work plan for assessing cumulative effects. The work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders.	Section 6.5 Section 8.1
AtFN-36	Section 8.1.1, Table 8-1 (p.123)	Fragmentation should be included as an indicator related to Upland Ecosystems, Riparian Ecosystems & Wet lands, SAR, and Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat. Areas of waterfowl nesting, staging, and stopover areas should be included as indicators under Migratory Birds.	The suggested indicators have been considered. The preliminary list of criteria and indicators has been revised in Section 8.3.1 and Appendix B of the ToR. The preliminary list has been developed by the Webequie Project Team and includes input received during discussions with	Section 8.3.1 Appendix B

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			Indigenous communities from the engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The criteria, indicators and evaluation methods will be further developed, refined and finalized during the EA process in consultation with Indigenous communities, government agencies, the public and any other interested persons or groups.	
AtFN-37	Section 8.1.1, Table 8-1 (p. 124)	Ecosystem Services (carbon sequestration & storage) and Disturbance Regulation (changes to the regulatory functions of wetlands, rivers, and riparian areas) should be added as criteria/indicators for evaluation.	Refer to AtFN -36	
AtFN-38	Section 9.2 (p. 127)	The design of monitoring programs requires consultation with Attawapiskat First Nation. Our land users must be actively involved, throughout all phases of the project, in identifying actual effects, assessing the significance of those effects, assessing the effectiveness of mitigation/restoration/enhancement measures, and evaluating the need for additional action.	It is the intent of the Webequie Project Team to consult and engage with Indigenous communities on the effect monitoring program and identified mitigation measures that will be developed during the EA process.	

APPENDIX P1.E.4

Constance Lake First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

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Re: Request for comments on the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Mr. Parkinson,

I am writing in response to your notice dated September 11, 2019 regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for Review on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment.

Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for this project. CLFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document. While we recognize that a funding opportunity has been made available by the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) for this review, CLFN has not yet completed a holistic engagement work plan for this EA, nor do we have the technical staff on-hand to prepare such a response.

It is concerning that the timelines imposed within this EA have already impeded CLFN's participation in the process. It is essential that CLFN be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds, and we request that comment timelines reflect our need to build internal technical capacity on EAs and this project.

Sincerely,
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RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Allen:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Rick Allen
Chief
Constance Lake First Nation
P.O. Box 4000
Constake Lake, ON P0L1B0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Allen:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Constance Lake First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Constance Lake First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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4) Please indicate whether the Constance Lake First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

5) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

6) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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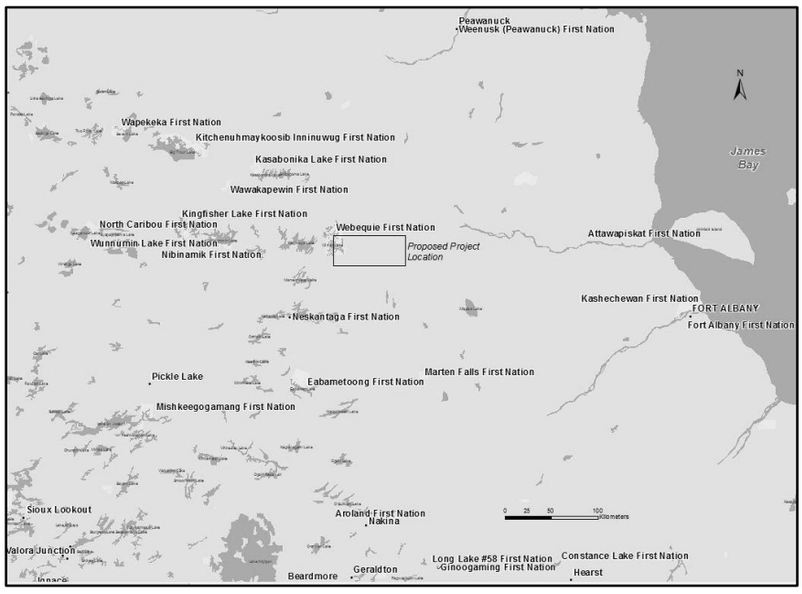
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:58 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Constance Lake First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Allen,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Constance Lake First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Allen,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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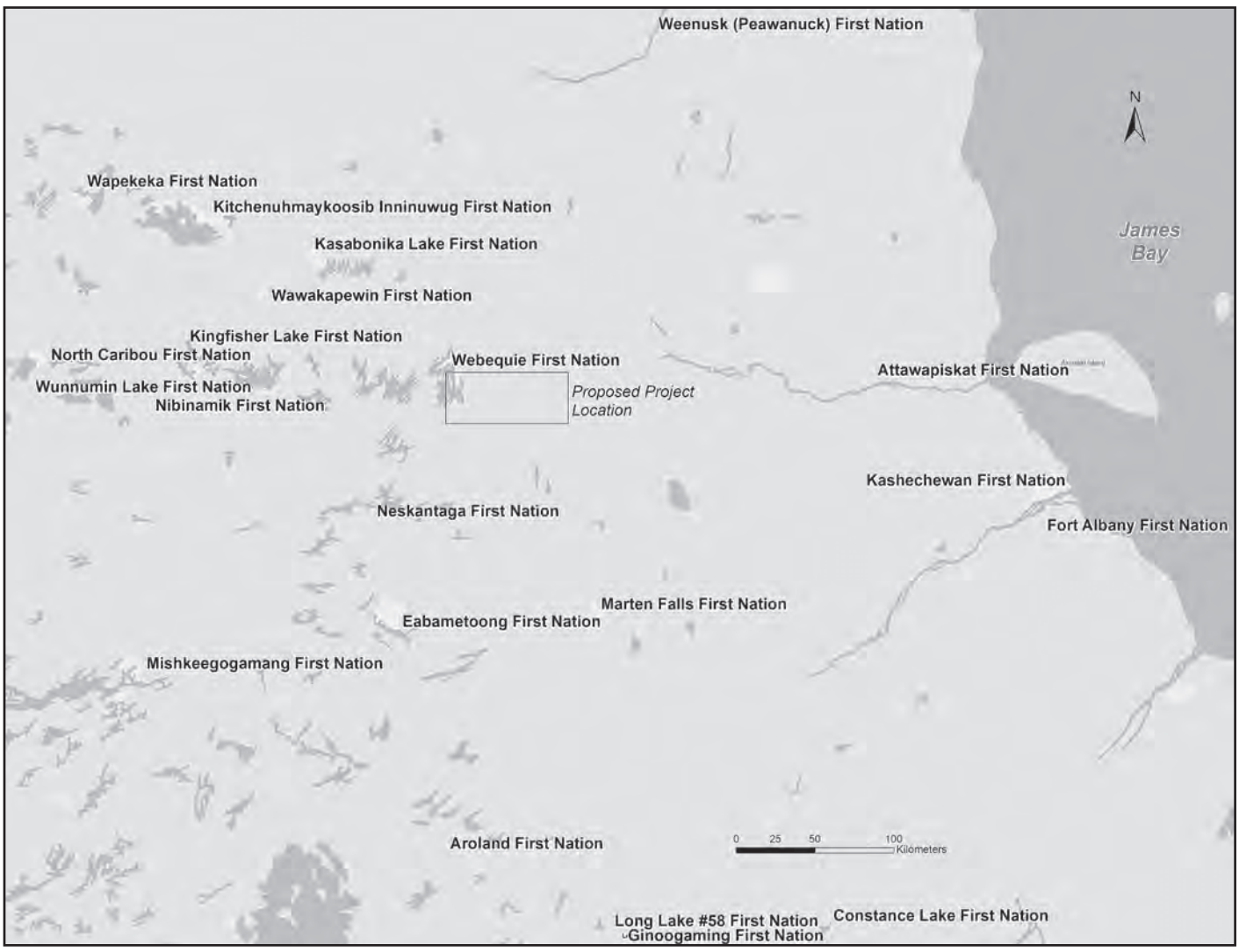
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USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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October 2, 2019

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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
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A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to Constance Lake First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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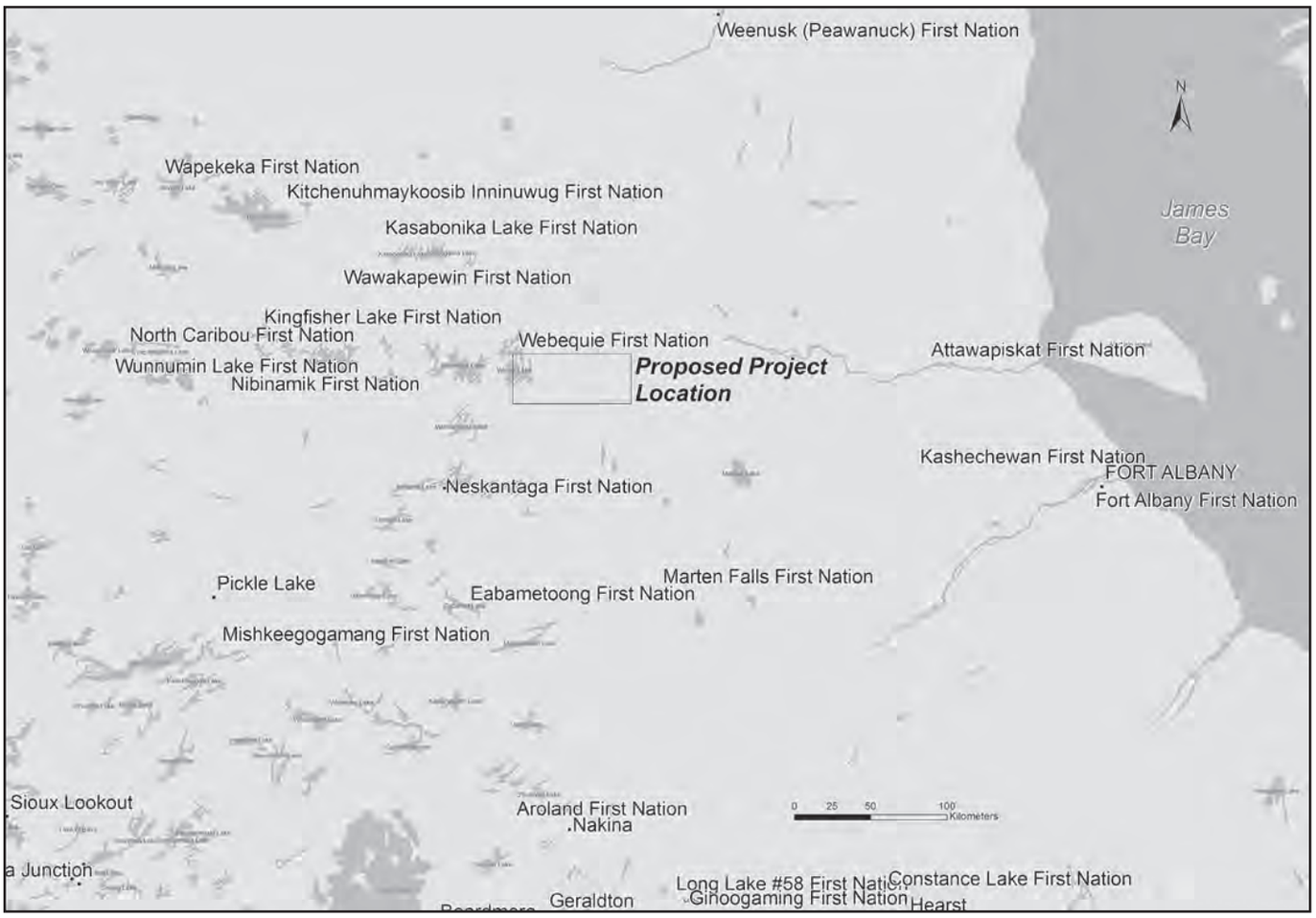
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

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WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the project has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details Webequie First Nation's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study and review elements of the Draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00pm and 6:00pm followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for an all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities.

The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
2:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

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The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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March 5, 2020

Chief Rick Allen
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P.O. Box 4000 Wa-Wa-Ska-Shoo St.
Constance Lake, ON P0L 1B0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Rick Allen,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation (WFN) and the Project Team, thank you for your letter dated November 6, 2019, in response to the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).

We understand that Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the project. In your letter, you have indicated that CLFN currently does not have the resources required to conduct a thorough review of the Draft ToR. It is our understanding that CLFN is in the process of developing a Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with Ontario to support participation and consultation for the Webequie Supply Road project.

Once the participant funding agreement is in place, we anticipate that CLFN will be able to provide comments on the final ToR. WFN will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for your community to review the ToR and provide feedback and input. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you and your community to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

Table F-7: Comments Received from Constance Lake First Nation CLFN – (Chief Rick Allen), November 7, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
CLFN-1		Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for this project. CLFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document. While we recognize that a funding opportunity has been made available by the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) for this review, CLFN has not yet completed a holistic engagement work plan for this EA, nor do we have the technical staff on-hand to prepare such a response. It is concerning that the timelines imposed within this EA have already impeded CLFN's participation in the process. It is essential that CLFN be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds, and we request that comment timelines reflect our need to build internal technical capacity on EAs and this project.	The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the EA Proponent and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. It is our understanding that CLFN has submitted an application for capacity funding to ENDM and that this currently under review by Ontario for approval. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has also made funding available through its Participant Funding Program to assist in the participation of the public and Indigenous groups in the federal impact assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project.	

APPENDIX P1.E.5

Eabametoong First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Elizabeth Atlookan
Eabametoong First Nation
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Atlookan:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, your community does not appear to have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project. The ministry acknowledges Eabametoong First Nation's assertion that the proposed Project will infringe on the community's Aboriginal and treaty rights, as articulated in your letter on May 29, 2018 and in other correspondence with Ontario, and

requests additional information about your community's exercise of rights in the area to understand the potential impacts that are anticipated. The ministry is also available to meet with you to discuss, and will review any new information provided to determine whether its assessment should be revised.

Based on the information currently available, Ontario understands that your community may have an interest in the potential environmental effects of the project. The ministry has shared that understanding with the proponent and indicated that your community should be consulted on that basis during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential will be documented by Webequie First Nation in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Don Parkinson, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin
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January 25, 2019

Ms. Elizabeth Atlookan
Chief
Eabametoong First Nation
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Eabamet Lake, ON P0T1L0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Atlookan:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Eabametoong First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Eabametoong First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

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7) Please indicate whether the Eabametoong First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

8) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

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9) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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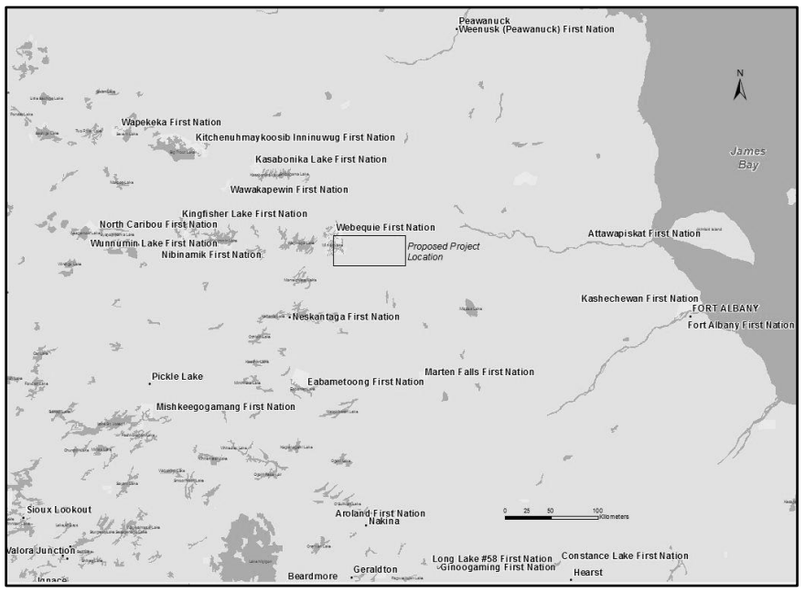
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Eabametoong & Neskantaga Joint Letter re: Webequie Supply Road Project
Attachments: efn-nesk Joint letter to webequie.pdf

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Cc: Elizabeth Atlookan; Wayne Moonias
Subject: Eabametoong & Neskantaga Joint Letter re: Webequie Supply Road Project

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a joint letter from the Chief Atlookan of Eabametoong and Chief Moonias of Neskantaga, sent to Chief Wabasse of Webequie regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project.

Thanks,

Hanna Waswa
Executive Assistant
(807) 242-7221 - Ex. 204





February 28, 2019

Chief Cornelius Wabasse
Webequie First Nation
P.O. Box 268
Webequie, Ontario
P0T 3A0

Dear Chief Wabasse,

We received a letter on January 25, 2019 from Christine Darson, SNC-Lavalin Inc. on behalf of the Webequie First Nation in respect of the Webequie Supply Road Project.

In November 2018, the Eabametoong and Neskantaga First Nations announced in their Joint Declaration that we would be cooperating together in undertaking joint environmental assessment and regulatory review of projects within our combined territories.

Further, the Eabametoong and Neskantaga, together with Webequie and the other Matawa First Nations have been participating together in the Regional Framework Agreement negotiations with the Province of Ontario. An important objective of the Regional Framework Agreement was to establish an enhanced regional Environmental Assessment process and infrastructure planning on a regional basis. We believe that Ontario must, in good faith, complete those regional framework negotiations before undertaking unilateral environmental assessments in our common territory. Unless our First Nations reach agreement with Ontario for a regional Environmental Assessment process, we will be instituting our own process.

We note that the Webequie's Supply Road Project will take place within the Eabametoong and Neskantaga Declaration area, and will therefore require environmental assessment pursuant to our process. We recommend that you make application for your project to Eabametoong and Neskantaga at the earliest opportunity.

We are also prepared to enter into discussions with you and with Ontario to harmonize the Ontario Environmental Assessment for the road project with our process.

We note that our Environmental Assessment Process will incorporate a number of aspects which you should consider in your terms of reference to a harmonized approach. These principles are drawn in part from the enhanced environmental assessment process agreed by all the Matawa Nations -- including Webequie -- in our collective proposal to Ontario under the Regional Framework Agreement:

- the assessment will consider whether the Project contributes to the long term sustainability of the region and the member communities and will consider alternatives to the project within the sustainability framework;
- the assessment will specifically and directly consider Project impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty rights;

- the assessment will respectfully engage with and consider Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous perspectives and Indigenous laws;
- the assessment will apply a robust cumulative and regional effects methodology that specifically takes into consideration (a) the potential domino effect of development and infrastructure in the region and (b) a pre-disturbance baseline that accounts for changes of patterns or resource use and the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights in the present;
- the assessment will apply factors and criteria developed jointly with affected communities;
- Indigenous community participation will be supported with adequate timelines and participation funding; and
- the assessment process will enable joint decisions on EA conditions and joint approvals.

At a minimum, we recommend that you propose these objectives in your submissions to Ontario. We were pleased to hear in your letters to us, and repeated in the letter from SNC-Lavalin Inc. that Webequie intends to conduct its terms of reference process using our common Nations' "family values approach" and in a manner in which acknowledges the shared history, and cultures and aspirations of our communities. We look forward to working with you on that basis.

We do not believe that Ontario can unilaterally impose its legislated Environmental Assessment process on our common family values approach, particularly given our common agreement to work together to a Regional Framework.

We do wish to advise you that we will be informing Ontario that we do not recognize their jurisdiction to unilaterally impose their legislative process on us while we are in good faith negotiations towards a regional framework. We will also be advising Ontario that it is not appropriate to off-load the Crown's duty of consultation by reliance upon a neighbouring First Nation as proponent.

We know that you believe strongly, as we do, in the principles of Jurisdiction that we agreed on together in the Regional Framework Agreements. We know that, as a First Nation, you believe that free and informed consent should be an important aspect of our rights and title upon our lands. We trust you will conduct your proposed consultation obligations under those principles.

We look forward to working with you towards a harmonized Environmental Assessment Process.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by> <Original signed by>

Chief Elizabeth Atlookan
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August 13, 2019

Chief Harvey Yesno
Eabametoong First Nation
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Re: 2 First Nations Letter
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road

Dear Chief Harvey Yesno,

This will acknowledge with thanks your joint letter of February 28, 2019. We apologize for the delay in responding but as discussed with your Council on June 18, 2019, Webequie First Nation and Ontario had been discussing our respective roles and responsibilities in conducting consultation throughout the environmental assessment process. We would be happy to discuss this with you.

You raise a number of issues in your letter which are touched on in these discussions between Webequie First Nation and Ontario. Your position with respect to the negotiations with Ontario towards a Regional framework and jurisdiction are substantive matters which can only be addressed by Ontario as the Crown and regulator. We have copied them on this response and suggest that you follow-up directly with them.

With that said, we see alignment on many areas with respect to the necessity of respectful inclusion of traditional knowledge in the environmental assessment, the participation of your community and other affected communities in the study and assessment of any potential impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights in Project Study area and the need to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures and strategies in such processes.

We look forward to working with your community as we start the environmental assessment studies and wish to schedule a meeting with you Council at your earliest convenience. At this meeting, we would like to discuss our draft Terms of Reference which is the first step in the environmental assessment process and includes Webequie's approach to the environmental assessment, as well as other items you would like to discuss.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Coordinator

cc. Lori Churchill, Director Indigenous Consultation and Partnership Branch, ENDM
Annamaria Cross, Manager Environmental and Permissions Branch, MECP

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Harvey Yesno
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Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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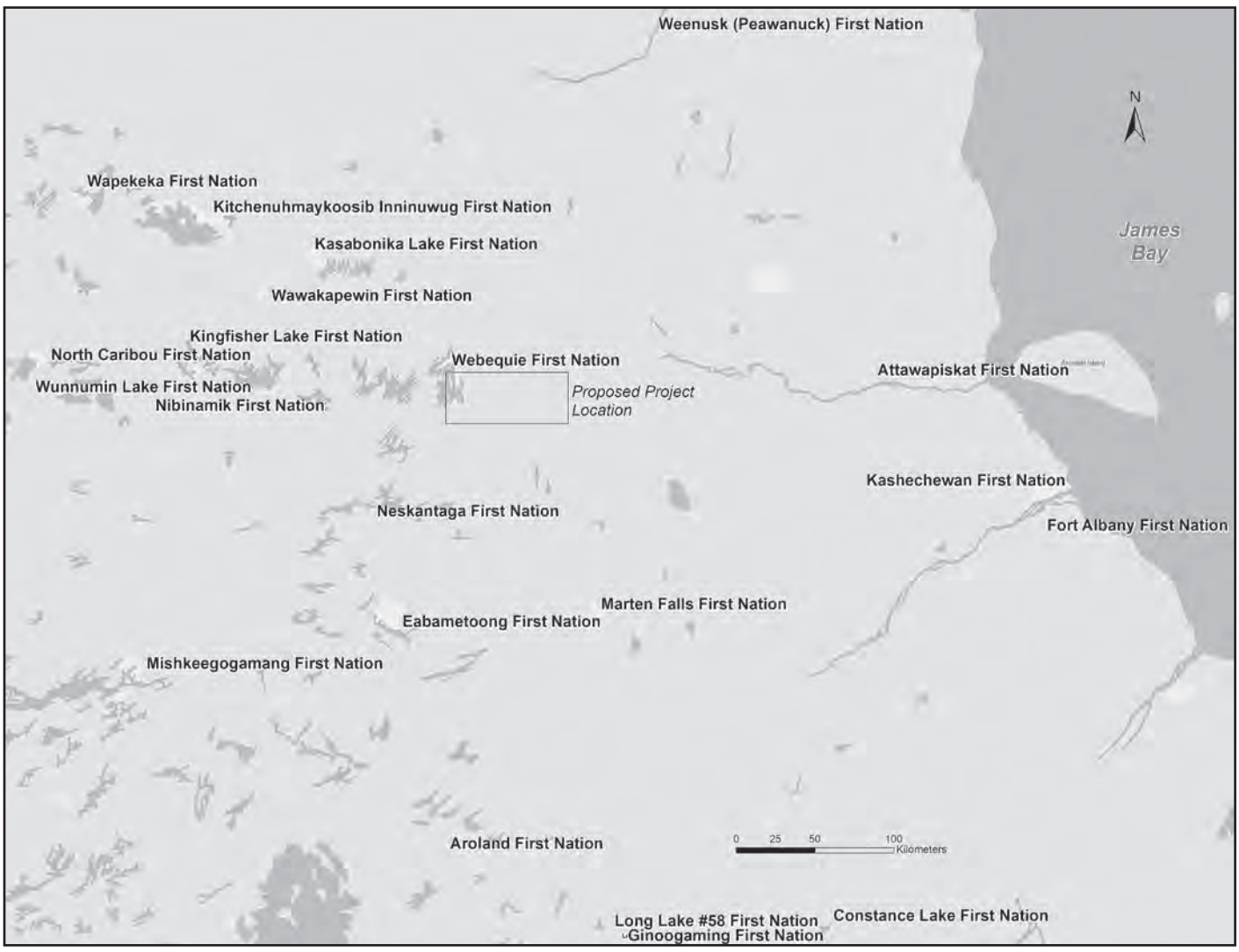
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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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CONSULTATION

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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October 2, 2019

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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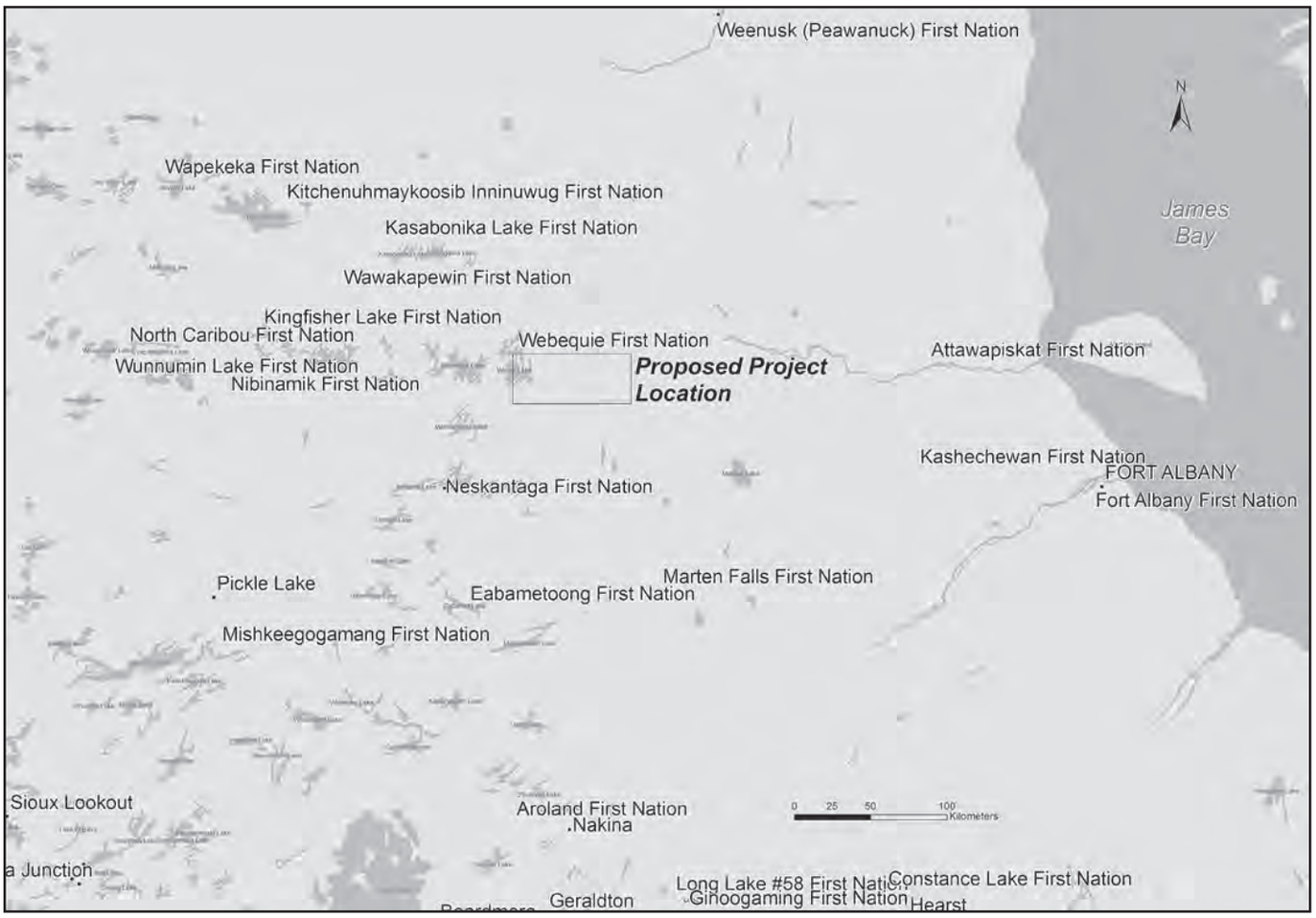
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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted]; Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
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To: 'Harvey Yesno'
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Eabametoong ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Harvey Yesno
Eabametoong First Nation
P.O. Box 298
Eabamet Lake, ON P0T 1L0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Harvey Yesno,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season road corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you and your community to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you and your community would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

APPENDIX P1.E.6

Fort Albany First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Leo Metatawabin
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Fort Albany ON P0L 1H0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Metatawabin:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Don Parkinson, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin
Afsana Qureshi, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Lori Churchill, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Jason Frechette, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Anjala Puvananathan, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Leo Metatawabin
Chief
Fort Albany First Nation
P.O. Box 1
Fort Albany, ON P0L1H0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Metatawabin:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Fort Albany First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Fort Albany First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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31) Please indicate whether the Fort Albany First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

32) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

33) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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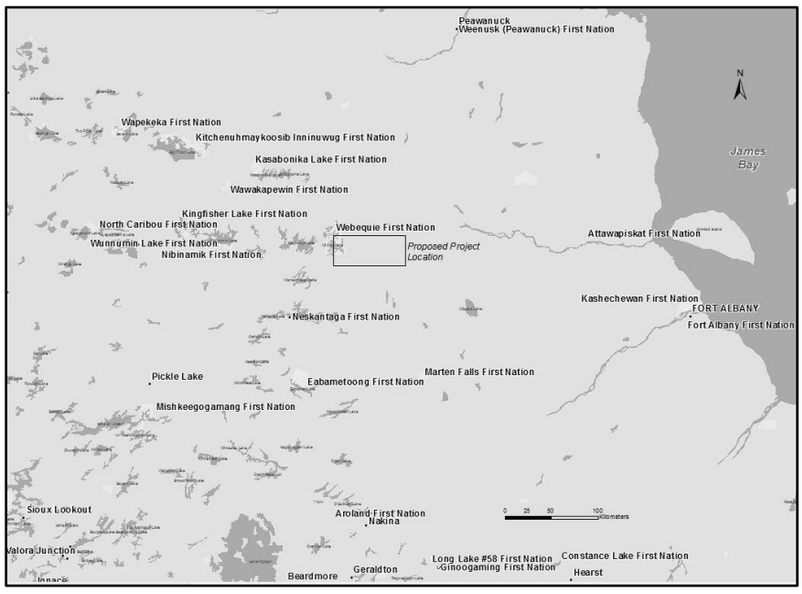
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:42 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Fort Albany First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Metatawabin,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Fort Albany First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Leo Metatawabin
Chief
Fort Albany First Nation
P.O. Box 1
Fort Albany, ON P0L1H0

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Metatawabin,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Sincerely,

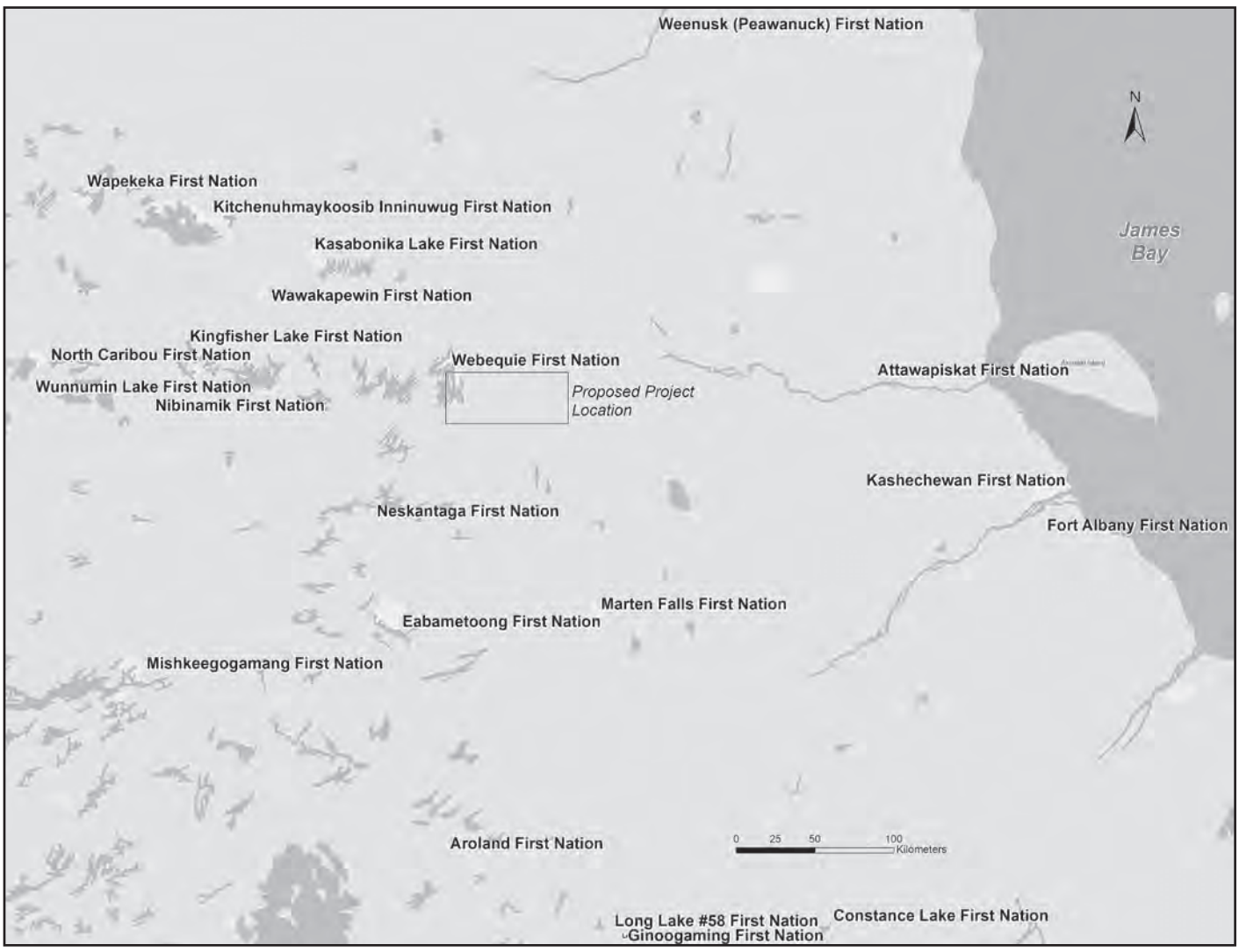
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Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

Don Parkinson
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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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October 2, 2019

Chief Leo Metatawabin
Fort Albany First Nation
P.O. Box 1
Fort Albany, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Metatawabin,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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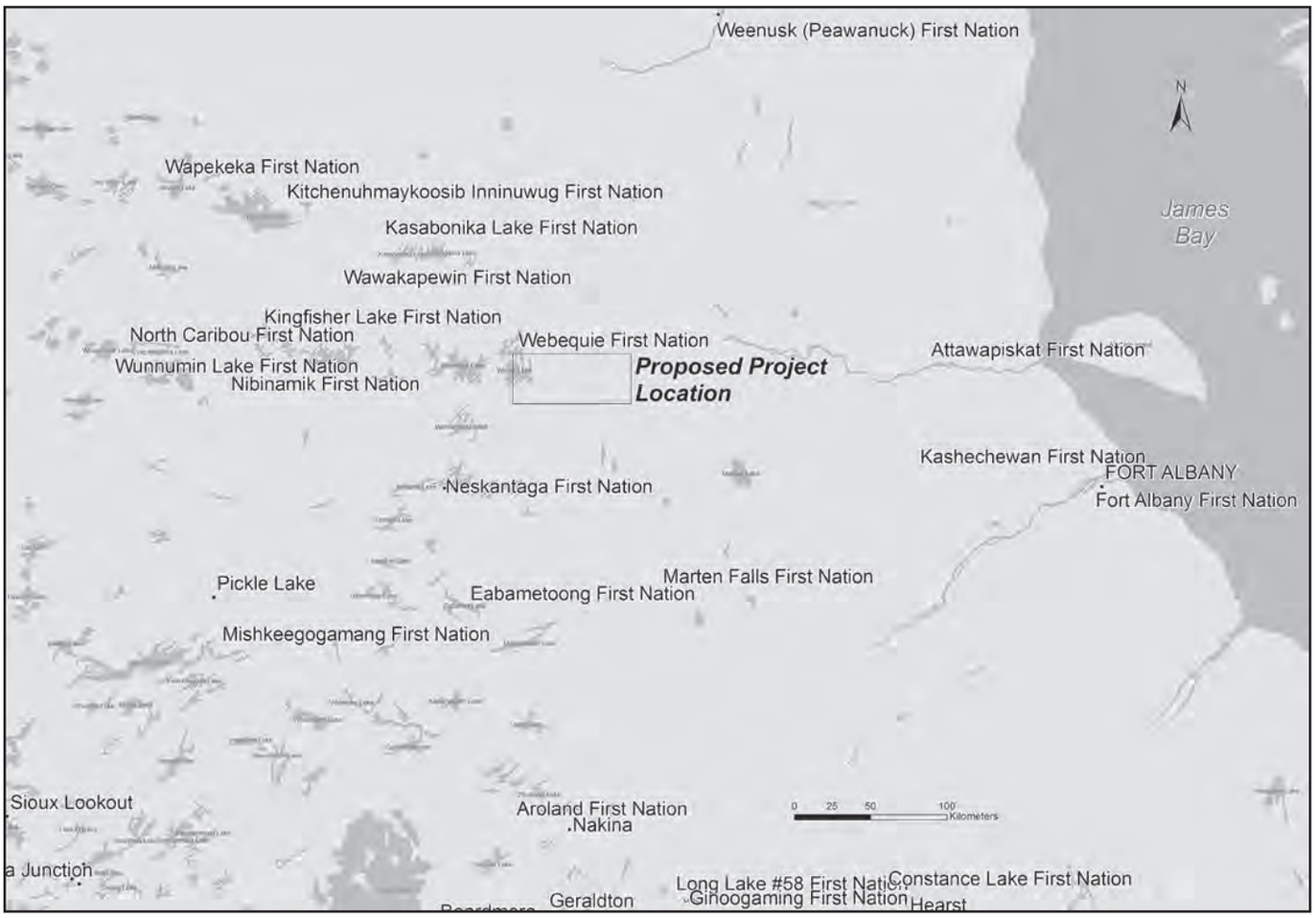
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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March 5, 2020

Chief Leo Metatawabin
Fort Albany First Nation
P.O. Box 1
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Leo Metatawabin,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season road corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

We understand that Fort Albany First Nation has an executed Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road's EA process.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Spring 2020, and Indigenous communities and interested parties will be provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the ToR. With the participant funding agreement in place, we look forward to your comments on the ToR. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

Darson, Christine

From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 8:31 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Fort Albany ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

APPENDIX P1.E.7

Ginoogaming First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Celia Echum
P.O. Box 89
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Echum:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, your community does not appear to have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project. However, Ontario understands that your community may have an interest in the potential environmental effects of the project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) has shared that understanding with the proponent and indicated that your community should be consulted on that basis during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential will be documented by Webequie First Nation in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
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January 25, 2019

Ms. Celia Echum
Chief
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Longlac, ON P0T2A0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Echum:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Ginoogaming First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Ginoogaming First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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10) Please indicate whether the Ginoogaming First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

11) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

12) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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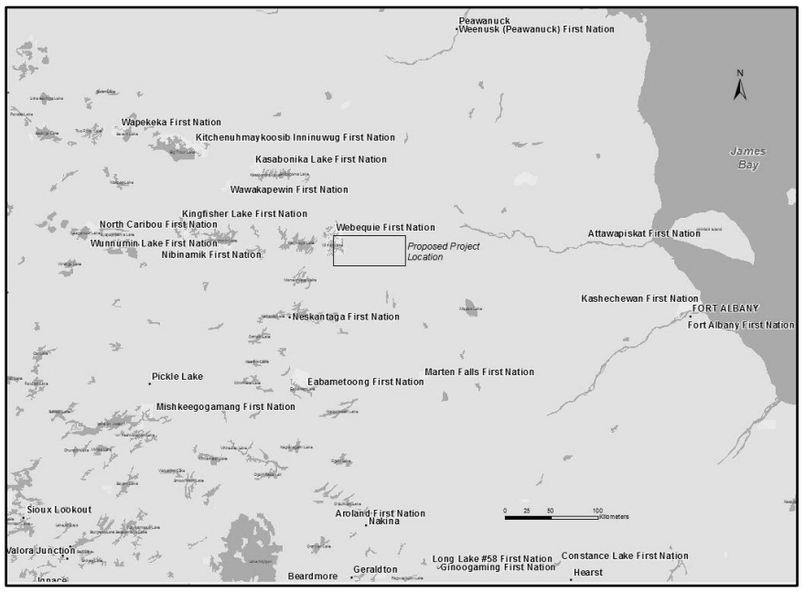
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:44 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Ginoogaming First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Echum,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Ginoogaming First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

Chief Celia Echum
Ginoogaming First Nation
P.O. Box 89
Longlac, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Echum,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to Ginoogaming First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Public Information Centre, first published on October 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

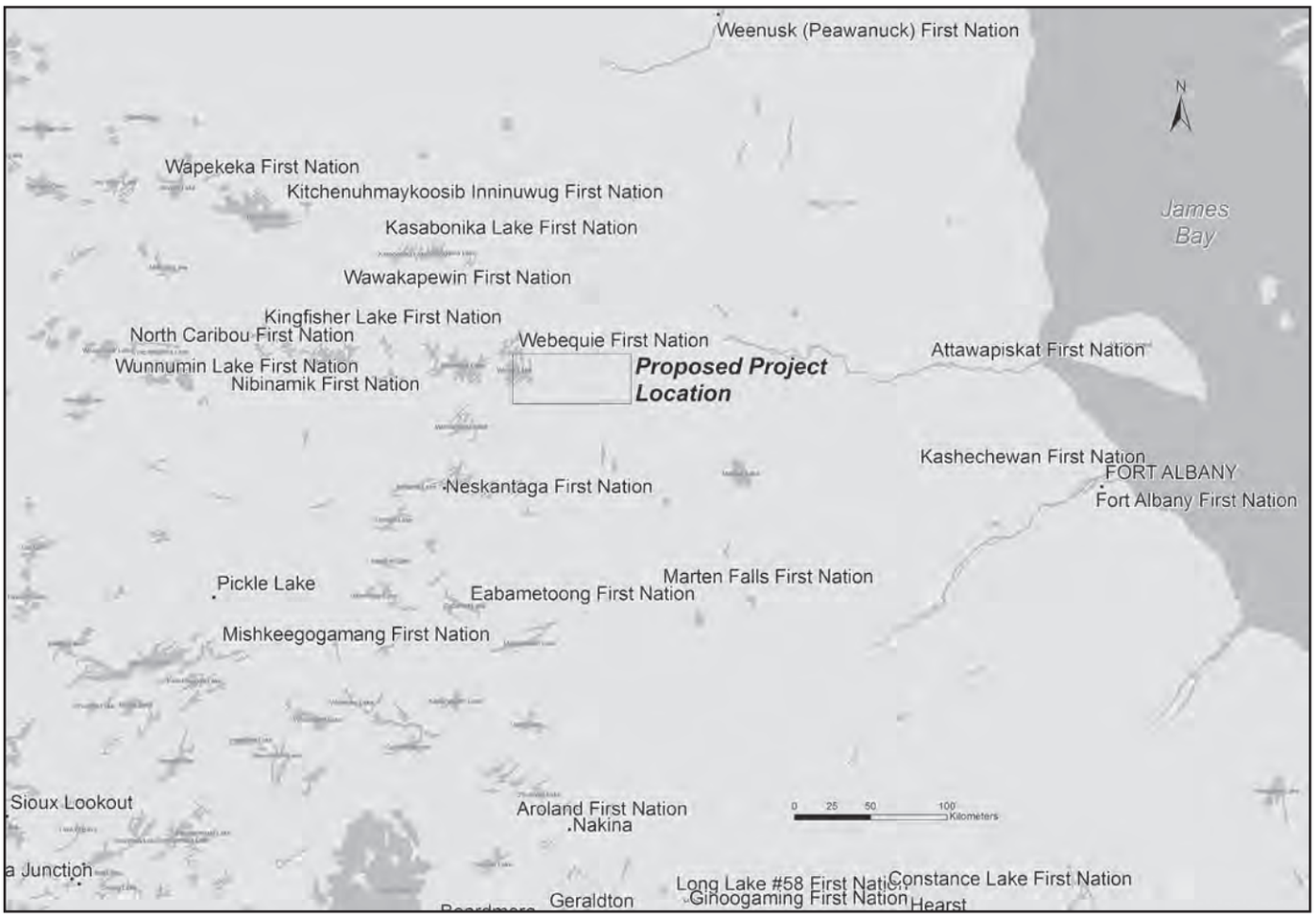
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Enclosed:
Notice of Public Information Centre

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

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CONTACT

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Don Parkinson

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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November 6, 2019

Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead
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Re: Request for comments on the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Mr. Parkinson,

I am writing in response to your notice dated September 11, 2019 regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for Review on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment.

Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout all Environmental Assessment (EA) processes for this project. GFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document, and no funding opportunity has been made available by the Proponent or province of Ontario for this review.

GFN requires appropriate resources to be meaningfully engaged in this EA process. It is concerning that the imposed timelines have already impeded our participation in the process, and it is essential that GFN be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds.

We look forward to hearing from you and the Province of Ontario soon regarding our capacity and engagement requirements.

Sincerely,

Chief Celia Echum

cc. Michael Fox (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca)
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Darson, Christine

From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 7:48 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Ginoogaming ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Celia Echum
Ginoogaming First Nation
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Long Lac, ON P0T 2A0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Celia Echum,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation (WFN) and the Project Team, thank you for your letter dated November 6, 2019, in response to the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).

We understand that Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the project. In your letter, you have indicated that GFN currently does not have the resources required to conduct a thorough review of the Draft ToR, and that no funding opportunity has been made available by the Province of Ontario for this review.

Allocation of the participant funding initiative is outside of the purview of WFN and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We will direct your request to the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) for participant funding to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Project process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147). We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

APPENDIX P1.E.8

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Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Eno H. Anderson
P.O. Box 124 - GeneraDelivery
Kasabonika Lake ON P0V 1Y0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Anderson:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Eno H. Anderson
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Kasabonika Lake First Nation
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Kasabonika Lake, ON P0V1Y0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

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To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

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Yes ☐ No ☐

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Name: _____

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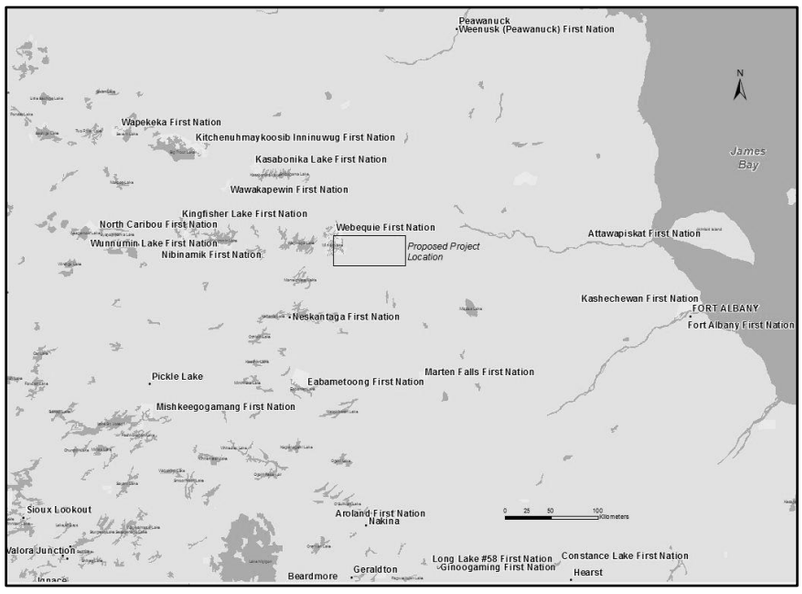
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Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:48 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Kasabonika First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Anderson,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Kasabonika Lake First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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PROJECT:	Webequie First Nation Supply Road	DATE: January 31, 2019
SUBJECT:	Webequie First Nation Supply Road – Notice of Terms of Reference Commencement	
PROJECT NO:	661910	

CIRCULATE TO:	INITIAL:
FILE:	

BETWEEN: Chief Eno Anderson (INDIVIDUAL) and Christine Darson SNC-Lavalin Environment & Water

Kasabonika Lake First Nation (COMPANY)

☐ INCOMING ☐ OUTGOING ☐ VOICE MAIL

PHONE NO.: (807) 535-2695 TIME: 11:56 AM

REMARKS:

Chief Eno Anderson called C. Darson to discuss the Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for the Webequie First Nation Supply Road issued on January 25, 2019.

Chief Anderson stated his appreciation that the Webequie First Nation Supply Road Project Team were advising Webequie First Nation's neighbours of the Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference.

As the territory of the Kasabonika Lake First Nation and the Webequie First Nation overlapped in areas, and Webequie's traditional territory came very close to the Kasabonika Lake First Nation Chief Anderson stated that Kasabonika Lake First Nation had the right to be consulted with and concerned if projects werebeing planned by the Webequie First Nation.

Chief Anderson advised that at the proposed all-season road corridor did not appear to be located on overlapping lands, Kasabonika Lake First Nation did not have concerns with respect to the project. It was requested that Kasabonika Lake First Nation be updated regularly on the process of the project

Chief Anderson requested that at least 1 meeting with the Kasabonika Lake First Nation community be scheduled so that the community members could be informed about the project and the process to be followed.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The Project Team to schedule a meeting to discuss the project with the Kasabonika Lake First Nation Chief and Council, and community members.

ACTION TAKEN:

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Kasabonika Lake FN
Attachments: WSR_Contact Info form_Kasabonika Lake FN.pdf

From: Elton Mitchell Diabo [redacted]
Sent: March 12, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Darson, Christine; Chief Eno H. Anderson
Cc: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Subject: Kasabonika Lake FN

Per Chief EH Anderson.

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***** God bless you and your family! *****

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Kasabonika Lake FN assets overlap with Webequie FN in traditional lands bordering our 2 First Nations AND KLFN assets impacts from developments in the Ring of Fire Roads, Infrastructure and Mining/Minerals

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January 25, 2019

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September 11, 2019

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Webequie Supply Road Project
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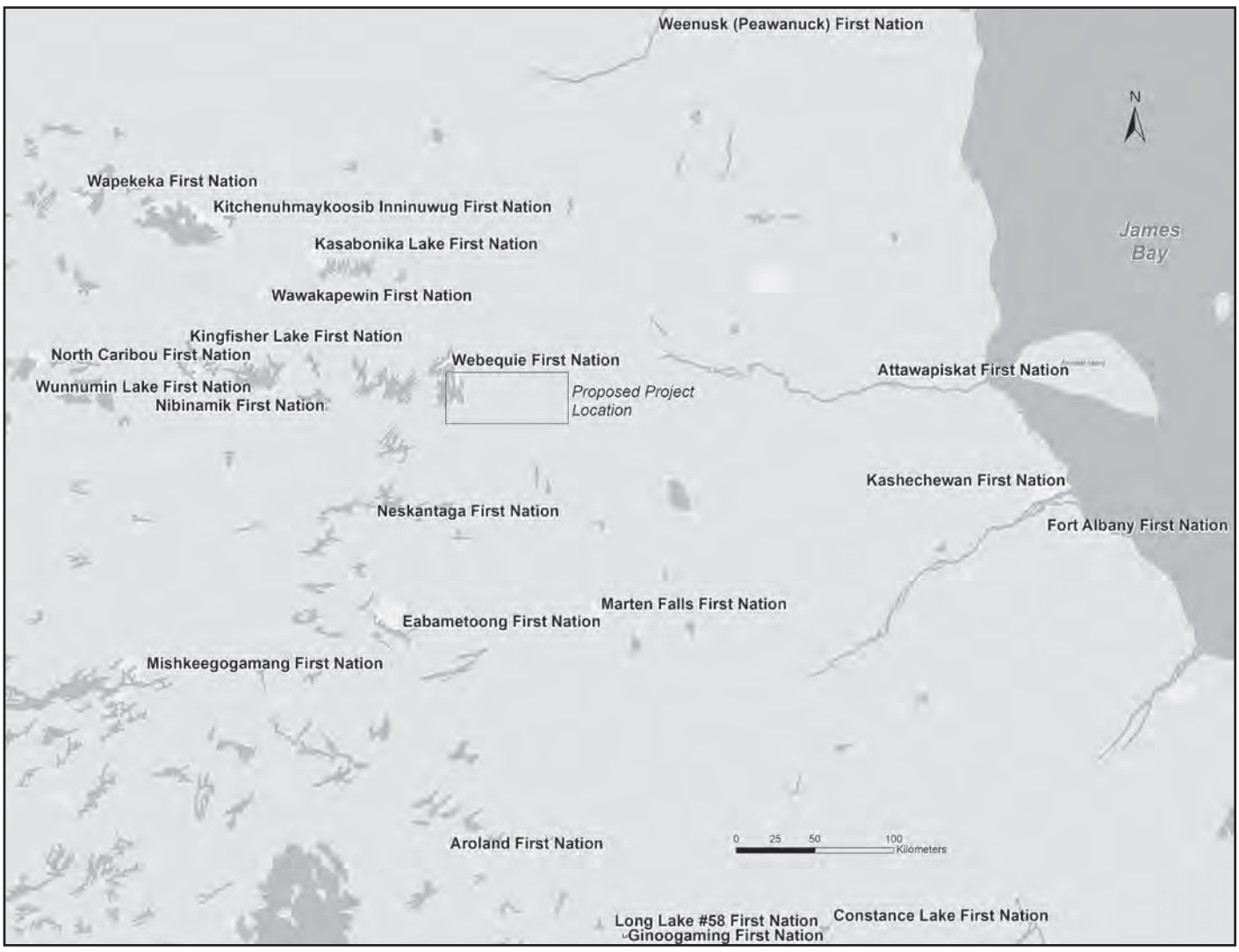
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
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Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
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Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to hearing you.

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September 11, 2019

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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October 2, 2019

Chief Eno H. Anderson
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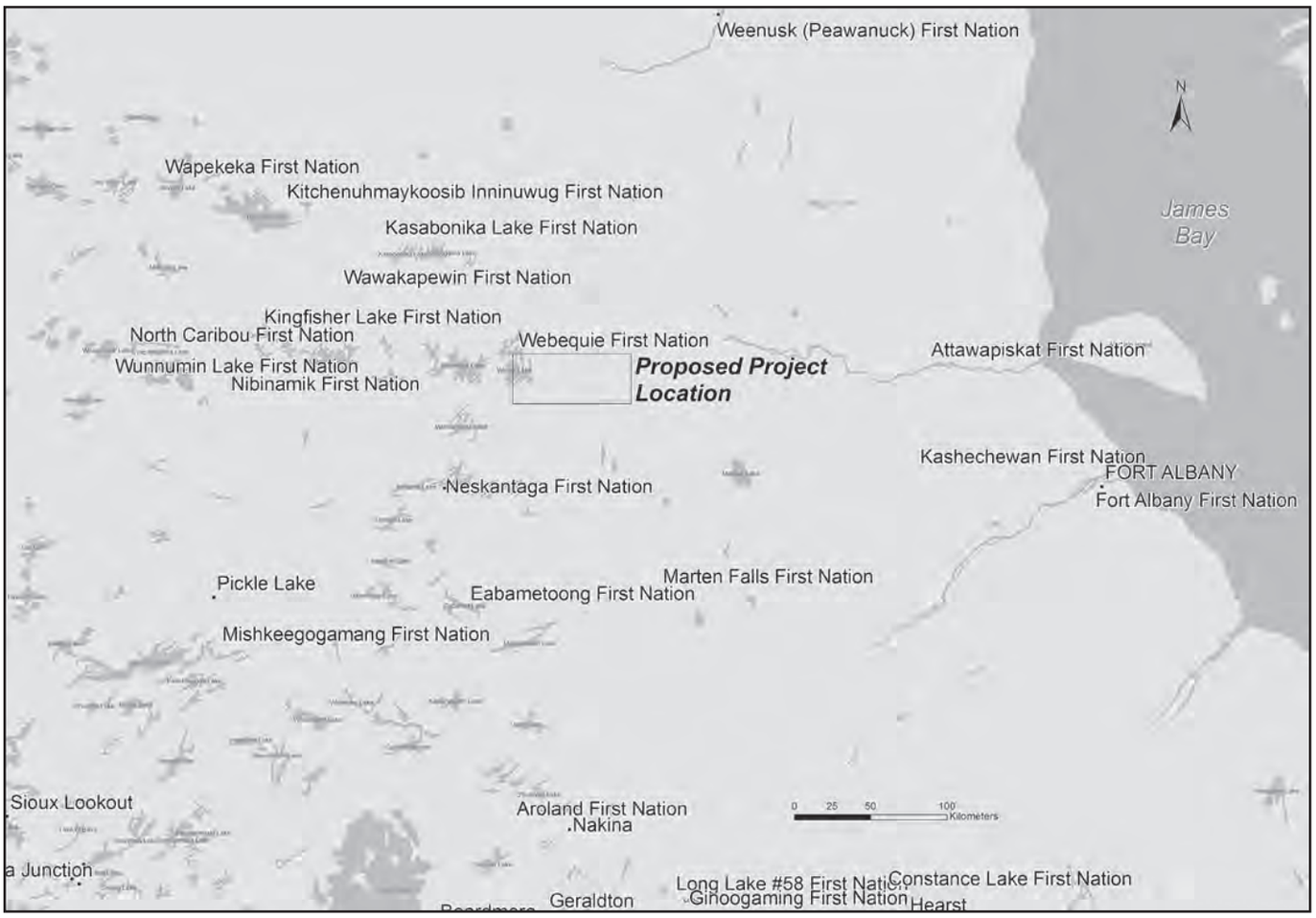
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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October 2, 2019

Councillor E. Mitchell Diabo
Kasabonika Lake First Nation
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Kasabonika Lake, ON
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Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

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Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
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Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Sent: March 11, 2020 8:42 PM
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Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Kasabonika ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Tom Semple
Kasabonika Lake First Nation
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Tom Semple,

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We understand that Kasabonika Lake First Nation has an executed Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road's EA process.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Spring 2020, and Indigenous communities and interested parties will be provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the ToR. With the participant funding agreement in place, we look forward to your comments on the ToR. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Kasabonika Lake First Nation
March 11, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council on March 11, 2019 at the Kasabonika Lake First Nation Band Office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation discussed the ToR review, engagement/consultation process, EA process and additional project information. Five (5) hard copies of the presentation were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

1. Q: Is there consultation funding?
   R: We plan to do the first round with 21 communities and see what the capacity requirements are.

2. Q: We thought that this road is to connect to Pickle Lake; however, now we understand that this is a road from Webequie FN to the Ring of Fire. Is this project just for the supply road?
   R: Yes, this project is just the Supply Road. Webequie FN sees this as an economic development road to connect to mineral development.

3. Q: Why was Kasabonika Lake FN identified as a community to be consulted?
   R: When the Crown reviews a project, they examine their database of what they know about communities, sites of cultural significance, possible caribou ranges, watersheds, different factors for strength of claim, etc. Consultation is an ongoing process, as we engage with communities, the Crown can identify impacts, their concerns and we can

address the issue with more precision. Webequie FN also had their own list of communities to consult, based on the location of neighbouring communities, known traditional lands and resource use, familial/clan connections to Webequie.

4. Q: How certain are you that certain aboriginal and treaty rights are protected? Especially in regards to protecting the environment.
   R: Webequie First Nation council have had these discussions and have set principles for this project. There was a two day workshop with regulators to ensure that this project is based on their principles and guidelines.

5. Q: Will there be a Webequie community representative present next time to explain this to community members?
   R: There was an attempt to have someone from the Webequie Project Management Team (PMT); however, they were all busy to attend today.The Webequie PMT is guiding this and we report to them. They are the ones to give us the mandate to go forward with this. The original plan was to have community members at every meeting from the beginning but next time we will make sure we will.

6. Q: How long will the road be and how many crossings?
   R: The road will be 107km and there are two big crossings off the Muketei River and another at Webequie to the mainland. The issue now that we are facing is the east--west part of the road because of the muskeg. We are trying to figure out how to position the the road to minimize the number of crossings.

7. Q: When will we meet again?
   R: We can anticipate another meeting in early May, if you are available.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by community members.

Language

- Chief Eno Anderson (KLFN): As a Leader, I always promote our language. Ensure that all project materials are translated into the community's native language for Elders and other community members to understand the information being presented.

Traditional Principles

- Chief Eno Anderson (KLFN): There are principles that were given to Kasabonika Lake FN from the elders to help guide us through development processes. There is a cultural way of life that needs to be protected and development must benefit the people of the land. We do not stray away from the principles in any process that is undertaken, which is why the consultation process is necessary and good. These principles are provided to us to protect our interests. Our principles are: 1) maintain our cultural way of life; 2) treaty and aboriginal rights; 3) any project must benefit the people; 4) the environment must be protected; and 5) protect information. For example, when we partnered with DeBeers on their project, the community made one recommendation based on the

principle related to the environment principle. We had a community member that went to Attawapiskat and another to the mine site to get trained in environmental monitoring. We have learned to address impacts by monitoring the environment. People are stewards of their lands and need to protect and maintain it. If companies are doing the monitoring, we are not sure what they are doing.

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Benefits and Outlook

- Chief Eno Anderson (KLFN): Webequie needs to look at the benefits they will get out of this project (employment, transportation etc.). There will always be exploration in the area, and First Nations should be looked at as investors because they have a stake in the exploration.

Community Consultation Process

- Chief Eno Anderson (KLFN): When doing Community Information Sessions, the first step is meet the Planning Board to go over the consultation process. A radio session in the evening prior to the Community Information Session will occur. The following day, consultation will take place with the community. Afterwards, another radio session will take place to answer additional questions.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Kasabonika Lake Chief and Council (marked "CP" for Council point).

Potential Environmental Impacts

- CP: The environment is important to us and we try to keep it healthy – that is our main concern.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is completed.

2. Project Team to arrange meeting with Kasabonika Lake FN Planning Board and to arrange Radio Sessions and Community Information Session with Kasabonika FN membership.

3. Project Team to have PowerPoint Presentation and other materials for the Community Information Session translated into Oji-Cree.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council once the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Kasabonika Lake First Nation
September 16, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council on September 16, 2019 at the Kasabonika Lake Band office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input on the ToR from Indigenous communities.

Communication materials were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the presentation; 200 copies of the Community Newsletter in English; 10 copies of the Community Newsletter in Oji-Cree; 10 copies of the Terms of Reference Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree 10 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; and 10 copies of the feedback form.

OPENING REMARKS

Prior to the presentation, Chief Eno Anderson provided opening remarks. Chief Anderson welcomed the Project Team and indicated that this meeting will open the discussion of traditional land, treaty rights, Indigenous way of life and how it will be maintained to survive because of the new development in the north. The Chief outlined their 4 principles: 1) Their culture and way of life must be protected; 2) Treaty and Aboriginal rights must be protected; 3)The environment must be protected; and 4) Development must benefit the First Nation. The Chief noted that these principles are a community-driven process. To have the certainty that their principles are maintained, any resource development project needs to follow those principles. The Chief advised that he is sure Webequie FN has a similar objective and similar interest when it comes to development; however, Webequie FN is the only community with mineral discovery. Chief Anderson notes that this development is a resource that will benefit all communities and advised that the community is interested in the Project.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentation, Chief & Council asked questions of clarification regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project (marked “Q”). Responses from each respective Project Team are noted in italics (marked ‘R”), where provided:

1. Q: Who will fill the missing gap between Webequie Supply Road and Marten Falls Community Access Road?
   R: This is currently in discussions with Webequie FN, Marten Falls FN and Ontario.

2. Q: How many communities are involved? Will you be consulting with every FN?
   R: There are 21 First Nation communities and 1 Métis community to be consulted with as part of this process. So far, we have consulted with Nibinamik FN, Marten Falls FN, Mishkeegogamang FN, Peawanuck FN, Wapekeka FN, Big Trout FN, Kingfisher Lake FN, and we plan to go to Wawakapewin FN.

3. Q: When does the 30-day review period begin? How do we get funds to help us get capacity to review the document?
   R: The 30-day review period for the Draft ToR starts today, September 16th and will conclude on October 16th. We were advised that the process for provincial capacity funding and its application process would be expedited as they realize timing is very important.

4. Q: Who decides the 30-day window?
   R: The 30-day review period is following provincial guidance; that window can be extended by request and the province will determine if it can be extended.

5. Q: Will Webequie FN be hiring their community members for the construction of the supply road?
   R: We do not know the answer to the feasibility of the project yet for any construction-related question. However, it is the intent to maximize community participation if the Supply Road is deemed feasible. .

6. Q: Are all the baseline studies being done by SNC-Lavalin or are there other consultants? Are you drawing on previous studies completed? Are you using information from NorOnt?
   R: Yes, SNC-Lavalin is the consultant conducting the baseline studies. We involve community members in the baseline studies. Previous studies are also reviewed when creating the baseline study. We are asking communities to advise us if our baseline studies in the Draft ToR are sufficient to understand topics such as wildlife populations in the area, etc.

7. Q: What is the magnitude of the capital cost of the Project?
   R: An estimate based on previous experience on other projects is approximately $2M/km. This is a reasonable estimate as it considers the cost of going through peatlands.

8. Q: Where will the money for the Project be sourced from?
   R:Webequie FN and Marten Falls FN are in discussions with the Province about this.

9. Q: How come your Elders Principles do not include Treaty Rights?
   R: It is assumed that the surrounding First Nations are Treaty #9 communities. .

10. Q: Why is there not a Webequie representative present today?
    R: There is not a Webequie representative present because Webequie FN is working on many projects right now and no one from leadership was available to attend. There is a project management team that are on rotation for when we visit other Indigenous communities.

11. Q: What about the Métis community? How were they identified to be consulted?
    R: Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Region 2 was identified to be consulted with because the development within this Zone – they have the right to hunt moose and they must demonstrate how their Aboriginal rights are impacted. We gave MNO information packages and they plan to consult with their members and respond to us.

12. Q: The site location is full of muskeg. I was trapping one time in the muskeg there and had to wait an hour for caribou, coming down from Churchill, to pass. Like geese, they go south and come back in the springtime. How high will the road be built to allow animals to pass in these areas?
    R: There are challenges on that issue. The engineers are considering a floating road concept because of this issue. We are currently doing preliminary engineering designs and doing geotechnical work at the crossings, as well as where potential aggregate sources are located. The road corridor was determined based on key factors important to community members such as caribou habitat but needs to be reconciled with technical viability concerns such as road length and number/size of water crossings. Key aggregate sources have been identified near Webequie FN and near the NorOnt Esker Camp.

13. Q: What is delaying Ontario from building the road?
    R: We must follow the regulations. There are processes in place to ensure the Environmental Assessment is adequate and it must go through both the federal and provincial processes.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Webequie FN Representation

- Chief Eno Anderson: The last time that we met we requested that a representative from Webequie FN be present so that we can have a meeting done the Aboriginal way by discussing social ties, traditional territories, etc. I believe Kasabonika Lake FN still has the MOU with Webequie FN; a part of that arrangement is that there needs to be shared land, resources, and opportunities. We are very close with Webequie FN and this closeness is the basis for when we have discussions with anybody, as we discuss the relationship with the community and the principles.
  R: We tried to bring a Webequie member, but they are quite busy right now. There are 7-8 people on our project management team and they are mainly staff from lands and resources, as well as economic development. We have reported to them that there are some communities that want and expect Webequie representation at the meetings. The next time we come back, we will ensure that there is someone from Webequie with us.

Community Discussions

- Chief Eno Anderson: The comments that Kasabonika Lake FN makes must go to the Ministry of Environment. Our community needs to discuss the Project with Webequie as this is their Project that will happen on their land and is associated with the rights they have. An agreement needs to be made between the 21 FNs right from the beginning about the Project details. This happens often with the government and, if there is no agreement, then problems can arise with the Impact Benefits Agreement (IBA) process. There will be a lack of support because there were no discussions prior about the lands, the treaty and the resources they hold. The Three-Tier approach, which was created by the former Grand Chief, has the outer square where land and resources can be shared with companies; the middle square that if the Project does not fall within, development cannot be undertaken as it will not promote fair sharing of benefits of the land. It is a very spiritual approach – even if it is 40 miles away from a community they will have to change their development plans so that the Three-Tier system is not abused. This approach is risky because we know that there needs to be investment into the community for it to prosper. There is concern whether this spiritual approach will be optimal, and we believe Webequie FN should call a meeting with affected communities instead of visiting individual communities that have minimal involvement because it causes a lack of cohesivity between the communities. The EA alone cannot be addressed, it is a treaty; the other part would be discussing the traditional territories which generate most of the revenue for our economies.
  R: Webequie would agree with your sentiment and there will be videos that will be posted to the website which explains the Three-Tier approach.

Development Benefits for FN communities

- MP (response translated to English): Community members have relationships and traplines that connects with Webequie FN. In the past, we have seen and experienced

some of the issues with mines and developments happening to other FN territories down south. These projects only gave labor opportunities to the communities and once the project was finished, there are no additional benefits and the land is damaged. The communities are left with lands flooded and in poor condition and we do not want that issue to repeat in this area. There needs to be benefits beyond labor and more responsibilities for us as it is us who is responsible to look after the land, on behalf of the Creator, and maintain it so future generations can enjoy it. We are looking for more benefits, not only participation in the development.

Environmental Protection

- MP (response translated to English): Community members have survived on this land all their life, so the land is very important to them. There needs to be measures in place to ensure that animals are protected, and land and water are not degraded because that is how community members survive on the land. Benefits that people may receive from the development from the government does not concern them as much; they are so connected to the land, as many of them are born and raised here their entire life, members want to ensure that traditional activities like trapping continue because it connects to their health, the animals, plants, and the water that they use. This all relates to community members' health and well-being and the environment is a determining factor in health, activities, medicine and water that they have on the land. The environment is our survival. When developers come to survey the land and begin construction, usually nothing is left at the end. There are no ongoing benefits and we do not want to see that here. There will be no survival without animals, and traditional activities will be diminished. Once development begins and expands it will affect wildlife, the traplines, and the fisheries.

FN Community Relations

- Chief Eno Anderson: If I were living in Webequie FN, I would not do anything unless I get what I want.
  MF: Webequie's Three-Tier approach is the preferred process at this time.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by community members.

Community Involvement in Environmental Monitoring

- Chief Eno Anderson: There are principles in place that ensure that the environment must be protected. We are concerned about how the environment will be monitored and we require someone from the community to participate in the environmental monitoring process and development. If our community is expected to participate in the monitoring process, we need the capacity to undertake that. In the past, we have sent someone from our community to companies and had them monitor the environmental effects. We sent the community member to Attawapiskat FN to train them to be an environmental monitor and he monitored the DeBeers Project and reported back to us. After the

Project, there was a spill incident in the creek and our community member used a spill kit and cleaned the spill himself.
MF: The 21 First Nations and 1 Métis community list is to ensure: (1) that we engage with community leaders and members; (2) ensure that interests and rights are understood and dealt with during the EA process; (3) attempt to have Indigenous participation throughout and after the EA process.

Kasabonika FN and Webequie FN collaboration

- Chief Eno Anderson: Connecting with Webequie FN is something we would like to make happen and we would like to know if that gives us the opportunity to get involved with the development process. If we do get involved, the principles will have to be followed and materialized in order for there to be benefits. I not only want to participate in the Project but there needs to be benefits for my community and the capacity to make those benefits happen.
  R: Kasabonika FN does have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Webequie and Gordon Wabasse is the one to discuss with on that matter. Webequie FN is trying to quantify the benefits of the Supply Road as part of the socio-economic impact assessment.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Kasabonika FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to follow up on Draft ToR comments that are raised by the community.

2. Project Team to arrange for a meeting between Webequie FN and Kasabonika Lake FN to discuss the WSR project.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is released for a 30-day public review period. Kasabonika Lake FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.9

Kashechewan First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Friday Sr.:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
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Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Leo Friday
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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Friday:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Kashechewan First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Kashechewan First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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34) Please indicate whether the Kashechewan First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

35) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

36) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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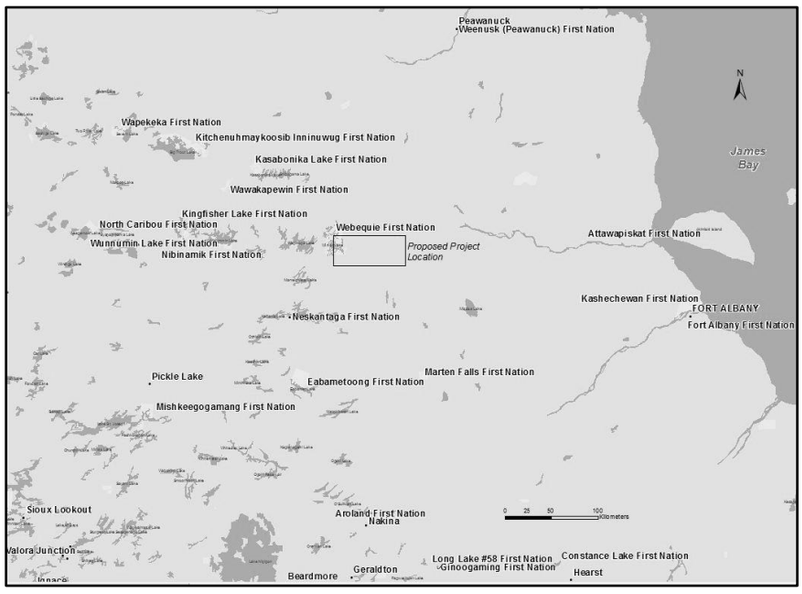
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public, as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.

This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:47 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Kashechewan First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Friday,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Kashechewan First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Leo Friday
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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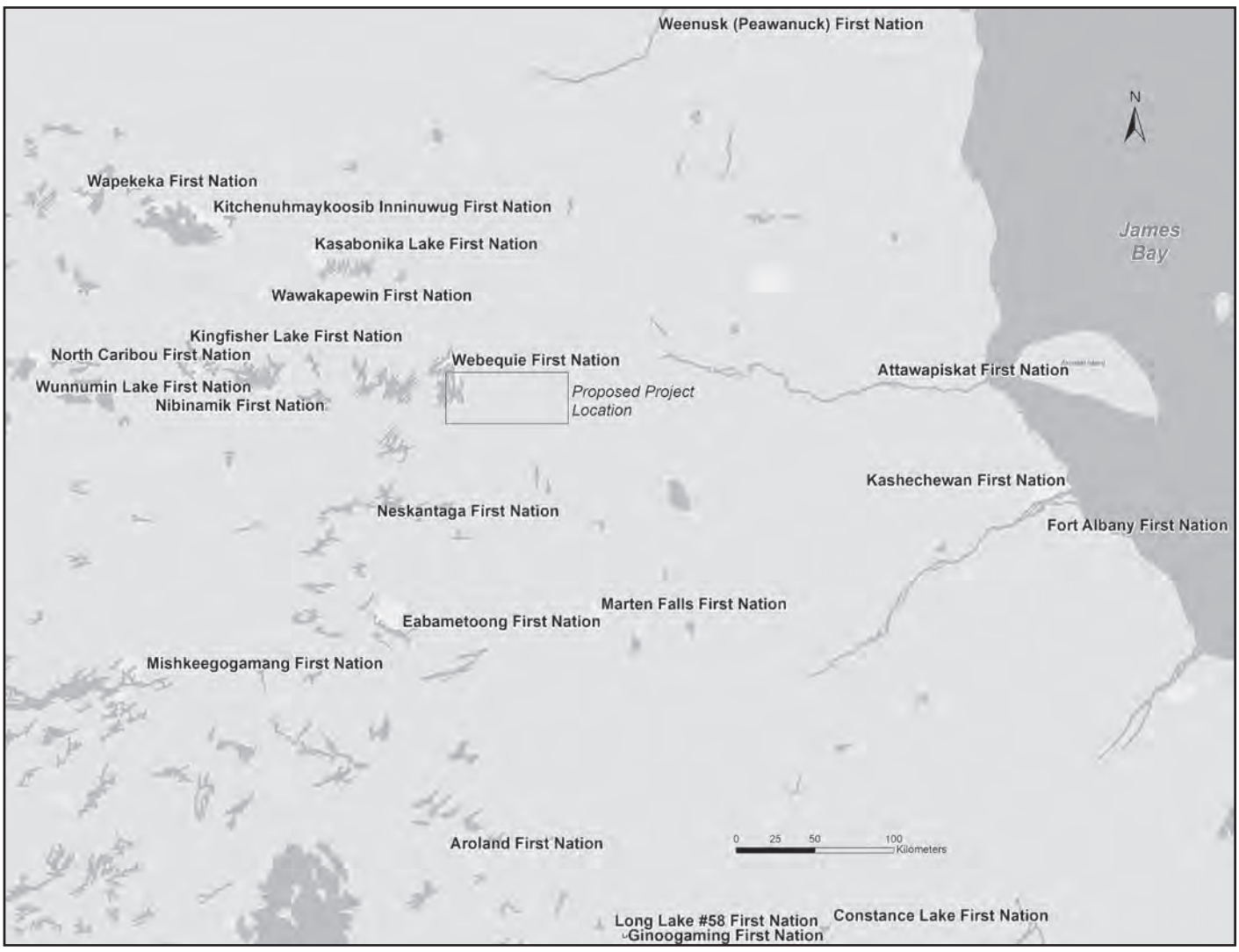
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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October 2, 2019

Chief Leo Friday
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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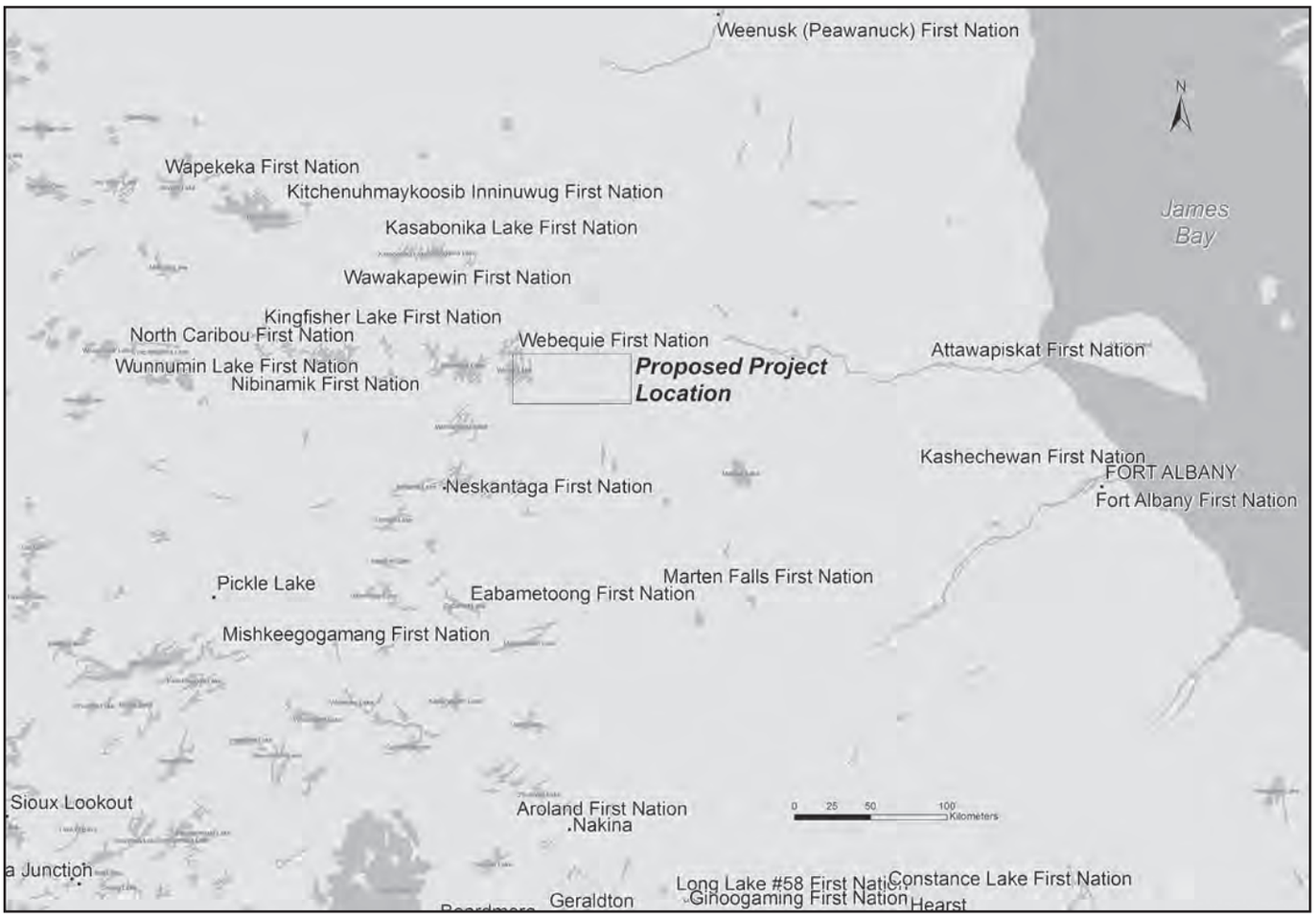
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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
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From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 8:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Kashechewan ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Leo Friday
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Leo Friday,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
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cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Leo Walter Friday Sr.
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Friday Sr.:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Don Parkinson, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin
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Lori Churchill, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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Anjala Puvananathan, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Leo Friday
Chief
Kashechewan First Nation
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Kashechewan, ON P0L1S0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Friday:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Kashechewan First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Kashechewan First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Environmental Planner
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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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34) Please indicate whether the Kashechewan First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

35) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

36) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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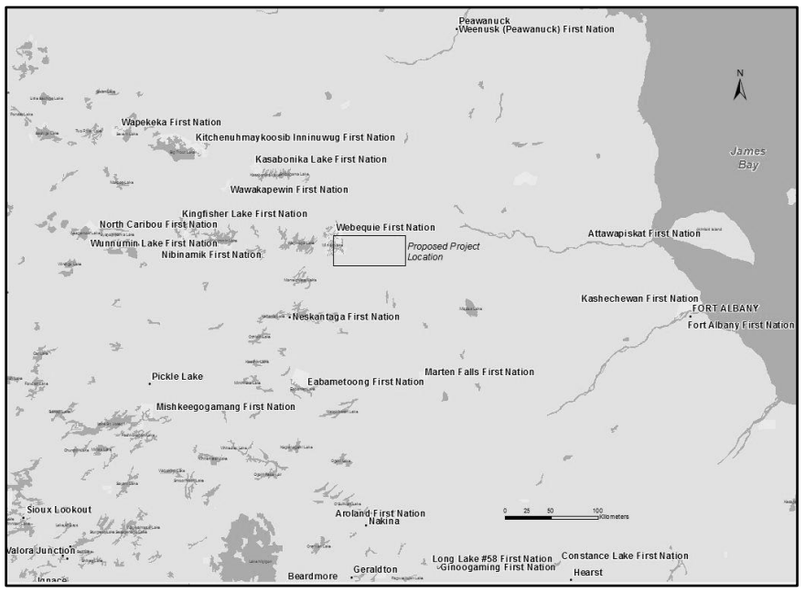
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:47 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Kashechewan First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Friday,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Kashechewan First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Leo Friday
Chief
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Friday,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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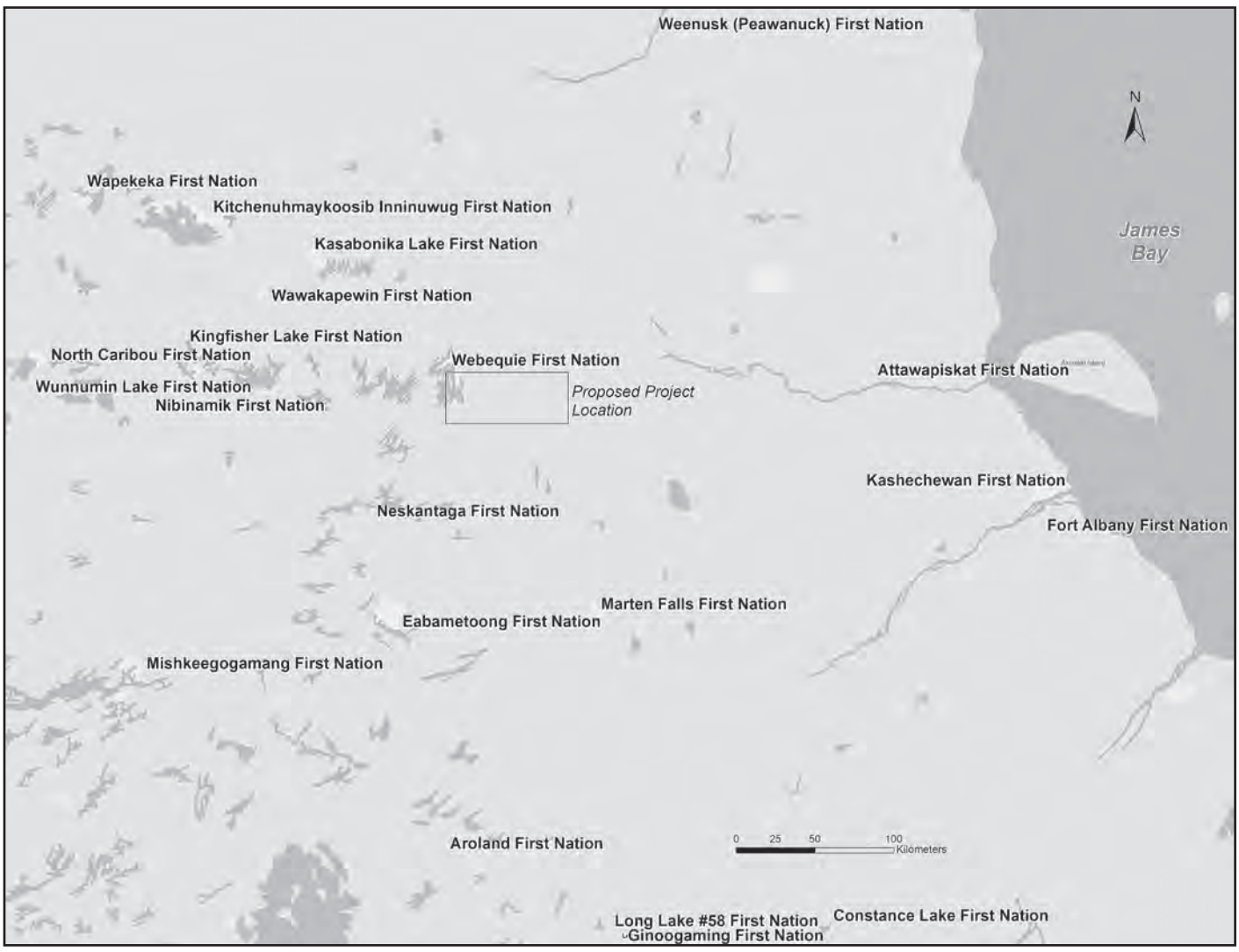
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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Friday,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to Kashechewan First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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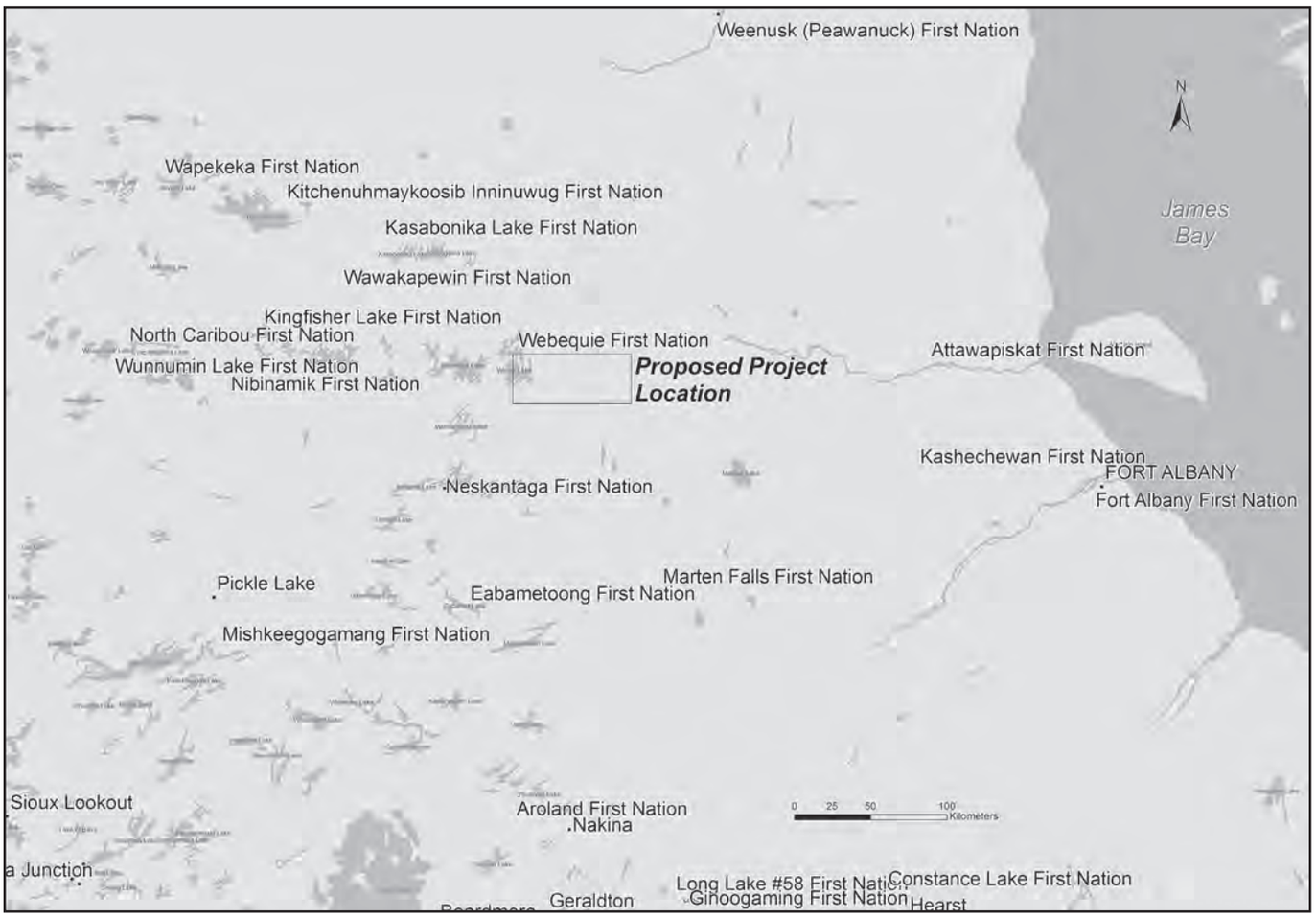
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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the Project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. You are invited to attend the PIC, which has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

CONTACT

For information on the study progress and updates, please visit the Webequie Supply Road website: http://www.supplyroad.ca.
If you are unable to attend the PIC, or have any comments or questions regarding the study, you are welcome to contact the following:

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Don Parkinson

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 8:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Kashechewan ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Leo Friday
Kashechewan First Nation
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Leo Friday,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
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APPENDIX P1.E.10

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Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Eddie Mamakwa
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Mamakwa:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Eddie Mamakwa
Chief
Kingfisher Lake First Nation
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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Mamakwa:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Kingfisher Lake First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Kingfisher Lake First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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43) Please indicate whether the Kingfisher Lake First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

44) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

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45) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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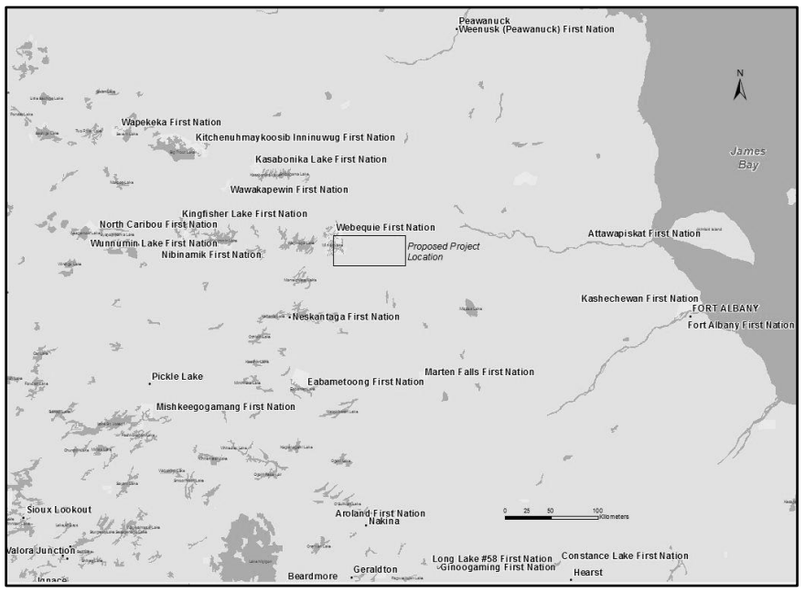
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:55 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Kingfisher Lake First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Mamakwa,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Kingfisher Lake First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Eddie Mamakwa
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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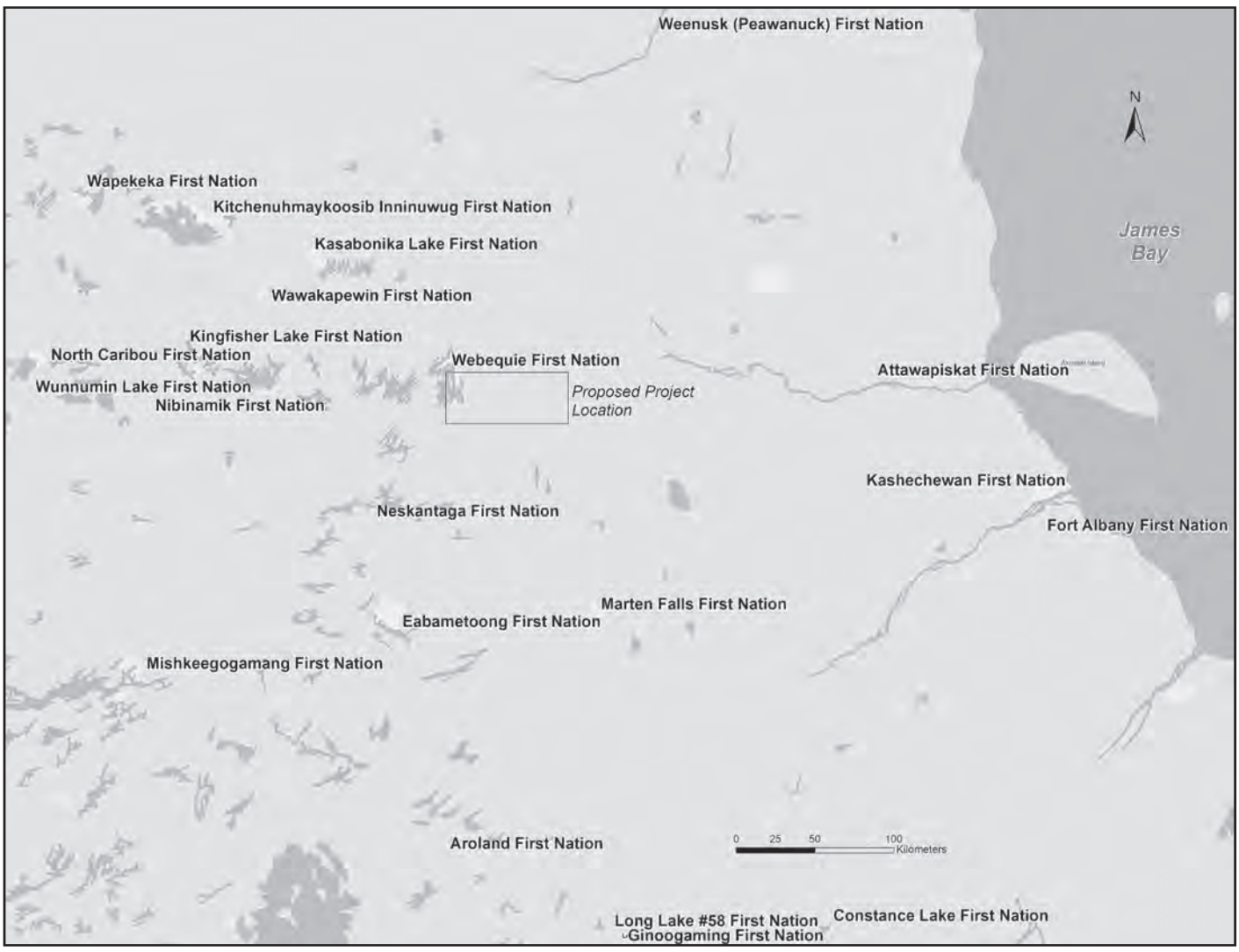
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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CONSULTATION

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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October 2, 2019

Chief Eddie Mamakwa
Kingfisher Lake First Nation
P.O. Box 57
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Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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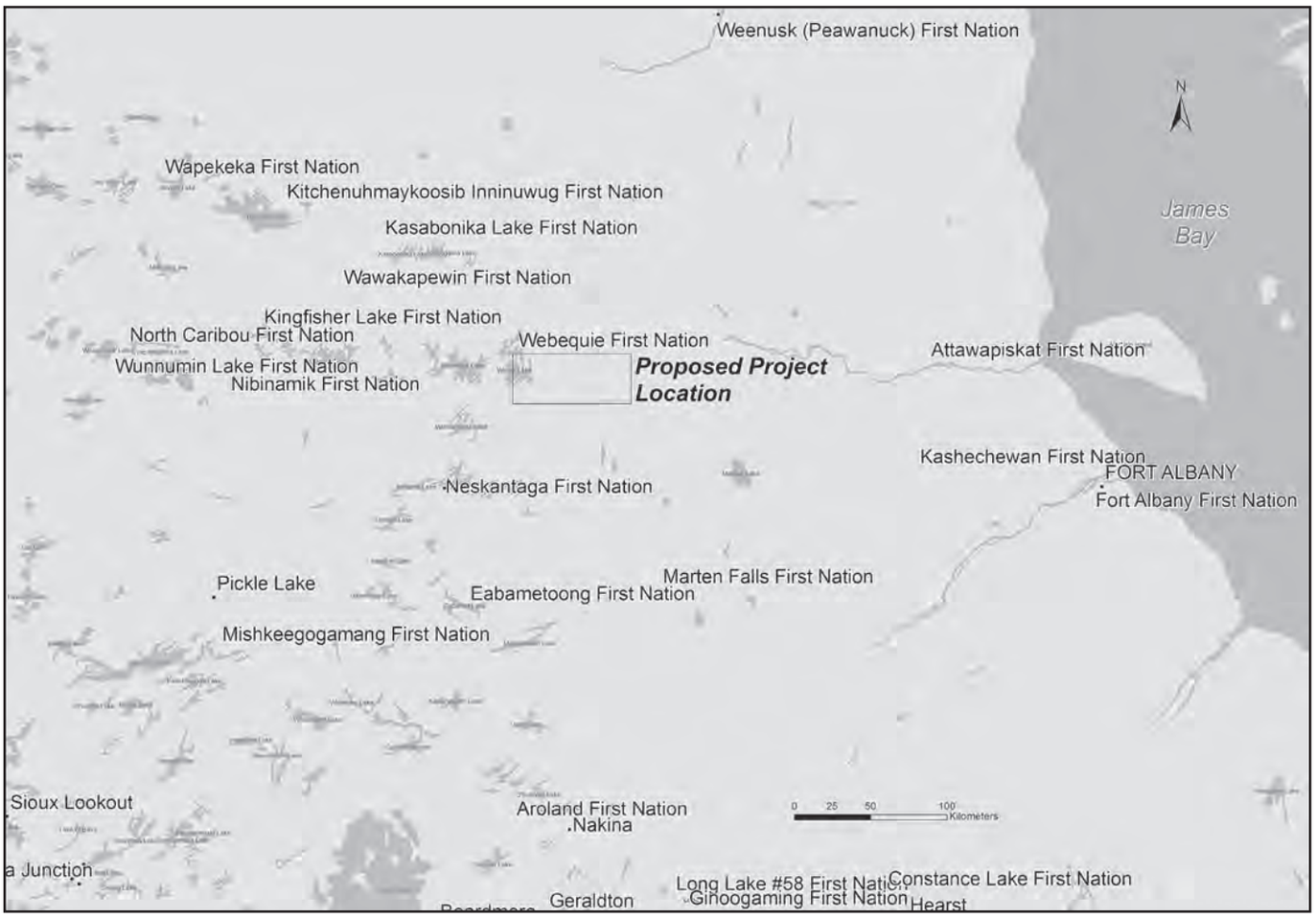
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WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Sent: March 11, 2020 7:47 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Long Lake 58 ToR Comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

Comments Received from Aroland First Nation AFN – (Councillor Sheldon Atlookan, Community Consultation and Liaison Officer – All Season Roads), October 16, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
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AFN-20	Section 8.0 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Conduct a cumulative effects assessment of the net effects of the Project in combination with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable developments in the local and regional area and assess the significance of those effects. **Comment:** The WSR Project and the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine are inherently linked. The Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine has an approved Terms of Reference for a provincial EA based on a voluntary agreement between Ontario and Noront signed in 2011. As such, the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine can be classified as a "reasonably foreseeable" project due to the existence of extensive baseline data, effects assessment and public media announcements. As such, the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine and associated potential effects must be considered in the WSR EA and cumulative effects assessment.	A new section 8.1 – Cumulative Effects had been added to generally describe the approach for the assessment. Noront Eagle's Nest Mine is considered a "reasonably foreseeable" project and will be included in the cumulative effects assessment.	Section 8.1

March 5, 2020

Chief Judy Desmoulin
Long Lake#58 First Nation
P.O. Box 609
Long Lac, ON P0T 2A0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Judy Desmoulin,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation (WFN) and the Project Team, thank you for your letter dated November 6, 2019, in response to the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).

We understand that Long Lake #58 First Nation (LL58FN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the project. In your letter, you have indicated that LL58FN currently does not have the resources required to conduct a thorough review of the Draft ToR, and that no funding opportunity has been made available by the Province of Ontario for this review.

Allocation of the participant funding initiative is outside of the purview of WFN and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We will direct your request to the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) for participant funding to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Project process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147). We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Kingsfisher First Nation
August 22, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Chief and Council and other community members on August 22, 2019, at the Kingfisher Lake FN Band Office. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a project overview of the Webequie Supply Road Project, answer questions from community members and share information on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and the overall Environmental Assessment Process and completed/upcoming field studies.

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities.

Communication materials were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of a Feedback Form; 10 hard copies of the presentation; 10 copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; and 125 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in English and Oji-Cree.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

After the overview presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics (marked "R")*, where provided.

1. Q: How did the province come up with 22 communities?
   R: The Province provided a list of 21 First Nation communities and Métis Region 2 by considering a number of factors, including but not limited to caribou, traditional territory, species at risk, watersheds, etc.

2. Q: What happens to the Project if there is a change in government?
   R: This process has just started. However, we have already seen a change in the Federal EA process. The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency is now the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, which now administers the Impact Assessment Act and an entirely new environmental assessment process. The Project will be undergoing this new federal EA process.

3. Q: What about wildlife such as moose?
   R: There were aerial surveys completed in the area during the past two winters to count moose, caribou, other wildlife populations. The Province and other communities have recently conducted surveys as well. The results of these surveys and their associated analyses will be included in the ToR which will be going to public and government review in order to determine if the approach taken to assess wildlife impacts of the project is sufficient.

4. Q: What will happen to the trees and how will they be studied?
   R: A vegetation survey was recently completed to inventory vegetation species, health and quantity as part of an effort to characterize vegetation communities along the road corridor.

5. Q: What about other communities that want to connect to the Supply Road?
   R: The "missing link" in terms of connection to the provincial highway network, is between Marten Falls FN Community Access Road and the proposed mine site. At the moment, the Supply Road ends at the proposed mine site, as an economic development road.

6. Q: Will there be a social baseline study for the supply road?
   R: There will be a social baseline study among the other studies being undertaken.

7. Q: Will dust be an issue if it is a gravel road?
   R: There will be mitigation measures put in place to control dust pollution. This is both an environmental and safety issue.

8. Q: What about blasting?
   R: There are a few rock outcrops along the east-west portion of the road corridor. If there is insufficient aggregate material available through natural deposits, then a blasting and crushing operation would be required. However, it appears there are sufficient aggregate material.

9. Q: Are there any major crossings along the supply road corridor?
   R: The *Muketei River and Winisk Lake are in the area; beyond that there are no major waterways. The crossing at Winisk Lake is approximately 250m wide, the Muketei River crossing is approximately 30m wide, and the Winiskisis Channel is approximately 50m wide.*

10. Who will be inspecting the bridges? What will happen with the bridges associated with the road?
    R: On a provincial road, MTO assesses structural integrity and determines the state of repair. This is for both bridges and road. At this point, it is not precisely known who will own the road.

11. Why is this considered a supply road and not just a standard road?
    R: This road is semi-industrial and likely will be designed and maintained as such since its purpose is to move people, material, supplies to mineral exploration projects and any mine site development.

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The following points provide a brief summary of the main feedback shared by community members (marked "MP" for member point). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics (marked "R")*, where provided.

Archaeological Resources along the Supply Road

- MP: A concern is encountering archaeological resources during construction.
  R: There is a process to obtain Traditional Knowledge from communities for this matter. During construction there should be an environmental monitor present, who, among other duties, would be responsible for ensuring that any artifacts or culturally-significant sites encountered are treated appropriately.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by community members.

Fiscal Responsibility

- MP: Community members working on construction sites need to learn how to be fiscally responsible. We know it is good to have money, but it is also about how to manage it and keep their jobs.
  R: We will assess the potential social impacts, both positive and negative. We will be working with Webequie membership to complete a socio-economic impact assessment and to assess community well-being to get a picture of what that looks like for the community. Without a healthy community, the supply road is not of great benefit to the community. We want to understand Webequie's well-being so that we know how manage these social impacts.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for the Project Team to follow-up. The Project Team will ensure to follow-up with Kingfisher Lake FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and comments are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

2. Project Team to work with Chief and Council to arrange a follow-up community information session.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Kingfisher Lake FN Chief and Council once the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) has been completed to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Kingfisher Lake FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.11

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Donald Morris
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Morris:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Donald Morris
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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Morris:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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58) Please indicate whether the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

59) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

60) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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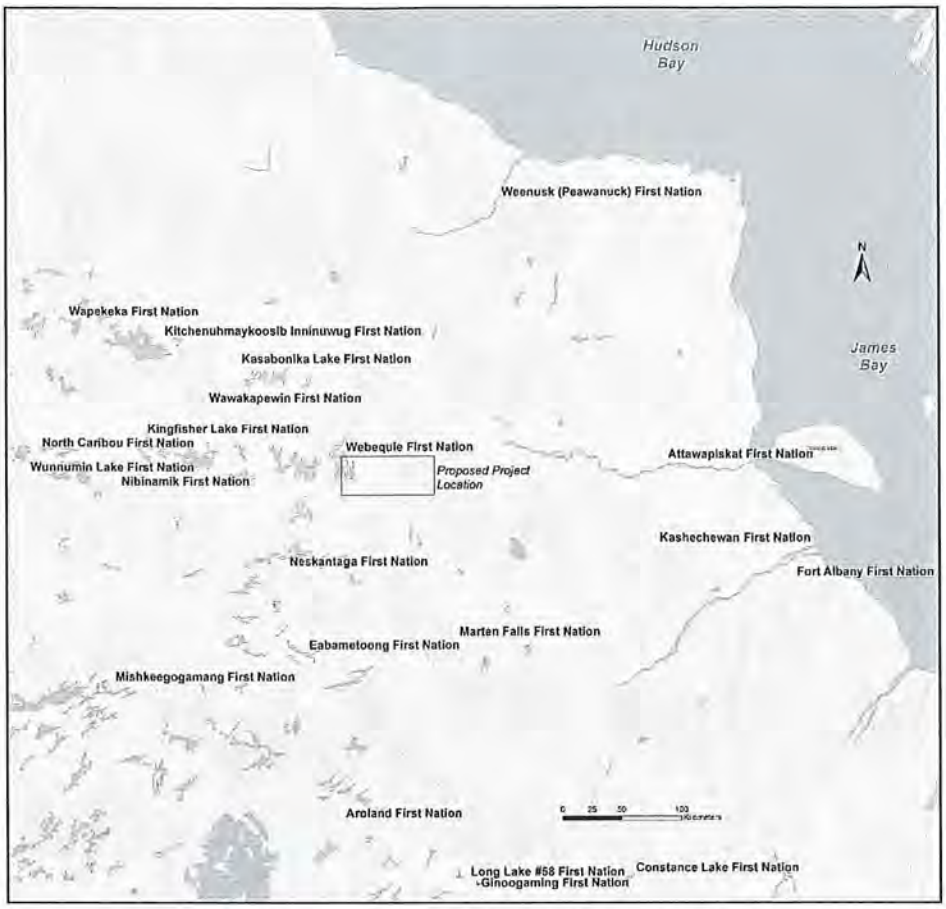
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

THE PROCESS

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

CONSULTATION

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:51 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_KI First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Morris,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

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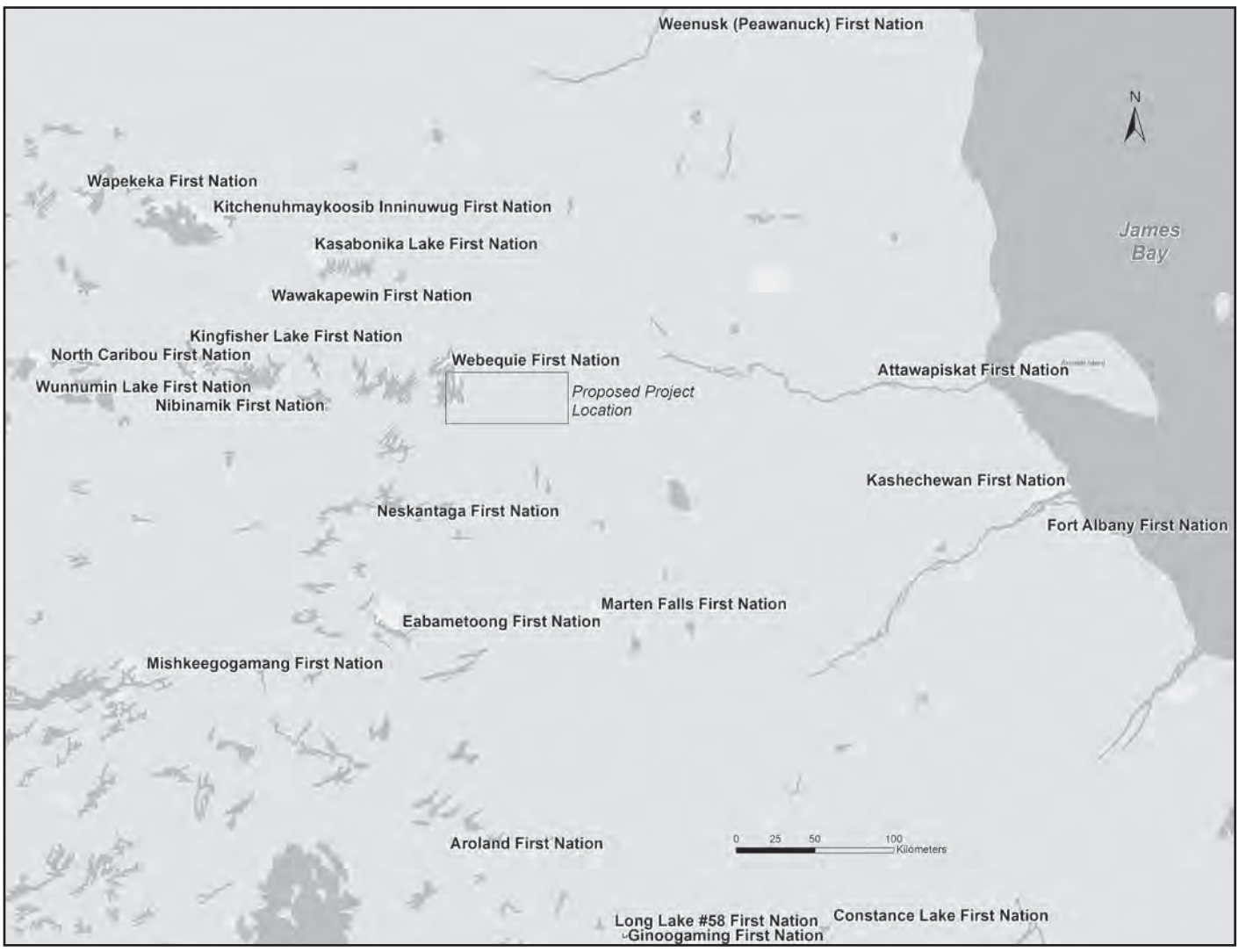
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

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Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted]; Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

Chief Donald Morris
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Sincerely,

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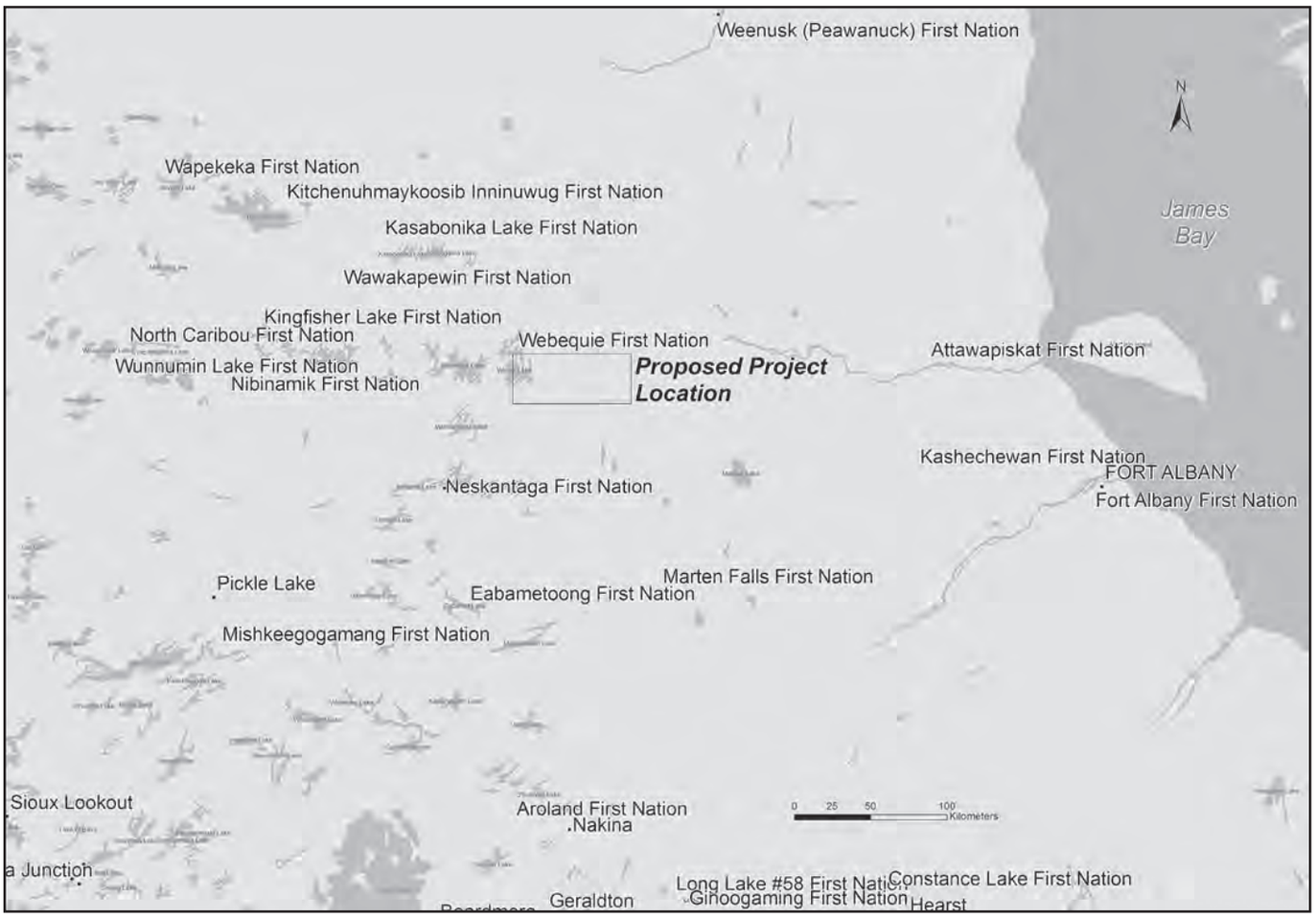
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to KI ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Donald Morris
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Donald Morris,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation
September 4, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug FN (KI FN) Deputy Chief and Council on September 4, 2019 at the KI FN band office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and the EA Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities.

Communication materials were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference including: 20 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in English to be posted in the Band Office; 305 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 for distribution to households; 10 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of presentation; 10 hard copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English and Oji-Cree; and 10 hard copies of the Feedback Form in English.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

After the presentation, Deputy Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked “Q”). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked “R”), where provided.

1. Q: Why were we contacted to have this meeting? I understand it could be due to caribou migration. How are you going to work on impacts on caribou migration?
   R: The Province provided us with a list of 22 Indigenous Communities. KI FN is on that list most likely due to caribou as the project study area is within two caribou ranges. We will be assessing impacts on caribou and caribou migration patterns. An impact assessment will be completed in the EA. We are here today because we want to make sure you and your community are satisfied with what is presented in the ToR so that we can address your concerns in the EA.

2. Q: Is this just a road from Webequie to the mining site?

R: Yes, it is. It is from Webequie Airport to McFaulds Lake. The road is 107km long with 17km on Webequie's reserve.

3. Q: How does the supply road impact our community? Is there a long-term plan for this?
   R: We want to hear from you and provide us with your feedback and comments once you've reviewed this information. Even though you are located far from Webequie, we would want to hear from you to learn your concerns about the road.

4. Q: We have heard that there is a herd of caribou that stays in our area and migrates south to the Webequie area, and further down south. With the supply road, would the migration be affected?
   R: Our biologists completed a winter caribou survey and reviewed data from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) with the caribou collaring. This was factored into our surveys and will be considered in our impact assessment. Webequie community members have seen the MNRF data as well and have compared it to their own experience on the land. The routing for the supply road avoids core habitat areas for caribou.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by KI FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Consultation Protocol

- CP: KI has a consultation protocol. This discussion is not to be considered as consultation. There is a process that was adopted by our community that should be followed.
  R: We will review your consultation protocol for our next visit. Due to the number of communities on our consultation list, we have a shared model of consultation duties with Ontario, where some procedural aspects are the responsibility of Webequie and others are the responsibility of the Crown. For instance, the Crown is responsible for funding. Your Chief may have received a letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) as they are offering participant funding for the project. We suggest that your Chief follow up with the Director at ENDM regarding participant funding.

Caribou Migration

- CP: Our traditional knowledge tells us that wherever caribou go, they tend to return. Sometimes the caribou move to different areas.
  R: Environmental monitoring programs are important to monitor wildlife, especially once the road is built. We are hearing and seeing lots of communities telling us that they are interested in knowing more about the project and potential impacts and that ongoing monitoring needs to be done. Quite often, communities get involved in ongoing monitoring programs and they lead these activities. For instance, one community has

indicated that they are concerned about overhunting to the south of their traditional lands, in shared territory.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with KI FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

2. Project Team to review KI FN's consultation protocol and work with Chief and Council to arrange a community information session.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to KI FN Chief and Council once the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. KI FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.12

Long Lake #58 First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Marguerite Veronica Waboose
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Waboose:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, your community does not appear to have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project. However, Ontario understands that your community may have an interest in the potential environmental effects of the project. The ministry has shared that understanding with the proponent and indicated that your community should be

consulted on that basis during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential will be documented by Webequie First Nation in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
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Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Jason Frechette, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Anjala Puvananathan, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Christine Greenaway, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Veronica Waboose
Chief
Long Lake #58 First Nation
P.O. Box 609
Longlac, ON P0T2A0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Waboose:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Long Lake #58 First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Long Lake #58 First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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13) Please indicate whether the Long Lake #58 First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

14) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

15) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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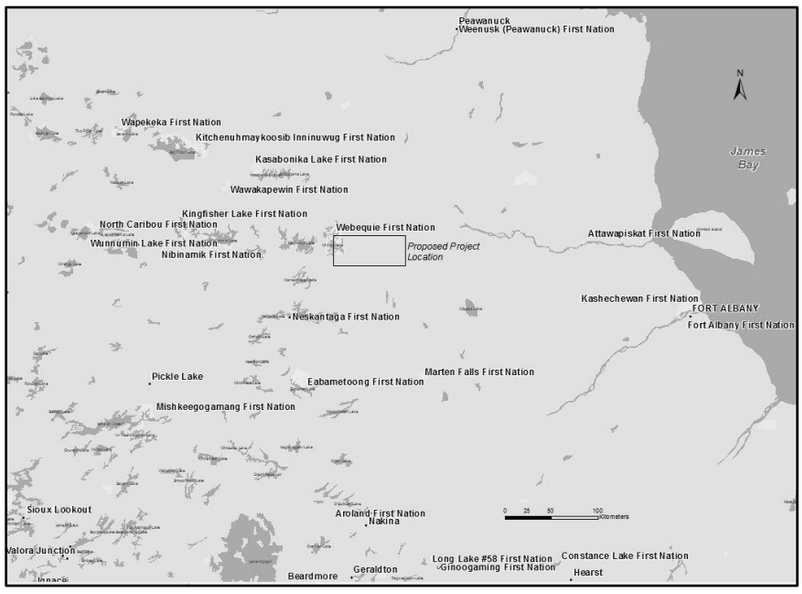
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 5:57 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Long Lake #58 First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Waboose,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Long Lake #58 First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Ms. Veronica Waboose
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Sincerely,

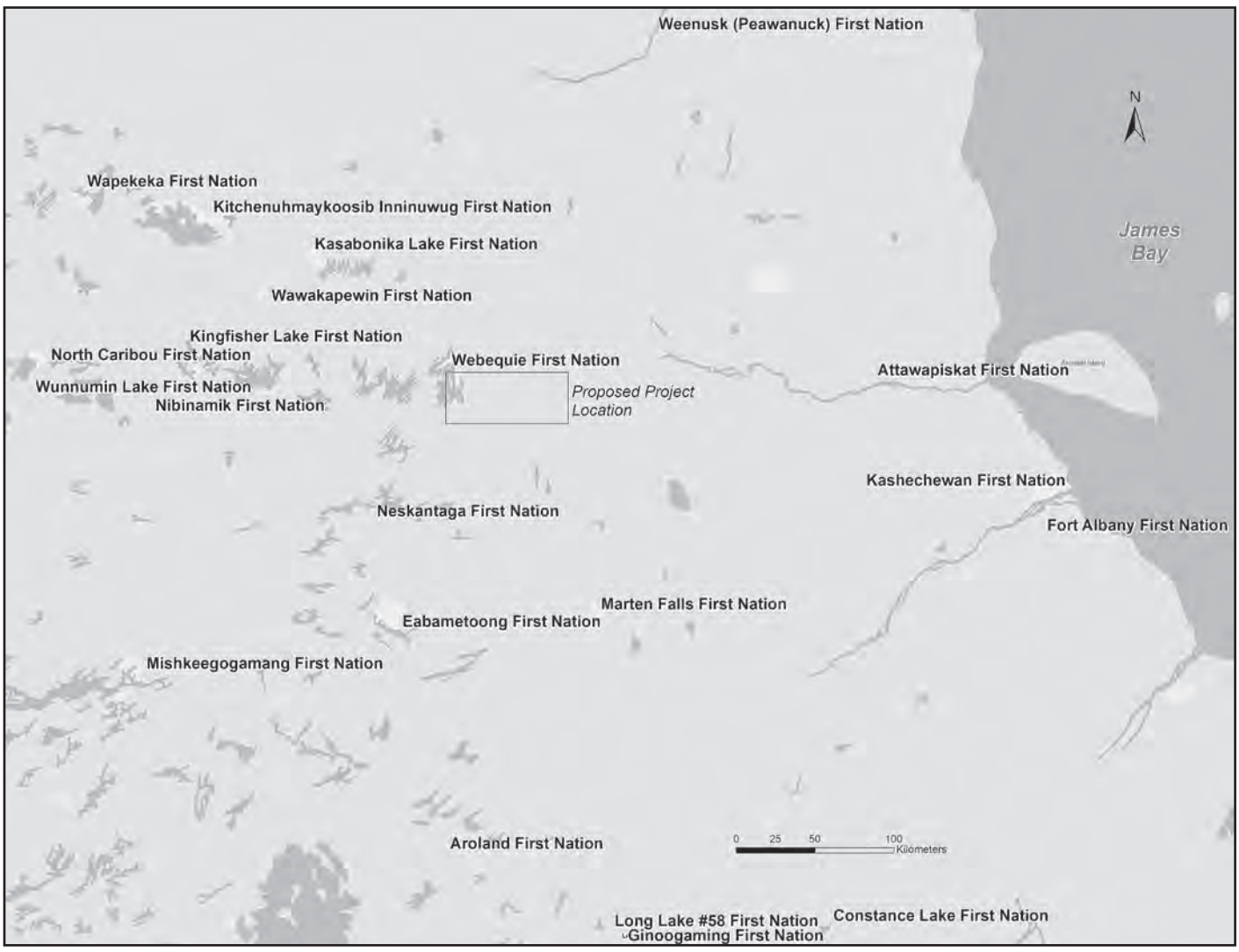
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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Public Information Centre, first published on October 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

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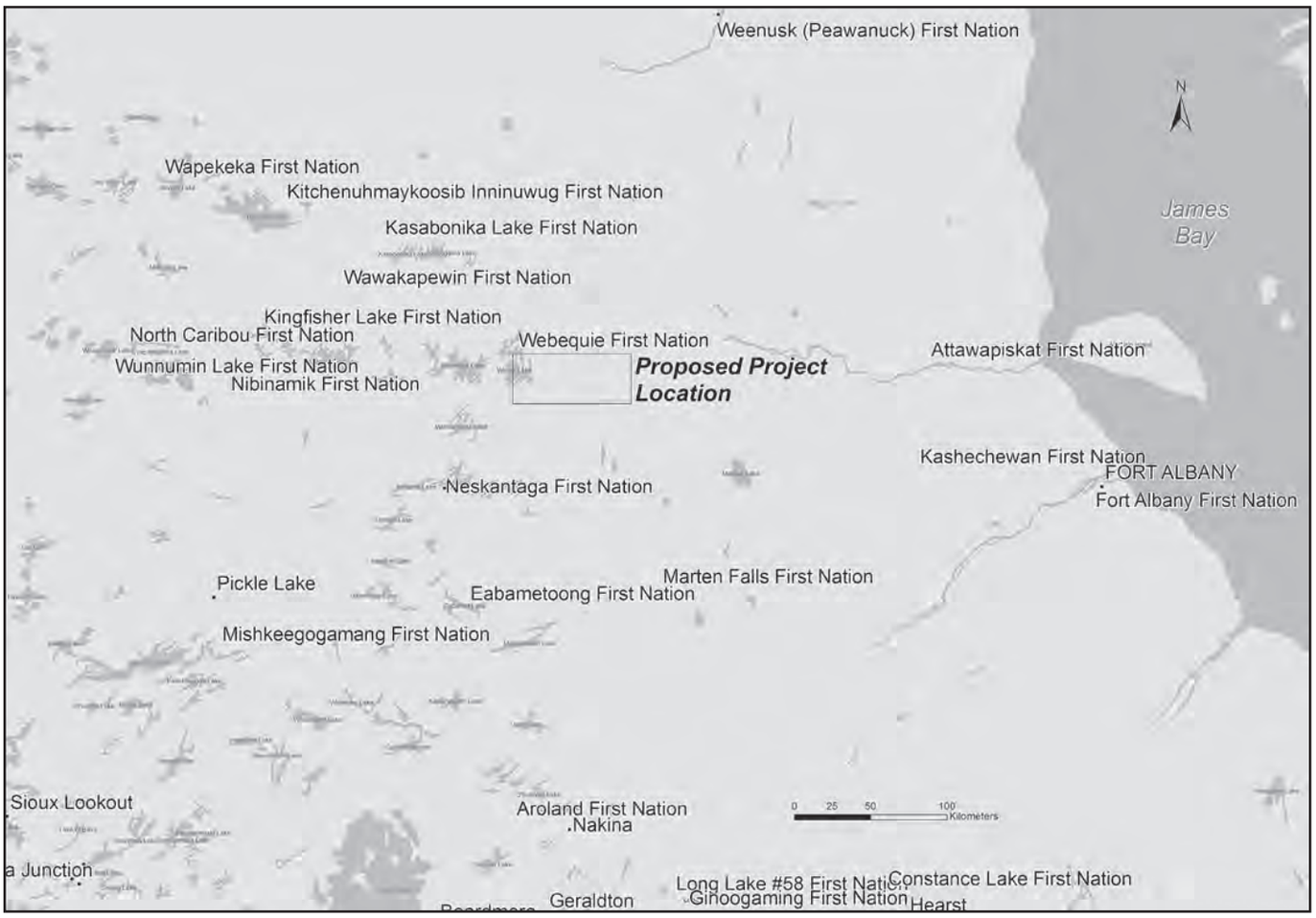
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Enclosed:
Notice of Public Information Centre

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Best regards,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Don Parkinson

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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November 6, 2019

Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead
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Via e-mail: don.parkinson@snclavalin.com

Re: Request for comments on the Webequie Supply Road EA Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Mr. Parkinson,

I am writing in response to your notice dated September 11, 2019 regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for Review on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment.

Long Lake #58 First Nation (LL58) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout all Environmental Assessment (EA) processes for this project. LL58 does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document, and no funding opportunity has been made available by the Proponent or province of Ontario for review or comment.

LL58 requires appropriate resources to be meaningfully engaged in this EA process. It is concerning that the imposed timelines have already impeded our participation in the process, and it is essential that LL58 be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds.

We look forward to hearing from you and the Province of Ontario soon regarding our capacity and engagement requirements.

Sincerely,

For <Original signed by>

Chief Veronica Waboose

cc. Michael Fox (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca)
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From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 7:47 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Long Lake 58 ToR Comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Judy Desmoulin
Long Lake#58 First Nation
P.O. Box 609
Long Lac, ON P0T 2A0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Judy Desmoulin,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation (WFN) and the Project Team, thank you for your letter dated November 6, 2019, in response to the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference (ToR).

We understand that Long Lake #58 First Nation (LL58FN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the project. In your letter, you have indicated that LL58FN currently does not have the resources required to conduct a thorough review of the Draft ToR, and that no funding opportunity has been made available by the Province of Ontario for this review.

Allocation of the participant funding initiative is outside of the purview of WFN and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We will direct your request to the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) for participant funding to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Project process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147). We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

APPENDIX P1.E.13

Marten Falls First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum
General Delivery
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Achneepineskum:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Bruce Achneepineskum
Chief
Marten Falls First Nation
General Delivery
Ogoki, ON P0T2L0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Achneepineskum:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Marten Falls First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Marten Falls First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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16) Please indicate whether the Marten Falls First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

17) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

18) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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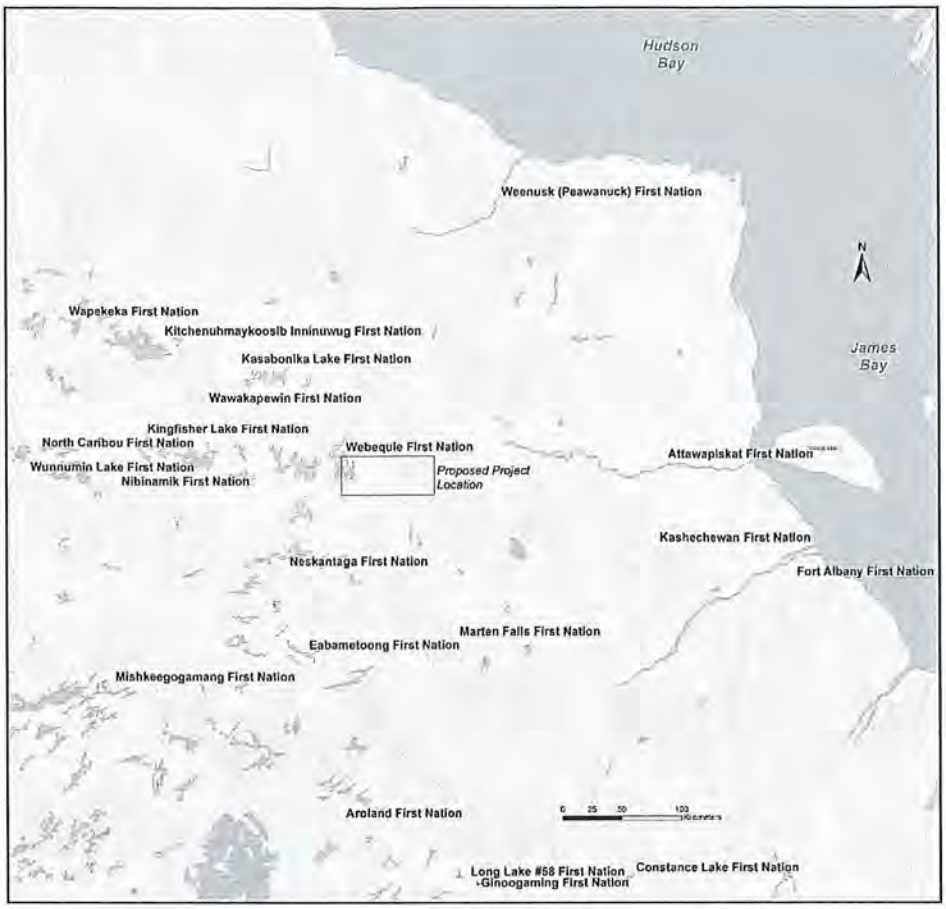
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

THE PROCESS

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

CONSULTATION

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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SNC-Public Notice of Commencement of T of R-2019-01-18

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 6:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Marten Falls First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Achneepineskum,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Marten Falls First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Bruce Achneepineskum
Chief
Marten Falls First Nation
General Delivery
Ogoki, ON P0T2L0

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Achneepineskum,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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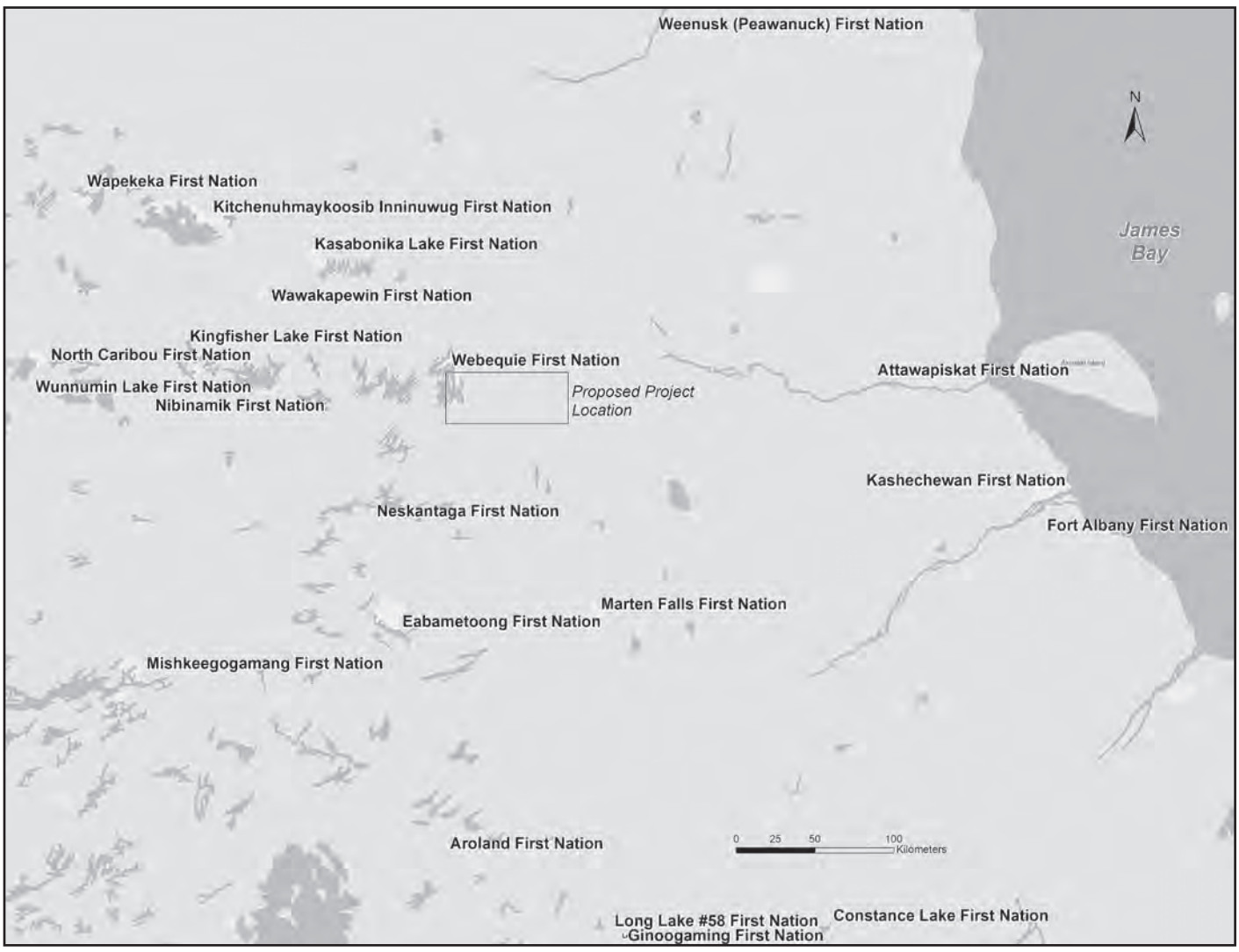
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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October 2, 2019

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum
Marten Falls First Nation
General Delivery
Ogoki, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Achneepineskum,

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A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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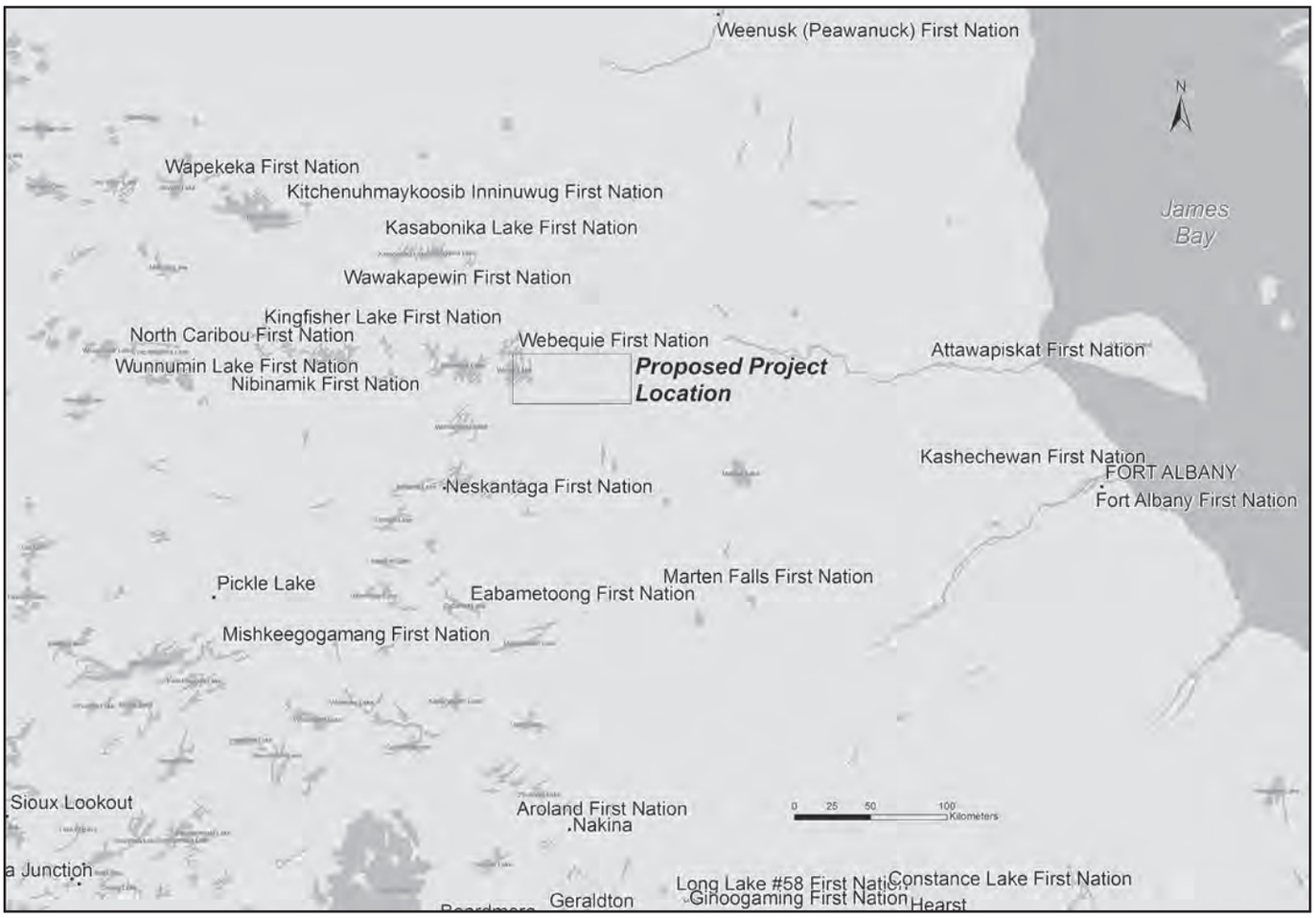
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONTACT

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WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
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Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the project has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details Webequie First Nation's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study and review elements of the Draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00pm and 6:00pm followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for an all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities.

The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
2:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Marten Falls ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum
Marten Falls First Nation
General Delivery
Ogoki Post, ON P0T 2L0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Bruce Achneepineskum,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season road corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

We understand that Marten Falls First Nation has an executed Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road's EA process.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Spring 2020, and Indigenous communities and interested parties will be provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the ToR. With the participant funding agreement in place, we look forward to your comments on the ToR. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

In the meantime, the Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION SUPPLY ROAD
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Marten Falls First Nation
March 3, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Marten Falls First Nation Chief and Council on March 3, 2019 at SNC-Lavalin Inc's 121 King Street West office in Toronto, Ontario. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation discussed the ToR review, engagement process, EA process and additional project information.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

1. Q: Are the Elder's principles the ones that Matawa communities put together?
   R: The Elder's Guiding Principles are Webequie specific.

2. Q: Will project documents be public documents on the website?
   R: Yes, currently the Notice of Commencement (NOC) of the Terms of Reference is on the website and milestone documents will be translated and posted on the website as well.

3. Q: You've mentioned that this project stems from the All-Season Community Access Road study. Will there need to be a new engagement process for the EA? Will you use information from the previous study on consultation or will you be starting from the beginning?
   R: We have base knowledge on what some of the issues are based on previous work that was done. We plan to make reference to the alternatives analysis undertaken in the region. We have a system in place that tracks consultation; it would not be accurate to say we had sufficiently consulted with a community four years ago regarding the Webequie Supply Road

4. Q: Has the engagement process for the ToR been completed?
   R: The engagement process is just beginning. Once it is released, communities can review the ToR and identify what they want included in the ToR by providing comments.

5. Q: Do you work with the community to identify roads and alternatives? Will that information be used to develop the ToR?
   R: An important aspect of the ToR is an alternatives analysis; however, we are planning to undertake a more focused EA because two studies in the same region have been completed previously and have advanced the alternatives analysis discussion, resulting in the identification of a preferred road corridor that at this point is 2 km wide. Our team has received a significant amount of input from internal community meetings with elders, youth, land users, and harvesters. In addition, our technical people have been undertaking baseline studies, including geotechnical investigations and terrain analysis. These efforts have resulted in route alternatives that are generally within the preferred road corridor.

6. Q: Was there an analysis done on caribou and their populations?
   R: We completed a winter caribou study in February of this year. Another study covering the same area was conducted in 2018. These studies focused primarily on noting observation locations (geographic coordinates) and numbers of individuals. We will overlay the caribou observation locations on previous information compiled by MNRF to better understand the areas they are using to ensure our corridor avoids these areas to the greatest extent possible.

7. Q: Do you walk the areas to see what is there?
   R: Most of the work is done by helicopter due to the size of the survey area, with occasional drop-downs to investigate tracks or animal activity. In addition to caribou, the team observed moose, grey wolves, owl, grouse, ravens, wolverine tracks, and marten tracks.

8. Q: In regard to route identification, have the aggregate resources been factored into that route?
   R: The corridor was derived based on interactions with Webequie community members. Our terrain analysis team then undertook a desktop technical analysis based on available data. Six alternatives were developed mainly based on terrain type, distance, number and type of water crossings and proximity to potential aggregate sources. Further investigative work will need to be conducted in order to confirm aggregate source locations.

9. Q: Were there many permits required through the MNRF?
   R: An MNRF Work Permit application was completed and submitted, with the end result being the issuance of a Letter of Authority to Undertake Geotechnical Work.

10. Q: Have you completed any preliminary water studies?
    R: *In our previous study we did baseline studies in selected locations, taking water samples for laboratory analysis. For the Supply Road we will start our field work in the Spring and we be looking at water quality and quantity, drainage patterns, etc.*

11. Is there a submission date for the ToR?
    We plan to send the ToR to Webequie First Nation for review and will submit to MECP once it is finalized. There will be a 30 day public review period on the Draft ToR.

12. What is the status of the baseline studies so far?
    We will be doing bird surveys in June, caribou calving habitat surveys in July, fish and vegetation surveys in August.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Marten Falls FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

EA Process and Community Engagement

- CP: Community members do not quite understand what is happening in the EA process.
  Chief Cornelius Wabasse (WFN): *When doing Community Information Sessions, Webequie Chief and Council would like to explain to community members that this process is the first step to answer all of their questions, provide project updates and what are the next steps going forward. The importance of the EA is that a good understanding of the impacts and measures are achieved so that we can make good decisions moving forward with the project.*

Environmental Monitoring

- Lawrence Baxter (MFFN): Environmental monitoring is an interesting subject. You can set up a monitoring program with standard parameters with extensive results. I have talked to people who are downstream from us and they have commented that the environment has changed downstream and blamed it on the Musselwhite Mine. However, with monitoring, you can see what happening and changing; by looking at fish habitat, you can tell what the contaminants are.
  R: *This is why baseline studies are important, to understand the current conditions of the environment and wildlife. We will have a starting point to monitor the changes in the environment.*

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Marten Falls Chief and Council (marked "CP" for Council point).

Access, Control, Security **and Land Management Issues**

- CP: These are issues the community as a whole discusses because they will be meeting with the government and pushing the government for changes they would like to see and how to control development. Access is a big issue.

Conservation/Protection of the Environment

- CP: Community members want to ensure conservation and protection of the environment even when the road is in place. This is why community input is wanted and necessary.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Marten Falls FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to provide Marten Falls Chief and Council with the PowerPoint Presentation that was used at the meeting.

2. Project Team to advise Marten Falls Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete and to arrange for a community visit to discuss and seek input on the Draft ToR.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will notify Marten Falls FN Chief and Council once the Draft ToR is complete to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Marten Falls FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Marten Falls First Nation
August 9, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie FN Chief and Council and Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Marten Falls FN Chief and Council on August 9, 2019 at the Webequie First Nation Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR) and to learn about the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project.

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the respective Project Teams followed by a question and answer period. The presentation started with a brief project description, followed by a discussion of the engagement/consultation process, the EA process and the ToR preparation process and content. Communication materials were provided to Chief of Marten Falls FN and the community for their information and reference including: 9 hard copies of the presentation; 65 copies of the Community Newsletter in English for households; 20 copies of the Community Newsletter in English to be posted in the Band Office; 50 copies of the Terms of Reference Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; and 50 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English.

OPENING REMARKS

Prior to the presentations of both projects, Chief Cornelius Wabasse provided opening remarks. Chief Wabasse welcomed Marten Falls Chief and Council to Webequie FN and indicated that this meeting will be a good session to share information on both projects as both communities are going through the same process.

Chief Bruce Achneepineskum thanked Chief Wabasse for his opening remarks and for welcoming Marten Falls Chief and Council and their Project Team to meet with Webequie Chief and Council and community members. Chief Achneepineskum noted that he is looking forward to meeting with Webequie in the near future, council to council, to discuss issues, and negotiation protocols to have a better understanding the long term goals of the future. Chief Achneepineskum noted that it is nice to see the lands and territories of Webequie FN and noted the importance of future discussions to preserve the lands and resources with development coming in the near future.

Bob Baxter of Marten Falls FN thanked Webequie Chief and Council for the meeting and indicated that he is looking forward to working together.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentations of both projects, Marten Falls FN asked questions of clarification regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project (marked "Q"). Responses from each respective Project Team are noted in italics (marked 'R"), where provided:

1. Q: What is your approach to regarding material you need to build the road? Do you have any good indication as to where you will be sourcing aggregate for the road?
   R: We have completed screening work to identify potential areas. There is existing information from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) that has been shared with the team. In addition, discussions with NorOnt will take place prior to our geotechnical investigations in September. We have fairly significant deposits at each end of the east-west segment of the route, and in between there are a few outcrops, which are not quantified yet. We have preliminary indications on what we've been looking at; these are shown on the map in pink for construction and maintenance of the road.

2. Q: How much consideration has your route given water? Will there be water studies in the area? What approach is being taken to avoid water areas?
   R: There has been terrain analysis work done and we have an idea of what needs to be done regarding minimizing crossing widths. We are now moving into the hydrological analysis work. Flow assessments are being done as part of preliminary hydrological work which will assist us refining the position of the road and give us an idea of sizing for culverts and crossing structures. The qualitative assessments and measurements in the field of watercourses will also support road planning.

3. Q: What standards will the supply road be built according to?
   R: We are in the process of identifying design criteria for the road. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) classifications are broad. For a supply road, it must meet industrial design standards. A preliminary engineering study will be completed as part of the overall project.

4. Q: Why was the road concepts figure added to the presentation? Was that put there to show how you chose the route?
   R: There have been a lot of routing studies conducted in the area over the last 10+ years as part of various projects. In 2017, Webequie started to look at supply road and various alternative routes. The community itself through in-depth consultation has come up with our route that is included in the presentation.

5. Q: What is the overall timeline for the EA? Will this run through 2020?
   R:It is projected that the draft ToR will be completed by the end of August. Field studies (vegetation, aquatic, and water sampling) begin next week, for a duration of 10 days. The second geotechnical survey planned for September will focus on crossing locations and the identification of aggregate locations. There is also some existing information that we are in the process of acquiring and reviewing to refine planning for the geotechnical survey in September. The overall schedule is being revised and we will give more information as we know more. The process will extend through March 31st, 2020.

6. How will we go about overlapping TK collection initiatives?
   R: The points of collaboration need to be made known and it will all be contingent on capacity funding. Our team is open for discussions regarding this.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Marten Falls FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Protection of the Environment

- CP: From the perspective of Anishinaabek and the Marten Falls community, land use planning and the road is based on the aspirations of our leadership, which relates to the Key Components Considered slide in your presentation. We wish to keep the land and ensure it is safe for the people. It is important to never forget what is important to us, First Nation people. We are on the same page – we have the solid foundation from our Elders. We carry the knowledge from our Elders; for example, we know where the moose are, where the fish spawn. These are the areas we want to protect. It is hard for the government to recognize this as they say things based on their policies that we are supposed to follow. The government views the land as resources with many staking claims. However, it is time to revisit that and say to the government there are no staking claims and listen to the native people and see how the land should be used and preserved.

EA Collaboration

- CP: At the last meeting in Toronto, it was noted that there was going to be a shared approach with our EAs. We want to share our approach and challenges each of our studies are facing. It would be useful to have some kind of understanding to work together on our EAs that would benefit each of our communities on some of the challenges we face and help each other move along.
  R: We do not need to formalize it. We can work from one project to another and update each other on challenges. We are open. Especially on the technical areas, there are areas that you're ahead of us and vice versa. We could do a monthly EA call between us.

Data Sharing

- CP: We have a lot of data we collected. I wanted to note that our Community Based Land Use Plan team has a lot of data that we are willing to share to a degree. We will

develop protocols along the way on sites we want to protect such as burial sites, hunting and fishing sites, camping, and tourist sites. Marten Falls FN knowledge would be beneficial to the Webequie Supply Road project, while Webequie FN knowledge would be beneficial to the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project. Protocols would need to be in place for this.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Marten Falls FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Webequie FN and Marten Falls FN to set up Project-to-Project coordination calls.

2. Webequie FN and Marten Falls FN to discuss protocols for traditional knowledge and data sharing for use for their respective projects.

3. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Marten Falls FN Chief and Council once the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community. Marten Falls FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.14

Matawa Tribal Council

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January 25, 2019

Mr. David Paul Achneepineskum
Chief Executive Officer
Matawa Tribal Council
233 Court Street South
2nd Floor
Thunder Bay, ON P7B2X9

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Achneepineskum:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Matawa Tribal Council of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Matawa Tribal Council would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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76) Please indicate whether the Matawa Tribal Council has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

77) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

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Email: _____

78) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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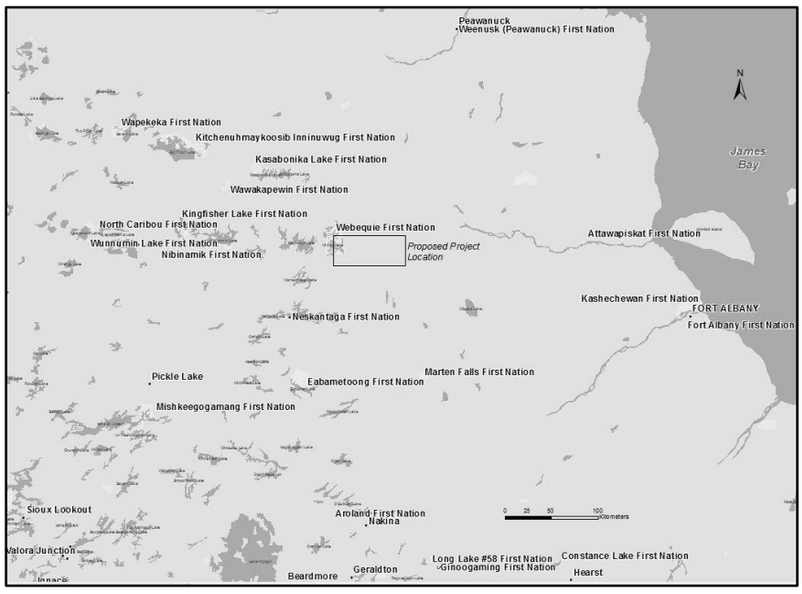
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public, as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.

This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 6:03 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Matawa Tribal Council.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Mr. Achneepineskum,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Matawa Tribal Council be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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Tibor-McMahon, Marian

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: March 21, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Tibor-McMahon, Marian
Subject: FW: WSR

Marian,

I'm not sure this correspondence was provided earlier.

From: Paul Capon [redacted]
Sent: January 30, 2019 12:31 PM
To: Darson, Christine
Subject: WSR

Hi Christine: My name is Paul Capon and I work for the Matawa First Nations Tribal Council. I received the Webequie Supply Road EA information letter today and I just wanted to get some further information. I also wanted to know if similar letters have gone out to all nine of the Matawa First Nations communities. My number is (807) 344-4575. Thanks Paul Capon

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PROJECT:	Webequie First Nation Supply Road	DATE: January 31, 2019
SUBJECT:	Webequie First Nation Supply Road – Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference	
PROJECT NO:	661910	

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BETWEEN: Mr. Paul Capon (INDIVIDUAL) and Christine Darson SNC-Lavalin Environment & Water

Matawa First Nations Tribal Council (COMPANY) ☐ INCOMING ☐ OUTGOING ☐ VOICE MAIL

PHONE NO.: (807) 334-4575 TIME: 10:00 AM

REMARKS:

C. Darson received an email on January 30, 2019 from Mr. Capon requesting she contact him to discuss the Webequie First Nation Supply Road project. C. Darson returned the call on January 31 at 10:00 am. Below is a summary of the conversation.

Mr. Capon thanked C. Darson for the notice advising of the Notice of Commencement of the Terms of Reference for the Webequie First Nations Supply Road. Mr. Capon asked if the notice had been distributed amongst the members of the Matawa First Nations Tribal Council. C. Darson stated that hardcopy letters had been sent to members of the Matawa First Nations Tribal Council and other Indigenous communities who had been determined as having a potential interest in the project. C. Darson advised that follow up emails containing the notice were also being sent.

Mr. Capon suggested it would be of assistance for the Webequie First Nation Supply Road Project Team to educate the Indigenous communities being contacted, on what the Environmental Assessment (EA) process is and what it entails, as there can sometimes be confusion regarding what an EA is, what's involved, and the process to be followed. Mr. Capon advised that it was important for people to understand where things fit within the EA process. C. Darson stated that this was the intention of the Project Team.

Mr. Capon suggested the Project Team review previous studies and the lessons learned so that issues wouldn't be repeated. He also stated that he would be interested in learning more about how broader issues will be handled by government, such food supply. While such issues are not technical, they are important to local communities.

Mr. Capon requested meetings with Indigenous communities be held to explain what the project was proposing. C. Darson advised meetings with potentially impacted Indigenous communities were currently in the process of being scheduled.

C. Darson thanked Mr. Capon for his comments on the project.

ACTION REQUIRED:

The Project Team to schedule meetings with Indigenous communities who have been identified as being potentially impacted by the project.

ACTION TAKEN:

September 11, 2019

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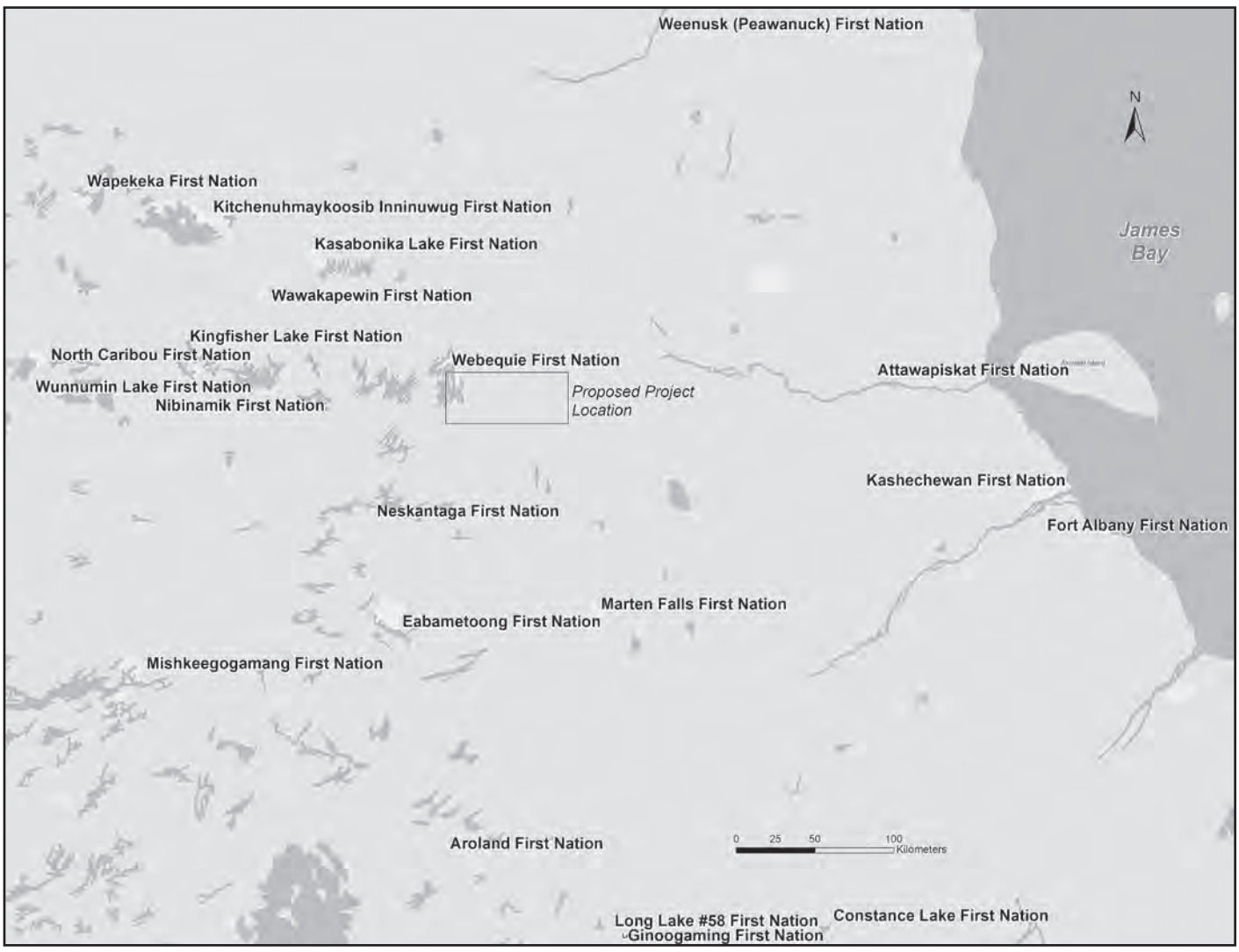
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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CONSULTATION

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

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135 St. Clair Avenue West
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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; Michael Fox; [redacted] Catherine Banning; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Supply Road; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Published Notice of Draft ToR.PDF; Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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We look forward to hearing you.

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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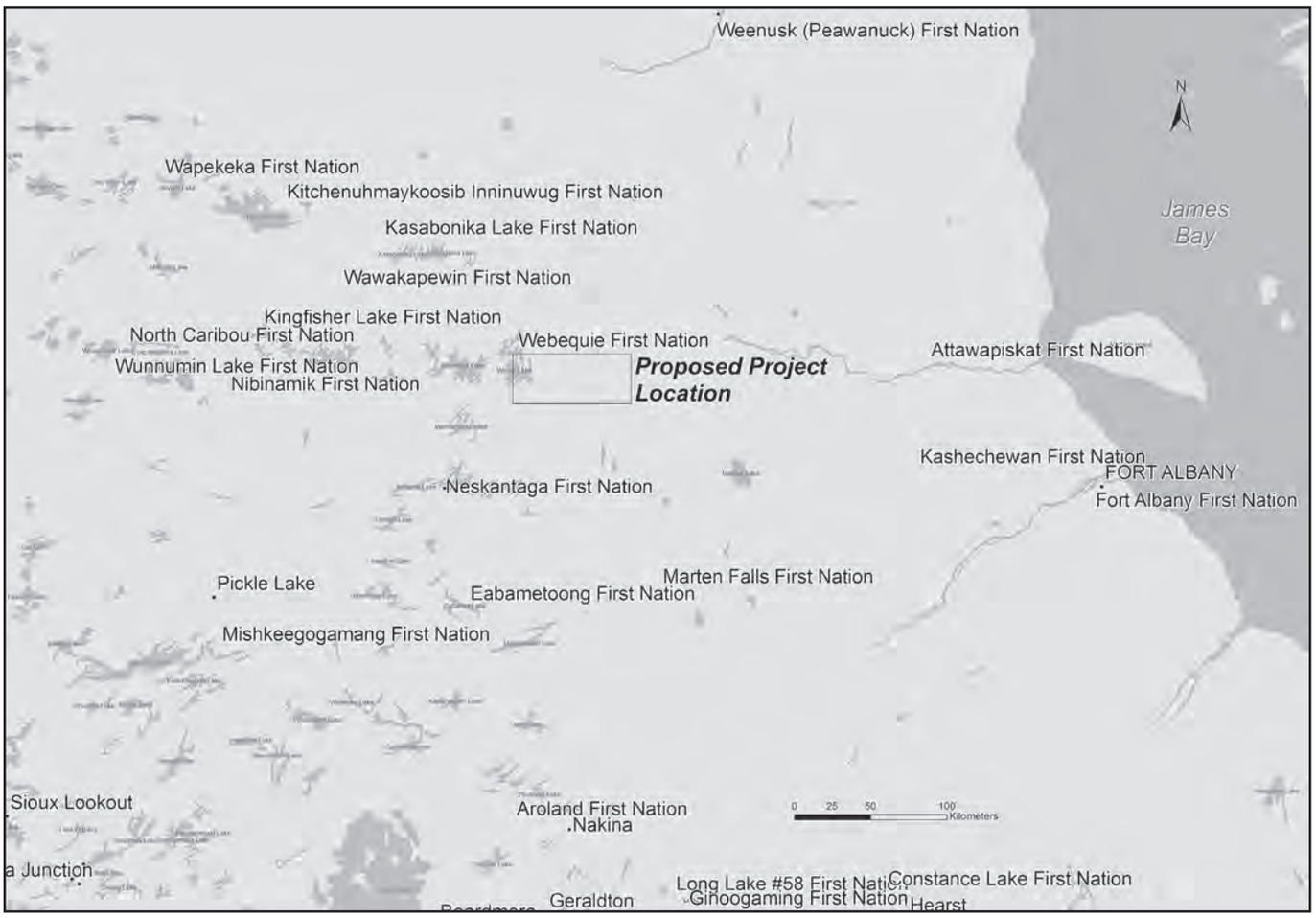
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Darson, Christine

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Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

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Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted]; Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
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In Webequie First Nation on July 13, 2011, the nine (9) Matawa member First Nations (Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Marten Falls, Long Lake #58, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie) signed the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn, otherwise known as the Unity Declaration (attached). The Unity Declaration affirms that the nine First Nations, who are connected through their language, cultural, social and economic interests, all live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to them by the Creator. They took the position that their collective traditional territories are under their own control, and that approval to operate in their respective territories cannot be given by the Government or any other external entities.

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The WSR project has the potential to impact the Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Matawa member First Nations. It is therefore essential that the entire project EA (inclusive of the Draft ToR and federal IA) wholly involve the Matawa member First Nations in a manner that is respectful and unified, with appropriately dedicated time and resources. According to the Draft ToR documentation, the WSR project team has not engaged the majority of the Matawa member First Nations beyond written communications to-date. According to MFNM's communications with our membership, there remains a knowledge gap in understanding the technical details of the proposed undertaking.

As such, MFNM strongly urges the WSR project team to consider engaging individual Matawa member First Nations as soon as possible in-person and in-community. We also encourage supporting the creation of a regional technical working group to more thoroughly review and understand the technical information contained within this Draft ToR and future EA documentation. A project-specific regional technical working group would not be in replacement of individual community engagement and consultation, but would rather enhance and support individual community capacity requirements. Appropriate resource and capacity support at both the individual community and regional levels will help to ensure that that both community and shared interests/concerns can be appropriately addressed and planned for within the WSR project.

Regarding comments on the Draft ToR document, and in recognition that a number of the Matawa member First Nations are unable to respond to this highly technical document within the prescribed comment period, MFNM has initiated drafting a preliminary technical comments document. Pending review of these comments by our membership in a manner deemed appropriate by our Leadership, we would be happy to provide these comments to the WSR project team under separate cover. Furthermore, we welcome the opportunity to work with the WSR project team to provide information, support and advice on establishing a project-specific regional technical committee, if desired.

We look forward to continued dialogue with the WSR project team as this project advances.

Sincerely,
MATAWA FIRST NATIONS MANAGEMENT

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UNITY DECLARATION

We, the undersigned nine (9) First Nations; Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Marten Falls, Long Lake #58, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie, live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to us by the Creator. We are connected through our language, culture, social and economic interests. The First Nations have the inherent right of self-determination as determined by our First Nations and applies to our homelands. This fundamental right has always rested with our people. The inherent right of self-determination is an Aboriginal and Treaty right recognized and affirmed under **Section 35** of the **Constitution Act, 1982.** The nine (9) First Nations take the position that our traditional territories are under our control, and approval to operate in our respective territories cannot be given by the Government or any other entities. We are united in sharing a common vision of being self-sufficient, self-governing peoples within a healthy, thriving culture, living in our homelands that shall sustain us for all times.

We will do whatever is necessary in order to protect our land, our water and our resources for the future generations. We agree that we must stand together in order to ensure our nation is protected. Therefore, we assert our Aboriginal and Treaty rights to the land, water and resources by requiring our written consent before any development activity may proceed. Failure to consult, accommodate and receive the consent of the First Nation(s) to proceed with any work or activity is an unjustified infringement upon our Aboriginal, Treaty and Custodial rights as First Nations.

Dated in Webequie First Nation at the Matawa Chiefs Meeting on the 13th day of July 2011.

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Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Matawa TC ToR Comments table-2020-03-05.pdf; Web-WSR Response to Matawa TC ToR Comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear David Paul,

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Michael

March 5, 2020

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Dear David Paul Achneepineskum,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation and the Project Team, we thank you for your thorough review and comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road Project.

Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have carefully reviewed your comments on the Draft ToR. Please find enclosed the Project Team's responses to Matawa First Nations Management's comments. Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have considered your thoughtful comments and will incorporate them, where appropriate, into the final version of ToR.

We value your organization's review and participation in the ToR process for the Webequie Supply Road project. We wish to give you an opportunity to ensure that all your interests and concerns are taken into consideration and addressed in a timely manner. Should you and your organization have questions regarding the responses to your comments, the Project Team will be happy to meet to discuss the comments and provide further clarification where necessary.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your organization to review the ToR and provide feedback and input. Please advise if you and your organization would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

Enclosed:
Draft Terms of Reference Comment/Response Table

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

Comments Received from Matawa First Nations Management MFN – (David Paul Achneepineskum, Chief Executive Officer), November 6, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
MFN-1	Not cited by Respondent	In response to your notice dated September 11, 2019 regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for Review on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment. While Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) cannot speak on the behalf of any of our individual member First Nation communities, we feel it is necessary to convey the following observations, concerns and recommendations. In Webequie First Nation on July 13, 2011, the nine (9) Matawa member First Nations (Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Marten Falls, Long Lake #58, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie) signed the Mamow- Wecheekapawetahteewinn, otherwise known as the Unity Declaration (attached). The Unity Declaration affirms that the nine First Nations, who are connected through their language, cultural, social and economic interests, all live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to them by the Creator. They took the position that their collective traditional territories are under their own control, and that approval to operate in their respective territories cannot be given by the Government or any other external entities. In September 2019, the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project team developed and prepared a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the WSR project as a first step in an Environmental Assessment (EA) process defined by the Government of Ontario. The process appears to be advancing along the typical prescribed government timelines, in seeking comments from MFNM and member First Nations without providing the required capacity supports to appropriately participate in the process. In keeping with the intent of the Mamow-Wecheekapawetchteewinn, all Matawa member First Nations should have been provided with the opportunity to participate in the creation of an appropriate EA process (and thus Terms of Reference) to align with the consultation and engagement needs of all communities. The current provincial EA and federal Impact Assessment (IA) processes which this project is undergoing does not align with the resource, communications, engagement and capacity requirements of our member First Nations. MNFM encourages the WSR team to move beyond the prescribed government processes, to work together in unity with all Matawa member First Nations in accordance with the spirit of the Mamow-Wecheekapawetchteewinn and Webequie First Nation's Elders Guiding Principles and Three-Tier Process (as presented in the Draft ToR). The WSR project has the potential to impact the Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Matawa member First Nations. It is therefore essential that the entire project EA (inclusive of the Draft ToR and federal IA) wholly involve the Matawa member First Nations in a manner that is respectful and unified, with appropriately dedicated time and resources. According to the Draft ToR documentation, the WSR project team has not engaged the majority of the Matawa member First Nations beyond written communications to-date. According to MFNM's communications with our membership, there remains a knowledge gap in understanding the technical details of the proposed undertaking. As such, MFNM strongly urges the WSR project team to consider engaging individual Matawa member First Nations as soon as possible in-person and in-community. We also encourage supporting the creation of a regional technical working group to more thoroughly review and understand the technical information contained within this Draft ToR and future EA documentation. A project-specific regional technical working group would not be in replacement of individual community engagement and consultation, but would rather enhance and support individual community capacity requirements. Appropriate resource and capacity support at both the individual community and regional levels will help to ensure that that both community and shared interests/concerns can be appropriately addressed and planned for within the WSR project. Regarding comments on the Draft ToR document, and in recognition that a number of the Matawa member First Nations are unable to respond to this highly technical document within the prescribed comment period, MFNM has initiated drafting a preliminary technical comments document. Pending review of these comments by our membership in a manner deemed appropriate by our Leadership, we would be happy to provide these	It is Webequie First Nation's intent to provide Indigenous communities full access into development of the EA process through participation in development of the Terms of Reference. The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the EA Proponent and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has made funding available through its Participant Funding Program to assist in the participation of the public and Indigenous groups in the federal impact assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project. Throughout the Terms of Reference process, Webequie First Nation is committed to engaging with all Matawa First Nation communities to help them understand the supply road proposal and share information to inform the assessment of the potential effects of the Project, and address and resolve related issues in a mutually beneficial way. This process is ongoing as we seek to meet with each individual First Nation community at their availability. The Webequie Project Team is open to comments from all parties and encourages interested communities and associations to participate in the process.	

APPENDIX P1.E.15

Mishkeegogamang First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief David Masakeyash
General Delivery
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Masakeyash:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, your community does not appear to have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project. However, Ontario understands that your community may have an interest in the potential environmental effects of the project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) has shared that understanding with the proponent and indicated that your community should be consulted on that basis during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential will be documented by Webequie First Nation in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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January 25, 2019

Mr. David Masakeyash
Chief
Mishkeegogamang First Nation
New Osnaburgh, ON P0V2H0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Masakeyash:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Mishkeegogamang First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Mishkeegogamang First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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61) Please indicate whether the Mishkeegogamang First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

62) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

63) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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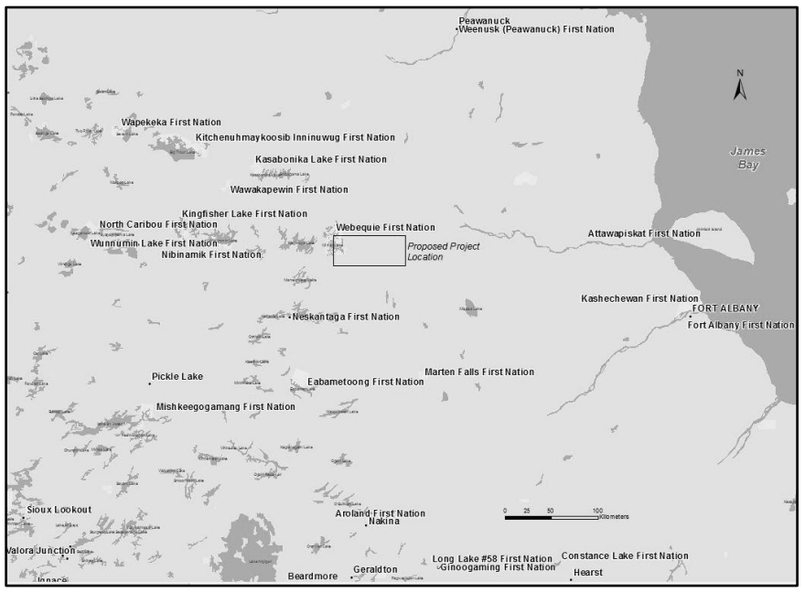
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:53 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Mishkeegogamang First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Masakeyash,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Mishkeegogamang First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. David Masakeyash
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Masakeyash,

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Sincerely,

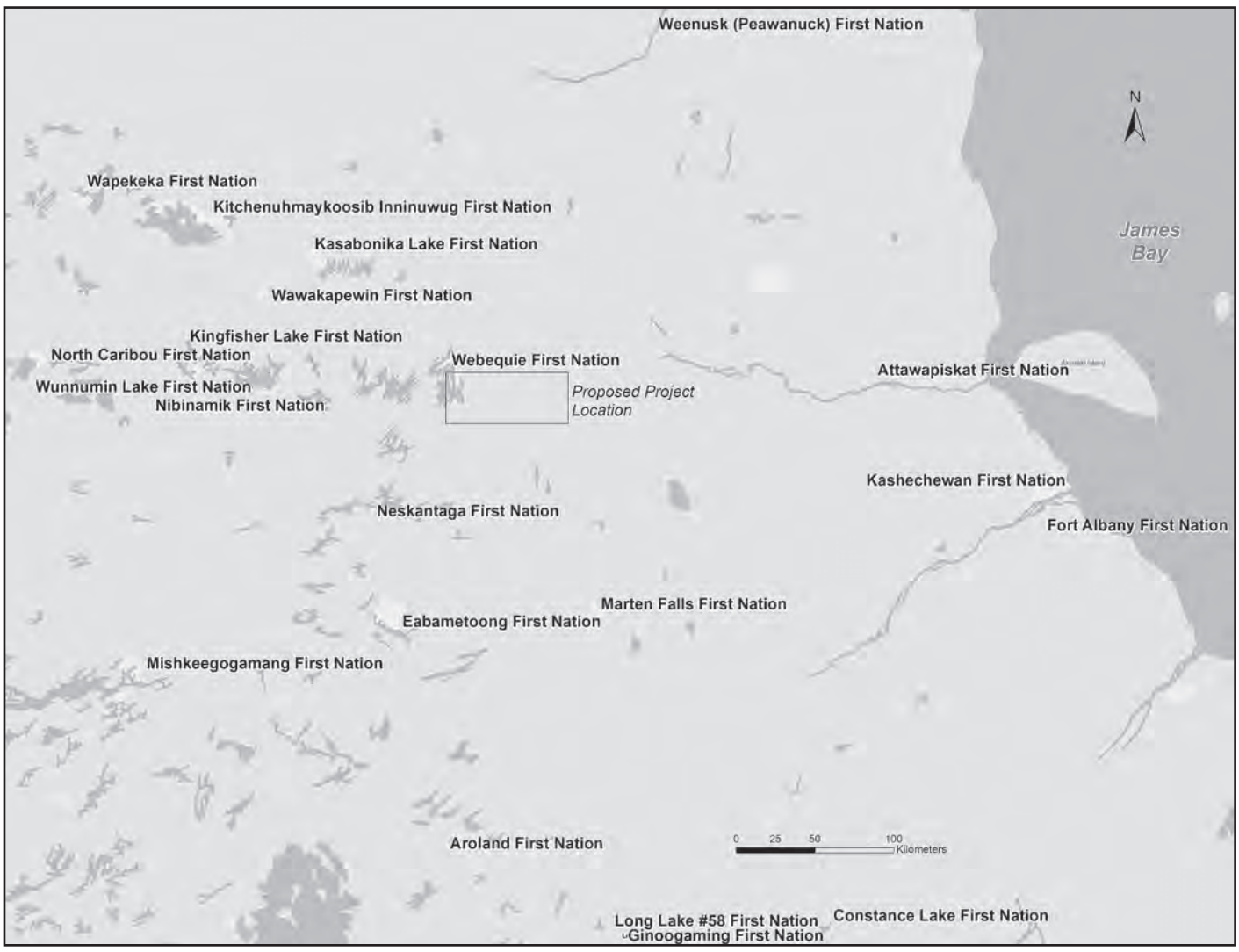
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Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
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USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
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Thunder Bay, ON
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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR has also been sent to the office of the Chief should you prefer to review the document in those formats.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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October 2, 2019

Chief David Masakeyash
Mishkeegogamang First Nation
New Osnaburgh, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Masakeyash,

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A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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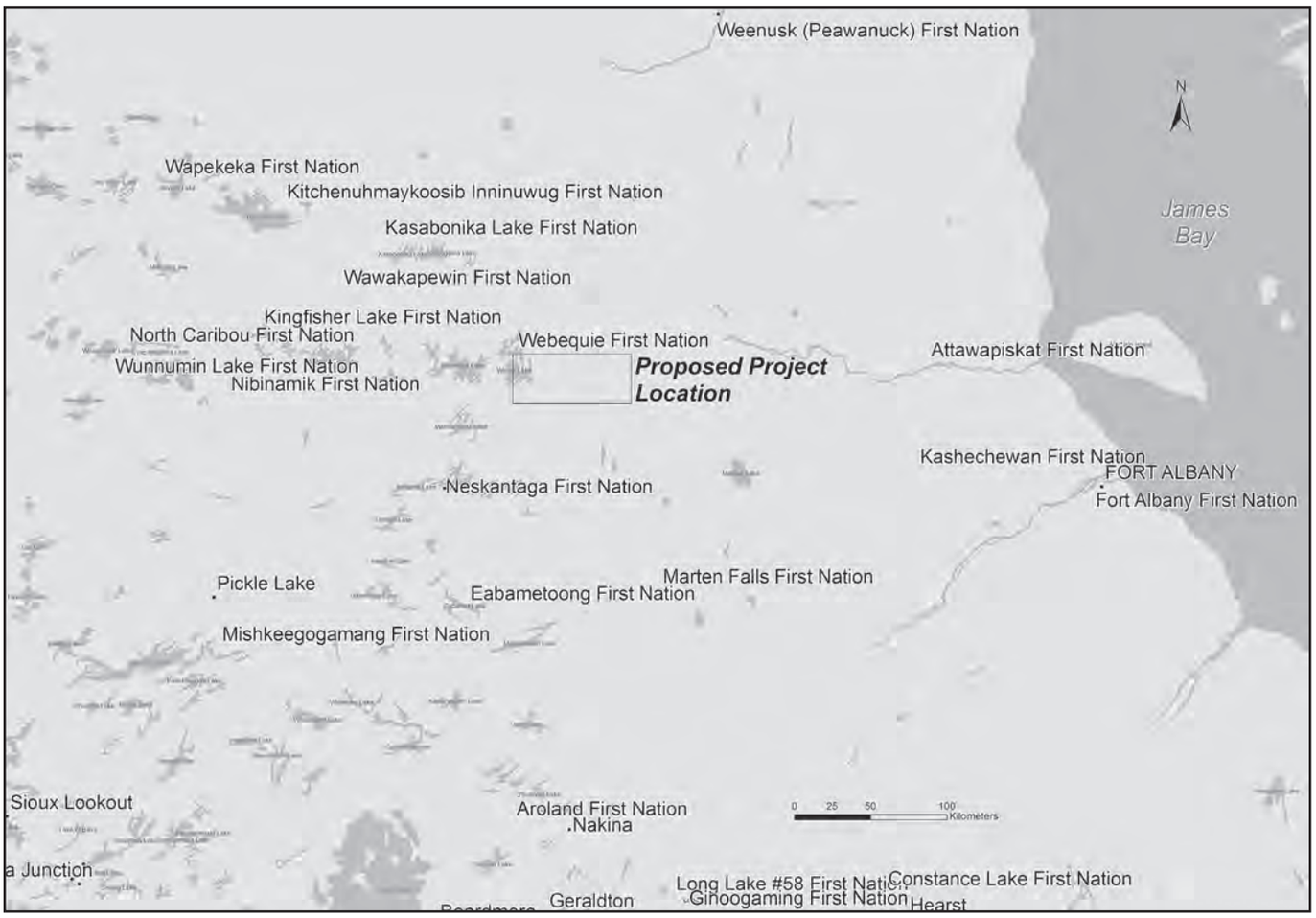
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Sent: March 11, 2020 7:55 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Mishkeegogamang ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief David Masakeyash
Mishkeegogamang First Nation
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief David Masakeyash,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season road corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you and your community to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you and your community would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
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cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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Comments Received from Matawa First Nations Management MFN – (David Paul Achneepineskum, Chief Executive Officer), November 6, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
		comments to the WSR project team under separate cover. Furthermore, we welcome the opportunity to work with the WSR project team to provide information, support and advice on establishing a project-specific regional technical committee, if desired.		

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COMMUNITY MEETING

Mishkeegogamang First Nation
August 1, 2019
11:00am – 1:30pm

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Mishkeegogamang FN membership on August 1, 2019 at the Mishkeegogamang First Nation Gymnasium. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation was on the engagement/consultation process, brief project description, the EA process, the ToR and how it will be prepared and the need for input from Indigenous communities. Communication materials were provided to Chief and the community for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the presentation; 50 copies of the Community Newsletter in English; 50 copies of the Terms of Reference Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 50 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in Ojibway and English; 50 copies of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in English; and 50 feedback forms. In addition, the Project Team left the following materials with the Chief: 135 newsletters in English to be delivered to houses; 20 newsletters in English to be posted at the Band office.

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Mishkeegogamang FN community members (marked as “MP” for Member Point).

Community Safety – Traffic Impacts

- MP: My concern with Noront is people coming through the community by the highway which impacts our people and community. We are the only community with a highway going north and south. I am concerned about the traffic and noise. There is also a worry about what is being transported on the highway such as chemicals. These are my concerns with development. It is understood that development has to happen and people need jobs. But we also need to be concerned about strangers that come into the community.

Loss of Way of Life

- MP: During the first session regarding the All-Season Community Road done by Summer Beaver (Nibinamik) and Webequie, there was a group of elders that met to exchange ideas on potential impacts of the road - the highway is good but there are impacts such as loss of life.
- MP: One elder reinforced the point made by Gordon Wabasse of Webequie First Nation (as part of his description of the three-tier approach) regarding community members' view that their territory extends well beyond reserve boundaries. The elder used the analogy of a nest sitting within a larger area where community members hunt, fish and raise their children.

Sharing Experiences of Being Connected to an All-Season Road

- MP: One elder suggested that if the Webequie Supply Road is eventually connected to the provincial road network, elders from Mishkeegogamang could meet with those from Webequie to share their experiences after their community was connected to the highway.

FEEDBACK FORMS

The Project Team received one completed feedback after the community meeting. The following is a summary of the feedback:

- How did you learn about this Community Meeting? – Word of mouth;
- What was your main reason for attending this meeting? – Interested in the Project, want to ask questions or express my concerns;
- What are the good things about the supply road? – Employment opportunities, business opportunities;
- What are the bad things about the supply road? – Disruption to the communities, changes to way of life;
- Did the meeting help you with your understanding of the Project? – Somewhat;
- Is there any information that you would like to be provided that was not presented at the meeting? – Yes;
- Were you given the opportunity to participate in the meeting – ask questions or express your interest/concern? – Yes;
- What would help the Webequie Project Team improve these community meetings in the future? – One-on-one discussions with the Project Team; Breakout sessions
- Additional Comments – Having road access is both good and bad. People will come to know both, then they can judge for themselves whether it was a good idea having road access to begin with.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Mishkeegogamang FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

2. Project Team to work with Chief and Council to arrange a follow-up community information session, at the community's request.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Mishkeegogamang FN Chief and Council once the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Mishkeegogamang FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.16

Métis Nation of Ontario

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Paula Bouchard
Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2
226 May Street South
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Thunder Bay, ON P7E1B4

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Bouchard:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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64) Please indicate whether the Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2 has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

65) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

66) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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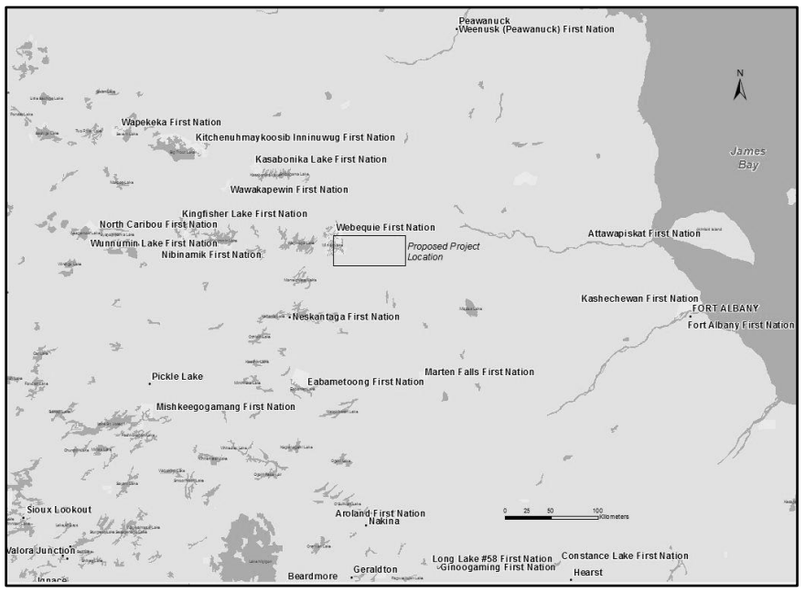
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 6:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_MNO Region 2.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Ms. Bouchard,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Metis Nation of Ontario be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Ms. Jacqueline Barry
Métis Nation of Ontario - Region 2
226 May Street South
Main Floor
Thunder Bay, ON P7E1B4

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Barry,

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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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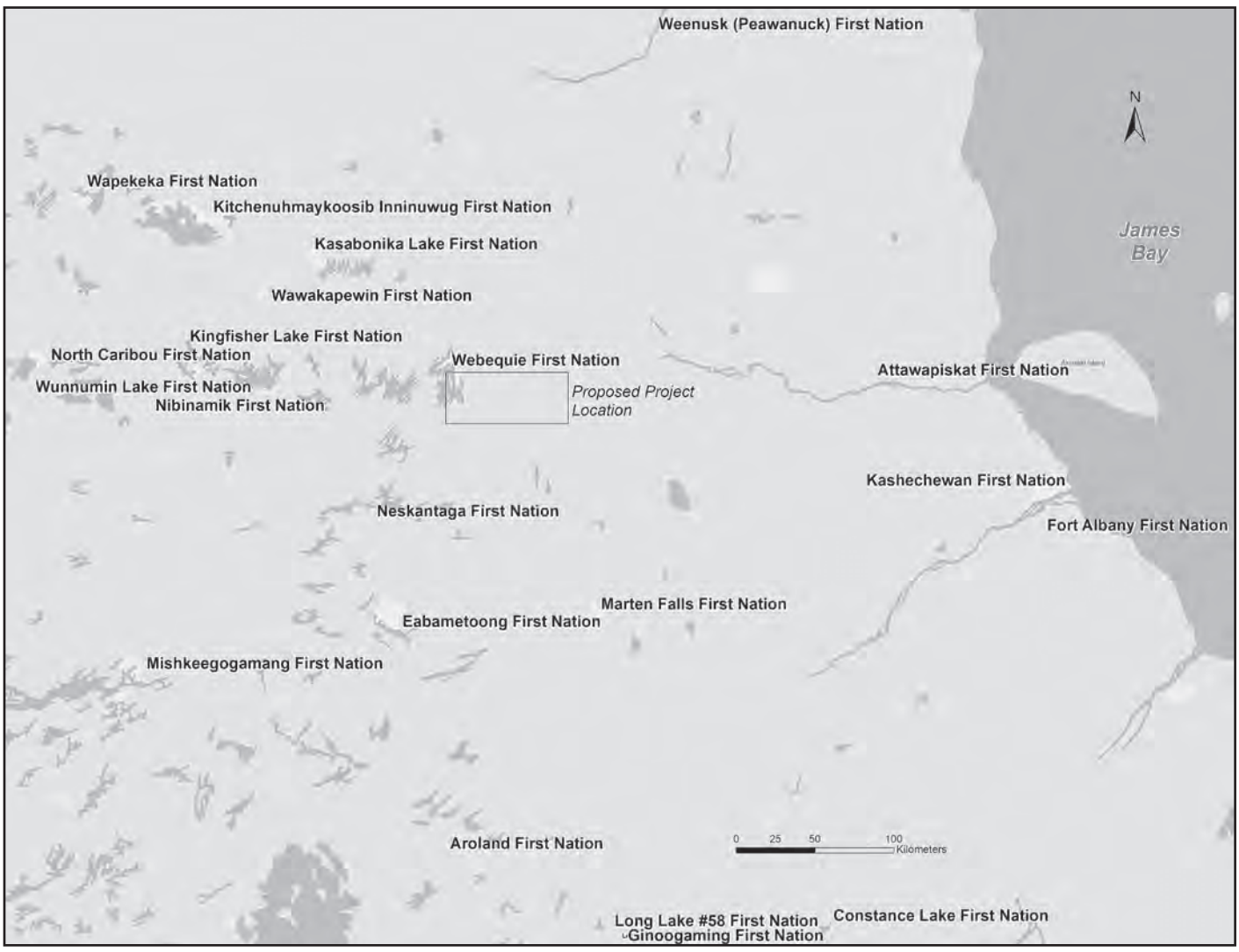
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USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
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135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

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October 2, 2019

Jacqueline Barry
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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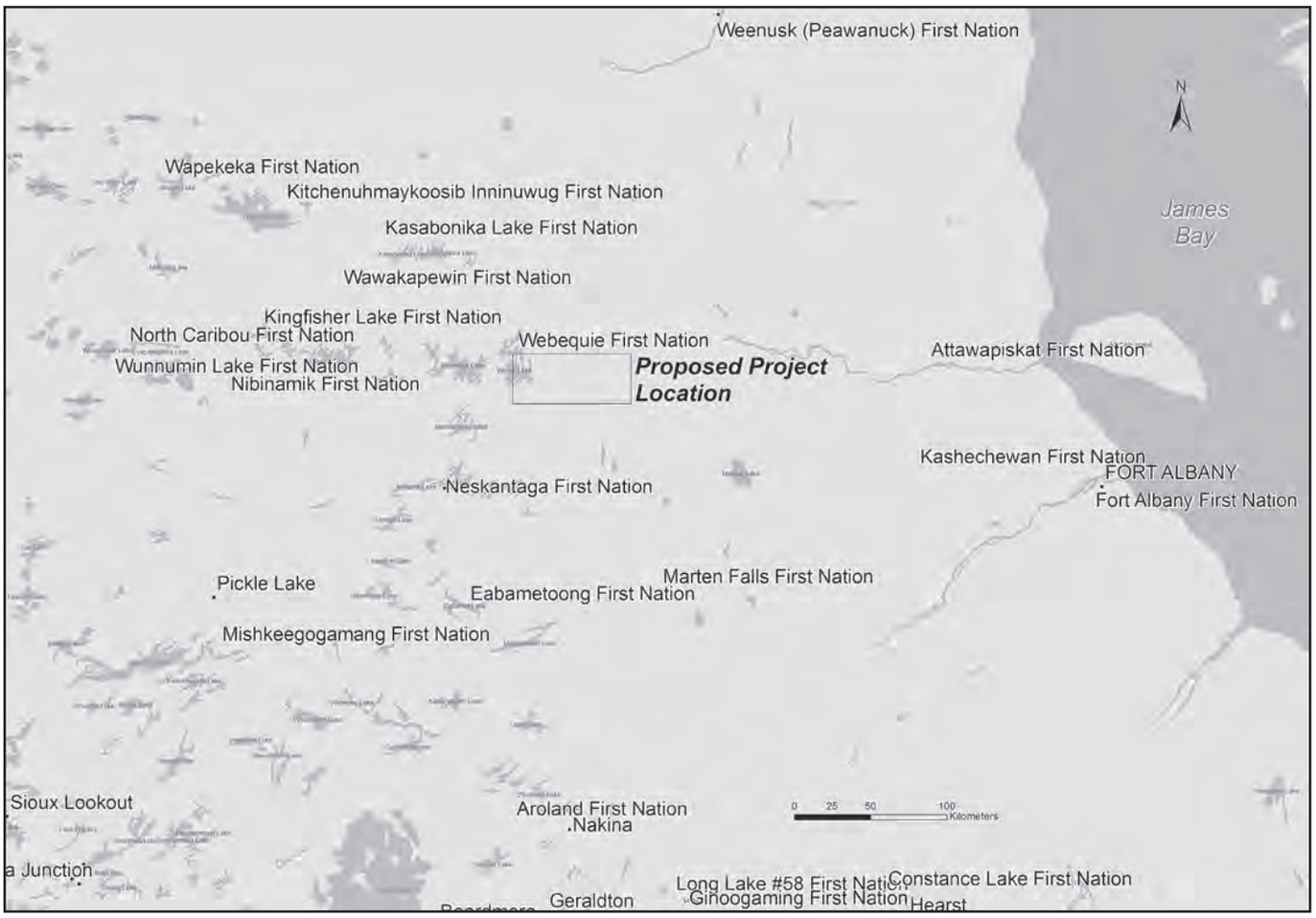
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

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A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the project has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details Webequie First Nation's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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.

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The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
2:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 7:58 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to MNO-Region 2 ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Jacqueline,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Jacqueline Barry
Consultation Assessment Coordinator
Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2
226 May Street South
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 1B4

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Jacqueline Barry,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season road corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your organization of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your organization to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your organization's participation in the ToR process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you and your organization to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you and your community would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

APPENDIX P1.E.17

Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

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Ms. Margaret Froh
President, Métis Nation of Ontario
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Mr. Gordon and Ms. Froh:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, your community does not appear to have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project. However, Ontario understands that your community may have an interest in the potential environmental effects of the project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) has shared that understanding with the

proponent and indicated that your community should be consulted on that basis during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential will be documented by Webequie First Nation in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Linda Norheim, Manager, Lands, Resources & Consultation, Métis Nation of Ontario
Paula Bouchard, Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2
Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
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Lori Churchill, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Jason Frechette, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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January 25, 2019

Ms. Margaret Froh
President
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66 Slater Street
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Ottawa, ON K1P5H1

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Froh:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Métis Nation of Ontario of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Métis Nation of Ontario would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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67) Please indicate whether the Métis Nation of Ontario has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

68) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

69) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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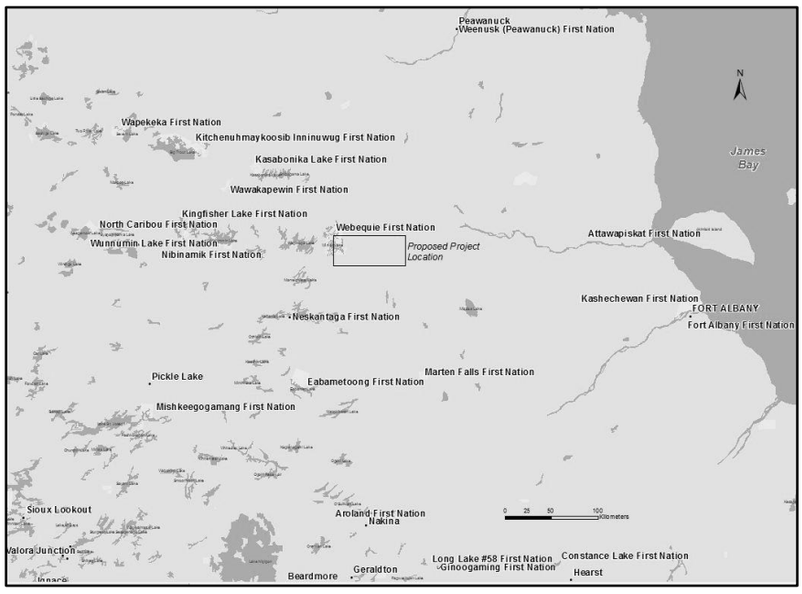
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 6:16 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_MNO.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Ms. Froh,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Metis Nation of Ontario be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Ms. Margaret Froh
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Froh,

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Sincerely,

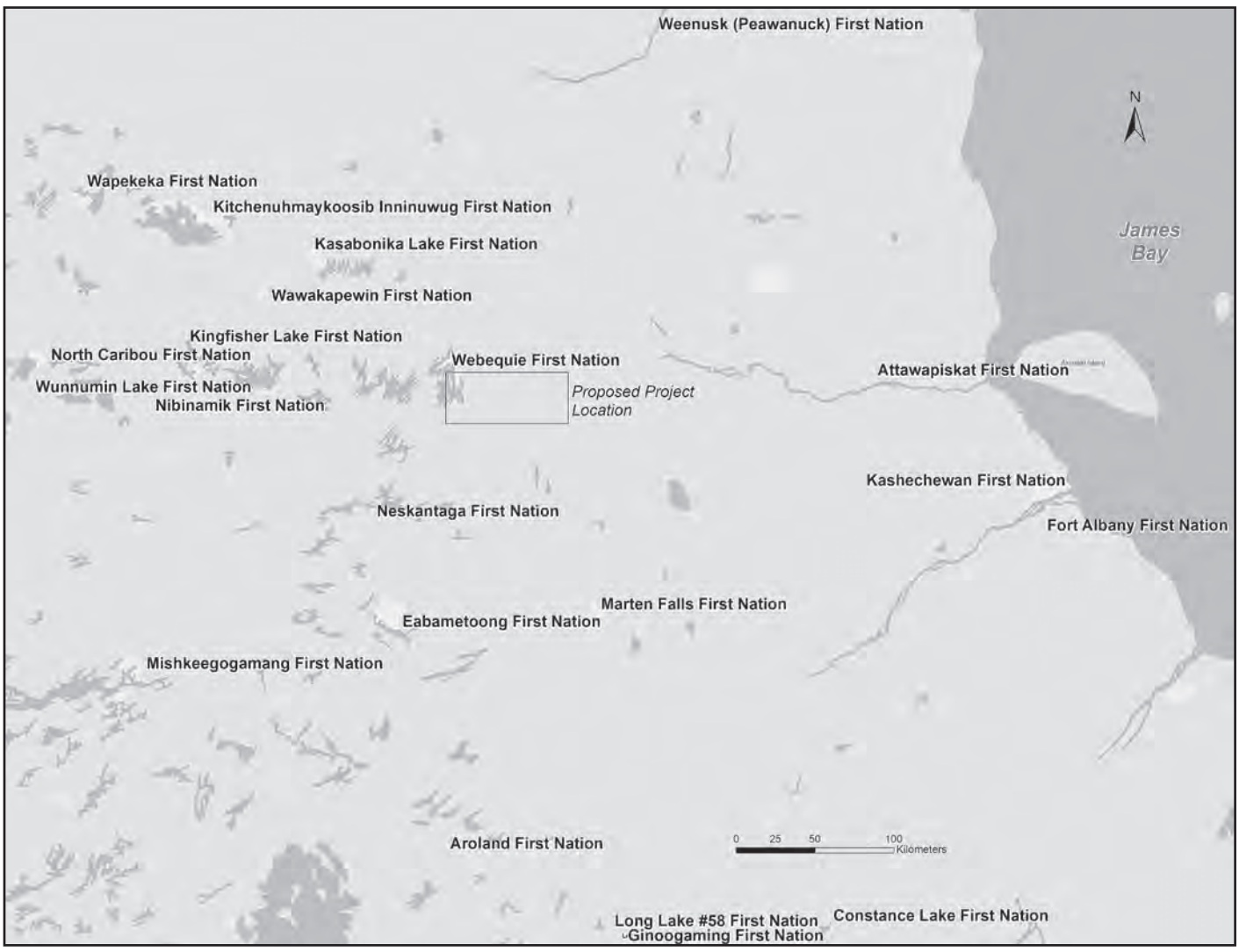
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR has also been sent to the office of the Chief should you prefer to review the document in those formats.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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October 2, 2019

President Margaret Froh
Métis Nation of Ontario
66 Slater Street
Suite 1100
Ottawa, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear President Froh,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Sincerely,

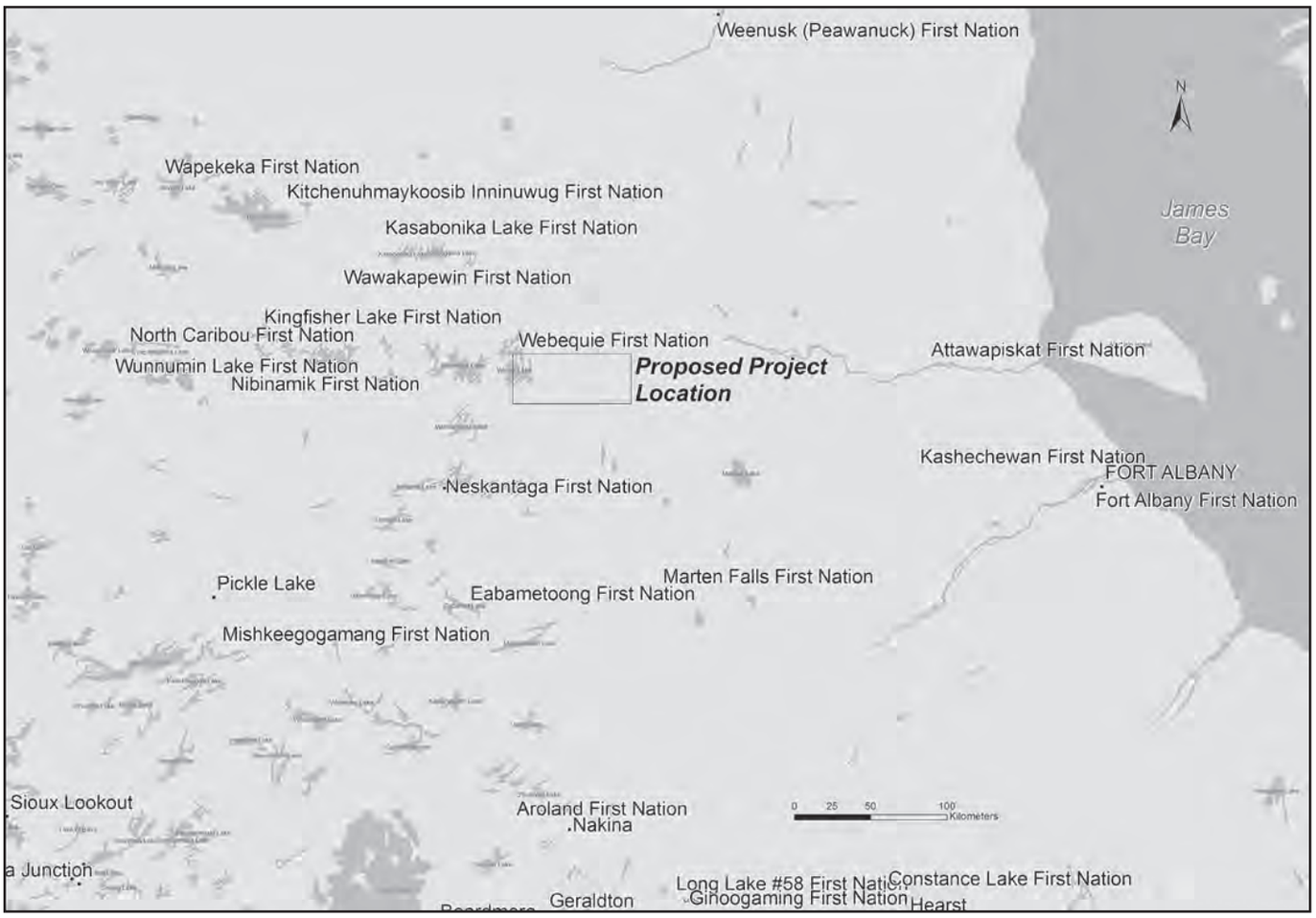
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

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CONTACT

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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Mushkegowuk Council

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Jonathon Solomon
Grand Chief
Mushkegowuk Council
14 Centre Road
P.O. Box 370
Moose Factory, ON P0L1W0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Mushkegowuk Council of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Mushkegowuk Council would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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85) Please indicate whether the Mushkegowuk Council has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

86) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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87) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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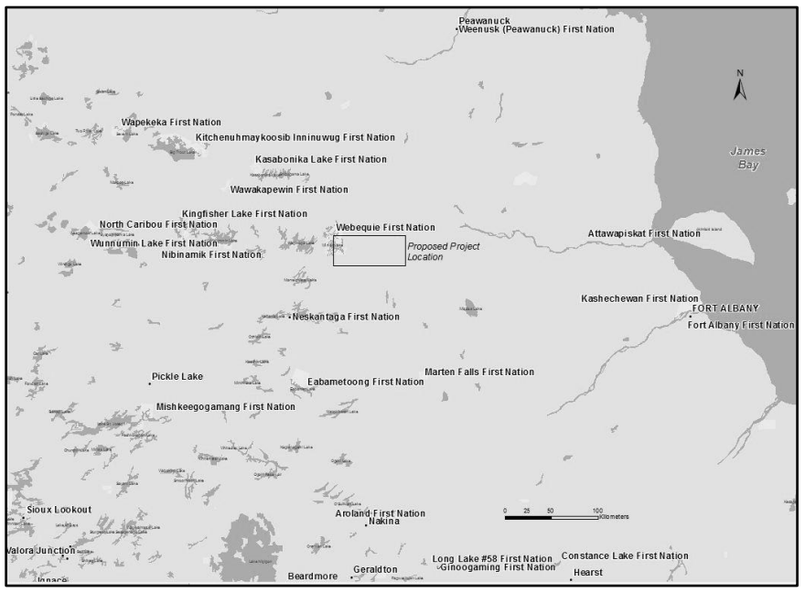
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:08 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Mushkegowuk Council.pdf

Dear Grand Chief Solomon,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Mushkegowuk Council be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

Christine Darson, *BURPl*
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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road Information request...
Attachments: RMetlin_MushkegowukMDA_WSR2019.pdf

From: Roxanne Metlin [redacted]
Sent: February 19, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Information request...

Hello Christine,

I have attached a request for information updates on the Webequie First Nation Supply Road Project.

Please include me on your list of updates and upcoming meetings relating to the Supply Road Project.

Thank you, Roxanne

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CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

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88) Please indicate whether the Mushkegowuk Council has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☒ NOT AT This Time

89) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: Roxanne Metlin
Title: Mineral Development Advisor
Department: Lands + Resources
Mailing Address:
Phone: 705-268-3594 Ex 307
Fax:
Email: [redacted]

90) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

Please keep this for Future Information updates/Meetings
Thx

Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

September 11, 2019

Mr. Vern Cheechoo
Director of Lands & Resources
Mushkegowuk Council
14 Centre Road
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Moose Factory, ON P0L1W0

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
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Environmental Assessment

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Ms. Roxanne Metlin
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Ms. Melanie Wesley Hardisty
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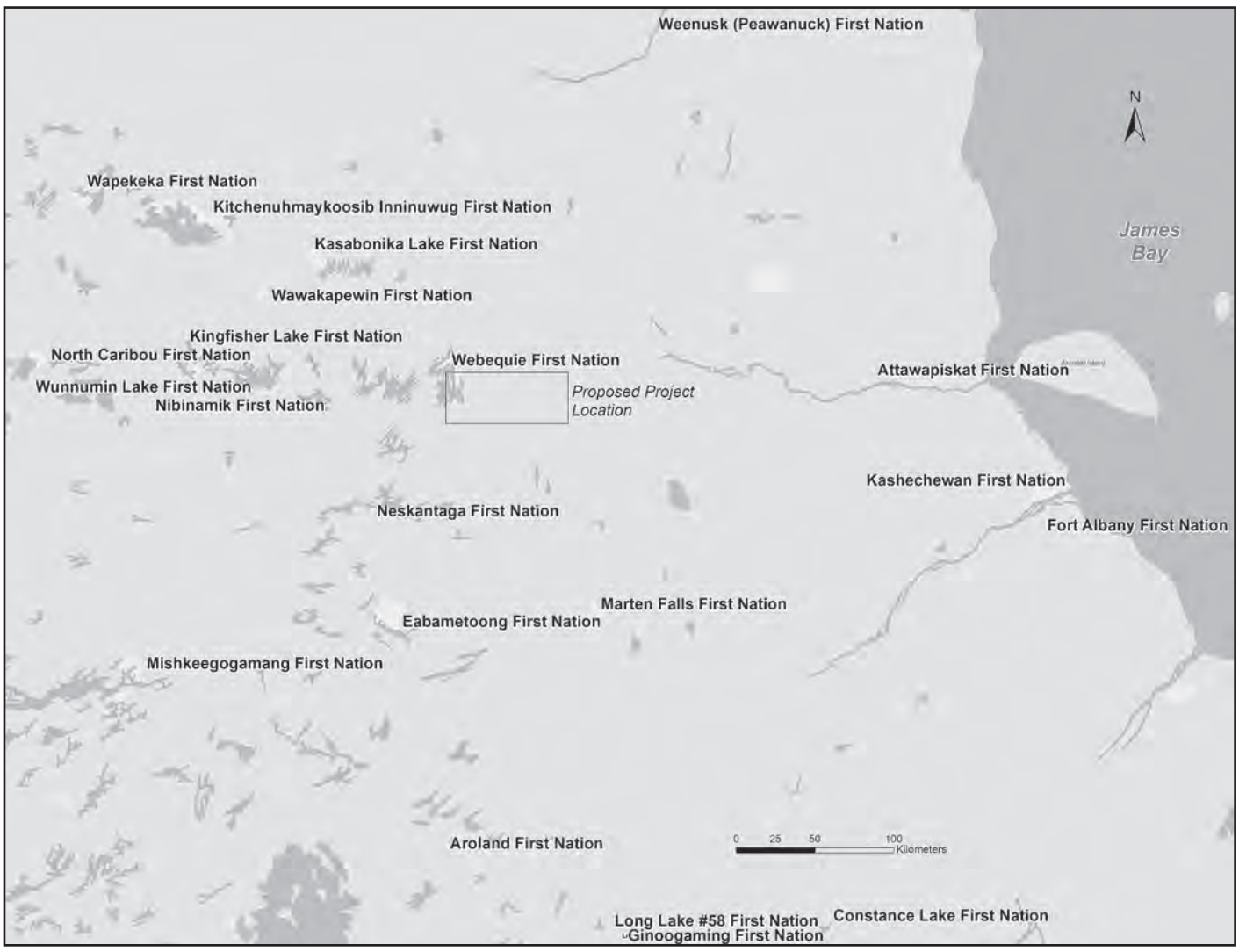
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; Michael Fox; [redacted] Catherine Banning; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Supply Road; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Published Notice of Draft ToR.PDF; Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Tibor-McMahon, Marian

From: Vern Cheechoo [redacted]
Sent: March 12, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Darson, Christine
Cc: Suzanne Leclair (Shift Counsel)
Subject: WSR Webequie All season Road Study

Good morning Christine;

Wanted to inform you that I just received the letter sent January 25, 2019. I had gone through a family loss recently and was out of the office and unaware of the letter and would like the opportunity to respond to the letter now. I will fill out the form and send it to you.

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September 11, 2019

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A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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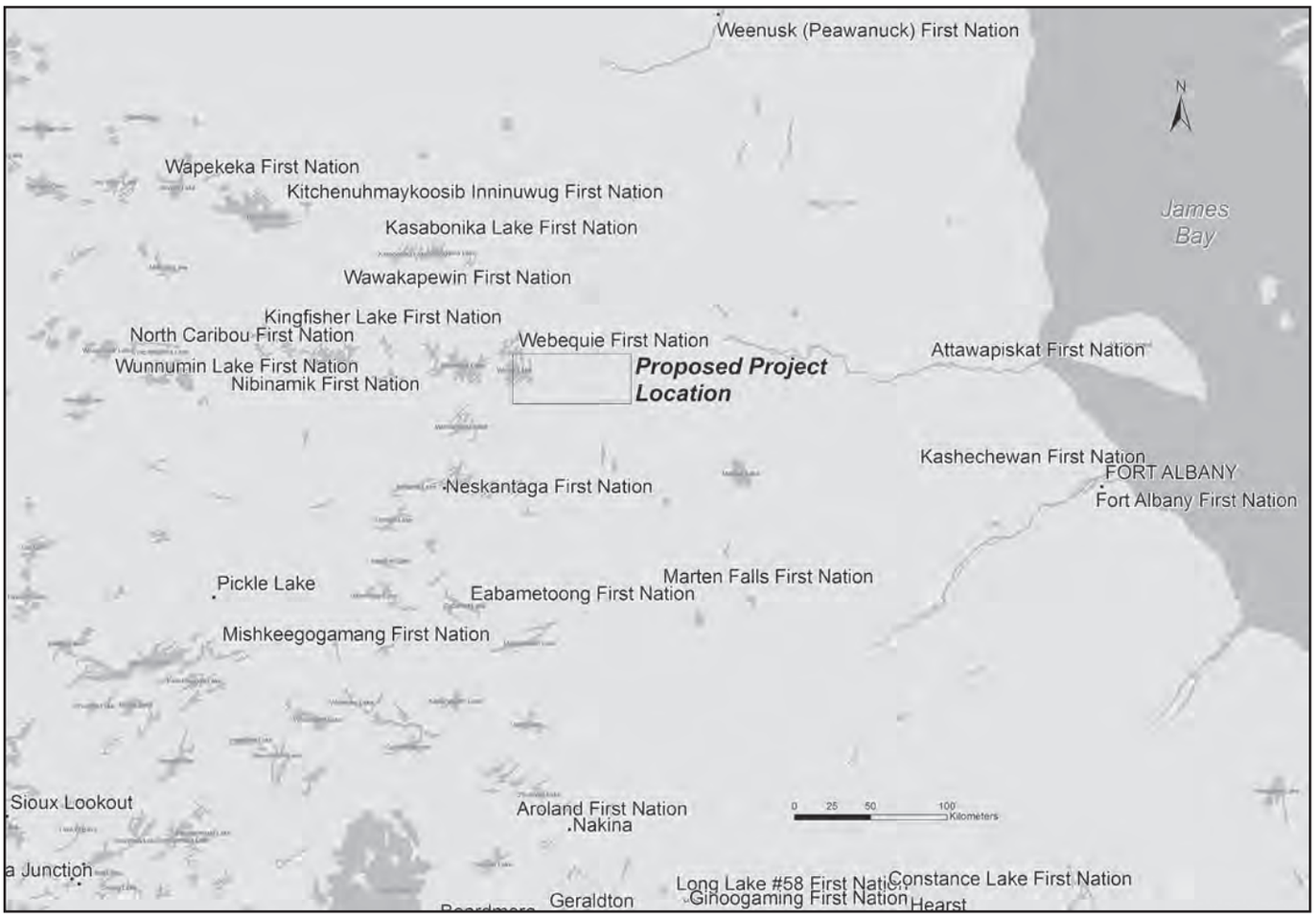
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Mushkegowuk Council Comments on Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Draft Terms of Reference

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The table below summarize Mushkegowuk Council's comments on this proposed Draft Terms of Reference.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 01
Subject	Project Background and Context
Reference	1.3
Requirement	The Proponent relies on past and incomplete Environmental Impact Statement or and Environmental Assessment Report (EIS/EAR) from Noront Resources which initially included an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Mushkegowuk is concerned Noront may be intentionally breaking key components of its Eagle's Nest project by allowing this proposed all-season road component to be transferred to the Proponent in order to avoid detailed assessment about the potential impacts as a whole. Therefore, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA be amended to include as co-Proponent, the actual user of the road, Noront Resources or alternatively, the proposed project to be amended delete all references to the previous studies in Section 1.3 that are intended to "*provide the foundation for the development of the proposed Webequie Supply Road*". By excluding the actual user of the proposed all-season road, Mushkegowuk is unable to understand the volume of mining related hauling, trucking of materials and supplies, transportation of dangerous goods, transportation of workers and the negative effects on wildlife, air quality, water management and spill contingencies. In addition, Mushkegowuk Council was not consulted on any of the referenced studies in Section 1.3 and has no actual knowledge of the ecosystemic effects of all proposed corridors and is unable to carry out a proper assessment of the downstream and down muskeg impacts of its member communities on the James Bay coast.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 02
Subject	Purpose and Rationale For the Undertaking and Study
Reference	1.4
Requirement	Section 1.4.1 refers to the goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road which includes "*To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area*." Given that there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, which would normally include anticipated impacts of the proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis, Mushkegowuk requests that the first objective in Section 1.4.1 (as italicized in 02) be entirely deleted. In addition, please delete "*The EA Study for the Project will assess corridor alternatives and complete and effects assessment and evaluation of the selected preferred corridor for the all-season road and supporting infrastructure elements, which include aggregate extraction and processing areas, access roads, laydown / storage yards and construction camps*." Finally, subsection 1.4.2 which provides the Rationale for the Undertaking must be entirely deleted for reasons stated above. No environmental assessment process should allow for the carving out of mining related infrastructure to third party having limited knowledge of planned mining activities.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 03
Subject	Approach for Preparation of the Environmental Assessment
Reference	3.2
Requirement	The Proponent proposes the project alternatives have been considered, given the studies referred to in Section 1.3. As indicated, the Noront EIS/EAR is incomplete and is currently outdated. Moreover, Noront has never formally consulted with Mushkegowuk Council but has occasionally engaged on a few presentations with no opportunity for input. All studies referred to in Section 1.3 have not been shared with Mushkegowuk Council and its potentially impacted First Nation communities. All engagement with Noront has been limited to information sharing with no opportunity for meaningful input. Thus, project alternatives must be identified as part of this EA process and the Proponent should not be permitted to proceed as a focused EA under subsections 6(2) and 6.1(3) because the First Nations communities represented here by Mushkegowuk Council have no knowledge of the Project details.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 04
Subject	Preliminary Design Criteria
Reference	4.1.1
Requirement	Proponent assumes a low Annual Average Daily Traffic volume less than 500 vehicles. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent provides more information on how it is obtaining this volume and furthermore, defines the type of vehicles. The Proponent is required to know the volume of vehicles as opposed to making assumptions. The onus is on the Proponent to demonstrate any predicted adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects will be prevented, mitigated, or managed. We cannot proceed with an arbitrary assumption of vehicle volume. Instead we will require a detailed breakdown of how volume and weight of vehicles are obtained. In addition, this subsection gives no consideration to the road design as a potential barrier to caribou or other large mammal movements. Therefore, Mushkegowuk Council recommends the completion of analysis of caribou crossing data to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 05
Subject	Components and Activities of the Project
Reference	4.2
Requirement	Mushkegowuk Council recommends adding the review and analysis of caribou crossing data with western science and traditional knowledge experts to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing. The completed study is to be reviewed by all directly and indirectly impacted First Nations communities so that concerns be addressed and taken into considerations for the road design. Moreover, the road impacts must be monitored during all phases of the said project, including maintenance, closure or decommissioning phases by a terrestrial advisory group comprised of impacted First Nations community harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent. Mushkegowuk Council has aquatic environment concerns and to this end, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent includes the following component: "*To provide baseline monthly methylmercury concentrations for an entire year prior to commencing any work related to the said project*." Also, include the following activity: "*Monitor and report to the terrestrial advisory group, methylmercury and impacts to fish on a monthly basis for all phases of the project, including the decommissioning or closure phase."*

Section	Mushkegowuk - 06
Subject	Construction Phase
Reference	4.3.1
Requirement	The Proponent proposes discussions between Indigenous communities during the construction phase. Mushkegowuk proposes that a terrestrial advisory group comprised of local, downstream and down muskeg First Nations, harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent be established to review detailed design and construction phases so to avoid or mitigate potential effects to Treaty lands and Aboriginal rights.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 07
Subject	Operation and Maintenance Phase
Reference	4.3.2
Requirement	The Proponent proposes this EA to commence without any information related to the Webequie Supply Road (Project) about the Project operator, governance, funding sources and operator's experience. The stated objective is to carry out routine inspections to "*ensure the road meets <u>the minimum standards</u> for roadside safety and is a reliable connection to allow for the movement of materials, supplies and people from <u>WFN in support of mineral exploration and mine developments</u>…*"(emphasis ours). This EA will require detailed information to ensure sufficient funding sources and operator experience are at hand to avoid / minimize potential accidents or malfunction from occurring. For example, knowing the name of the operator provides insight into their spill contingency plans, oil pollution emergency plans and emergency response plans. By omitting the name of the operator, the funding sources and timeframe, operator's experience, jurisdictional aspects of the Project, Mushkegowuk is unable to properly assess the risks, and the mitigation plans. As a result, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA do not proceed until such time as the Proponent is able to accurately provide detailed information to these information gaps.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 08
Subject	Decommissioning Phase
Reference	4.3.3
Requirement	Mushkegowuk is concerned that no information about WSR's operational funding is forthcoming. Sufficient funding is required to ensure the safe operations of this Project in the ecological sensitive region of the James Bay Lowlands. Accordingly, if sufficient and long term funding is unavailable for the life of the Project, Mushkegowuk recommends that the said road be immediately decommissioned and closed.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 09
Subject	Range of Alternatives Considered
Reference	5.1
Requirement	As stated in Mushkegowuk – 02, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, tonnage to be hauled daily. Hence, Mushkegowuk requests the first stated primary objective in Section 5.1.1 be entirely deleted. Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be considered in the Terms of Reference. In addition, please add the Do nothing alternatives in subsection 5.1.1.6. and delete the last paragraph of this subsection in its entirety, beginning with "*Therefore, in keeping*….". In the Community Based Land Use Plan, Webequie First Nation (WFN) is said to engage in a consultative approach with adjacent First Nations. However, WFN has not consulted nor engaged the coastal James and Hudson Bay First Nations impacted by the bulk of the stated primary objective, namely mining and aggregate excavation in the James Bay Lowlands (see Segment 3 and Segment 4 in Subsection 5.5). Moreover, WFN has <u>not</u> consulted with down-muskeg and downstream coastal First Nations communities. Accordingly, all questions offered to adjacent First Nations for their consideration were for most part, upstream First Nations thereby excluding downstream and down muskeg responses. Although the coastal First Nations are not immediately adjacent to WFN, they will be impacted by mining and mining related activities.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 10
Subject	Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts
Reference	5.2
Requirement	We suggest additional consideration be brought forward regarding the possible impacts arising from variability of water table levels leading to increased levels of methylmercury. Water table levels do change in mining dewatering activities and other types of excavation associated with linear infrastructure such as roads. Specifically, what would happen to the complex aquatic environment in the ecological pristine region of the James Bay and Hudson Bay lowlands if water table variability would occur as a direct effect of development. Moreover, what is the cumulative effects of opening the Ring of Fire region to multiple mining companies on the integrity of the lowlands and critical ecosystem services as a carbon sink in fighting GHG.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 11
Subject	Supply Road Alternatives Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment
Reference	5.5
Requirement	Segment 3 as shown on Figure 5.11 is described as the east-west section across the James Bay Lowlands area. This area is within the Treaty lands of the First Nations communities of Mushkegowuk. Segment 4, again is within the Treaty lands of Mushkegowuk First Nations. Segment 4 crosses the major historical Muketei River which leads directly downstream to the Mushkegowuk First Nation community of Attawapiskat. Yet, no Mushkegowuk community based considerations as outlined in Table 5-2 has been collected or solicited. Mushkegowuk underscores this WSR project should not proceed as a separate project from the Noront EA because information gaps of the intended mining activities at Eagle's Nest are and will be significant.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 12
Subject	Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Study Area
Reference	6.1
Requirement	The Proponent indicates that it is not possible to"… *illustrate the location or bounds of a number of features and sensitivities, including First Nations' traditional territories…"*. In so doing, the Proponent is not referencing Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territory in this draft Terms of Reference. Please amend to include "*Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territories*" to the opening paragraph. **Project footprint**: Please amend to read: "*established to identify areas of direct and downstream and down muskeg disturbance*" and delete "*i.e., the physical area required for construction and operation of the Project*". **Local Study Area (LSA):** Please amend to read: "*established to assess the potential direct, downstream and down-muskegs effects of the Project on the local environment and James Bay Lowlands*." Finally, please delete the last sentence of subsection prior to the Caribou Study Area beginning with : "*For example, the study area for assessing terrestrial biological effects (e.g., caribou migration) will likely be more extensive than the hydrological study areas.*" This is required because of the complex and largely understudied hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands region. Please refer to our recommendation in Mushkegowuk – 24 for the preliminary identification of evaluation criteria.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 13
Subject	Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Data Collection Methodology
Reference	6.2
Requirement	The draft Terms of Reference is silent on the complexity of the hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands, one of the world's largest wetlands and carbon sink. According to western science, very little is known about the interconnectivity of the James Bay Lowlands hydrology yet Mushkegowuk Cree Elders have cautioned that the Lowlands are deeply interconnected with underground rivers and streams not yet visible in aerial photos. Moreover, researchers with University of Waterloo have found that variations to water tables in the James Bay Lowlands either due to climate change and / or dewatering activities such as mining, road construction have a direct link to increased methylmercury levels. Therefore, Mushkegowuk requires subsection 6.2.1 be amended to include an in-depth fulsome field Wetland Regional Study carried out by independent by either McGill or Waterloo universities as one of critical baseline studies.

	Summer Caribou Calving Survey: Additional survey should be carried out by drones as opposed to helicopters due to the invasive impacts of the motor noise which creates undue hardship and stressors of the caribou population. **Aquatic Habitat Surveys**: Survey to include downstream and down-muskeg points and not limited to at or near proposed crossings because of possible effects. Additional wetland related surveys would include Vascular Plants and Aquatic Invertebrates using both field surveys and bathymetric maps with additional study requirement informed by university wetland researchers having existing studies of the James Bay Lowlands.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 14
Subject	Socio-Economic Environment
Reference	6.2.3
Requirement	Information must include the socio-economic environment of the Mushkegowuk coastal First Nations communities by direct consultation.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 15
Subject	Cultural Environment
Reference	6.2.4
Requirement	Amend by including the following: "*A key data source will be WFN and other Indigenous communities, <u>including the coastal indigenous communities of Attawapiskat, Peawanuck, Fort Albany and Kashechewan</u>, for information on traditional land use areas, sacred sites and other cultural aspects.*"

Section	Mushkegowuk - 16
Subject	Published Sources of Information
Reference	6.2.5
Requirement	Add to the preliminary published sources of information the following: 1. Carbon Storage and Potential Methane Projection in Hudson Bay Lowlands by Ontario Forest Research Institute; 2. Effects of a changing climate on Peatlands in Permafrost: A Literature Review and Application to Ontario's Far North – by Climate Change Research Report CCRR-34; 3. Hydrological functions of mine-impacted and natural peatland-dominated watershed, James Bay Lowlands – Journal of Hydrology September 2015; 4. Mercury Studies among Cree of Eeyou Istchee – March 2005;

Section	Mushkegowuk - 17
Subject	Natural Environment
Reference	6.3
Requirement	Amend the second sentence of the subsection General Environmental Setting as such: "*This ecozone is known for the Precambrian bedrock, as well as many wetlands and large rivers and streams, which flow to Hudson Bay <u>and James Bay (Charron et al, 2014). Also see Figure 6.2</u>.*" Because no regional wetland study is available to inform this proposed EA process, the reference indicating the "*streams are connected to the overburden aquifer and are not typically connected to deeper bedrock aquifers*" should be deleted. There is at present, no supporting evidence for this assertion in the LSA. In

	addition, please amend the first sentence to subsection 6.3.4 to read as following: "*The Study Area is located within the Big Trout Lake Ecoregion (Ecoregion 2W), a large ecoregion stretching from the Manitoba border to the Hudson and James Bay Lowlands*."

Section	Mushkegowuk - 18
Subject	Air Quality
Reference	6.3.8
Requirement	The Proponent proposes to evaluate potential emission sources against regulatory standards. Yet, if approved, WSR will generate significant sources of human induced air emission, like dust and diesel / gas emissions in an ecological sensitive and sparsely populated region. There are no nearby air monitoring stations and the proposed Thunder Bay station is located upwind from the project location. Mushkegowuk recommends the Proponent prepare an Air Quality and Dustfall Monitoring Plan with dustfall sampling methods and reporting for review by all impacted indigenous communities through the suggested terrestrial advisory group. Also, provide sampling methodology of air pollutants and compare with existing Nunavut air quality standards (as opposed to Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria which is not adapted for this subarctic region) along with ECCC recommended federal targets. Also, please amend to include an ecological risk assessment to consider ingestion of contaminants of dust and other air pollutants as a pathway for all wildlife, including the caribou and other species at risk.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 19
Subject	Land and Resource Use
Reference	6.4.6
Requirement	The Proponent acknowledges shared territory with other First Nations such as Peawanuck and Attawapiskat. Mushkegowuk reiterates this assertion and as the Proponent indicated, no maps of the shared territory will be provided for confidentiality reasons.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 20
Subject	Potential Environmental Effects
Reference	7
Requirement	Please add to Table 7-1 to the third bullet (Construction of supportive infrastructure) as Potential Effects: "*Barriers to caribou migration routes and disruption to calving grounds*" and "*water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish*". Please add "*water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish*" in fourth and fifth bullets of Project Activity as an additional Potential Effects.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 21
Subject	Cultural Environment
Reference	7.3
Requirement	Please amend at page 118 the following paragraph to read: "*To assess potential effects on the above noted cultural environment aspects, the EA will draw upon Indigenous Knowledge information gathered through consultation with Webequie community members, Elders and other potentially impacted First Nations.*" This amendment is necessary as Mushkegowuk's First Nations communities Treaty rights may be potentially affected by this Project. Also, please delete the following ("(*assumed to be WFN*)" in the first bullet of the last paragraph at the bottom of page 118.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 22
Subject	Approach to Assessment and Evaluation
Reference	8
Requirement	Segments 3 and 4 are located on the James Bay Lowlands, the Treaty territory of the Mushkegowuk's First Nations communities. The second paragraph of Section 8 indicates a consultation process for "*neighbouring First Nations*" as opposed to potentially impacted First Nations. Accordingly, it is recommended to the Proponent to commit to consultation with potentially impacted First Nations and not limited to "*neighbouring First Nations*".

Section	Mushkegowuk - 23
Subject	Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives
Reference	8.1
Requirement	As stated in Mushkegowuk – 09, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, normally included as part of the anticipated impacts of any proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent **not** proceed under a focused EA in accordance with subsections 6(2) (c)and 6.1(3). Moreover, Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be added to this subsection.

Section	Mushkegowuk - 24
Subject	Evaluation Criteria and Indicators
Reference	8.1.1
Requirement	The potential of impacts to the integrity of the wetlands located in the James Bay Lowlands are significant. The cumulative effects of the Project, additional exploration and mining activities and changes to the climate will accelerate the variability of the wetland water tables, leading to possible increased methylmercury levels and premature degradation of the wetlands. Accordingly, Table 8-1 will require a separate Criterion for Wetlands and major indicators to assess potential impacts to the wetlands, including but not limited to water chemistry, water table levels, stream sinuosity, wetland, soil saturation, water marks, drift lines, sediment deposit, drainage patterns and any other hydrologic data necessary to assess the amount of carbon stored in the wetlands. Mushkegowuk reserves the right to suggest additional indicators should this EA progress. **Socio-Economic Environment**: Add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: "*Changes to the volume and type of waste in the community landfill including hazardous waste materials, such as fuel cans, batteries, tires, vehicles*". Also, please add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: "*level of methylmercury in fish in the downstream rivers*". **Technical Considerations**: Add the following criterion: *Funding Sources*

Section	Mushkegowuk - 25
Subject	Commitments and Monitoring
Reference	9.2
Requirement	The Proponent is anticipating to operate the WSR for an indeterminate time period. However, if the Project was part of an EA review process for a mining proponent, the decommissioning of the mining related road would include a monitoring plan in the mine closure plan. Given the primary stated objective of this draft Terms of Reference is to build a mine related road to Noront's project, Mushkegowuk recommends a post closure monitoring plan for the decommissioning phase. In addition, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent consults with potentially impacted First Nations for its monitoring framework and monitoring plans. Mushkegowuk also requests that the purpose of the monitoring plan be stated as follows: "*a) to measure the relevant effects of the WSR on the ecosystemic and socio economic environment of the LSA; b) to determine whether and to what extent the project is carried out within the predetermined terms and conditions; c) to provide information necessary for agencies to enforce terms and conditions; and d) to assess the accuracy of the predictions contained in the EA / EIS."*

Section	Mushkegowuk - 26
Subject	Engagement and Consultation – Identification of Indigenous Communities
Reference	10.2.1
Requirement	Please add to Indigenous communities (and we suggest organizations) requiring deepest and most frequent engagement / consultation: "*Mushkegowuk Council*"

Section	Mushkegowuk - 27
Subject	Government Agencies – Government Review Team
Reference	10.2.2.1
Requirement	The water table variations may cause increased levels of methylmercury in fish. Accordingly, Mushkegowuk recommends adding to the Government of Canada review team: "*Health Canada*"

Section	Mushkegowuk - 28
Subject	Engagement and Consultation with Indigenous Communities
Reference	10.4.1
Requirement	Please amend the Method of Engagement for Community Visits to "*include 8 communities and 1 (Mushkegowuk) Council"*. Also, include additional specific activities during the Community Visits such as: "*Obtain input of additional baseline studies to be conducted*"

Section	Mushkegowuk - 29
Subject	Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances
Reference	11
Requirement	Include in this Section the following: "*Regulator, Proponent or impacted Indigenous communities may reconsider the terms and conditions if the approved Terms and Conditions are not achieving their purpose, or the project effects are significantly different from what was intended or new information is now available."*

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Dear Vern,

Please attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

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Re: Comments Received on Draft Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Vern Cheechoo,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation and the Project Team, we thank you for your thorough review and comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road Project.

Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have carefully reviewed your comments on the Draft ToR. Please find enclosed the Project Team's responses to Mushkegowuk Council's comments. Webequie First Nation and the Project Team have considered your thoughtful comments and will incorporate them, where appropriate, into the final version of ToR.

We value your organization's review and participation in the ToR process for the Webequie Supply Road project. We wish to give you an opportunity to ensure that all your interests and concerns are taken into consideration and addressed in a timely manner. Should you and your organization have questions regarding the responses to your comments, the Project Team will be happy to meet to discuss the comments and provide further clarification where necessary.

Webequie First Nation will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your organization to review the ToR and provide feedback and input. Please advise if you and your organization would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

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Draft Terms of Reference Comment/Response Table

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Comments Received from Mushkegowuk Council MUC – (Vern Cheechoo), November 6, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
MUC-1	Section 1.3 Project Background and Context	The Proponent relies on past and incomplete Environmental Impact Statement or and Environmental Assessment Report (EIS/EAR) from Noront Resources which initially included an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Mushkegowuk is concerned Noront may be intentionally breaking key components of its Eagle's Nest project by allowing this proposed all-season road component to be transferred to the Proponent in order to avoid detailed assessment about the potential impacts as a whole. Therefore, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA be amended to include as co-Proponent, the actual user of the road, Noront Resources or alternatively, the proposed project to be amended delete all references to the previous studies in Section 1.3 that are intended to "provide the foundation for the development of the proposed Webequie Supply Road". By excluding the actual user of the proposed all-season road, Mushkegowuk is unable to understand the volume of mining related hauling, trucking of materials and supplies, transportation of dangerous goods, transportation of workers and the negative effects on wildlife, air quality, water management and spill contingencies. In addition, Mushkegowuk Council was not consulted on any of the referenced studies in Section 1.3 and has no actual knowledge of the ecosystemic effects of all proposed corridors and is unable to carry out a proper assessment of the downstream and down muskeg impacts of its member communities on the James Bay coast.	The WSR does not facilitate mine development or mining activities in the McFaulds Lake area, and is not considered an ancillary activity to any existing or future mining development. The road is intended as a transportation corridor to facilitate the movement of goods and services between Webequie and the mineral exploration activities and potential mining activities in the McFaulds Lake area. It is not intended to be used exclusively by any one developer. Revisions have been made to Section 1.0 of the ToR to provide clarity.	Section 1
MUC-2	Section 1.4 Purpose and Rationale For the Undertaking and Study	Section 1.4.1 refers to the goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road which includes "To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area." Given that there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, which would normally include anticipated impacts of the proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis, Mushkegowuk requests that the first objective in Section 1.4.1 (as italicized in 02) be entirely deleted. In addition, please delete "The EA Study for the Project will assess corridor alternatives and complete and effects assessment and evaluation of the selected preferred corridor for the all-season road and supporting infrastructure elements, which include aggregate extraction and processing areas, access roads, laydown / storage yards and construction camps." Finally, subsection 1.4.2 which provides the Rationale for the Undertaking must be entirely deleted for reasons stated above. No environmental assessment process should allow for the carving out of mining related infrastructure to third partyhaving limited knowledge of planned mining activities.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	Section 1.4.2
MUC-3	Section 3.2 Approach for Preparation of the Environmental Assessment	The Proponent proposes the project alternatives have been considered, given the studies referred to in Section 1.3. As indicated, the Noront EIS/EAR is incomplete and is currently outdated. Moreover, Noront has never formally consulted with Mushkegowuk Council but has occasionally engaged on a few presentations with no opportunity for input. All studies referred to in Section 1.3 have not been shared with Mushkegowuk Council and its potentially impacted First Nation communities. All engagement with Noront has been limited to information sharing with no opportunity for meaningful input. Thus, project alternatives must be identified as part of this EA process and the Proponent should not be permitted to proceed as a focused EA under subsections 6(2) and 6.1(3) because the First Nations communities represented here by Mushkegowuk Council have no knowledge of the Project details.	The background studies summarized in the draft ToR are included to provide historical context for the development of all-season road planning in the region. The Project Team has not placed absolute reliance on any of the preceding work for either consideration of the alternatives to the Undertaking or the development of alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking. In the latter regard, reliance has been placed primarily on input received from Webequie community members, including as part of its own Community Based Land Use Plan process. For example, Section 5.1.2.3 of the ToR clearly indicates that Webequie First Nation's Local Working Group conducted its own thought process on all-season road planning in the vicinity of the community, independently of consultation that was occurring on other studies, but for the purposes of contributing to those studies: "In 2017, concurrently with the ASCRS - Phase 2 work, the Webequie First Nation conducted an initial examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area at a conceptual level, building on the past aforementioned studies and using a community-based land use planning approach. This input involved … a community-based evaluation of	Section 1.3 Section 5.1.2.3

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			route alternatives guided by the Webequie First Nation's Local Working Group, made up of community members of land users, harvesters, Elders, knowledge holders and youth representatives……The WFN Local Working Group identified sensitivities and features of value for protection that should be avoided, derived from Indigenous Knowledge information and mapping, such as significant hunting areas for moose and caribou and known sacred, burial or spiritual significant sites, as well as respect for land use activities that are shared with neighbouring First Nation communities…… The outcome from this community-based evaluation was provided to Noront and, along with input Noront received from other communities, was the basis for the preliminary preferred East-West corridor, as described in the 2013 Noront Draft EIS/EAR for the Eagle's Nest Mine." The Webequie Project Team believes that the community based land use planning process, bolstered by the scope and results of other all-season road planning studies in the region, provide the basis for proceeding with a focused environmental assessment. There are member First Nations of Mushkegowuk Council (Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation) that are included as part of the list of twenty-two (22) Indigenous communities that are to be consulted on the Webequie Supply Road Project, and have received available project details as part of the WSR engagement and consultation program completed to date.	
MUC-4	Section 4.1.1 Preliminary Design Criteria	Proponent assumes a low Annual Average Daily Traffic volume less than 500 vehicles. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent provides more information on how it is obtaining this volume and furthermore, defines the type of vehicles. The Proponent is required to know the volume of vehicles as opposed to making assumptions. The onus is on the Proponent to demonstrate any predicted adverse ecosystemic or socio- economic effects will be prevented, mitigated, or managed. We cannot proceed with an arbitrary assumption of vehicle volume. Instead we will require a detailed breakdown of how volume and weight of vehicles are obtained. In addition, this subsection gives no consideration to the road design as a potential barrier to caribou or other large mammal movements. Therefore, Mushkegowuk Council recommends the completion of analysis of caribou crossing data to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing.	Traffic forecasting requires details on traffic generation and attraction nodes and the number of trips originating from and destined to those nodes. Currently, known future nodes include only the community of Webequie and the Noront mineral exploration (Esker) camp. Given the supply road purpose, the volume of vehicles using the road is expected to be low, with an Annual Average Daily Traffic volume of less than 500 vehicles. The road will facilitate use by a range of traffic types, including light vehicles and heavier industrial/commercial vehicles. It should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. The specific traffic mix (%) of heavy vehicles (e.g., trucks) versus light vehicles will be further examined in the EA. Section 4.1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide further details on the preliminary design criteria for the WSR. The current ToR provides the basis for designing the road. It is acknowledged that, given the soil and terrain in the James Bay Lowlands, caribou and other large mammals will likely have to cross the proposed supply road. The potential for related adverse effects and measures for reducing such potential will be examined during the EA phase. To date, baseline studies to inform this assessment have included winter aerial surveys to determine location and movement, and summer calving surveys in the vicinity of the preliminary preferred road corridor (refer to Section 6.2.3). Additional investigations will include an analysis of projected animal crossing locations and a determination of the most appropriate means of reducing the potential for animal-vehicle collisions.	Section 4.1.1 Section 6.2.3
MUC-5	Section 4.2 Components and Activities of the Project	Mushkegowuk Council recommends adding the review and analysis of caribou crossing data with western science and traditional knowledge experts to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing. The completed study is to be reviewed by all directly and indirectly impacted First Nations communities so that concerns be addressed and taken into considerations for the road design. Moreover, the road impacts must be monitored during all phases of the said project, including maintenance, closure or decommissioning phases by a terrestrial advisory group comprised of impacted First Nations	Please refer to Response MUC-4 for an indication of caribou analyses that will be conducted during the EA. Related study results will be included in the EA documentation for review by Indigenous communities as part of the draft and final Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. Input from those reviews will help inform Detail Design of the supply road, as appropriate. Mitigation, environmental protection planning and pre-construction/construction/operations phase monitoring requirements and initiatives (including	Section 6.2.3 Section 6.5.2

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		community harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent. Mushkegowuk Council has aquatic environment concerns and to this end, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent includes the following component: "To provide baseline monthly methylmercury concentrations for an entire year prior to commencing any work related to the said project." Also, include the following activity: "Monitor and report to the terrestrial advisory group, methylmercury and impacts to fish on a monthly basis for all phases of the project, including the decommissioning or closure phase."	water quality and fish community monitoring) and prospective participants will be identified as part of the EA.	
MUC-6	Section 4.3.1 Construction Phase	The Proponent proposes discussions between Indigenous communities during the construction phase. Mushkegowuk proposes that a terrestrial advisory group comprised of local, downstream and down muskeg First Nations, harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent be established to review detailed design and construction phases so as to avoid or mitigate potential effects to Treaty lands and Aboriginal rights.	Engagement with individual First Nation communities and groups, including land users and regulators, with respect to construction is an important aspect of EA engagement. Consideration of how engagement is conducted during the construction phase is to be determined.	
MUC-7	Section 4.3.2 Operation and Maintenance Phase	The Proponent proposes this EA to commence without any information related to the Webequie Supply Road (Project) about the Project operator, governance, funding sources and operator's experience. The stated objective is to carry out routine inspections to "ensure the road meets the minimum standards for roadside safety and is a reliable connection to allow for the movement of materials, supplies and people from WFN in support of mineral exploration and mine developments…"(emphasis ours). This EA will require detailed information to ensure sufficient funding sources and operator experience are at hand to avoid / minimize potential accidents or malfunction from occurring. For example, knowing the name of the operator provides insight into their spill contingency plans, oil pollution emergency plans and emergency response plans. By omitting the name of the operator, the funding sources and timeframe, operator's experience, jurisdictional aspects of the Project, Mushkegowuk is unable to properly assess the risks, and the mitigation plans. As a result, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA do not proceed until such time as the Proponent is able to accurately provide detailed information to these information gaps.	Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR. Section 1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarification in this regard.	Section 1
MUC-8	Section 4.3.3 Decommission-ing Phase	Mushkegowuk is concerned that no information about WSR's operational funding is forthcoming. Sufficient funding is required to ensure the safe operations of this Project in the ecological sensitive region of the James Bay Lowlands. Accordingly, if sufficient and long term funding is unavailable for the life of the Project, Mushkegowuk recommends that the said road be immediately decommissioned and closed.	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development, including funding for operation of the supply road. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	
MUC-9	Section 5.1 Range of Alternatives Considered	As stated in Mushkegowuk – 02, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, tonnage to be hauled daily. Hence, Mushkegowuk requests the first stated primary objective in Section 5.1.1 be entirely deleted. Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be considered in the Terms of Reference. In addition, please add the Do nothing alternatives in subsection 5.1.1.6. and delete the last paragraph of this subsection in its entirety, beginning with "Therefore, in keeping….". In the Community Based Land Use Plan, Webequie First Nation (WFN) is said to engage in a consultative approach with adjacent First Nations. However, WFN has not consulted nor engaged the coastal James and Hudson Bay First Nations impacted by the bulk of the stated primary objective, namely mining and aggregate excavation in the James Bay Lowlands (see Segment 3 and Segment 4 in Subsection 5.5). Moreover, WFN has not consulted with down-muskeg and downstream coastal First Nations communities. Accordingly, all questions offered to adjacent First Nations for their consideration were for most part, upstream First Nations thereby excluding downstream and down muskeg responses. Although the coastal First Nations are not immediately adjacent to WFN, they will be impacted by mining and mining related activities.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4 and reflected in Section 5.1, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarification in this regard. Refer also to Response MUC-2. The ToR includes an assessment of alternatives to the Undertaking, including the Do nothing option. Both Section 5.1.1.6 and Section 5.6 commit to carrying the Do nothing alternative forward as a comparator in the EA study for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project. Throughout the Terms of Reference process, WFN is committed to engaging with potentially affected Mushkegowuk First Nation communities (initially identified as Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation – refer also to Response MUC-3). This process is ongoing as we seek to meet with each individual FN community at their availability.	Section 1.4.2 Section 5.1 Section 5.6

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MUC-10	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	We suggest additional consideration be brought forward regarding the possible impacts arising from variability of water table levels leading to increased levels of methylmercury. Water table levels do change in mining dewatering activities and other types of excavation associated with linear infrastructure such as roads. Specifically, what would happen to the complex aquatic environment in the ecological pristine region of the James Bay and Hudson Bay lowlands if water table variability would occur as a direct effect of development. Moreover, what is the cumulative effects of opening the Ring of Fire region to multiple mining companies on the integrity of the lowlands and critical ecosystem services as a carbon sink in fighting GHG.	Potential effects to groundwater quality, flow and quantity as a result of the Project and its interaction with other components such as the aquatic environment or surface water will be examined in the EA. A preliminary discussion of potential effects to groundwater from the anticipated construction and operation activities of the Project are presented in Section 7.1.2 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.2
MUC-11	Section 5.5 Supply Road Alternatives Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment	Segment 3 as shown on Figure 5.11 is described as the east-west section across the James Bay Lowlands area. This area is within the Treaty lands of the First Nations communities of Mushkegowuk. Segment 4, again is within the Treaty lands of Mushkegowuk First Nations. Segment 4 crosses the major historical Muketei River which leads directly downstream to the Mushkegowuk First Nation community of Attawapiskat. Yet, no Mushkegowuk community based considerations as outlined in Table 5-2 has been collected or solicited. Mushkegowuk underscores this WSR project should not proceed as a separate project from the Noront EA because information gaps of the intended mining activities at Eagle's Nest are and will be significant.	The determination of impacts from the proposed supply road on indigenous communities, including down-muskeg and downstream communities and land users in the James Bay Lowlands, will be examined in detail through the EA process. In order to conduct a comprehensive and accurate assessment, we welcome input in the form of information and comments from all interested parties, including Mushkegowuk communities. We encourage Mushkegowuk communities to come forward to make arrangements for additional engagement. Text in the ToR has been revised to provide further details on the preliminary potential effects of the Project (Section 7). With respect to integration of the Webequie Supply Road with the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EAs, the draft ToR states the Project Team's understanding of Noront's intent to exclude an all-season road from the scope of the mine proposal when its EA is restarted, so this transportation component cannot be integrated. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA study will include consideration of the Noront mining activities, as well as other existing and future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR Project. Text has been revised in the ToR (formerly Section 5.5) to provide greater clarity.	Section 5.6 Section 7
MUC-12	Section 6.1 Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Study Area	The Proponent indicates that it is not possible to"… illustrate the location or bounds of a number of features and sensitivities, including First Nations' traditional territories…". In so doing, the Proponent is not referencing Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territory in this draft Terms of Reference. Please amend to include "Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territories" to the opening paragraph. **Project footprint**: Please amend to read: "established to identify areas of direct and downstream and down muskeg disturbance" and delete "i.e., the physical area required for construction and operation of the Project". **Local Study Area (LSA):** Please amend to read: "established to assess the potential direct, downstream and down-muskegs effects of the Project on the local environment and James Bay Lowlands." Finally, please delete the last sentence of subsection prior to the Caribou Study Area beginning with: "For example, the study area for assessing terrestrial biological effects (e.g., caribou migration) will likely be more extensive than the hydrological study areas." This is required because of the complex and largely understudied hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands region. Please refer to our recommendation in Mushkegowuk – 24 for the preliminary identification of evaluation criteria.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	
MUC-13	Section 6.2 Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Data	The draft Terms of Reference is silent on the complexity of the hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands, one of the world's largest wetlands and carbon sink. According to western science, very little is known about the interconnectivity of the James Bay Lowlands hydrology yet Mushkegowuk Cree Elders have cautioned that the Lowlands are deeply interconnected with underground rivers and streams not yet visible in aerial photos. Moreover, researchers with University of Waterloo have found that variations to water tables in the James Bay Lowlands either due to climate change and / or dewatering activities such as mining, road construction	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	

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	Collection Methodology	have a direct link to increased methylmercury levels. Therefore, Mushkegowuk requires subsection 6.2.1 be amended to include an in-depth fulsome field Wetland Regional Study carried out by independent by either McGill or Waterloo universities as one of critical baseline studies. **Summer Caribou Calving Survey**: Additional survey should be carried out by drones as opposed to helicopters due to the invasive impacts of the motor noise which creates undue hardship and stressors of the caribou population. **Aquatic Habitat Surveys**: Survey to include downstream and down-muskeg points and not limited to at or near proposed crossings because of possible effects. Additional wetland related surveys would include Vascular Plants and Aquatic Invertebrates using both field surveys and bathymetric maps with additional study requirement informed by university wetland researchers having existing studies of the James Bay Lowlands.		
MUC-14	Section 6.2.3 Socio-Economic Environment	Information must include the socio-economic environment of the Mushkegowuk coastal First Nations communities by direct consultation.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	
MUC-15	Section 6.2.4 Cultural Environment	Amend by including the following: "A key data source will be WFN and other Indigenous communities, including the coastal indigenous communities of Attawapiskat, Peawanuck, Fort Albany and Kashechewan, for information on traditional land use areas, sacred sites and other cultural aspects."	The Project Team recognizes and values data from all communities, including the James Bay coastal communities.	Section 6.5.1
MUC-16	Section 6.2.5 Published Sources of Information	Add to the preliminary published sources of information the following: 1. Carbon Storage and Potential Methane Projection in Hudson Bay Lowlands by Ontario Forest Research Institute; 2. Effects of a changing climate on Peatlands in Permafrost: A Literature Review and Application to Ontario's Far North – by Climate Change Research Report CCRR-34; 3. Hydrological functions of mine-impacted and natural peatland- dominated watershed, James Bay Lowlands – Journal of Hydrology September 2015; 4. Mercury Studies among Cree of Eeyou Istchee – March 2005.	The additional preliminary published sources of information have been added to Section 6.5.1 of the ToR.	
MUC-17	Section 6.3 Natural Environment	Amend the second sentence of the subsection General Environmental Setting as such: "This ecozone is known for the Precambrian bedrock, as well as many wetlands and large rivers and streams, which flow to Hudson Bay and James Bay (Charron et al, 2014). Also see Figure 6.2." Because no regional wetland study is available to inform this proposed EA process, the reference indicating the "streams are connected to the overburden aquifer and are not typically connected to deeper bedrock aquifers" should be deleted. There is at present, no supporting evidence for this assertion in the LSA. In addition, please amend the first sentence to subsection 6.3.4 to read as following: "The Study Area is located within the Big Trout Lake Ecoregion (Ecoregion 2W), a large ecoregion stretching from the Manitoba border to the Hudson and James Bay Lowlands."	Section 6.1 (formally Section 6.3) in the ToR has been revised to include the suggested references to James Bay.	Section 6.1
MUC-18	Section 6.3.8 Air Quality	The Proponent proposes to evaluate potential emission sources against regulatory standards. Yet, if approved, WSR will generate significant sources of human induced air emission, like dust and diesel / gas emissions in an ecological sensitive and sparsely populated region. There are no nearby air monitoring stations and the proposed Thunder Bay station is located upwind from the project location. Mushkegowuk recommends the Proponent prepare an Air Quality and Dustfall Monitoring Plan with dustfall sampling methods and reporting for review by all impacted indigenous communities through the suggested terrestrial advisory group. Also, provide sampling methodology of air pollutants and compare with existing Nunavut air quality standards (as opposed to Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria which is not adapted for this subarctic	The comments regarding potential effects to air quality and wildlife related to dust, diesel/gas emissions have been considered and is reflected in the revised Section 7.1.4 and Section 7.1.8 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.4 Section 7.1.8

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		region) along with ECCC recommended federal targets. Also, please amend to include an ecological risk assessment to consider ingestion of contaminants of dust and other air pollutants as a pathway for all wildlife, including the caribou and other species at risk.		
MUC-19	Section 6.4.6 Land and Resource Use	The Proponent acknowledges shared territory with other First Nations such as Peawanuck and Attawapiskat. Mushkegowuk reiterates this assertion and as the Proponent indicated, no maps of the shared territory will be provided for confidentiality reasons.	In order to ensure a high quality, complete and accurate EA, it is important to have information from all potentially affected communities, including Mushkegowuk First Nations. If mapping is not to be provided, please advise what other forms of information you are prepared to make available to facilitate the impact assessment.	
MUC-20	Section 7 Potential Environmental Effects	Please add to Table 7-1 to the third bullet (Construction of supportive infrastructure) as Potential Effects: “Barriers to caribou migration routes and disruption to calving grounds” and “water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish”. Please add “water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish” in fourth and fifth bullets of Project Activity as an additional Potential Effects.	Table 7-1 is no longer included in the ToR. Potential effects with respect to connectivity, distribution and movement of wildlife, including caribou; and potential adverse effects to groundwater or fish/fish habitat are reflected in the revised Sections 7.1.2, 7.1.4 and 7.1.6 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.2 Section 7.1.4 Section 7.1.6
MUC-21	Section 7.3 Cultural Environment	Please amend at page 118 the following paragraph to read: “To assess potential effects on the above noted cultural environment aspects, the EA will draw upon Indigenous Knowledge information gathered through consultation with Webequie community members, Elders and other potentially impacted First Nations.” This amendment is necessary as Mushkegowuk’s First Nations communities Treaty rights may be potentially affected by this Project. Also, please delete the following (“(assumed to be WFN)” in the first bullet of the last paragraph at the bottom of page 118.	Thespecific text in Section 7.3 has been deleted and revised to provide greater clarity.	Section 7.3
MUC-22	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation	Segments 3 and 4 are located on the James Bay Lowlands, the Treaty territory of the Mushkegowuk’s First Nations communities. The second paragraph of Section 8 indicates a consultation process for “neighbouring First Nations” as opposed to potentially impacted First Nations. Accordingly, it is recommended to the Proponent to commit to consultation with potentially impacted First Nations and not limited to “neighbouring First Nations”.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	
MUC-23	Section 8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	As stated in Mushkegowuk – 09, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, normally included as part of the anticipated impacts of any proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent **not** proceed under a focused EA in accordance with subsections 6(2) (c) and 6.1(3). Moreover, Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be added to this subsection.	Please refer to Response MUC-2 with respect to the purpose of the Project and Response MUC-3 with respect to the justification for a focused EA.	
MUC-24	Section 8.1.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators	The potential of impacts to the integrity of the wetlands located in the James Bay Lowlands are significant. The cumulative effects of the Project, additional exploration and mining activities and changes to the climate will accelerate the variability of the wetland water tables, leading to possible increased methylmercury levels and premature degradation of the wetlands. Accordingly, Table 8-1 will require a separate Criterion for Wetlands and major indicators to assess potential impacts to the wetlands, including but not limited to water chemistry, water table levels, stream sinuosity, wetland, soil saturation, water marks, drift lines, sediment deposit, drainage patterns and any other hydrologic data necessary to assess the amount of carbon stored in the wetlands. Mushkegowuk reserves the right to suggest additional indicators should this EA progress. **Socio-Economic Environment**: Add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: “Changes to the volume and type of waste in the community landfill including hazardous waste materials, such as fuel cans, batteries, tires, vehicles”. Also, please add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: “level of methylmercury in fish in the downstream rivers”. **Technical Considerations**: Add the following criterion: Funding Sources.	Socio-Economic Indicators have been included in Section 8.3.1 as per comment received.	Section 8.3.1

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MUC-25	Section 9.2 Commitments and Monitoring	The Proponent is anticipating to operate the WSR for an indeterminate time period. However, if the Project was part of an EA review process for a mining proponent, the decommissioning of the mining related road would include a monitoring plan in the mine closure plan. Given the primary stated objective of this draft Terms of Reference is to build a mine related road to Noront's project, Mushkegowuk recommends a post closure monitoring plan for the decommissioning phase. In addition, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent consults with potentially impacted First Nations for its monitoring framework and monitoring plans. Mushkegowuk also requests that the purpose of the monitoring plan be stated as follows: "a) to measure the relevant effects of the WSR on the ecosystemic and socio economic environment of the LSA; b) to determine whether and to what extent the project is carried out within the predetermined terms and conditions; c) to provide information necessary for agencies to enforce terms and conditions; and d) to assess the accuracy of the predictions contained in the EA / EIS."	With respect to tying the WSR to the proposals of a mining proponent, and related decommissioning of the road, please refer to Response MUC-11. Monitoring frameworks and monitoring plans are a critical component of any EA. It is expected that the WSR EA will address and engage on monitoring for all phases of the project.	
MUC-26	Section 10.2.1 Engagement and Consultation – Identification of Indigenous Communities	Please add to Indigenous communities (and we suggest organizations) requiring deepest and most frequent engagement / consultation: "Mushkegowuk Council".	The Webequie Project Team intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities (including select Mushkegowuk member communities), organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA. Throughout the consultation process, Webequie Project Team is interested in learning more about the potential impacts on Mushkegowuk communities. WFN will follow-up Mushkegowuk Council to further understand their role and objectives in representing their member communities.	
MUC-27	Section 10.2.21 Government Agencies – Government Review Team	The water table variations may cause increased levels of methylmercury in fish. Accordingly, Mushkegowuk recommends adding to the Government of Canada review team: "Health Canada".	From draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines prepared by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("the Agency"), it is the Webequie Project Team's understanding that matters related to community health and well-being will be part of the federal Impact Assessment for the Project. However, it should be noted that the Agency team engaging with First Nation communities to date has included a staff member from Health Canada, and the Agency can consult with the appropriate federal authorities at its discretion. Please consult Agency staff directly for further details on this matter.	
MUC-28	Section 10.4.1 Engagement and Consultation with Indigenous Communities	Please amend the Method of Engagement for Community Visits to "include 8 communities and 1 (Mushkegowuk) Council". Also, include additional specific activities during the Community Visits such as: "Obtain input of additional baseline studies to be conducted".	Please refer to Response MUC-27. The Project Team encourages communities to provide information, including contribution to baseline studies.	
MUC-29	Section 11 Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances	Include in this Section the following: "Regulator, Proponent or impacted Indigenous communities may reconsider the terms and conditions if the approved Terms and Conditions are not achieving their purpose, or the project effects are significantly different from what was intended or new information is now available."	In accordance with subsection 6.1(1) of the EA Act, WFN recognizes that the EA and the associated EAR/IS must be conducted and prepared in accordance with the approved ToR and that this will need to be documented for compliance. The Terms and Conditions of any EA approval are at the discretion of the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA.	

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mushkegowuk Council
September 12, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held an information sharing session with Mushkegowuk Council on September 12, 2019 at the Mushkegowuk Council Office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and the EA Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a discussion with Mushkegowuk Council representatives. The Project Team walked Mushkegowuk Council through the presentation that is provided to Indigenous communities, including a brief project description, a discussion of the engagement/consultation process, the EA process, as well as preparation of the EA ToR. The Project Team offered to meet in the future and provide a technical presentation to Mushkegowuk Council.

Communication materials were provided to Mushkegowuk Council for their information and reference including: 20 copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in English; 10 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Cree; 10 copies of the Frequently Asked Questions in English and Cree; 10 copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English; 10 copies of the Feedback Form in English; and 10 hard copies of the presentation.

QUESTIONS FROM MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

During the discussion, Mushkegowuk Council representatives asked questions of clarification (marked “Q”). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked “R”), where provided.

1. Q: There has been a change in the environmental assessment regulations, will the Project be under going the new *Impact Assessment Act*?
   R: Yes, the Project will be subject to the new Impact Assessment Act, 2019. *We have spent the last 3 weeks learning about the new Act and have been in discussions with the Impact Assessment Agency. The Project Description that was submitted under CEAA, 2012 is now the Initial Project Description under the new Impact Assessment Act, 2019.*

2. Q: Is this Project separate from the project that Marten Falls First Nation is undertaking?
   R: Yes, it is a separate project. The missing link between Marten Falls Community Access Road and the proposed mine site is under discussions.

3. Q: Is there an existing winter road there?
   R: No. Currently there are skidoo trails, but not a winter road.

4. Q: How many kilometres is the supply road?
   R: The Supply Road is 107km long, with 17 km on reserve lands.

FEEDBACK FROM MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Mushkegowuk Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Information Sharing

- CP: This session is not to be considered consultation. This session is an information session.

Environmental Studies

- CP: Environmental studies need to be conducted, such as environmental baseline studies, or environmental monitoring, so that communities can make an informed decision.
  R: This is why Webequie is preparing the Environmental Assessment to understand the impacts. Once the EA is prepared, including the proposed mitigation measures, we want to talk to you and the communities. We want to ensure that your comments and feedback are incorporated into the impacts and mitigation measures to minimize those impacts.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

- CP: Please let us know ahead of time when the Project Team would like to meet to discuss the project. We would also like our legal counsel to attend the meeting.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Mushkegowuk Council (marked "CP" for Council Point). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

Water and Fish Community

- CP: In addition to water concerns, there are concerns regarding fish communities, and water quality. It is important that water baseline studies and monitoring activities be conducted to determine and assess any changes. It is also important to study the hydrology especially in the muskeg areas because the water flow through the muskeg is different and less understood.

Environmental Impacts

- CP: We provided our concerns in a letter to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (formerly known as the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency) regarding the Supply Road Project. A lot of our concerns were not addressed in terms of wetlands and communities downstream. We are concerned with potential impacts to wetlands as this is important to us.

Cumulative Impacts

- CP: There will be cumulative impacts as a result of the project. You should also consider that it is not just being downstream along the defined watercourses that can impact a community, but also downstream of the muskeg. For example, Attawapiskat FN would be experiencing cumulative impacts as a result.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Mushkegowuk Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to set up a technical presentation and meeting with Mushkegowuk Council.

2. Project Team to update Mushkegowuk Council of any meetings planned with Mushkegowuk First Nation communities.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is released for a 30-day public review period. Mushkegowuk Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.19

Neskantaga First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Wayne Moonias
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[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Moonias:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Wayne Moonias
Chief
Neskantanga First Nation
P.O. Box 105
Neskantaga Reserve #239
Landsdowne House, ON P0T1Z0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Moonias:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Neskantanga First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Neskantanga First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

Christine Darson, B.U.R.Pl
Environmental Planner
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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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19) Please indicate whether the Neskantanga First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

20) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

21) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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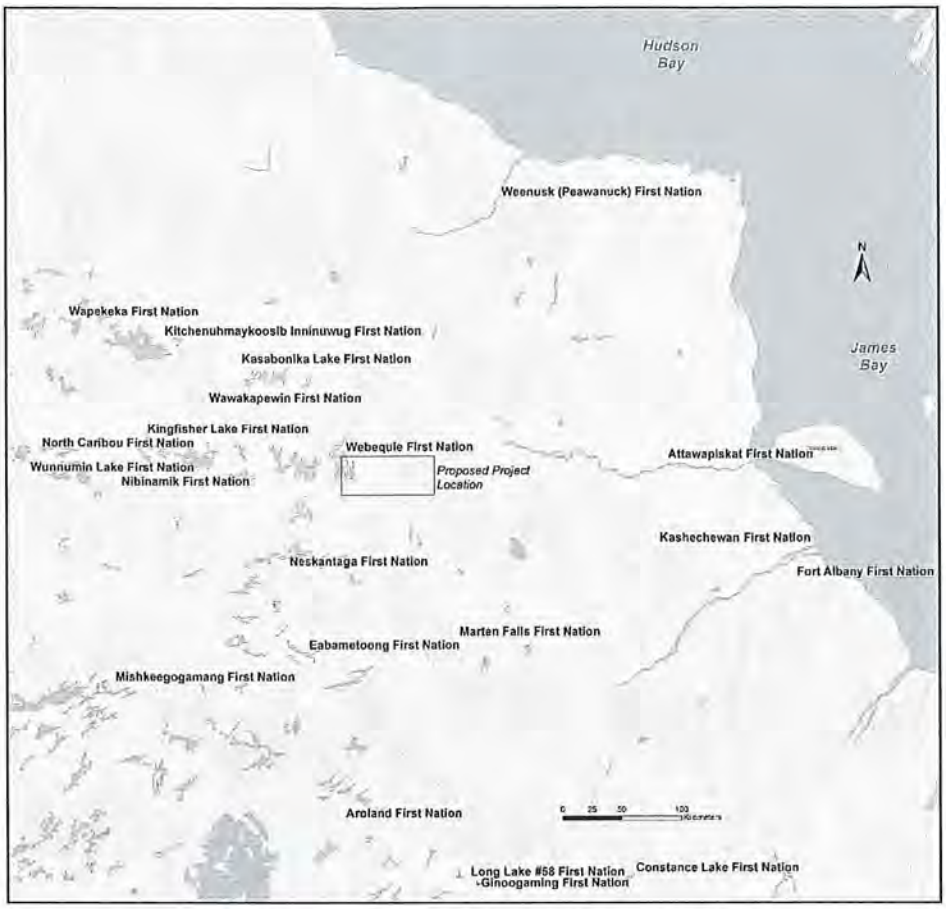
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

THE PROCESS

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

CONSULTATION

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice first published January 25, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Neskantanga First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Moonias,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Neskantanga First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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February 28, 2019

Chief Cornelius Wabasse
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Dear Chief Wabasse,

We received a letter on January 25, 2019 from Christine Darson, SNC-Lavalin Inc. on behalf of the Webequie First Nation in respect of the Webequie Supply Road Project.

In November 2018, the Eabametoong and Neskantaga First Nations announced in their Joint Declaration that we would be cooperating together in undertaking joint environmental assessment and regulatory review of projects within our combined territories.

Further, the Eabametoong and Neskantaga, together with Webequie and the other Matawa First Nations have been participating together in the Regional Framework Agreement negotiations with the Province of Ontario. An important objective of the Regional Framework Agreement was to establish an enhanced regional Environmental Assessment process and infrastructure planning on a regional basis. We believe that Ontario must, in good faith, complete those regional framework negotiations before undertaking unilateral environmental assessments in our common territory. Unless our First Nations reach agreement with Ontario for a regional Environmental Assessment process, we will be instituting our own process.

We note that the Webequie's Supply Road Project will take place within the Eabametoong and Neskantaga Declaration area, and will therefore require environmental assessment pursuant to our process. We recommend that you make application for your project to Eabametoong and Neskantaga at the earliest opportunity.

We are also prepared to enter into discussions with you and with Ontario to harmonize the Ontario Environmental Assessment for the road project with our process.

We note that our Environmental Assessment Process will incorporate a number of aspects which you should consider in your terms of reference to a harmonized approach. These principles are drawn in part from the enhanced environmental assessment process agreed by all the Matawa Nations -- including Webequie -- in our collective proposal to Ontario under the Regional Framework Agreement:

- the assessment will consider whether the Project contributes to the long term sustainability of the region and the member communities and will consider alternatives to the project within the sustainability framework;
- the assessment will specifically and directly consider Project impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty rights;





- the assessment will respectfully engage with and consider Indigenous knowledge, Indigenous perspectives and Indigenous laws;
- the assessment will apply a robust cumulative and regional effects methodology that specifically takes into consideration (a) the potential domino effect of development and infrastructure in the region and (b) a pre-disturbance baseline that accounts for changes of patterns or resource use and the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights in the present;
- the assessment will apply factors and criteria developed jointly with affected communities;
- Indigenous community participation will be supported with adequate timelines and participation funding; and
- the assessment process will enable joint decisions on EA conditions and joint approvals.

At a minimum, we recommend that you propose these objectives in your submissions to Ontario. We were pleased to hear in your letters to us, and repeated in the letter from SNC-Lavalin Inc. that Webequie intends to conduct its terms of reference process using our common Nations' "family values approach" and in a manner in which acknowledges the shared history, and cultures and aspirations of our communities. We look forward to working with you on that basis.

We do not believe that Ontario can unilaterally impose its legislated Environmental Assessment process on our common family values approach, particularly given our common agreement to work together to a Regional Framework.

We do wish to advise you that we will be informing Ontario that we do not recognize their jurisdiction to unilaterally impose their legislative process on us while we are in good faith negotiations towards a regional framework. We will also be advising Ontario that it is not appropriate to off-load the Crown's duty of consultation by reliance upon a neighbouring First Nation as proponent.

We know that you believe strongly, as we do, in the principles of Jurisdiction that we agreed on together in the Regional Framework Agreements. We know that, as a First Nation, you believe that free and informed consent should be an important aspect of our rights and title upon our lands. We trust you will conduct your proposed consultation obligations under those principles.

We look forward to working with you towards a harmonized Environmental Assessment Process.

Sincerely,

Chief Elizabeth Atlookan
Eabametoong First Nation

Chief Wayne Moonias
Neskantaga First Nation

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August 13, 2019

Chief Christopher Moonias
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Re: 2 First Nations Letter
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road

Dear Chief Christopher Moonias,

This will acknowledge with thanks your joint letter of February 28, 2019. We apologize for the delay in responding but Webequie First Nation and Ontario had been discussing our respective roles and responsibilities in conducting consultation throughout the environmental assessment process. We would be happy to discuss this with you.

You raise a number of issues in your letter which are touched on in these discussions between Webequie First Nation and Ontario. Your position with respect to the negotiations with Ontario towards a Regional framework and jurisdiction are substantive matters which can only be addressed by Ontario as the Crown and regulator. We have copied them on this response and suggest you follow-up directly with them.

With that said, we see alignment on many areas with respect to the necessity of respectful inclusion of traditional knowledge in the environmental assessment, the participation of your community and other affected communities in the study and assessment of any potential impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights in Project Study area and the need to incorporate appropriate mitigation measures and strategies in such processes.

We look forward to working with your community as we start the environmental assessment studies and wish to schedule a meeting with you Council at your earliest convenience. At this meeting, we would like to discuss our draft Terms of Reference which is the first step in the environmental assessment process and includes Webequie's approach to the environmental assessment, as well as, other items you would like to discuss.

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Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Coordinator

cc. Lori Churchill, Director Indigenous Consultation and Partnership Branch, ENDM
Annamaria Cross, Manager Environmental and Permissions Branch, MECP

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September 11, 2019

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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

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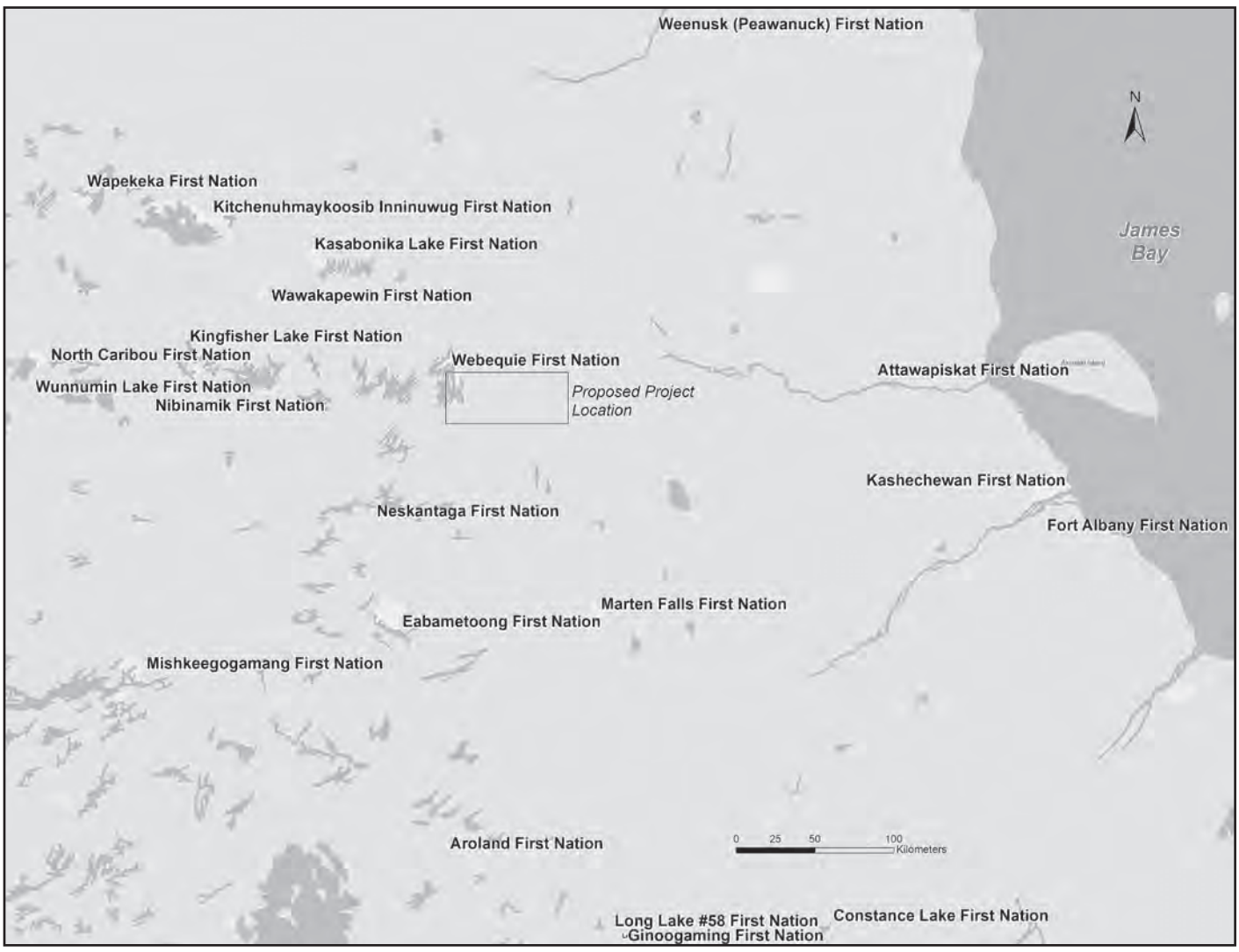
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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October 2, 2019

Chief Christopher Moonias
Neskantanga First Nation
P.O. Box 105
Neskantaga Reserve #239
Landsdowne House, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Moonias,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to Neskantanga First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Public Information Centre, first published on October 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

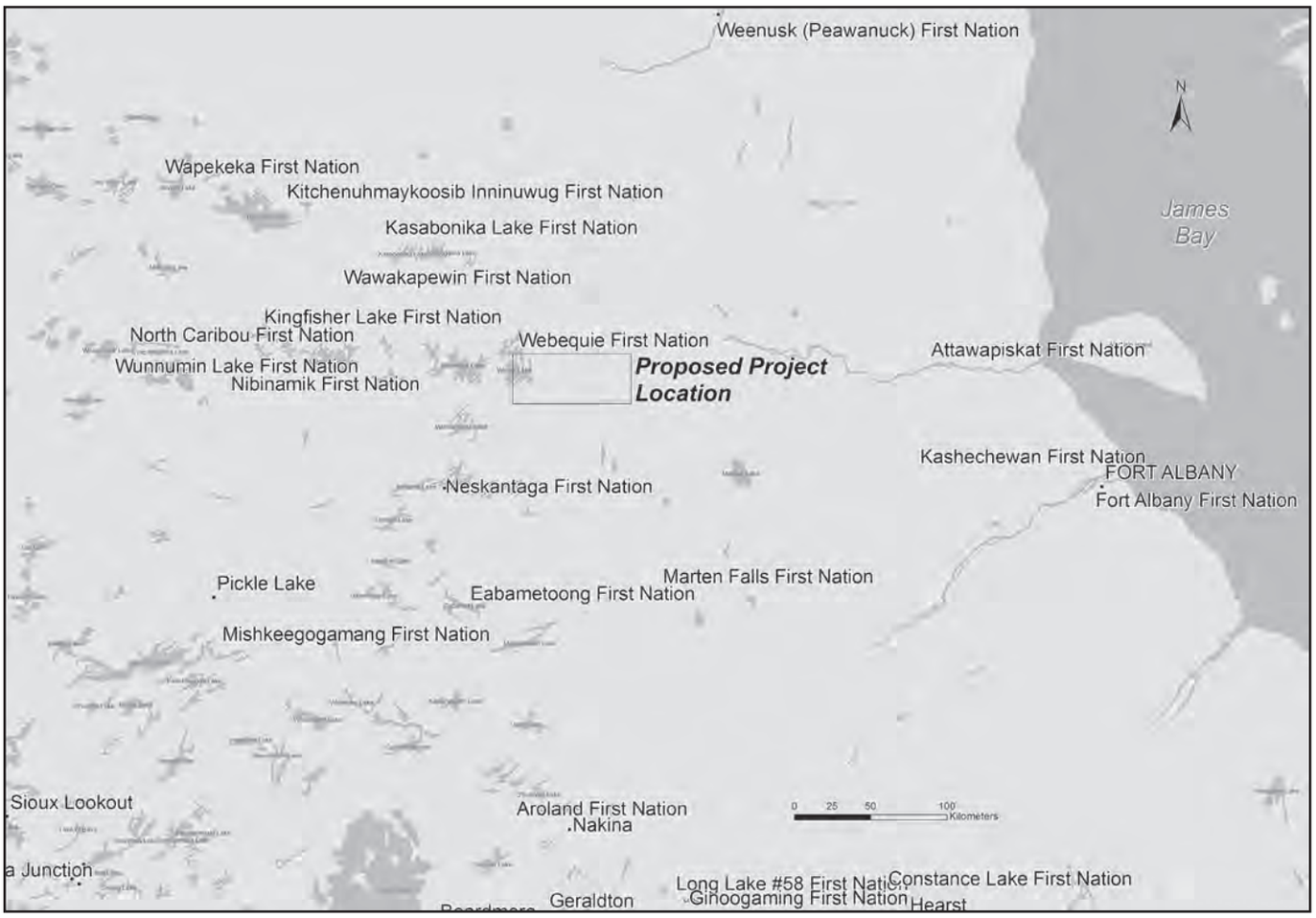
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Notice of Public Information Centre

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONTACT

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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November 6, 2019

Don Parkinson
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Dear Mr. Parkinson:

Re: Neskantaga Comments and Information Requests Webequie Supply Road- Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment

Please find attached the Neskantaga information requests and comments. This document is being forwarded to provincial and federal officials.

Furthermore, Neskantaga wishes to engage Webequie in a respectful and mutually accountable process so that Neskantaga's protocols are respected and the Nations' free prior and informed consent may be given for the road through its traditional territory.

Yours truly,

<Original signed by>

Chief Christopher Moonias
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Cc (by email): [redacted] "Wallace, Craig" <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>, "michael.fox@indigenousen- gagement.ca" <michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca>, Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>, Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>, "Tibor-McMahon, Marian" [redacted] Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Information Requests and Comments of the Neskantaga First Nation

1. Proponency

Webequie First Nation is the project proponent. Other First Nations in Ontario's Far North and in other Northern regions of Canada have participated in similar all-season road initiatives, although not as the primary proponent. The Project is situated wholly within WFN Reserve lands and/or the community's Draft CBLUP Planning Area of Interest, although peripheral parts of the PAI constitute recognized shared territory with other First Nation communities.

Therefore, it is appropriate for WFN to assume proponency for the road corridor alternatives under consideration. P.51

Request.

Who will be the operator of the planned supply road? How will the road project be governed?

How will access to the road be controlled?

2. Purpose of the Undertaking

The goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road Project
("the Undertaking") are as follows:

• › To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area; p.6

As plans and studies move forward towards the identification of the ultimate interconnection of the mineralized zone and the provincial highway system and/or national railway system continue, the Webequie First Nation will continue to move its plans forward for their supply road, and will maintain interests in participating in either of the north-south and/or east-west all-season road options.

In addition to road connection to the areas of potential mineral development, and ultimately the provincial highway system, WFN and some other remote First Nation communities are also interested in exploring the potential for connection to the provincial electricity grid and the telecommunications grid in the future. P.8

Comment.

The scope of the Project as set out in the ToR was developed without any consultation with Neskantaga. We are concerned that the full nature and purpose of the project is not being considered in the Supply Road EA. The mines and roads referenced by Webequie when describing the purpose of the undertaking are inextricably linked. Webequie acknowledges that the Supply Road is intended to promote future infrastructure, roads and mines in the Neskantaga territory. The development of the mines and roads in the Ring of Fire region, and other forms of induced development, will have strategic level impacts on

Neskantaga's Aboriginal and Treaty rights throughout our territory. Those strategic level issues are not part of the current EA. Neskantaga seek a comprehensive and integrated consultation process to address the strategic level impacts of opening up the region to development beyond the Supply Road EA.

3. Consultation

> The Ministry of the Environmental, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM), on behalf of the Ontario Government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of consultation required under the *EA Act* to the Webequie First Nation, as proponent. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty to Consult will be shared amongst the three parties, is in the process of being finalize. Material from the executed MOU will be included in the final ToR. As established in the draft MOU, Webequie First Nation's roles and responsibilities include the following:
>
> 1. **Consultation and Planning Notification**
>   a. Works with Ontario to delineate clear roles and responsibilities for consultation as set out in the MOU;
>   b. Prepares Aboriginal consultation plans for the preparation of the terms of reference and the environmental assessment and submits to Ontario for review. The consultation plan for the environmental assessment must be submitted as part of the terms of reference. Consultation plans must include:
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> September 2019 131

The assessment will also be guided by the WFN principles of community consultation (referred to as the three-tier approach) to engage and consult with other First Nations (refer to Section 10.1.1 Indigenous Communities Consultation).

Requests.

Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the executed Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, ENDM and Webequie.

Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of your Neskantaga consultation plan for our review and comment.

Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the Neskantaga consultation budget, milestones and timelines.

Will Ontario be relying solely on Webequie, as the proponent, to share Project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation?

How will the EA process accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making rights?

How will the EA timeline accommodate the ongoing social emergency in Neskantaga?

Is it Webequie's knowledge and belief that Ontario intends to rely on the federal and provincial EA processes, respectively, to discharge their legal obligations of consultation and accommodation of Neskantaga's Aboriginal Rights and Title and Treaty Rights interests arising out of this proposed Project?

Comment.

We have no negotiated consultation protocol with Webequie. Supporting a consultation process in Neskantaga during our continuing social emergency will require the development of concrete and meaningful procedural protections and provision of extensive supports to ensure our voices are properly heard. The ToR is a critical strategic document that guides the entirety of the provincial EA. The approval of the ToR for the Project by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally protected rights. This decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged, appropriate to the decision point; meaningful consultation has not yet occurred and will not be achieved through an opportunity to comment as a mere stakeholder on these ToR. Before the Project's ToR are approved, an appropriate process for consultation and accommodation must be set out, whether as an adjunct to the EA or otherwise.

4. Record Keeping

Works with Ontario to develop common templates to record consultation that meets both Statutory Consultation and Duty obligations;

Submits monthly consultation reports to Ontario (using template);

Keeps detailed and organized records of all consultation activities (e.g., meetings, calls, correspondence) and analyzes input received from Aboriginal Communities using com- mon template; p.133

Request.

Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the consultation report template.

Please provide Neskantaga with copies of the Neskantaga consultation reports to date.

5. Engagement and Consultation

This section of the ToR presents the plan that outlines the engagement and consultation activities that will occur during preparation of the Terms of Reference and the environmental assessment.p.128

Request.

What is the distinction, if any, between engagement and consultation?

6. Accommodation

The EAR/IS will describe Indigenous communities, their traditional uses of the land and their established and asserted claims, including accommodation as necessary to address potential effects to Aboriginal and Treaty rights. p. 112

> WFN intends to use Indigenous Knowledge and other information received from community members for the Project to assist with several key elements of the EA process, including:
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> - Assessing existing Indigenous Knowledge information in relation to the road project and to understand additional work that may be required;
> - Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge currently available to establish a baseline to monitor change going forward;
> - Evaluating alternatives and assessing potential impacts of the Project (e.g., criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities for all environmental components); and
> - Developing environmental mitigation, protection and compensation measures, and monitoring commitments and accommodation measures, where necessary.

p.152

Requests.

Is Webequie, as the proponent, delegated the duty to accommodate under the Consultation MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie?

If Neskantaga has issues with accommodation measures that are being proposed by Webequie, what role will Ontario play in issue resolution?

7. Potential Neskantaga Economic Benefits and Participation Opportunities

- Consultation with Indigenous communities and potential employment economic benefits for Indigenous communities which may result from the Project will be an important component of the Webequie Supply Road Project. p.107

Request.

Is Webequie prepared to negotiate a Supply Road impact and benefit agreement with Neskantaga?

8. Cumulative Effects

> - Assess the significance of the net effects (positive and negative);
> - Conduct a cumulative effects assessment of the net effects of the Project in combination with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable developments in the local and regional area and assess the significance of those effects;

p.120

Requests.

Will the Supply Road EA consider the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region? If not, why not?

Would Webequie consider establishing a joint Matawa remotes technical working group to examine and agree on the cumulative effects methodology?

How will cumulative effects be measured against pre- deter- mined thresholds developed in land use planning, regional cumulative effects assessment, or other processes?

How will Neskantaga's oral evidence of past impacts of development Projects be given due consideration in the assessment of cumulative effects?

Comment.

The Ring of Fire area is poised for significant levels of development in a largely unroaded, undeveloped, pristine landscape set- ting that is the homeland of Matawa First Nation communities. A proper assessment of the cumulative effects of this larger development on the environment and the Matawa Nations must be undertaken as part of Crown consultation in this EA to address the numerous significant adverse effects that are anticipated to First Nations' interests, communities and members.

Neskantaga's view is that the Crown's EA processes, as currently designed, are not adequate to undertake the cumulative effects assessment required to address these issues. A parallel process to address cumulative effects needs to be undertaken, with full Matawa First Nations' involvement. The ToR must address this issue of an effective, fulsome cumulative effects assessment.

9. Alternatives

In addition to the previous transportation studies and Community Based Land Use Plan that is currently being prepared by Webequie, in 2017, WFN conducted an initial screening of supply road corridor alternatives of approximately 2 km in width between Webequie and mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. The screening and analysis of corridors was guided by a Local Working Group made up of community members of land users, harvesters, elders, and youth representatives.

The corridor screening process included the identification of the advantages and disadvantages of three (3) corridor alternatives against the broad range of assessment factors (caribou habitat, culturally significant features, areas used for traditional activities, etc.), which were identified based on discussions with community members as to features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued environmental components for the community. The result of this community-based planning exercise was the identification of a preliminary preferred corridor for the WSR Project. P.121

Therefore, it is proposed that, in addition to the initial alternatives and with the benefit of additional engagement and consultation, the EA will further identify and evaluate routing alignment alternatives within the preferred corridor, including alternatives that optimize constructability and cost, as well as other alternative infrastructure designs (e.g., culverts or bridges at waterbody crossings) and siting with respect to temporary or permanent supportive ancillary infrastructure for the Project, such as access roads, construction camps, laydown/storage yards and aggregate extraction and processing sites. These alternative de- signs may be used to accommodate Indigenous community concerns, or address those issues raised by government agencies, the public or stakeholders. The assessment of alternative designs and/or locations will involve a comparative evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages against a set of natural environment, socio-economic environment and technical considerations (e.g., cost, constructability) to provide a clear rationale for the se- lection of a preferred alternative. P.122

Therefore, Marten Falls wants to conduct a comprehensive study to review alternatives available in the region on infrastructure that includes the north-south corridor option to connect Marten Falls to the provincial highway but also other possibilities for the region including an east-west option, a loop option or the feasibility of rail as an alternative. A comprehensive understanding of these options is essential to make the right decision for a prosperous and sustainable future of our communities. Understanding our options is also essential for asserting our jurisdiction and this is a step in that direction. December 15, 2016, From: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation
To: Chiefs of Matawa First Nations, Chief Negotiator Bob Rae and advisors

Re: Noront's Amended TOR and alternatives assessment

Requests.

How will the Supply Road EA link to the comprehensive review of infrastructure alternatives suggested by Marten Falls in 2016?

Noront proposed an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the mining camp matured. Why was this alternative ruled out?

Comment.

A negotiated tripartite First Nation, federal-provincial regional assessment could inform strategic planning of regional infrastructure and development, simplify the current project-by- project approach, address concerns about governance, jurisdiction, joint decision making, cumulative effects, and consultation beyond the immediate project sites.

10. The All-Season Community Road Study (2016)

From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. P.4f.

> Infrastructure, including roads, has been the subject of prior studies and initiatives involving the Matawa member First Nations. In August 2011, the Eabametoong, Webequie, Nibinamik and Neskantaga First Nations signed the East West Collaborative Agreement that formalized their collective interest in looking at options for a community service road. This culminated in the All Season Community Road Study which was funded jointly by the federal and Ontario governments and resulted in a report dated June 30, 2016 ("Report"). While the four participating communities were unable to agree on a preferred road corridor at the time of the Report, the Report did identify nine possible routing options. We understand that Webequie and Nibinamik First Nations are currently building on the work that was done in the Report.

December 15, 2017 MNDM letter to Neskantaga.

Request.

Please explain the discrepancy between Ontario's understanding of the conclusion of the All-Season Community Road Study[unable to agree on a preferred corridor] and the Webequie Supply Road TOR[a preferred corridor was identified].

11. Baseline Studies and Neskantaga Participation

Once the community-preferred corridor was identified, preliminary baseline environmental and baseline studies were conducted along this alignment. P.46-7

Detailed field studies, including biological studies, a Stage 1 archaeological assessment, hydrological studies, geotechnical studies, and other investigations required to support the Noront EA process were conducted to characterize and confirm the constructability of the all-season road and to minimize environmental impacts. Indigenous Knowledge data were also provided by the Webequie First Nation and incorporated into the analysis. P.54
Wildlife surveys were conducted by SNC-Lavalin in 2017, as re- ported in the Baseline Environmental and Geotechnical Studies Report - Webequie Community Supply Road (TPA1B) p.90

The description and characterization of the existing environ- mental conditions provided in the ToR (Sections 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5) will be presented in greater detail in the EAR/IS and will include the method and the results of the baseline field programs that were completed to support the EA. P.81

SUMMER CARIBOU CALVING SURVEY

Results of this survey will be documented in an environmental baseline condition report to support the EA. P.82

Requests.

Please provide a copy of all baseline studies referenced above for Neskantaga review and comment.

Going forward the results of baseline studies should be summarized and presented to Neskantaga in clear, non-technical language.

Would Webequie consider creating an environmental effects evaluation methodology working group with the remote Matawa First Nations?

12. Aggregates

One of the greater potential effects of an all-season road will be the development of aggregate supply sources. These impacts, and other impacts associated with construction and operation of an all-season road, will be examined in detail during the environmental assessment process. P.35

Requests.

What are the preliminary results of Webequie's assessment of potential aggregate sources and/or the annual aggregate re- sources requirements for construction and maintenance of the Supply road.

Comment.

The sources of aggregate for the road will impact more upland habitat than the road itself.

Based on advice from our technical expert, Neskantaga views all aggregate sources as having high archaeological potential.

13. Economic Viability

In terms of, geographical location/extent and configuration, (107 km 2-lane gravel surface within a 35 m right-of-way), development of the alternative road concepts recognized and ad- dressed existing physical constraints and opportunities, as well as financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms. In this context, they are considered practical, feasible and economically viable. P.50

Requests.

Has Webequie developed a Business Case for the Supply road? If so, please provide a copy or summary to Neskantaga.

Has ENDM and/ or Infrastructure Ontario reviewed the Webequie business case for the Supply Road? What were the conclusions of the Ontario review?

What external funding sources and mechanism is Webequie considering for the Supply road?

14. Estimated Capital Cost

Alternative 1 is 113 km in length
Preliminary estimated capital cost is $45.2 million dollars Alternative 2A is 104 km in length
Preliminary estimated capital cost is $41.6 million dollars Alternative 2B is 95 km in length
Preliminary estimated capital cost is $38 million dollars p.68
Requests. The 2016 Hatch Technical Review of Industrial transportation Infrastructure proposals for MNDM estimated the capital costs for the Noront E/W road at $2.4M per km.

How did Webequie arrive at an estimated capital cost for Alternative B of 0.4M/km?

Do the proposed road capital budget estimates integrate information from field geotechnical investigations to confirm aggregate and borrow source locations, and subsurface conditions along the road or at proposed bridge locations?

What is the variance in the cost estimate?

15. Implementation

Within the financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms, Webequie First Nation currently believes that it is capable of implementing any of the proposed alternative road concepts. WFN is also exploring the feasibility of entering into a public private partnership to implement the Project, similar to the arrangement for constructing other comparable Northern and Indigenous undertakings (e.g., Tłı̨ chǫ All-Season Road in NWT). P.50

Request.

Would Webequie consider a partnership with Neskantaga to implement the Project?

16. Shared Territory and Existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.

The current Draft Webequie First Nation CBLUP (March 2019) recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. The CBLUP contains the following statements with respect to shared areas and the consultation with Neskanta- ga and Marten Falls regarding development of the Plan. The Webequie CBLUP also notes that Webequie, Marten Falls and
Neskantaga are currently engaged in dialogue related to shared interests in the Ring of Fire mineral deposit as part of a Three- Nation process. P.53

Neskantaga First Nation

Dialogue has been ongoing between Webequie and Neskantaga regarding shared uses and planning interests between the two communities. Community members of Webequie and Neskantaga share close family connections and common history of movement and traditional use in the area between the two communities. Neskantaga First Nation has an ongoing traditional use connection to the southern portion of the proposed Webequie planning area; in the Chipai, Fishbasket and Wapitodem River areas, south and east of Winisk Lake, the upper Winiskisis Channel, and the upper portions of the Ekwan and Attawapiskat River drainage areas that fall within the proposed planning area. Webequie First Nation honors and respects Neskantaga First Nation Indigenous use connections in the proposed planning area. P.53
Webequie First Nation CBLUP (March 2019) recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. P.109

Comment.

Neskantaga has strong family ties to the project area since time out of mind. The project directly impacts Neskantaga traplines and falls within Neskantaga's Area of Interest.

Neskantaga has a sacred, legal obligation to protect, defend and steward the water, land, air, and resources of our territory. From Neskantaga's perspective, we are uniquely vulnerable to the impact of the Supply Road and induced development of the entire Ring of Fire region, and will bear the burden of significant risks arising from the roads and mines.

17. Cultural Heritage Resources

A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted in 2019 to identify and confirm areas of archeological potential. The findings from this assessment will be documented in the EA and a stand-alone report that will be submitted for approval to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. To assess potential effects to archaeological resources, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will involve consultation with Indigenous communities, review of existing published data sources and information obtained from other stakeholders and agencies. P.110

Request.

The results of previous Noront Stage 1 studies, and the terms of reference for the Studies, have never been made available to Neskantaga First Nation in order to assess their accuracy, validity and comprehensiveness. Furthermore, it appears that such studies did not benefit from access to Neskantaga Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge about past and present land use within the proposed road corridor. In our view, this likely will reflect a significant deficiency in these documents that must be redressed. We seek copies of these previous archaeological reports and the opportunity to review, critique and comment upon them as part of a collaborative approach to your future engagement and consultation with Neskantaga First Nation on your Supply Road project. We would like to collaborate on the terms of reference of any new archaeological studies going forward.

18. Joint Decision Making and the Relational Tier

It is well understood by the people of the Webequie First Nation that any project developed within their traditional territory could have effects on others. It is also well understood that the regulatory environment to develop projects, requires approvals and authorizations from government agencies.

The Relational Tier of Webequie's approach to consultation and project development involves outreach to and involvement of other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and developing relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments. It is recognized that these relationships and connections are important to maintain in a positive way. P.130

Request.

Will Webequie pursue a consensus-based approach within the existing decision-making processes of Ontario and the Neskantaga First Nation under the Relational Tier Approach?

Would Webequie consider creating a joint body with the Matawa remote First Nations to seek to reach consensus on the EA recommendations?

Comment.

Joint decision-making must be based on respect for the decision- making processes, customs and protocols of the Neskantaga First Nation, as well as the decision-making processes of Ontario.

19. Far North Exception Order
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Request.

Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of Webequie's application for the exception order.

20. EA Coordination Team

The mandate of the EA Coordination Team is to meet with the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team on a regular basis, in a forum where team members can exchange information, including providing each other with updates on the EA process; explore issues and collectively try to resolve them before

they compromise the EA process; work on coordinating the EAs and keep the processes moving forward in lockstep to the greatest possible extent; and seek feedback on Indigenous and public and stakeholder consultation. EA Coordination Team meetings occur regularly in Thunder Bay and/or via teleconference, and will continue throughout the EA process. The EA Coordination

Council determines that the development is in the social and economic interests of Ontario. Preparation of the Webequie CBLUP is in progress, and WFN applied to MNRF for an exception order for the Supply Road Project on January 29, 2018. The application was accepted by the Minister on March 2, 2018.[3]

Team may invite other GRT members to its meetings as needs and opportunities arise. P.13

Requests.

Please provide Neskantaga with summaries of the meetings held to date with the EA Coordination team.

Would the EA Coordination team consider meeting with Neskantaga to discuss the coordination process and a potential role for Neskantaga in the process?

21. Environmental Commitments

In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the MECP Code of Practice, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by Webequie First Nation during the course of the ToR and the EA process, and how they will be addressed. These commitments may relate to the project construction, operation and maintenance, impact management measures (i.e., mitigation measures), consultation/engagement with other Indigenous communities and compliance monitoring. Commitments made during the ToR process will be included and presented in the final ToR. p.126

Requests.

How will commitments be systematically tracked and compliance enforced?

Will compliance be reviewed annually?

What role will Neskantaga play in the compliance review?

22. The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People.

Request.

How will Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA?

23. Project Timelines

Comment.

During the Matawa Regional Framework Agreement negotiations, the Nations expressed a common concern that the existing legislated environmental assessment process had restrictive timelines and did not allow enough time for the Nations to review Project materials and participate meaningfully in the EA process.

The fact is that Neskantaga in crisis, or close to it. Our community is one of the most disadvantaged in the province. We are not in possession of a sophisticated bureaucracy capable of turning out informed responses to voluminous technical EA documents. Nor do we have a communications team, ready to develop community understanding and consensus on positions. Ontario's proposed funding may assist with some of this work, but it is still very difficult, particularly when there we lack administrative capacity, and human resources costs can be extremely high.

Neskantaga propose to negotiate a process agreement with Webequie to create a collaborative approach where Neskantaga can meaningfully participate in assessing the impacts of the Supply Road on Neskantaga's rights.

Neskantaga has its own protocols and processes in place to make an informed decision on developments that may impact on our land and resource rights. Under the draft terms of reference Webequie recognizes our nation to nation relationship and states that it will respect our communities processes and protocols. Neskantaga respects that Webequie's Three-Tier Consultation Approach may be satisfactory for its community, but this cannot be viewed as Neskantaga's approach to informed consent. Therefore, prior to finalizing a terms of reference for the EA process Webequie and Neskantaga must conclude a process agreement that will provide Neskantaga the opportunity to make an informed decision on this project and how the Neskantaga process will be coordinated with the Three-Tier Approach. As the terms of reference establish the framework for the planning and decision-making process during the EA, it is critical to conclude this process agreement with Neskantaga prior to the start of the EA to avoid inefficiencies and conflict during the EA process.

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Sent: March 11, 2020 7:36 PM
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Dear Chief Christopher,

Please find our initial response to your comments on the draft Terms of Reference for Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project. In addition, you will also find enclosed the signed MOU related to the roles and responsibilities as it relates to the consultation process for the WSR project.

As mentioned at the information sharing technical meeting held in Toronto on Sunday, Monday 1st, 2020, you stated that your interest to have an official meeting on a Nation-to-Nation basis with Webequie First Nation and permitted us to proceed to have a technical meeting with your team. We appreciate the opportunity to conduct a presentation on the draft Terms of Reference and will follow up with you in the very near future to set up the Nation-to-Nation meeting with Webequie First Nation.

With that said, we thank you for letting us present the Terms of Reference presentation to your technical team.

Meegwetch,

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March 3, 2020

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Re: Comments Received on Draft Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Christopher Moonias,

On behalf of Webequie First Nation and the Project Team, we thank you for your thorough review and comments on the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road Project. We also thank you for meeting with Neskantaga First Nation's technical team on March 1st, 2020 in Toronto which was an information sharing session about Webequie Supply Road and not a community consultation session. We acknowledge that Neskantaga First Nation technical team will bring the Webequie Supply Road's project information presentation back to the community which was emailed to David Peerla on March 1st, 2020.

Webequie and the Project Team have carefully reviewed your comments on the Draft ToR received during the ToR review period. Please find enclosed the Project Team's initial responses to Neskantaga First Nation's comments and we acknowledge that Neskantaga First Nation submitted additional comments at our meeting on March 1st, 2020. Webequie and the Project Team have considered your thoughtful comments and will incorporate them, where appropriate, into the final version of ToR.

We value your community's review and participation in the ToR process for the Webequie Supply Road. It is our understanding that Neskantaga First Nation have entered into a Participant Funding Transfer Payment Agreement with Ontario to support participation and consultation for the Webequie Supply Road project. We wish to give you an opportunity to ensure that all your interests and concerns are taken into consideration and addressed in a timely manner. Should you and your community have questions regarding the responses to your comments, the Project Team will be happy to meet to discuss the comments and provide further clarification where necessary.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback and input. Please advise if you and your community would like to meet with the Project Team. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
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Webequie First Nation

Enclosed:
Draft Terms of Reference Comment/Response Table
Signed Memorandum of Understanding

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Comments Received from Neskantaga First Nation NFN – (Chief Christopher Moonias), November 6, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
NFN-0	N/A	**Letter received on October 16, 2019 from Aaron Bruce to Don Parkinson.** I have just been brought on by the Neskantaga First Nation to be legal counsel on its environmental assessment team for the Webequie Supply Road project. I had a brief call with Wayne Moonias today who had some concern that there may be a deadline today for comments on the draft terms of reference for the EA. The only information he has been able to provide me is the below email with your message. I haven't been able to locate the draft TOR online as you suggest or any information on a deadline for comments. I am wondering if you can either provide the TOR directly to me or point me to a specific webpage. Unfortunately, David Peerla who is a key advisor to NFN on this project is on bereavement leave and I have not been able to touch base with him on this issue as of yet. Under these circumstances, if a deadline is imminent we request an extension of time for NFN to provide comments on this critical phase of the EA.	In response to this letter, an email was sent to Aaron Bruce (with copies to Wayne Moonias and Chief Chris Moonias) on October 24 informing him that the Draft ToR review and comment period had been extended to November 6, 2019.	NA
NFN-1	1 Proponency	Webequie First Nation is the project proponent. Other First Nations in Ontario's Far North and in other Northern regions of Canada have participated in similar all-season road initiatives, although not as the primary proponent. The Project is situated wholly within WFN Reserve lands and/or the community's Draft CBLUP Planning Area of Interest, although peripheral parts of the PAI constitute recognized shared territory with other First Nation communities. Therefore, it is appropriate for WFN to assume proponency for the road corridor alternatives under consideration. P.51 **Request.** Who will be the operator of the planned supply road? How will the road project be governed? How will access to the road be controlled?	WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR. Section 1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	Section 1.1
NFN-2	2 Purpose of the Undertaking	The goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road Project ("the Undertaking") are as follows: • To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area; P.6. As plans and studies move forward towards the identification of the ultimate interconnection of the mineralized zone and the provincial highway system and/or national railway system continue, the Webequie First Nation will continue to move its plans forward for their supply road, and will maintain interests in participating in either of the north-south and/or east-west all-season road options. In addition to road connection to the areas of potential mineral development, and ultimately the provincial highway system, WFN and some other remote First Nation communities are also interested in exploring the potential for connection to the provincial electricity grid and the telecommunications grid in the future. P.8. **Comment.** The scope of the Project as set out in the ToR was developed without any consultation with Neskantaga. We are concerned that the full nature and purpose of the project is not being considered in the Supply Road EA. The mines and roads referenced by Webequie when describing the purpose of the undertaking are inextricably linked. Webequie acknowledges that the Supply Road is intended to promote future infrastructure, roads and mines in the Neskantaga territory. The development of the mines and roads in the Ring of Fire region, and other forms of induced development, will have strategic level impacts on Neskantaga's Aboriginal and Treaty rights throughout our territory. Those strategic level issues are not part of the current EA. Neskantaga seek a comprehensive and integrated consultation process to address the strategic level impacts of opening up the region to development beyond the Supply Road EA.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity in this regard. Webequie is encouraging engagement with all Indigenous communities that are interested in participating in the EA process.	Section 1.4.2

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NFN-3	3 Conclusion	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM), on behalf of the Ontario Government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of consultation required under the EA Act to the Webequie First Nation, as proponent. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty of Consult will be shared amongst the three parties, is in the process of being finalize. Material from the executed MOU will be included in the final ToR. As established in the draft MOU, Webequie First Nation's roles and responsibilities include the following: 1. Consultation and Planning Notification a. Works with Ontario to delineate clear roles and responsibilities for consultation as set out in the MOU; b. Prepares Aboriginal consultation plans for the preparation of the terms of reference and the environmental assessment and submits to Ontario for review. The consultation plan for the environmental assessment must be submitted as part of the terms of reference. Consultation plans must include: The assessment will also be guided by the WFN principles of community consultation (referred to as the three-tier approach) to engage and consult with other First Nations (refer to Section 10.1.1 Indigenous Communities Consultation). **Requests.** Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the executed Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, ENDM and Webequie. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of your Neskantaga consultation plan for our review and comment. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the Neskantaga consultation budget, milestones and timelines. Will Ontario be relying solely on Webequie, as the proponent, to share Project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation? How will the EA process accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making rights? How will the EA timeline accommodate the ongoing social emergency in Neskantaga? Is it Webequie's knowledge and belief that Ontario intends to rely on the federal and provincial EA processes, respectively, to discharge their legal obligations of consultation and accommodation of Neskantaga's Aboriginal Rights and Title and Treaty Rights interests arising out of this proposed Project? **Comment.** We have no negotiated consultation protocol with Webequie. Supporting a consultation process in Neskantaga during our continuing social emergency will require the development of concrete and meaningful procedural protections and provision of extensive supports to ensure our voices are properly heard. The ToR is a critical strategic document that guides the entirety of the provincial EA. The approval of the ToR for the Project by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally protected rights. This decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged, appropriate to the decision point; meaningful consultation has not yet occurred and will not be achieved through an opportunity to comment as a mere stakeholder on these ToR. Before the Project's ToR are approved, an appropriate process for consultation and accommodation must be set out, whether as an adjunct to the EA or otherwise.	A MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation was executed on February 7th, 2020 and is intended to set out the roles and responsibilities between Webequie as the proponent and Ontario as the Crown. As per the MOU, Webequie will be responsible for carrying out those procedural aspects of consultation in respect of the Project and Ontario may rely on such efforts in fulfilling its constitutional duty to consult. Throughout the engagement process, all affected parties will have the opportunity to discuss any potential impacts the Project may have on the environment and on aboriginal and treaty rights and what measures should be undertaken to avoid, mitigate and where mitigation is not possible, accommodate. To the extent such accommodation measures fulfil the duty of consultation, the Crown will be informed and it shall take such measures into account in its decision making processes. Section 10.1.2 of the ToR has been revised to reflect the executed MOU. The roles and responsibilities of Webequie and MECP/ENDM (Ontario) with respect to the procedural aspect for the Duty to Consult have been summarized in the ToR. The basis of the Consultation Plan is included in the ToR. Customization of consultation for a community depends on their protocols and procedures. We encourage Neskantaga First Nation to engage with WFN to discuss this matter. WFN will follow up with Neskantaga on the appropriate forum and protocols to engage and consult with Neskantaga. The budget for consultation and engagement with First Nations is not specifically allocated to individual communities or groups. The engagement process with Neskantaga First Nation can be used to discuss community protocols and resource requirements to participate in the EA. It is our understanding that capacity funding has been provided to Neskantaga by the Province of Ontario (ENDM) through a Participation Funding Agreement, which includes provision to allow for Neskantaga to review and comment on the ToR, EA Report and provide Indigenous Knowledge. Ontario is relying on Webequie, as the EA proponent, to share project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation. The Province is prepared to support Webequie First Nation in the EA process and will be responding directly to Neskantanga on the roles and responsibilities of Ontario, as identified in the MOU. Webequie First Nation will rely on engagement with Neskantaga First Nation to inform the Project Team about their traditional laws and decision-making rights and the extent to which these can be incorporated in the EA process. We encourage Neskantaga First Nation to engage with the Webequie Project Team in a timely manner to identify any issues, constraints, emergencies, etc. that could be mitigated through the WSR EA process. The Webequie Project Team encourages Neskantaga First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time. Webequie has invited Neskantaga First Nation to comment on the Draft ToR prior to submitting the final ToR and is prepared to discuss and resolve issues and concerns through this process. WFN will follow-up with Neskantaga to arrange a mutual convenient time for the Webequie Project Team to meet and discuss the comments and concerns raised by Neskantaga.	Section 10.1.2

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			The EA is in relation to the planning and development of the Webequie Supply Road project. The Webequie Project Team would be pleased to discuss how the ongoing social concerns within the community may be consider in the context of WFN's engagement and consultation with Neskantaga. The response to the comment regarding that approval of the ToR by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally protected rights and that the decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of Neskantaga's interests has been discharged is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	
NFN-4	4 Record Keeping	Works with Ontario to develop common templates to record consultation that meets both Statutory Consultation and Duty obligations; Submits monthly consultation reports to Ontario (using template); Keeps detailed and organized records of all consultation activities (e.g., meetings, calls, correspondence) and analyzes input received from Aboriginal Communities using com- mon template; P.133. **Request.** Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the consultation report template. Please provide Neskantaga with copies of the Neskantaga consultation reports to date.	A Record of Consultation for the ToR phase will be provided as supporting documentation with the final ToR, which will be available for review during the mandatory public review process for the ToR phase.	
NFN-5	5 Engagement and Consultation	This section of the ToR presents the plan that outlines the engagement and consultation activities that will occur during preparation of the Terms of Reference and the environmental assessment. P.128 **Request.** What is the distinction, if any, between engagement and consultation?	The terms "engagement" and "consultation" are used depending on the nature of the activities undertaken with Indigenous communities and the general public.	
NFN-6	6 Accommodation	The EAR/IS will describe Indigenous communities, their traditional uses of the land and their established and asserted claims, including accommodation as necessary to address potential effects to Aboriginal and Treaty rights. P. 112 WFN intends to use Indigenous Knowledge and other information received from community members for the Project to assist with several key elements of the EA process, including: • Assessing existing Indigenous Knowledge information in relation to the road project and to understand additional work that may be required; • Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge currently available to establish a baseline to monitor change going forward; • Evaluating alternatives and assessing potential impacts of the Project (e.g., criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities for all environmental components); and • Developing environmental mitigation, protection and compensation measures, and monitoring commitments and accommodation measures, where necessary. P.152 **Requests.** Is Webequie, as the proponent, delegated the duty to accommodate under the Consultation MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie? If Neskantaga has issues with accommodation measures that are being proposed by Webequie, what role will	Refer to response to NFN-3. The comment as to the role Ontario will play in issue resolution is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	Section 10.1.2

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		Ontario play in issue resolution?		
NFN-7	7 Potential Neskantaga Economic Benefits and Participation Opportunities	Consultation with Indigenous communities and potential employment economic benefits for Indigenous communities which may result from the Project will be an important component of the Webequie Supply Road Project. P.107. **Request.** Is Webequie prepared to negotiate a Supply Road impact and benefit agreement with Neskantaga?	Through comprehensive analysis of impacts in the EA, a number of mitigation measures and potential accommodation measures will be identified. The economics of the proposed project are unknown at this time. The extent to which the project is expected to result in benefits will be discussed through engagement.	
NFN-8	8 Cumulative Effects	Conduct a cumulative effects assessment of the net effects of the Project in combination with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable developments in the local and regional area and assess the significance of those effect. P.120 **Requests.** Will the Supply Road EA consider the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region? If not, why not? Would Webequie consider establishing a joint Matawa remotes technical working group to examine and agree on the cumulative effects methodology? How will cumulative effects be measured against pre-determined thresholds developed in land use planning, regional cumulative effects assessment, or other processes? How will Neskantaga's oral evidence of past impacts of development Projects be given due consideration in the assessment of cumulative effects? **Comment.** The Ring of Fire area is poised for significant levels of development in a largely unroaded, undeveloped, pristine landscape setting that is the homeland of Matawa First Nation communities. A proper assessment of the cumulative effects of this larger development on the environment and the Matawa Nations must be undertaken as part of Crown consultation in this EA to address the numerous significant adverse effects that are anticipated to First Nations' interests, communities and members. Neskantaga's view is that the Crown's EA processes, as currently designed, are not adequate to undertake the cumulative effects assessment required to address these issues. A parallel process to address cumulative effects needs to be undertaken, with full Matawa First Nations' involvement. The ToR must address this issue of an effective, fulsome cumulative effects assessment.	The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The ToR text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1. The ToR has committed in Section 6.5 to the development of work plans for select environmental components at the outset of the EA, which will include preparing a work plan for assessing cumulative effects. The work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders. The Webequie Project Team will consider the request to establish a joint technical working group with Indigenous communities to provide input to the work plan. The Webequie Project Team will assess the project's cumulative effects using the approach as described in the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's guidance documents, which include: the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template for Designated Projects Subject to the Impact Assessment Act* (IA Agency, 2019); *Operational Policy Statement: Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2015b); and *Interim Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2018b). The Webequie Project Team is open to comments from all parties and encourages interested communities to participate in the process and encourages Neskantaga to provide any additional comments to Ontario in terms of their regulatory processes.	Section 8.1 Section 6.5
NFN-9	9 Alternatives	In addition to the previous transportation studies and Community Based Land Use Plan that is currently being prepared by Webequie, in 2017, WFN conducted an initial screening of supply road corridor alternatives of approximately 2 km in width between Webequie and mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. The screening and analysis of corridors was guided by a Local Working Group made up of community members of land users, harvesters, elders, and youth representatives. The corridor screening process included the identification of the advantages and disadvantages of three (3) corridor alternatives against the broad range of assessment factors (caribou habitat, culturally significant features, areas used for traditional activities, etc.), which were identified based on discussions with community members as to features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued environmental components for the community. The result of this community-based planning exercise was the identification of a preliminary preferred corridor for the WSR Project. P.121. Therefore, it is proposed that, in addition to the initial alternatives and with the benefit of additional engagement and consultation, the EA will further identify and evaluate routing alignment alternatives within	Through the engagement with Marten Falls First Nation, the Project Team will identify the nature of the comprehensive review of regional infrastructure alternatives and how they will be incorporated, if at all, into the WSR EA process. With respect to Noront Resources' consideration of an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the Eagle's Nest mining camp matured, this question should be directed to Noront. Information on the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA and its current status can be found on Noront's website (http://norontresources.com). It is our understanding that the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change received three requests in the Fall 2019 for a regional assessment under the *Impact Assessment Act* related to the Ring of Fire area. The Minister on February 11, 2020 determined that a regional assessment of the Ring of Fire region will be conducted under	

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		the preferred corridor, including alternatives that optimize constructability and cost, as well as other alternative infrastructure designs (e.g., culverts or bridges at waterbody crossings) and siting with respect to temporary or permanent supportive ancillary infrastructure for the Project, such as access roads, construction camps, laydown/storage yards and aggregate extraction and processing sites. These alternative de- signs may be used to accommodate Indigenous community concerns, or address those issues raised by government agencies, the public or stakeholders. The assessment of alternative designs and/or locations will involve a comparative evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages against a set of natural environment, socio-economic environment and technical considerations (e.g., cost, constructability) to provide a clear rationale for the se- lection of a preferred alternative. P.122 Therefore, Marten Falls wants to conduct a comprehensive study to review alternatives available in the region on infrastructure that includes the north-south corridor option to connect Marten Falls to the provincial highway but also other possibilities for the region including an east-west option, a loop option or the feasibility of rail as an alternative. A comprehensive understanding of these options is essential to make the right decision for a prosperous and sustainable future of our communities. Understanding our options is also essential for asserting our jurisdiction and this is a step in that direction. December 15, 2016, From: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation To: Chiefs of Matawa First Nations, Chief Negotiator Bob Rae and advisors Re: Noront's Amended TOR and alternatives assessment. **Requests.** How will the Supply Road EA link to the comprehensive review of infrastructure alternatives suggested by Marten Falls in 2016? Noront proposed an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the mining camp matured. Why was this alternative ruled out? **Comment.** A negotiated tripartite First Nation, federal-provincial regional assessment could inform strategic planning of regional infrastructure and development, simplify the current project-by-project approach, address concerns about governance, jurisdiction, joint decision making, cumulative effects, and consultation beyond the immediate project sites.	the *Impact Assessment Act*. Webequie First Nation will be monitoring the regional assessment as the process unfolds.	
NFN-10	10 The All-Season Community Road Study (2016)	From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. P.4. Infrastructure, including roads, has been the subject of prior studies and initiatives involving the Matawa member First Nations. In August 2011, the Eabametoong, Webequie, Nibinamik and Neskantaga First Nations signed the East West Collaborative Agreement that formalized their collective interest in looking at options for a community service road. This culminated in the All Season Community Road Study which was funded jointly by the federal and Ontario governments and resulted in a report dated June 30, 2016 ("Report"). While the four participating communities were unable to agree on a preferred road corridor at the time of the Report, the Report did identify nine possible routing options. We understand that Webequie and Nibinamik First Nations are currently building on the work that was done in the Report. December 15, 2017 MNDM letter to Neskantaga. **Request.** Please explain the discrepancy between Ontario's understanding of the conclusion of the All-Season Community Road Study [unable to agree on a preferred corridor] and the Webequie Supply Road TOR [a preferred corridor was identified].	Text in Section 1.3 the ToR has been revised to reflect that the four participating communities did <u>not</u> identify a preferred road corridor, due to other overarching concerns about jurisdiction, First Nation involvement in the process and the general need for further study.	Section 1.3
NFN-11	11 Baseline Studies and	Once the community-preferred corridor was identified, preliminary baseline environmental and baseline studies were conducted along this alignment. P.46-7.	Environmental Baseline Studies will be available at release of the Draft EAR/IS report. Summaries in non-technical language can be provided.	

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	Neskantaga Participation	Detailed field studies, including biological studies, a Stage 1 archaeological assessment, hydrological studies, geotechnical studies, and other investigations required to support the Noront EA process were conducted to characterize and confirm the constructability of the all-season road and to minimize environmental impacts. Indigenous Knowledge data were also provided by the Webequie First Nation and incorporated into the analysis. P.54. Wildlife surveys were conducted by SNC-Lavalin in 2017, as re- ported in the Baseline Environmental and Geotechnical Studies Report - Webequie Community Supply Road (TPA1B). P.90. The description and characterization of the existing environmental conditions provided in the ToR (Sections 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5) will be presented in greater detail in the EAR/IS and will include the method and the results of the baseline field programs that were completed to support the EA. P.81. **SUMMER CARIBOU CALVING SURVEY** Results of this survey will be documented in an environmental baseline condition report to support the EA. P.82. **Requests.** Please provide a copy of all baseline studies referenced above for Neskantaga review and comment. Going forward the results of baseline studies should be summarized and presented to Neskantaga in clear, non-technical language. Would Webequie consider creating an environmental effects evaluation methodology working group with the remote Matawa First Nations?	The WSR Project Team welcomes and encourages the interest of all communities in development of environmental effects evaluation methodology.	
NFN-12	12 Aggregates	One of the greater potential effects of an all-season road will be the development of aggregate supply sources. These impacts, and other impacts associated with construction and operation of an all-season road, will be examined in detail during the environmental assessment process. P.35. **Requests.** What are the preliminary results of Webequie's assessment of potential aggregate sources and/or the annual aggregate re- sources requirements for construction and maintenance of the Supply road. **Comment.** The sources of aggregate for the road will impact more upland habitat than the road itself. Based on advice from our technical expert, Neskantaga views all aggregate sources as having high archaeological potential.	There are number of aggregate sources locations that provide options for extracting the material needed for the Project. The location of these potential aggregate sources is presented in Figure 5.7 of the ToR. A general description and characteristics of the potential aggregate source locations are presented in Section 5.5.2 – Aggregate Source Location and Access Roads of the ToR.	Section 5.5.2
NFN-13	13 Economic Viability	In terms of geographical location/extent and configuration, (107 km 2-lane gravel surface within a 35 m right-of-way), development of the alternative road concepts recognized and addressed existing physical constraints and opportunities, as well as financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms. In this context, they are considered practical, feasible and economically viable. P.50. **Requests.** Has Webequie developed a Business Case for the Supply road? If so, please provide a copy or summary to Neskantaga? Has ENDM and/ or Infrastructure Ontario reviewed the Webequie business case for the Supply Road? What were the conclusions of the Ontario review? What external funding sources and mechanism is Webequie considering for the Supply road?	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	

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NFN-14	14 Estimated Capital Cost	Alternative 1 is 113 km in length. Preliminary estimated capital cost is $45.2 million dollars Alternative 2A is 104 km in length. Preliminary estimated capital cost is $41.6 million dollars Alternative 2B is 95 km in length. Preliminary estimated capital cost is $38 million dollars. P.68. Requests. The 2016 Hatch Technical Review of Industrial transportation Infrastructure proposals for MNDM estimated the capital costs for the Noront E/W road at $2.4M per km. How did Webequie arrive at an estimated capital cost for Alternative B of 0.4M/km? Do the proposed road capital budget estimates integrate information from field geotechnical investigations to confirm aggregate and borrow source locations, and subsurface conditions along the road or at proposed bridge locations? What is the variance in the cost estimate?	The preliminary estimated capital cost presented in the ToR is considered an indicative cost estimate for the Webequie Supply Road Project. The preliminary capital cost for the Project will be further examined and refined as part of the EA process.	
NFN-15	15 Implementation	Within the financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms, Webequie First Nation currently believes that it is capable of implementing any of the proposed alternative road concepts. WFN is also exploring the feasibility of entering into a public private partnership to implement the Project, similar to the arrangement for constructing other comparable Northern and Indigenous undertakings (e.g., Tłı̨chǫ All-Season Road in NWT). P.50. **Request.** Would Webequie consider a partnership with Neskantaga to implement the Project?	Webequie First Nation would welcome discussion with Neskantaga First Nation on opportunities for participation in the Project.	
NFN-16	16 Shared Territory and Existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights	The current Draft Webequie First Nation CBLUP (March 2019) recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. The CBLUP contains the following statements with respect to shared areas and the consultation with Neskantaga and Marten Falls regarding development of the Plan. The Webequie CBLUP also notes that Webequie, Marten Falls and Neskantaga are currently engaged in dialogue related to shared interests in the Ring of Fire mineral deposit as part of a Three- Nation process. P.53. **NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION** Dialogue has been ongoing between Webequie and Neskantaga regarding shared uses and planning interests between the two communities. Community members of Webequie and Neskantaga share close family connections and common history of movement and traditional use in the area between the two communities. Neskantaga First Nation has an ongoing traditional use connection to the southern portion of the proposed Webequie planning area; in the Chipai, Fishbasket and Wapitodem River areas, south and east of Winisk Lake, the upper Winiskisis Channel, and the upper portions of the Ekwan and Attawapiskat River drainage areas that fall within the proposed planning area. Webequie First Nation honors and respects Neskantaga First Nation Indigenous use connections in the proposed planning area. P.53. Webequie First Nation CBLUP (March 2019) recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. P.109. **Comment.** Neskantaga has strong family ties to the project area since time out of mind. The project directly impacts Neskantaga traplines and falls within Neskantaga's Area of Interest. Neskantaga has a sacred, legal obligation to protect, defend and steward the water, land, air, and resources	Webequie First Nation understands the interests of Neskantaga Fitst Nation in the territories shared with Webequie. Webequie First Nation also understands there could be potential effects of the WSR on Neskantaga community members. These will be examined in detail in the EA and through EA engagement.	

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		of our territory. From Neskantaga's perspective, we are uniquely vulnerable to the impact of the Supply Road and induced development of the entire Ring of Fire region, and will bear the burden of significant risks arising from the roads and mines.		
NFN-17	17 Cultural Heritage Resources	A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted in 2019 to identify and confirm areas of archeological potential. The findings from this assessment will be documented in the EA and a stand- alone report that will be submitted for approval to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. To assess potential effects to archaeological resources, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will involve consultation with Indigenous communities, review of existing published data sources and information obtained from other stakeholders and agencies. P.110. **Request.** The results of previous Noront Stage 1 studies, and the terms of reference for the Studies, have never been made available to Neskantaga First Nation in order to assess their accuracy, validity and comprehensiveness. Furthermore, it appears that such studies did not benefit from access to Neskantaga Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge about past and present land use within the proposed road corridor. In our view, this likely will reflect a significant deficiency in these documents that must be redressed. We seek copies of these previous archaeological reports and the opportunity to review, critique and comment upon them as part of a collaborative approach to your future engagement and consultation with Neskantaga First Nation on your Supply Road project. We would like to collaborate on the terms of reference of any new archaeological studies going forward.	As a project update it is now likely that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted in 2020 rather than 2019. Reference to specific date when the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted has been removed from the ToR. It is the Project Team's understanding that the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA has been paused under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* process and has been terminated under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* process with enactment of the new *Impact Assessment Act*. Therefore, the studies previously conducted by Noront, including the archaeological assessment, may be outdated and/or have no status. Information pertaining to the Eagle's Nest Mine EA, including archaeological investigations, and the current status of Eagle's Nest Mine project can be found on Noront's website (http://norontresources.com). Opportunities to comment on the final Terms of Reference will be available during the winter/spring of 2020.	Section 6.4.1
NFN-18	18 Joint Decision Making and the Relational Tier	It is well understood by the people of the Webequie First Nation that any project developed within their traditional territory could have effects on others. It is also well understood that the regulatory environment to develop projects, requires approvals and authorizations from government agencies. The Relational Tier of Webequie's approach to consultation and project development involves outreach to and involvement of other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and developing relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments. It is recognized that these relationships and connections are important to maintain in a positive way. P.130. **Request.** Will Webequie pursue a consensus-based approach within the existing decision-making processes of Ontario and the Neskantaga First Nation under the Relational Tier Approach? Would Webequie consider creating a joint body with the Matawa remote First Nations to seek to reach consensus on the EA recommendations? **Comment.** Joint decision-making must be based on respect for the decision- making processes, customs and protocols of the Neskantaga First Nation, as well as the decision-making processes of Ontario.	Webequie First Nation intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities, organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA.	
NFN-19	19 Far North Exception Order	P.106. **Request.** Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of Webequie's application for the exception order.	All regulatory instruments required to implement the WSR EA and the Project will be in place in accordance with applicable statutes.	
NFN-20	20 EA Coordination Team	The mandate of the EA Coordination Team is to meet with the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team on a regular basis, in a forum where team members can exchange information, including providing each other with updates on the EA process; explore issues and collectively try to resolve them before they compromise the EA process; work on coordinating the EAs and keep the processes moving forward in lockstep to the greatest possible extent; and seek feedback on Indigenous and public and stakeholder consultation. EA	To help facilitate a coordinated approach to meet the requirements of the federal and provincial processes, an EA Coordination Team has been established for the Project that includes government agency and ministry representatives from both Canada and Ontario. The purpose of this team is to address and coordinate the requirements of both processes in an efficient manner. The EA Coordination Team meet with the Webequie Project Team	

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		Coordination Team meetings occur regularly in Thunder Bay and/or via teleconference, and will continue throughout the EA process. The EA Coordination Council determines that the development is in the social and economic interests of Ontario. Preparation of the Webequie CBLUP is in progress, and WFN applied to MNRF for an exception order for the Supply Road Project on January 29, 2018. The application was accepted by the Minister on March 2, 2018. Team may invite other GRT members to its meetings as needs and opportunities arise. P.13. **Requests.** Please provide Neskantaga with summaries of the meetings held to date with the EA Coordination team. Would the EA Coordination team consider meeting with Neskantaga to discuss the coordination process and a potential role for Neskantaga in the process?	on a regular basis, in a forum where team members can exchange information, including providing each other with updates on the EA process; explore issues and collectively try to resolve them; and receive feedback and updates from the WPT on Indigenous, public and stakeholder consultation. The EA Coordination meetings are administrative and non-technical in nature and are not considered the forum for direct engagement with Indigenous communities. The Webequie Project Team encourages Neskantaga First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time and is prepared to share a summary of the discussions being held within the EA Coordination Team forum, where such topics may pertain to Neskantaga's areas of interest. Note that EA Coordination Team meetings may result in the need to convene topic-specific technical meetings; and where applicable these meetings may involve Indigenous community participation with the results becoming part of the Record of Consultation. WFN will follow up with Neskantaga to discuss their areas of interest and protocols for Webequie to engage and consult with Neskantaga.	
NFN-21	21 Environmental Commitments	In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the MECP Code of Practice, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by Webequie First Nation during the course of the ToR and the EA process, and how they will be addressed. These commitments may relate to the project construction, operation and maintenance, impact management measures (i.e., mitigation measures), consultation/engagement with other Indigenous communities and compliance monitoring. Commitments made during the ToR process will be included and presented in the final ToR. P.126. **Requests.** How will commitments be systematically tracked and compliance enforced? Will compliance be reviewed annually? What role will Neskantaga play in the compliance review?	Commitments made during the ToR process normally relate to activities to be conducted by the proponent during the EA phase of the Project. They are typically incorporated in a concordance table that is part of the EA documentation, with the proponent indicating in the table how it has complied with the commitment and where evidence of compliance can be found in the EA documentation. Requirements related to any other form of compliance reporting by the proponent are normally included in the conditions accompanying the ToR approval by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Since compliance is monitored by the government body approving the ToR, inquiries regarding possible involvement by third parties in that process should be directed to the Province. The comment as to how commitments may be systematically tracked and compliance enforced with regards to the role of Ontario is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	
NFN-22	22 The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People.	**Request.** How will Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA?	The comment as to how Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	

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NFN-23	23 Project Timelines	**Comment.** During the Matawa Regional Framework Agreement negotiations, the Nations expressed a common concern that the existing legislated environmental assessment process had restrictive timelines and did not allow enough time for the Nations to review Project materials and participate meaningfully in the EA process. The fact is that Neskantaga in crisis, or close to it. Our community is one of the most disadvantaged in the province. We are not in possession of a sophisticated bureaucracy capable of turning out informed responses to voluminous technical EA documents. Nor do we have a communications team, ready to develop community understanding and consensus on positions. Ontario's proposed funding may assist with some of this work, but it is still very difficult, particularly when there we lack administrative capacity, and human resources costs can be extremely high. Neskantaga propose to negotiate a process agreement with Webequie to create a collaborative approach where Neskantaga can meaningfully participate in assessing the impacts of the Supply Road on Neskantaga's rights. Neskantaga has its own protocols and processes in place to make an informed decision on developments that may impact on our land and resource rights. Under the draft terms of reference Webequie recognizes our nation to nation relationship and states that it will respect our communities processes and protocols. Neskantaga respects that Webequie's Three-Tier Consultation Approach may be satisfactory for its community, but this cannot be viewed as Neskantaga's approach to informed consent. Therefore, prior to finalizing a terms of reference for the EA process Webequie and Neskantaga must conclude a process agreement that will provide Neskantaga the opportunity to make an informed decision on this project and how the Neskantaga process will be coordinated with the Three-Tier Approach. As the terms of reference establish the framework for the planning and decision-making process during the EA, it is critical to conclude this process agreement with Neskantaga prior to the start of the EA to avoid inefficiencies and conflict during the EA process.	We encourage and look forward to the participation of Neskantaga First Nation in the WSR EA engagement process to discuss these and other important matters of principle, protocol and procedures.	

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO
AS REPRESENTED BY
THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND PARKS ("MECP")
AND
THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY, NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT AND MINES ("ENDM")

and

WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION (the "Proponent")

(together, the "**Parties**")

WHEREAS the Proponent intends to submit an application for approval to proceed with the Webequie Supply Road project (the "**Project**") in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18 (the "**EAA**") and is required to meet statutory consultation obligations for the Project in accordance with the EAA;

WHEREAS the road project is located within the traditional territory of Webequie First Nation;

WHEREAS Webequie has developed relationships with its neighbouring Indigenous communities based on customary protocols, and intends that its Three Tier Model "Kannisso Pittawa Attayk Onakoonikun" will guide its overall approach for the engagement and consultation with other Indigenous communities on the Project;

WHEREAS Ontario has determined that it may owe a constitutional duty to consult Aboriginal communities as identified in Schedule A;

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has held that the Crown may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to a third party, as is often the case during environmental assessment processes;

AND WHEREAS the Parties wish to delineate in this Memorandum of Understanding clear roles and responsibilities with respect to the consultation process on the Project and, in particular, those procedural aspects of consultation that are being delegated to the Proponent at this time or are being retained by Ontario in relation to the environmental assessment.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

1. In this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), the following terms have the meanings set out below.

    (a) **"Aboriginal Communities"** means the First Nations and Métis organization identified by Ontario as having credibly asserted or established Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be affected by the Project, or who may otherwise be interested in the Project, and for which Ontario, and the Proponent through its delegated duties, shall engage in a consultation process, which at the date of execution of this Agreement, includes those listed in Schedule "A" to this MOU and any other communities or organizations that may be subsequently identified and added to Schedule A in accordance with section6(c);

    (b) **"Duty"** means the constitutional duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate, which Ontario may owe to Aboriginal Communities with respect to the environmental assessment for the Project;

    (c) **"Project"** means the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, as subject to Part II of the EAA, for which Webequie First Nation is the Proponent; and

    (d) **"Statutory Consultation"** means the consultation obligations to all interested persons related to the terms of reference and environmental assessment applications, as required in the EAA.

2. The Parties acknowledge that:

    (a) Ontario is responsible for satisfying any Duty that it may owe in relation to the Project and, in meeting that Duty, may delegate procedural aspects of consultation to third-party proponents;

    (b) Ontario may rely on efforts by the Proponent in Statutory Consultation in fulfilling the Duty;

    (c) Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EAA and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities for that purpose; and

    (d) Ontario is responsible for ensuring that the Duty is met in a manner that is consistent with the honor of the Crown.

3. Schedule "B" to this MOU sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Parties in carrying out procedural or substantive elements of the Duty in relation to the Project. For greater certainty, the roles and responsibilities for Ontario include both substantive and procedural aspects of the Duty. The Proponent's roles and responsibilities are limited to procedural aspects of consultation.

4. The Parties agree that nothing in this MOU or Schedule "B" is intended to abrogate or derogate from any obligations Ontario may have to Aboriginal Communities.

5. This MOU contemplates actions that MECP and ENDM anticipate may be required to meet the Duty in respect of the Project but additional activities may be required and Schedule "B" should not be taken as an exhaustive list.

6. This MOU may be amended, as follows:

   (a) The body of this MOU and Schedule "B" may be amended in writing at any time by agreement of the Parties;

   (b) If activities not described in Schedule "B" are identified in the course of the environmental assessment for the Project, the Parties' roles and responsibilities related to those activities and any necessary amendments to Schedule "B" will be discussed and agreed upon by the Parties; and

   (c) Schedule "A" may be amended in writing at any time by MECP or ENDM.

7. This MOU shall not be taken as agreement that the matters set out herein are mandatory components of the Duty in all circumstances.

8. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or association or a trust, fiduciary or similar relationship.

9. In the event of any dispute regarding the implementation or interpretation of this MOU, the Parties will work together to resolve the dispute in a timely manner.

10. This MOU may be terminated at any time by any of the Parties by providing 30 days notice in writing to the other Party(ies), or upon the agreement of the Parties.

Dated this 7th day of February, 2020.

WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION

<Original signed by>

Per: _____
Chief Cornelius Wabasse

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO, as represented by

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

<Original signed by>

Per: _____
Assistant Deputy Minister Sarah Paul

And

The Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines

<Original signed by>

Per: _____
Assistant Deputy Minister Susan Capling

SCHEDULE A - List of potentially affected and/or interested Aboriginal communities identified by Ontario for consultation on the environmental assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project.

Based on the information Webequie First Nation has provided to date about the Project, the potential effects on the environment, and Ontario's current understanding of Aboriginal and treaty rights in the area, Ontario has concluded that there may be adverse impacts to the constitutionally protected rights of a number of Aboriginal communities, and that other Aboriginal communities may be interested in the environmental effects of the Project.

These Aboriginal communities are set out below. For greater clarity, the following list and division of the list into two parts reflects Ontario's view of its legal responsibilities and does not reflect Webequie First Nation's perspective on its relationship with its neighbours.

This list of potentially affected and/or interested Aboriginal communities, as determined by Ontario, is subject to change as new information becomes available and/or there are changes to the scope of the Project. The approach to consultation with the listed Aboriginal communities may vary based on information shared by each community during the environmental assessment process.

Aboriginal communities who should be consulted on the basis that they have or may have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project are:

- Aroland First Nation
- Attawapiskat First Nation
- Constance Lake First Nation
- Fort Albany First Nation
- Kasabonika Lake First Nation
- Kashechewan First Nation
- Kingfisher Lake First Nation
- Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI)
- Marten Falls First Nation
- Neskantaga First Nation
- Nibinamik First Nation
- Wapekeka First Nation
- Wawakapewin First Nation
- Weenusk First Nation
- Webequie First Nation
- Wunnumin Lake First Nation

Aboriginal communities who should be consulted on the basis that they may be interested in the Project are:

- Ginoogaming First Nation
- Eabametoong First Nation

- Long Lake #58 First Nation
- Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2
- Mishkeegogamang First Nation
- North Caribou Lake First Nation

SCHEDULE B – Roles and Responsibilities for the Parties for consultation with Aboriginal Communities for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment[1]

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (ONTARIO – MECP and ENDM)[2]	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (PROPONENT – Webequie First Nation)
1. Consultation Planning and Notification	
• Advises the Proponent and Aboriginal Communities of its determination as to whether the Duty arises in relation to the Project and to whom it is owed, delineates clear roles and responsibilities for consultation, and provides additional direction throughout the process • Communicates to Aboriginal Communities whether it has delegated procedural aspects of consultation and/or to clarify roles and responsibilities • Notifies the Proponent as soon as possible of any changes to the list of Aboriginal Communities in Schedule A and why they are either added or deleted • Reviews and provides input to the Proponent's Aboriginal consultation plans for the preparation of the terms of reference and environmental assessment, including whether responsibilities related to the Duty are reflected • Address funding and other support requests from Aboriginal Communities referred by the Proponent (ENDM) • Reviews notices required under the Environmental Assessment Act and provides guidance to the Proponent on appropriate distribution (MECP)	• Works with Ontario to delineate clear roles and responsibilities for consultation as set out in this MOU • Prepares Aboriginal consultation plans for the preparation of the terms of reference and the environmental assessment and submits to Ontario for review. The consultation plan for the environmental assessment must be submitted as part of the terms of reference. Consultation plans must include: o Outline of how the Proponent will engage with the Aboriginal Communities and meet Statutory Consultation requirements as part of Ontario's environmental assessment process and the procedural aspects of consultation delegated in this MOU o Outline how any community consultation protocols have been incorporated, and if not, the reasons why they haven't o Timetable for completion of all responsibilities • During the consultation process, considers whether separate engagement plans for each community should be developed in consultation with the Aboriginal Communities for each phase of the environmental assessment process • Refers any requests for financial or other support received from Aboriginal Communities to Ontario • Drafts notices associated with the environmental assessment process (e.g., Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference) for MECP review, and the Proponent circulates with input from Ontario on appropriate distribution

[1] Ontario notes that consultation conducted during the environmental assessment process may include information that relates to future permits and authorizations related to the Project. Information gathered during consultation throughout the environmental assessment may therefore be considered by Ontario to inform those future permits and authorizations.

[2] Unless specified Ontario responsibilities are shared across MECP, ENDM, and where appropriate other ministries. Where a specific ministry is expected to take the lead, the name is indicated in brackets.

	• Provides Aboriginal Communities with timely notice of the Project to consider possible impacts (e.g., notices required under the Environmental Assessment Act) • Provides copies of all environmental assessment related documents to Aboriginal Communities for review and comment • Requests acknowledgement of receipt of all statutory notices from Aboriginal Communities (including the notice of submission of final terms of reference, notice of commencement of environmental assessment, and notice of submission of final environmental assessment), and follows up with Aboriginal Communities to confirm receipt if acknowledgement is not received (and maintains a record of these communications) • Requests confirmation of receipt of draft terms of reference and environmental assessment documents, and follows up with Aboriginal Communities to confirm receipt if acknowledgement is not received (and maintains a record of these communications)
2. Undertaking Consultation Activities, including Issues Resolution and Follow-up	
• Works with the Proponent to coordinate consultation activities and identify appropriate times for Ontario participation in Proponent-led activities with the goals of ensuring meaningful consultation and to avoid duplication of effort by Aboriginal Communities, the Proponent, and Ontario (e.g., coordination through biweekly calls) • Supports Proponent-led consultation activities, including at the request of the Proponent or Aboriginal Communities, throughout the environmental assessment process to: o Explain the regulatory and approvals processes that apply to the Project to Aboriginal Communities and to answer technical questions o Clarify roles and responsibilities related to the Duty to the Aboriginal Communities o Facilitate relationship building, and identify and address issues that come up during consultation activities that are outside of the scope of the environmental assessment process for the proposed Project o Discuss concerns raised by Aboriginal Communities about potential adverse impacts the Project may have on Aboriginal and treaty rights and where appropriate accommodate potential impacts	• Works with MECP and ENDM to coordinate consultation activities and identify appropriate times for Ontario participation in Proponent-led activities with the goals of ensuring meaningful consultation and to avoid duplication of effort by Aboriginal Communities, the Proponent, and Ontario (e.g., coordination through biweekly calls) • Leads the procedural aspects of consultation activities throughout the environmental assessment process to: o Provide Aboriginal Communities with information about the Project o Explain the role the Proponent will have in consultation related to the Duty and Statutory Consultation o Identify concerns Aboriginal Communities may have about potential adverse impacts the Project may have on Aboriginal or treaty rights, including inviting Aboriginal Communities to share Indigenous Knowledge or information about traditional land use that may be impacted by the Project o Seek input on measures to avoid, mitigate, or offset potential impacts o Provide opportunity for Aboriginal Communities to discuss changes to Project design, monitoring and adaptive management plans

- Provide opportunity for Aboriginal Communities to discuss changes to Project design, monitoring and adaptive management plans
- Provide oversight and advice relating to any assertions raised over the course of consultation activities, including ongoing assessment of depth of consultation

- Provides ongoing oversight of Proponent-led consultation activities (e.g, through bi-weekly calls)
- Receives and is available to review Proponent materials, dates and timing of distribution of materials
- Addresses requests related to financial or other support, including capacity funding, for participation in the consultation process and the environmental assessment process (ENDM)
- Assists in resolving any disputes relating to consultation activities, timing, scheduling of meetings, or roles and responsibilities of the Proponent and Aboriginal Communities
- Conducts own consultation activities with Aboriginal Communities to identify and address concerns Aboriginal Communities may have about potential impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights, based on requests from Aboriginal Communities and/or the Proponent, or as determined necessary by Ontario
- For Ontario-led activities, develops and distributes notification materials and follows-up with Aboriginal Communities to confirm receipt of information if acknowledgement of receipt not received
- Follows-up with Aboriginal Communities on outstanding Project-related issues with the goal of addressing them where possible
- Where questions, comments or concerns raised by Aboriginal Communities, either directly to Ontario or to the Proponent, fall outside the scope of the Proponent, the Project or the environmental assessment, or beyond the mandate of individual ministries, works with other ministries to see how best the matter may be considered by Ontario (ENDM), and identifies who should respond accordingly to Aboriginal Communities in a timely manner
- Reviews information received by the Proponent on potential impacts of the Project to ensure information has been clearly and sufficiently documented, and identifies where there are information gaps for follow-up

- Prepares materials in plain language and arranges for translation, if required, sets up meetings with Aboriginal Communities, arranges logistics for Proponent-led activities
- Provides funding for logistics for Proponent-led consultation activities (meeting spaces, hospitality, including costs associated with translation, document printing and distribution)
- Refers any concerns raised by Aboriginal Communities with respect to the regulatory approvals process, timing of review of documents, meeting delays which may impact scheduling etc. to Ontario
- Refers any requests for financial or other support, including capacity funding, received from Aboriginal Communities to Ontario
- Works with Aboriginal Communities to resolve issues and address concerns raised throughout the process, including:
  - Providing additional information about the Project and discuss how any changes to the Project could address potential impacts to rights (e.g., changes to Project design to avoid impacts, mitigation strategies, monitoring, adaptive management plans)
  - Following up with Aboriginal Communities on issues related to Project impacts and documents how issues were addressed during all phases of the environmental assessment process
- Refers questions, comments or concerns raised by Aboriginal Communities to Ontario that may be out of scope of the Proponent, the Project or the environmental assessment
- Integrates Indigenous knowledge and land use studies received from Aboriginal Communities into environmental assessment documentation, as appropriate, and documents how information was incorporated in the record of consultation
- Advises Ontario within a month of receipt of:
  - Any actual, potential or asserted adverse impact of the Project on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights, whether Webequie First Nation becomes aware of such impact or assertion through its consultation activities or otherwise
  - Any notice or statement by any Aboriginal Community that some or all of its Aboriginal or treaty rights concerns in connection with the Project have been resolved, how they have been addressed and whether the Aboriginal Community is supportive of the Project

• Reviews any actual, potential or asserted adverse impacts, assesses the depth of consultation required with Aboriginal Communities based on those impacts, and advises the Proponent and any applicable Aboriginal Communities if there are changes to the list of Aboriginal Communities that should be consulted with on the basis that they have established or credibly asserted constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project • Assesses whether the consultation process in relation to the Project is adequate, which may include contacting Aboriginal Communities to discuss the adequacy of consultation and any proposed accommodation • Determines whether accommodation of any adverse impacts of the Project on rights is required, and if so, its adequacy	o Any questions, comments or concerns raised by Aboriginal Communities that fall outside the scope of the Project and the environmental assessment
3. Record Keeping	
• Works with the Proponent to develop common template to record consultation that meets both Statutory Consultation and Duty obligations • Receives and reviews monthly Proponent reports to provide ongoing oversight, understand issues, and identify any gaps • Keeps Proponent informed of any relevant Ontario records as they are received through the bi-weekly coordination calls, or other appropriate and timely means (i.e., within a month of receipt) • Documents and records Ontario consultation activities using common template • Notifies the Proponent of issues and correspondence received by Ontario for response and incorporation into environmental assessment documentation, as appropriate • Documents how issues were addressed at the end of the process (e.g., during Ministry Review) (MECP) • Reviews Proponent and Ontario records of consultation and assesses sufficiency of consultation at decision points • Confirms accuracy of the Proponent's records of consultation with Aboriginal Communities	• Works with Ontario to develop common templates to record consultation that meets both Statutory Consultation and Duty obligations • Submits monthly consultation reports to Ontario (using template) • Keeps detailed and organized records of all consultation activities (e.g., meetings, calls, correspondence) and analyzes input received from Aboriginal Communities using common template • Integrates Indigenous knowledge and land use studies received from Aboriginal Communities into environmental assessment documentation, as appropriate, and documents how information was incorporated in the record of consultation • Prepares and submits record of consultations for the terms of reference and environmental assessment to Ontario, including detailed records of correspondence, meetings, receipt of notices, etc., issues raised and how they were resolved or addressed. Includes primary records as appendices to the records of consultation

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD
TECHNICAL TEAM MEETING

Neskantaga First Nation
March 1, 2020

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with the Neskantaga First Nation (FN) Technical Team on March 1, 2020 at the SNC-Lavalin Office in Toronto. The purpose of the meeting was to share information the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team with descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities.

QUESTIONS FROM TECHNICAL TEAM

After the presentation, the Neskantaga FN Technical Team asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

1. Q: Is Webequie FN the proponent of the EA or of the road?
   R: Webequie FN is the proponent of the EA. Webequie FN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the road.

2. Q: How do the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) process and federal Impact Assessment (IA) process go together?
   R: The EA and IA processes are supposed to be coordinated. One document is produced which satisfies both processes. The Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) is our work plan for the IA, which contains a Coordination Plan to outline how the provincial and federal governing bodies will be aligned.

3. Q: In the comments you have received, are there any issues regarding provincial alignment with the federal agencies?
   R: Coordination occurs when it can occur. Timelines do not align perfectly. In some cases, certain stages do align, but they are still two separate processes.

4. Q: How does this inter-governmental alignment impact consultation with First Nations? There has been limited engagement with our community and we have protocols to meet like this before meeting with the community. How does that Coordination Plan work with our community?
   R: We want to hear from you regarding how you want to be consulted with. We want to hear what your protocols are, so that we can tailor our consultation plan to your community's protocols.

5. Q: We want to know what the provincial government is telling you as proponents regarding engagement with First Nations like Neskantaga? What instructions or direction have they provided to you as the proponent?
   R: A description of our consultation activities are included in the Terms of Reference. We have a focused list of First Nations based on Webequie's three-tiered approach. There are eights communities (which includes Webequie FN) on this focussed list and the province has a list of 22 potentially impacted Indigenous communities.

6. Q: In terms of our working relationship, we have a long history with Webequie FN. How does the project accommodate this? I understand that there will be a Chief-to-Chief discussion regarding issues and how to potentially work together. How does this project accommodate our own protocol? One of the first things in our protocol is a neutral site meeting, and then it will go to the community.
   R: The Consultation Plan with the ToR is more a consultation strategy whereby the consultation plans will be more community-specific based on the procedures of the protocols. We modify the consultation plan with a framework specific to each community. For example, Kasabonika Lake FN told us what we have to do. When we go in there, we have to be prepared to go through their process. We do the engagement based on what you give us as the requirements, and we adapt to your community.

7. Q: Neskantaga's protocol clearly states that we need a neutral site meeting. We were hoping to have a Chief-to-Chief meeting here to figure out a way to move along via community-level discussion. Ultimately, the goal is to bring back the information to the community and discuss issues the community wants us to ask about. We want to know what kind of studies are proposed. It is critical in our initial step to get as much information to the First Nation to relay back to Chief and Council and then back to the community members. We want the community to be able to participate before you come into the community.
   R: We face that in Webequie as well. We do real-time translation. We want people to know and understand the information and we do not want to talk in 'planning language'. We break down information so it can be translated. It is better for us if your community members get the information in advance. For example, for all the studies, we want the community members to see what we are planning and doing. We went them to understand in plain language what we are going to do. Our job is to get you information that is understandable.

8. Q: In terms of studies, what have you done or what is being planned moving forward?
   R: We have done a LiDAR study to understand the height of the land. Woodland caribou survey took place in February 2018 and 2019. A nursery habitat survey took place in June 2019. We have also completed a waterfowl survey, a calving survey and a bat survey; these are Species at Risk.

9. Q: Did Elders take part in that?
   R: Community members took part in the surveys, and Elders provided input. The Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) wants us to do collaring surveys where you can capture and a put GPS collar on the caribou to see where they are going.

10. Q: How will the information be used? Will it define the route?
    R: A lot of information exists, and this will complement what we have generated and collected already. This route selection has taken this information into consideration and, most importantly, it took community members' input into consideration.

11. Q: In terms of reports produced from these studies, one question we are asked by the community is whether simplified versions of them will be made available because, often, they are technical and community members cannot understand them. Will you be doing more simplified versions for community members to read and get information?
    R: We will endeavour to produce information that can be understood by as many people as possible. These documents do get very technical and scientific which need to be simplified so that more people can understand their content.

12. Q: Are there any studies being done specific to sturgeon? They are identified as critically endangered on the federal list.
    R: We are working on an Aquatic Work Plan. We are doing spawning surveys. We understand there are sturgeon in the Mukutei River and in the Winisk River.

13. Q: How many water crossings are there?
    R: There are twenty-six crossings with three major crossings at the Mukutei River, Winiskisis Channel and Winisk Lake.

14. Q: Will there be a health component to the socio-economic baseline studies?
    R: There will be a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) that will be conducted to show those impacts. We are still developing the work plan for that study, which will be reviewed and discussed with the federal and provincial agencies.

15. Q: Will the HIA include effects from the road and Phase 2?
    R: We will be doing a cumulative effects assessment and we have a list of projects from IAAC that we must include in that assessment.

16. Q: Is there an opportunity for Neskantaga to get involved, for instance, in a working group or advisory group to collaborate on some of these issues? In some way there is a

family connection to all of these (Webequie) families. Consider involving other communities; not just Webequie.
R: We need to review the final TISG and determine the best methodologies for all the studies.

17. Q: Can you provide a list of the studies and some of the things we should be aware of so that community members can understand the details?
R: Yes, we can do that. We can also provide a description of what they will include.

18. Q: Who is your archaeologist? We have an archaeologist that works with us. As we move forward, if we have more meetings when it comes to these issues, will we get them involved in terms of assessing information?
R: We can let you know once we have hired our archaeology sub-consultant to provide these services.

19. Q: Do you have permitting for aggregates?
R: At this point, we want to know more precisely where the aggregate sources are. The next step is to determine approximately how much aggregate are is available at those locations.

20. Q: How much of the input and comments provided will be incorporated into the Final ToR? Because if they have concerns, there is no guarantee it is in the report.
R: We will be providing communities with detailed responses as to how their comments and input have been considered and incorporated into the Final ToR, which will be in our record of consultation. The government wants to make sure that you are being listened to.

21. Q: Do you have anymore information on the Regional Assessment?
R: Chief Wabasse will respond to the letter with the Minister's decision on a Regional Assessment, as he wants to sit on the committee regarding the Regional Assessment.

22. Q: It is unusual for the First Nation to be a proponent with the government. Could you provide clarity on that?
R: Webequie First Nation is the sole proponent for the Environmental Assessment for the Webequie Supply Road. The whole point of Webequie First Nation doing this is to generate information to decide whether they want the road or not. It is for Webequie Chief and Council and their community members to understand the impacts – both positive and negative. That's why Webequie's Three-Tier process is included.

23. Q: In terms of the questions we have provided, is there a possibility that you can answer them and send us a response?
R: Yes, we can do that and provide you with responses to the questions you've provided.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Neskantaga Technical Team (marked as "TT" for Council Point).

Consultation & Engagement

- TT: Our community doesn't have direct engagement on the Webequie Supply Road project. In terms of working relationship, we have a long history with Webequie. A lot of these members are interconnected with the families and relationships. Chief-to-Chief discussions take place regarding issues and how to potentially work together. One of the things in our protocol is a neutral site for the initial meeting, eventually it will go to the community.

Technical Studies

- TT: The initial documents are very technical and oftentimes overwhelming, even to Four Rivers. That's why its important to have a simplified version which will help you and the community.

Socio-economic & Health Impact Studies

- TT: I understand that Chief Moonias and Chief Wabasse are trying to build the relationships through traditional foods, makes us think with an open mind.
- TT: It is hard to get the federal government to understand what we have to contend with when it comes to health and other socio-economic issues.
- TT: Consider involving other communities, not just to Webequie, in the Health Impact Assessment.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Neskantaga FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. SNCL to provide information to communities in simplified language prior to consultation and engagement events.
2. SNCL will provide a list of the studies completed, what they include and anything Neskantaga FN should be aware of, so community members can understand the details.
3. SNCL will investigate other potential surveys for study of sturgeon.
4. SNCL will inform Neskantaga FN when they have hired a sub-consultant to complete the archaeological assessment.
5. SNCL will provide a response to the questions provided by Neskantaga FN.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will contact Neskantaga FN Chief and Council once the final Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community. Neskantaga FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.20

Nibinamik First Nation

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WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Johnny Yellowhead
General Delivery, via Pickle Lake
Summer Beaver ON P0T 3B0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Yellowhead:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). At that time, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) wrote you to explain that Webequie First Nation would be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment and outlined the next steps in that process.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Johnny Yellowhead
Chief
Nibinamik First Nation
General Delivery
Summer Beaver, ON P0T3B0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Yellowhead:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Nibinamik First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Nibinamik First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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22) Please indicate whether the Nibinamik First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

23) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

24) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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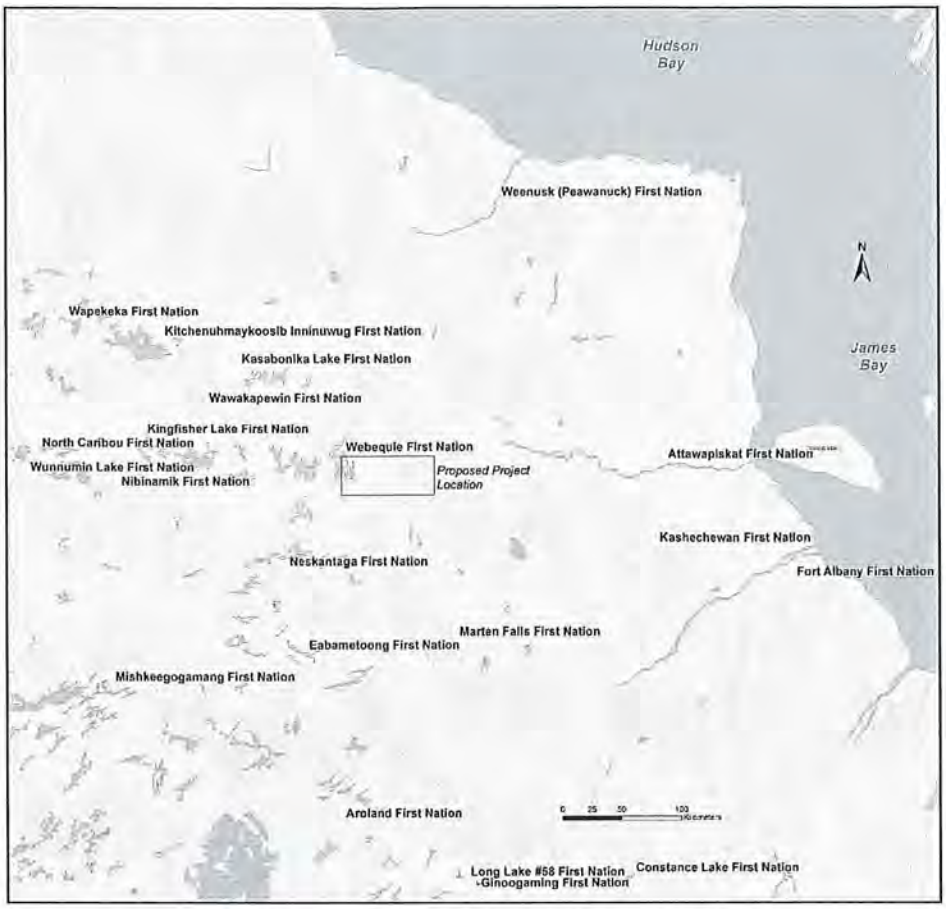
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

THE PROCESS

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

CONSULTATION

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice first published January 25, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:06 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Nibinamik First Nation.pdf

Dear Chief Yellowhead,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Nibinamik First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Johnny Yellowhead
Chief
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General Delivery
Summer Beaver, ON P0T3B0

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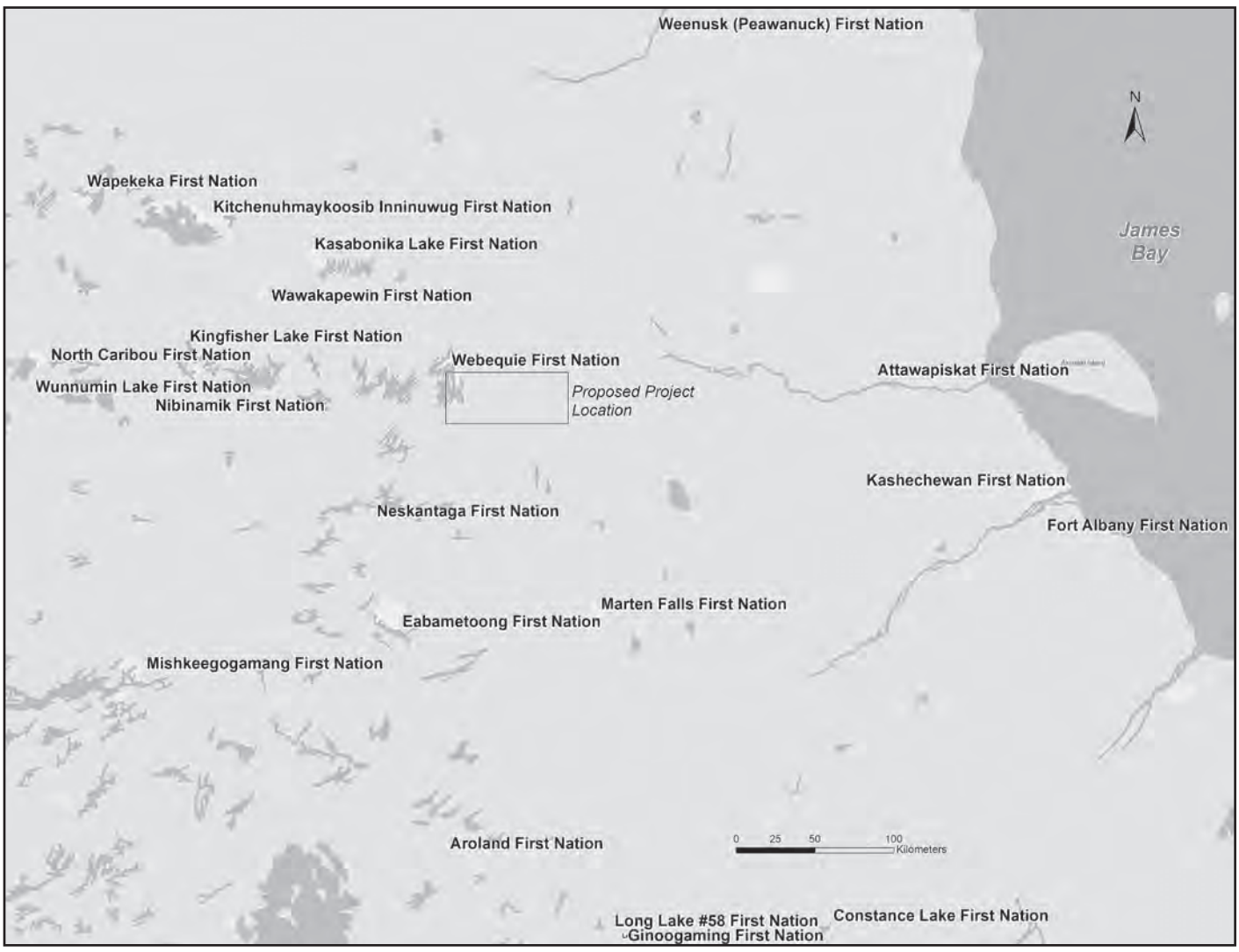
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
Tel: 416-314-8001 / 1-800-461-6290
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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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October 2, 2019

Chief Johnny Yellowhead
Nibinamik First Nation
General Delivery
Summer Beaver, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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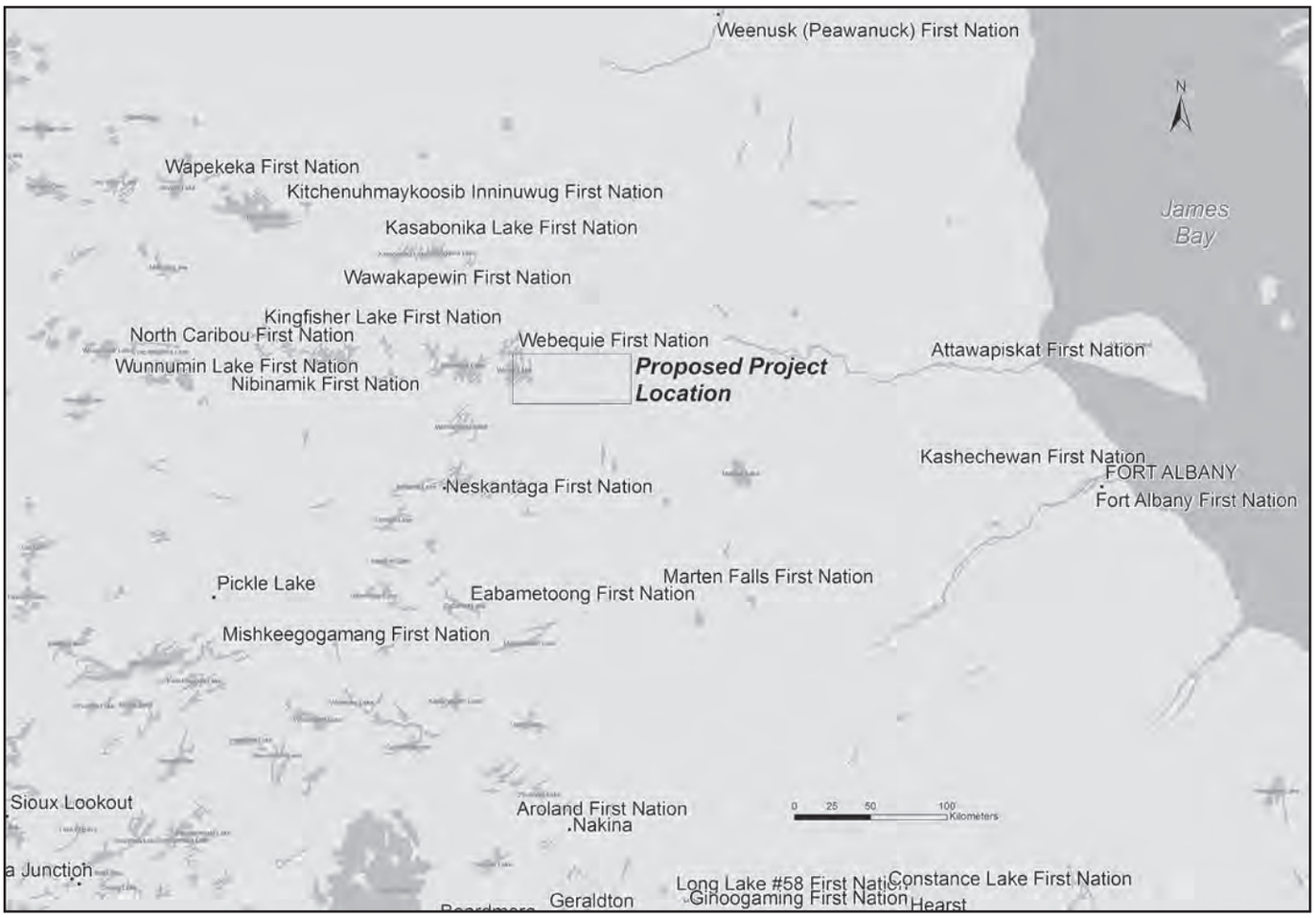
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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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Darson, Christine

From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 8:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Nibinamik ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Sheldon Oshkineegish
Nibinamik First Nation
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Summer Beaver, ON P0T 3B0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
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A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) and was sent to your community to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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Darson, Christine

From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 8:26 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Nibinamik ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Sheldon Oshkineegish
Nibinamik First Nation
General Delivery
Summer Beaver, ON P0T 3B0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Sheldon Oshkineegish,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Nibinamik First Nation
July 24, 2019
11:00am – 1:00pm

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Nibinamik FN Chief and Council on July 24, 2019 at the Nibinamik First Nation Educational Centre. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation was on the engagement/consultation process, brief project description, the EA process, the ToR and how it will be prepared and the need for input from Indigenous communities. Communication materials were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the presentation; 50 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 50 copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English, Oji-Cree, Ojibway; and 50 copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in English and Oji-Cree.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

After the presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked “Q”). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked “R”), where provided.

1. Q: What if something happens and there are impacts during construction of the supply road?
   R: Our team of specialists conduct surveys to investigate the area to see what the impacts will be. This is why we are doing an EA, to determine the impacts and then come up with mitigation measures. We conduct environmental surveys and collect information on the existing condition of the environment so that we have a baseline or reference to compare to both during and after construction If something happens and baseline conditions are changed, further investigation is done to determine if proper mitigation measures were followed and if these measures need to be changed in order to prevent the specific problem from re-occurring.

2. Q: Sometimes with EA’s like what you’re doing, we try to work with other communities and provide input, however, it affects our process and it affects us aligning ourselves for

funding. Do you have a solid agreement in place where it doesn't affect your process such as the Three-Tiered approach, and is it supported by government?
R: We are working on an agreement with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) around shared responsibilities on consultation. The agreement is draft at this stage. Normally the Province delegates the procedural aspects of consultation to the Proponent through a Letter of Delegation. Instead, for this project, it is a shared model of consultation so that the Proponent will conduct the engagement and consultation duties with the Crown.

3. Q: I heard that there is a company that is interesting in building a railroad from Marten Falls First Nation.
R: KWG Resources conducted geotechnical work in the area for a possible railway. It was conceptual with some studies but no project description was officially submitted for a railway. Right now Marten Falls First Nation's project is a community access road.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Nibinamik FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Community Consultation

- Chief Yellowhead: This meeting is considered a meeting with Council, not a community meeting. We have a protocol which states that project proponents are to meet with Council before determining how and when to engage with our community members. .

Community Impacts

- Chief Yellowhead: We have had meetings with the previous Ontario Premier in the past about implementing some kind of development strategy that balances our way of life. . When Webequie First Nation became a Proponent in these EA processes, you get tied down with provincial legislation and policies. I would encourage Webequie to think about that for we know that all the provincial laws will impact us without considerations of our way of life. We need to generate prosperity in a balanced way. It is going to affect Nibinamik too, not just Webequie. We need to implement some sort of strategy or discussion on that. The Premier heard that from our elders and encouraged the Chiefs to work together on this process. Communicating is important, that is why we have some community members here to hear what Webequie is doing.
R: Webequie is the Proponent of the EA Study, we do not know whether Webequie will be the owner or operator of the road. There is no Proponent for the road for construction. The EA requires us to think about operations and maintenance but we don't know who will be doing that at this point in the process

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Nibinamik FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to provide electronic PowerPoint Presentation to Chief and Council.

2. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

3. Project Team to work with Chief and Council to arrange a community information session.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Nibinamik FN Chief and Council once the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Nibinamik FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.21

North Caribou Lake First Nation

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Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Dinah Kanate
General Delivery
Weagamow Lake ON P0V 2Y0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Kanate:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, your community does not appear to have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely impacted by the Project. However, Ontario understands that your community may have an interest in the potential environmental effects of the project. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the ministry) has shared that understanding with the proponent and indicated that your community should be consulted on that basis during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential will be documented by Webequie First Nation in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead
Afsana Qureshi, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Lori Churchill, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Jason Frechette, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Anjala Puvananathan, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Christine Greenaway, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Dinah Kanate
Chief
North Caribou Lake First Nation
General Delivery
Weagamow Lake, ON P0T3B0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Kanate:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the North Caribou Lake First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the North Caribou Lake First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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55) Please indicate whether the North Caribou Lake First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

56) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

57) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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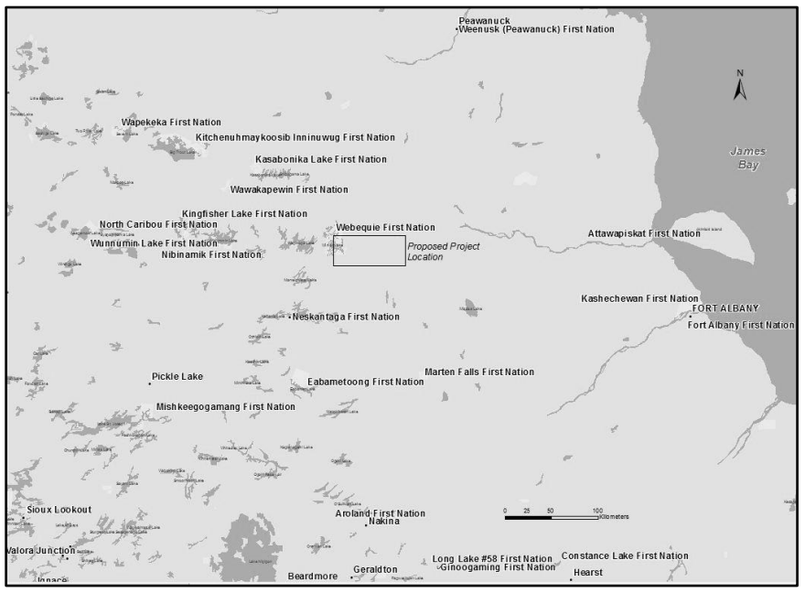
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained, and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public, as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at (416) 327-1434.

This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 11:15 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_North Caribou Lake First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Kanate,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the North Caribou Lake First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Ms. Dinah Kanate
Chief
North Caribou Lake First Nation
General Delivery
Weagamow Lake, ON P0T3B0

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Kanate,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Sincerely,

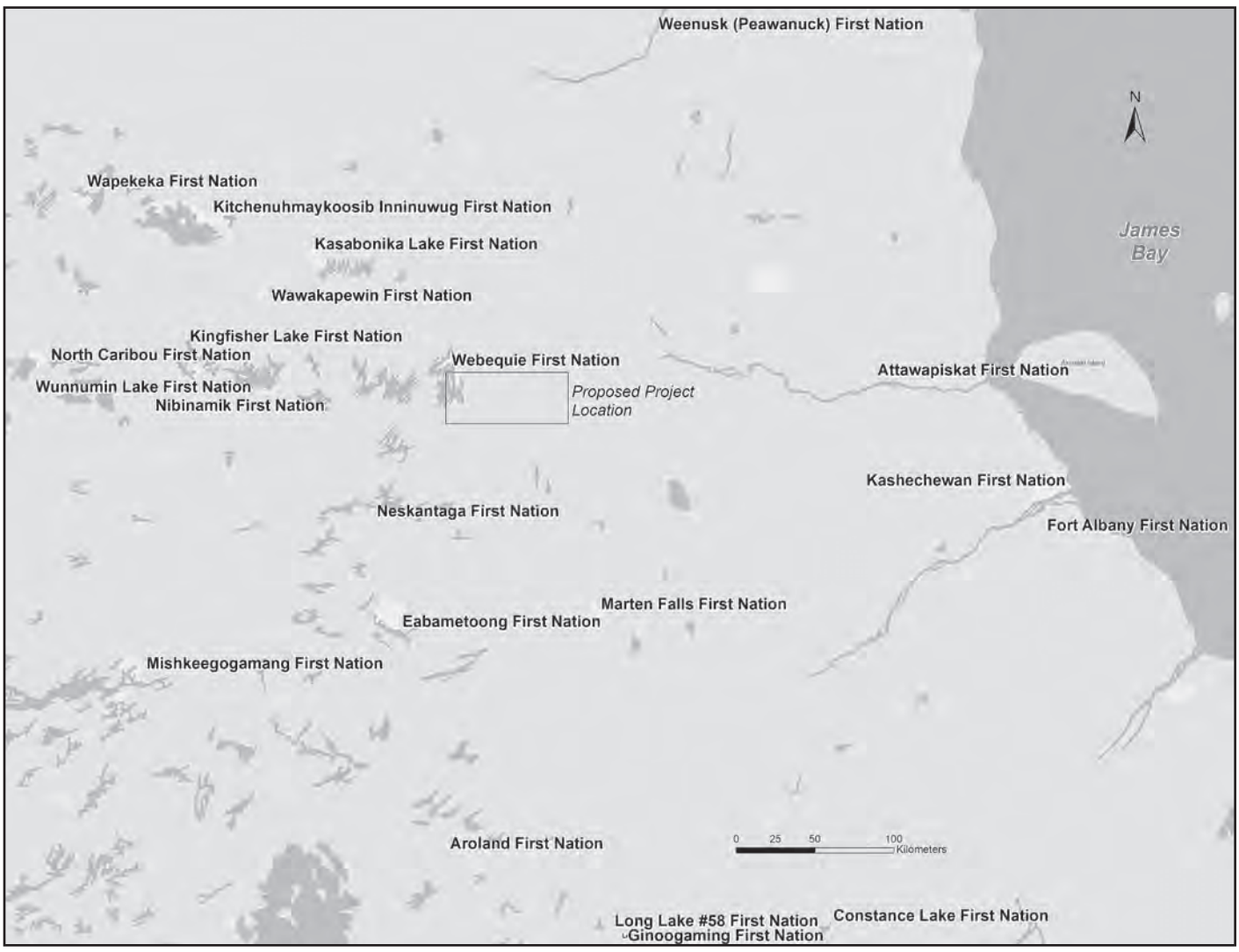
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
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USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR has also been sent to the office of the Chief should you prefer to review the document in those formats.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

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October 2, 2019

Chief Dinah Kanate
North Caribou Lake First Nation
General Delivery
Weagamow Lake, ON
P0T3B0

Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Kanate,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to North Caribou Lake First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Sincerely,

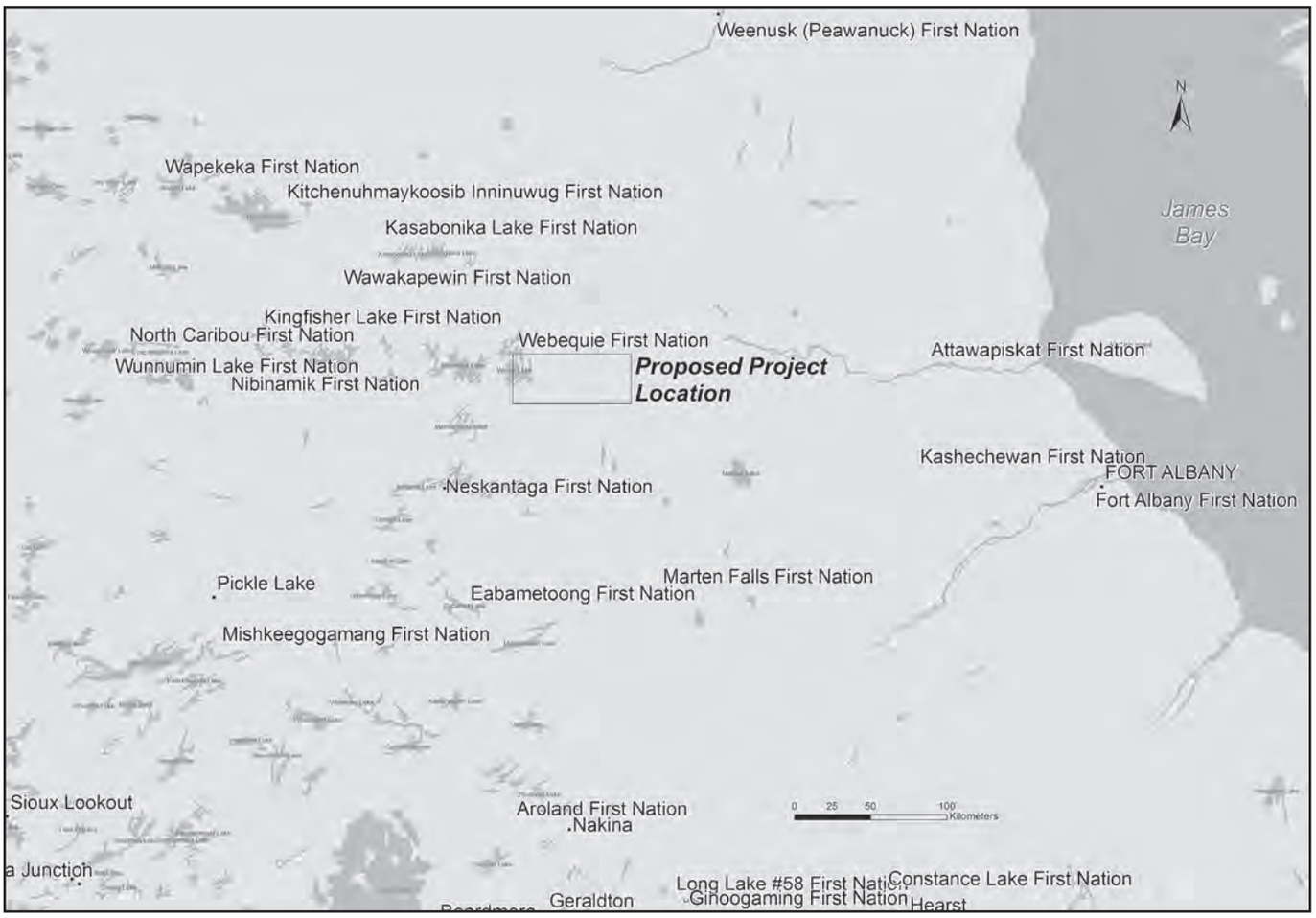
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

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CONTACT

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

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

Dear Sir/Madam,

This message is in relation to the notification sent via mail and email on September 11, 2019 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project and the availability of the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment (refer to attached correspondence dated September 11, 2019). The Webequie Supply Road Project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of northwestern Ontario.

The 30-day review and comment period for the Draft ToR concluded on October 16, 2019. To date, we have not received comments from you and your community. As such, we are extending the review and comment period to **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**. Should you have any comments on the Draft ToR or the project, kindly submit your comments to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website (www.supplyroad.ca) by November 6, 2019.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Don Parkinson

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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From: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca
Sent: March 11, 2020 8:08 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Kashechewan ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Leo Friday
Kashechewan First Nation
P.O. Box 240
Kashechewan, ON P0L 1S0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Leo Friday,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc.
Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc.

APPENDIX P1.E.22

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Linda Kitchkeesick
Executive Assistant & Office Manager
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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Kitchkeesick:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Shibogama Council of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Shibogama Council would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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97) Please indicate whether the Shibogama Council has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

98) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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99) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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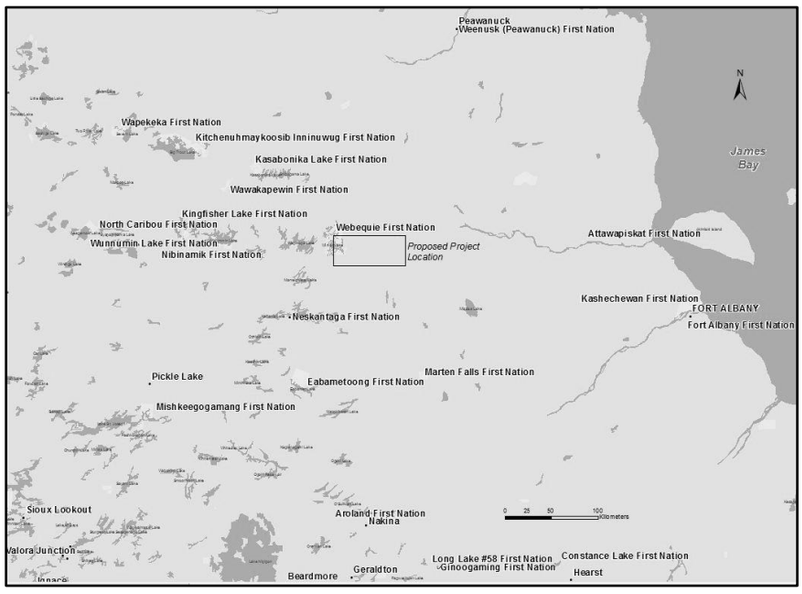
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:14 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Shibogama Council.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Ms. Kitchkeesick,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Shibogama Council be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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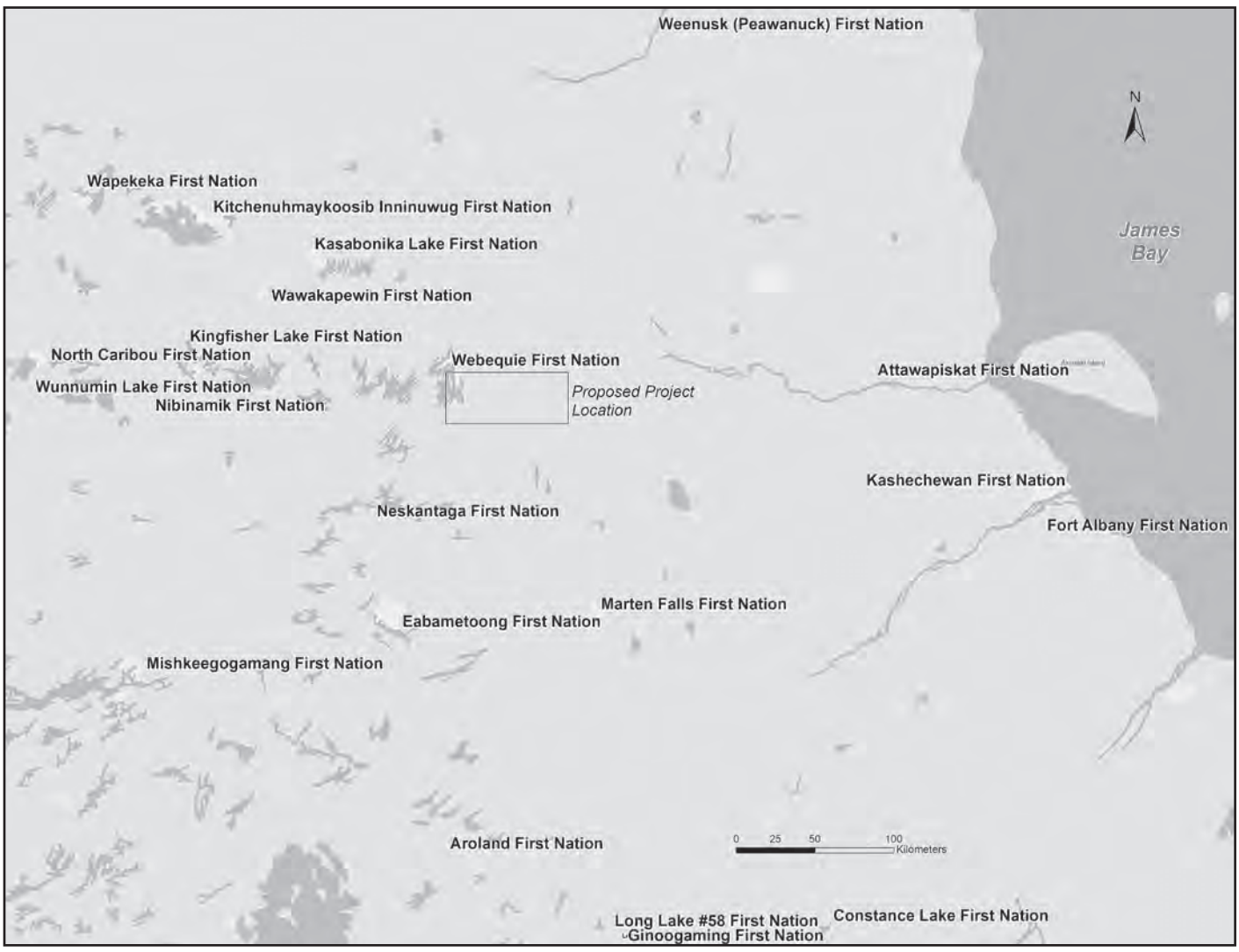
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Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; Michael Fox; [redacted] Catherine Banning; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Supply Road; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Published Notice of Draft ToR.PDF; Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Sincerely,

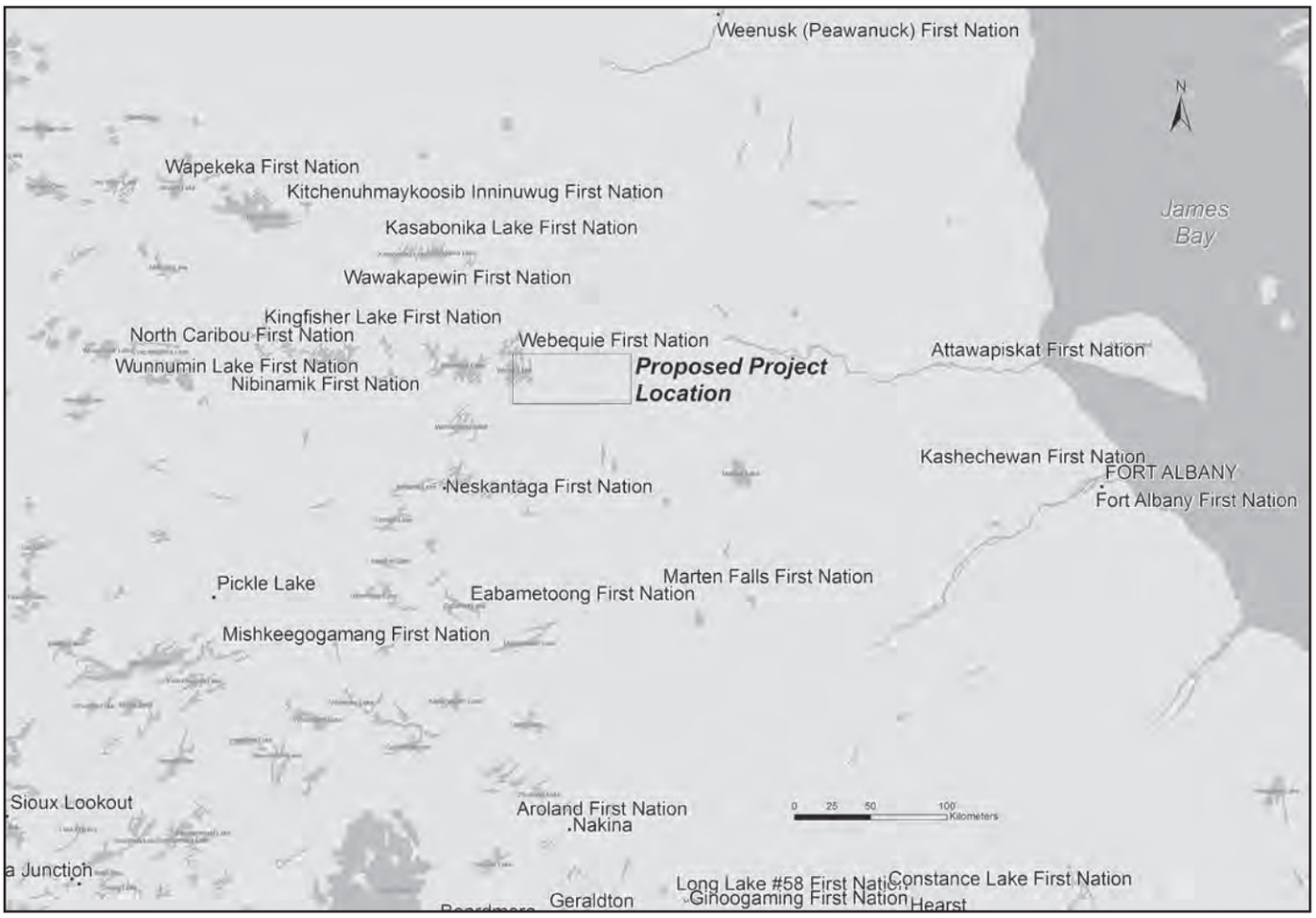
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Enclosed:
Notice of Public Information Centre

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Best regards,

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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APPENDIX P1.E.23

Wapekeka First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Brennan Sainnawap
P.O. Box 2
Wapekeka ON P0V 1B0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Sainnawap:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Don Parkinson, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Brennan Sainnawap
Chief
Wapekeka First Nation
P.O. Box 2
Angling Lake, ON P0V1B0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Sainnawap:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Wapekeka First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Wapekeka First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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46) Please indicate whether the Wapekeka First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

47) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

48) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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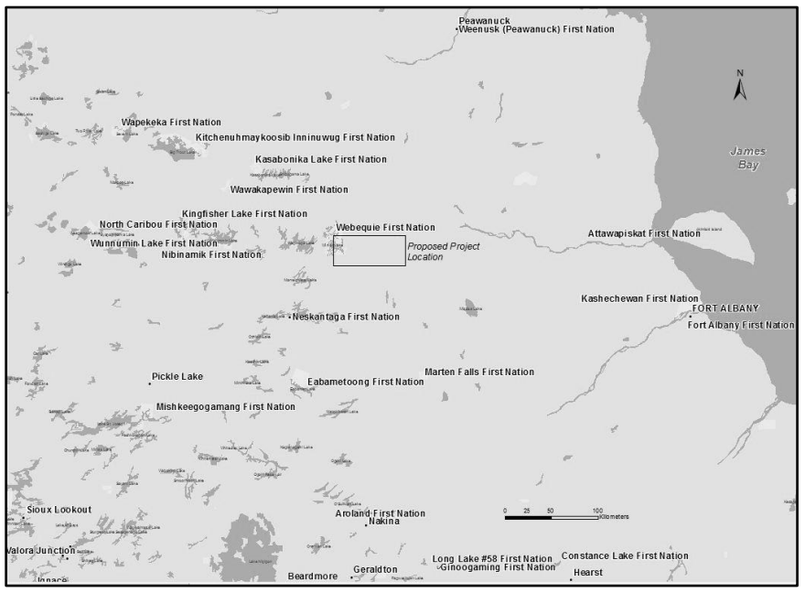
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:19 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Wapekeka First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Sainnawap,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Wapekeka First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Assessment

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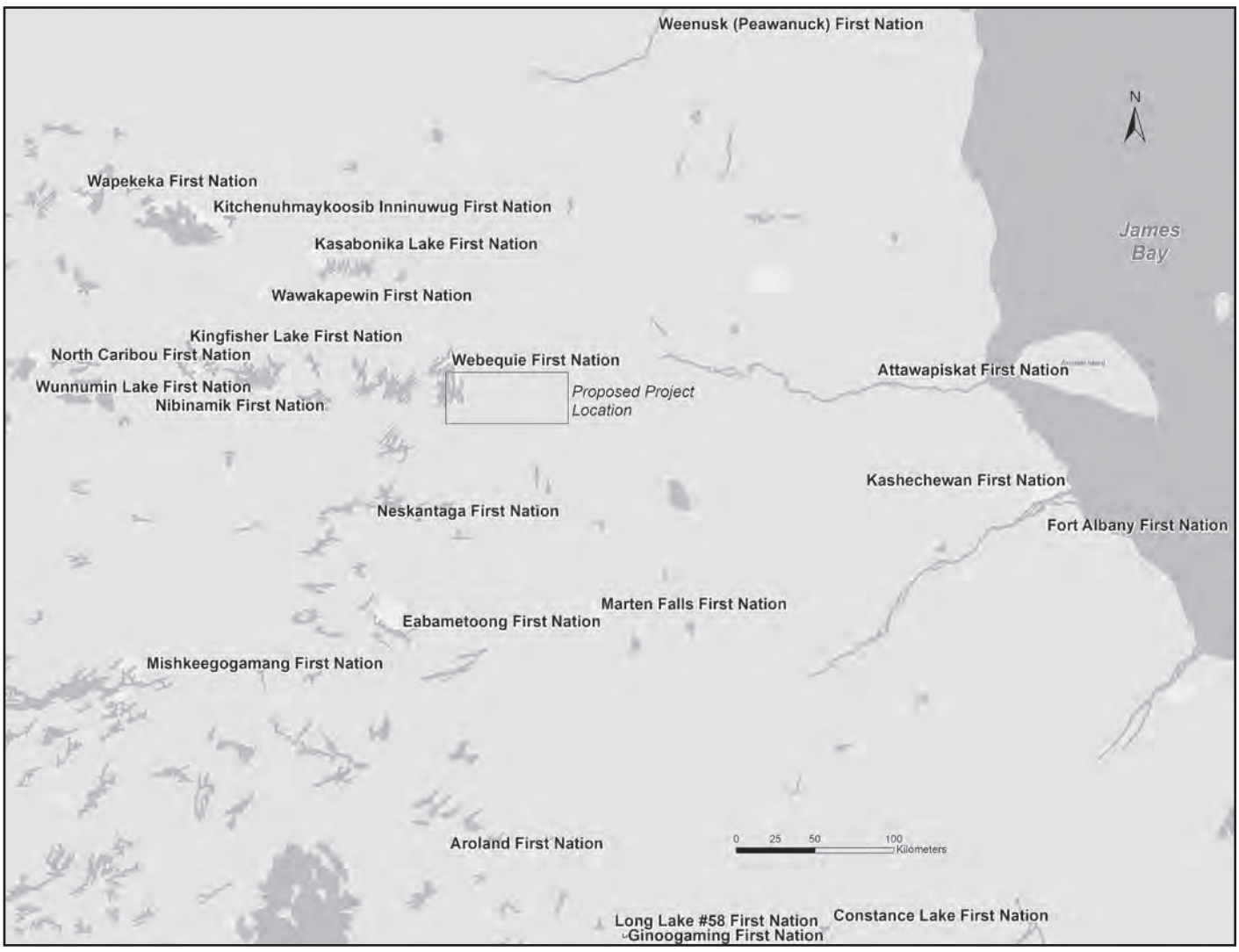
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USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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1st Floor
Toronto, ON
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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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October 2, 2019

Chief Brennan Sainnawap
Wapekeka First Nation
P.O. Box 2
Angling Lake, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
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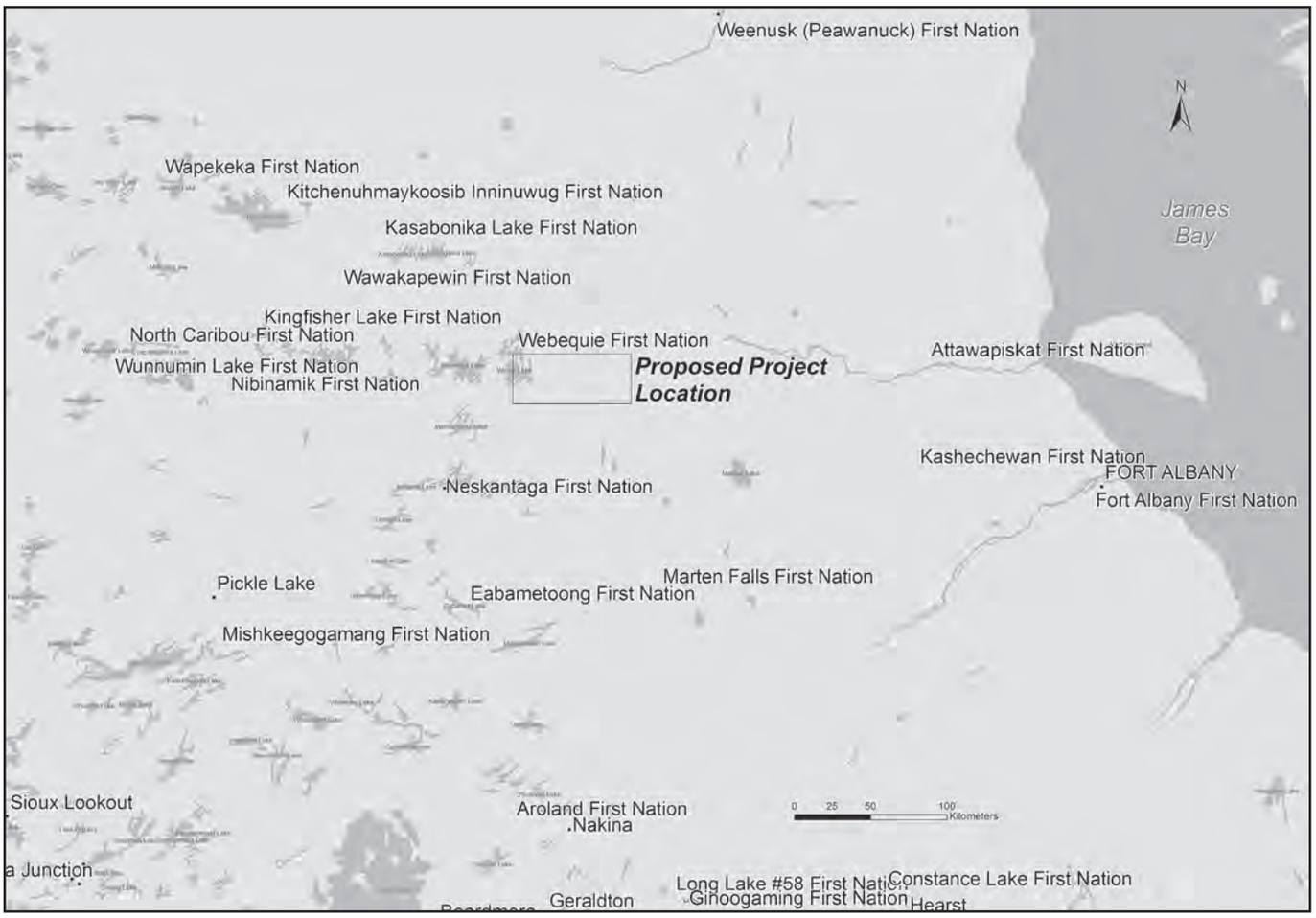
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WSR240-SNC-PR-PUN-0003 SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09

Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; "Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)"; "Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)"
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Date: March 11, 2020 8:14:21 PM
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Wapekeka ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

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Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Brennan Sainnawap
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
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Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Wapekeka First Nation
August 27, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Wapekeka FN Chief and Council on August 27, 2019 at the Wapekeka First Nation Band Office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and the EA Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA Process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities.

Communication materials were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the Feedback Form; 10 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in Oji-Cree and 20 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in English for Chief and Council and to be posted in the Band Office; 10 hard copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the presentation; and 130 Newsletter Issue 1 in English for households.

The meeting started with an opening prayer. Chief Brennan Sainnawap welcomed the Project Team to the community and to meet with Chief and Council. The meeting was translated in Oji-Cree by Darby Harper, Community Development Liaison. The meeting ended with a closing prayer.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

After the presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked “Q”). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked “R”), where provided.

1. Q: How many community meetings have you done?
   R: The Province gave us a list of 21 First Nation communities and 1 Métis community (Region 2). Of the 22 communities on our list, we have met with: Weenusk FN, Kingfisher Lake FN, Kasabonika Lake FN, Mishkeegogamang First Nation, Nibinamik FN, Marten Falls FN and Webequie FN. This is the first round of project meetings. The

next step is to do a community information session. We would like to know the format you want for the community information session and your community engagement protocols.

2. Q: If this road is constructed, will it be a private road or a government-owned road?
   R: Webequie is the proponent for the EA. It is unknown who will be the owner of the road; it could be solely owned by the Province or co-owned with the First Nation. There are many possibilities. There are four different types of roads: winter road, resource road, all-season road, and highway. However, there is no formal classification for all-season roads. This is something new for the Far North area with a new classification and new type of regulations.

3. Q: How does the road impact traplines or other families?
   R: Community members have identified their family/clan traditional land overlaps with the Project Study Area. The routing was determined by community members based on a variety of mainly environmentally significant areas, traditional knowledge and land use factors. We have maps of alternatives. The corridor started at 20 km wide, then was narrowed to 10km wide and is now 2km wide. Currently we are determining the centreline position of the road. Webequie has a local consultation coordinator that works with the land users, harvesters and knowledge keepers to determine the best route for the Supply Road.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Wapekeka FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Introductory Meeting

- Chief Sainnawap: As this is our first meeting we do not have a lot of questions because there is a lot of information to absorb. If there is another meeting, we will have more questions as we know more about what is going on with the Project.

First Nation Partnerships

- CP: Based on this information, the process looks good. One of the highlights I see is that it is a First Nation-led process, while working with both levels of government and their agencies. I see the importance of creating partnerships by the road building that Webequie is leading. It is about looking at Indigenous knowledge, basing background information from the Elders and their knowledge of the land. This gives a community like Wapekeka the opportunity to be involved somehow by providing insight. It is also imperative that a First Nation member is present at these types of gatherings to build partnerships and work together. If you rely on Indigenous Knowledge, partnerships will form to achieve goals.
  R: It is important to Webequie that it is First Nation to First Nation. Webequie teaches the agencies about their Three Tier Approach and how that is the guiding principles to consultation and the EA. Webequie understands that this is a new process and they have questions about the road and how it will be governed and regulated.

Collective Discussion Amongst First Nation Leaders

- CP (translated from Oji-Cree): There should be discussions by the community leaders themselves as a group regarding the proposed road and to seek input, rather than approaching community leaders individually. That should be included in these types of visits.
  R: That is a good comment. There are pockets of activities and discussions; however, none of it is collective.

Managing Projects

- CP (translated from Oji-Cree): We tend to review and think about projects one at a time, rather than simultaneously. For example, Wataynekaneyap project with power coming north. Currently we are considering and concentrating on that one project. This helps us do things properly, rather than over-extending ourselves on big scale projects. It is important to concentrate on one big project at a time.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Wapakeka FN Chief and Council (marked "CP" for Council Point). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

Webequie Representation at the Meeting

- Chief Sainnawap: My one concern is that there is nobody from Webequie to talk about their perspective. This is the Webequie Supply Road Project.
  R: There is a Webequie Project Management Team. There is also a Local Consultation Coordinator in Webequie as well as a Regional Consultation Coordinator. This meeting is an introductory meeting. If you desire another meeting, such as a community information session, a Webequie member will be present as they usually attend community information sessions.

Public Access

- Chief Sainnawap: I am concerned about public access with the supply road, anybody can access the land there. If the road is funded by the government, it becomes a public road.
  R: We hope to bring a Webequie member at our next meeting because there are current discussions with higher levels of government regarding such topics as access and control.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Wapekeka FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

2. Project Team to work with Chief and Council to arrange a community information session.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Wapekeka FN Chief and Council once the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) has been completed to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Wapekeka FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.24

Wawakapewin First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

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December 19, 2018

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RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Beardy:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Annamaria Cross
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January 25, 2019

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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Beardy:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Wawakapewin First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Wawakapewin First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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49) Please indicate whether the Wawakapewin First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

50) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

51) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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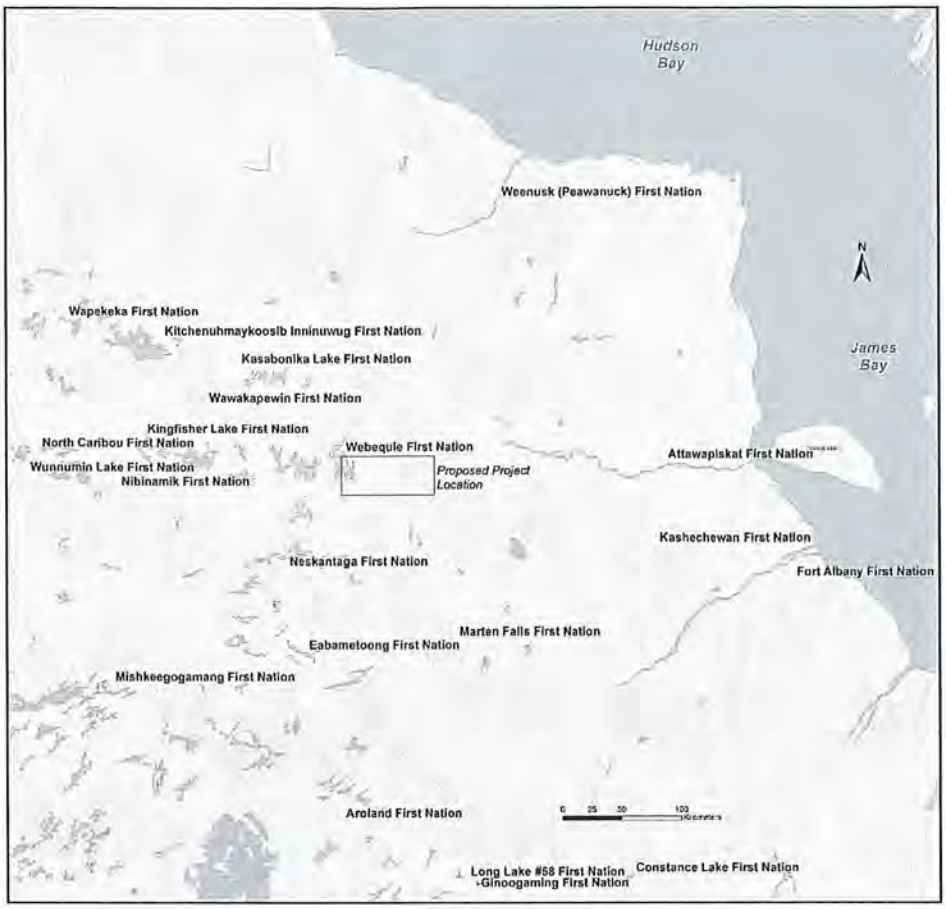
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

THE PROCESS

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

CONSULTATION

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 30, 2019 6:00 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Marten Falls First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Achneepineskum,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Marten Falls First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

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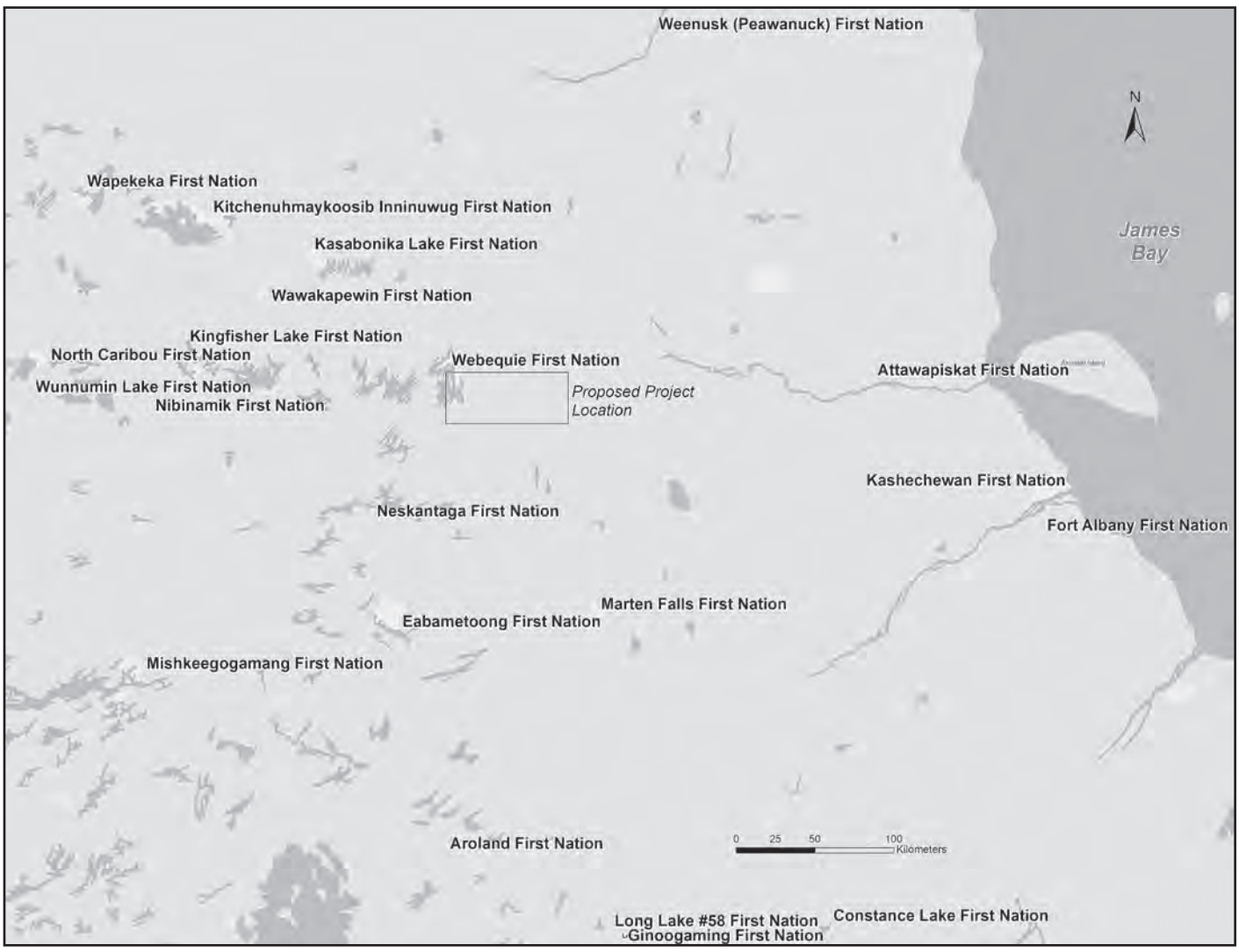
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

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500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West
1st Floor
Toronto, ON
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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Environmental Assessment

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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October 2, 2019

Chief Anne Marie Beardy
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
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Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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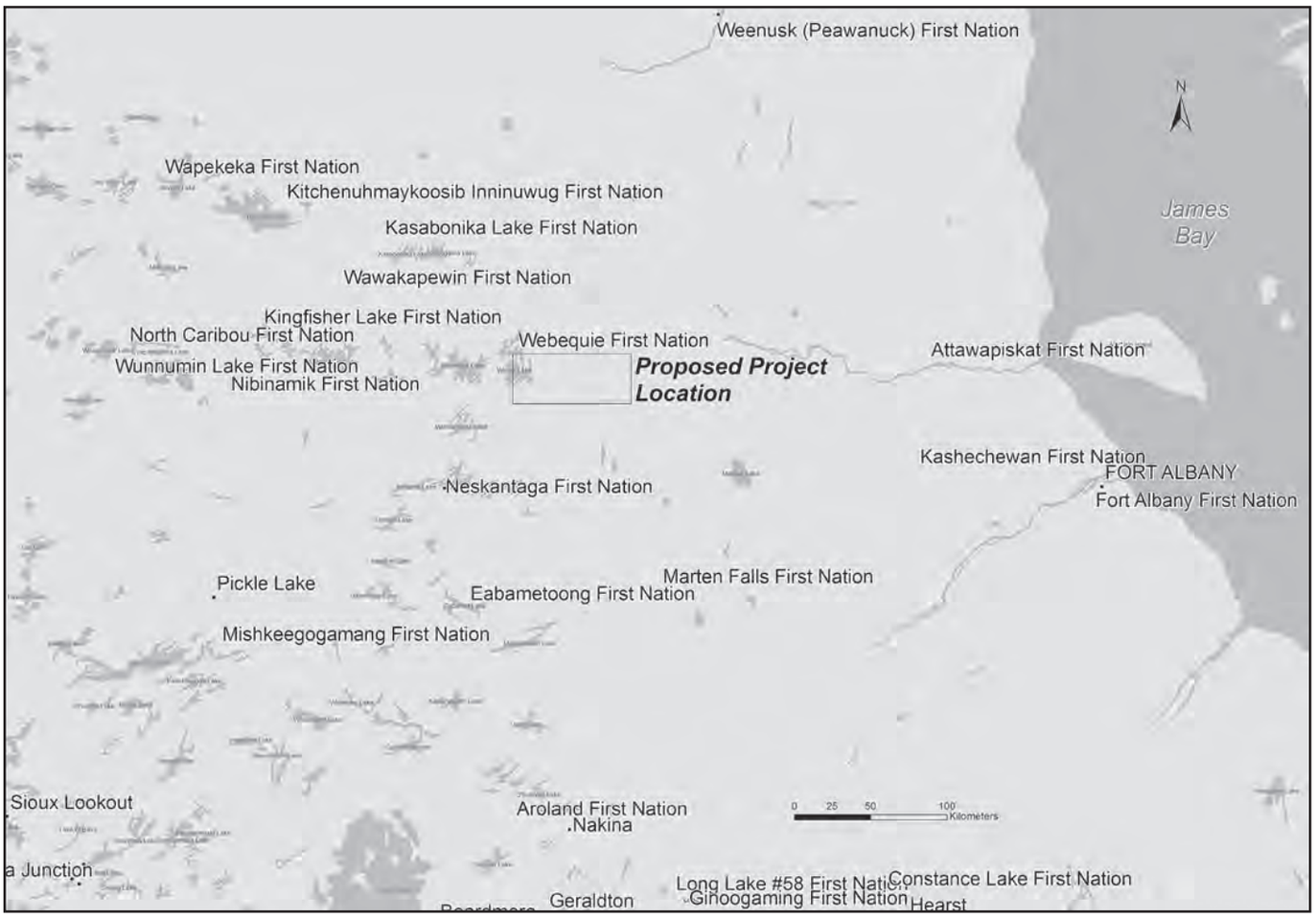
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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

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Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
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From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Sent: March 11, 2020 8:13 PM
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Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Wawakapewin ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Anne Marie Beardy
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Anne Marie Beardy,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Wawakapewin First Nation
August 28, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council on August 28, 2019 at the Victoria Inn Boardroom in Thunder Bay. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and the EA Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities.

Communication materials were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the Feedback Form; 10 hard copies of Newsletter Issue 1 in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of Frequently Asked Questions in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the ToR Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 10 hard copies of the presentation for Chief and Council

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

After the presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked “Q”). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked “R”), where provided.

1. Q: What is the timeline for this Project?
   R: The Environmental Assessment will take approximately 2 years.

2. Q: What are the main watercourses the road will be crossing?
   R: There are three major water crossings. The biggest one is from the Webequie settlement on Eastwood Island to the mainland; the other are the Winiskesis Channel and the Muketei River at the east end of the road.

3. Q: Will you be going through muskeg or high ground?
   R: Approximately 60km of the road will be going through muskeg.

4. Q: During the natural environment baseline studies, did your team see any wolverine in the area?
   R: Field studies were conducted in the winter for caribou and to note any wildlife observations, where the tracks of a wolverine were observed.

5. Q: Did Webequie community members participate in the field studies?
   R: Yes, our Project Team had community members with them; they were a huge asset to the team. They were able to guide the team to their areas and identify wildlife species. In addition, the routing of the Supply Road was determined by traditional knowledge. With the traditional knowledge, we were able to avoid important areas to the community and determine route of least impact to community members. Discussions have been occurring over several years with elders, youth, and the membership to determine the route.

6. Q: Are there sufficient amounts of aggregate for building the road?
   R: Currently our specialists have identified aggregate deposits at the east and west ends of east-west segment of the road that crosses the muskeg areas.

7. Q: Will there be blasting as part of the construction of the road for material?
   R: It is estimated based on preliminary assessment that there is enough aggregate available to avoid having to do blasting of rock outcrops

8. Q: How far is Webequie to James Bay? Is Wawakapewin being consulted because it sits in the same watershed the Project is situated in?
   R: Webequie is approximately 250km to James Bay. The watershed empties into Hudson Bay. We received a consultation list from the Province which included 21 First Nation communities and one Métis community.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Wapekeka FN Chief and Council (marked as “CP” for Council Point).

Consultation with Local Communities

- CP: It is good that you are talking to the people who live in the area to get their thoughts on potential impacts as they are the ones that know the land.

Environmental Monitoring

- CP: Webequie should have their own company to conduct environmental monitoring during construction activities.

Route Alignment

- CP: Agree with the orientation of the route as it limits the number of water crossings.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to advise Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is complete.

2. Project Team to work with Chief and Council to arrange a community information session.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council once the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is complete to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

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CHIEF AND COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEETING

Wawakapewin First Nation
September 17, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council, Elders and community members on September 17, 2019 at the Wawakapewin FN Meeting Room. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities. The meeting was translated to Oji-Cree by a community member.

Communication materials were provided to the Chief and the community for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the presentation; 20 copies of the Community Newsletter in English; 20 copies of the Community Newsletter in Oji-Cree; 20 copies of the Terms of Reference Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; 20 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; and 20 feedback forms.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentation, Chief and Council and community members asked questions of clarification (marked “Q”). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked “R”), where provided.

1. Q: We attended a meeting last year about Wataynekaneyap, is this a different project?
   R: Yes, this project is different from Wataynekaneyap; this project is a supply road from Webequie FN, from their airport to the mineral development area near McFaulds Lake.

2. Q: Webequie FN is quite far from us. Why are you discussing the Project with us?
   R: When any community does a large-scale project such as this one, they need to create a project description and submit it to the government. The government then decides

which communities the Proponent need to consult with. They did not give us specific reasons as to why your community is on our list of Indigenous communities.

3. Q: You mentioned that Webequie has their own list of communities to consult with; what are the 8 FN communities?
   R: The 8 FN communities are Marten Falls, Nibinamik, Neskatanga, Eabametong, Kasabonika Lake, Weenusk, Attawapiskat, and Webequie.

4. Q: Were there any unusual finds during the study period? Either Species at Risk (SAR) or plants?
   R: There was a Species at Risk (SAR) bird observed. The area has a great deal of species richness and diversity. The woodland caribou were where they were supposed to be based on work from previous studies. We also did two winter caribou studies which covered an area much larger than the road corridor.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council and community members (marked as "CP" for Council Point and "MP" for Member Point).

Webequie FN Representation

- MP: It would have been better to have a Webequie representative present to talk about their process and what they are doing.
  R: A Webequie representative was supposed to be here but was unable to attend due to other project commitments. Webequie has their own list of communities that they want to consult with based on what they knew about land use and community member family/clan relationships. This list has 8 FNs, not 22 FNs that Ontario has indentified.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council and community members (marked "CP" for Council Point and "MP" for Member Point).

Proximity to Project Location

- Chief Anne Marie Beardy: The reason why we did not comment during our initial meeting is because the Project location is far away. It is understandable why we were consulted with for the Wataynekaneyap project because it is on our reserve, but the Webequie Supply Road does not concern us.
  R: Other FN's became interested in the Project because it is Indigenous-led and they thought that this would mark the beginning of development of northern roads. They are very interested in having an EA done for an all-season road and their comments may reflect this.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Wawakapewin FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to follow up on Draft ToR comments that are raised by the community.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is released for a 30-day public review period. Wawakapewin FN was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.25

Weenusk First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

Chief Cornelius Wabasse

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December 19, 2018

Chief Edmund Hunter
P.O. Box 1
Peawanuck ON P0L 2H0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Hunter:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
Don Parkinson, Project Manager, SNC Lavalin
Afsana Qureshi, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Lori Churchill, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ariane Heisey, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Jason Frechette, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Anjala Puvananathan, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Christine Greenaway, Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

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January 25, 2019

Mr. Edmund Hunter
Chief
Weenusk First Nation
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Peawanuck, ON P0L2H0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Weenusk First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Weenusk First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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37) Please indicate whether the Weenusk First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

38) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

_____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

39) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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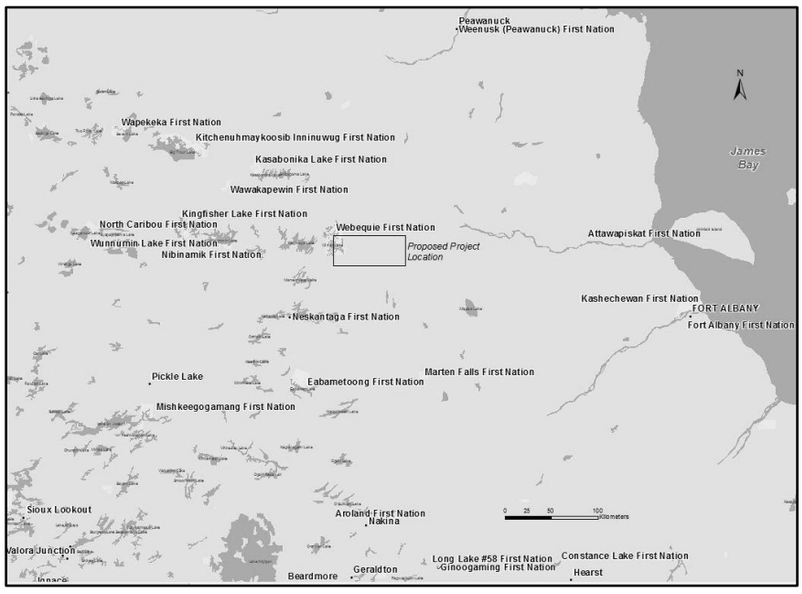
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:26 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Weenusk First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Chief Hunter,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Weenusk First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Edmond Hunter
Chief
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

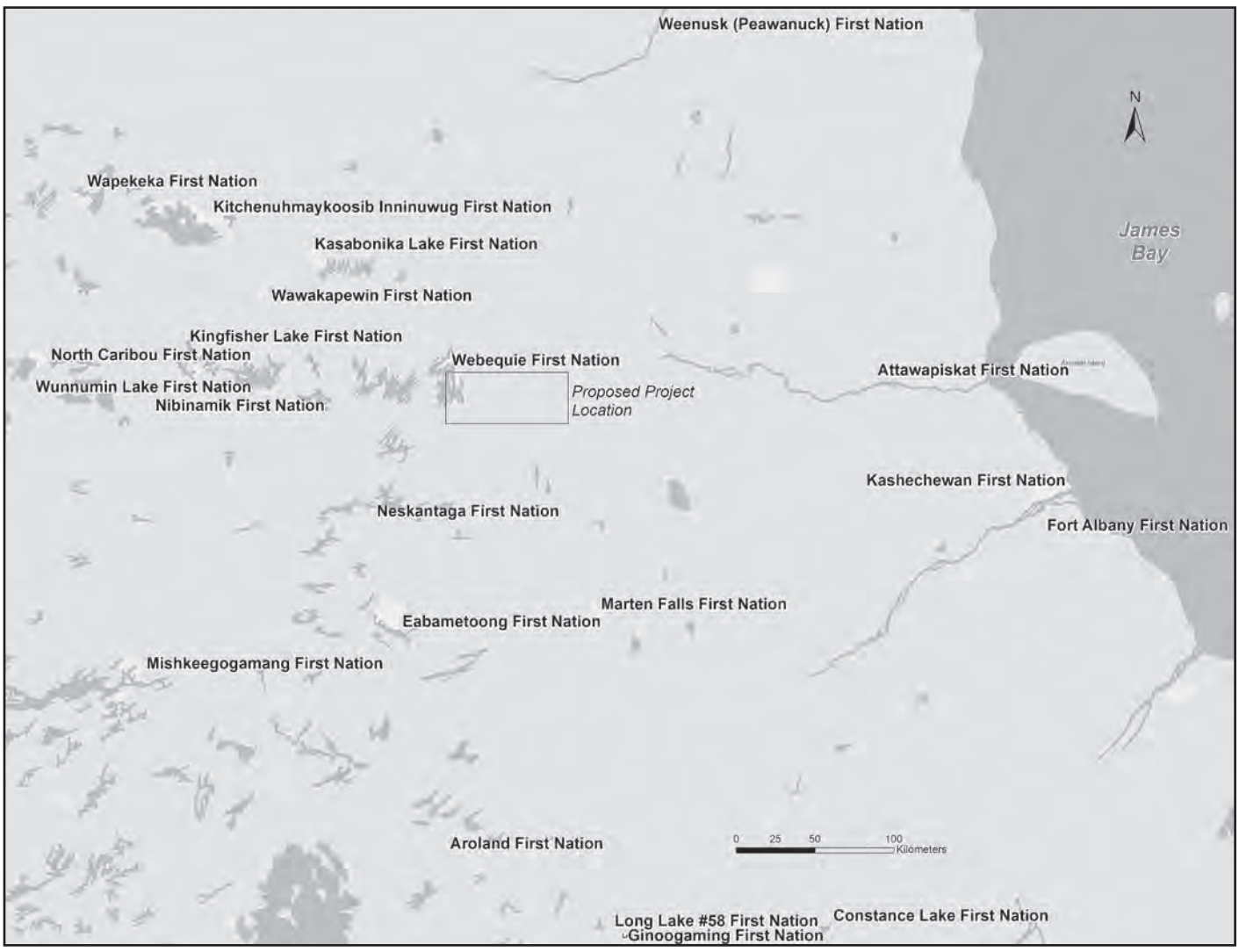
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR has also been sent to the office of the Chief should you prefer to review the document in those formats.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review, first published on September 11, 2019.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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October 2, 2019

Chief Edmond Hunter
Weenusk First Nation
P.O. Box 1
Peawanuck, ON
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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
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Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
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555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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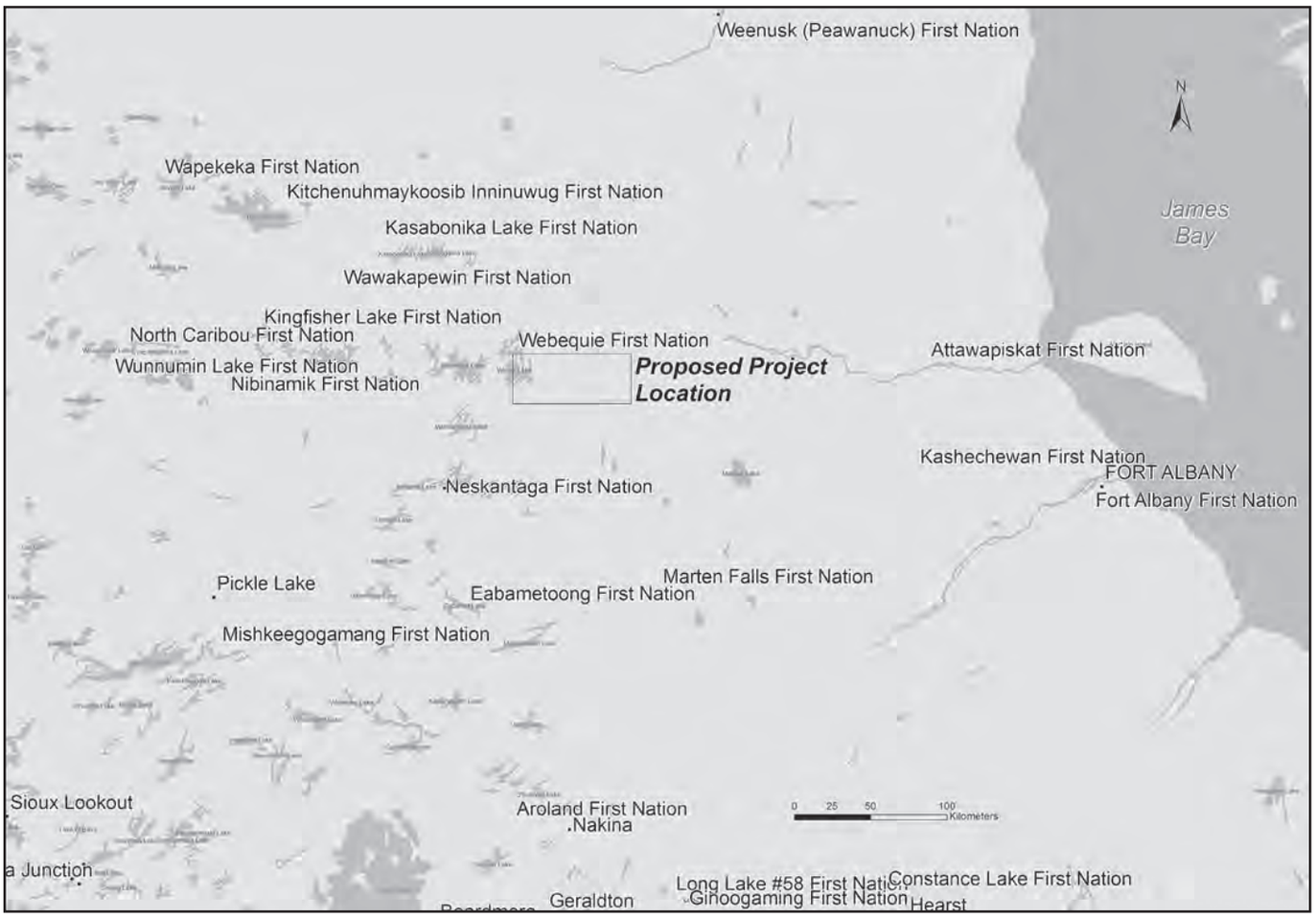
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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This notice was first published October 2, 2019.

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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig <Craig.Wallace@snclavalin.com>; michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca; Catherine Banning <cathy.banning@supplyroad.ca>; Tibor-McMahon, Marian [redacted] Supply Road <melanie.laforest@supplyroad.ca>; Parkinson, Don <Don.Parkinson@snclavalin.com>
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: October 24, 2019 3:05 PM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: November 5, 2019 11:16 AM
To: [redacted] Wallace, Craig; 'michael.fox@indigenousengagement.ca'; 'Catherine Banning'; 'Supply Road'; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Parkinson, Don
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Cc: Parkinson, Don; 'Heisey, Ariane (ENDM)'; 'Papageorgiou, Agni (MECP)'
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to Weenusk ToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Jeff,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Councillor Jeff Hunter
Weenusk First Nation
P.O. Box 1
Peawanuck, ON P0L 2H0

Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Councillor Jeff Hunter,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) and was sent to your community to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Meegwetch,

Michael Fox
Regional Consultation Lead
Webequie First Nation

cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
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CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation
March 15, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team held a meeting with Weenusk FN Chief and Council on March 15, 2019 at the Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation Band Office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation discussed the ToR review, engagement/consultation process, EA process and additional project information. Six (6) hard copies of the presentation were provided to Chief and Council for their information and reference.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics* (marked "R"), where provided.

1. Q: Is this road only from Webequie FN to the mine site?
   R: Yes, this project is focusing on a supply road to the proposed mine developments. There is another project that Marten Falls FN is doing, which is a community access road to the provincial road network.

2. Q: Who is financing this project?
   R: The Province is funding this project. The Provincial and Federal governments funded the All-Season Community Access Road Study that SNC-Lavalin Inc completed previously. Webequie FN is looking at this project as an economic development road.

3. Q: Will the Draft ToR and Draft EA be presented to the community?
   R: Yes, the Draft ToR and the Draft EA will be presented to the community. These documents will also be provided to other Indigenous communities to review and provide comments and feedback so that we can incorporate them into our final documents. The Draft ToR is currently being prepared. Once complete, it will be submitted to the Ministry

of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and will be available for Indigenous communities to review during a 30-day review period.

4. Q: Is it possible for economic benefits such as employment outweigh the environmental concerns?
   R: The EA process will assess different environments, such has biophysical environment, social environment, etc., and will evaluate all of the impacts and provide proper mitigation measures to address those impacts. We will educate Indigenous communities as we consult and engage and ensure that they focus on areas of perceived impacts so that we can properly address those impacts by monitoring programs. It is important for us to get community input so that we can address these impacts. These are the same questions that Webequie FN community members are asking. Webequie wants to learn the environmental impacts as a result of the road before making a decision. If the EA is approved, Webequie FN will need to understand the environment prior to the commencement of construction activities. Mitigation measures will be prescribed to minimize or eliminate environmental impacts during and after construction.

5. Q: Are the other communities talking about a Wildlife Management Plan?
   R: A Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) could be a commitment that comes out of the EA. If communities are saying to protect the wildlife after the road is built, we communicate this in our EA. Throughout the EA process, including finalization of the ToR, we want to capture the First Nation perspective regarding assessing environmental impacts, and will integrate that into the ToR or when it comes to mitigation or monitoring requirements coming out of the EA.

6. Q: How many rivers will the road cross?
   R: We are looking at three major crossings – the Winisk Lake, Muketei River, and Winiskisis Channel. The EA will assess the impacts of these crossings.

7. Q: Is your timeline to submit a draft ToR this month?
   R: No, we are currently drafting the ToR. Our plan is to submit the Draft ToR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in mid to late May, after which there will be a 30 day public review period of the MECP-approved ToR. During the course of the review period, we will receive comments from Indigenous communities and stakeholders and incorporate them into the ToR, at the same time demonstrating to MECP how we have addressed these comments in the ToR. Webequie FN will be paying particular attentions to comments from First Nation communities as they a greatly value the input of their fellow First Nations.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Weenusk FN Chief and Council (marked as “CP” for Council Point).

Community Consultation

- CP: Our consultation process with the community is through consensus approval. We want to ensure that their community members are properly engaged and that this meeting with Chief and Council is not to be considered as consultation.
- CP: When we do community information sessions, we typically have one person to translate the information into Cree. Meeting materials are usually in both English and Cree.

Cultural Environment

- CP: It is important to note that our environment is a cultural environment. Social and economic benefits are tied into the protection and conservation of the environment.

First Nation Environmental Process

- CP: The First Nation environmental process is missing from the Coordinated EA process graphic. It is important to remember that First Nations have their own environmental process as we have the knowledge about our land and wildlife in the area.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Weenusk FN Chief and Council (marked “CP” for Council Point).

Environmental Concerns

- CP: Concerned about downstream impacts of mining and mining-related development, including the supply road.
- CP: Concerned about over-harvesting by First Nation neighbours to the south.
- CP: EA should include wildlife studies (population and movement) to examine changes in population and distribution, particularly with moose and caribou.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Weenusk FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to confirm schedule for ToR.

2. Project Team to revise Coordinated EA Process graphic to include Webequie Three-Tier Approach.

3. Project Team to advise Weenusk FN Chief and Council when the Draft ToR is completed.

4. Project Team to arrange for a community meeting with Weenusk FN membership in the evening; Project Team to bring a door prize and/or dinner for the meeting.

5. Project Team to have PowerPoint Presentation and other materials for Community Information Session translated to Cree.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Weenusk FN Chief and Council once the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) has been completed to share with the community and to arrange for a community information session. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Weenusk FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, through the project website.

APPENDIX P1.E.26

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January 25, 2019

Ms. Crystal Hudson
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Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Ms. Hudson:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Windigo First Nations Council of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Windigo First Nations Council would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

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106) Please indicate whether the Windigo First Nations Council has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

107) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

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Email: _____

108) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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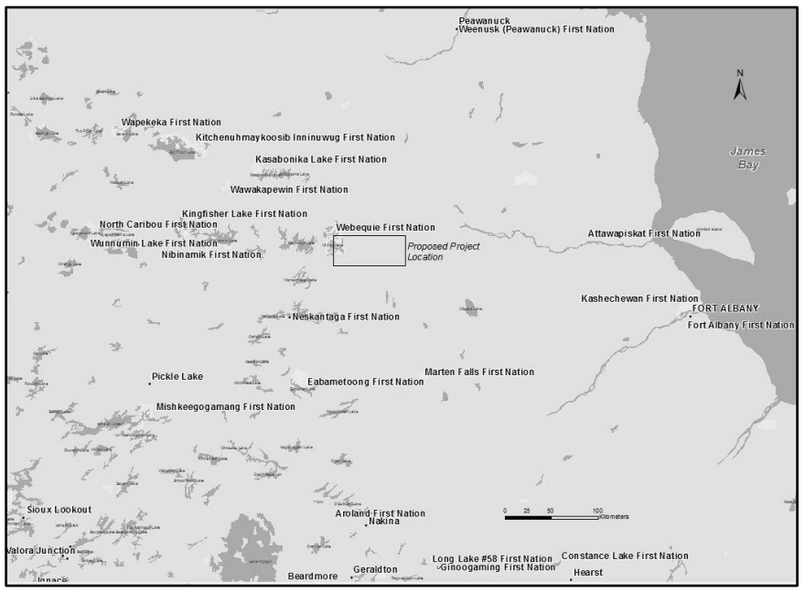
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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:28 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Windigo First Nations Council.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Ms. Hudson,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Windigo First Nations Council be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

Christine Darson, *BURPl*
Environmental Planner
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Darson, Christine

Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Contact Info Form - WFNC
Attachments: Sharp Copier_20190211_093114.pdf

From: Breann Morgan [redacted]
Sent: February 11, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Contact Info Form - WFNC

Christine,

Please see attached contact info form. I had previously tried to fax it in but I believe it failed. My apologies if you receive it more than once.

Breann Morgan (B.Sc.)
Environmental Project Coordinator
Windigo Technical Unit - Windigo First Nations Council
Phone: (807)-737-1585
Cell: (807)-738-4456
E-mail: [redacted]

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Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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103) Please indicate whether the Windigo First Nations Council has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☑ No ☐

104) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: Breann Morgan
Title: Environmental Project Coordinator
Department: Technical Unit
Mailing Address: 160 Alcona Drive P.O. Box 299
Sioux Lookout, ON P8T 1A3
Phone: 1-807-737-1585 ext. 7719
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105) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

Interested in receiving more information and mapping on the project and being kept in the loop during the TOR + EA stages, especially in relation to the Windigo communities, namely North Caribou Lake First Nation.

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Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: April 17, 2019 7:42 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Tibor-McMahon, Marian; 'Catherine Banning'
Subject: Webequie First Nation Supply Road Project
Attachments: Context_Map8.JPG

Hello Breann,

Thank you for your interest in the Webequie First Nation Supply Road Project. We will definitely keep you up-to-date during the environmental assessment (EA) process.
In terms of mapping, at this point what we can provide is the local context map (attached). Further information will be provided with the Draft EA Terms of Reference.

For future reference, further information about this project can be obtained via the project website www.supplyroad.ca, or by contacting:

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Regards,

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September 11, 2019

Ms. Crystal Hudson
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Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Sincerely,

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Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
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September 11, 2019

Mr. Frank McKay
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Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. McKay,

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Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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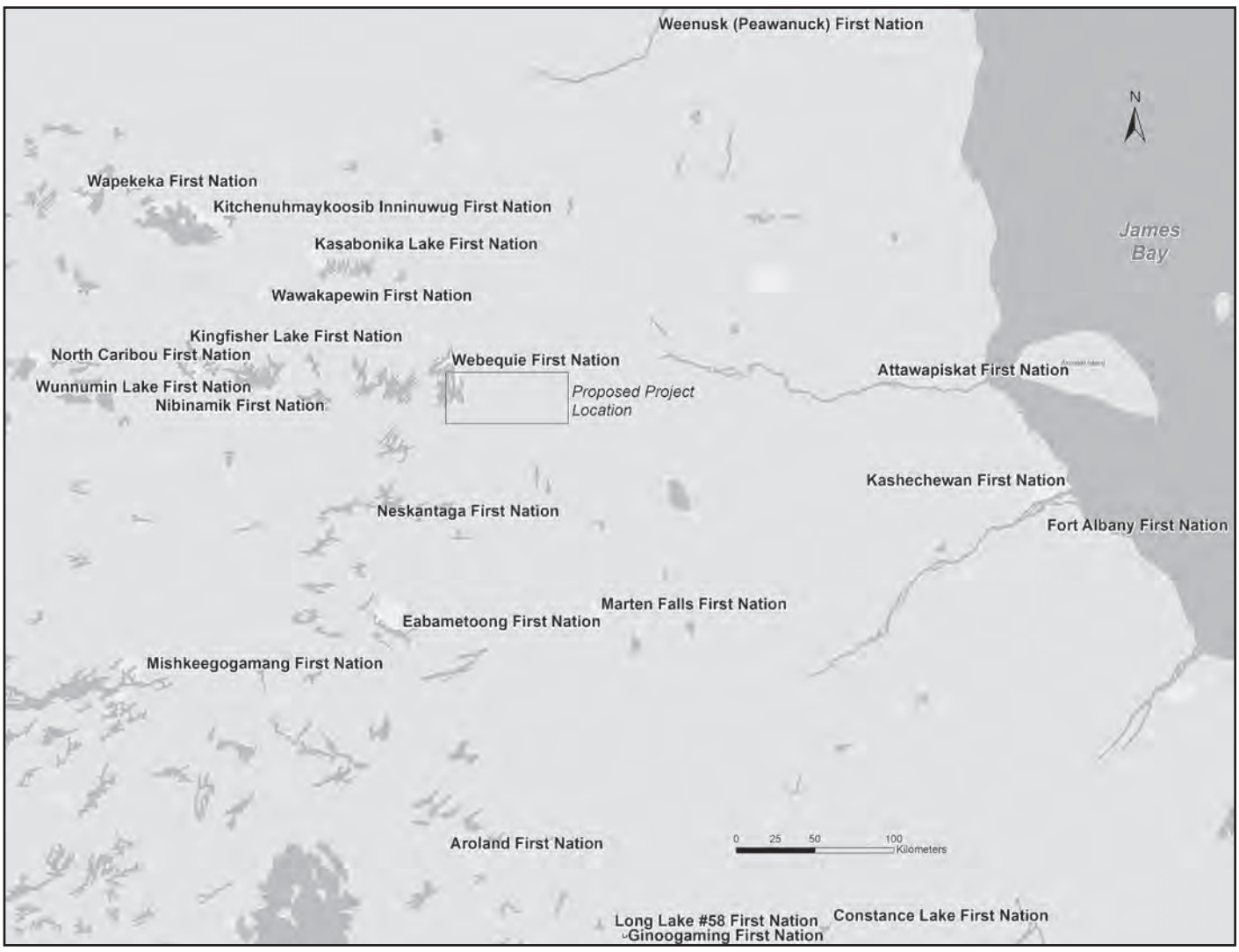
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NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

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CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
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Thunder Bay, ON
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Geraldton, ON
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Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:20 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; Michael Fox; [redacted] Catherine Banning; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Supply Road; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Published Notice of Draft ToR.PDF; Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

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September 11, 2019

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Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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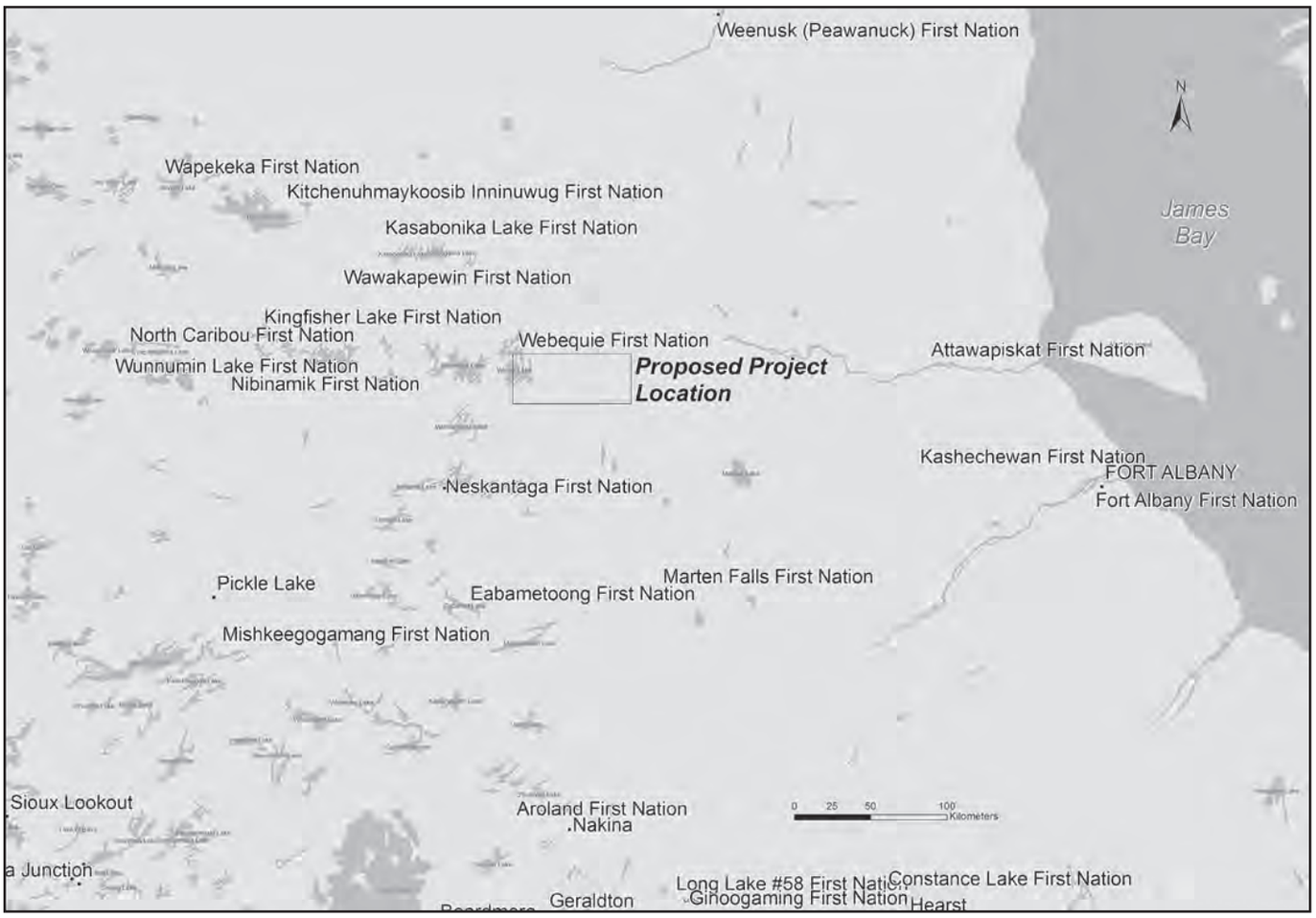
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APPENDIX P1.E.27

Wunnumin First Nation

Date: November 23, 2018

RE: Supply Road Environmental Assessment

To: Chief

Booshoo , we write this letter to inform your community respectfully that Webequie innuwug will be officially commencing the Environmental Assessment for the proposed Supply Road Project as a proponent in the next few weeks.

The purpose of the study is to generate information of the potential environment impacts in the area by the proposed supply road project. A coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment processes will take approximately three (3) years which will allow community members and many others to learn and participate in the Supply Road environmental studies including regulatory processes with the objective of having one environmental statement. However, Webequie innuwug wants to approach this from our ancestral indigenous knowledge based on our ancestral family values and relationships within our communities. The EA process will assist in decision making and provide environment protection and mitigation options for the community.

The Supply Road project is our "building out" concept within our traditional territories. Webequie innuwug is exploring social and economic development opportunities from this project and will be guided by our community Indigenous law, principles, and values that we hold sacred and in accordance to three tier or referred by our elders as "kanisso-pittawa-atayk onakoonikun". Our approach to the EA will be conducted in a manner that harmonizes our sacred inherent responsibility of the three tier which foremost respects our neighbors Aboriginal & Treaty Rights and accommodate other interests. We are planning our approach based on our family values and understanding of our shared history, shared cultures, and shared aspirations to improve the quality of life for our communities. We have included a map of the proposed EA which you can see that proposed Supply Road route begins within our reserve boundaries and extends out eastwards of our community.

It is our intention to meet with your Chief and Council and community members to discuss the details of the scope of the environmental assessment. It will be the beginning of many series of presentations as new field studies are conducted and shared with those who liked to be informed of actual activities. Please contact our Local Consultation Lead, Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca and our Regional Consultation Lead, Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca for any formal information requests, questions, concerns, or issues that you may have related to the Webequie Supply Road project. We look forward to discuss and share information with your community.

Sincerely,

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December 19, 2018

Chief Roderick Winnepetonga
P.O. Box 105
Wunnumin Lake ON P0V 2Z0
[redacted]

RE: Webequie Supply Road Project

Dear Chief Winnepetonga:

I am writing to you about the environmental assessment process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project (the "Project").

Webequie First Nation (the "proponent") is proposing the development of a supply road that would connect its community with the Ring of Fire mineral development area. On May 3, 2018, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (then Minister of the Environment and Climate Change) signed a written agreement with Webequie First Nation to make the proposed Project subject to the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.18* (the "Act"). This means that Webequie First Nation will be undertaking a provincial individual environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Consultation Requirements and Terms of Reference

As a first step in the environmental assessment process, Webequie First Nation will develop a terms of reference. A terms of reference is essentially a work plan that will outline how the proponent will complete the environmental assessment, including the studies and consultation plans it will carry out. The terms of reference must be approved by the Minister before the environmental assessment can commence.

Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the Project. The Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Park (the ministry) has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the preparation of the terms of reference for the environmental assessment.

As a next step, you can expect to be contacted by Webequie First Nation. Webequie

First Nation will be required to document any consultation activities completed with your community, as well as any input you provide that you do not deem confidential, in a record of consultation. Once the terms of reference is completed, the consultation record together with the project documentation will be submitted to the ministry for its review and a decision on the terms of reference.

Next Steps

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the environmental assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, at 416-314-8214 or by email at agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca.

If you have any questions about the project, you may also contact Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation at Samson.Jacob@supplyroad.ca or Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead at Michael.Fox@supplyroad.ca.

Sincerely,

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Annamaria Cross
Director (A)
Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch

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Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation
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January 25, 2019

Mr. Sam Mamakwa
Deputy Chief
Wunnumin Lake First Nation
P.O. Box 105
Wunnumin Lake, ON P0V2Z0

Re: Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road
Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr. Mamakwa:

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated the Terms of Reference (ToR) phase for an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The purpose of the Project is to establish an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

The ToR process shall merge the WFN's family values approach to projects with that of the regulatory requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The WFN's approach understands and acknowledges the shared history, cultures, and aspirations of Indigenous communities to improve their quality of life. The ToR will include an outline of the supporting studies to be conducted, the identification and means of evaluating alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important elements of the project will be to consult with parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

Your input is valuable to the study, and as such, the purpose of this letter is to advise the Wunnumin Lake First Nation of the project. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, published on January 25, 2019, and a *Contact Information Form*. If the Wunnumin Lake First Nation would like to provide comments or any input at this time, please complete the form and return it by February 25, 2019 to the undersigned.

To obtain information on the Project, or to provide comments, please visit our website at http://www.supplyroad.ca or contact one of the following.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosed:
Contact Information Form
Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment Project

CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN BY FAX/MAIL/EMAIL BY FEBRUARY 25, 2019 TO:

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52) Please indicate whether the Wunnumin Lake First Nation has an interest in the project and if you would like to provide any input at this time?
Yes ☐ No ☐

53) If yes, please provide a contact person and their information (if different from original notice):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

54) In the space below, please provide any initial comments you may have regarding the study.

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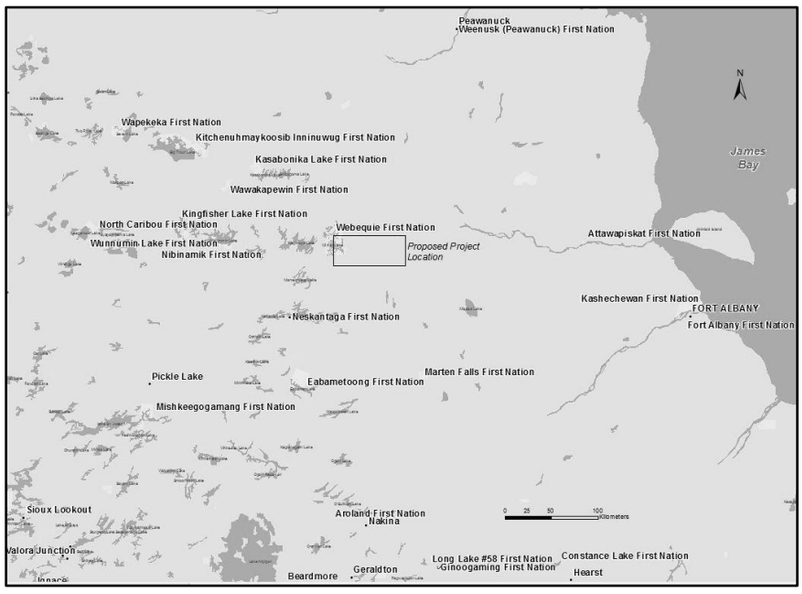
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Comments and personal information regarding this project are collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* to assist the Webequie First Nation in making decisions. Comments not constituting personal information as defined by the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, will be shared among Webequie First Nation and others as appropriate, and may be included in documentation available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained.

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE
Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Environmental Assessment Project

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for the proposed WFN Supply Road project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan – Regional Context of Webequie First Nation's Proposed Supply Road

The Process

This study will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The first step is the preparation of a terms of reference (ToR), which will set out 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. Important elements of this work will be to consult parties that may be interested in and potentially affected by the project; evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives; assess potential adverse environmental effects; and determine measures to reduce or mitigate such effects. The anticipated completion date for preparation of the ToR is Spring 2019, at which point they will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision. If approved by the Minister, the ToR will provide the framework and requirements for the preparation of the EA. The EA will build on ongoing environmental and community-based land use planning.

The purpose of this study is to examine the alternatives to determine the preferred corridor. Once the preferred alternative for the corridor has been determined, the study will move forward with the planning, design and EA work.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process, including the preparation of the ToR, by attending consultation events or contacting staff directly with comments or questions. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated via notices in community newspapers, mailings and on the project website. Members of the Project Team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

For further information about this project, including ongoing updates throughout the project study, please visit our website at **http://www.supplyroad.ca** or contact:

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This notice was first published January 25, 2019

Darson, Christine

From: Darson, Christine
Sent: January 31, 2019 10:37 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project
Attachments: Notice of Commencement of ToR_Wunnumin Lake First Nation.pdf; 20190118_Final OGN.pdf

Dear Mr. Mamakwa,

Please find attached a Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference for Webequie First Nation's Supply Road Project. The attached material was also sent to you through registered mail to advise you of the project and seek any input you are willing to provide at this time.

Should you and the Wunnumin Lake First Nation be interested in the Project, kindly fill out the Contact Information Form and return to the undersigned by February 25, 2019. Should you have questions or comments regarding the Project, please contact any of the persons indicated on the letter.

We look forward to hearing you.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2019

Mr. Sam Mamakwa
Chief
Wunnumin Lake First Nation
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Wunnumin Lake, ON P0V2Z0

Re: Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft ToR will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. Included within this package is a hard copy and USB copy of the ToR.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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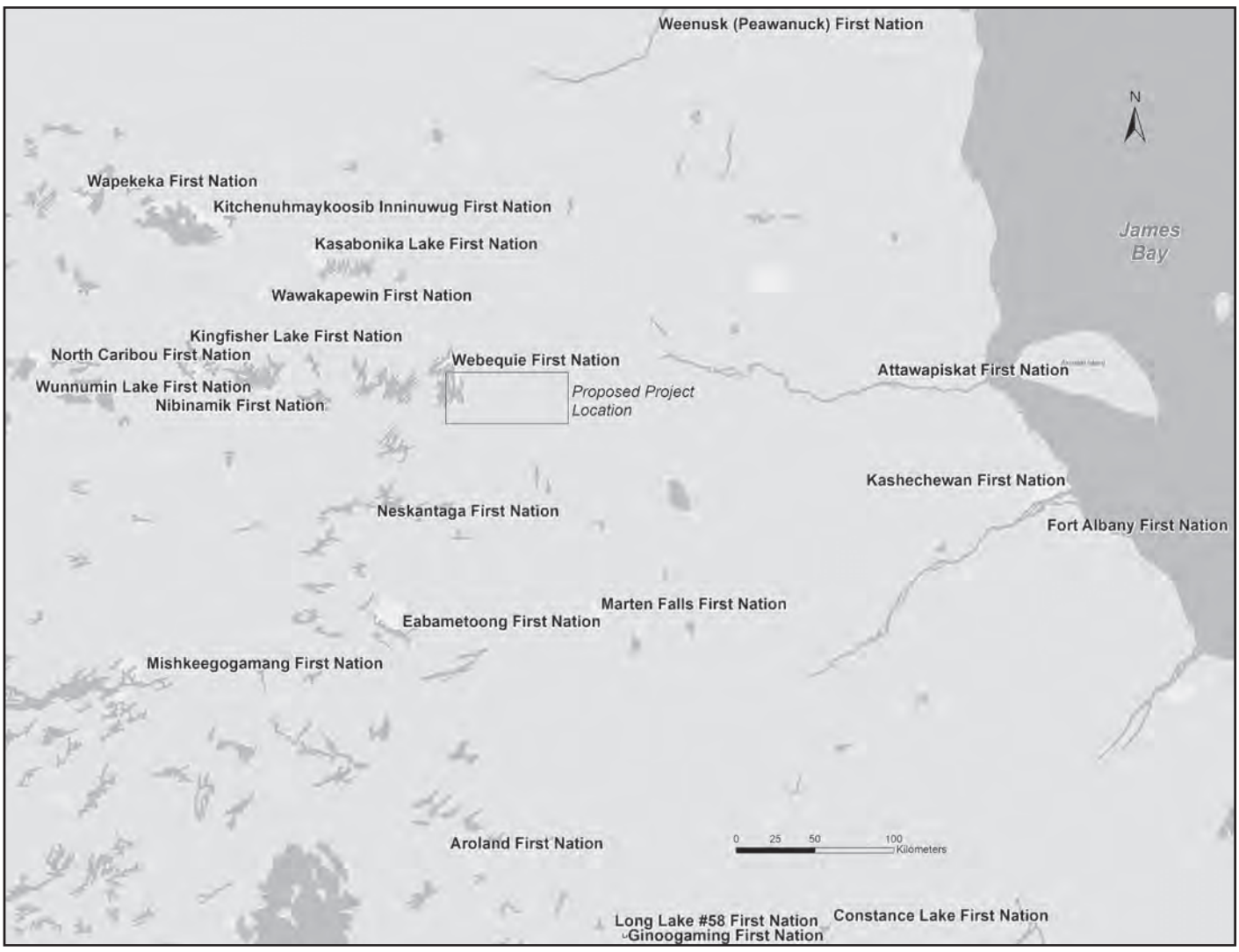
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Enclosed:
Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review
Hard copy of the Draft Terms of Reference
USB copy of the Draft Terms of Reference

cc: Ariane Heisey, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides 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. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

CONSULTATION

Beginning **September 16, 2019,** the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office
500 Donald Street East
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-625-2230
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sioux Lookout Municipal Office
25 Fifth Avenue
Sioux Lookout, ON
Tel: 807-737-2700
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON
tel: 705-264-1331
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Greenstone Municipal Office
1800 Main Street
Geraldton, ON
Tel: 807-854-1100
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office
2 Anne Street
Pickle Lake, ON
Tel: 807-928-2034
Mon-Fri: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Thunder Bay District Office
435 James Street South, Suite 331
Thunder Bay, ON
Tel: 807-475-1205 / 1-800-875-7772
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Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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This notice was first published September 11, 2019.

Darson, Christine

From: Parkinson, Don
Sent: September 11, 2019 1:07 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Parkinson, Don; [redacted] Michael Fox; Catherine Banning; Supply Road; Tibor-McMahon, Marian; Darson, Christine
Subject: Webequie Supply Road Notice of Submission of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached the Notice of the Draft Terms of Reference for review regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

As part of the Ontario Environmental Assessment process, a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) will be made available beginning September 16, 2019, for a 30-day review and comment period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca. A hard copy and USB copy of the draft ToR will be sent to the office of the Chief, should you prefer to review the document in those formats. Please submit any comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts listed in the attached correspondence, or on the Webequie Supply Road Website by October 16, 2019.

We look forward to hearing you.

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October 2, 2019

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Re: Notice of Public Information Centre
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

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A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online. A hard copy of the draft ToR and a USB containing the draft ToR was sent to Wunnumin Lake First Nation via Canada Post Xpresspost. The draft ToR details WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Ontario's *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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for further information regarding the draft ToR, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet Project Team representatives, ask questions and provide comments. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. The PIC has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

Please visit the Webequie Supply Road website http://www.supplyroad.ca for information on the study progress and updates. If you have comments regarding the study and cannot attend the PIC, or require additional information regarding the project, please contact the following Project Team representatives:

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Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public, and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Attached to this correspondence is the newspaper Notice of Public Information Centre, first published on October 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

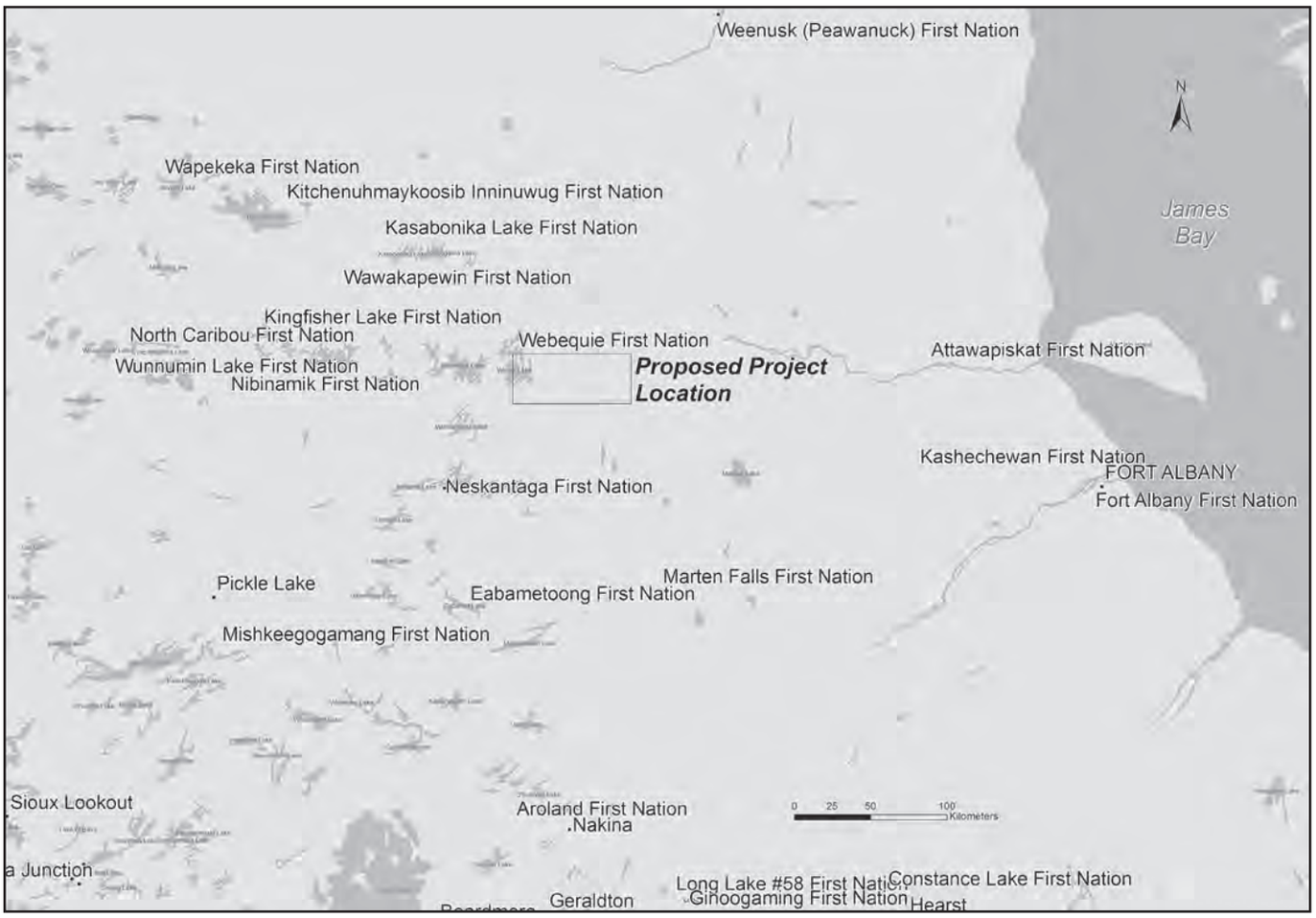
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Notice of Public Information Centre

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE
Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment

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Key Plan – Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

THE PROCESS

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA has been prepared and is available for review online as well as at various review locations. The draft ToR details 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. The comment period for the draft ToR will conclude on October 16, 2019. To view the draft ToR, or for information regarding the review locations, please visit our website at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

THE PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

A Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to provide interested parties an opportunity to learn about the EA study for the Project and review elements of the draft ToR. The PIC will consist of a presentation at 2:00 p.m. and at 6:00 p.m. followed by an informal drop-in centre with display information about the Project. Project Team representatives will share information on proposed studies to be conducted, criteria and indicators for the evaluation of alternatives and project effects, preliminary route alternatives for the all-season road corridor, and future consultation activities and opportunities. Information gathered at the PIC will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA. You are invited to attend the PIC, which has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Regency Room B
Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

CONTACT

For information on the study progress and updates, please visit the Webequie Supply Road website: http://www.supplyroad.ca.
If you are unable to attend the PIC, or have any comments or questions regarding the study, you are welcome to contact the following:

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre
Attachments: SNC-Public Notice EA Open House-2019-10-09.pdf

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Sent: October 3, 2019 2:36 PM
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Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Notice of Public Information Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached Notice of Public Information Centre for the Webequie Supply Road Project. This project involves the construction of a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area of Northwestern Ontario.

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Best regards,

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Subject: FW: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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Subject: Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: REMINDER#2 Webequie Supply Road- Extension of Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Review and Comment Period
Attachments: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference for Review.pdf

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Subject: Webequie Supply Road - Draft Terms of Reference
Attachments: Web-WSR Response to WunnimumToR comments-2020-03-05.pdf

Dear Chief,

Please find attached correspondence that is being both faxed and mailed to you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Meegwetch,

Michael

March 5, 2020

Chief Sam Mamakwa
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Re: Project Update on the Terms of Reference
Webequie Supply Road Project
Environmental Assessment

Dear Chief Sam Mamakwa,

As you are aware, Webequie First Nation is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.

A draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA was prepared and made available for review for a 30-day review period in the Fall of 2019. Correspondence was sent to you on September 11, 2019 notifying you and your community of the review period. To date, we have not received a response from you on the draft ToR.

Webequie will be submitting the final version of the ToR for review and a decision by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in Spring 2020. The MECP will be offering an opportunity for you and your community to review the ToR and provide feedback. We value your community's participation in the ToR process.

Notional allocation of the participant funding initiative for your community has been made available by the Province of Ontario (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Process.

The Project Team would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR. Please advise if you would like to meet with the Project Team, or if you would like further information on the participant funding initiative. Please contact me by email (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) or by phone (807-472-6147).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation
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CHIEF MEETING

Wunnumin Lake First Nation
October 2, 2019

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Wunnumin Lake FN Chief and Deputy Chief on October 2, 2019 at the Wunnumin Lake Band office. The purpose of this meeting was to share information on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference (ToR).

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input on the ToR from Indigenous communities.

Communication materials were provided to the Chief and Deputy Chief for their information and reference including: 10 hard copies of the presentation; 160 copies of the Community Newsletter in English for households; 10 copies of the Community Newsletter in Oji-Cree for households; 10 copies of the Terms of Reference Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree 10 copies of the EA and Preliminary Engineering Fact Sheet in English and Oji-Cree; and 10 copies of the feedback form in Oji-Cree and 11 copies of the feedback form in English.

OPENING REMARKS

Prior to the presentation, Chief Sam Mamakwa provided opening remarks, noting that they received the Draft ToR. The Project Team noted that Webequie FN's Project description prompted the EA process since the route is defined by land use activities and culturally significant areas which require the development to undergo the appropriate federal and provincial approval processes.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

After the overview presentation, Chief and Deputy Chief asked questions of clarification regarding the Webequie Supply Road Project (marked "Q"). Responses from each respective Project Team are noted in italics (marked 'R"), where provided:

1. Q: Is consulting with the 21 communities mandatory?
   R: The province gave us a list of 22 communities that require consultation. Webequie FN had their own list of 8 communities based on family / clan relationships, that they deemed important to consult with more intensely. We are still following through the provincial process and consulting with the 21 FN communities and 1 Métis community.

2. Q: What is the three-tier approach?
   R: The three-tier approach, in the context of this project, is Webequie FN's approach to completing the EA process, ensuring that the project is consistent with their traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs. We are still following through with the federal and provincial EA processes, but as the proponent of the EA, Webequie wants their three-tier approach adhered to as well.

3. Q: Are baseline studies conducted before the draft ToR is completed?
   R: Some of the baseline studies are conducted in conjunction with the ToR. The Project Team is asking community members to read the ToR and advise us if the baseline studies are sufficient to assess the impacts. .

4. Q: Will mines be using the supply road? The supply road being utilized by other mines in the area would be a concern once mine development increases. This can be an impact to socio-economic environment.
   R: The Supply Road is an economic development road from the Webequie airport to the mineral exploration activities and proposed mine site. Mine-related usage will largely be one way, north to south, if the mine is built.

5. Q: Is traditional land and loss of area being considered in the baseline studies?
   R: Yes, traditional land and loss of area is being carefully considered in the baseline study process.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the feedback shared by Marten Falls FN Chief and Council (marked as "CP" for Council Point).

Provincial Funding for Select Communities

- Deputy Chief Dean Cromarty: The discussions on what is happening with development in the area should be settled first before provincial funding is available for access. Communities should have benefits first.
  R: The Crown identified 16 FNs that may be impacted and there is capacity funding for those communities. If you believe you are impacted directly or indirectly you should make this known to the province. .

Community Discussions

- Deputy Chief Dean Cromarty: I have spoken to the Mayor of Sioux Lookout about east-west road that the Mayor advocated for. The Ring of Fire will be examined if we undergo

our own EA process for any road. There should be respect shown to our jurisdiction and territory as we should be able to look after ourselves.

- *R: The four communities involved with the East-West road could not come to a consensus regarding whether to proceed further with its planning. Nibinamik FN and Webequie FN then studied an east-west link connecting to Pickle Lake. The study was not completed.*

Collaborating with other FN Communities

- Deputy Chief Dean Cromarty: We hope that FN communities can deal with this new development, but the approach to consultation is not ideal. They are taking a one-on-one approach when they should be having collective discussions between all the FN communities regarding the Project. The issue we also face is that some communities are territorial, and that does not encourage collaboration.
  R: This is an important discussion to have with interested communities.

Community Information Sessions

- Chief Sam Mamakwa: We are open to having an open community session depending on the extent of our involvement in the development process. We aim to appoint a group of individuals to deal with project matters such as this and other engagement topics.

WSR Routing and Economic Viability

- Chief Sam Mamakwa: Some may question if the WSR route should be between another place and not just the mine site as it is proposed. It will be more economically viable if the road connected to another place.
  R: Once any roads are built to the proposed mine site, the mineral deposits will become economically viable.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by Chief and Council.

Provincial vs. Indigenous Ownership of WSR

- Deputy Chief Dean Cromarty: The proposed WSR route is from Webequie FN to the mine site. We are concerned whether it will be a provincially regulated road or a FN managed road, as both have separate implications. Webequie FN will not have control over the road and its future use if it is established as a provincial road. FN's should not accept provincial policies for a matter like this – if WSR is to be a FN road it should be clearly defined and managed as such.

Wunnumin FN Involvement in Consultation Process

- Deputy Chief Dean Cromarty: Webequie FN is not the only community that will be impacted by the mine development. My concern is that a road will be built to access a mine that is non-existent. The mine will impact the region once it is built, however, we have not been adequately consulted. This is the first time that we have been consulted

regarding anything in the Ring of Fire (RoF). We are aligning our winter road development to the east – we call it the Harvest Road, used for traditional use and access. If the road is to connect to Pickle Lake, our road will only be 30km away, yet no one is consulting with us on our interest. There seems to be an issue with lack of consultation with us and partnerships with other communities. The Project will have impacts on our community, as we are near the development, yet there has been minimal engagement with us.
R: We were the Project Team for the previous east-west road study, but the First Nations leading the study could not reach an internal consensus on it.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for follow-up from the meeting. The Project Team will ensure to provide information and follow-ups with Wunnumin Lake FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and information requests are responded to.

1. Project Team to follow up with Chief regarding capacity funding from the province.

2. Project Team to follow up with Chief regarding Wunnumin Lake FNs interest in organizing an open community meeting.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that the Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is released for a 30-day public review period. Wunnumin Lake FN Chief and Deputy Chief were encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website. The Chief and Deputy Chief will also distribute communication materials with the community and give them a briefing on the topics discussed meeting.

APPENDIX P1.E.28

Comment/Response Tables During Review of EA Terms of Reference

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Table F-1: Comments Received from Aroland First Nation AFN – (Councillor Sheldon Atlookan, Community Consultation and Liaison Officer – All Season Roads), October 16, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
AFN-1	N/A	After reviewing the Draft Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment ("The Project"), Aroland First Nation (AFN) has a number of comments and concerns related to the potential impacts of The Project on the region. Our concerns include the potential for direct impacts to our community and traditional territory that would result from the connection of the Project to the provincial highway system, as well as the potential for cumulative effects that would result from additional road and mining developments in the region. It is our position that presenting the Project in isolation without considering the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region under-represents the potential impacts of the project. AFN holds the position that a regional assessment is absolutely necessary to assess the impacts of potential mineral development activity and its supporting infrastructure in the Ring of Fire. Once operating, all-season roads like this one will enable extensive mineral exploration development activities with widespread cumulative effects on our people and our inherent and established Aboriginal and Treaty rights.	The Webequie Project Team appreciates the time and effort taken by Aroland First Nation to provide comments on the draft ToR. Concerns related to the potential impacts of the Project that would result from additional road connections and mining developments in the region will be addressed as part of the cumulative effects assessment described in Section 8.1 of the ToR.	Section 8.1
AFN-2	Section 1.3 Project Background and Context	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** To provide context and background for the proposed development of the all-season Webequie Supply Road (WSR) and the scope of this EA, it is important to understand the various road/transportation studies that have been completed in the region. A brief description of these relevant studies is presented below. Section 5 of the ToR (Description of and Rationale for Alternatives) provides additional detail. All of these studies have contributed to the rationale for the development of the WSR. **Comment:** The Noront document "Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012" includes the document titled" SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010". This is a primary road/transportation study undertaken by the project management consultant for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment and is publicly available. This document is an important road/transportation study completed in the region, by the project management consultant for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment, is entirely relevant to the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment and should be referenced in the Project Background and Context Section. This reference should include the conclusions of the study, including the conclusion of the study that the Nakina to McFaulds Lake route option "is not the lowest cost option or the shortest distance however, this route not only addresses the mandate to provide access for the residence of Martin Falls to the mine site and Nakina but also provides an opportunity for the local community to participate in the project. Long term benefits to the local businesses and residence include opportunities for employment, training, access to secondary education facilities and better access to medical facilities. In addition, the provincial government will possibly be a stake holder and may provide financial assistance or incentives that will reduce Norton's capital cost for the project." SNC-Lavalin provided this option with a number 1 ranking, and included the following notes in support of this ranking: • Most beneficial to Martin Falls community by providing employment and economic opportunities to residents and businesses. • Possibly 2 stake holders, Noront and provincial Government of Ontario • A spur road could be constructed to Webequie • Martin Falls Band and the Webequie band would have the opportunity to participate in the project. • Increased certainty of supplies to local communities and lower costs for supplies.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4 of the Draft ToR, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR and is considered beyond the scope of the WSR project. Alternative road route options connecting the McFaulds Lake area to the provincial highway system will not be identified and analyzed for the WSR EA. As a result, documents containing information and previous analysis of road corridor options that link the McFaulds Lake area to the provincial highway system are not considered relevant to the WSR EA and will not be referenced. Section 1.0 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity around this issue.	Section 1

Table F-1: Comments Received from Aroland First Nation AFN – (Councillor Sheldon Atlookan, Community Consultation and Liaison Officer – All Season Roads), October 16, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
		SNC-Lavalin's conclusion, including the potential for a spur road constructed from McFaulds Lake to Webequie, is mirrored in the WSR EA ToR, September 2109. The primary focus of this SNC-Lavalin scoping study is the development of transportation infrastructure consisting of: • An all–seasons road from McFaulds Lake to a major highway or rail link • Infrastructure facilities required for concentrate handling at Nakina and Pickle Lake. The proposed transportation concept considered for this SNS-Lavalin report is to transport mine operating supplies (primarily fuel, reagents, grinding media, AN, explosives, etc.) from either Pickle Lake or Nakina, Ontario to McFaulds Lake by an all season road and transport concentrate out either by truck or by pipeline. Four road route options were considered in this 2010 SNC-Lavalin scoping study. Based on the scoping study findings, two route options have been short listed, and it is recommended that further geotechnical work be scheduled and executed before final route selection. These routes are Option 3 Nakina to Martin Falls to McFaulds Lake or Option 2 Pickle Lake to Mc Faulds Lake. Option 2 starts at Pickle Lake, continues northeast to the Attawapiskat River crossing and continues north to McFaulds Lake. Option 3 Nakina to Martin Fall crosses the Albany River, continues north to the Attawapiskat crossing then north to the McFaulds Lake mine site.		
AFN-3	Section 1.4 Purpose and Rationale for the Undertaking and Study	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** In the Introduction it is stated: it is expected that there will ultimately be an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments. This means that, with implementation of the Project, it is also likely that Webequie First Nation could more readily gain year-round access to the provincial highway system (i.e., the community currently has no plans to avoid an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system). It is in this scenario that the effects of the road would likely be realized or felt to the fullest. **Comment:** The Purpose of the Undertaking should be amended to include the following goal/objective: • To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. • This is obviously a goal/objective for the undertaking and must be included as part of the Purpose of the Undertaking. Webequie First Nation is clear that in the Rationale for the Undertaking that it "will maintain interests in participating in either of the north-south and/or east-west all-season road options."	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity.	Section 1.4.2
AFN-4	Section 2.1.3 Process for Federal-Provincial Coordinated EA	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** To help facilitate a coordinated process, an EA Coordination Team has been established for this project that includes representatives of both the federal and provincial governments. The purpose of this team is to address and coordinate the requirements of both processes in an efficient manner. **Comment:** As the Proponent is aware, First Nations are governments. All potentially impacted First Nation governments must be offered the opportunity to be members of the EA Coordination Team to provide their First Nation government input, and meet with the Proponent on a regular basis to exchange information, provide multi-lateral updates on the EA process and other regional planning processes, explore issues and try to collectively resolve them before they compromise	It is the Project Team's understanding that the EA Coordination Team was established by the provincial and federal ministries and agencies principally responsible for coordinating and/or conducting environmental/impact assessments on behalf of their respective levels of government and providing information directly to their minister to inform the minister's decision on the project within the applicable legislative and regulatory processes. It is also the Project Team's understanding that the government agencies involved determined that a relatively small EA Coordination Team would be most efficient in achieving this purpose. The Team necessarily includes Webequie First Nation, as the project proponent, in order provide advice and discuss procedural aspects of the EA/IA processes. The project's engagement and consultation program, described in Section 10 of the ToR, includes appropriate mechanisms and opportunities (outside the EA Coordination Team	

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		the EA process, work on a coordinating EAs and related regional planning processes to keep these processes moving forward in a coordinated fashion to the greatest possible extent, and seek feedback from potentially impacted parties.	forum) for First Nation government input and meetings with the proponent, as well as government ministries and agencies on the EA Coordination Team (upon request), to exchange information, provide multi-lateral updates on the EA process and other regional planning processes, and issue identification/resolution. The consultation plan for Indigenous communities was developed by Webequie First Nation in accordance with the following components: Elders' guiding principles; Webequie First Nation three-tier approach to Indigenous community consultation/engagement; and requirements of applicable legislation, policies and guidelines. The three-tier framework developed by Webequie for consultation is a Nation to Nation approach with Indigenous communities that is consistent with the Webequie's traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs.	
AFN-5	Section 3.2 Indication of How the Environmental Assessment is to be Prepared	Aroland First Nation has no objection to the Proponent preparing the EA under Section 6.1(2) of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Aroland First Nation further agrees that project alternatives (i.e., alternatives to the undertaking) have been considered to the point where a planning solution for fulfilling the project purpose, provided that the project purposes is amended as noted above to include the goal/objective: • To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Therefore, "alternative methods" to be examined during the EA for carrying out the Undertaking will need to include "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA will recognize and include an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system, as well as mining and other future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR. As stated in Section 5.1.1.6 and Section 5.6, the Do nothing alternative will be carried forward to the EA study as a comparator study for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project.	
AFN-6	Section 4. Description of the Undertaking	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The Project consists of a new all-season road of approximately 107 km in length from WFN to the mineral deposit development area near McFaulds Lake. **Comment:** The Description of the Undertaking should be amended to: • The Project consists of a new all-season road of approximately 107 km in length from WFN to the mineral deposit development area near McFaulds Lake, and a future connection to the provincial highway system.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project.	
AFN-7	Section 4.1 Design Considerations and Criteria	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** "…input from Indigenous communities (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge), government agencies…" **Comment:** Aroland First Nation, and other potentially impacted First Nations, are governments. The language should be amended: • "…input from Indigenous governments (including Indigenous Knowledge), Crown government agencies…" This language should be reflected across the ToR.	Engagement of WSR Project Team with Indigenous communities includes community members, leadership and government, as well as Indigenous organizations. Webequie First Nation will comply with all applicable laws and respond to all regulatory bodies having jurisdiction over the Project. The three-tier framework developed by Webequie for consultation is a Nation to Nation approach with Indigenous communities that is consistent with the Webequie's traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs. This process is designed to ensure input from Indigenous governments.	
AFN-8	Section 5.1.1 Alternatives to the Undertaking	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The range of "alternatives to" the Project (i.e., functionally different ways of approaching the opportunities identified by Webequie First Nation to improve the community's economic and social well-being) was limited by the primary objectives of the Project, as determined by	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project.	Section 5.1.1

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		Webequie First Nation. **Comment:** The MECP Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments states that a "reasonable range of alternatives must be considered." The purpose of the requirement to consider alternatives is to ensure that the most appropriate means of addressing the identified problem or opportunity is selected. The Proponent is clear that the problem/opportunity includes Webequie First Nation to advancing options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Examining the alternatives for "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project will enable the Proponent to assess, and consult on, examining alternatives that will assist in identifying potential environmental effects, and identifying potential advantages and disadvantages between various options for solving the problem or taking advantage of an opportunity that provides environmental and/or societal benefits. As MECP notes in the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments, this approach within the environmental assessment will help illustrate why and how the Proponent has selected the preferred alternative methods for the Project. As noted above, "alternative methods" to be examined during the EA for carrying out the Undertaking will need to include "alternative methods" for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method and alternative methods for connections between the Supply Road and: • North-South connection through Nakina via Highway 584; • North-South connection adjacent to Aroland First Nation via Highways 634 and 584 • Eastern connection to the DeBeers Victor diamond mine; potential port facilities at the Attawapiskat First Nation; and connection to the James Bay coast winter road, with connection to rail facilities in Moosonee; and • East-West connection to the Pickle Lake Road (previously Highway 808) and Highway 599 near Pickle Lake. Effects related to these alternatives for connecting the Supply Road to the provincial highway system will need to be assessed as part of this EA, and carried forward into the EA. Aroland First Nation is not suggesting that the specific roads be assessed, but that the alternative methods for connecting the Webequie Supply Road to this reasonable range of previously proposed roads to the Ring of Fire mining area should be identified and carried forward for assessment in the EA. In the Introduction it is stated: "it is expected that there will ultimately be an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments. This means that, with implementation of the Project, it is also likely that Webequie First Nation could more readily gain year-round access to the provincial highway system (i.e., the community currently has no plans to avoid an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system). It is in this scenario that the effects of the road would likely be realized or felt to the fullest."	The WSR Project is intended for economic activities between WFN and mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. This could include other economic development opportunities in the same corridor. Section 5 has been revised to provide clarity.	

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		Section 5.1.2.1 Background and Context provides extensive information on the need for Webequie First Nation to be connected to the provincial highway system through an all-season road, and the benefits of such a connection.		
AFN-9	Section 5.1.2.3 Alternative Road Corridors	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** "…the identification of the current alternative road corridors for the WSR EA is limited to those between the Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area." **Comment:** As noted above, the Purpose of the Undertaking should be amended to include the following goal/objective: • To enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. The Proponent makes it very clear in the Draft ToR that the Webequie Supply Road Project will ultimately include an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Therefore, the identification of alternative road and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system must be carried forward for assessment in the EA. This will enable the Proponent to carry out, and consult on, alternative connections and the range of potential impacts that will result from those connections, together with a detailed cumulative effects assessment that includes the road corridor(s) to the provincial highway system as part of the overall effects assessment, and determination of the preferred alternative.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project.	Section 5
AFN-10	Section 5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Webequie First Nation conducted an initial examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area. This examination did not include reference to the aforementioned SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010 appendix to the Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012. **Comment:** Webequie First Nation's examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area should include examination of the SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010 appendix to the Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012.	Please refer to Response AFN-2 regarding reference to the cited SNC-Lavalin Report.	Section 5
AFN-11	Section 5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Webequie and Marten Falls have engaged in regular dialogue regarding shared uses and interests, including in the context of Marten Falls' own CBLUP process. At the Draft Plan stage, in order to respect the ongoing Three-Nation discussions, Webequie First Nation has chosen not to advance planning direction in the shared area. Dialogue will be ongoing between the Draft and Final Plan to confirm a respectful planning arrangement for the shared area. Webequie and Marten Falls are currently advancing their interests in access between the communities, Ring of Fire and the region by way of proposals and environmental assessment processes for community and supply access road projects. **Comment:** The Proponent makes it clear in the Draft ToR that study of alternative connections between the Webequie Supply Road and the provincial highway system are well underway and being actively considered. As such, the identification of alternative roads and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system must be carried forward for assessment in the EA.	Please refer to Response AFN-5. The draft ToR cites previous studies related to all-season road connections between the Ring of Fire and the provincial highway system. To the Project Team's knowledge, there are currently no environmental assessments in progress for such an initiative. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA will recognize and include such a connection, as well as mining and other future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR.	Section 5

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		Further, as MECP notes in the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessment, the "environmental assessment process should be open and transparent. This will enable all interested persons to follow the process through its various stages of planning and decision- making until a preferred undertaking is selected. Anyone should be able to trace the results of the environmental assessment planning process using the evaluation approaches set out therein. Means of achieving transparency can include, but are not limited to: • Using appropriate, well-established and easily understood evaluation methods; • Making the process clear, rational and logical; • Sharing complete information with all interested persons to support conclusions and recommendations at each phase in the process; • Documenting the process in easy to understand language with explanations of the rationale for making certain choices." Aroland First Nation seeks an environmental assessment process that carries forward the appropriate range of alternative methods, and ensures the transparency outlined by the MECP.		
AFN-12	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The process for screening Alternative Concepts 1, 2A and 2B included an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives against the following factors, which were identified based on discussions with community members as to project area features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued components for the community. Based on a consolidated Indigenous Knowledge database prepared by WFN, and information assembled from published sources and project team field investigations relative to project area sensitivities, the Webequie community-based considerations (valued components) presented in **Table 5-2** were accounted for in developing the evaluation criteria against which the alternative road corridor concepts were screened during the Terms of Reference phase. **Comment:** The Proponent's screening of Alternatives Concepts 1, 2A and 2B did not include screening criteria related to the identification of alternative roads and assessment of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. As such, the screening and determination of the preferred supply road corridor included in the Draft ToR, which did not include consultation with Aroland First Nation, is premature. This alternatives assessment for determining a preferred supply road corridor should be carried forward into the EA and be inclusive of consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system.	Please refer to Response AFN-5 regarding the purpose and objectives of the Project. Section 5 has been revised to provide clarity.	Section 5.2
AFN-13	Section 5.4 Development of Routing Sub-Alternatives within Preferred Supply Road Corridor	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Since the geotechnical component is expected to have such a significant bearing on development, assessment and selection of the supply road corridor, during the winter of 2018-19, terrain mapping and related opportunities and constraints were overlain on a 2 km wide band along the community's preferred corridor to identify a set of sub-alternatives. A summary of the preliminary terrain analysis and route assessment is presented in the following sections. **Comment:** The terrain mapping and geotechnical assessment may need to be carried forward into the EA phase depending on the outcome of the alternative methods analysis noted above, especially with respect to routing considerations that may be altered with respect to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the	It is the Project Team's intent to carry the terrain mapping and geotechnical assessment forward into the EA phase. The preliminary criteria for evaluating alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking presented in Table 8-1 of the draft ToR include the following within the "Technical Considerations" factor group: "Constructability – Terrain and soil stability". Please refer to Response AFN-5 relative to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system.	Section 5.4

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		provincial highway system. The development of routing sub- alternatives within the "Preferred Supply Road Corridor" in the Draft ToR does not include reference to considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Such considerations should be carried forward into the EA, as part of the assessment of alternative methods. The local route location criteria are reasonable, but in the absence of consideration of connection alternatives to an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system, the routing sub-alternatives assessment in the Draft ToR risks eliminating or neglecting potential alternative connections, and subjecting those to proper assessment within the EA.		
AFN-14	Section 6.1 Study Area	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** **Regional Study Area (RSA):** established to assess the potential, largely indirect and cumulative, effects of the Project in the broader, regional context. The RSA extends beyond the LSA to include the maximum geographical extent to which impacts from the Project may be expected. The EA will define and describe the specific study areas for each of the environmental components (e.g., natural, socio-economic, cultural) in greater detail. Each component will be assessed within the context of LSA and RSA. The size and extent of each study area may differ for each environmental study component. **Comment:** The Regional Study Area must be inclusive of the range of impacts associated with the alternative all-season road connections from the Webequie Supply Road to the provincial highway system, inclusive of environmental, social, economic and cumulative impacts directly and indirectly related to the existence of a supply road connected to the Ring of Fire mining area that will facilitate development of the Ring of Fire mining area, and transportation of materials, supplies and people to and from the Ring of Fire mining area.	Section 6.1 – "Study Areas" has been relocated to Section 8.0 "Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects" A new Section 8.2 – "Study Area Definitions" has been included with revised text to that in Section 6.1. It is deemed to more appropriate to include Study Area definitions in Section 8 as it outlines the approach for describing existing environmental conditions and predicting direct and indirect effects from the Project, from a spatial perspective. A new section 8.1 – Cumulative Effects had been added to generally describe the approach for the assessment, which encompasses the Regional Study Area. The section also includes a commitment to prepare a work plan for the cumulative effects assessment at the outset of the EA. The work plan will be provided to the MECP and IAAC for review and guidance and will be summarized and presented to the public and Indigenous communities, and others as part of the consultation and engagement activities for the Project.	Section 8.1 Section 8.2
AFN-15	Section 6.2 Data Collection Methodology Section 6.4.2 Economy, Resource, Commercial and Industrial Activities	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** This section describes overarching data collection methodology goals and the approach to develop a fulsome understanding of the existing (or baseline) natural, socio-economic and cultural conditions in the Study Area for the Project. **Comment:** Aroland First Nation is willing and able to provide relevant and detailed planning and assessment information with respect to the considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Aroland First Nation is also willing and able to provide relevant and detailed planning and assessment information with respect to commercial, recreational, and industrial activities in the region and address potential effects on these sectors.	The WSR Project Team encourages Aroland First Nation to engage and participate in the EA process. We welcome input in the form of information and comments, relevant to the planning and assessment of the WSR. As stated in response to comment AFN-5, the purpose of the WSR is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake Area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR.	
AFN-16	Section 6.4.3 Population, Demographics and Community Profile	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The EA document will detail the existing state of communities and potential effects on the population and demographics, education, employment and housing in relation to the Project. This will include community profiles on the Indigenous Communities surrounding Webequie First Nation, including: • Attawapiskat First Nation, • Eabametoong First Nation; • Kasabonika Lake First Nation, • Marten Falls First Nation, • Neskantaga First Nation,	Agreed. Aroland First Nation will be included in the assessment of project impacts and cumulative impacts. The level of engagement between Webequie FN and Aroland FN will be discussed further as the consultation program progresses. Aroland First Nation has been added to the list of communities where community profiles will be generated for the purpose of baseline data collection and the assessment of effects.	Section 6.5.2

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		• Nibinamik First Nation, and • Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation **Comment:** Aroland First Nation stands to be directly and indirectly impacted by the Undertaking. As such, Aroland First Nation must be included in the assessment of project impacts, and cumulative impacts. Effects may include impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, including traditional and current land uses, and other socio- economic aspects.		
AFN-17	Section 7.2 Socio- Economic Environment Section 7.3 Cultural Environment	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** A preliminary list of potential socio- economic effects is presented in **Table 7-2**. The EA will specifically and directly consider potential project effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights. **Comment:** The preliminary list of potential socio- economic effects is insufficient to characterize the potential socio-economic effects that may be experienced by Aroland First Nation and its community members. Aroland First Nation recommends that the Proponent engage in detailed discussions with Aroland First Nation representatives to determine a comprehensive list of socio- economic effects, effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and the cultural environment.	The potential socio-economic effects presented in Table 7-2 (now renumbered to Table 7-1) is a preliminary list of effects. A full range of direct and indirect impacts of the WSR will be assessed in the EA. The WSR Project Team encourages Aroland First Nation to engage and discuss potential direct and indirect impacts.	Section 7.2
AFN-18	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** The assessment approach for the Project will be guided by the Webequie First Nation Three-Tier approach to consultation/engagement, whereby neighbouring First Nations are engaged/consulted in a respectful manner that acknowledges and reflects the culture, traditions and beliefs of their people and ancestors, and the shared history and aspirations of its neighbouring communities. **Comment:** Based on the information in the Draft ToR, Aroland First Nation does not appear to be characterized as a "neighbouring First Nation, and as a result Aroland First Nation may not be engaged/consulted in the manner outlined here. Aroland First Nation stands to be significantly impacted by the Project and should be engaged/consulted as a First Nation that will likely be significantly impacted.	Aroland First Nation will be included in the assessment of project impacts and cumulative impacts. The level of engagement between Webequie FN and Aroland FN will be discussed further as the consultation program progresses.	Section 8
AFN-19	Section 8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** An assessment of alternatives to the undertaking to meet the project purpose as defined by WFN has been completed and is presented in Section 5.1 of the [Draft] ToR. **Comment:** As noted above, the approach to the assessment of alternative methods included in the Draft ToR is deficient and must be inclusive of considerations related to the connection between the Webequie Supply Road and alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. Further, the with respect to determining alternative methods of carrying out the Project, it is relevant to understand the background of the various road/transportation studies that have been conducted in the Webequie First Nation/McFaulds Lake region over recent years, the Draft ToR is missing a key road/transportation study undertaken by the Project Management consultant for the project, namely the appendix to the Noront document "Noront Resources Ltd. Eagle's Nest Project Terms of Reference, October 5, 2012" titled "SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Option, March 30, 2010".	Please refer to Response AFN-5 relative to consideration of alternatives for an all-season road connection from the Webequie Supply Road Project to the provincial highway system. With respect to the Noront Resources Terms of Reference, WFN is not relying directly on previous documents, other than to provide context. References to the documents relied on are provided; a direct reference to and status of the Noront EA Terms of Reference for the Eagle's Nest Project has been provided throughout the revised ToR.	Throughout

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		Further, the EA should identify and evaluate routing alignment alternatives within the preferred corridor, including alternatives that optimize benefits and minimize impacts with respect to the connection between the Project and provincial highway system. The assessment of alternative designs and/or locations should involve a comparative evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages against a set of natural environment, socio-economic environment and technical considerations (e.g., cost, constructability) that includes effects on Aroland First Nation, including socio- economic effects, effects on Aboriginal and Treaty rights, and the cultural environment, to provide a clear rationale for the selection of a preferred alternative. Aroland First Nation should also be consulted and engaged in refining the Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation contained in Table 8-1.		
AFN-20	Section 8.0 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	**Terms of Reference Excerpt:** Conduct a cumulative effects assessment of the net effects of the Project in combination with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable developments in the local and regional area and assess the significance of those effects. **Comment:** The WSR Project and the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine are inherently linked. The Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine has an approved Terms of Reference for a provincial EA based on a voluntary agreement between Ontario and Noront signed in 2011. As such, the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine can be classified as a "reasonably foreseeable" project due to the existence of extensive baseline data, effects assessment and public media announcements. As such, the Noront Eagle's Nest Multi-metal Mine and associated potential effects must be considered in the WSR EA and cumulative effects assessment.	A new section 8.1 – Cumulative Effects had been added to generally describe the approach for the assessment. Noront Eagle's Nest Mine is considered a "reasonably foreseeable" project and will be included in the cumulative effects assessment.	Section 8.1

Table F-2: Comments Received from Ginoogaming First Nation GFN – (Chief Celia Echum), November 6, 2019				
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GFN-1		Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout all Environmental Assessment (EA) processes for this project. GFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document, and no funding opportunity has been made available by the Proponent or province of Ontario for this review. GFN requires appropriate resources to be meaningfully engaged in this EA process. It is concerning that the imposed timelines have already impeded our participation in the process, and it is essential that GFN be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds.	The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has also made funding available through its Participant Funding Program to assist in the participation of the public and Indigenous groups in the federal impact assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project.	

Table F-3: Comments Received from Matawa First Nations Management MFN – (David Paul Achneepineskum, Chief Executive Officer), November 6, 2019				
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MFN-1	Not cited by Respondent	In response to your notice dated September 11, 2019 regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for Review on the Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment. While Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) cannot speak on the behalf of any of our individual member First Nation communities, we feel it is necessary to convey the following observations, concerns and recommendations. In Webequie First Nation on July 13, 2011, the nine (9) Matawa member First Nations (Aroland, Constance Lake, Eabametoong, Ginoogaming, Marten Falls, Long Lake #58, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Webequie) signed the Mamow- Wecheekapawetahteewinn, otherwise known as the Unity Declaration (attached). The Unity Declaration affirms that the nine First Nations, who are connected through their language, cultural, social and economic interests, all live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to them by the Creator. They took the position that their collective traditional territories are under their own control, and that approval to operate in their respective territories cannot be given by the Government or any other external entities. In September 2019, the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project team developed and prepared a Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the WSR project as a first step in an Environmental Assessment (EA) process defined by the Government of Ontario. The process appears to be advancing along the typical prescribed government timelines, in seeking comments from MFNM and member First Nations without providing the required capacity supports to appropriately participate in the process. In keeping with the intent of the Mamow-Wecheekapawetchteewinn, all Matawa member First Nations should have been provided with the opportunity to participate in the creation of an appropriate EA process (and thus Terms of Reference) to align with the consultation and engagement needs of all communities. The current provincial EA and federal Impact Assessment (IA) processes which this project is undergoing does not align with the resource, communications, engagement and capacity requirements of our member First Nations. MNFM encourages the WSR team to move beyond the prescribed government processes, to work together in unity with all Matawa member First Nations in accordance with the spirit of the Mamow-Wecheekapawetchteewinn and Webequie First Nation's Elders Guiding Principles and Three-Tier Process (as presented in the Draft ToR). The WSR project has the potential to impact the Aboriginal and Treaty rights of the Matawa member First Nations. It is therefore essential that the entire project EA (inclusive of the Draft ToR and federal IA) wholly involve the Matawa member First Nations in a manner that is respectful and unified, with appropriately dedicated time and resources. According to the Draft ToR documentation, the WSR project team has not engaged the majority of the Matawa member First Nations beyond written communications to-date. According to MFNM's communications with our membership, there remains a knowledge gap in understanding the technical details of the proposed undertaking. As such, MFNM strongly urges the WSR project team to consider engaging individual Matawa member First Nations as soon as possible in-person and in-community. We also encourage supporting the creation of a regional technical working group to more thoroughly review and understand the technical information contained within this Draft ToR and future EA documentation. A project-specific regional technical working group would not be in replacement of individual community engagement and consultation, but would rather enhance and support individual community capacity requirements. Appropriate resource and capacity support at both the individual community and regional levels will help to ensure that that both community and shared interests/concerns can be appropriately addressed and planned for within the WSR project. Regarding comments on the Draft ToR document, and in recognition that a number of the Matawa member First Nations are unable to respond to this highly technical document within the prescribed comment period, MFNM has initiated drafting a preliminary technical comments document. Pending review of these comments by our membership in a manner deemed appropriate by our Leadership, we would be happy to provide these	It is Webequie First Nation's intent to provide Indigenous communities full access into development of the EA process through participation in development of the Terms of Reference. The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the EA Proponent and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has made funding available through its Participant Funding Program to assist in the participation of the public and Indigenous groups in the federal impact assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project. Throughout the Terms of Reference process, Webequie First Nation is committed to engaging with all Matawa First Nation communities to help them understand the supply road proposal and share information to inform the assessment of the potential effects of the Project, and address and resolve related issues in a mutually beneficial way. This process is ongoing as we seek to meet with each individual First Nation community at their availability. The Webequie Project Team is open to comments from all parties and encourages interested communities and associations to participate in the process.	

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		comments to the WSR project team under separate cover. Furthermore, we welcome the opportunity to work with the WSR project team to provide information, support and advice on establishing a project-specific regional technical committee, if desired.		

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Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
MUC-1	Section 1.3 Project Background and Context	The Proponent relies on past and incomplete Environmental Impact Statement or and Environmental Assessment Report (EIS/EAR) from Noront Resources which initially included an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Mushkegowuk is concerned Noront may be intentionally breaking key components of its Eagle's Nest project by allowing this proposed all-season road component to be transferred to the Proponent in order to avoid detailed assessment about the potential impacts as a whole. Therefore, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA be amended to include as co-Proponent, the actual user of the road, Noront Resources or alternatively, the proposed project to be amended delete all references to the previous studies in Section 1.3 that are intended to "provide the foundation for the development of the proposed Webequie Supply Road". By excluding the actual user of the proposed all-season road, Mushkegowuk is unable to understand the volume of mining related hauling, trucking of materials and supplies, transportation of dangerous goods, transportation of workers and the negative effects on wildlife, air quality, water management and spill contingencies. In addition, Mushkegowuk Council was not consulted on any of the referenced studies in Section 1.3 and has no actual knowledge of the ecosystemic effects of all proposed corridors and is unable to carry out a proper assessment of the downstream and down muskeg impacts of its member communities on the James Bay coast.	The WSR does not facilitate mine development or mining activities in the McFaulds Lake area, and is not considered an ancillary activity to any existing or future mining development. The road is intended as a transportation corridor to facilitate the movement of goods and services between Webequie and the mineral exploration activities and potential mining activities in the McFaulds Lake area. It is not intended to be used exclusively by any one developer. Revisions have been made to Section 1.0 of the ToR to provide clarity.	Section 1
MUC-2	Section 1.4 Purpose and Rationale For the Undertaking and Study	Section 1.4.1 refers to the goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road which includes "To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area." Given that there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, which would normally include anticipated impacts of the proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis, Mushkegowuk requests that the first objective in Section 1.4.1 (as italicized in 02) be entirely deleted. In addition, please delete "The EA Study for the Project will assess corridor alternatives and complete and effects assessment and evaluation of the selected preferred corridor for the all-season road and supporting infrastructure elements, which include aggregate extraction and processing areas, access roads, laydown / storage yards and construction camps." Finally, subsection 1.4.2 which provides the Rationale for the Undertaking must be entirely deleted for reasons stated above. No environmental assessment process should allow for the carving out of mining related infrastructure to third partyhaving limited knowledge of planned mining activities.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	Section 1.4.2
MUC-3	Section 3.2 Approach for Preparation of the Environmental Assessment	The Proponent proposes the project alternatives have been considered, given the studies referred to in Section 1.3. As indicated, the Noront EIS/EAR is incomplete and is currently outdated. Moreover, Noront has never formally consulted with Mushkegowuk Council but has occasionally engaged on a few presentations with no opportunity for input. All studies referred to in Section 1.3 have not been shared with Mushkegowuk Council and its potentially impacted First Nation communities. All engagement with Noront has been limited to information sharing with no opportunity for meaningful input. Thus, project alternatives must be identified as part of this EA process and the Proponent should not be permitted to proceed as a focused EA under subsections 6(2) and 6.1(3) because the First Nations communities represented here by Mushkegowuk Council have no knowledge of the Project details.	The background studies summarized in the draft ToR are included to provide historical context for the development of all-season road planning in the region. The Project Team has not placed absolute reliance on any of the preceding work for either consideration of the alternatives to the Undertaking or the development of alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking. In the latter regard, reliance has been placed primarily on input received from Webequie community members, including as part of its own Community Based Land Use Plan process. For example, Section 5.1.2.3 of the ToR clearly indicates that Webequie First Nation's Local Working Group conducted its own thought process on all-season road planning in the vicinity of the community, independently of consultation that was occurring on other studies, but for the purposes of contributing to those studies: "In 2017, concurrently with the ASCRS - Phase 2 work, the Webequie First Nation conducted an initial examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area at a conceptual level, building on the past aforementioned studies and using a community-based land use planning approach. This input involved … a community-based evaluation of route alternatives guided by the Webequie First Nation's Local Working Group, made up of community members of land users, harvesters, Elders, knowledge	Section 1.3 Section 5.1.2.3

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			holders and youth representatives……The WFN Local Working Group identified sensitivities and features of value for protection that should be avoided, derived from Indigenous Knowledge information and mapping, such as significant hunting areas for moose and caribou and known sacred, burial or spiritual significant sites, as well as respect for land use activities that are shared with neighbouring First Nation communities…… The outcome from this community-based evaluation was provided to Noront and, along with input Noront received from other communities, was the basis for the preliminary preferred East-West corridor, as described in the 2013 Noront Draft EIS/EAR for the Eagle's Nest Mine." The Webequie Project Team believes that the community based land use planning process, bolstered by the scope and results of other all-season road planning studies in the region, provide the basis for proceeding with a focused environmental assessment. There are member First Nations of Mushkegowuk Council (Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation) that are included as part of the list of twenty-two (22) Indigenous communities that are to be consulted on the Webequie Supply Road Project, and have received available project details as part of the WSR engagement and consultation program completed to date.	
MUC-4	Section 4.1.1 Preliminary Design Criteria	Proponent assumes a low Annual Average Daily Traffic volume less than 500 vehicles. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent provides more information on how it is obtaining this volume and furthermore, defines the type of vehicles. The Proponent is required to know the volume of vehicles as opposed to making assumptions. The onus is on the Proponent to demonstrate any predicted adverse ecosystemic or socio- economic effects will be prevented, mitigated, or managed. We cannot proceed with an arbitrary assumption of vehicle volume. Instead we will require a detailed breakdown of how volume and weight of vehicles are obtained. In addition, this subsection gives no consideration to the road design as a potential barrier to caribou or other large mammal movements. Therefore, Mushkegowuk Council recommends the completion of analysis of caribou crossing data to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing.	Traffic forecasting requires details on traffic generation and attraction nodes and the number of trips originating from and destined to those nodes. Currently, known future nodes include only the community of Webequie and the Noront mineral exploration (Esker) camp. Given the supply road purpose, the volume of vehicles using the road is expected to be low, with an Annual Average Daily Traffic volume of less than 500 vehicles. The road will facilitate use by a range of traffic types, including light vehicles and heavier industrial/commercial vehicles. It should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. The specific traffic mix (%) of heavy vehicles (e.g., trucks) versus light vehicles will be further examined in the EA. Section 4.1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide further details on the preliminary design criteria for the WSR. The current ToR provides the basis for designing the road. It is acknowledged that, given the soil and terrain in the James Bay Lowlands, caribou and other large mammals will likely have to cross the proposed supply road. The potential for related adverse effects and measures for reducing such potential will be examined during the EA phase. To date, baseline studies to inform this assessment have included winter aerial surveys to determine location and movement, and summer calving surveys in the vicinity of the preliminary preferred road corridor (refer to Section 6.2.3). Additional investigations will include an analysis of projected animal crossing locations and a determination of the most appropriate means of reducing the potential for animal-vehicle collisions.	Section 4.1.1 Section 6.2.3
MUC-5	Section 4.2 Components and Activities of the Project	Mushkegowuk Council recommends adding the review and analysis of caribou crossing data with western science and traditional knowledge experts to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing. The completed study is to be reviewed by all directly and indirectly impacted First Nations communities so that concerns be addressed and taken into considerations for the road design. Moreover, the road impacts must be monitored during all phases of the said project, including maintenance, closure or decommissioning phases by a terrestrial advisory group comprised of impacted First Nations community harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent.	Please refer to Response MUC-4 for an indication of caribou analyses that will be conducted during the EA. Related study results will be included in the EA documentation for review by Indigenous communities as part of the draft and final Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. Input from those reviews will help inform Detail Design of the supply road, as appropriate. Mitigation, environmental protection planning and pre-construction/construction/operations phase monitoring requirements and initiatives (including water quality and fish community monitoring) and prospective participants will be identified as part of the EA.	Section 6.2.3 Section 6.5.2

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		Mushkegowuk Council has aquatic environment concerns and to this end, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent includes the following component: "To provide baseline monthly methylmercury concentrations for an entire year prior to commencing any work related to the said project." Also, include the following activity: "Monitor and report to the terrestrial advisory group, methylmercury and impacts to fish on a monthly basis for all phases of the project, including the decommissioning or closure phase."		
MUC-6	Section 4.3.1 Construction Phase	The Proponent proposes discussions between Indigenous communities during the construction phase. Mushkegowuk proposes that a terrestrial advisory group comprised of local, downstream and down muskeg First Nations, harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent be established to review detailed design and construction phases so as to avoid or mitigate potential effects to Treaty lands and Aboriginal rights.	Engagement with individual First Nation communities and groups, including land users and regulators, with respect to construction is an important aspect of EA engagement. Consideration of how engagement is conducted during the construction phase is to be determined.	
MUC-7	Section 4.3.2 Operation and Maintenance Phase	The Proponent proposes this EA to commence without any information related to the Webequie Supply Road (Project) about the Project operator, governance, funding sources and operator's experience. The stated objective is to carry out routine inspections to "ensure the road meets the minimum standards for roadside safety and is a reliable connection to allow for the movement of materials, supplies and people from WFN in support of mineral exploration and mine developments…"(emphasis ours). This EA will require detailed information to ensure sufficient funding sources and operator experience are at hand to avoid / minimize potential accidents or malfunction from occurring. For example, knowing the name of the operator provides insight into their spill contingency plans, oil pollution emergency plans and emergency response plans. By omitting the name of the operator, the funding sources and timeframe, operator's experience, jurisdictional aspects of the Project, Mushkegowuk is unable to properly assess the risks, and the mitigation plans. As a result, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA do not proceed until such time as the Proponent is able to accurately provide detailed information to these information gaps.	Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR. Section 1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarification in this regard.	Section 1
MUC-8	Section 4.3.3 Decommission-ing Phase	Mushkegowuk is concerned that no information about WSR's operational funding is forthcoming. Sufficient funding is required to ensure the safe operations of this Project in the ecological sensitive region of the James Bay Lowlands. Accordingly, if sufficient and long term funding is unavailable for the life of the Project, Mushkegowuk recommends that the said road be immediately decommissioned and closed.	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development, including funding for operation of the supply road. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	
MUC-9	Section 5.1 Range of Alternatives Considered	As stated in Mushkegowuk – 02, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, tonnage to be hauled daily. Hence, Mushkegowuk requests the first stated primary objective in Section 5.1.1 be entirely deleted. Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be considered in the Terms of Reference. In addition, please add the Do nothing alternatives in subsection 5.1.1.6. and delete the last paragraph of this subsection in its entirety, beginning with "Therefore, in keeping….". In the Community Based Land Use Plan, Webequie First Nation (WFN) is said to engage in a consultative approach with adjacent First Nations. However, WFN has not consulted nor engaged the coastal James and Hudson Bay First Nations impacted bythe bulk of the stated primary objective, namely mining and aggregate excavation in the James Bay Lowlands (see Segment 3 and Segment 4 in Subsection 5.5). Moreover, WFN has not consulted with down-muskeg and downstream coastal First Nations communities. Accordingly, all questions offered to adjacent First Nations for their consideration were for most part, upstream First Nations thereby excluding downstream and down muskeg responses. Although the coastal First Nations are not immediately adjacent to WFN, they will be impacted by mining and mining related activities.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4 and reflected in Section 5.1, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarification in this regard. Refer also to Response MUC-2. The ToR includes an assessment of alternatives to the Undertaking, including the Do nothing option. Both Section 5.1.1.6 and Section 5.6 commit to carrying the Do nothing alternative forward as a comparator in the EA study for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project. Throughout the Terms of Reference process, WFN is committed to engaging with potentially affected Mushkegowuk First Nation communities (initially identified as Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation – refer also to Response MUC-3). This process is ongoing as we seek to meet with each individual FN community at their availability.	Section 1.4.2 Section 5.1 Section 5.6
MUC-10	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road	We suggest additional consideration be brought forward regarding the possible impacts arising from variability of water table levels leading to increased levels of methylmercury. Water table levels do change in mining dewatering activities and other types of excavation associated with linear infrastructure such as roads. Specifically, what would happen to the complex aquatic	Potential effects to groundwater quality, flow and quantity as a result of the Project and its interaction with other components such as the aquatic environment or surface water will be examined in the EA. A preliminary discussion of potential effects to groundwater from the	Section 7.1.2

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	Corridor Alternative Concepts	environment in the ecological pristine region of the James Bay and Hudson Bay lowlands if water table variability would occur as a direct effect of development. Moreover, what is the cumulative effects of opening the Ring of Fire region to multiple mining companies on the integrity of the lowlands and critical ecosystem services as a carbon sink in fighting GHG.	anticipated construction and operation activities of the Project are presented in Section 7.1.2 of the ToR.	
MUC-11	Section 5.5 Supply Road Alternatives Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment	Segment 3 as shown on Figure 5.11 is described as the east-west section across the James Bay Lowlands area. This area is within the Treaty lands of the First Nations communities of Mushkegowuk. Segment 4, again is within the Treaty lands of Mushkegowuk First Nations. Segment 4 crosses the major historical Muketei River which leads directly downstream to the Mushkegowuk First Nation community of Attawapiskat. Yet, no Mushkegowuk community based considerations as outlined in Table 5-2 has been collected or solicited. Mushkegowuk underscores this WSR project should not proceed as a separate project from the Noront EA because information gaps of the intended mining activities at Eagle's Nest are and will be significant.	The determination of impacts from the proposed supply road on indigenous communities, including down-muskeg and downstream communities and land users in the James Bay Lowlands, will be examined in detail through the EA process. In order to conduct a comprehensive and accurate assessment, we welcome input in the form of information and comments from all interested parties, including Mushkegowuk communities. We encourage Mushkegowuk communities to come forward to make arrangements for additional engagement. Text in the ToR has been revised to provide further details on the preliminary potential effects of the Project (Section 7). With respect to integration of the Webequie Supply Road with the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EAs, the draft ToR states the Project Team's understanding of Noront's intent to exclude an all-season road from the scope of the mine proposal when its EA is restarted, so this transportation component cannot be integrated. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA study will include consideration of the Noront mining activities, as well as other existing and future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR Project. Text has been revised in the ToR (formerly Section 5.5) to provide greater clarity.	Section 5.6 Section 7
MUC-12	Section 6.1 Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Study Area	The Proponent indicates that it is not possible to"… illustrate the location or bounds of a number of features and sensitivities, including First Nations' traditional territories…". In so doing, the Proponent is not referencing Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territory in this draft Terms of Reference. Please amend to include "Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territories" to the opening paragraph. **Project footprint**: Please amend to read: "established to identify areas of direct and downstream and down muskeg disturbance" and delete "i.e., the physical area required for construction and operation of the Project". **Local Study Area (LSA):** Please amend to read: "established to assess the potential direct, downstream and down-muskegs effects of the Project on the local environment and James Bay Lowlands." Finally, please delete the last sentence of subsection prior to the Caribou Study Area beginning with: "For example, the study area for assessing terrestrial biological effects (e.g., caribou migration) will likely be more extensive than the hydrological study areas." This is required because of the complex and largely understudied hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands region. Please refer to our recommendation in Mushkegowuk – 24 for the preliminary identification of evaluation criteria.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	
MUC-13	Section 6.2 Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Data Collection Methodology	The draft Terms of Reference is silent on the complexity of the hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands, one of the world's largest wetlands and carbon sink. According to western science, very little is known about the interconnectivity of the James Bay Lowlands hydrology yet Mushkegowuk Cree Elders have cautioned that the Lowlands are deeply interconnected with underground rivers and streams not yet visible in aerial photos. Moreover, researchers with University of Waterloo have found that variations to water tables in the James Bay Lowlands either due to climate change and / or dewatering activities such as mining, road construction have a direct link to increased methylmercury levels. Therefore, Mushkegowuk requires subsection 6.2.1 be amended to include an in-depth fulsome field Wetland Regional Study carried out by independent by either McGill or Waterloo universities as one of critical baseline studies.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	

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		Summer Caribou Calving Survey: Additional survey should be carried out by drones as opposed to helicopters due to the invasive impacts of the motor noise which creates undue hardship and stressors of the caribou population. **Aquatic Habitat Surveys**: Survey to include downstream and down-muskeg points and not limited to at or near proposed crossings because of possible effects. Additional wetland related surveys would include Vascular Plants and Aquatic Invertebrates using both field surveys and bathymetric maps with additional study requirement informed by university wetland researchers having existing studies of the James Bay Lowlands.		
MUC-14	Section 6.2.3 Socio-Economic Environment	Information must include the socio-economic environment of the Mushkegowuk coastal First Nations communities by direct consultation.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	
MUC-15	Section 6.2.4 Cultural Environment	Amend by including the following: "A key data source will be WFN and other Indigenous communities, <u>including the coastal indigenous communities of Attawapiskat, Peawanuck, Fort Albany and Kashechewan</u>, for information on traditional land use areas, sacred sites and other cultural aspects."	The Project Team recognizes and values data from all communities, including the James Bay coastal communities.	Section 6.5.1
MUC-16	Section 6.2.5 Published Sources of Information	Add to the preliminary published sources of information the following: 1. Carbon Storage and Potential Methane Projection in Hudson Bay Lowlands by Ontario Forest Research Institute; 2. Effects of a changing climate on Peatlands in Permafrost: A Literature Review and Application to Ontario's Far North – by Climate Change Research Report CCRR-34; 3. Hydrological functions of mine-impacted and natural peatland- dominated watershed, James Bay Lowlands – Journal of Hydrology September 2015; 4. Mercury Studies among Cree of Eeyou Istchee – March 2005.	The additional preliminary published sources of information have been added to Section 6.5.1 of the ToR.	
MUC-17	Section 6.3 Natural Environment	Amend the second sentence of the subsection General Environmental Setting as such: "This ecozone is known for the Precambrian bedrock, as well as many wetlands and large rivers and streams, which flow to Hudson Bay <u>and James Bay (Charron et al, 2014). Also see Figure 6.2</u>." Because no regional wetland study is available to inform this proposed EA process, the reference indicating the "streams are connected to the overburden aquifer and are not typically connected to deeper bedrock aquifers" should be deleted. There is at present, no supporting evidence for this assertion in the LSA. In addition, please amend the first sentence to subsection 6.3.4 to read as following: "The Study Area is located within the Big Trout Lake Ecoregion (Ecoregion 2W), a large ecoregion stretching from the Manitoba border to the Hudson <u>and James Bay Lowlands</u>."	Section 6.1 (formally Section 6.3) in the ToR has been revised to include the suggested references to James Bay.	Section 6.1
MUC-18	Section 6.3.8 Air Quality	The Proponent proposes to evaluate potential emission sources against regulatory standards. Yet, if approved, WSR will generate significant sources of human induced air emission, like dust and diesel / gas emissions in an ecological sensitive and sparsely populated region. There are no nearby air monitoring stations and the proposed Thunder Bay station is located upwind from the project location. Mushkegowuk recommends the Proponent prepare an Air Quality and Dustfall Monitoring Plan with dustfall sampling methods and reporting for review by all impacted indigenous communities through the suggested terrestrial advisory group. Also, provide sampling methodology of air pollutants and compare with existing Nunavut air quality standards (as opposed to Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria which is not adapted for this subarctic region) along with ECCC recommended federal targets. Also, please amend to include an ecological risk assessment to consider ingestion of contaminants of dust and other air pollutants as a pathway for all wildlife, including the caribou and other species at risk.	The comments regarding potential effects to air quality and wildlife related to dust, diesel/gas emissions have been considered and is reflected in the revised Section 7.1.4 and Section 7.1.8 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.4 Section 7.1.8
MUC-19	Section 6.4.6 Land and Resource Use	The Proponent acknowledges shared territory with other First Nations such as Peawanuck and Attawapiskat. Mushkegowuk reiterates this assertion and as the Proponent indicated, no maps of the shared territory will be provided for confidentiality reasons.	In order to ensure a high quality, complete and accurate EA, it is important to have information from all potentially affected communities, including Mushkegowuk First Nations. If mapping is not	

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			to be provided, please advise what other forms of information you are prepared to make available to facilitate the impact assessment.	
MUC-20	Section 7 Potential Environmental Effects	Please add to Table 7-1 to the third bullet (Construction of supportive infrastructure) as Potential Effects: "Barriers to caribou migration routes and disruption to calving grounds" and "water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish". Please add "water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish" in fourth and fifth bullets of Project Activity as an additional Potential Effects.	Table 7-1 is no longer included in the ToR. Potential effects with respect to connectivity, distribution and movement of wildlife, including caribou; and potential adverse effects to groundwater or fish/fish habitat are reflected in the revised Sections 7.1.2, 7.1.4 and 7.1.6 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.2 Section 7.1.4 Section 7.1.6
MUC-21	Section 7.3 Cultural Environment	Please amend at page 118 the following paragraph to read: "To assess potential effects on the above noted cultural environment aspects, the EA will draw upon Indigenous Knowledge information gathered through consultation with Webequie community members, Elders and other potentially impacted First Nations." This amendment is necessary as Mushkegowuk's First Nations communities Treaty rights may be potentially affected by this Project. Also, please delete the following ("(assumed to be WFN)" in the first bullet of the last paragraph at the bottom of page 118.	Thespecific text in Section 7.3 has been deleted and revised to provide greater clarity.	Section 7.3
MUC-22	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation	Segments 3 and 4 are located on the James Bay Lowlands, the Treaty territory of the Mushkegowuk's First Nations communities. The second paragraph of Section 8 indicates a consultation process for "neighbouring First Nations" as opposed to potentially impacted First Nations. Accordingly, it is recommended to the Proponent to commit to consultation with potentially impacted First Nations and not limited to "neighbouring First Nations".	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	
MUC-23	Section 8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	As stated in Mushkegowuk – 09, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, normally included as part of the anticipated impacts of any proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent **not** proceed under a focused EA in accordance with subsections 6(2) (c) and 6.1(3). Moreover, Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be added to this subsection.	Please refer to Response MUC-2 with respect to the purpose of the Project and Response MUC-3 with respect to the justification for a focused EA.	
MUC-24	Section 8.1.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators	The potential of impacts to the integrity of the wetlands located in the James Bay Lowlands are significant. The cumulative effects of the Project, additional exploration and mining activities and changes to the climate will accelerate the variability of the wetland water tables, leading to possible increased methylmercury levels and premature degradation of the wetlands. Accordingly, Table 8-1 will require a separate Criterion for Wetlands and major indicators to assess potential impacts to the wetlands, including but not limited to water chemistry, water table levels, stream sinuosity, wetland, soil saturation, water marks, drift lines, sediment deposit, drainage patterns and any other hydrologic data necessary to assess the amount of carbon stored in the wetlands. Mushkegowuk reserves the right to suggest additional indicators should this EA progress. **Socio-Economic Environment**: Add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: "Changes to the volume and type of waste in the community landfill including hazardous waste materials, such as fuel cans, batteries, tires, vehicles". Also, please add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: "level of methylmercury in fish in the downstream rivers". **Technical Considerations**: Add the following criterion: Funding Sources.	Socio-Economic Indicators have been included in Section 8.3.1 as per comment received.	Section 8.3.1
MUC-25	Section 9.2 Commitments and Monitoring	The Proponent is anticipating to operate the WSR for an indeterminate time period. However, if the Project was part of an EA review process for a mining proponent, the decommissioning of the mining related road would include a monitoring plan in the mine closure plan. Given the primary stated objective of this draft Terms of Reference is to build a mine related road to Noront's project, Mushkegowuk recommends a post closure monitoring plan for the decommissioning phase.	With respect to tying the WSR to the proposals of a mining proponent, and related decommissioning of the road, please refer to Response MUC-11. Monitoring frameworks and monitoring plans are a critical component of any EA. It is expected that the WSR EA will address and engage on monitoring for all phases of the project.	

Table F-4: Comments Received from Mushkegowuk Council MUC – (Vern Cheechoo), November 6, 2019				
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		In addition, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent consults with potentially impacted First Nations for its monitoring framework and monitoring plans. Mushkegowuk also requests that the purpose of the monitoring plan be stated as follows: "a) to measure the relevant effects of the WSR on the ecosystemic and socio economic environment of the LSA; b) to determine whether and to what extent the project is carried out within the predetermined terms and conditions; c) to provide information necessary for agencies to enforce terms and conditions; and d) to assess the accuracy of the predictions contained in the EA / EIS."		
MUC-26	Section 10.2.1 Engagement and Consultation – Identification of Indigenous Communities	Please add to Indigenous communities (and we suggest organizations) requiring deepest and most frequent engagement / consultation: "Mushkegowuk Council".	The Webequie Project Team intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities (including select Mushkegowuk member communities), organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA. Throughout the consultation process, Webequie Project Team is interested in learning more about the potential impacts on Mushkegowuk communities. WFN will follow-up Mushkegowuk Council to further understand their role and objectives in representing their member communities.	
MUC-27	Section 10.2.21 Government Agencies – Government Review Team	The water table variations may cause increased levels of methylmercury in fish. Accordingly, Mushkegowuk recommends adding to the Government of Canada review team: "Health Canada".	From draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines prepared by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("the Agency"), it is the Webequie Project Team's understanding that matters related to community health and well-being will be part of the federal Impact Assessment for the Project. However, it should be noted that the Agency team engaging with First Nation communities to date has included a staff member from Health Canada, and the Agency can consult with the appropriate federal authorities at its discretion. Please consult Agency staff directly for further details on this matter.	
MUC-28	Section 10.4.1 Engagement and Consultation with Indigenous Communities	Please amend the Method of Engagement for Community Visits to "include 8 communities and 1 (Mushkegowuk) Council". Also, include additional specific activities during the Community Visits such as: "Obtain input of additional baseline studies to be conducted".	Please refer to Response MUC-27. The Project Team encourages communities to provide information, including contribution to baseline studies.	
MUC-29	Section 11 Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances	Include in this Section the following: "Regulator, Proponent or impacted Indigenous communities may reconsider the terms and conditions if the approved Terms and Conditions are not achieving their purpose, or the project effects are significantly different from what was intended or new information is now available."	In accordance with subsection 6.1(1) of the EA Act, WFN recognizes that the EA and the associated EAR/IS must be conducted and prepared in accordance with the approved ToR and that this will need to be documented for compliance. The Terms and Conditions of any EA approval are at the discretion of the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks and is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA.	

Table F-6: Comments Received from Long Lake #58 First Nation LLFN – (Chief Veronica Waboose), November 6, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
LLFN-1		Long Lake #58 First Nation (LL58) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout all Environmental Assessment (EA) processes for this project. LL58 does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document, and no funding opportunity has been made available by the Proponent or province of Ontario for review or comment. LL58 requires appropriate resources to be meaningfully engaged in this EA process. It is concerning that the imposed timelines have already impeded our participation in the process, and it is essential that LL58 be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds.	The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has also made funding available through its Participant Funding Program to assist in the participation of the public and Indigenous groups in the federal impact assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project.	

Table F-7: Comments Received from Constance Lake First Nation CLFN – (Chief Rick Allen), November 7, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
CLFN-1		Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for this project. CLFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Draft Terms of Reference document. While we recognize that a funding opportunity has been made available by the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) for this review, CLFN has not yet completed a holistic engagement work plan for this EA, nor do we have the technical staff on-hand to prepare such a response. It is concerning that the timelines imposed within this EA have already impeded CLFN's participation in the process. It is essential that CLFN be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so as this project proceeds, and we request that comment timelines reflect our need to build internal technical capacity on EAs and this project.	The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the EA Proponent and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. It is our understanding that CLFN has submitted an application for capacity funding to ENDM and that this currently under review by Ontario for approval. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada has also made funding available through its Participant Funding Program to assist in the participation of the public and Indigenous groups in the federal impact assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project.	

Table F-5: Comments Received from Neskantaga First Nation NFN – (Chief Christopher Moonias), November 6, 2019				
Item No.	**Draft ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**	**ToR Section**
NFN-0	N/A	**Letter received on October 16, 2019 from Aaron Bruce to Don Parkinson.** I have just been brought on by the Neskantaga First Nation to be legal counsel on its environmental assessment team for the Webequie Supply Road project. I had a brief call with Wayne Moonias today who had some concern that there may be a deadline today for comments on the draft terms of reference for the EA. The only information he has been able to provide me is the below email with your message. I haven't been able to locate the draft TOR online as you suggest or any information on a deadline for comments. I am wondering if you can either provide the TOR directly to me or point me to a specific webpage. Unfortunately, David Peerla who is a key advisor to NFN on this project is on bereavement leave and I have not been able to touch base with him on this issue as of yet. Under these circumstances, if a deadline is imminent we request an extension of time for NFN to provide comments on this critical phase of the EA.	In response to this letter, an email was sent to Aaron Bruce (with copies to Wayne Moonias and Chief Chris Moonias) on October 24 informing him that the Draft ToR review and comment period had been extended to November 6, 2019.	NA
NFN-1	1 Proponency	Webequie First Nation is the project proponent. Other First Nations in Ontario's Far North and in other Northern regions of Canada have participated in similar all-season road initiatives, although not as the primary proponent. The Project is situated wholly within WFN Reserve lands and/or the community's Draft CBLUP Planning Area of Interest, although peripheral parts of the PAI constitute recognized shared territory with other First Nation communities. Therefore, it is appropriate for WFN to assume proponency for the road corridor alternatives under consideration. P.51 **Request.** Who will be the operator of the planned supply road? How will the road project be governed? How will access to the road be controlled?	WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR. Section 1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	Section 1.1
NFN-2	2 Purpose of the Undertaking	The goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road Project ("the Undertaking") are as follows: • To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area; P.6. As plans and studies move forward towards the identification of the ultimate interconnection of the mineralized zone and the provincial highway system and/or national railway system continue, the Webequie First Nation will continue to move its plans forward for their supply road, and will maintain interests in participating in either of the north-south and/or east-west all-season road options. In addition to road connection to the areas of potential mineral development, and ultimately the provincial highway system, WFN and some other remote First Nation communities are also interested in exploring the potential for connection to the provincial electricity grid and the telecommunications grid in the future. P.8. **Comment.** The scope of the Project as set out in the ToR was developed without any consultation with Neskantaga. We are concerned that the full nature and purpose of the project is not being considered in the Supply Road EA. The mines and roads referenced by Webequie when describing the purpose of the undertaking are inextricably linked. Webequie acknowledges that the Supply Road is intended to promote future infrastructure, roads and mines in the Neskantaga territory. The development of the mines and roads in the Ring of Fire region, and other forms of induced development, will have strategic level impacts on Neskantaga's Aboriginal and Treaty rights throughout our territory. Those strategic level issues are not part of the current EA. Neskantaga seek a comprehensive and integrated consultation process to address the strategic level impacts of opening up the region to development beyond the Supply Road EA.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity in this regard. Webequie is encouraging engagement with all Indigenous communities that are interested in participating in the EA process.	Section 1.4.2

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NFN-3	3 Conclusion	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM), on behalf of the Ontario Government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of consultation required under the EA Act to the Webequie First Nation, as proponent. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty of Consult will be shared amongst the three parties, is in the process of being finalize. Material from the executed MOU will be included in the final ToR. As established in the draft MOU, Webequie First Nation's roles and responsibilities include the following: 1. Consultation and Planning Notification a. Works with Ontario to delineate clear roles and responsibilities for consultation as set out in the MOU; b. Prepares Aboriginal consultation plans for the preparation of the terms of reference and the environmental assessment and submits to Ontario for review. The consultation plan for the environmental assessment must be submitted as part of the terms of reference. Consultation plans must include: The assessment will also be guided by the WFN principles of community consultation (referred to as the three-tier approach) to engage and consult with other First Nations (refer to Section 10.1.1 Indigenous Communities Consultation). **Requests.** Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the executed Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, ENDM and Webequie. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of your Neskantaga consultation plan for our review and comment. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the Neskantaga consultation budget, milestones and timelines. Will Ontario be relying solely on Webequie, as the proponent, to share Project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation? How will the EA process accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making rights? How will the EA timeline accommodate the ongoing social emergency in Neskantaga? Is it Webequie's knowledge and belief that Ontario intends to rely on the federal and provincial EA processes, respectively, to discharge their legal obligations of consultation and accommodation of Neskantaga's Aboriginal Rights and Title and Treaty Rights interests arising out of this proposed Project? **Comment.** We have no negotiated consultation protocol with Webequie. Supporting a consultation process in Neskantaga during our continuing social emergency will require the development of concrete and meaningful procedural protections and provision of extensive supports to ensure our voices are properly heard. The ToR is a critical strategic document that guides the entirety of the provincial EA. The approval of the ToR for the Project by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally protected rights. This decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged, appropriate to the decision point; meaningful consultation has not yet occurred and will not be achieved through an opportunity to comment as a mere stakeholder on these ToR. Before the Project's ToR are approved, an appropriate process for consultation and accommodation must be set out, whether as an adjunct to the EA or otherwise.	A MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation was executed on February 7th, 2020 and is intended to set out the roles and responsibilities between Webequie as the proponent and Ontario as the Crown. As per the MOU, Webequie will be responsible for carrying out those procedural aspects of consultation in respect of the Project and Ontario may rely on such efforts in fulfilling its constitutional duty to consult. Throughout the engagement process, all affected parties will have the opportunity to discuss any potential impacts the Project may have on the environment and on aboriginal and treaty rights and what measures should be undertaken to avoid, mitigate and where mitigation is not possible, accommodate. To the extent such accommodation measures fulfil the duty of consultation, the Crown will be informed and it shall take such measures into account in its decision making processes. Section 10.1.2 of the ToR has been revised to reflect the executed MOU. The roles and responsibilities of Webequie and MECP/ENDM (Ontario) with respect to the procedural aspect for the Duty to Consult have been summarized in the ToR. The basis of the Consultation Plan is included in the ToR. Customization of consultation for a community depends on their protocols and procedures. We encourage Neskantaga First Nation to engage with WFN to discuss this matter. WFN will follow up with Neskantaga on the appropriate forum and protocols to engage and consult with Neskantaga. The budget for consultation and engagement with First Nations is not specifically allocated to individual communities or groups. The engagement process with Neskantaga First Nation can be used to discuss community protocols and resource requirements to participate in the EA. It is our understanding that capacity funding has been provided to Neskantaga by the Province of Ontario (ENDM) through a Participation Funding Agreement, which includes provision to allow for Neskantaga to review and comment on the ToR, EA Report and provide Indigenous Knowledge. Ontario is relying on Webequie, as the EA proponent, to share project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation. The Province is prepared to support Webequie First Nation in the EA process and will be responding directly to Neskantanga on the roles and responsibilities of Ontario, as identified in the MOU. Webequie First Nation will rely on engagement with Neskantaga First Nation to inform the Project Team about their traditional laws and decision-making rights and the extent to which these can be incorporated in the EA process. We encourage Neskantaga First Nation to engage with the Webequie Project Team in a timely manner to identify any issues, constraints, emergencies, etc. that could be mitigated through the WSR EA process. The Webequie Project Team encourages Neskantaga First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time. Webequie has invited Neskantaga First Nation to comment on the Draft ToR prior to submitting the final ToR and is prepared to discuss and resolve issues and concerns through this process. WFN will follow-up with Neskantaga to arrange a mutual convenient time for the Webequie Project Team to meet and discuss the comments and concerns raised by Neskantaga.	Section 10.1.2

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			The EA is in relation to the planning and development of the Webequie Supply Road project. The Webequie Project Team would be pleased to discuss how the ongoing social concerns within the community may be consider in the context of WFN's engagement and consultation with Neskantaga. The response to the comment regarding that approval of the ToR by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally protected rights and that the decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of Neskantaga's interests has been discharged is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	
NFN-4	4 Record Keeping	Works with Ontario to develop common templates to record consultation that meets both Statutory Consultation and Duty obligations; Submits monthly consultation reports to Ontario (using template); Keeps detailed and organized records of all consultation activities (e.g., meetings, calls, correspondence) and analyzes input received from Aboriginal Communities using com- mon template; P.133. **Request.** Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the consultation report template. Please provide Neskantaga with copies of the Neskantaga consultation reports to date.	A Record of Consultation for the ToR phase will be provided as supporting documentation with the final ToR, which will be available for review during the mandatory public review process for the ToR phase.	
NFN-5	5 Engagement and Consultation	This section of the ToR presents the plan that outlines the engagement and consultation activities that will occur during preparation of the Terms of Reference and the environmental assessment. P.128 **Request.** What is the distinction, if any, between engagement and consultation?	The terms "engagement" and "consultation" are used depending on the nature of the activities undertaken with Indigenous communities and the general public.	
NFN-6	6 Accommodation	The EAR/IS will describe Indigenous communities, their traditional uses of the land and their established and asserted claims, including accommodation as necessary to address potential effects to Aboriginal and Treaty rights. P. 112 WFN intends to use Indigenous Knowledge and other information received from community members for the Project to assist with several key elements of the EA process, including: • Assessing existing Indigenous Knowledge information in relation to the road project and to understand additional work that may be required; • Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge currently available to establish a baseline to monitor change going forward; • Evaluating alternatives and assessing potential impacts of the Project (e.g., criteria and indicators of relevance to Indigenous communities for all environmental components); and • Developing environmental mitigation, protection and compensation measures, and monitoring commitments and accommodation measures, where necessary. P.152 **Requests.** Is Webequie, as the proponent, delegated the duty to accommodate under the Consultation MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie? If Neskantaga has issues with accommodation measures that are being proposed by Webequie, what role will Ontario play in issue resolution?	Refer to response to NFN-3. The comment as to the role Ontario will play in issue resolution is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	Section 10.1.2
NFN-7	7 Potential Neskantaga	Consultation with Indigenous communities and potential employment economic benefits for Indigenous communities which may result from the Project will be an important component of the Webequie Supply Road	Through comprehensive analysis of impacts in the EA, a number of mitigation measures and potential accommodation measures will be identified. The economics of the proposed	

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	Economic Benefits and Participation Opportunities	Project. P.107. **Request.** Is Webequie prepared to negotiate a Supply Road impact and benefit agreement with Neskantaga?	project are unknown at this time. The extent to which the project is expected to result in benefits will be discussed through engagement.	
NFN-8	8 Cumulative Effects	Conduct a cumulative effects assessment of the net effects of the Project in combination with other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable developments in the local and regional area and assess the significance of those effect. P.120 **Requests.** Will the Supply Road EA consider the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region? If not, why not? Would Webequie consider establishing a joint Matawa remotes technical working group to examine and agree on the cumulative effects methodology? How will cumulative effects be measured against pre-determined thresholds developed in land use planning, regional cumulative effects assessment, or other processes? How will Neskantaga's oral evidence of past impacts of development Projects be given due consideration in the assessment of cumulative effects? **Comment.** The Ring of Fire area is poised for significant levels of development in a largely unroaded, undeveloped, pristine landscape setting that is the homeland of Matawa First Nation communities. A proper assessment of the cumulative effects of this larger development on the environment and the Matawa Nations must be undertaken as part of Crown consultation in this EA to address the numerous significant adverse effects that are anticipated to First Nations' interests, communities and members. Neskantaga's view is that the Crown's EA processes, as currently designed, are not adequate to undertake the cumulative effects assessment required to address these issues. A parallel process to address cumulative effects needs to be undertaken, with full Matawa First Nations' involvement. The ToR must address this issue of an effective, fulsome cumulative effects assessment.	The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The ToR text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1. The ToR has committed in Section 6.5 to the development of work plans for select environmental components at the outset of the EA, which will include preparing a work plan for assessing cumulative effects. The work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders. The Webequie Project Team will consider the request to establish a joint technical working group with Indigenous communities to provide input to the work plan. The Webequie Project Team will assess the project's cumulative effects using the approach as described in the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's guidance documents, which include: the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template for Designated Projects Subject to the Impact Assessment Act* (IA Agency, 2019); *Operational Policy Statement: Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2015b); and *Interim Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2018b). The Webequie Project Team is open to comments from all parties and encourages interested communities to participate in the process and encourages Neskantaga to provide any additional comments to Ontario in terms of their regulatory processes.	Section 8.1 Section 6.5
NFN-9	9 Alternatives	In addition to the previous transportation studies and Community Based Land Use Plan that is currently being prepared by Webequie, in 2017, WFN conducted an initial screening of supply road corridor alternatives of approximately 2 km in width between Webequie and mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. The screening and analysis of corridors was guided by a Local Working Group made up of community members of land users, harvesters, elders, and youth representatives. The corridor screening process included the identification of the advantages and disadvantages of three (3) corridor alternatives against the broad range of assessment factors (caribou habitat, culturally significant features, areas used for traditional activities, etc.), which were identified based on discussions with community members as to features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued environmental components for the community. The result of this community-based planning exercise was the identification of a preliminary preferred corridor for the WSR Project. P.121. Therefore, it is proposed that, in addition to the initial alternatives and with the benefit of additional engagement and consultation, the EA will further identify and evaluate routing alignment alternatives within the preferred corridor, including alternatives that optimize constructability and cost, as well as other alternative infrastructure designs (e.g., culverts or bridges at waterbody crossings) and siting with respect to temporary or permanent supportive ancillary infrastructure for the Project, such as access roads, construction camps, laydown/storage yards and aggregate extraction and processing sites. These alternative de- signs	Through the engagement with Marten Falls First Nation, the Project Team will identify the nature of the comprehensive review of regional infrastructure alternatives and how they will be incorporated, if at all, into the WSR EA process. With respect to Noront Resources' consideration of an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the Eagle's Nest mining camp matured, this question should be directed to Noront. Information on the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA and its current status can be found on Noront's website (http://norontresources.com). It is our understanding that the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change received three requests in the Fall 2019 for a regional assessment under the *Impact Assessment Act* related to the Ring of Fire area. The Minister on February 11, 2020 determined that a regional assessment of the Ring of Fire region will be conducted under the *Impact Assessment Act*. Webequie First Nation will be monitoring the regional assessment as the process unfolds.	

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		may be used to accommodate Indigenous community concerns, or address those issues raised by government agencies, the public or stakeholders. The assessment of alternative designs and/or locations will involve a comparative evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages against a set of natural environment, socio-economic environment and technical considerations (e.g., cost, constructability) to provide a clear rationale for the se- lection of a preferred alternative. P.122 Therefore, Marten Falls wants to conduct a comprehensive study to review alternatives available in the region on infrastructure that includes the north-south corridor option to connect Marten Falls to the provincial highway but also other possibilities for the region including an east-west option, a loop option or the feasibility of rail as an alternative. A comprehensive understanding of these options is essential to make the right decision for a prosperous and sustainable future of our communities. Understanding our options is also essential for asserting our jurisdiction and this is a step in that direction. December 15, 2016, From: Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, Marten Falls First Nation To: Chiefs of Matawa First Nations, Chief Negotiator Bob Rae and advisors Re: Noront's Amended TOR and alternatives assessment. **Requests.** How will the Supply Road EA link to the comprehensive review of infrastructure alternatives suggested by Marten Falls in 2016? Noront proposed an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the mining camp matured. Why was this alternative ruled out? **Comment.** A negotiated tripartite First Nation, federal-provincial regional assessment could inform strategic planning of regional infrastructure and development, simplify the current project-by-project approach, address concerns about governance, jurisdiction, joint decision making, cumulative effects, and consultation beyond the immediate project sites.		
NFN-10	10 The All-Season Community Road Study (2016)	From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. P.4. Infrastructure, including roads, has been the subject of prior studies and initiatives involving the Matawa member First Nations. In August 2011, the Eabametoong, Webequie, Nibinamik and Neskantaga First Nations signed the East West Collaborative Agreement that formalized their collective interest in looking at options for a community service road. This culminated in the All Season Community Road Study which was funded jointly by the federal and Ontario governments and resulted in a report dated June 30, 2016 ("Report"). While the four participating communities were unable to agree on a preferred road corridor at the time of the Report, the Report did identify nine possible routing options. We understand that Webequie and Nibinamik First Nations are currently building on the work that was done in the Report. December 15, 2017 MNDM letter to Neskantaga. **Request.** Please explain the discrepancy between Ontario's understanding of the conclusion of the All-Season Community Road Study [unable to agree on a preferred corridor] and the Webequie Supply Road TOR [a preferred corridor was identified].	Text in Section 1.3 the ToR has been revised to reflect that the four participating communities did <u>not</u> identify a preferred road corridor, due to other overarching concerns about jurisdiction, First Nation involvement in the process and the general need for further study.	Section 1.3
NFN-11	11 Baseline Studies and Neskantaga Participation	Once the community-preferred corridor was identified, preliminary baseline environmental and baseline studies were conducted along this alignment. P.46-7. Detailed field studies, including biological studies, a Stage 1 archaeological assessment, hydrological studies, geotechnical studies, and other investigations required to support the Noront EA process were conducted to characterize and confirm the constructability of the all-season road and to minimize environmental impacts. Indigenous Knowledge data were also provided by the Webequie First Nation and incorporated into the	Environmental Baseline Studies will be available at release of the Draft EAR/IS report. Summaries in non-technical language can be provided. The WSR Project Team welcomes and encourages the interest of all communities in development of environmental effects evaluation methodology.	

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		analysis. P.54. Wildlife surveys were conducted by SNC-Lavalin in 2017, as re- ported in the Baseline Environmental and Geotechnical Studies Report - Webequie Community Supply Road (TPA1B). P.90. The description and characterization of the existing environmental conditions provided in the ToR (Sections 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5) will be presented in greater detail in the EAR/IS and will include the method and the results of the baseline field programs that were completed to support the EA. P.81. **SUMMER CARIBOU CALVING SURVEY** Results of this survey will be documented in an environmental baseline condition report to support the EA. P.82. **Requests.** Please provide a copy of all baseline studies referenced above for Neskantaga review and comment. Going forward the results of baseline studies should be summarized and presented to Neskantaga in clear, non-technical language. Would Webequie consider creating an environmental effects evaluation methodology working group with the remote Matawa First Nations?		
NFN-12	12 Aggregates	One of the greater potential effects of an all-season road will be the development of aggregate supply sources. These impacts, and other impacts associated with construction and operation of an all-season road, will be examined in detail during the environmental assessment process. P.35. **Requests.** What are the preliminary results of Webequie's assessment of potential aggregate sources and/or the annual aggregate re- sources requirements for construction and maintenance of the Supply road. **Comment.** The sources of aggregate for the road will impact more upland habitat than the road itself. Based on advice from our technical expert, Neskantaga views all aggregate sources as having high archaeological potential.	There are number of aggregate sources locations that provide options for extracting the material needed for the Project. The location of these potential aggregate sources is presented in Figure 5.7 of the ToR. A general description and characteristics of the potential aggregate source locations are presented in Section 5.5.2 – Aggregate Source Location and Access Roads of the ToR.	Section 5.5.2
NFN-13	13 Economic Viability	In terms of geographical location/extent and configuration, (107 km 2-lane gravel surface within a 35 m right-of-way), development of the alternative road concepts recognized and addressed existing physical constraints and opportunities, as well as financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms. In this context, they are considered practical, feasible and economically viable. P.50. **Requests.** Has Webequie developed a Business Case for the Supply road? If so, please provide a copy or summary to Neskantaga? Has ENDM and/ or Infrastructure Ontario reviewed the Webequie business case for the Supply Road? What were the conclusions of the Ontario review? What external funding sources and mechanism is Webequie considering for the Supply road?	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	
NFN-14	14 Estimated Capital Cost	Alternative 1 is 113 km in length. Preliminary estimated capital cost is $45.2 million dollars Alternative 2A is 104 km in length. Preliminary estimated capital cost is $41.6 million dollars Alternative 2B is 95 km in length. Preliminary estimated capital cost is $38 million dollars. P.68. Requests. The 2016 Hatch Technical Review of Industrial transportation Infrastructure proposals for MNDM estimated the capital costs for the Noront E/W road at $2.4M per km.	The preliminary estimated capital cost presented in the ToR is considered an indicative cost estimate for the Webequie Supply Road Project. The preliminary capital cost for the Project will be further examined and refined as part of the EA process.	

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		How did Webequie arrive at an estimated capital cost for Alternative B of 0.4M/km? Do the proposed road capital budget estimates integrate information from field geotechnical investigations to confirm aggregate and borrow source locations, and subsurface conditions along the road or at proposed bridge locations? What is the variance in the cost estimate?		
NFN-15	15 Implementation	Within the financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms, Webequie First Nation currently believes that it is capable of implementing any of the proposed alternative road concepts. WFN is also exploring the feasibility of entering into a public private partnership to implement the Project, similar to the arrangement for constructing other comparable Northern and Indigenous undertakings (e.g., Tłı̨chǫ All-Season Road in NWT). P.50. **Request.** Would Webequie consider a partnership with Neskantaga to implement the Project?	Webequie First Nation would welcome discussion with Neskantaga First Nation on opportunities for participation in the Project.	
NFN-16	16 Shared Territory and Existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights	The current Draft Webequie First Nation CBLUP (March 2019) recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. The CBLUP contains the following statements with respect to shared areas and the consultation with Neskantaga and Marten Falls regarding development of the Plan. The Webequie CBLUP also notes that Webequie, Marten Falls and Neskantaga are currently engaged in dialogue related to shared interests in the Ring of Fire mineral deposit as part of a Three- Nation process. P.53. **NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION** Dialogue has been ongoing between Webequie and Neskantaga regarding shared uses and planning interests between the two communities. Community members of Webequie and Neskantaga share close family connections and common history of movement and traditional use in the area between the two communities. Neskantaga First Nation has an ongoing traditional use connection to the southern portion of the proposed Webequie planning area; in the Chipai, Fishbasket and Wapitodem River areas, south and east of Winisk Lake, the upper Winiskisis Channel, and the upper portions of the Ekwan and Attawapiskat River drainage areas that fall within the proposed planning area. Webequie First Nation honors and respects Neskantaga First Nation Indigenous use connections in the proposed planning area. P.53. Webequie First Nation CBLUP (March 2019) recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. P.109. **Comment.** Neskantaga has strong family ties to the project area since time out of mind. The project directly impacts Neskantaga traplines and falls within Neskantaga's Area of Interest. Neskantaga has a sacred, legal obligation to protect, defend and steward the water, land, air, and resources of our territory. From Neskantaga's perspective, we are uniquely vulnerable to the impact of the Supply Road and induced development of the entire Ring of Fire region, and will bear the burden of significant risks arising from the roads and mines.	Webequie First Nation understands the interests of Neskantaga First Nation in the territories shared with Webequie. Webequie First Nation also understands there could be potential effects of the WSR on Neskantaga community members. These will be examined in detail in the EA and through EA engagement.	
NFN-17	17 Cultural Heritage Resources	A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted in 2019 to identify and confirm areas of archeological potential. The findings from this assessment will be documented in the EA and a stand- alone report that will be submitted for approval to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. To assess potential effects to archaeological resources, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will involve consultation with Indigenous communities, review of existing published data sources and information obtained from other	As a project update it is now likely that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted in 2020 rather than 2019. Reference to specific date when the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be conducted has been removed from the ToR.	Section 6.4.1

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		stakeholders and agencies. P.110. **Request.** The results of previous Noront Stage 1 studies, and the terms of reference for the Studies, have never been made available to Neskantaga First Nation in order to assess their accuracy, validity and comprehensiveness. Furthermore, it appears that such studies did not benefit from access to Neskantaga Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge about past and present land use within the proposed road corridor. In our view, this likely will reflect a significant deficiency in these documents that must be redressed. We seek copies of these previous archaeological reports and the opportunity to review, critique and comment upon them as part of a collaborative approach to your future engagement and consultation with Neskantaga First Nation on your Supply Road project. We would like to collaborate on the terms of reference of any new archaeological studies going forward.	It is the Project Team's understanding that the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA has been paused under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* process and has been terminated under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* process with enactment of the new *Impact Assessment Act*. Therefore, the studies previously conducted by Noront, including the archaeological assessment, may be outdated and/or have no status. Information pertaining to the Eagle's Nest Mine EA, including archaeological investigations, and the current status of Eagle's Nest Mine project can be found on Noront's website (http://norontresources.com). Opportunities to comment on the final Terms of Reference will be available during the winter/spring of 2020.	
NFN-18	18 Joint Decision Making and the Relational Tier	It is well understood by the people of the Webequie First Nation that any project developed within their traditional territory could have effects on others. It is also well understood that the regulatory environment to develop projects, requires approvals and authorizations from government agencies. The Relational Tier of Webequie's approach to consultation and project development involves outreach to and involvement of other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and developing relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments. It is recognized that these relationships and connections are important to maintain in a positive way. P.130. **Request.** Will Webequie pursue a consensus-based approach within the existing decision-making processes of Ontario and the Neskantaga First Nation under the Relational Tier Approach? Would Webequie consider creating a joint body with the Matawa remote First Nations to seek to reach consensus on the EA recommendations? **Comment.** Joint decision-making must be based on respect for the decision- making processes, customs and protocols of the Neskantaga First Nation, as well as the decision-making processes of Ontario.	Webequie First Nation intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities, organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA.	
NFN-19	19 Far North Exception Order	P.106. **Request.** Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of Webequie's application for the exception order.	All regulatory instruments required to implement the WSR EA and the Project will be in place in accordance with applicable statutes.	
NFN-20	20 EA Coordination Team	The mandate of the EA Coordination Team is to meet with the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team on a regular basis, in a forum where team members can exchange information, including providing each other with updates on the EA process; explore issues and collectively try to resolve them before they compromise the EA process; work on coordinating the EAs and keep the processes moving forward in lockstep to the greatest possible extent; and seek feedback on Indigenous and public and stakeholder consultation. EA Coordination Team meetings occur regularly in Thunder Bay and/or via teleconference, and will continue throughout the EA process. The EA Coordination Council determines that the development is in the social and economic interests of Ontario. Preparation of the Webequie CBLUP is in progress, and WFN applied to MNRF for an exception order for the Supply Road Project on January 29, 2018. The application was accepted by the Minister on March 2, 2018. Team may invite other GRT members to its meetings as needs and opportunities arise. P.13. **Requests.** Please provide Neskantaga with summaries of the meetings held to date with the EA Coordination team. Would the EA Coordination team consider meeting with Neskantaga to discuss the coordination process and	To help facilitate a coordinated approach to meet the requirements of the federal and provincial processes, an EA Coordination Team has been established for the Project that includes government agency and ministry representatives from both Canada and Ontario. The purpose of this team is to address and coordinate the requirements of both processes in an efficient manner. The EA Coordination Team meet with the Webequie Project Team on a regular basis, in a forum where team members can exchange information, including providing each other with updates on the EA process; explore issues and collectively try to resolve them; and receive feedback and updates from the WPT on Indigenous, public and stakeholder consultation. The EA Coordination meetings are administrative and non-technical in nature and are not considered the forum for direct engagement with Indigenous communities. The Webequie Project Team encourages Neskantaga First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time and is prepared to share a summary of the discussions being held within the EA Coordination Team forum, where such topics may	

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		a potential role for Neskantaga in the process?	pertain to Neskantaga's areas of interest. Note that EA Coordination Team meetings may result in the need to convene topic-specific technical meetings; and where applicable these meetings may involve Indigenous community participation with the results becoming part of the Record of Consultation. WFN will follow up with Neskantaga to discuss their areas of interest and protocols for Webequie to engage and consult with Neskantaga.	
NFN-21	21 Environmental Commitments	In accordance with Section 5.2.8 of the MECP Code of Practice, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by Webequie First Nation during the course of the ToR and the EA process, and how they will be addressed. These commitments may relate to the project construction, operation and maintenance, impact management measures (i.e., mitigation measures), consultation/engagement with other Indigenous communities and compliance monitoring. Commitments made during the ToR process will be included and presented in the final ToR. P.126. **Requests.** How will commitments be systematically tracked and compliance enforced? Will compliance be reviewed annually? What role will Neskantaga play in the compliance review?	Commitments made during the ToR process normally relate to activities to be conducted by the proponent during the EA phase of the Project. They are typically incorporated in a concordance table that is part of the EA documentation, with the proponent indicating in the table how it has complied with the commitment and where evidence of compliance can be found in the EA documentation. Requirements related to any other form of compliance reporting by the proponent are normally included in the conditions accompanying the ToR approval by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Since compliance is monitored by the government body approving the ToR, inquiries regarding possible involvement by third parties in that process should be directed to the Province. The comment as to how commitments may be systematically tracked and compliance enforced with regards to the role of Ontario is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	
NFN-22	22 The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People.	**Request.** How will Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA?	The comment as to how Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	
NFN-23	23 Project Timelines	**Comment.** During the Matawa Regional Framework Agreement negotiations, the Nations expressed a common concern that the existing legislated environmental assessment process had restrictive timelines and did not allow enough time for the Nations to review Project materials and participate meaningfully in the EA process. The fact is that Neskantaga in crisis, or close to it. Our community is one of the most disadvantaged in the province. We are not in possession of a sophisticated bureaucracy capable of turning out informed responses to voluminous technical EA documents. Nor do we have a communications team, ready to develop community understanding and consensus on positions. Ontario's proposed funding may assist with some of this work, but it is still very difficult, particularly when there we lack administrative capacity, and human resources costs can be extremely high.	We encourage and look forward to the participation of Neskantaga First Nation in the WSR EA engagement process to discuss these and other important matters of principle, protocol and procedures.	

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		Neskantaga propose to negotiate a process agreement with Webequie to create a collaborative approach where Neskantaga can meaningfully participate in assessing the impacts of the Supply Road on Neskantaga's rights. Neskantaga has its own protocols and processes in place to make an informed decision on developments that may impact on our land and resource rights. Under the draft terms of reference Webequie recognizes our nation to nation relationship and states that it will respect our communities processes and protocols. Neskantaga respects that Webequie's Three-Tier Consultation Approach may be satisfactory for its community, but this cannot be viewed as Neskantaga's approach to informed consent. Therefore, prior to finalizing a terms of reference for the EA process Webequie and Neskantaga must conclude a process agreement that will provide Neskantaga the opportunity to make an informed decision on this project and how the Neskantaga process will be coordinated with the Three-Tier Approach. As the terms of reference establish the framework for the planning and decision-making process during the EA, it is critical to conclude this process agreement with Neskantaga prior to the start of the EA to avoid inefficiencies and conflict during the EA process.		

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AtFN-1		Attawapiskat First Nation is providing preliminary comments on the Webequie Supply Road on Draft Terms of Reference. It does not signal the consent of Attawapiskat First Nation for any developments within the area commonly known as the "Ring of Fire", including developments related to transport and resource exploitation within that area. The community' s position remains that it is unable to turn its mind to a good faith and complete assessment of the pros and cons of any engagement with resource development within the Ring of Fire. Any engagement will require reaching a satisfactory resolution of Attawapiskat First Nation's outstanding legacy issues with De Beers Canada, and evidence that Canada and Ontario are fully committed to, and are working towards, honouring the commitments set out in Mino-Wha-Ko-Me-To-Win, signed by Canada, Ontario, and Attawapiskat First Nation signed on July 29th, 2019. Also note that Attawapiskat First Nation reserves the right to submit additional comments and information requests at a later date, at our discretion.	We acknowledge and respect your community's position. Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding comments on the ToR and cannot address the community's outstanding legacy issues with De Beers Canada, nor state a position as whether Canada and Ontario are honouring the Mino-Wha-Ko-Me-To-Win agreement. These concerns are suggested to be addressed directly with the corresponding entities.	
AtFN-2		**General comments:** Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned that Ontario's environmental assessment for the proposed Webequie Supply Road is proceeding at a pace that is out of step with the federal impact assessment process. Decisions about alternatives to the project, alternative methods of carrying out the project and the terms of reference for the environmental assessment are being made at the provincial level before the IAAC has completed its consultation with First Nations on these topics. The Detailed Project Description and Response to the Summary of Issues was due at the IAAC on November 10, 2019. This means that the IAAC has not yet (or only recently) begun to consult with First Nations on the Indigenous Engagement Plan, and to develop the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines in consultation with First Nations. At the provincial level, the proponent will soon submit the final Terms of Reference (ToR), and plans to begin the EA in the Winter of 2020. Key decisions about the project are therefore being made by Ontario and the proponent without a federal assessment of the project's impacts to our rights and interests. The draft ToR does not address the cumulative effects of this project from future development in the Ring of Fire. Only the immediate impacts of the project are being considered. Missing is a way of rigorously analyzing development scenarios and their anticipated cumulative effects. The draft ToR makes it clear that this project is being contemplated in connection with an all-season road between Webequie and the provincial highway system. Roads are well known to invite cumulative effects. In fact, the draft ToR states that increased mineral exploration " is considered an important and long-term economic opportunity by the Webequie First Nation," and that increased mineral exploration is a way of realizing the social and economic benefits of the project (p. 130). If the Webequie Supply Road is approved and built, it will create enormous pressure for the building of further roads and transmission lines. The industrialization of the western portion of Attawapiskat First Nation territory will have far-reaching regional impacts on the environment that supports our way of life. Our community must be able to explore the consequences of alternate future development scenarios and identify a preferred future, thereby setting limits to development and the downstream impacts to our territory. As currently drafted, the ToR does not take into account the multiple spatial and temporal scales at which this project impacts the lands and waters. The proposed evaluation criteria and indicators focus on individual species and habitat types. We require that the environmental assessment	It is our understanding that the IACC (the Agency) have invited First Nations to provide comments on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) and Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan during the review period from December 19, 2019 to January 28th, 2020. The draft TISG includes a requirement for the proponent to consider alternatives methods and to consult and engage with Indigenous communities, the public and stakeholders on alternatives (e.g. routing). The Agency's draft Cooperation Plan explains that through cooperation, the Agency and MECP will strive to increase efficiency and certainty for proponents, as well as for the public and Indigenous groups, and ensure that the best available expertise is shared and applied. The Cooperation Plan is intended to be flexible and does not preclude the Agency or MECP from adjusting the cooperative approach described in the Plan. As such the Agency and MECP have agreed to undertake their respective assessment processes in a cooperative manner and to the extent possible, such that they work together in reviewing the proponent's documentation. The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1 to the ToR. The ToR has committed in Section 6.5 to the development of work plans for select environmental components at the outset of the EA, which will include preparing a work plan for assessing cumulative effects. The work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders. The preliminary definition of the spatial and temporal scales for use in the assessment are now stated in Section 8.2 of the ToR for greater clarity. The preliminary list of criteria and indicators has been revised in Section 8.3.1 and Appendix B of the ToR. The preliminary list has been developed by the Webequie Project Team and includes input received during discussions with Indigenous communities from the engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The criteria, indicators and evaluation methods will be further developed, refined and finalized during the EA process in consultation with Indigenous communities, government agencies, the public and any other interested persons or groups.	Section 6.5 Section 8.1 Section 8.2 Section 8.3.1 Appendix B

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		includes a consideration of relationships between species, including predator / prey dynamics (such as those impacting caribou and moose) and relationships between habitats (including terrestrial/aquatic). Also lacking is any consideration of how the interactive impacts of the Webequie Supply Road and climate change will be evaluated.		
AtFN-3	Section 1.3 (p. 3-5):	**Specific comments:** The 2016 All-Season Community Road Study, by Webequie First Nation in partnership with Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Eabame toong, identified a preferred east-west corridor for connection to the provincial highway system. However, the preferred corridor/road from this study did not connect to the McFaulds Lake area "due to unresolved issues and concerns expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area" (p. 5). The second phase of the All-Season Community Road Study completed in 2017, this time including only Webequie and Nibinamik First Nations, found" reasonably strong support for an all-season community road to the provincial highway system, but not clear and full community support amongst the potentially connected and/or affected First Nations for interconnection of the all-season road to mining activity in the McFaulds Lake area" (p. 5). It therefore appears that Webequie stands alone among regional First Nations in support of the proposed supply road to McFaulds Lake. How is Webequie First Nation's decision to move forward with this project, in spite of consultations that found no support for the supply road among other First Nations, consistent with its principles of Indigenous community consultation (outlined in the section 10.1.1)?	The 2016 All-Season Community Road Study involved engagement with, and input from, a number of First Nations, including the Webequie First Nation. The quotations provided in the comment (taken from the 2016 study report) primarily reflect the lack of consensus amongst all of the participating First Nations in their totality. As the 2016 Study was not an Environmental Assessment, it was understood that conclusions drawn were based on the Study Team's observations from the engagement that was conducted, plus technical considerations. It was understood that additional study and engagement would be required to confirm a preferred corridor for the purpose of defining an undertaking and conducting/completing an environmental assessment.	
AtFN-4	Section 1.4.2 (p. 6)	The rationale that is given for an eventual connection between the Webequie Supply Road and the provincial highway system is that a high volume of ore will need to be transported south. The volume of ore to be transported surely relies on the degree to which chromite and nickel mines are developed in the Ring of Fire region. The ToR therefore presupposes a high level of development, and this anticipated level of future development must be considered in a cumulative effects assessment.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity in this regard. The road will facilitate use by a range of traffic types, including light vehicles and heavier industrial/commercial vehicles. It should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. Refer to response to AtFN-2 regarding cumulative effects.	
AtFN-5	Section 1.4.2 (p. 7)	The road corridor is said to be wide enough to accommodate communications infrastructure and power lines. If the building of power lines is expected as a consequence of the road project, then an evaluation of the effects of power lines on wild life, including caribou, must be included in the analysis. For example, caribou are known to avoid power lines in winter because their dark-adapted eyes are able to detect light in the UV range emitted by power lines.	Although WFN is seeking approval for the development of a supply road, the basic corridor (35 m right-of-way width) that will be subject to environmental assessment will be wide enough to accommodate future communications (e.g., broadband fibre optic line) and low voltage power distribution lines, if and when connection is established to the provincial highway and electricity grid system. However, given the current uncertainty as to how and when power and communications infrastructure will be extended into the project area, these components have not been included in the scope of the Project. Section 1.4.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide greater clarity.	Section 1.4.2
AtFN-6	Section 1.4.2 (p. 7)	The "key provincial plans and government priority initiatives," such as Ontario' s Mineral Development Strategy, that are used in support of the rationale for the project were developed without consultation with Attawapiskat First Nation.	The comment regarding key provincial plans and government priority initiatives where Attawapiskat First Nation may not have been adequately consulted is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	
AtFN-7	Section 3.2 (p. 21)	The list of "detailed technical investigations" proposed for the EA includes "Indigenous knowledge" and "Indigenous land and resource use" as two of the categories to be documented. Attawapiskat First Nation requests that our Indigenous knowledge and our land and resource uses be integrated into the documentation and analysis associated with the other categories, such as "Vegetation and Wet lands," "Wildlife," "Groundwater," "Surface Water," "Socio-economic Environment" and others. Our Indigenous knowledge should inform the EA's understanding of	We will incorporate Attawapiskat First Nation's Indigenous Knowledge and land and resource uses into the documentation and analysis associated with the other categories, where Attawapiskat is prepared to share Indigenous Knowledge with the Webequie Project Team.	

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		baseline conditions, predicted environmental and socio-economic imp acts, and the significance of these predicted impacts. Indigenous knowledge can also inform the types of technical investigations that need to be completed to respond to the questions and concerns of our land users.		
AtFN-8	Section 4.1.1 (p. 24)	Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about the mining of aggregate for use in road construction, and in particular the suggestion that the gravel will be mined in esker s, which are important wildlife habitats.	We are very mindful of the fact that eskers are important wildlife habitats. The aggregate sourcing process will take important issues such as this into consideration during the EA process. The preliminary potential effects of the Project, including potential impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat, are discussed in Section 7 of the ToR.	
AtFN-9	Section 4.1.1 (p.24)	The section states that ditches will be sized for a 25-year storm return period, and culverts at watercourse crossings for a 100-year storm return period. Are these sizes sufficient to handle potentially more frequent/larger storm returns as a result of climate change?	All roadside ditches will be sized for the 10-year Minor System Design Flow and a minimum 100-year Major System Design Flow in accordance with MTO Drainage Standards. As part of the EA, the effects of climate change on the Project will be examined, including drainage design with respect to the sizing and type of structures at waterbody crossings. The preliminary drainage design criteria for the road have been revised in Section 4.1.1 of the ToR.	Section 4.1.1
AtFN-10	Section 4.3.2 (p. 27) and Section 9.2 (p. 126)	The draft ToR states that the operational responsibility for the road has yet to be determined. Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on who will be responsible for the effects and operational monitoring?	WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction and operation will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR. Section 1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	Section 1.1
AtFN-11	Section 5.1.1 (p. 29)	Alternatives to the undertaking have been rejected without detailed analysis. For example, the ToR makes the unsupported claim that upgrading the existing trail system to a winter road would have only "somewhat lower and less permanent environmental effects than an all-season road." Attawapiskat First Nation objects to the dropping of this alternative from further analysis.	The process for screening the alternatives included an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives against the a set of factors that were identified based on both discussions with community members as to project area features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued components from the outcome of several community meetings in 2017 and 2018 and criteria inherent in the broader definition of the environment, as required under the EA Act and in accordance with MECP's Codes of Practice. Section 5.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide further details of the screening and analysis of the Webequie Supply Road corridor alternative concepts.	Section 5.2
AtFN-12	Section 5.1.1 (p. 34)	The option for a new rail corridor is similarly dismissed without any analysis. There are in fact multiple and conflicting reports on the options for road vs. rail and their projected costs.	The ToR recognizes the results of transportation investigations conducted in relation to the feasibility of rail transport in the region, including the KWG analysis and the Cliffs Integrated Transportation System (ITS) that optimized all-season road connection of the Black Thor mine assets and facilities with the provincial highway system and the CN Rail system at Highway 584 near Nakina, as summarized by the Northern Policy Institute in its "Roads, Rail and the Ring of Fire" commentary paper. The all-season road option was preferred over a heavy rail system from a cost, constructability and First Nations community benefits perspective. Although the long term advantages of the rail (vs road) option were recognized, rail capital costs in the order of 50% higher than road costs made the rail option less feasible. Similar arguments can be applied to the WSR Project. More importantly, it should also be noted that advantages accruing to the rail options studied previously were associated with the movement of mine product; the Webequie Supply Road will not be used for this purpose, and the cost of constructing and maintaining rail infrastructure is not warranted for the type and volume of traffic envisaged.	Section 5.1.1.3 Appendix A - Relevant Background Studies, Provincial Plans and Policies
AtFN-13	Section 5.1.1 (p. 36)	The following statement requires further explanation, given that an all-season road is far more costly to implement than an upgraded winter road: "Given current and projected available resources (people and financing), it [an all-season road between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area] is the likeliest alternative to be within Webequie's technical and economic abilities to implement." The ToR does not explain how Webequie is planning to fund the construction of this road.	The ToR narrative on alternatives to the Undertaking has considered the option (Alternative 2) of upgrading the existing trail system to a seasonal winter road. Upgrading the existing trail system to a winter road would have the advantages of lower capital and maintenance costs and somewhat lower and less permanent environmental effects than an all-season road, but would not return the same social and economic benefits to Webequie community members, as there would not be the opportunity to provide goods and services to the camps and facilities in and around McFaulds Lake throughout the year. Other disadvantages of a winter road connection are fully described in the ToR such as operational period limitations (a winter road would only be operational for 5 to 8 weeks a year, depending on weather) and uncertainties (climatic vagaries) resulting in lower levels of reliability and overall economic activity.	Section 5.1.1.6.

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			WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction and operation, including funding, will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR.	
AtFN-14	Section 5.1.1 (p. 36)	Why is the Do Nothing option being carried forward as a comparator in the EA study, instead of the Winter Road option?	Refer to response to AtFN-13 for winter road alternative. It is not unusual to carry the Do Nothing alternative forward for comparison with the technically preferred alternative method of carrying out the Undertaking, since this captures/emphasizes the comparison of advantages and disadvantages between project effects and retaining the status quo (i.e., not addressing the stated purpose and objectives of the Project).	Section 5.1.1.2
AtFN-15	Section 5.1. 2.1 (p. 36)	Attawapiskat First Nation does not support the eastern connection option to connect the Ring of Fire to potential port facilities in Attawapiskat, nor does it support the connection to the James Bay coast winter road due to the potential impacts to waterways, wildlife habitat/movement corridors and cultural resources.	Noted.	
AtFN-16	Section 5.1.2 (p. 45)	It is unclear to Attawapiskat First Nation who the proponent of the Webequie Supply Road is, given that Cliffs asked Webequie in 2011 if they would consider being the proponent for such a road.	Refer to response AtFn-10.	
AtFN-17	Section 5.1.2.3 (p. 47)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on how our interests are represented in a land-use planning process that is being completed by Webequie First Nation.	As part of the vision for the community, Webequie shows respect for neighbouring communities that have shared the land and, therefore, will incorporate shared interests in the development and implementation of the land use plan. The Webequie First Nation Draft Community Based Land Use Plan (CBLUP, March 2019) is currently in progress and recognizes that there is shared territory with other First Nations within the lands that Webequie has identified as its proposed planning area, including areas shared with Neskantaga and Marten Falls that would be occupied by the Webequie Supply Road corridor. As part of the input received through consultation activities conducted to date for this project it is our understanding that Attawapiskat First Nation have asserted that they have shared traditional territory with Webequie First Nation but have not specified as to whether these areas coincide with the project area. After the Draft Plan is finalized, it will then be shared with adjacent First Nation communities and all interested people and organizations. The joint planning team (Webequie and MNRF) will consider all input during the Draft Plan stage and continue work to prepare the Final Plan. Further details on the Webequie Community Based Land Use Plan are presented in Section 6.3.6 for greater clarity.	Section 6.3.6
AtFN-18	Section 5.1.2.3 (p. 52)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests information on how our community's interests were taken into account by the WFN Local Working Group in identifying "sensitivities and features of value for protection that should be avoided. "The proposed Webequie Supply Road is located within a portion of Attawapiskat First Nation traditional lands in the upper watersheds of the Attawapiskat and Ekwan rivers. As such, Attawapiskat First Nation should be included in the list of First Nations referenced in this section.	Refer to response to AtFN-17. The Webequie Project Team encourages Attawapiskat First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time. Webequie is prepared to discuss and resolve issues and concerns through the ToR process and during the EA. WFN will follow-up with Attawapiskat to arrange a mutual convenient time for the Webequie Project Team to meet and discuss the comments and concerns raised by Attawapiskat.	
AtFN-19	Section 5.2 (p. 64)	Webequie First Nation has identified caribou habitat fragmentation as a significant issue, but in the evaluation of alternatives, caribou travel routes are not explicitly considered as important habitat features. Attawapiskat First Nation requests that caribou travel routes be considered in the analysis, especially as areas that favour constructability (areas of high ground) can also be used by caribou as travel routes.	All available information with regard to caribou (i.e., observations, habitat, movement) will be acquired and assessed as part of the EA process.	
AtFN-20	Section 5.2 (p. 65)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests further detail on how caribou protection is factored into the evaluation of the three alternative road concepts. Given that linear features are conduits for predators and are avoided by caribou, how does Alternative 1 "minimize anthropogenic and predator access to known caribou habitat areas"? For Alternative 2A, the evaluation offers contradictory statements, on the one hand claiming that the fact that "predators already have access" is an advantage, and on the other that predator access is a disadvantage. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on the relative impact of existing predator access compared with the expected increase in predator access for the three road alternatives.	Additional criteria and indicators for caribou have been considered in the screening and evaluation of alternative concept corridors for the WSR. Detail of the analysis are presented in the revised Section 5.2 of the ToR.	Section 5.2

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AtFN-21	Section 5.4.1. l (p. 71)	Future permafrost condition is not included in the list of routing considerations. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on how climate change has been factored into decisions about the preferred route.		
AtFN-22	Section 6.1 (p. 78)	The ToR states that "the size and extent of each study area may differ for each environmental study component." Attawapiskat First Nation supports this approach, but questions how cumulative effects, including historic range contraction of species such as caribou, will be considered in the delineation of the various regional study areas.	Section 8.2 of the ToR now provides greater clarity on the study area definitions. The EA will further define the LSA and RSA boundaries for each environmental factor/criterion (e.g. surface water, fish, wildlife, air, socio-economic, etc.) depending on the nature of likely effects and the geographic extent and characteristics of each factor. The selection of study areas will also consider comments and input received from Indigenous communities, regulatory agencies, the public and stakeholders. Study areas will also be designed to capture the maximum spatial extent of potential effects from the Project including other existing developments and proposed reasonably foreseeable developments as in the case of the cumulative effects assessment (Section 8.1). For example, in some cases, larger or separate study areas will be developed to address select potential environmental and socio-economic features, including but not limited to Caribou (Boreal population) to allow for greater accuracy in the prediction of project effects and development of mitigation measures.	Section 8.2
AtFN-23	Section 6.2.1 (p. 81)	The caribou aerial surveys lack clear objectives and information on how historic or future data will be used for establishing population trends and for long-term monitoring. Attawapiskat First Nation questions how a single survey can be used to establish a baseline for caribou populations. Attawapiskat First Nation does not support aerial surveys for caribou as these are disruptive to the animals, especially during the calving season, and an aerial survey would yield little information that would be relevant to the road EA. We prefer the EA to rely on knowledge and information provided by hunters and other land users for establishing population trends. Attawapiskat First Nation suggests the use of aerial photography together with land cover mapping from the MNRF's Far North Land Cover Dataset to identify suitable habitat types in the study area	There have been multiple aerial surveys conducted in the last few years, both by MNRF and sponsors/proponents of various other projects (i.e., Nibinamik First Nation, Webequie First Nation, Marten Falls First Nation). A number of data collection methods and tools will be used to inform the EA, which include but are not limited to: aerial surveys (developed with input from MNRF and MECP biologists), MNRF collaring data, NHIC caribou occurrence data, caribou habitat mapping, Far North Land Cover Data, aerial photography and Indigenous Knowledge.	
AtFN-24	Section 6.2.l (p. 83)	Existing data from breeding bird surveys has little coverage of the study area and therefore a poor ability to detect trends for most species. The description of bird survey techniques in the draft ToR makes no mention of the number of stations that will be visited in the planned breeding bird survey. The draft ToR states that marsh birds will be surveyed opportunistically, as part of the breeding bird survey. This approach is unlikely to lead to an accurate assessment of the habitats (stopover and staging areas) where migratory waterfowl concentrate. Ducks and geese are important components of First Nations diets, and their habitats are also potential Significant Wildlife Habitats. Waterfowl migration staging/stopover areas should be assessed separately from the planned breeding bird surveys.	Waterfowl surveys were conducted in spring 2019. The detailed methodology and results of data collected in 2019 will be reported in a separate natural environment baseline report and summarized in the EA Report. A total of 113 breeding bird point count stations (which both target migratory and year-round resident bird species) were surveyed twice in 2019. Surveys were conducted in all accessible habitat types, including wetlands. This survey was conducted using standardized point count survey protocol, which can be repeated as required in subsequent years. The survey complements previous breeding bird point count surveys that were conducted for the Noront Eagle's Nest Project and other studies in past years. Waterfowl surveys were conducted in spring 2019, in addition to a fall survey conducted in October 2017. These surveys augment existing data (Noront) regarding waterfowl staging and migration for the area. Further breeding bird surveys are being contemplated for 2020.	
AtFN-25	Section 6.2. l (p.83)	The approach to the amphibian survey (noting frog calls during the breeding bird survey point counts) is unlikely to lead to an accurate assessment of amphibian diversity and habitat requirements in the study area.	It is recognized that amphibians are an integral part of most wetland ecosystems. Amphibians occurring within the projects study area are generally limited to five frog species, which are expected to occur widely across the project area. Traditional survey of frogs involves evening call counts, which provide an estimation of frog numbers at each sample site. The logistics of conducting evening surveys in remote locations of the project area make these surveys impractical. Acoustic detections surveys, using Songmeters is a remote method of conducting presence/absence surveys. However, no quantitative data can be accurately collected using this method.	
AtFN-26	Section 6.2.1 (p. 83-84)	Fish habitat sensitivities and habitat values should be determined in consultation with land users. Benthic invertebrate sampling should be conducted alongside the aquatic habitat survey.	As part of the EA, the Webequie Project Team will be seeking input from land users, and Indigenous Knowledge from communities with respect to wildlife, including fish and fish habitat. Benthic invertebrate sampling is currently being contemplated for the 2020 field season.	
AtFN-27	Section 6.2.1 (p. 84)	The MNRF ' s Far North Land Cover Dataset should be used as base layer for the mapping of vegetation communities. This dataset should be included in Table 6-1 under Published Sources of Information for Existing Conditions.	The MNRF Far North Land Cover Dataset as well as other MNRF data sets are considered to be encompassed in the MNRF Land Information Ontario (LIO) (2016) cited in table.	

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AtFN-28	Section 6.2.3 (p. 85)	The methods for consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities on the socio-economic environment are not defined. Attawapiskat First Nation requests that our knowledge be used to inform socio-economic baseline studies and to develop socio-economic monitoring programs.	During the process of our consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities, the Webequie Project Team ~~we~~ will make every effort to acquire local knowledge and use this Indigenous Knowledge to inform socio-economic baseline studies and develop socio-economic monitoring programs.	
AtFN-29	Section 6.3.3 (p. 93)	The survey method for evaluating waterfowl stopover and staging areas is unacceptable to Attawapiskat First Nation. A single fly-over late in the fall migration season (October) is not an appropriate way of establishing a baseline of waterfowl stopover and staging areas.	Waterfowl surveys were conducted in the spring of 2019, in addition to a fall survey conducted in October 2017. These surveys augment existing data (Noront Eagle's Nest Project) regarding waterfowl staging and migration for the area. Further studies are being contemplated for the 2020 field season.	
AtFN-30	Section 6.3.4 (p. 96)	Attawapiskat First Nation recommends adding a section after Rare Plant Species and Communities that includes plant species of cultural significance to First Nations communities. Similarly, Section 6.3.6 and Table 7-1 (p. 100) should be expanded to address species that are of concern to Indigenous communities.	Known plant species of cultural value or significance (i.e., country foods) to Indigenous communities has been added to Section 6.2.4 of the ToR. These include: wild berries or nuts (Blueberry, Wild Strawberry, Gooseberry/Currant, Raspberry), wild plants (Labrador Tea Leaves, Muskrat Root, Wild Rice, Mint Leaves, and Dandelions), and Tree Foods (Cedar Tea, Maple Syrup, and Poplar Inner Bark).	Section 6.2.4
AtFN-31	Section 6.4.1 (p. 106)	Webequie First Nation applied for an exemption from Section 12(1) of the Far North Act, which stipulates that "constructing or expanding all-weather transportation infrastructure and any other infrastructure that is associated with it cannot occur without a community-based land use plan (CBLUP) in place." The exemption was granted on March 2, 2018. Attawapiskat First Nation has not yet finalized its CBLUP and is concerned that Webequie' s exemption interferes with Attawapiskat's decision-making authority over areas of shared use.	Webequie First Nation's application seeking an exemption from Section 12(1) of the *Far North Act* was accepted by the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry on March 2, 2018. The issuance and approval of an Order permitting development under Sections 12(2) and 12(4) of the Act cannot occur until after the EA is approved. In addition to the exemption application, other requirements under Section 12(2) must be met before the Minister could consider making an Order. Effects to territories of Indigenous communities will be examined in the EA through the consultation and engagement process, including the assessment any potential effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. Sections 2.1.5 and 6.3.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity on the above.	Section 2.1.5 Section 6.3.1
AtFN-32	Section 7.1, Table 7-1 (p. 113)	The introduction of invasive plant species (*Phragmites australis* and other species) should be included as a Potential Effect in ditches, wetlands and riparian areas by construction vehicles and road traffic during operation. Mitigation measures must address pre-emptive action (e.g. clean vehicle protocols) and post-establishment removal.	Potential effects of the introduction and spread of noxious and invasive plant species (e.g., from external equipment/vehicles brought to site) which can affect plant community composition and affect wildlife habitat availability and distribution has been added to Sections 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 of the ToR.	Section 7.1.4 Section 7.1.5
AtFN-33	Section 7.1, Table 7-1 (p. 114)	Loss of habitat and ecological function should be included as a Potential Effect of aggregate source extraction and production. The restoration of exhausted gravel pits should be included as a mitigation measure.	Section 7 of the ToR has been revised and reorganized to reflect the preliminary potential effects of project activities, including the proposed aggregate extraction and processing areas.	Section 7
AtFN-34	Section 7.1 (p. 114)	No potential effects are listed for the disposal of solid waste, or for the disposal of wastewater/sewage. Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on where these wastes will be disposed, and how the EA will evaluate the plans for handling and disposal of these wastes. The descriptions provided refer only to "off-site" disposal and a "licensed waste facility.	Refer to response to AtFN-33. The disposal of solid waste or disposal/management of wastewater/sewage from the construction and operation of the Project will be examined in the EA.	
AtFN-35	Section 8 (p. 120)	Figure 8.1 shows that cumulative effects assessment will take place only in the final stages of this project-specific environmental assessment. Attawapiskat First Nation is deeply concerned that cumulative effects assessment is not integrated into the earlier stages of the EA process.	The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1 to the ToR. The ToR has committed in Section 6.5 to the development of work plans for select environmental components at the outset of the EA, which will include preparing a work plan for assessing cumulative effects. The work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders.	Section 6.5 Section 8.1
AtFN-36	Section 8.1.1, Table 8-1 (p.123)	Fragmentation should be included as an indicator related to Upland Ecosystems, Riparian Ecosystems & Wet lands, SAR, and Wildlife & Wildlife Habitat. Areas of waterfowl nesting, staging, and stopover areas should be included as indicators under Migratory Birds.	The suggested indicators have been considered. The preliminary list of criteria and indicators has been revised in Section 8.3.1 and Appendix B of the ToR. The preliminary list has been developed by the Webequie Project Team and includes input received during discussions with	Section 8.3.1 Appendix B

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			Indigenous communities from the engagement and consultation activities undertaken to date. The criteria, indicators and evaluation methods will be further developed, refined and finalized during the EA process in consultation with Indigenous communities, government agencies, the public and any other interested persons or groups.	
AtFN-37	Section 8.1.1, Table 8-1 (p. 124)	Ecosystem Services (carbon sequestration & storage) and Disturbance Regulation (changes to the regulatory functions of wetlands, rivers, and riparian areas) should be added as criteria/indicators for evaluation.	Refer to AtFN–36.	
AtFN-38	Section 9.2 (p. 127)	The design of monitoring programs requires consultation with Attawapiskat First Nation. Our land users must be actively involved, throughout all phases of the project, in identifying actual effects, assessing the significance of those effects, assessing the effectiveness of mitigation/restoration/enhancement measures, and evaluating the need for additional action.	It is the intent of the Webequie Project Team to consult and engage with Indigenous communities on the effects monitoring program and identified mitigation measures that will be developed during the EA process.	

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Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
AFN-0	General	**Letter Addressed to Michael Fox Dated September 29, 2020:** Dear Mr. Fox **Subject: Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment (EA) Terms of Reference** Thank you for your letter from August 28, 2020. We appreciate your understanding of the challenges of consultation and engagement with COVID-19 safety protocols and social distancing in place. Aroland First Nation (AFN) is committed to participating in the EA process for the proposed Webequie Supply Road Project and we look forward to providing our comments on the draft Terms of Reference and to continue working collaboratively to address our interests and concerns However, with direction from our community members we have made the decision that until certain agreements are in place between AFN and Marten Falls First Nation as well as AFN and Ontario, we cannot participate in EAs related to roads that may provide access to the Ring of Fire mineral deposits. AFN believes that presenting any project related to access to the Ring of Fire in isolation without considering the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region under-represents the potential impacts of the project. Once operating, all-season roads like this one will enable extensive mineral exploration development activities with widespread cumulative effects on our people, our way of life, our community well-being, and our inherent and established Aboriginal and Treaty rights. If this road is connected to the proposed Marten Falls Community Access Road via the proposed Northern Roadlink Project, all three projects would have extensive impacts on AFN given that in order for traffic to reach the provincial highway system it must pass directly through our traditional territory and community. Due to the fact that AFN will be the most impacted community by the proposed all-season roads projects it is our position that we should have a seat at the table and be part of the decision-making processes as these projects move forward. For this reason we have reached out to Minister Rickford for an explanation as to why AFN was not included in the preliminary discussions for proponency of the proposed Northern Roadlink Project and to inquire about being included as the proposed project moves forward. We are also in discussions with Marten Falls First Nation to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between our nations for their proposed Community Access Road and the proposed upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry roads. Until these discussions have been finalized we do not feel comfortable commenting on other related projects. Thank you very much for understanding the current delay in our ability to participate in the EA process. We look forward to maintaining open communication as we work in good faith with all parties to find a mutually agreeable path forward. Respectfully, Chief Dorothy Towedo Aroland First Nation	Thank you for stating AFN's position with regards to participation in the Webequie Supply Road EA and concerns about proponency of the Northern Road Link project. Since receipt of the September 29th letter, AFN submitted their comments on the proposed Terms of Reference on November 30th. The Project Team response to those comments are provide below.

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AFN-0	General	**Letter Addressed to Kathleen O'Neill Dated November 30, 2020:** **RE: Webequie Supply Road Project Final Terms of Reference Comments** On behalf of Aroland First Nation (AFN), I write in response to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Park's (MECP) letter of October 20, 2020, regarding the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project's Terms of Reference (ToR) comment period. AFN is appreciative of MECP's decision to accept comments on the ToR from Indigenous groups until November 30, 2020. In addition to the ongoing impacts and pressures the Covid-19 pandemic has had on our community's capacity, AFN was not in receipt of capacity funding from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) until mid-October. The late confirmation and delivery of capacity funding further challenged AFN's ability to meaningfully engage and review the Final ToR by October 13, 2020, the original deadline set by Webequie First Nation (WFN). We are pleased to share our review and comments on the Final ToR in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of this letter. Appendix 1 provides a summary of comments from AFN's submission on the Draft ToR that have not been adequately addressed in the Final ToR. Appendix 2 summarizes additional comments from AFN upon review of the Final ToR. Overall, AFN is deeply concerned that the environmental assessment process for the WSR Project is not adequately considering connectivity of WFN and the WSR to the provincial highway system. The importance of expanding the scope of the assessment is especially significant given the announcement and advancement of the Northern Road Link Project by WFN and Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN). The Northern Road Link Project was introduced after AFN submitted its initial comments on the WSR draft ToR and has substantially changed the regional context in which the WSR environmental assessment is being contemplated. The connection of the WSR to the provincial highway network is no longer a speculative project concept that may be explored at a future date. The Northern Road Link is now a foreseeable project that AFN anticipates will advance into an assessment process over the next 1-2 years. Assessing the WSR in isolation from these other road initiatives completely ignores the cumulative impacts these projects will have on our community and our traditional territory. AFN stands to be the community most impacted by the current suite of proposed roads projects that enable access and support the business case for development of the Ring of Fire. The WSR, Northern Road Link and Marten Falls' Community Access Road (MFCAR) are proposed to connect, through the Anaconda and Painter Lake Forestry roads into Highway 643, through culturally significant areas in our territory and directly through our community. The Aroland community will feel the impacts of road construction and the significant long-term effects of the increased industrial traffic from mining activities these three projects promise to unlock. At this time, AFN does not support the current road network proposal that connects WFN to Highway 643 via the Ring of Fire. AFN has jurisdiction over a significant portion of the proposed road network, yet we have been completely left out of the planning of these projects. AFN has valuable knowledge and insights that must guide any road development activities that impact our territory. Given that there are three separate roads projects (WSR, Northern Road Link and MFCAR) that in some way support exploration, development and access to the Ring of Fire, AFN recommends that the WSR, the Northern Road Link and portion of the MFCAR that connects the WSR and Northern Road Link be considered in a single assessment. We will continue to advocate for an integrated review process that considers the full range of regional impacts and our preference is to approach this work in a way that brings together all our Matawa First Nation	Thank you for restating Aroland First Nation's position on the integrated nature of the proposed all-season roads in the Region. This will be addressed as part of the cumulative effects assessment (CEA) of the Webequie Supply Road Project, as these projects are amongst those scoped into the assessment by the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. Aroland First Nation will be consulted further as part of the CEA. With respect to the notion of implementing an integrated provincial environmental assessment for the all-season road projects connecting the Ring of Fire to the provincial road network, this comment is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the Webequie Supply Road EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond directly to you on this matter. Responses to the comments provided in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 are provided in the remainder of this table.

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		neighbours to the table. We are hopeful that WFN, Marten Falls First Nation and the provincial and federal agencies will collaborate with us on these matters. Respectfully, Chief Dorothy Towedo Aroland First Nation	
AFN-1	General	AFN appreciates that the Final ToR contains references to a cumulative effects assessment as part of the WSR EA. However, the scope and minimal level of detail regarding the cumulative effects assessment in the ToR does not adequately address AFN's concerns. Section 8.1 states "The EA will examine the incremental net environmental effects of the Project. The assessment will also evaluate and assess the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. In addition, the assessment will evaluate and assess the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities." In the Final ToR, Webequie First Nation focusses on the net environmental effects of the Project and using tools and guidance developed under CEAA to guide its approach to the cumulative effects assessment. This scope is too narrow from AFN's perspective and is not consistent with new guidance being developed at the federal level regarding cumulative effects assessment approaches. Under the new Impact Assessment Act, cumulative effects assessment must include and consider cumulative effects on the rights of Indigenous peoples. Webequie First Nation must adjust the Final ToR to incorporate the latest guidance from IAAC, with respect to cumulative effects assessment and ensure that cumulative effects on the rights of Indigenous peoples is included.	Noted. The ToR has been prepared to align with the current requirements of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("the Agency") with respect to cumulative effects assessment (CEA) of this project, as established in Section 22 of the Agency's February 24, 2020 Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Webequie Supply Road Project. These requirements include "*consideration of cumulative effects to rights of Indigenous peoples and cultures, for all potentially impacted groups including those located in the areas which will be impacted by increased access to the region by exploration and mineral development projects.*" (Webequie Supply Road TISG, Page 131). The CEA will be conducted during the EA phase in accordance with these requirements.
AFN-2	Section 1.3 Project Background and Context	In Section 1.4.1, the purpose of the undertaking is to: • To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFauld's Lake area; • To provide employment and other economic development opportunities to WFN community members and businesses that reside in or around the community's reserve and traditional territory, while preserving their language and culture; and • To provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education. AFN continues to support our Matawa First Nations neighbours to advance our common goals of providing employment and training opportunities to our community members. In our view, access to the provincial highway network is critical to fully realize the economic and employment opportunities that Webequie First Nation is anticipating through facilitating "the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area." The advancement of the Northern Road Link Project by Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation with support from the Government of Ontario reinforces this point. From AFN's perspective, the narrow scope of the WSR Project is intentional to exclude any assessment of alternative route options connecting Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake Area to the provincial highway system. From a regional perspective, the WSR, Northern Road Link and MFCAR collectively advance both community and Ring of Fire access to the provincial highway system and there's value in ensuring that any road network that's contemplated in the region considers both objectives. As a result, each of these projects should be assessed with the full suite of purposes in mind. The appropriate scope and purpose of the undertaking for the Project must be amended to include all season road connection to the provincial highway system.	The opening remarks of your letter correctly cite the fact that there are separate undertakings, in the form of the Northern Road Link (NRL) and the Marten Falls Community Access Road (CAR), being assessed for connection from the Ring of Fire to the provincial road network. These projects will serve different primary purposes than the Webequie Supply Road (WSR), which can be operated as separate link to the Ring of Fire to serve its stated purpose. Given this latter scenario, and the purpose/scope of the NRL and CAR projects, it is inappropriate for the WSR Project to include the redundant exercise of an assessment of alternative route options connecting Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake Area to the provincial highway system. We are aware of the SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Options (2010), that was supportive documentation to the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Assessment Report (EAR) for the Eagle's Nest Mine project circulated by Noront in December 2013. Ontario did not provide comments on the draft EIS/EAR, as the document was prepared in advance of the approval of the Terms of Reference and does not reflect the requirement to re-screen four road corridors noted in the SNC-Lavalin Report. The Noront Provincial EA is currently on hold until there is more certainty about a potential all-season road connection to the provincial highway network. The cited report will be reviewed as background context, but as noted above it is not appropriate for the WSR Project EA to include an assessment of alternative routes connecting Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake Area to the provincial highway system.

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		In addition, AFN also maintains that that Noront's "SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Options, March 30, 2010" is still directly relevant to the WSR EA context and background section. Section 1.3 of the Final ToR states that "from Webequie First Nation's perspective, there was general community and political support for an all-season community road connection to the provincial highway system. However, there was concern that the discussion of the all-season road did not include an extension from the community eastwards to McFaulds Lake, which was thought to provide potential for greater economic development opportunities associated with the proposed mine exploration and future mining operations." In the SNC-Lavalin Report on Access Options, SNC-Lavalin provided a number 1 ranking to access route Option 3, Nakina to Marten Falls to McFaulds Lake, with the acknowledgement that a spur road could be constructed to Webequie. This report is an important document that contemplates both community access and access to McFaulds Lake via the provincial highway network, which is critical context for not only the WSR Project, but the Northern Road Link and MFCAR. This report must be referenced in the Final ToR.	
AFN-3	Section 1.4 Purpose and Rationale for the Undertaking and Study	An interconnection with the provincial highway system would not be necessary for the WSR, if Webequie First Nation was not contemplating connection to the provincial highway system and the WSR was truly a standalone project. With Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation working together to link the WSR, McFaulds Lake and MFCAR to the provincial highway network via the Northern Road Link, it is challenging for Ontario and AFN to view the WSR project in isolation. Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 for further information.	The Webequie Project Team's position on this matter, including the comments provided in Comment AFN-2, has not changed from the response provided on similar comments to the Draft ToR. "*The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4 of the Draft ToR, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake Area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR and is considered beyond the scope of the WSR project.* *Alternative road route options connecting the McFaulds Lake area to the provincial highway system will not be identified and analyzed for the WSR EA. As a result, documents containing information and previous analysis of road corridor options that link the McFaulds Lake area to the provincial highway system are not considered relevant to the WSR EA and will not be referenced. Section 1.0 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarity around this issue*."
AFN-4	Section 2.1.3 Process for Federal-Provincial Coordinated EA	In reviewing Webequie First Nation's response and Section 10 of the Final ToR, AFN is still concerned with the processes being proposed to coordinate the federal-provincial EAs and the structure of the EA Coordination Team. Currently AFN is participating or plans to participate in the following roads environment and impact assessment processes: • Provincial EA process for WSR (In Progress) • Provincial EA process for MFCAR (In Progress) • Federal IA process for WSR (In Progress) • Federal IA process for MFCAR (In Progress) • Federal Regional Assessment (Forthcoming) • Provincial EA process for Northern Road Link (Forthcoming) • Federal IA process for Northern Road Link (Forthcoming) AFN's participation in the above projects involve: • Engagement and consultation with numerous proponents, provincial and federal staff; • Participation in several projects that are at different stages of the assessment process; • Handling multiple and competing timelines across the various projects; and • Managing engagement fatigue of our staff and community members. Given the interconnectedness of the WSR, MFCAR and Northern Road Link Projects, all with funding support from Ontario, AFN recommends that the EA Coordination Team for both the WSR and MFCAR projects, as well as the upcoming Northern Road Link, develop and implement a coordinated approach across the three EA/IA assessment	The recommendation regarding an integrated EA Coordination Team tabled in this comment is similar to that in the main body of the letter. This matter is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the Webequie Supply Road EA. The regional context of the effects assessment will be captured in cumulative effects assessment. In accordance with the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, the cumulative effects assessment will capture the WSR Project's effects in combination with the Northern Road Link, the Marten Falls Community Access Road.

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		processes. This approach is reasonable from an administrative and operational perspective, but is also mindful and supportive of community engagement needs. The AFN community does not view the WSR, MFCAR and Northern Road Link as separate projects. Rather, AFN community sees the proposed development of a single road that starts in AFN's territory and the Ontario provincial road network, and ends at the Webequie Airport via McFaulds Lake. With the AFN community perspective in mind, it is critical that AFN is engaged and the project is assessed through this holistic and cultural lens that considers the full suite of road project impacts in the region.	
AFN-5		In reference to AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2, AFN maintains that the following comments shared on October 19, 2019 remain valid: • The scope of the undertaking should include the goal and objective to enable Webequie First Nation to advance options for an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system; and, • The undertaking must include alternative methods for facilitating an all-season road connection from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway system in conjunction with the Webequie Supply Road Project, including a "do nothing" alternative method.	Please refer to Response AFN-2 and AFN-3.
AFN-6	Section 4. Description of the Undertaking	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please refer to Responses AFN-3 and AFN-4.
AFN-7	Section 4.1 Design Considerations and Criteria	In light of WSR Project's response to AFN's recommendation to amend language across the ToR to reflect Indigenous governments we offer the following language for consideration: • …"Input from Indigenous governments, Indigenous communities and Indigenous organizations (including Indigenous Knowledge…" This language captures the intent of the WSR Project Team and AFN and should be reflected across the ToR.	The Webequie Project Team will consider the suggested amended language to reflect Indigenous governments moving forward in the EA documentation/report.
AFN-8	Section 5.1.1 Alternatives to the Undertaking	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please refer to Responses AFN-2, AFN-3 and AFN-4.
AFN-9	Section 5.1.2.3 Alternative Road Corridors	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please refer to Responses AFN-2, AFN-3 and AFN-4.
AFN-10	Section 5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please refer to Responses AFN-2, AFN-3 and AFN-4.
AFN-11	Section 5.1.2.3 Initial Identification of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please refer to Responses AFN-2, AFN-3 and AFN-4.
AFN-12	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please refer to Responses AFN-2, AFN-3 and AFN-4.

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AFN-13	Section 5.4 Development of Routing SubAlternatives within Preferred Supply Road Corridor	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please see Responses AFN-2, AFN-3 and AFN-4.
AFN-14	Section 6.1 Study Area	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-1 and AFN-4. AFN's Aboriginal rights and interests will be significantly impacted by the connection of the proposed Project to the provincial highway system in addition to the potential for cumulative effects that would result from additional road and mining developments in the region. Due to the potential for adverse impacts on AFN's Aboriginal rights and interests, AFN recommends that Webequie First Nation collaborate with AFN, and other impacted First Nations, to develop the cumulative effects assessment workplan. Our interest is being fully engaged at the nation-to-nation level to develop the workplan in advance of MECP and IAAC review. This understanding of a collaborative approach with other impacted First Nations must be reflected in Section 8.1 of the ToR.	Please see Responses AFN-3 relative to the project scope and purpose. The commitment to prepare Work Plans for individual Valued Components is stated in Section 6.5 of the ToR. Work Plans have been drafted by the Project Team and reviewed by/discussed with federal and provincial experts. As part of the ongoing engagement and consultation process with Indigenous communities, the Work Plans will be presented to participating First Nations, including the opportunity to comment on and provide input (including Indigenous Knowledge) to the Plans. To facilitate this, high level summaries of key elements in the Work Plans will be prepared for community consumption. Such consultation will be integrated with other elements of the program and employ the methods described in Section 10.4 of the ToR, principally posting on the Project Website, and possibly livestreaming sessions similar to those conducted for presentation of and receiving comments on the ToR.
AFN-15	Section 6.2 Data Collection Methodology Section 6.4.2 Economy, Resource, Commercial and Industrial Activities	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-5.	Please see Responses AFN-2 and AFN-5.
AFN-16	Section 6.4.3 Population, Demographics and Community Profile	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-1, AFN-4 and AFN-14. AFN appreciates being added to the list of communities that will have community profiles generated for the purposes of baseline data collection and assessment of effects.	Noted. Please see Responses AFN-1 and AFN-4.
AFN-17	Section 7.2 Socio-Economic Environment Section 7.3 Cultural Environment	AFN recommends that social and cultural well-being be listed in its own category in the potential socio-economic effects. Social and cultural well-being for AFN is inherently linked to members' traditional land and resource use and the ability to continue using the land for the practice of rights. The cultural dimensions of health and well-being may be put at risk by the Project and therefore should captured and considered in the socio-economic impact assessment.	Noted. We believe that the preliminary evaluation criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR reflect this distinction. The Project Team is committed to addressing such matters in more detail during the EA phase through engagement activities that will include discussions on, and refinement of the evaluation criteria prior to conducting the effects assessment.
AFN-18	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects	The Webequie Project Team has made a distinction in the ToR between potentially affected communities and communities that may have interest in the Project. The distinction directly influences the depth of consultation and engagement efforts the WSR Project Team plans to undertake. From AFN's perspective, the exclusion of AFN from the list of potentially affected communities is related to the incorrect scope of the Project's undertaking. AFN continues to advocate for an expanded project purpose that considers all season road access to the provincial highway network. With the proposed Northern Road Link Project moving forward, all season road access from Webequie First Nation to the provincial highway network is being considered and explored via the WSR, and this must be reflected in the ToR.	Section 10.2.1 of the ToR states that, as per the letter from MECP to Webequie First Nation on December 19, 2018, sixteen (16) communities were identified by Ontario as potentially having their rights and/or interests affected by the Project. We can confirm that Aroland First Nation is included in the list of 16. Please refer to Responses AFN-1, AFN-2 and AFN-3 relative to the project scope and purpose and consideration of cumulative effects.

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		AFN is deeply concerned that AFN continues to be identified as a community that may only have "interests" despite AFN demonstrating that cumulative impacts of the Project and other roads projects that enable access to the Ring of Fire will cause significant adverse effects on AFN's rights and interests.	
AFN-19	Section 8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-2 and AFN-3.	Please see Responses AFN-2 and AFN-3.
AFN-20	5.1.2.2 Alternative Road Corridors	Please see AFN's Response and Comments on the Final ToR on AFN-1, AFN-2 and AFN-14.	Please see Responses AFN-1, AFN-2 and AFN-14.

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AFN-21	Section 2.1.1 Ontario Environmental Assessment Act	The Final ToR provides the following new information with respect to the Ontario EA process: "Under normal circumstances, the Project would be subject to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's Class Environmental Assessment for MNRF Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects ("MNRF RSFD Class EA"), since multiple dispositions (land and resources) would be required from MNRF in order to implement the Project. There is no exemption from the MNRF Class EA requirements for dispositions associated with First Nation-led projects. MNRF expressed concern that the length, significance and potential impacts of the proposed all-season supply road, along with the related activities (e.g., aggregate extraction), were expected to be outside of the intended scope of the MNRF Class EA, and the use of the Class EA could potentially fail to address the complexities that could reasonably be anticipated to arise for an all-season road of this length in this remote environment. Consequently, Webequie entered into a voluntary agreement with Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks under Section 3.0.1 of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* to make the Project subject to the Act, as the Individual EA process was considered to be more appropriate for effectively addressing the scale, complexity and potential for significant environmental effects. MNRF has advised MECP and Webequie that, assuming there are no deficiencies or gaps in the preparation of the Individual EA, the Individual EA should address MNRF's RSFD Class EA requirements. It is Webequie's intent to satisfy the MNRF RSFD Class EA requirements through the Individual EA process."	AFN appreciates that Webequie's intent is to satisfy MNRF RSFD Class EA requirements through the Individual EA process. With the scope of the proposed project with the connection to the Northern Roadlink and the provincial highway system, AFN fully agrees with MNRF that the length, significance and potential impacts of the proposed all-season supply road, along with the related activities (e.g., aggregate extraction) are outside of the intended scope of the MNRF Class EA, and the use of the Class EA could potentially fail to address the complexities that could reasonably be anticipated to arise for an all-season road of this length, and with the other road connections, in this remote environment.	Noted.
AFN-22	Section 2.1.2	The Final ToR mentions acknowledges the Impact Assessment Agency's (IAAC) Regional Assessment in the Final ToR and makes	AFN understands that the IAAC's Regional Assessment process is advancing while the WSR Project EA and IA are underway. However, we disagree with Webequie	Noted. The regional context of the effects assessment will be captured in cumulative effects assessment (CEA). In accordance with the

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	Canada Impact Assessment Act and Table 10-3	the following distinction regarding the applicability of the Regional Assessment to the Project: "The purpose of the Webequie Supply Road is to facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from Webequie to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area, with the goal to provide employment, training and economic development opportunities to WFN. A regional assessment is beyond the scope of the Project. Broader concerns on consultation and the impacts of mining in the Ring of Fire and development of infrastructure in the area should be addressed as part of the regional assessment of the Ring of Fire region to be conducted by Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, as announced on February 11, 2020 by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. Webequie First Nation will be monitoring the regional assessment as the process unfolds."	First Nation's response that a regional assessment or lens is outside of the scope of this Project's assessment. As outlined in AFN-1 and AFN-4 in Appendix I, there are several roads projects, including the WSR Project, that enable access and support the business case for linking the Ring of Fire area to the provincial highway system.	federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, the CEA will capture the WSR Project's effects in combination with the Northern Road Link, the Marten Falls Community Access Road and a number of other existing and reasonably foreseeable projects and physical activities, including: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units; › mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. Please also note that as required by the *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment.
AFN-23	Section 2.1.5 Other Relevant Provincial Legislation and Permits	With respect to the applicability of the *Far North Act*: "Permits and approvals depend on type of development and stage of completion of a Community Based Land Use Plan (CBLUP). Approval of a CBLUP or acceptance of a Draft CBLUP, as well as the issuance of a Minister's Order designating a planning area, is the first step in the development process and can happen at any time. Far North Act authorization(s), including permission to proceed with the WSR Project without a CBLUP in place, will not be granted until after approval of the EA. Note: There is currently a proposal to repeal the Far North Act, which is under consideration by the Ontario Government".	AFN expects to be consulted by Ontario with respect to any changes to the *Far North Act*, and/or new regulations under the *Public Lands Act* that would impact the proposed project, and AFN's related rights and interests. AFN expects that Webequie and Ontario will consult AFN on any follow-on permits and approvals.	Matters related to Ontario's responsibilities and current initiatives under the *Far North Act* are outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the Webequie Supply Road EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond directly to you on this matter.
AFN-24	Section 3.1 Environmental Assessment Principles	In the Final ToR, the following principle is identified as a requisite aspect of the EA and IA process to meet federal and provincial regulatory requirements: • "Engagement with Indigenous communities, federal, provincial and municipal agencies and identified potentially	AFN recommends that the language be amended to: • Engagement and consultation with Indigenous groups whose Treaty and/or Aboriginal rights and interests may be potentially impacted by the Project; • Engagement with Indigenous communities, federal, provincial and municipal agencies and identified potentially affected stakeholders and other persons who may have an interest in the Project.	The wording in the cited segment of Section 3.1 of the ToR was gleaned from and reflects the intent and language pertaining to Environmental Assessment Principles contained in the MECP *Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario* and *Code of Practice:*

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		affected stakeholders and other persons who may have an interest in the Project."	Indigenous groups have constitutionally protected rights and interests that require different processes and considerations compared to stakeholder and government engagement. This distinction must be captured in the principles governing the environmental and impact assessment process.	*Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario*. The wording in the ToR has been vetted by MECP. Section 10 of the ToR presents the proposed engagement and consultation program that the Webequie Project Team intends to conduct during the EA. We believe that the elements of that program capture the intent of the recommended revision.
AFN-25	Section 4.1.1 Project Design Criteria	The Final ToR provides the following additional information regarding the anticipated traffic operations on the WSR: " The road will be gravel surfaced, including shoulders, with material from aggregate source areas that have suitable sand and gravel deposits (e.g., eskers). The design of the underlying subgrade material and its depth below the granular surface of the road will have consideration for the typical vehicle types (e.g., light pick-up trucks, heavy industrial/commercial transport trucks and trailers, etc.) that are envisioned to use the road, including their weight/load. It should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. The specific traffic mix (%) of heavy vehicles (e.g., trucks) versus light vehicles will be further examined in the EA."	AFN is seeking additional information regarding the comment "it should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling" and has the following questions: • Why are traffic operations not including mineral ore or mine product hauling? • Will mineral ore or mine product hauling be contemplated as part of the Northern Road Link?	Our initial response is to reiterate that the functional purpose of the Webequie Supply Road is to support existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area. In the context of this project alone, given that the destination for any traffic travelling on the WSR from the McFaulds Lake area would be the community of Webequie, with no road access from there to markets for mineral ore or mine products, it is clear that the road is not intended as a haul route for such commodities. Further, given the other provincial all-season road initiatives in the region, it is unlikely that the WSR alignment will be used to haul mineral ore or mine products to the provincial highway system. Questions and comments directly related to the Northern Road Link are outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the Webequie Supply Road EA. We have referred your comment to the Northern Road Link Project Team so they can respond directly to you on this matter.
AFN-26		The Final ToR provides additional information with respect to the method of evaluation used to analyze alternatives to the undertaking: "The analysis of alternatives to the Undertaking was done on a screening level. A number of factors were considered in the comparative analysis: *Capital and Operating Costs* Project costs will play a significant role in determining the economic viability of the Project. This includes all costs to build and operate/maintain the alternative. Although specific costing was not conducted for this analysis, based on previous experience, comparative costs are understood. • Costs to construct any infrastructure (road, railway, loading/unloading facilities, etc.); • Costs to operate (vehicles); • Costs to maintain (repairs, snow clearing, etc.). *Impacts to the Natural Environment* Webequie First Nation intends to develop and implement the Project in the most environmentally responsible way possible. A key consideration is maintaining the community's ability (and that of neighbouring communities) to engage in traditional uses of the land and resource base, which means minimizing potential adverse impacts to natural heritage features. Impacts to the natural	AFN was not consulted by Webequie First Nation during the analysis of alternatives to the Undertaking through the reported screening process. AFN seeks to be consulted by Webequie and Ontario on the analysis of alternatives to the Undertaking through and during the Environmental Assessment. AFN strenuously objects to a pre-EA screening process for the analysis of alternatives to the Undertaking. This alternatives analysis must be carried into the EA, with appropriate Crown consultation.	As described in ToR Section 3.2 (Indication of How the Environmental Assessment is to be Prepared), the Webequie Project Team intends to make use of the provisions afforded project proponents in subsections 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* to conduct a "focused EA". These provisions may be used if there is a more defined planning process, and more details of the Project are already known. Sections 1.3 and 5.1.2.1 of the ToR provide the supporting rationale for this approach by presenting the project's planning background and context (i.e., over the last decade, there has been extensive examination (planning and assessment) of alternative road corridors in and around the McFaulds Lake area). The focused approach permits proponents to omit the analysis of Alternatives to the Undertaking during the EA. Having said that, the Webequie Project Team has provided an analysis of Alternatives to the Undertaking during the ToR phase and reviewers have formally been provided with the opportunity to comment on that assessment.

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		environment arising primarily from construction were estimated at a screening level based on previous experience and general knowledge of the alternatives being considered. At this level of screening, impacts were considered to fall into one of two categories: • Potential general impacts to the aquatic environment resulting from construction/ • maintenance at waterbody crossings; and • Potential general impacts to the terrestrial environment, primarily as a result of vegetation • clearing during construction. *Social and Economic Benefits* WFN is also intent on maximizing project social and economic benefits in relation to the purposes for pursing the Project, stated above. Although the community will realize social and economic benefits from a number of aspects of building and operating/maintaining any of the alternatives considered, for the purpose of the screening, benefits were generally considered to flow from employment. Generally, the more jobs and the more sustainable the jobs (e.g., year-round versus seasonal employment) the greater the benefits for the community. *Reliability/Proven Technology* This factor considered the extent to which an alternative, particularly a technology, has been commercially proven to be feasible. Technologies that are new to the market and have not been tested to be economic and reliable at a commercial scale would be a risky investment. Lack of reliability was generally considered to be a critical failure that outright eliminated an alternative from further consideration. The evaluation was qualitative, in that specific scores and weights were not applied. In many cases, one or more of the criteria were of sufficient concern to eliminate the alternative from further consideration. Alternatives were mostly compared to the all-season road option as a benchmark. A summary of the analysis is provided in the following paragraphs.		
AFN-27	6.3.6 Land and Resource Use	The Land and Resource Use section of the Final ToR contains the following information: “The project area is located on unsurveyed Ontario Crown lands and Webequie First Nation Reserve lands. Although Webequie First Nation holds the position that provincially registered traplines do not represent spatial limits of traditional use by their members, for reference purposes, it can be stated that the project area intersects traplines registered to Webequie First Nation and Marten Falls First Nation community members. A total of 17 km of the project corridor sits on federal land comprising the Webequie First Nation Reserve, as shown in **Figures 1.1 and 6.1**.”	AFN recommends that additional language be added to Section 6.3.6 to acknowledge that additional Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use Studies (IKLUS) are underway by Indigenous groups, like AFN, that may provide supplemental information regarding land and resource use.	Noted. The Webequie Project Team welcomes and encourages the input of information from neighbouring communities on their Indigenous Knowledge and Land Use Studies. As noted in the Section 6.3.6 of the ToR, Webequie is aware of other such initiatives and has committed to continuing ongoing discussions with its neighbours through the Community Based Land Use Plan preparation process.

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NFN-0		E-mail Addressed to MECP Dated October 13, 2020: Dear Sasha and Shannon, I write as an advisor to the Neskantaga First Nation. For ready reference I have set out above some extracts from Ontario's operational guide to consultation in a COVID19 context. All the attention of the Neskantaga First Nation is currently on the COVID19 emergency. We have written to Ontario[September 23, 2020] and the WSR proponent in the past to request that the WSR EA be paused during the pandemic. Neskantaga cannot properly participate in consultation on the WSR Terms of Reference at this time. During the pandemic, Neskantaga cannot gather its community, elders and knowledge holders, both on and off reserve, to collect all the necessary information to properly understand and express our interests and concerns regarding the WSR Terms of Reference. In short, the pandemic prevents Neskantaga from entering into a meaningful dialogue with the proponent and Ontario. To date, the WSR proponent and Ontario have not provided Neskantaga with an adequate explanation of why they decided to proceed with the consultation process on the TOR during the pandemic. The decision to proceed with consultation on the TOR is not consistent with the Ontario operational guidance on Consultation with Indigenous peoples in COVID19 Context and is not sensitive to the risks the pandemic presents to a remote First Nation like Neskantaga. An August 28, 2020 WSR letter to Neskantaga relies on relaxation of COVID19 protocols and travel restrictions as the rationale for the unilateral decision to submit the TOR. In fact, the Neskantaga COVID19 protocols and travel restrictions during the TOR 60 day comment period made it impossible for Neskantaga to fully participate in any of the various engagement options on offer by WSR. Despite the limitations imposed on us by Ontario and the proponent, we decided to review and comment on the ToR to the extent possible within the time frame provided. General Comments: We are very concerned that proper consultation with Neskantaga will be too late to be effective. Neskantaga's land use options will be permanently altered by the Project as the Webequie Supply Road will bisect Neskantaga's lands and change forever the options for ensuring the continued practice of Neskantaga's way of life on Neskantaga territory. The ToR is a critical strategic document that guides the entirety of the provincial EA. The approval of the ToR for the Project by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally- protected rights. This decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged, appropriate to the decision point; meaningful consultation has not yet occurred and will not be achieved through an opportunity to comment as a mere stakeholder on these ToR. Before the Project's ToR are approved, an appropriate process for consultation and accommodation must be set out, whether as an adjunct to the EA or otherwise. The Ring of Fire area is poised for significant levels of development in a largely unroaded, undeveloped, pristine wilderness setting with numerous isolated First Nation communities. A proper assessment of the cumulative effects of this larger development on the environment and communities of Ontario's north-west must be undertaken as part of Crown consultation in this EA to address the numerous significant adverse effects that are anticipated to First Nations' interests, communities and members. Neskantaga's view is that the Crown's EA processes, as currently designed, are not adequate to undertake the cumulative effects assessment required to address these issues. A parallel process to address cumulative effects needs to be undertaken, with full First Nations' involvement. The ToR must address this issue of an effective, fulsome cumulative effects assessment.	Thank you for providing the Neskantaga First Nation comments and concerns on the Webequie Supply Road EA Terms of Reference (ToR). In response to the stated concerns that Neskantaga has not been provided with an adequate explanation of why the consultation process has proceeded on the TOR during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have referred this comment to Ontario, so they can respond directly to you. As for the response from the proponent, the Webequie Project Team has heard the concerns from some Indigenous communities regarding the timeline to provide comments on the ToR, including requests for extensions, and suspension of the process. We are very sensitive and aware that, at this time, many Indigenous communities have declared a state of emergency or taken other measures to protect community health and safety. We appreciate the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal review and consultation processes. Webequie will continue its engagement efforts with communities during the ToR review process in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included and continue to include offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, ToR summary documents, and requests to meet virtually with communities. These engagement opportunities continue to be available to Neskantaga and other communities to take part in, if interested. The WPT also welcome any opportunity to understand what methods of engagement might be acceptable to Neskantaga at this time. We would also like to acknowledge and thank you for sharing your perspective in the "General Comment" provided. The WPT look forward to meaningful consultation with Neskantaga during the ToR and EA phases to discuss your concerns, including understanding any community specific protocols or preferences for engagement. In response to the comments on proper assessment of cumulative effects, we offer the following response. As stated in Section 2.1.3 of the ToR, the provincial environmental assessment process and the federal impact assessment process will be coordinated. Accordingly, the proponent (i.e., Webequie First Nation) will produce one body of documentation, referred to as the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement ("EAR/IS"). The EAR/IS will address the requirements of both the provincial ToR and the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* ("TISG"), including conducting a cumulative effects assessment ("CEA"). Although the ToR does not itemize all of the elements that will be included in the CEA, we can confirm that the Webequie Project Team is taking its initial lead on project inclusion from the minimum requirements identified in Section 22 of the federal TISG, and that there is a process in place to address such effects. For clarity, the projects and activities to be included in the CEA are: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units;

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		Baseline studies, predicting environmental effects and designing follow-up programs (mitigation of effects), must be undertaken with Neskantaga to ensure our aboriginal and treaty rights are fully addressed. Soliciting, considering and documenting Neskantaga's input during the EA will not be sufficient to discharge the duty to consult and accommodate as what is required is a process in which Neskantaga's input is demonstrably integrated into decision-making. The ToR is deficient in this regard and no appropriate Crown consultation has yet been proposed, as an adjunct to the EA, or otherwise, to address these critical legal duties. As such, any EA decisions taken on the process as defined will be constitutionally incompetent as to Neskantaga's interests. In summary, what is required is a process in which Neskantaga's input is demonstrably integrated into EA decision-making. Accordingly, we request that, once community health conditions permit, working groups and technical sub-committees be established as fora to facilitate discussions on enhanced Neskantaga participation in the WSR EA that could inform any proposed amendments to the EA ToR, as well as review of the EA once submitted. Finally, we would like to request that MECP share the consolidated list of deficiencies in the WSR TOR with Neskantaga and allow time for a Neskantaga response before confirming to the proponent that the WSR Terms of Reference meets MECP requirements. Find enclosed a table of our very preliminary summary of issues raised by Neskantaga that have not been resolved in the WSR Terms of Reference. Please confirm receipt of our submission. Respectfully, David Peerla	› mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. Our specific responses to those comments requesting that working groups and technical sub-committees be established to facilitate enhanced Neskantaga participation in the WSR are included in the table below. The comment that states the approval of the ToR by the Minister cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged are matters outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the WSR EA and have been referred to Ontario so they can respond directly to you. In addition, the request "that MECP share the consolidated list of deficiencies in the WSR TOR with Neskantaga and allow time for a Neskantaga response before confirming to the proponent that the WSR Terms of Reference meets MECP requirements" has also been referred to Ontario so they can directly respond to you.

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NFN-1	1 Proponency	Who will be the operators of the planned supply road? How will the road project be governed? How will access to the road be controlled?	The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with Ontario on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR. Section 1.1 of the ToR has been revised. "It should be noted that WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment only at this point. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR; proponency for the WSR construction will be determined later in the project development process."	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-2	2 Purpose of undertaking	The scope of the Project as set out in the ToR was developed without any consultation with Neskantaga. We are concerned that the full nature and purpose of the project is not being considered	Purpose is stated in section 1.4- to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. Webequie is encouraging engagement with all	**No discussion of strategic level impacts as a result of opening the region up to development.**	Per the MECP *Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*, the ToR section describing the purpose of the WSR Project is not meant to include a discussion of impacts. In accordance

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		in the Supply Road EA. Neskantaga seek a comprehensive and integrated consultation process to address the strategic level impacts of opening up the region to development beyond the Supply Road EA.	Indigenous communities that are interested in participating in the EA process Section 1.4.2 has been revised "The goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road Project ("the Undertaking") are as follows: › To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area; › To provide employment and other economic development opportunities to WFN community members and businesses that reside in or around the community's reserve and traditional territory, while preserving their language and culture; and › To provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education."		with the Code of Practice, an initial assessment of potential benefits and negative effects associated with the WSR Project, including possible impacts associated with opening up the region to development through enhanced interconnectedness associated with other projects, is presented in Section 7 of the ToR. Potential positive effects include: <u>Economic</u> › Employment and economic benefits to community members and businesses of neighbouring Indigenous communities during construction and operation/maintenance › Emergence of economic opportunities along the road › Opportunity for WFN and other First Nations to own and/or construct and operate the road, including opportunity for revenue generation and potential for subsequent investment in economic development opportunities <u>Education/Training</u> › Opportunities for capacity building and business training › Opportunities for youth-employment and training › Possible higher overall educational levels and capacity <u>Social</u> › Higher household incomes from increased economic activity, allowing for Improved standard of living Potential negative effects include: <u>Social/Health</u> › May result in easier access to undesirable substances, possibly causing more health and social issues in community › More outsiders coming into area, causing possible social issues (i.e., community safety) <u>Socio-economic</u> › Although not proposed as part of the Project, should the supply road be connected to the existing provincial road network in the future, there may be a reduction in the amount government transfer payments currently paid to the community/its members due to changes in remote status, with this reduction likely phased in gradually › May facilitate more outsiders coming into community, such as resource users, that put a strain on traditional territories for hunting, fishing, mineral resource exploration, as well as pressure on wildlife populations and movements

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NFN-3	3 Conclusion	Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the executed Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, ENDM and Webequie. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of your Neskantaga consultation plan for our review and comment. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the Neskantaga consultation budget, milestones and timelines. Will Ontario be relying solely on Webequie, as the proponent, to share Project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation? How will the EA process accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making rights? How will the EA timeline accommodate the ongoing social emergency in Neskantaga? Is it Webequie's knowledge and belief that Ontario intends to rely on the federal and provincial EA processes, respectively, to discharge their legal obligations of consultation and accommodation of Neskantaga's Aboriginal Rights and Title and Treaty Rights interests arising out of this proposed Project?	The roles and responsibilities of Webequie and MECP/ ENDM (Ontario) with respect to the procedural aspect for the Duty to Consult have been summarized in the ToR. The basis of the Consultation Plan is included in the ToR. Customization of consultation for a community depends on their protocols and procedures. We encourage Neskantaga First Nation to engage with WFN to discuss this matter. WFN will follow up with Neskantaga on the appropriate forum and protocols to engage and consult with Neskantaga. The budget for consultation and engagement with First Nations is not specifically allocated to individual communities or groups. The engagement process with Neskantaga First Nation can be used to discuss community protocols and resource requirements to participate in the EA. It is our understanding that capacity funding has been provided to Neskantaga by the Province of Ontario (ENDM) through a Participation ….. Section 10.1.1 The plan for Indigenous communities' consultation. "As per the MOU, Webequie will be responsible for carrying out those procedural aspects of consultation in respect of the Project and Ontario may rely on such efforts in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult."	**Did not address the concerns of Neskantaga in relation to consultation during ongoing social emergency. "Referred to Ontario so they can respond directly." No mention of how the EA process will accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making.** **ToR states that "While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult"**	With respect to Duty to Consult, the Crown's delegation of certain responsibilities to Webequie as the project proponent, what the Crown can rely on and the obligations it must retain, for clarity, we note that the Section 10.1.2 of the ToR (Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples) states that: "In general, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult." In a footnote, the same section of the ToR clarifies that "Statutory Consultation" means the consultation obligations to all interested persons related to the Terms of Reference and EA applications, as required in the EA Act. The ToR goes on to state that the MOU establishes which activities under Statutory Consultation Webequie First Nation is responsible for (i.e., certain defined procedural aspects, but not all aspects) and that the Crown may rely on the results of the WFN activities <u>related to those delegated procedural aspects</u> in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult. The ToR then lists what those procedural aspects are (activities related to planning, conducting and documenting Statutory Consultation). The Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will be responsible for all other aspects, and will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult, in a manner that is consistent with the honour of the Crown.
NFN-4	4 Record Keeping	Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the consultation report template and copies of the Neskatanga consultation reports to date.	A Record of Consultation for the ToR phase will be provided as supporting documentation with the final ToR, which will be available for review during the mandatory public review process for the ToR phase	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-5	5 Engagement and Consultation	What is the distinction, if any, between engagement and consultation?	The terms "engagement" and "consultation" are used depending on the nature of the activities undertaken with Indigenous communities and the general public.	**No distinguishing of engagement and consultation in the ToR.**	For clarity we define engagement as a broader and ongoing process of sharing information and developing a relationship with communities to seek their feedback, with the purpose of involving communities in the process of decision making. This process may include more formal consultation activities designed to get communities involved and to meet statutory requirements under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*.
NFN-6	6 Accommodation	Is Webequie, as the proponent, delegated the duty to accommodate under the Consultation MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie? If Neskantaga has issues with accommodation measures that are being proposed by Webequie, what role will Ontario play in issue resolution?	Same as response to 3.	**ToR states that "While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult"**	It is not clear whether the intent of this comment is to suggest that the responses in 3 and 6 are incongruous with the cited language in the ToR with respect to what the Crown can rely on and the obligations it must retain. For clarity, we note that the Section 10.1.2 of the ToR (Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples) states that: "In general, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities

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					for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult." In a footnote, the same section of the ToR clarifies that "Statutory Consultation" means the consultation obligations to all interested persons related to the Terms of Reference and EA applications, as required in the EA Act. The ToR goes on to state that the MOU establishes which activities under Statutory Consultation Webequie First Nation is responsible for (i.e., certain defined procedural aspects, but not all aspects) and that the Crown may rely on the results of the WFN activities related to those delegated procedural aspects in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult. The ToR then lists what those procedural aspects are (activities related to planning, conducting and documenting Statutory Consultation). The Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will be responsible for all other aspects, and will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult, in a manner that is consistent with the honour of the Crown.
NFN-7	7 Potential Neskantaga Economic Benefits and Participation Opportunities	Is Webequie prepared to negotiate a Supply Road impact and benefit agreement with Neskantaga?	Through comprehensive analysis of impacts in the EA, a number of mitigation measures and potential accommodation measures will be identified. The economics of the proposed project are unknown at this time. The extent to which the project is expected to result in benefits will be discussed through engagement.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-8	8 Cumulative Effects	Will the Supply Road EA consider the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region? If not, why not? Would Webequie consider establishing a joint Matawa remotes technical working group to examine and agree on the cumulative effects methodology? How will cumulative effects be measured against pre-determined thresholds developed in land use planning, regional cumulative effects assessment, or other processes? How will Neskantaga's oral evidence of past impacts of development Projects be given due consideration in the assessment of cumulative effects?	The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The Webequie Project Team will consider the request to establish a joint technical working group with Indigenous communities to provide input to the work plan. The Webequie Project Team is open to comments from all parties and encourages interested communities to participate in the process and encourages Neskantaga to provide any additional comments to Ontario in terms of their regulatory processes. The ToR text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1. The Webequie Project Team will assess the project's cumulative effects using the approach as described in the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's guidance documents, which include: the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template for Designated Projects Subject to the Impact Assessment Act (IA Agency, 2019); Operational Policy Statement:	**No mention in the ToR specifically of cumulative effects assessment of past projects, only of current and reasonably foreseeable. 'Consideration' of the request for a working group but nothing further than that and no reference to a working group in the ToR.**	The requirements for the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) prescribed in Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* (TISG) for the WSR Project include consideration of past projects. The Webequie Project Team is taking its initial lead on which projects to include in the CEA from the minimum requirements listed in Section 22 of the TISG). That list includes: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units;

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			Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEA Agency, 2015b); and Interim Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEA Agency, 2018b).		› mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. The approach for conducting the CEA is still under development; a synopsis of the approach will be presented at future consultation meetings with Indigenous communities and other study participants.
NFN-9	9 Alternatives	How will the Supply Road EA link to the comprehensive review of infrastructure alternatives suggested by Marten Falls in 2016? Noront proposed an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the mining camp matured. Why was this alternative ruled out?	Through the engagement with Marten Falls First Nation, the Project Team will identify the nature of the comprehensive review of regional infrastructure alternatives and how they will be incorporated, if at all, into the WSR EA process. "Webequie First Nation, in partnership with three other First Nations (Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Eabametoong), completed the All Season Community Road Study (ASCRS) in June 2016." "From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. The preferred corridor/road from the 2016 ASCRS did not connect to the McFaulds Lake area due to unresolved issues and concerns expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area."	**No answer on the Noront slurry road- "direct question to Noront specifically" Mentions Regional Assessment in response to question, but no mention in the ToR.**	The Webequie Project Team is not aware of the rationale for Noront's decision not to pursue its initial proposal to transition the East-West road from a winter road and slurry pipeline, running from the mine site west to Webequie Junction, to an all-season road that would largely follow the existing winter road to an intersection with Highway 599 near Pickle Lake. It is assumed that this was a strategic business decision by Noront, and Webequie First Nation is not privy to such decisions. We again encourage Neskantaga to consult Noront's website (http://norontresources.com) for information on the Eagle's Nest Mine project.
NFN-10	10 The All Season Community Road Study (2016)	Please explain the discrepancy between Ontario's understanding of the conclusion of the All Season Community Road Study [unable to agree on a preferred corridor] and the Webequie Supply Road TOR [a preferred corridor was identified].	Text in Section 1.3 of the ToR has been revised to reflect that the four participating communities did not identify a preferred road corridor, due to other overarching concerns about jurisdiction, First Nation involvement in the process and the general need for further study. "From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. The preferred corridor/road from the 2016 ASCRS did not connect to the McFaulds Lake area due to unresolved issues and concerns expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area. From the Webequie First Nation perspective, the preferred alternative emerging from the 2016	**Section 1.3 page 5 still states that "a preferred corridor was identified".**	For greater clarity, any future presentation of this background material in the EA documentation will be revised as follows: "From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was not identified, although there was fairly strong support for a general east-west orientation that would connect the four communities to the provincial highway system. None of the alternative corridors/roads from the 2016 ASCRS connect to the McFaulds Lake area due to unresolved issues and concerns expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area. From the Webequie First Nation perspective, the east-west oriented alternative from the 2016 ASCRS provided a number of social and economic benefits, including the interconnection with other First Nation communities. However, there was additional interest in continuing to examine a supply road connection into the McFaulds Lake area. The connection between Webequie

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			ASCRS provided a number of social and economic benefits, including the interconnection with other First Nation communities. However, there was additional interest in continuing to examine a supply road connection into the McFaulds Lake area."		and McFaulds Lake is considered important to Webequie First Nation, as it could provide broader economic development opportunities and social benefits above and beyond the benefits of an all-season community road to Pickle Lake."
NFN-11	11 Baseline Studies and Neskantaga Participation	Please provide a copy of all baseline studies referenced above for Neskantaga review and comment. Going forward the results of baseline studies should be summarized and presented to Neskantaga in clear, non-technical language. Would Webequie consider creating an environmental effects evaluation methodology working group with the remote Matawa First Nations?	Environmental Baseline Studies will be available at release of the Draft EAR/IS report. Summaries in non-technical language can be provided. The WSR Project Team welcomes and encourages the interest of all communities in development of environmental effects evaluation methodology	**No mention of a working group within the ToR.** "The WSR Project Team welcomes and encourages the interest of all communities in development of environmental effects evaluation methodology" **However the WSR response does not mention the WSR Team being interested in creating a working group.**	At this time, the Webequie Project Team is not contemplating the establishment of a working group, but this may be reevaluated and considered during the EA. The WPT is committed to meaningfully engaging with all First Nations during the EA process, including on the environmental effects evaluation methodology.
NFN-12	12 Aggregates	What are the preliminary results of Webequie's assessment of potential aggregate sources and/or the annual aggregate re-sources requirements for construction and maintenance of the Supply road. The sources of aggregate for the road will impact more upland habitat than the road itself. Based on advice from our technical expert, Neskantaga views all aggregate sources as having high archaeological potential.	There are number of aggregate sources locations that provide options for extracting the material needed for the Project. The location of these potential aggregate sources is presented in Figure 5.7 of the ToR. A general description and characteristics of the potential aggregate source locations are presented in Section 5.5.2 – Aggregate Source Location and Access Roads of the ToR.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-13	13 Economic Viability	Has Webequie developed a Business Case for the Supply road? If so, please provide a copy or summary to Neskantaga? Has ENDM and/ or Infrastructure Ontario reviewed the Webequie business case for the Supply Road? What were the conclusions of the Ontario review? What external funding sources and mechanism is Webequie considering for the Supply road?	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-14	14 Estimated Capital Cost	How did Webequie arrive at an estimated capital cost for Alternative B of 0.4M/ km? Do the proposed road capital budget estimates integrate information from field geotechnical investigations to confirm aggregate and borrow source locations, and subsurface conditions along the road or at proposed bridge locations? What is the variance in the cost estimate?	The preliminary estimated capital cost presented in the ToR is considered an indicative cost estimate for the Webequie Supply Road Project. The preliminary capital cost for the Project will be further examined and refined as part of the EA process.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-15	15 Implementation	Would Webequie consider a partnership with Neskantaga to implement the Project?	Webequie First Nation would welcome discussion with Neskantaga First Nation on opportunities for participation in the Project.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-16	16 Shared Territory and Existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights	Neskantaga has strong family ties to the project area since time out of mind. The project directly impacts Neskantaga traplines and falls within Neskantaga's Area of Interest. Neskantaga has a sacred, legal obligation to protect, defend and steward the water, land, air, and resources of our	Webequie First Nation understands the interests of Neskantaga First Nation in the territories shared with Webequie. Webequie First Nation also understands there could be potential effects of the WSR on Neskantaga community members. These	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.

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		territory. From Neskantaga's perspective, we are uniquely vulnerable to the impact of the Supply Road and induced development of the entire Ring of Fire region, and will bear the burden of significant risks arising from the roads and mines.	will be examined in detail in the EA and through EA engagement.		
NFN-17	17 Cultural Heritage Resources	The results of previous Noront Stage 1 studies, and the terms of reference for the Studies, have never been made available to Neskantaga First Nation in order to assess their accuracy, validity and comprehensiveness. Furthermore, it appears that such studies did not benefit from access to Neskantaga Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge about past and present land use within the proposed road corridor. In our view, this likely will reflect a significant deficiency in these documents that must be redressed. We seek copies of these previous archaeological reports and the opportunity to review, critique and comment upon them as part of a collaborative approach to your future engagement and consultation with Neskantaga First Nation on your Supply Road project. We would like to collaborate on the terms of reference of any new archaeological studies going forward.	It is the Project Team's understanding that the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA has been paused under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* process and has been terminated under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* process with enactment of the new *Impact Assessment Act*. Therefore, the studies previously conducted by Noront, including the archaeological assessment, may be outdated and/or have no status. Information pertaining to the Eagle's Nest Mine EA, including archaeological investigations, and the current status of Eagle's Nest Mine project can be found on Noront's website (http:// norontresources.com). Opportunities to comment on the final Terms of Reference will be available during the winter/spring of 2020. Section 6.4.1 "To assess potential effects to archaeological resources, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will involve consultation with Indigenous communities, review of existing published data sources and information obtained from other stakeholders and agencies."	**No change from draft ToR on this.**	To our knowledge, the status of the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA has not changed, and we would again refer you to Noront's website (http:// norontresources.com) for the purposes of seeking information from the previous EA and monitoring any updates. The Webequie Project Team still intends to conduct a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment as part of the cultural component of the Socio-Economic impact assessment. An archaeological consultant licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) has been retained for this purpose, and the work will be conducted in compliance with MHSTCI's *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*, which is the accepted method for carrying out such assessments in Ontario. Accordingly, a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report will be prepared, which will describe the results of all background research and the related fieldwork conducted, and will contain all necessary photographic and cartographic documentation. The report will include information on: › Results of the background research pertaining to previous archaeological investigations; › Geo-environmental setting and historic settlement; and › Evaluation of archaeological site potential The report will provide recommendations for Stage 2 assessment (conducting targeted field investigations), if necessary. The Stage 1 work will evaluate the potential for archaeological resources within or adjacent to the study area. This will be completed by reviewing physiographic, land use and historical information and mapping for the subject area and relevant surrounding area. As part of this assessment, the archaeological consultant will contribute to scoping the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) studies, and the Webequie Project Team will provide the consultant with the results of relevant consultation, survey and IK work with Indigenous communities, including Neskantaga, that will be conducted by the project's Consultation Team. This will include Indigenous input regarding spiritual sites, ceremonial sites, burial sites, etc., as appropriate. As a document supporting the environmental assessment, the results of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be made available to Indigenous communities as part of the

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					Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement review process. Neskantaga will be provided with the opportunity to discuss the scope of the archaeological assessment work and related project evaluation criteria during a consultation session in the early stages of the EA phase, expected to commence in spring 2021, subject to COVID-19 constraints.
NFN-18	18 Joint Decision Making and the Relational Tier	Will Webequie pursue a consensus-based approach within the existing decision-making processes of Ontario and the Neskantaga First Nation under the Relational Tier Approach? Would Webequie consider creating a joint body with the Matawa remote First Nations to seek to reach consensus on the EA recommendations?	Webequie First Nation intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities, organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA. Section 10.1.1.2 Relational Tier: The Relational Tier of Webequie's approach to consultation and project development involves outreach to and involvement of other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and developing relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments. It is recognized that these relationships and connections are important to maintain in a positive way.	**"Conduct engagement with all communities" is as far as the WSR Team goes here. No mention at all about a joint body to reach consensus.**	In recognition that other First Nations may be affected by the proposed Webequie Supply Road, the Webequie Project Team reiterates its commitment to reach out to and involve such communities in the engagement, consultation and decision-making process inherent in the Ontario environmental assessment process. As proponent of the supply road project, Webequie First Nation has assumed sole responsibility for conducting the EA process.
NFN-19	19 Far North Exception Order	Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of Webequie's application for the exception order.	All regulatory instruments required to implement the WSR EA and the Project will be in place in accordance with applicable statutes.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-20	20 EA Coordination Team	Please provide Neskantaga with summaries of the meetings held to date with the EA Coordination team. Would the EA Coordination team consider meeting with Neskantaga to discuss the coordination process and a potential role for Neskantaga in the process?	The EA Coordination meetings are administrative and non-technical in nature and are not considered the forum for direct engagement with Indigenous communities. The Webequie Project Team encourages Neskantaga First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time and is prepared to share a summary of the discussions being held within the EA Coordination Team forum, where such topics may pertain to Neskantaga's areas of interest.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-21	21 Environmental Commitments	How will commitments be systematically tracked and compliance enforced? Will compliance be reviewed annually? What role will Neskantaga play in the compliance review?	Commitments made during the ToR process normally relate to activities to be conducted by the proponent during the EA phase of the Project. They are typically incorporated in a concordance table that is part of the EA documentation, with the proponent indicating in the table how it has complied with the commitment and where evidence of compliance can be found in the EA documentation. Requirements related to any other form of compliance reporting by the proponent are normally included in the conditions accompanying the ToR approval by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Since	**No mention of annual compliance review. No mention on role Neskantaga or any other First Nation will play in compliance review.**	The means for, and conditions governing compliance reporting and reviews to fulfil commitments in the terms of reference and environmental assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project are expected to follow practices adopted on other project ToR and the EAs (i.e., one-time preparation of a ToR phase concordance table as part of the EA documentation; then, regular compliance reporting on EA phase commitments during the construction and operations phases). With regard to the frequency of preparing compliance documentation and submitting associated reports for review during construction and operations, it is our experience that reviews may be conducted annually.

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			compliance is monitored by the government body approving the ToR, inquiries regarding possible involvement by third parties in that process should be directed to the Province. The comment as to how commitments may be systematically tracked and compliance enforced with regards to the role of Ontario is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.		With respect to the role that Neskantaga or any other First Nation will play in compliance reviews, please also refer to Response NFN-18. As the Webequie Supply Road EA proponent, Webequie First Nation has initially only assumed sole responsibility for completing the EA process. In the context of fulfilling commitments made during the EA phase, Webequie's responsibilities may be extended to include conducting and reporting on compliance monitoring during the construction and operations phases of the Project, if WFN assumes an ownership/control role in the Project. In this case, WFN may be in position to determine how it will best meet compliance monitoring. However, the details of WFN's role in the Project beyond the EA phase has not yet been determined. Compliance reviews (i.e., assessing the results and adequacy of compliance monitoring and reporting) are normally led/conducted by the regulatory ministry and agency that oversees the EA process, such as the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, which may seek expert review contributions from other ministries and agencies with a mandate for certain project elements. Therefore, it is expected that it would be the purview of the reviewing ministries and agencies to seek relevant input from Neskantaga or any other First Nation in conducting their reviews, so Webequie is not in a position to comment on such opportunities.
NFN-22	22 The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People	How will Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA?	The comment as to how Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	**No reference to UNDRIP or the TRC anywhere in the ToR.**	Reconciliation is a fundamental objective of section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. Context-specific individual environmental assessment processes provide an ongoing opportunity for Ontario to contribute to reconciliation by meeting the province's constitutional obligations, building trust, and strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities. Ontario respects Aboriginal and treaty rights, and relationship building is central to Ontario's approach to consultation. Where UNDRIP is concerned, it is Ontario's view that the federal government has the lead role in working with Indigenous communities to address the Declaration. Ontario also recognizes that UNDRIP covers a broad range of areas that are aligned with provincial interests and responsibilities. Ontario remains committed to meeting the Province's constitutional and other obligations regarding Aboriginal peoples and respecting Aboriginal and treaty rights, as recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
NFN-23	23 Project Timelines	The fact is that Neskantaga is in crisis, or close to it. Our community is one of the most disadvantaged in the province. We are not in possession of a sophisticated bureaucracy capable of turning out informed responses to voluminous technical EA documents. Nor do we have a communications team, ready to develop community understanding and consensus on	We encourage and look forward to the participation of Neskantaga First Nation in the WSR EA engagement process to discuss these and other important matters of principle, protocol and procedures.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.

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		positions. Ontario's proposed funding may assist with some of this work, but it is still very difficult, particularly when there we lack administrative capacity, and human resources costs can be extremely high. Neskantaga has its own protocols and processes in place to make an informed decision on developments that may impact on our land and resource rights. Under the draft terms of reference Webequie recognizes our nation to nation relationship and states that it will respect our communities processes and protocols. Neskantaga respects that Webequie's Three-Tier Consultation Approach may be satisfactory for its community, but this cannot be viewed as Neskantaga's approach to informed consent. Therefore, prior to finalizing a terms of reference for the EA process Webequie and Neskantaga must conclude a process agreement that will provide Neskantaga the opportunity to make an informed decision on this project and how the Neskantaga process will be coordinated with the Three-Tier Approach. As the terms of reference establish the framework for the planning and decision-making process during the EA, it is critical to conclude this process agreement with Neskantaga prior to the start of the EA to avoid inefficiencies and conflict during the EA process.			

Table HH – Comments Received from Long Lake #58 First Nation LLFN – (Chief Judy Desmoulin), October 13, 2020			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
LLFN-1		Letter Addressed to MECP Dated October 13, 2020 **Re: Review of Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment** Dear Ms. McLeod and Ms. Gauthier, I am writing in response to your notice dated August 14, 2020 regarding the Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project Environmental Assessment (EA). Long Lake #58 First Nation (LL58) continues to experience a lack of internal capacity to participate in consultation activities for this EA and is disappointed in Ontario's decision to not provide project-specific participant funding support to LL58. The lack of provincial and proponent funding support means that the community consultation requirements defined in LL58's Engagement and Accommodation Protocol (2015) cannot be met, and thus LL58 is not being fully and appropriately consulted in this EA. Requests for comments, offers of virtual engagement sessions, and delivering piles of technical documents to our community do not satisfy these requirements. Indeed, such efforts are meaningless in the absence of the internal capacity to receive the information, the technical expertise to review/interpret the information, the funding to coordinate engagement events and appropriately engage our membership, and the time to appropriately compile responses and participate in the EA process. LL58 asserts that the collective traditional territories of the nine Matawa member First Nations are under our own control, and that approval to operate in our respective territories cannot be given by the Government or any other external entities. As affirmed in the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn (Unity Declaration, 2011), the nine Matawa member First Nations, connected through our language, cultural, social and economic interests, all live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to us by the Creator. Despite the Mamow-Wecheekapawetchteewinn, this project is undergoing an individual provincial EA process in the absence of support opportunities for LL58 to participate in a manner that meets our consultation and engagement needs. Impacts to the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of our membership are further emphasized by the planned advancement of the Northern Road Link project, which will result in the connection of the WSR to the Marten Falls Community Access Road and the provincial highway network that directly cross LL58's traditional territories. LL58 does not currently have the required resources to conduct a review of the Terms of Reference document, nor to participate in the provincial EA process as it proceeds. It is disappointing that LL58 cannot fully participate in consultation for this project, as our membership is keen to be engaged and is understanding of the transportation needs of Webequie First Nation. We look forward to hearing from you soon to remedy our capacity and consultation gap, prior to further advancement of this project EA. Sincerely, Chief Judy Desmoulin	The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the EA Proponent and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.

Table JJ – Comments Received from Ginoogaming First Nation
GFN – (Councillor Sheri Taylor), October 13, 2020

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GFN-1		Letter Addressed to MECP Dated October 13, 2020 **Re: Review of Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment** Dear Ms. McLeod and Ms. Gauthier, I am writing in response to your notice dated August 14, 2020 regarding the Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project Environmental Assessment (EA). Ginoogaming First Nation (GFN) continues to experience a lack of internal capacity to participate in consultation activities for this EA, and is disappointed in Ontario's decision to not provide project-specific participant funding support to GFN. The lack of provincial and proponent funding support means that GFN's community consultation requirements cannot be met, and thus GFN is not being fully and appropriately consulted in this EA. Requests for comments, offers of virtual engagement sessions, and delivering piles of technical documents to our community do not satisfy these requirements. Indeed, such efforts are meaningless in the absence of the internal capacity to receive the information, the technical expertise to review/interpret the information, the funding to coordinate engagement events and appropriately engage our membership, and the time to appropriately compile responses and participate in the EA process. GFN has a long-standing positive relationship with Webequie First Nation. We welcomed our neighbours and shared our food and homes with forest fire evacuees from Webequie in the 1980s, forming a bond that continues to this day. This bond was reaffirmed by the signing of the 2011 Unity Declaration, Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn, by our late Chief Celia Echum. She formed a progressive and supportive relationship with Chief Wabasse at the Matawa Chiefs Council table. GFN is keen to continue this positive connection with our northern neighbour and is understanding of the transportation challenges faced by Webequie First Nation. Despite our history, this project is undergoing an individual provincial EA process in the absence of support opportunities for GFN to participate in a manner that meets our consultation and engagement needs. Impacts to the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights of our membership are further emphasized by the planned advancement of the Northern Road Link project, which will result in the connection of the WSR to the Marten Falls Community Access Road and the provincial highway network that directly cross GFN's traditional territories. GFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a review of the Terms of Reference document, nor to participate in the provincial EA process as it proceeds. We look forward to hearing from you soon to remedy our capacity and consultation gap, prior to further advancement of this project EA. Sincerely, Councillor Sheri Taylor	The provision of capacity funding is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the EA Proponent and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines) is providing capacity funding opportunities for eligible Indigenous communities to participate in the provincial EA process. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.

Table OO – Comment Letter Received from the Matawa First Nations Management MFNM – (David Paul Achneepineskum -Chief Executive Officer), November 30, 2020			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
MFNM-1	General	**MATAWA ENTITIES EXCLUDED FROM ONTARIO 'CONSULTATION' ENGAGEMENT ASSESSMENT** The Matawa Chiefs Council or Matawa First Nations Management (MFNM) is not included in the list of Indigenous Communities to Engage. While not a 'community' or rights-bearing entity, the collective rights and interests of the Matawa member First Nations must be considered in the scope of the assessments to be completed (federal and provincial processes inclusive). The exclusion of the Matawa Chiefs Council or MFNM (tribal council) is inconsistent with Ontario's decision to include the Metis Nation of Ontario – Region 2. The Matawa member First Nations are the primary Indigenous group within the potentially impacted territory.	Table 10-1 (Indigenous Communities to be Engaged/Consulted) in the Terms of Reference provides the full list of those Indigenous groups/communities to be engaged and consulted and includes Matawa Council, which is inferred to include the affiliated Matawa Chiefs Council and Matawa First Nations Management. This will be revised and clearly stated in the EA Report/Impact Statement.
MFNM-2	General (Page 11)	**CONTEMPLATE THE BROADER RIGHTS IMPACT OF THE POTENTIAL SCOPE IDENTIFIED** The identification of, for example categories that include the Socio-Economic – Indigenous Traditional Land and Resource Uses and Cultural – Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests of First Nations would not be for Webequie First Nation alone, but are of Matawa member community-wide interest at least for information, discussions and potential areas of cooperation. [Lists on Document Page 11]	It appears that the ToR Section citation should be to Page 111 (versus Page 11), which identifies the Socio-Economic baseline studies that the Project Team intends to conduct. Page 11 describes the Ontario environmental assessment process. The comment is noted. As indicated on Page 111, the listing of communities on which the socio-economic baseline data collection, including Indigenous Traditional Land and Resource Uses and Cultural – Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interest, would focus includes not only Webequie but a broader range of Matawa communities in closest proximity to Webequie (Aroland, Eabametoong, Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Marten Falls), amongst others outside the Matawa circle.
MFNM-3	General	**ANTICIPATING EMERGING LAND USAGE ISSUES – RECOMMEND EXPLICIT INCLUSION OF HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING AND GATHERING** Matawa First Nations Management requests that the Webequie Supply Road Project provide a response to how emerging land usage issues will be addressed. For example, non-Webequie First Nation member access to land and/or water access points that will now be impacted by the Project; and together we must consider the general impacts to accessing hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering locations. MFNM also recommends that the specific activities of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering be explicitly included within the Potential Environmental Effects.	The predicted effects of the WSR Project will consider the potential impacts on traditional land and resource use by First Nation communities and the ability to exercise treaty and Aboriginal rights, including changes in access to traditional territories and the experience of being on the land. This will include specific consideration of hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering activities.
MFNM-4	General	**CLARIFICATION ON THE CROWN'S ROLE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO CONSULT** Matawa First Nations Management respects Webequie First Nation's decision to proceed as the proponent of the Webequie Supply Road Project; however, this decision should not minimize or absolve the Crown's constitutional role and obligations. Matawa First Nations Management is requesting clarification from the Webequie Supply Road Project and/or Webequie First Nation and/or Ontario as to how this process will be planned and addressed.	Section 10.1.2 of the ToR addresses the Crown's Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples. It describes the agreement ("Memorandum of Understanding", "MOU") reached between Webequie First Nation and the Ontario Crown (the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines), under which the Crown has delegated some Duty to Consult responsibilities to Webequie. Page 139 itemizes Webequie's responsibilities for conducting Statutory Consultation for the Project. Under the MOU, all other constitutional roles and obligations have been retained by the Crown and will be fulfilled in accordance with current legislative and regulatory requirements.

Table II – Comments Received from Constance Lake First Nation
CLFN – (Chief Rick Allen), October 13, 2020

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CLFN-1		Letter Addressed to MECP Dated October 13, 2020 **Re: Review of Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment** Dear Ms. McLeod and Ms. Gauthier, I am writing in response to your notice dated August 14, 2020 regarding the Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project Environmental Assessment (EA). Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) has experienced ongoing challenges regarding participation in this EA, further compounded by the global pandemic and community access/gathering restrictions. Ideally, consultation efforts surrounding this project EA would have been put on hold until after the global pandemic had subsided and CLFN was able to commit the resources and thoughtful reflection required on the engagement methods required to meaningfully participate. While provincial funding support has been received for our involvement in this EA, the timelines and pandemic restrictions have not allowed for CLFN to hire an internal Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, to meaningfully engage our membership on the technical details of the project, nor to build internal capacity and knowledge on the provincial EA process. We understand that our concerns are shared with our neighbouring communities, and we are jointly frustrated that this process is advancing despite the unprecedented circumstances we all find ourselves in. This does not feel like a community-led process. We respect the need for Webequie First Nation to advance on this project for the betterment of their people and community, and as such are providing the attached high-level comments on the Terms of Reference (ToR) document. Please note that these comments are not holistic or respectful of our community communication and consultation processes; CLFN completed an internal high-level review of the ToR documentation and hosted a small community engagement session (adhering to indoor gathering size restrictions). Regarding project communications moving forward, please address all communications to the following individuals: • Chief Richard Allen (chief@clfn.on.ca) • Monica John-George, Executive Director (monica.john-george@clfn.on.ca) • Bertha Sutherland, Lands & Resources Officer (bertha.sutherland@clfn.on.ca) • Wayne Neegan, Community Communications Liaison Officer (wayne.neegan@clfn.on.ca) • Kimberly Jorgenson, Environmental Services Coordinator, Four Rivers Inc (kjorgenson@fourrivers.group) CLFN welcomes direct engagement by the WSR team and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MOECP) once circumstances allow for appropriate consultation activities to resume. Respectfully, Chief Richard Allen	The Webequie Project Team recognizes the challenges that the Constance Lake community is facing in participating in this Project, which are similar to those being experienced by a number of other communities that are participating. We also appreciate the efforts made by CLFN to engage within the community and provide comments on the ToR. In an effort to continue effective consultation and engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Webequie Supply Road consultation team has been delivering a series of live streaming sessions. These weekly sessions, currently focusing on the EA ToR, began at the beginning of October and are a mix of online, Facebook and YouTube streaming, with the content including EA ToR presentations, Question and Answer sessions with discipline experts (i.e., water, human health, socio-economics), community cultural videos and live responses to viewer questions. The sessions have been extensively advertised via 30 minute looping preview segments and 30 second commercials on Wawatay Radio. The sessions will continue after the ToR review period and will be delivered on demand to any willing Indigenous community or other project stakeholder. These sessions have proven to be an effective and popular engagement methods, with results showing that the bandwidth (i.e., volume of downloaded information) and number of users have increased by nearly 600 percent since the live streaming sessions began. We encourage CLFN to take advantage of these innovative communication tools. With respect to timelines, on October 20, 2020, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks notified Indigenous communities, including Constance Lake, that the ministry will continue to accept comments from Indigenous communities until November 30, 2020. We trust this will suffice to accommodate your need for time to provide any additional comments.
CLFN-2		**Restrictive Timelines & Capacity:** CLFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough technical review of the Terms of Reference (ToR) within the comment deadline. While CLFN has made all efforts to be engaged and informed on this project (including hosting a small community engagement session with the assistance of Four Rivers (our technical services group)), our Lands &	The standard ToR comment period of 30 days (under normal circumstances) was initially increased to 60 days for the WSR Project. The 60-day period was subsequently extended another 6 weeks to accommodate requests from several project participants and provide additional time for respondents to comment. While there has necessarily been limitations on the amount of in-community engagement to date, as noted in Response CLFN-1, the Webequie Project Team has also provided innovative and effective ways for potentially affected and interested parties to engage on the Project in the face of COVID-1 challenges. The Project Team welcomes suggestions as to how to further amplify its efforts in this regard.

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		Resource department does not have dedicated internal staff fluent with Environmental Assessment (EA) legislation and processes. Additional timeline and capacity restrictions have been encountered due to the global pandemic, resulting in a lack of in-community engagement to-date from the Proponent and Province. Appropriate community consultation and engagement requires the time and resources to engage all members of our community (from Elders to youth) in this process, which is especially difficult in the current circumstances.	
CLFN-3		**Environmental protections:** Water, traditional land use and wildlife are of primary importance to CLFN. Stringent measures must be in-place throughout the project life to protect the waters, fish, land, animals (notably moose and caribou) and air quality surrounding the project and associated watersheds. A rigorous environmental monitoring program is also necessary throughout the life of the project. "When they make a road, all the water bodies, how will they control the pollution? Because it is the water that helps me get to where I need to be, to collect my fish and hunt my moose. I just want to know if they're going to be okay."	Thank you for providing comments and additional information on the protection of specific components that are of value to Constance Lake First Nation. As indicated in Section 9.2 the ToR, an Environmental Management Plan will be prepared as part of the lead-up to construction and operation of the supply road. It is expected that this will include discrete environmental protection plans for the type of valued components cited in your comments, as well as a monitoring framework designed to verify the prediction of the effects assessment in the EA, and ensure that environmental commitments and obligations are fulfilled and mitigation/restoration/enhancement measures are effective.
CLFN-4		**Cultural & spiritual significance of the lands and waters:** "Our life, spirituality, traditional medicines, animals, birds, little bugs and insects, all water animals, rivers and lakes and a lot more, we are all connected, we need the land and wildlife to be free of pollution." Indigenous Knowledge (IK) data gathering and mapping efforts need to be completed to ensure that conversations surrounding the potential impacts of the project to CLFN's homelands and traditional values are understood and accommodated in this project EA. CLFN expects that the WSR Team will uphold the statements made in the ToR that 'where conflicts between IK information and western science information arise, the approach taken will be the one that is most protective of the environment".	The Webequie Project Team understands the importance of gathering Indigenous Knowledge (IK) to inform the EA, and is committed to establishing IK as a cornerstone for decision-making on the Project. We look forward to receiving IK from Constance Lake First Nation to incorporate in our baseline information and the assessment of project alternatives.
CLFN-5		**Meaningful engagement:** CLFN's internal communication and engagement processes must be respected, with full-community involvement necessary in all decision-making. The short consultation window on this Terms of Reference (following a previously communicated pause in proceedings) resulted in very little time for CLFN's membership to become engaged and knowledgeable on the project and EA process. Project timelines should be better communicated in the future, with greater efforts to share information in an approachable manner, cognisant of engagement challenges in this pandemic situation.	Please refer to Response CLFN-2. We trust that the extension of the comment period will be sufficient to accommodate your community's need for time to provide additional comments.
CLFN-6		**Transparency in relationships and discussions**: CLFN has been involved in discussions surrounding the future development in the Ring of Fire for over a decade, and many community members are keen to understand the agreements, relationships and motivations behind all involved parties (proponent, provincial government, federal government, neighbouring First Nations and industry) in this project. There is a need for all involved groups to come together and communicate about the project in a holistic manner, so that all concerns and apprehensions might be addressed.	The provision of information on additional initiatives for engagement on development of the Ring of Fire is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.
CLFN-7		**Interest in a regional approach:** As affirmed in the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn (Unity Declaration, 2011), the nine Matawa member First Nations, connected through our language, cultural, social and economic interests, all live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to us by the Creator. CLFN would like	Please refer to Response CLFN-6 with respect to further engagement on future development in the Ring of Fire. We understand that the federal Regional Assessment team has not yet published information on the scope of the assessment, or its Terms of Reference. Updates in this regard, including provision of participant funding, are normally provided on the team's website (https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80468?culture=en-CA). As required by the *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform

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		to work together with Webequie First Nation and all Matawa member First Nations to collectively discuss this project, the EA and future development in the Ring of Fire. While it is understood that the federal government is advancing plans for a Regional Assessment centered on the Ring of Fire area, CLFN would like the Matawa member First Nations to come together to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern, recognizing the importance of unity.	the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment.
CLFN-8		**Transportation:** CLFN understands that the project will lead to increased traffic through CLFN's homelands in the future, most notably once a connection is established to the provincial highway system (anticipated to be through the Northern Road Link and Marten Falls Community Access Road). CLFN needs to understand potential implications for the health and safety of our members while travelling on the provincial highway system, and what increased traffic loads will mean to our membership. Increased traffic on waterways is also of concern; how will roads/bridges be designed to ensure they are still navigable?	The implications of introducing a connection to the provincial highway in the WSR project area will be included as part of the cumulative effects assessment (CEA) for the Project. The CEA will include the combined effects of the Webequie Supply Road, Northern Road Link and Marten Falls Community Access Road in the context of creating a future link to the provincial highway network through the homelands of Constance Lake First Nation. The CEA will be a Valued Component-centred assessment that utilizes the evaluation criteria identified in Appendix B of the ToR. In relation to your comments, this will include consideration of the traffic, health and safety concerns you have raised, as well as general changes in the experience of being on the land. Examples include: › Changes in traffic volumes and operating capacity › Changes in demand on emergency and protective services › Changes to availability of and access to public services › Changes to crime rates, substance use, women's safety, gender-based violence, public safety services › Changes in food security, illegal or potentially disruptive activities, cost of living, income inequality › Changes in access to means of travel, navigable waterways and waterbodies › Changes to navigable waterways and on users, including navigation safety › Changes in the experience of lands and resources for cultural purposes › Changes in quality, quantity, and access to lands and resources The approach to the CEA will be further established in a Cumulative Effects Assessment Work Plan, which the Webequie Project Team will consult on during the upcoming Environmental Assessment phase.
CLFN-9		**Improved communications and partnerships with neighbouring First Nations**: CLFN views this project as an opportunity to improve dialogue with our neighbouring Matawa member First Nations, most notably Webequie First Nation, and we welcome the anticipated increased interactions and communications with our neighbours.	The Webequie Project Team looks forward to engaging with Constance Lake First Nation on the supply road project, particularly in relation to the assembly of Indigenous Knowledge and potential effects on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.
CLFN-10		**Increased hunting:** CLFN is concerned with the current moose population, having observed local declines in population that may be exacerbated by increased human traffic and tourism in the North.	Please refer to Response CLFN-8 with respect to the implications of introducing a connection to the provincial highway in the WSR project area. Section 7.2 and Table 7-1 of the ToR recognize the potential negative effects of such a connection, including more outsiders coming into community, such as resource users, that put a strain on traditional territories for hunting, fishing, mineral resource exploration, as well as pressure on wildlife populations and movements, and these will be assessed further during the EA phase.
CLFN-11		**Protections for Species at Risk**: CLFN is concerned that provincial legislation intended to protect species at risk in Ontario (including caribou) is not being upheld in practice. These concerns are further emphasized through recent changes weakening environmental legislation in the province. CLFN expects to see the highest level of environmental protections and monitoring in place throughout the life of this project.	The Webequie Project Team recognizes the importance of species at risk in the project to maintaining balanced local and regional ecosystems, as well as to the livelihood and subsistence economy of Indigenous communities. This will be fully accounted for in the evaluation of project alternatives, the assessment of net and cumulative effects, and the establishment of a project monitoring framework.
CLFN-12		**Fish populations:** CLFN would like to understand how the proposed corridor (and resulting increase in traffic/tourism) could impact fish populations in the area.	As users of the land and resources in the project area, the Project Team is sensitive to the importance of fisheries in the region and the increased pressure on such resources as a result of increased traffic and tourism (refer also to Response CLFN-10). The potential for such impacts will be addressed as part of the net and cumulative effects assessment.
CLFN-13		**Aggregate resources:** CLFN would like to see further information on aggregate sources for the project, as it is recognized that these resources are limited along the proposed corridor route.	The Project Team has conducted additional investigations (summer/fall 2020) in the project area to assess the quality, quantity and accessibility of aggregate resources along the preliminary proposed supply road corridor. This information will be incorporated in the refinement of project alternatives and their evaluation, and will be shared with project participants as part of the engagement and consultation process during the EA phase.

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CLFN-14		**Eventual connection to the Ring of Fire:** Since discussions are advancing on both the Northern Road Link project and Marten Falls Community Access Road, which will inevitably connect the WSR to the provincial highway system and future mining developments in the Ring of Fire, CLFN would like to have a better understanding of the potential future cumulative effects of such developments on CLFN's homelands.	Please refer to Responses CLFN-10 and CLFN-12. The cumulative effects of the Project in combination with other existing and reasonably foreseeable projects and activities, including the Northern Road Link, the Marten Falls Community Access Road and future mining developments in the Ring of Fire will be assessed during the EA phase.
CLFN-15		**Climate change considerations:** Since the future decommission of the project is not going to be planned/considered, it is important that the EA discuss how the project construction will accommodate future climate change realities, most notably with greatly fluctuating seasonal temperatures, rainfall events, wild fires and the potential loss of permafrost conditions.	Noted. The Project Team has incorporated this important consideration in the work plans for the EA phase, using the approach described in Section 7.1.9 of the ToR, which recognizes the climate change trends cited in your comments.
CLFN-16	RoC Section 2.5.4 Section 2.5.12	**Record of Consultation:** In section 2.5.4 of the Record of Consultation document, the comments submitted by CLFN on November 6, 2019 were provided directly to the WSR Team, and not through Matawa First Nations Management. Please correct this statement in future versions. There is also a typo in section 2.5.12, which mentions CLFN in error.	Noted. Our records confirm that on November 6, 2019 the Project Team received an email from Kim Jorgenson (Four Rivers Environmental Services Group, Matawa First Nations Management), with the CLFN (Chief Allen) letter attached, addressed to the consultant team's Consultation Lead. The Project Team acknowledges the typographical error in Section 2.5.12 of the Record of Consultation report, which should refer to Long Lake #58 First Nation, rather than CLFN – the RoC database itself has the correct reference. This will be corrected in future editions of the Record of Consultation report.

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AttFN-1	General	**This environmental assessment must be put on hold until Attawapiskat is able to resume in-person community consultation sessions.** The comments Attawapiskat First Nation provides below were prepared by Attawapiskat's Lands and Resources office, in consultation with environmental advisors. As such, these are technical comments that have not benefited from the crucially important insights that our land users can provide. We are now at a stage in the environmental assessments where we need to consult directly with our members to discuss the impacts of these road projects to our rights and interests. This work is currently on hold, as Attawapiskat is still under a state of emergency due to the pandemic. Our culture and laws require in-person, grassroots engagements. These are required in order to carry out the consultation and accommodation mandated by Canada's Constitution, UNDRIP and other international laws. We are entitled to equal benefit of these laws under section 15 of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The in-person engagement facilitates our members sharing in an honest way and many are not willing or able to share openly in other ways. We need to have the opportunity to meet in person. This work cannot be substituted by video or phone conferences. We also cannot yet allow group meetings because Attawapiskat is particularly vulnerable to Covid-19, should we have an outbreak in the community. Attawapiskat First Nation requires that the environmental assessment/impact assessment phases of the Coordinated EAs be extended, by the number of months that Attawapiskat is unable to carry out meaningful engagement at the community level. Since March 2020, the pandemic has prevented us from having the types of meetings we need to properly assess how the proposed all-season roads will impact our rights and interests. Therefore, the upcoming phases of the environmental assessments need to be extended for at least six months or until we are able to resume in-person meetings in our community.	In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team have been hosting a series of live streaming sessions to reach Indigenous communities and engage on the proposed Terms of Reference (ToR). Sessions have been live and participants have been asking questions and provided comments via Facebook, YouTube, WSR project website, email, text, etc. It should be noted that other communities, such as Fort Albany First Nation, have participated in video conferences. Fort Albany First Nation Chief and Council met with the WSR project team via video conference, on October 13, 2020, with another community meeting to be conducted on November 19, 2020. An additional two video conferences with Chief and Council of Ginoogaming First Nation and Constance Lake First Nation will be undertaken during the week of November 23, 2020.
AttFN-2	General	**Ontario's Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks must be directly involved in designing and overseeing a water management plan for the Webequie Supply Road.** The WSR project will require extensive de-watering. Because of our experience with the de-watering that took place at the Victor Diamond Mine, we are familiar with the hydrological changes, methyl mercury increases, and other environmental consequences that arise when industrial developments de-water peatland environments. The Ekwan and Attawapiskat Rivers are heavily used for harvesting by our traditional land users. These watersheds, including the headwaters impacted by the WSR project, sustain us in every way, and are at the core of who we are culturally and spiritually. Ontario's MECP must therefore be actively involved from the outset in ensuring that the de-watering and flooding resulting from the WSR project is managed in a way that protects the Ekwan and Attawapiskat watersheds from contamination and minimizes hydrological changes to downstream environments.	The proposed supply road is a linear facility, with no major obstruction to the riparian flow or to the hydrology of low-lying areas. Planned water crossings (rivers or waterbodies) will be designed not to change the downstream hydrology. Where the road passes through low-lying areas and has the potential to change the local hydrology, equalization culverts will be placed to minimize or eliminate any such changes. Potential pits and quarries will be shallow operations and will involve temporary dewatering during their operations, if excavations below groundwater are required. There are no expected permanent changes to either the regional ground water conditions or the regional surface water conditions/hydrology in the area. Some pits may result in local ponding, with no expected impacts to local hydrology or riparian water conditions. Where peat is shallow, it will be replaced with suitable fill and may require some very local and temporary dewatering. Where peat or organics are of significant depth, they will be left in place and any impact this may have on the road performance will be managed through the use of geogrid and granular layer combinations as road foundation to facilitate load spread, or otherwise treated or managed leaving it in situ. No dewatering, either temporary or permanent, is anticipated to result in significant permanent changes in the characteristics of the peatland and organics in its vicinity.
AttFN-3	General	Attawapiskat First Nation objects to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry accepting Webequie's request for an exemption from Section 12(1) of the Far North Act. This exemption allows Webequie to move forward with planning an all-season road without having a community-based land use plan (CBLUP) in place. We previously raised this concern in our comments on the draft ToR. Your project team responded that	This comment is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond directly to you on this matter.

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		"the issuance and approval of an Order permitting development under Sections 12(2) and 12(4) of the Act cannot occur until after the EA is approved. In addition to the exemption application, other requirements under Section 12(2) must be met before the Minister could consider making an Order. Effects to territories of Indigenous communities will be examined in the EA through the consultation and engagement process, including the assessment any potential effects to Aboriginal and Treaty Rights." This response does not allay our concern that Attawapiskat has not yet finalized its CBLUP and that an exemption for Webequie will interfere with Attawapiskat's decision-making authority over areas of shared use. The fact that Ontario is acting both as project facilitator and project regulator suggests that the exemption from Section 12(1) of the Far North Act will be granted, once all of the EA's procedural requirements have been fulfilled. It is clear from the policy environment outlined in the ToR that First Nations jurisdiction over land use planning (other than that of Webequie First Nation) will not be recognized by Ontario in making a decision to permit development and exempt Webequie from sections of the Far North Act.	
AttFN-4	General	**Attawapiskat First Nation requires paper versions of consultation materials, including translations to Cree.** Please send us the following materials in hard copy: • The Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference, 5 copies • The Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Summary, 50 copies • A Cree translation of the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference Summary, 100 copies • Two large-scale, paper maps of the project area (alternative routes) that includes Attawapiskat lands to the James Bay coast. Please also send this map as a pdf and as a shape file.	Yes, the WSR Project Team will provide you with the requested number of copies of the ToR and ToR summary.
AttFN-5	General	**Attawapiskat First Nation requires additional maps of the project area.** Please send us the following electronic materials: • Maps of the LSA (local study area) and RSA (regional study area), in pdf and shape file formats. • Other maps as indicated in the specific comments below.	The WSR Project Team will provide you with the requested electronic materials.
AttFN-6	General	**The technical analysis in the EA must consider the combined and interactive effects of the road and climate change on regional fish and wildlife.** As it stands, the ToR's section on climate change is almost entirely focused on carbon sinks, greenhouse gases, and water levels. Where animals are mentioned in connection with climate change, it is in relation to climate change only, not the combined effect of climate change and the road. The scientific analysis needs to consider how the road's impact on things like plant communities, fire frequency, and the balance between wolf, bear, moose, and caribou habitats will be amplified by the ecological changes already underway as a result of climate change. To be clear, it is not enough to consider the "cumulative effects" of climate change and the project, as is proposed on p. 119 of the ToR. Attawapiskat First Nation requires that the EA take a regional and ecosystem-based approach that looks at how changes brought by the road will be intensified by ongoing climate change. We need to consider that disruptions to the peatlands amid rapid climate change can create feedback loops that are difficult to accurately predict and mitigate, and that can have consequences for fish and wildlife far outside the immediate project footprint. There does not appear to be a plan in the ToR for using any type of scientific or technical analysis to consider the interactive effect of the road and climate change on fish and wildlife. Instead, we are told in the ToR that the Project Team will seek input from First Nations on our observations and perceptions of climate changes and trends. While it is certainly important to include the expertise of our land users, Attawapiskat First Nation requires that this subject be addressed in the technical analysis. Without such an analysis, we cannot fully understand the impact of the proposed road to our rights and interests.	The Project Team has demonstrated to the provincial and federal agencies responsible for overseeing the respective environmental assessment and impact assessment processes that the proposed approach for assessment of climate change is in concordance with the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and will include the three principal considerations of climate change addressed in the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks guide entitled *Considering Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario*, including "…consideration of the degree to which the cumulative effects of climate change on the Project (and the Project itself) contribute directly or indirectly to the vulnerability or resilience of adjacent ecosystems" (WSR ToR, Section 7.1.9), which will address the types of effects, in combination, cited in your comments. The MECP principles include "Identifying and minimizing negative climate change impacts during implementation of the Project". Identification of negative climate change impact will include a pathway of effects approach, where such are deemed to exist, which is expected to capture the combined effect of climate change and the road. In this regard, the ToR also states "The assessment of climate change effects on the Project will assist in identifying unintended potential risks and impacts to adjacent ecosystems and human health. It will also include consideration of the degree to which the cumulative effects of climate change on the Project (and the Project itself) contribute directly or indirectly to the vulnerability or resilience of adjacent ecosystems, such as watercourses and peatlands." By extension, and through the valued components centred approach to cumulative effects, potential impacts to reliant valued components, such as plant communities, fish and wildlife, will by captured. The regional perspective will be addressed through the lens of the Regional Study Area adopted for this component. In addition, as required by the *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the

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			baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment.
AttFN-7	Section 2.1.3 (Page 13)	The EA Coordination Team, established to address the requirements of both the provincial ToR and the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines, is dominated by provincial agencies. Of the five agencies represented on the committee, four are provincial. The only federal agency on the list is the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. Attawapiskat First Nation requires information on why Environment Canada (species at risk), and DFO (given the large number of water crossings projected for the WSR) are not included as part of the Coordination Team.	The primary role of the EA Coordination Team is to work with the project proponent to keep the environmental assessment and impact assessment processes moving forward in lockstep to the greatest possible extent. Since the Project is located in Ontario, and agreements for conducting and funding the EA are between the proponent and the Province of Ontario, the Province established the EA Coordination Team, and brought the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada on board as part of implementing the provisions of the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation. The EA Coordination Team focuses on procedural and administrative matters. To address technical matters, both the provincial (MECP) and federal (IAAC) members serve as the window to the Project; they regularly seek and rely on input from experts in sister ministries and departments to inform their decisions and provide advice and direction to the proponent. Federal experts include Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Health Canada, amongst others. These departments have contributed to preparation of the Tailored Impact Study Guidelines and are participating in technical discussions between federal/provincial experts and the Project Team to provide clarity and additional guidance on the upcoming impact assessment activities.
AttFN-8	Section 4.1.1 (Page 25)	The ToR state that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. Attawapiskat First Nation requests clarification on how mine products will be transported to processing facilities and/or markets. As is described on p. 4-5, the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA process is on hold until there is more certainty about a potential all-season road to be developed by others. It is therefore circular reasoning for Webequie to argue that the WSR will not be used to haul mine products, when Noront is only waiting for certainty about an all-season road before moving ahead with its mining development.	Our initial response is to reiterate that the functional purpose of the Webequie Supply Road is to support existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area. In the context of this project alone, given that the destination for any traffic travelling on the WSR from the McFaulds Lake area would be the community of Webequie, with no road access from there to markets for mineral ore or mine products, it is clear that the road is not intended as a haul route for such commodities. Further, given the other provincial all-season road initiatives in the region, it is unlikely that the WSR alignment will be used to haul mineral ore or mine products to the provincial highway system.
AttFN-9	Section 4.1.1 and 4.2 (Page 26-27)	Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about the drainage of peatlands that will result from the construction of the WSR. The ToR present the design criteria for the road as focused on technical considerations. As it stands, the ToR anticipate field surveys and other investigations "to support the road design and EA" (p. 26) including ground penetrating radar, but there is no detail on how the ecological consequences of drainage will be evaluated as part of the EA.	The Project Team is investigating means of minimizing drainage of peatlands for placement of the road bed, since it is not economically viable to excavate it and replace it with suitable road construction material. It is expected that the road embankment, which is typically about 1 m in height in the most extensive areas of peatland, will have to be built over the peat, with the road bed placed on fill material. The fill material thickness will account for compression of the peat, and can be combined with the placement of geo-fabric/geo-grid reinforcement at the road base-peat interface, with fill placed over it, to reduce the amount of fill required. Where peatland drainage is required (e.g., at locations where access to bedrock outcrops are necessary to obtain structural foundation or road bed material, the impacts on surface and groundwater quantity and quality, and related ecological consequences, including downstream peatland effects, will be assessed as part of the effects assessment.
AttFN-10	Section 5.1.1.6 (Page 39)	The ToR states that developing a new all-season road between Webequie and the McFaulds Lake area is deemed to be the most reasonable alternative (among the alternatives examined in the ToR). The rationale provided is that "given current and projected available resources (people and financing), it is the likeliest alternative to be within Webequie's technical and economic abilities to implement." Yet, section 1.1 of the ToR states that "It should be noted that WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment only at this point. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR; proponency for the WSR construction will be determined later in the project development process." Similarly, section 5.1.2.3 states that "the proponent of road construction will be determined later in the project development process." How is Attawapiskat First Nation to understand this discrepancy? On the one hand, the ToR claims that Webequie has the finances and capacity to implement the project, and uses this to argue the all-season road is the most reasonable alternative; on the other hand, the ToR claims that Webequie may not be the one to build and own the road.	In examining the range of reasonable alternatives to be assessed for implementing infrastructure projects in Ontario, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks recommends that proponents take into account various standard considerations. These include: are the alternatives appropriate to the proponent doing the study; and are they within the ability of the proponent to implement. In the early stages of the Terms of Reference phase, the answers to both of these questions with respect to the development of an all-season supply road by Webequie First Nation within its ancestral territory was deemed to be "Yes". As the discussions with the Province progressed, and potential future roles of project participants were addressed and project implementation models identified on a preliminary basis, it was deemed appropriate to defer consideration of these matters (including ownership, funding and construction proponency) until after the EA phase, when greater certainty could be achieved. It is noted that commitments made during the EA phase relative to environmental protection during the Construction and Operations phases will be incorporated in the federal and provincial approvals of the environmental/impact assessment and will be binding on the party(ies) responsible for building and operating the road. Under the above noted approach, Webequie First Nation has assumed proponency for only the EA phase. This does not mean that, once the aforementioned matters are addressed further, Webequie would not be in the best technical and economic position to carry the Project forward. It also does not detract from the advantages of an all-season road over other alternatives in meeting the project goals and objectives, as stated by Webequie First Nation.
AttFN-11	Section 5.1.2.3 (Page 45):	It appears that Webequie is moving forward with proponency for the Webequie Supply Road, zoning the proposed road corridor for development and infrastructure, before having finalized its land use plan. Webequie also plans to have "further discussions" with Marten Falls about overlapping/shared territories,	Webequie First Nation encourages Attawapiskat First Nation to provide maps of overlapping planning areas. Webequie First Nation is open to further discussions about the environmental assessment with Attawapiskat First Nation.

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		"including a determination of how to proceed with zoning in overlapping planning areas will be required prior to either CBLUP [community-based land use plan] being finalized." Will Webequie hold similar discussions with Attawapiskat, on overlapping/shared territories, and come to a consensus with Attawapiskat on zoning in overlapping planning areas?	
AttFN-12	Section 5.1.2.3 (Page 45)	The ToR provides no detail on the "proven technologies for construction of all-season roads in the challenging geographical conditions that will be encountered on this project." Attawapiskat First Nation requests details on places where this "proven technology" has been successfully implemented in muskeg environments.	The following are examples of roads constructed using similar technology and in similar environments: › Sixty-four (64) kilometres of roads for the Goldcorp Éléonore Mine project, east side of James Bay in Quebec › Access road on high ground - a five kilometre paved road near Cree community of Chisabibi, James Bay › Reinforcement of 30 kilometres of the access road to the Cree community of Waskaganish › Restoration (2017 to today) of the "Route de la Baie-James", recently renamed "Billy Diamond Road" - 700 kilometres of access roads for James Bay territory built in the 1960s and 1970s › New roads built for the development of hydroelectrical projects of Eastmain, Rupert sector (James Bay territory) - about 80 kilometres of gravel road › New access road for the airport at Matagami - 2.3 kilometres of paved road
AttFN-13	Section 5.2 (Page 53-64)	The analysis of alternative corridor concepts concludes that an easterly corridor (Alternative Concept 2C) is more favourable than Alternatives 1, 2A, and 2B. The rationale that is used to support this choice is that Alternative 2C is further from the community of Webequie, and therefore further away from the community's significant hunting areas. This ignores the fact that areas impacted by Alternative 2C may be significant wildlife areas for animals hunted by Attawapiskat First Nation, and it ignores the importance of the headwaters along this route to downstream communities such as Attawapiskat.	Thank you for providing the insights of your community on the comparative assessment of the alternative corridor concepts. WSR Alternative 2C has been identified as the Webequie community preferred corridor and the preliminary proposed corridor. It is a starting point for the environmental/impact assessment. The ToR recognizes the potential significance and importance of the corridor and its adjacent valued components to Webequie and its immediate neighbours with recognized shared territory and identifies other communities with asserted rights in the project area. The ToR also clearly states that other alternatives may be identified and considered, based on additional engagement and consultation, as the EA process moves forward. Within the framework of the Project Team's assembly of Indigenous Knowledge, if and when demonstrable evidence is provided to confirm the significance and importance of project area valued components to adjacent communities, it will be incorporated in the assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the WSR alternatives, and taken into consideration in selection of the preferred option.
AttFN-14	Section 5.2 (Page 59)	Attawapiskat First Nation is alarmed by the fact that of the route alternatives that were considered, Alternative 2C represents the greatest cumulative disturbance effect to the Misissa Caribou Range. We are deeply concerned that this route alternative was chosen without considering the impact to neighbouring First Nations. Had Alternative 1, 2A, or 2B been chosen, the route would have passed through lands already disturbed by human presence. Alternative 1 would have avoided the possible barrier effect between Winisk Lake and lands to the east. The disruption of intact mature forest along the proposed Alternative 2C route is likely to have major impacts for caribou. Habitat disruption, and consequently the introduction of moose and predators (wolves) into caribou habitat, may have significant consequences for caribou herds hunted by Attawapiskat First Nation.	Thank you for providing additional details on your community's perspective on the comparative assessment of the alternative corridor concepts. Please refer to Response AttFN-13 above.
AttFN-15	Section 5.3 (Page 66)	Again, the rationale for the preferred corridor alternative considers only the advantages and disadvantages to Webequie First Nation. The choice of Alternative 2C was made without consultation with Attawapiskat First Nation.	Please refer to Response AttFN-13 above.
AttFN-16	Section 5.3 (Page 67)	Attawapiskat First Nation is alarmed by the fact that the route for the road was chosen in a way that "maximize[s] terrain units of favorable constructability (e.g., glacial till)." In our comments on the draft ToR, we had commented that we are concerned about the suggestion that gravel will be mined in eskers, which are important wildlife habitats. Your response to our concern was that "we are very mindful of the fact that eskers are important wildlife habitats." You go on to say you will take this fact into consideration during the EA process when the aggregate sourcing process is analyzed. This does not address the fact that the route was chosen in a way that maximizes overlap with areas of high ground, that can be used by caribou as travel routes, and by other wildlife to complete various parts of their life cycle. Eskers are seasonally important to caribou and other wildlife, a fact that we need to explore in more detail with our land users. The technical analysis done by the proponent and reviewed by the MECP also needs to include how caribou distribution overlaps with eskers in the winter.	Thank you for expanding on your concerns expressed during the Draft ToR stage. MECP Species at Risk Branch staff indicated that aerial caribou surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019 are sufficient to inform baseline conditions in the development of the EA, when combined with a caribou collaring study. Therefore, it is the Project Team's intent to initiate a Caribou collaring program for the WSR. At this time the collaring program is in development in collaboration with MECP, so details are unavailable, but it will be similar to other collaring programs conducted for industry in Ontario. A Caribou Collaring Study Area of 10 km beyond centreline of the centerline of the preliminary proposed corridor, which will encompass the route alternatives within the corridor, is proposed by MECP. This should also capture adjacent esker formations. MECP has also determined that a staged study duration of five (5) to seven (7) years will be necessary to appropriately characterize the effects of Project on Caribou including the baseline condition phase (1-2 years) to inform the EA effects assessment. To supplement this information, we also look forward to receiving hunters and land user observational and knowledge input from Attawapiskat and other communities to establish seasonal and annual population and distribution trends.

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AttFN-17	Section 5.5.2 (Page 73)	It appears that several aggregate pits will be created to source material for the road. The ToR says that the potential locations are presented in Figure 5.7; however, no locations are indicated on the map.	At Page 73, the ToR states "There are number of aggregate sources locations that provide options for extracting the material needed for the Project. The location of these potential aggregate sources is presented in Figure 5.7." Specific site options for supportive infrastructure elements, such as aggregate pits, have not yet been identified. Figure 5.7 identifies "Potential Aggregate Sources" (vs pit locations). It is expected that aggregate pit site options will be developed in several of these areas, with candidate sites identified as additional information on the capacity and accessibility of the locations becomes available.
AttFN-18	Section 6.2.1 (Page 79)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests a map of the eskers present in the project area, given that eskers are of particular interest for the caribou habitat values analysis at the sub-range and range scales. As you state in the ToR, "being a small proportion of the landscape, eskers may have functions proportionally greater than their area alone might suggest." Please overlay on the map of eskers the route alternatives being considered, as well as the aggregate extraction areas being considered. Please send these maps in both pdf and shape file formats.	The requested information will be assembled and presented during the EA phase. It will be made available for review by all interested and potentially affected parties as part of the project's engagement and consultation process.
AttFN-19	Section 6.2.3 (Page 81)	Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about that this road project will have widespread consequences for caribou herds. The road location is in an ecologically sensitive area – the transition zone between the boreal shield and the Hudson Bay lowlands, which is of particular importance to caribou, wolverine and other species. The approach taken in this ToR (which appears to be the plan for moving forward with baseline data collection in the EA) focuses on taking inventories of species. This approach is deficient because it does not analyze how existing ecological conditions are vulnerable to the impacts of the proposed road. These impacts include habitat fragmentation, changes to predator-prey relationships, changes to vegetation and food webs, hydrological changes, and the intersection of these factors with climate change, to name just a few.	Members of the project biology team have extensive experience in the assessment of the potential impacts of new/greenfield linear transportation facilities on wildlife populations and habitat. Knowledge of such effects (including those cited in your comment), as well as related pathways of effects, has been incorporated in the criteria for evaluating the WSR impacts, as presented in Appendix B of the ToR. The evaluation criteria, and intensive discussions with provincial and federal experts on the species at risk populations under consideration in the project area, also informed the proposed work plan for collection of baseline information, including provisions for additional caribou surveys (refer to Response AttFN-16 above). Therefore, we believe that the proposed plan for baseline collection is sufficient to support the EA.
AttFN-20	Section 6.2.3 (Page 79)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on the methodology for collecting baseline data on the natural environment. The ToR states that the details of field collection methodologies will be available during the EA phase of the project. Why is it not possible for the proponent to share these methodologies now, given that the ToR is the workplan for the environmental assessment? Once we see a copy of the completed EA, it will be too late for us to request changes to the data collection methodologies for the technical studies that are already underway now.	The ToR has committed to preparing technical work plans for valued components, including those in the natural environment at the outset of the EA. Field methodologies for baseline data collection, along with defining study areas and criteria and indicators for the effects assessment in each work plan will be presented to First Nations to seek input as part of the engagement and consultation for the project.
AttFN-21	Section 6.2.4 (Page 84-86)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests that a map version of the information on vegetation that is outlined on pages 84-86. Please overlay on this map areas of known moose habitat, different types of caribou habitat (seasonal range, nursery areas, etc.) as well local Indigenous knowledge of caribou trails. Please indicate this information for the regional study area. Please send these maps in both pdf and shape file formats.	The requested information, including available relevant Indigenous Knowledge, will be assembled and presented during the EA phase. It will be made available for review by all interested and potentially affected parties as part of the project's engagement and consultation process.
AttFN-22	Section 6.2.5 (Page 88-89)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests a map of the regional study area that indicates the spawning locations of fish species, such as lake whitefish, cisco, and sturgeon, that ascend rivers and the lower reaches of large streams to spawn, and that are therefore fish populations shared with Attawapiskat First Nation. Please send these maps in both pdf and shape file formats.	The requested information, including available relevant Indigenous Knowledge, will be assembled and presented during the EA phase. It will be made available for review by all interested and potentially affected parties as part of the project's engagement and consultation process.
AttFN-23	Section 6.2.7 (Page 97)	How will climate change expected to occur during the lifespan of the all-season road be investigated as part of the EA?	Section 6.2.7 of the ToR provides a brief description of climatic norms in the project area. Section 7.1.9 provides information on the approach to how climate change expected to occur during the lifespan of the all-season road will be investigated as part of the EA, in accordance with the MECP guide entitled *Considering Climate Change in Environmental Assessment in Ontario*. This will include an assessment of vulnerability and resilience of the Project and adjacent ecosystems to changing climatic conditions (climate change adaptation) and will be described principally in terms of risk and vulnerability levels to the road infrastructure during the construction and operations phases, in the context of trending severe weather events. It will also include consideration of the degree to which the cumulative effects of climate change on the Project (and the Project itself) contribute directly or indirectly to the vulnerability or resilience of adjacent ecosystems, such as watercourses and peatlands. This will entail the following primary steps to establish the basis for investigating forecast climate change [although it is recognized that increasing temperatures, solar radiation and heat days are likely to be an issue in the future, the assessment will focus on hydrometeorological changes because they are the most likely to interact in combination with the supply road]: › Review historical and present climate data (precipitation, evaporation) for the project site and Northern Ontario (from hydrometric and meteorological stations). This information, along with available information

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			from the Ontario Flow Assessment Tool (MNRF, 2019), Google Earth satellite imagery, previous studies, Canadian Climate Normals and concurrent field investigations (i.e., geotechnical and biological investigations) will be used to formulate a baseline hydrology, hydrogeological, meteorological (including precipitation and evaporation) and geotechnical understanding of the project area. › Analyze future climate projections. The Ontario Climate Data Portal will be utilized, particularly the Representative Concentration Pathways (RPC) emission scenario models, to identify potential future climate conditions. Ministry of Transportation of Ontario Intensity Duration Frequency data will also be reviewed, with a focus on expected future trends. As stipulated by MTO, future rainfall values for the year corresponding to the end of the Design Service Life of structures shall be used in the design for conveyance, erosion, scour and stormwater management components. Accordingly, it is anticipated that the 2050 and 2080 timelines will be reviewed and assessed. The interactions between rainfall and potential changes in runoff and streamflow (as a result of climate induced changes to wetland conditions and the surrounding landscape) will also be taken into account in the assessment of future climate conditions. As described in the ToR, the Project Team investigations related to climate change will also seek and rely on input from First Nation communities with respect to their observations and perceptions of changes and trends in climatic parameters and dependent resources and amenities, including: › Seasonal precipitation, temperature and wind, including effects on infrastructure (e.g., winter roads); › Trees, birds, animals and medicinal/edible plants in the bush; › Lakes, rivers, wetlands and soils (hydrology, permafrost, water quality/levels, fish, birds, animals, insects); › Severe weather and other major related events/emergencies (thunderstorms, water funnels, tornados, fire and flooding); and › Related changes in community health and well-being.
AttFN-24	Section 6.2.8 (Page 97)	Attawapiskat First Nation requires that dustfall from aggregate mining and construction activities be examined as part of the EA's investigation of impacts to air quality. Dustfall may be an important factor in driving caribou avoidance of industrial developments. Attawapiskat First Nation requires that the proponent design a rigorous monitoring plan for the dustfall resulting from rock crushing and construction activities on vegetation, snow, and waterways. There must also be a plan in place to monitor impacts of this dustfall to caribou and other wildlife.	Section 6.2.8 of the ToR provides a brief description of ambient air quality in the project area. Section 7 of the ToR addresses potential environmental effects associated with the Project. As described in Section 7.1.8 (Air Quality), the Project Team intends to include consideration of fugitive dust (dustfall) in the assessment of the project's potential effects on air quality. Consideration of dust and other emissions is also described in Section 7.1.4 (Wildlife) and Section 7.1.5 (Vegetation), including vegetation serving as country (traditional) food or medicinal plant sources for Indigenous communities. Section 9.2 of the ToR addresses the Project Team's initial approach to monitoring commitments, which aligns with regulatory guidelines and principles. The framework for monitoring would be identified for each project phase (construction and operations) and will include both compliance and effects monitoring. Compliance monitoring is the assessment and evaluation of whether an undertaking has been constructed, implemented and/or operated in accordance with commitments made during the EA process, and any conditions of the EA approval and other approvals required to implement the Project. This is expected to include monitoring of fugitive dust for activities such as aggregate extraction and production. Effects monitoring involves activities designed to verify the prediction of the effects assessment, and is expected to include dustfall effects, and to verity the effectiveness of the impact management measures (i.e., mitigation). The effects monitoring program will initially be developed during the latter stages of the EA process. Please refer to ToR Section 9.2 for additional details.
AttFN-25	Section 6.3.2 (Page 99)	The ToR does not call for an analysis of the subsistence economy of Indigenous communities, such as Attawapiskat. Our subsistence economy is critically important to the economic vitality of the region – it sustains us culturally, physically, spiritually, and socially. The EA must therefore analyze this component of our economy.	It is recognized that the economic well-being of Indigenous communities is linked to the social and cultural context of the WSR study area, as Indigenous communities rely on a traditional subsistence economy in addition to a wage economy. Subsistence economy will be assessed and considered in the EA.
AttFN-26	Section 6.3.3 and 6.3.4 (Page 99-100)	It appears from the ToR that only Webequie First Nation will be considered in the analysis of projected impacts to population, demographics, and out-migration of First Nations youth, and health impacts to the community, if and when the network of all-season roads expands beyond the WSR.	Webequie First Nation will be considered in the analysis of projected impacts, to population, demographics, and out-migration of First Nations youth, and health impacts, as they will be directly impacted. However, a pathways of effects analysis will be completed to determine impacts on other Indigenous communities as a result of the Webequie Supply Road. Once the pathways of effects and potentially impacted Indigenous communities have been determined, the WSR Project Team will engage further with those Indigenous communities to discuss impacts and potential mitigation measures to reduce those impacts.

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AttFN-27	Section 6.3.6 (Page 103)	Webequie's "Three-Tier Approach" to Indigenous consultation – which claims to focus on sustainable community and sharing the land – does not take into account land areas beyond a two-day walk from the community (80-100 km). This narrow focus does not take into account the regional impacts of the road on water, fish, and wildlife, and on downstream communities such as Attawapiskat.	Regional impacts will be captured of as part of the effects assessment on the Regional Study Area for each valued component. This will include the types of downstream impacts cited in your comments. In addition, as required by the *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment.
AttFN-28	Section 6.5.2 (Page 110-111)	Baseline studies of the socio-economic environment for Webequie's neighbouring First Nation communities must include the hunting economy as part of the overall economy. The economic analysis cannot focus on wage labour alone.	It is recognized that the economic well-being of Indigenous communities is linked to the social and cultural context of the WSR study area, as Indigenous communities rely on a traditional subsistence economy in addition to a wage economy. Subsistence economy will be assessed and considered in the EA. To understand the impacts on subsistence economy, the WSR Project Team will be collecting Indigenous Knowledge from participating Indigenous communities, as well as engaging with participating communities to understand and establish potential impacts on subsistence economy.
AttFN-29	Section 7 (Page 112)	The ToR makes it clear that the ultimate goal of the consultation process is to develop mitigation measures, rather than to assess whether the environmental impacts of the project are acceptable. Attawapiskat First Nation insists and logic dictates that mitigation and accommodation measures cannot be contemplated unless we first have a full picture of the project's effects. As explained in our General Comments above, Attawapiskat must have the opportunity to hold community consultations, before we can develop a full picture of the project's effects. Ultimately, this project may have consequences that cannot be mitigated or compensated such as effects that constitute irreparable harm. Serious harm to caribou herds, extirpation of species, permanent carving up of key habitat, etc. – all would constitute irreparable harm. The effects must be clearly analysed and understood in a transparent and accountable way, and not hidden, denied or manipulated.	Noted. Section 8/Figure 8.1 of the ToR address the overarching approach to effects assessment, including net effects, which also aligns with regulatory requirements and industry best practice. The net effects of the Project on valued components will be informed by the interaction between significance factors (as defined below), incorporating related concerns raised by Indigenous groups, interested agencies, and individuals during the consultation and engagement for the EA. Significance factors will include the following, which are expected to identify whether effects are deemed to be "irreparable": › **Direction** – The direction of change in effect relative to the current value, state or condition, described in terms of Positive, Neutral, or Negative. › **Magnitude** - The measure of the degree of change from existing (baseline) conditions predicted to occur in the criterion. › **Geographic Extent** - The spatial extent of which an effect is expected to occur/can be detected and described in terms of the Project Footprint (PF), Local Study Area (LSA) and Regional Study Area (RSA). › **Severity** - The level of damage to the valued component from the effect that can reasonably be expected; typically measured as the degree of destruction or degradation within the spatial area of the PF, LSA and RSA. Severity would be characterized as: Extreme; Serious, Moderate or Slight. › **Duration/Reversibility** - Duration is the period of time over which the effect will be present between the start and end of an activity or stressor, plus the time required for the effect to be reversed. Duration and reversibility are functions of the length of time a valued component is exposed to activities. Reversibility is an indicator of the degree to which potential effects can be reversed and the valued component restored at a future predicted time. For effects that are permanent, the effect is deemed to be irreversible. Duration/Reversibility would be characterized for each adverse effect as: Short-Term (0- 5 years), Medium-Term (6-20 years), Long-Term (21 to 100 years) or Permanent (>100 years). › **Frequency** – Is the rate of occurrence of an effect over the duration of the Project, including any seasonal or annual considerations. Frequency would be characterized as: Infrequent; Frequent or Continuous. › **Probability or Likelihood of Occurrence** – Is a measure of the probability or likelihood an activity will result in an environmental effect. Probability or likelihood of occurrence would be characterized as: Unlikely, Possible; Probable and Certain.
AttFN-30	Section 7 (Page 112)	In the ToR we are told that "standard industry guidelines" for construction, "BMP" (best management practices), and "a series of contingency plans and management plans, such as a spill prevention and response plan…" will be the basis of the proponent's proposed mitigation measures. It is not reassuring that "input from Indigenous communities" will be sought on mitigation measures that were developed by industry. This sets a very low starting point for the types of mitigation measures we might expect from an environmental assessment process.	Standard industry guidelines and best management practices are deemed to be an appropriate starting point for recommending and implementing environmental protection and mitigation measures. Experience suggests that their effectiveness will, in large part, be determined by the degree to which they are properly installed, maintained and enforced. During the EA process, opportunities will be provided to project participants to comment on proposed environmental protection and mitigation measures relative to whether they are appropriate, and whether/how they should/can be supplemented or revised for the environmental context in which they will be implemented.

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AttFN-31	Section 7.1.1 (Page 113)	It is misleading to say that gravel mining could release "naturally abundant metals to waterbodies." Gravel will be sourced from eskers and other deposits of glacial till that have potentially high chromium levels. The EA must consider how the facilities required to produce aggregate, the rock stockpiles, waste materials, and road construction will impact downstream levels of chromium and other metals. Attawapiskat First Nation has concerns about contamination of our headwater streams and rivers by heavy metals including chromium.	Noted. The Project Team recognizes the sensitivity of the headwater wetlands, streams and rivers referred to. As part of the groundwater and surface water baseline information collection and geotechnical investigation activities, groundwater monitoring wells (for water level and quality) have been established along the preliminary proposed corridor for the Webequie Supply Road and in the vicinity of the potential aggregate extraction areas. To capture seasonal and inter-annual changes, the monitoring and sampling has been conducted in summer and fall of 2020 and will continue in spring/summer and fall of 2021 for the purposes of informing the EA. Groundwater sampling and project effects parameters will include: › General chemistry and inorganics including: o Alkalinity; o Hardness; o pH; o Conductivity; o Turbidity; o total suspended solids; o total dissolved solids; o cations (i.e. H^+, Mg^{2+}, Na^+, Ca^{2+}, K^+, NH^{4+}); o anions (i.e. Cl^-, SO_4^{2-}, F^-, NO^{3-}, HCO^{3-}, CO_3^{2-}, PO_4^{3-}); and o dissolved organic carbon; o ammonia. › Metals (total and dissolved): including full metal scan, plus hexavalent chromium and mercury (total mercury and methylmercury); › Radionuclides: radium 226; › Nutrients: including total organic carbon (TOC), total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) and total phosphorus (TP); and › Organic compounds: polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and petroleum hydrocarbons (PHCs) including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX) and PHC F1 to F4. The monitoring and sampling programs could continue through construction and post construction periods to test the water qualities. Best management practices and site specific mitigation measures will be implemented during construction to minimize the potential impacts to the stream qualities.
AttFN-32	Section 7.1.3 (Page 114)	Attawapiskat First Nation requires that the effects of dewatering on mercury methylation be investigated in the EA. Assessments of impacts to surface water and fish must include an assessment of how wetland drainage and soil disturbance will contribute to mercury methylation and the mobilization of methyl mercury through changed water flows. Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned about the downstream impacts of methyl mercury to waters and fish and how climate change will exacerbate these effects. Attawapiskat is already experiencing mercury contamination stemming from the Victor Mine. We require that the EA includes a technical analysis of the cumulative impact of contamination from the WSR and the Victor Mine, and that the EA proposes a plan for mitigating those impacts in the construction and operation phases of the WSR.	The Project Team has an understanding of mercury cycling in peatland watersheds, and the factors affecting methylmercury production. As indicated in Response AttFN-31, the water quality assessment will include consideration of total mercury and methylmercury, their production, mobilization and potential effects on valued components, including fish and fish habitat. With respect to cumulative effects, the Victor Mine is among the projects and activities identified in the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines that must be considered in combination with the Webequie Supply Road Project. The EA must also describe the mitigation measures that are technically and economically feasible to eliminate or reduce adverse cumulative effects.
AttFN-33	Section 7.1.3 (Page114)	The section on Hydrology and Surface Water fails to mention the asymmetrical impact of roads on peatlands, with a wetter side and a drier side. How will this impact be evaluated in the EA? We have received no information about the extent to which peat will be drained in order to build this road, and the hydrological implications of this drainage for the watershed.	To minimize the potential for "asymmetrical" impacts to the hydrologic regime and to accommodate overland sheet flow, it is expected that the road drainage design will incorporate the use of equalization culverts in wetland/peatland areas. These will be used primarily to maintain existing flow paths through the flat floodplains of the east-west segment of the road. The equalization culverts (approximately 1 m diameter) will be placed within the road, as required, to maintain minor flow paths across the road corridor and minimize localized changes to adjacent ecosystems/ecological features reliant on the existing hydrologic regime. For commentary on anticipated measures to minimize peatland drainage requirements, please refer to Response AttFN-9.
AttFN-34	Section 7.1.4 (Page 114)	This section on wildlife does mention that changes to hydrology may alter drainage patterns, which will have implications for soils, vegetation, and wildlife. Attawapiskat First Nation is concerned that "surface	Laying out the initial evaluation criteria in a discrete, tabular form, as presented in Appendix B, is an accepted means for EA practitioners to optimize reader comprehension of the factors and indicators that will used in

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		water" is one of the environmental components that is being evaluated in isolation, without looking at linkages with other parts of the ecosystem. This problem is evident in the List of Preliminary Evaluation Criteria and Indicators (Appendix B, p. 9), where "surface water" is only considered in relation to supporting fish habitat, for navigation, and for human consumption.	assessing the project alternatives and their potential effects. The indicators included in the initial set of evaluation criteria are those that represent the most typical and direct effects expected to be associated with implementation of the Project. This does not mean that the criteria will be considered in isolation of each other in conducting the effects assessment. A pathway of effects approach will applied to identify and address related valued components (and related indicators of change) additional to those identified in Appendix B as they are identified and further ecological linkages become more evident. For example, hydrology will be a major evaluation criteria during the evaluation of wetland function which forms part of the vegetation effects analysis.
AttFN-35	Section 7.1.5 (Page 116)	Attawapiskat First Nation has serious concerns about the suggestion that herbicides may be used to control vegetation along the road corridor. The herbicides commonly used for this purpose are not safe for use in wetland environments and are therefore inappropriate for use along the proposed road.	Noted. The potential effects cited in Section 7.1.5 refer to the possible use of herbicides for roadside vegetation control during the Operations phase of the Project. The assessment of adjacent ecosystem sensitivities will determine whether the use of herbicides is prudent. If not, project commitments to environmental mitigation and protection may include restricting their use. Such a commitment would be institutionalized in the project Environmental Protection Plan.
AttFN-36	Section 7.1.8 (Page117)	As part of the evaluation of dust (deposition of particulate matter) on vegetation, the impact on caribou must be studied, as caribou are known to avoid areas impacted by dustfall from developments such as mines.	The assessment of effects related to dustfall will include consideration of potential impacts to vegetation and wildlife usage including caribou.
AttFN-37	Section 7.2 (Page 120-121)	The impacts on the socio-economic environment must consider our hunting economy as part of the economy, alongside wage labour. Our hunting economy should not be relegated to a separate section on "traditional/indigenous land use." The EA needs to consider the long-term, cumulative impacts of building all-season roads on the mixed (subsistence/wage) economies of Indigenous communities in the region.	The EA will consider subsistence economy in addition to wage labour. Refer also to Response AttFN-28.
AttFN-38	Section 7.3 (Page 122)	In assessing the impacts of the project to our treaty and inherent rights, the proponent must take direction from Attawapiskat First Nation. Only Attawapiskat First Nation can assess the effects of the project on our community. This work cannot be done by the consulting company hired by Webequie First Nation. We expect our analysis of impacts to be reflected in the proponent's environmental impact statement.	The assessment of the project impacts on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights will be based, in part, on Indigenous Knowledge and related rights assertions, provided by potentially affected and interested Indigenous communities, including Attawapiskat. This will be discussed and verified through consultation with communities to discuss rights assertions and the significance and degree of impacts on such rights and to further inform the effects assessment.
AttFN-39	Section 8.1 (Page 126)	This section states that "a technical work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be prepared at the outset of the EA, including identification of which other development will be assessed and the methodology for assessing effects." Attawapiskat First Nation requests to see the technical work plan for cumulative effects assessment as soon as it is available and prior to any further steps in this EA process.	The approach to and status of the Cumulative Effects Work Plan have not changed. As appropriate, Work Plans will be presented to Indigenous communities as part of the engagement and consultation process.
AttFN-40	Section 8.1 (Page 127)	Attawapiskat First Nation requests to be directly involved in decision-making over the size of the Regional Study Area (RSA) for the environmental assessment.	As stated in Section 8.1, The EA will further define the Regional Study Area boundaries for each environmental factor/criterion (e.g., surface water, fish, wildlife, air, socio-economic, etc.) depending on the nature of likely effects and the geographic extent and characteristics of each factor. The selection of study areas will consider comments and input received from regulatory agencies, the public, stakeholders and Indigenous communities, including Attawapiskat First Nation.
AttFN-41	Section 8.3.1 (Table 8-1, p. 129-132, and Appendix B)	Attawapiskat First Nation has examined the list of preliminary evaluation criteria and indicators, related to the natural environmental, socio-economic environment, and cultural environment. Many of the indicators proposed for evaluating natural environment components are based on an inventory approach to environmental assessment (area of habitat disrupted, types and abundance of species), rather than on studying ecological relationships. The listed indicators that do focus on ecological relationships are so general as to be nearly meaningless – for example, "ecosystem availability" and "ecosystem composition." As we already indicated in our comments on the draft Terms of Reference, we require that the indicators used to evaluate the various environmental factors be refined by consulting with Attawapiskat First Nation.	The evaluation criteria represent the Project Team's initial determination of factors and indicators for conducting the effects assessment, based on experiential knowledge, baseline information and consultation to date during the ToR phase. These will be refined prior to commencing the effects assessment, based on the results of the ToR review, and through further engagement and consultation with project participants, including Attawapiskat First Nation.
AttFN-42	Section 10.1 (Page 135-141)	Webequie "Elders guiding principles" have been mentioned repeatedly in this ToR and in other documents we have received. The ToR claims that the Elders' approach to relationship-building, dialogue, and decision-making has been passed on to the Project Team consultants. How will "mutual recognition of clan families and relationships," "mutual recognition of nation to nation," and "mutual recognition of traditional knowledge and practices" be operationalized during the Project Team's consultations with Attawapiskat First Nation? Will Elders, the Chief, and/or members of Council of Webequie First Nation be on hand to speak directly with Attawapiskat First Nation during the consultation process, without triggering the dispute resolution process described in our comment below? The proponent invokes the nation-to-nation relationship between Webequie First Nation and its neighbours. How is Attawapiskat First Nation to understand this, given that Webequie as the proponent is merely carrying out certain procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult with Attawapiskat?	Fundamental to the EA process is Webequie First Nation's approach to fully incorporate their "Three-Tier Model" and "Elders' Guiding Principles" throughout all consultation activities and the full EA process; from preparation of the Terms of Reference (ToR) to the effects assessment to be documented the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. The Project Team consultant, with support from Webequie First Nation representatives, will engage and consult with Attawapiskat First Nation and other First Nations to apply Webequie's Elders' Guiding Principles and Three-Tier approach to consultation with communities as described in Section 10.1 of the ToR. Where possible, and/or upon request, a representative from WFN will be available to speak directly with Attawapiskat First Nation during the consultation process. As noted in the ToR, the Three-Tier Model consists of a core tier, regional tier and foundation tier and is reflective of Webequie's traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs. This consultation approach has been inherently passed on through generations by Indigenous Knowledge Keepers and forms part of the Elders' Guiding Principles that will be harmonized with regulatory requirements for

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		Webequie has elected to be a proponent in a Crown process where such process is pushing the project ahead with little apparent regard for Attawapiskat views and comments to date. It is thus disingenuous to invoke the "nation to nation" language in this context. There are examples of true First Nation led or joint First Nation – Crown developed impact assessment processes, usually done through legal binding agreements permitted by but outside the structures of the applicable legislation. That is not the case here.	consultation. Using the Three-Tier Model and Elders' Guiding Principles, it is WFN's commitment to conduct engagement and consultation for the WSR Project in a respectful manner that reflects the culture and traditions of Webequie and mutual recognition of the nation-to nation relationship; clan families and relationships; and traditional knowledge and practice. As noted in the ToR (Section 10.1.2), the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM), on behalf of the Ontario Government, have formally delegated some procedural aspects of consultation required under the EA Act to Webequie First Nation, as proponent. While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult. The Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation, setting out how roles and responsibilities related to the Duty to Consult will be shared between the Crown and the proponent, can be provided to Attawapiskat First Nation upon request.
AttFN-43	Section 11.1 (Page 182-183)	The ToR states: "Where there are disputes and/or issues that cannot be resolved through discussions, Webequie First Nation would like to maintain its traditional approach to resolving potential disputes as the first step in the process. This traditional approach will involve establishing a community representatives' group, including elders, youth, women and others (to be determined by the community on a case-by-case basis) to share perspectives, understand the issue(s) identified, engage in respectful dialogue, and recommend appropriate options." Attawapiskat First Nation requests further information on how disputes arising out of a Crown regulatory process and the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate will be resolved by a committee made up of Webequie community members. In addition, we ask how this process of direct dialogue with Webequie First Nation will be triggered? What are the procedural and decision-making rules? How will a decision be made? If the dispute is with Webequie, is there to be an independent decision-maker? At what point does the proponent deem that "disputes and/or issues … cannot be resolved through discussions"? What role will Attawapiskat First Nation play in triggering these direct discussions with the community? The information provided is wholly insufficient to understand whether anything of substance will come of this stated dispute resolution option.	Webequie First Nation will attempt to work with other First Nations directly to resolve issues that may arise during the WSR EA/IA process. Where disputes and/or issues cannot be resolved through Webequie First Nation's traditional consultation approach, as described in Response AttnFN-42, a conventional method for dispute resolution may involve mediation by a neutral, mutually acceptable third party. Using its traditional approach for resolution of disputes and/or issues, and the context of the EA regulatory framework, WFN is committed to working with Indigenous communities to address concerns raised throughout the EA/IA process, including: • Providing additional information about the Project and how any changes to the Project could address impacts to rights (e.g., changes to project design to avoid impacts, mitigation strategies, monitoring, adaptive management plans); and • Following-up with Indigenous communities on issues related to project impacts and documenting how issues can be addressed during Terms of Reference and environmental assessment preparation and review. Where issues related to actual, potential or asserted adverse impacts of the Project on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights are raised with WFN through its consultation activities and cannot be resolved through the established consultation and dispute resolution processes, Webequie will refer these to the Crown for resolution.

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FAFN-0		Letter Addressed to MECP Dated October 16, 2020 (click image below): 	See Table below.

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FAFN-1	Section 4 Description of the Undertaking	The ToR does not currently include information on what type of road, who will own it, or how it will be managed, governed.	This information, especially in relation to who owns it and how it is governed, is material to the estimation of impacts on potential road users and on users of areas impacted by the road.	Please identify in the ToR requirements for the environmental assessment to identify what type of road this will be, what the proposed ownership structures will be, and how the road will be managed/governed. If status of any of these is still not determined by the filing of the environmental assessment, please identify that the differential impacts of different ownership types (e.g., public vs. private) and governance structures, will be considered in the environmental assessment.	With respect to functional road type, on the advice of the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), the design standard for the Webequie Supply Road will be consistent with other similar roads in MTO Northeastern and Northwestern Regions and will be classified as a Rural Collector Undivided with an 80 km/h design speed (RCU80). This information will be included in the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. The proposed road ownership, and how the road will be managed/governed, are unknown at this time, but discussions between Webequie First Nation and Ontario continue in this regard. Although these elements may affect the construction and operation of the WSR, currently, these details are not deemed to have a significant effect on the environmental assessment process, or the responsibilities of the future owner/operator that may emerge from the EA phase. For example, it is expected that commitments made during the EA phase relative to environmental protection during the Construction and Operations phases will be incorporated in the federal and provincial approvals of the environmental/impact assessment and will be binding on the party(ies) responsible for building and operating the road. Assumptions on other parameters that may actually affect EA deliberations, such as road access during the Operations phase, will be included in the EA documentation. If status of the road ownership and operational governance have not been determined in time to inform the effects assessment, differential impacts of possible ownership types (e.g., public vs private) and governance structures, will be identified and, where possible, considered in the environmental assessment.
FAFN-2	Section 6 Existing Environmental Conditions, p. 76	The ToR currently commits the environmental assessment to establish a baseline that is set at current conditions. This needs to be expanded to require the establishment of an appropriate temporal backcast in order to understand both existing and trend conditions in the environment.	It is critical to understand both existing conditions and trends over time in any environment assessment. Claims that existing conditions "reflect" changes over time, which are often made by Proponents, are inaccurate. For example, sharing only existing conditions in fish and game stocks or the practicability of Indigenous rights,	Please identify in the ToR, for each Valued Component, how existing conditions and trends over time will be established in the environmental assessment, identifying the mixture of technical and traditional knowledge data collection methods (primary and secondary) that will be used to gather this information.	Information on existing conditions and trends over time will initially be sourced from a mixture of published and unpublished material obtained from literature, regulatory agency staff with a mandate for individual valued components, and regional/national interest groups (e.g., Wildlife Conservation Society Canada), as well as field surveys over 2 years. To help inform our field programs and to gather the baseline information required to

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			may in fact mask substantial previous impacts on these valued components which leave them in a diminished, vulnerable position to additional change agents.		support the EA, we have engaged with Webequie community members who have knowledge of specific of the land and habitat areas. They provided Indigenous Knowledge and other information related to land use activities (e.g., hunting, mammal presence and movements), bird species or their habitat (e.g., staging areas, nesting areas etc.), fish spawning areas, medicinal plants and species of importance from a cultural or food source perspective which assisted in refining some survey locations. In describing baseline conditions for Valued Components, where published or otherwise accessible historical information is available, it will be incorporated in the baseline to identify (where possible) past significant/substantial adverse effects and current trends. This will include information gleaned from Indigenous Knowledge provided by First Nations. Some material on methods of collecting this information is available on the Project Website (www.supplyroad.ca) and will be further shared with participating communities early in the EA phase.
FAFN-3	Section 6.2.3 Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 7.1.4 Wildlife	The ToR identifies mammals within the study area that may be affected by the Project. The ToR does not identify insect species that may be affected by the Project.	Insect are an important food sources for animals, and perform important roles as pollinators and other roles in the muskeg. Insects are also pests, an important issue during the warmer months in the region.	Please include information on how insects will be integrated in the ToR, for both the existing (baseline and trend) environment and in the effects assessment.	Insects and other invertebrates are in important link in biological food webs. Invertebrate productivity in the taiga supports continental migration of birds, highlighting the importance of peatlands in supporting global biodiversity. The value of invertebrates occupying habitats found through the local and regional study areas will be assessed in the context of VCs that are directly linked to these resources through consumption, pollination, parasitism, behavioural changes, or predation. Concerted survey efforts for insects have not been conducted due to the high level of effort to complete such detailed entomology surveys for the estimated 22,000 insect species known to occur in the boreal zone of Canada (H.V Danks & R.G Fottit, Insects of the Boreal Zone of Canada, May 2012). Instead, incidental observations will be documented during the course of other investigations, such as breeding birds and vegetation surveys to characterize insect species in the project area based on habitat such as wetlands and aquatic features. The Project Team will also rely on the review of scientific literature for insects in northern Ontario to further characterize baseline conditions and assess effects in the context of habitat features and vegetation communities.
FAFN-4	Section 7.1.5 Vegetation	Fort Albany First Nation is very concerned about potential impacts of the Project on muskeg. The ToR does not identify potential effects of the Project on muskeg, but does identify the following potential effects on wetlands: • Changes in hydrology which may alter drainage patterns and/or decrease drainage flows and surface water levels	The ToR does not separate out muskeg (or peatlands) as a unique ecosystem for the environmental assessment, and fails to identify some potential effects on muskeg, such as increased risk of fire due to drying and impacts to permafrost. The ToR should require the environmental assessment to reflect the particular nature, uniqueness, functions, and significance of muskeg. Additionally, the ToR should require the proponent to engage in robust and deep	1. Please revise the ToR to require the environmental assessment to reflect the particular nature, uniqueness, functions, and significance of muskeg, as at left. 2. Please identify whether and how the Proponent is committed to engage with other Indigenous Nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, in a robust and deep manner on the assessment of impacts on muskeg.	The term Muskeg is synonymous with the term Bog/Fen, which is the terminology being used in the ToR, and will be used in the Natural Heritage Baseline Report. The term Muskeg derives from the Cree maskek and Ojibwe mashkiig, meaning “grassy bog”. There is no precise definition of the term, but, typically, it is a type of northern landscape characterized by a wet environment, vegetation and peat deposits. Generally, any vegetative unit described as Bog or Fen could be considered Muskeg.

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		• Chemical, petroleum or other hazardous material spills along the WSR, or along access roads • Dust and air emissions, and subsequent deposition • Introduction and spread of noxious and invasive plant species Removal of wetland (e.g., bogs, peatland), which could reduce the capacity of these areas to store carbon and thereby regulate climate	engagement with Fort Albany First Nation on the issue of muskeg impacts (without limitation to engagement on other potential impacts).		We are using the bog terminology in order to be consistent with the scientifically accepted Ecological Land Classification system (ELC), which is a scientifically accepted system used to type vegetative units to comply with regulator expectations, and provide a more precise description of the vegetation type. For example, Open Bog, Small Treed Bog, Treed Bog, Open Fen, Small Treed Fen and Treed Fen could all be considered Muskeg. The indicators included in the initial set of net effects evaluation criteria are those that represent the most typical and direct effects expected to be associated with implementation of the Project. This does not mean that the criteria will be considered in isolation of each other in conducting the effects assessment. A pathway of effects approach will be applied to identify and address related valued components (and related indicators of change) additional to those identified in Appendix B as they become more evident through the assessment process. For example, hydrology, wetland removals, introduction of invasive species, and potential dust/hazardous materials effects on vegetation health will be major evaluation criteria used during the evaluation of wetland function/diversity as well as upland systems which forms part of the vegetation effects analysis. The Project Team recognizes the sensitivity of muskeg and the potential impacts of building a road through this type of terrain. The team has been engaging with and will continue to engage communities on this important issue. We have prepared presentation materials addressing these issues and recorded a discussion on this topic with our surface water expert. Both are available on the project website www.supplyroad.ca. The proposed engagement and consultation plan for the EA described in Section 10.4 of the ToR outlines the approach and commitment to engage Indigenous communities, including seeking input on specific areas of concern (e.g., effects to muskeg).
FAFN-5	Section 7.1.3 Hydrology and Surface Water Section 7.1.6 Fish and Fish Habitat Section 7.2.1 Effects on Traditional/ Indigenous Land Use	Section 7.1.3 of the ToR states "The potential effects to surface water quantity as a result of the identified changes in land cover may include a local increase in runoff rates and runoff volumes at the various project components, and, in turn, an increase in stream flows, water levels, and erosion-sedimentation processes at nearby waterbodies (i.e., downstream receivers)" (p. 114). The ToR does not identify potential decreases in water levels. Section 7.1.6 of the ToR identifies potential effects on fish and fish habitat but does not include changes in water levels or mercury mobilization.	Fort Albany First Nation is vitally connected to the rivers in its territory, using river systems for transportation, nourishment, drinking water, and teaching sites. Fort Albany First Nation has been adversely impacted by historical activities that have altered water flow and resulted in sedimentation and debris flowing down river. An assessment of the Project's potential impacts on water levels and mercury mobilization, in addition to other identified potential effects, is required to understand potential impacts on Fort Albany First Nation's transportation, subsistence, and health.	Please revise the ToR to require the environmental assessment to assess potential impacts of the project on water levels and mercury mobilization in addition to other identified potential effects to surface water and fish and fish habitat. This assessment should be carried forward into the assessment of potential effects on traditional/Indigenous land use, including a consideration of particular effects on Indigenous women.	Section 7.1.3 of the ToR recognizes the potential effects of the Project on surface water, including "*local increase in runoff rates and runoff volumes at the various project components, and, in turn, an increase in stream flows, water levels, and erosion-sedimentation processes at nearby waterbodies (i.e., downstream receivers)*" – Page 114). Similarly, Section 7.1.6 of the ToR identifies potential project effects on fish and fish habitat, including the concerns cited in your comments (Page 116 - "*Increased rates of erosion from land disturbance activities or from removal of riparian vegetation, causing deposition of sediment in waterbodies that can result in loss of habitat, degraded water quality, alteration to baseflows or water temperatures, disruption of fish life processes or fish and egg mortality*").

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					The Project Team has an understanding of mercury cycling in peatland watersheds, and the factors affecting methylmercury production. The water quality assessment will include consideration of total mercury and methylmercury, their production, mobilization and potential effects on valued components, including surface water and fish and fish habitat. With respect to water levels, the proposed supply road is a linear facility, with no major obstruction to the riparian flow or to the hydrology of low-lying areas. Planned water crossings (rivers or waterbodies) will be designed not to change the downstream hydrology. Where the road passes through low-lying areas and has the potential to change the local hydrology, equalization culverts will be placed to minimize or eliminate any such changes. Any such impacts will be addressed in the environmental assessment. Surface water run-off and groundwater infiltration rates will be assessed by comparing pre- and post-construction ground cover and topography conditions. Water balance analysis and peak flow calculations will be conducted as part of the EA. The ToR includes the intent to assess the aforementioned potential project effects through the initial identification of evaluation and effects assessment criteria presented in Appendix B. The intent includes carrying the assessment forward into the assessment of potential effects on traditional/Indigenous land and resource use; specifically, hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering activities. This will include a gender-based analysis as part of the socio-cultural study to capture any differential effects on women, youth, elders and other possibly vulnerable groups.
FAFN-6	Section 7.2 Socio-Economic Environment p. 120 Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators p. 130 Figure 10.1 Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Consultation Approach, p. 136	The ToR identifies potential positive socio-economic effects (benefits) of the Project. However, the ToR does not consider Indigenous communities' ability to take advantage of potential project benefits.	Indigenous communities may have several barriers affecting their ability to take advantage of project benefits, such as lack of transportation, insufficient skills and training, health and wellness issues, and cultural requirements. The effects assessment should identify measures to address such barriers so as to enhance project benefits. It is currently not clear whether or how impacts on all affected First Nations' ability to receive a "fair share of benefits" (a concept from Webequie First Nation's Foundational Tier – Figure 10.1) will be subject to assessment.	Please identify the following information requirements for the EA in the ToR: 1. Assessment of the differential ability to take advantage of project benefits among Indigenous nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, as a condition that may affect the realization of project benefits, including identification of how this assessment will be conducted and the role of First Nations in the conduct of this assessment; 2. That the assessment of this ability to take advantage will be conducted for each impacted First Nation, not only one First Nation, and not with all impacted First Nations pooled at the regional level; 3. That the EA will provide characterization, with supporting rationale, for what type and magnitude of benefits each impacted First Nation is likely to receive as a result of the	1. Project benefits will be proportional to assess potential impacts to community rights and interests. 2. Where community-specific information is provided by First Nations in response to the WSR EA investigative tools (such as the socio-economic survey), and the ability of individual communities to take advantage of WSR benefits will be addressed. In addition, as required by the *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment. 3. The EA will characterize and provide supporting rationale as to the type of benefits and distribution as part of the socio-

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				Project proceeding; and 4. Identification of measures committed to by the Proponent and various levels of government, that will be implemented to address such barriers so as to enhance project benefits for impacted First Nations communities.	economic impact assessment, incorporating available Indigenous Knowledge. 4. Project benefits and any barriers to accessing them will be identified in the EA process and opportunities to reduce these barriers will be discussed with the participating First Nations.
FAFN-7	Section 7.2.1 Effects on Traditional or Indigenous Land Use p. 121	The draft ToR does not provide information about existing historical or cumulative effects on traditional or Indigenous land use.	A description of existing historical and cumulative effects on Indigenous knowledge and land use is required to accurately characterize baseline conditions and change over time to date. Some historical changes experienced by Fort Albany First Nation include: • Diversions of the Albany River system • The 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement • The Mid Canada Line Radar Site 050 • Indian Residential Schools and Day Schools • Acid rain • Mining exploration and development • Climate change It is critical to both characterize this magnitude of change to date, and to integrate this cumulative effects context, which has implications for the degree of vulnerability to future change, into the baseline and effects characterization process.	Please provide in the ToR: 1. Further information about how existing historical and cumulative effects on Indigenous knowledge and land use for each First Nation will be included in the environmental assessment, including further information on how and on what timeline additional cumulative effects information will be collected and incorporated into the effects assessment, including the role that gathering information from the impacted First Nations themselves will play in this data gathering exercise; 2. An indication of how cumulative effects context – the magnitude of change to date – especially on First Nations culture, traditional/Indigenous land use, and Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests, will be integrated into effects characterization. It is Fort Albany First Nation's position that where the cumulative effects context indicates there has been high magnitude change in pre-Project circumstance on the above-noted values/valued components, the threshold of additional acceptable adverse change must be set at very low, precautionary levels.	1. Individual First Nations participating in the EA will be asked to provide community-specific Indigenous Knowledge, including information or perceptions as to how the experience of, and ability to engage in traditional use of land and resources has changed or is trending. This will include identification as to the perceived effects of past specific projects and activities that have occurred in the community's traditional territory. This will constitute key information in conducting the cumulative effects assessment. 2. In the cumulative effects assessment context, the magnitude of change to date on First Nations culture, traditional/Indigenous land use, and Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests will be integrated into the characterization of past/existing projects and activities effects on the current/baseline conditions and serve as a benchmark for consideration of potential environmental protection and mitigation measures associated with the WSR Project.
FAFN-8	Section 7.2.1 Effects on Traditional or Indigenous Land Use p. 121	The ToR states that "The EA will specifically and directly consider potential project effects on Aboriginal or Treaty rights." The ToR does not describe how the rights impact assessment will be undertaken or the role of each Indigenous Nation in this assessment.	The assessment of project and cumulative effects on Indigenous rights needs to be supported by a robust and rigorous methodology. It is essential that Indigenous Nations are actively involved in the assessment of potential impacts on their rights, including determination of the breadth of rights subject to the assessment, the 'lenses' that should be for the rights impact assessment, and establishment of the degree of pre-existing impacts on the practicability of those rights in the pre-Project circumstance.	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to identify the approach, or potential approaches, that may be applied in the rights assessment and the contemplated role for each Indigenous Nation in the rights assessment, including in relation to the factors listed in the rationale column at left. 2. Identify in the ToR the status of discussions with each First Nation toward developing a Rights Impact Assessment approach. 3. Confirm that the rights impact assessment approach will be on a "per First Nation" basis rather than a "pan First Nations" basis, meaning each First Nation will be subject to a separate rights impact assessment.	The assessment of potential effects of the supply road on the rights and interests of First Nations communities will be undertaken on a community basis, in a rigorous manner, as described below. In general, our approach for assessing potential impacts to Indigenous rights will be consistent with the suggested steps in the federal *Interim Guidance: Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. 1) Engage with each community to identify a framework and protocol for information sharing that ensures protection of sensitive and confidential information to be exchanged between the community and the Webequie Project Team. 2) Work with communities and Ontario to identify and provide support to assist communities with the inventory and review of existing Indigenous Knowledge (IK) information, the collection of additional IK information during the EA process,

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					and the review and discussion of the assessment of potential effects on community rights and interests. 3) Provide each participating community with information that defines an initial local and regional study areas for the Project for review and discussion, as well as criteria to be used to evaluate alternative supply road corridors and to assess the potential impacts of the preferred supply road corridor on community rights and interests. Study areas and criteria may change over the course of the EA process, in particular considering input from each participating community. 4) Assist each community with, and/or facilitate access resources to assist in identifying/evaluating existing IK information to help with an initial identification of the community's rights and interests in the area in and around the project study areas (local and regional). 5) Engage with each participating community (via virtual or in-person workshops/meetings with a wide cross-section of community members and leaders, virtual or in-person meetings with Knowledge Keepers, etc.), to exchange preliminary information about the potential natural, social, economic and cultural/archaeological effects of the alternative supply road routes, and areas of community interest in and around the project study areas (local and regional), considering existing IK information. It is anticipated that the information provided by communities could take many forms, including stories, reports, and/or spatial data (mapping). Information that is provided in a timely manner, will be incorporated directly into the evaluation of alternatives (e.g., routing, construction camps, aggregate source locations, etc.), with the goal of selecting a preferred route for the supply road that minimizes effects to community rights and interests. 6) Using the criteria and indicators provided in the ToR document (refer to Appendix B) for evaluating alternative routes within the preliminary preferred supply road corridor, the Webequie Project Team will conduct the comparative analysis of the alternative routes considering available IK information and initial potential effects from project studies, leading to the identification of a preliminary preferred route for WSR. 7) Engage with each participating community (via virtual or in-person workshops/meetings with a wide cross-section of community members and leaders, Knowledge Keepers, etc.), to review the evaluation of the alternative routes and supportive works and selection of the preferred alternative, to ensure that community IK information has been adequately reflected in the analysis and that potential impacts to community rights and interests has been incorporated.

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					8) Assist each participating community with, and/or facilitate access to resources that will help the community to identify/evaluate and collect IK information necessary to define rights and interests in and around the local and regional project study areas for the project which will be incorporated into the assessment of effects of the preferred route and supporting works on community rights and interests. 9) Provide opportunities for WFN and members of other communities to participate in field studies, where feasible, to be conducted to collect natural environment and socio-economic information required within the local and regional study areas for the project. It is well understood that these study areas may be different from those identified for the evaluation of alternatives within the preliminary preferred corridor. 10) Engage with communities (via virtual or-in person workshops/meetings with Knowledge Keepers, etc.), to exchange input/information provided by communities that will define the rights or interests they consider could potentially be affected by the project, the significance of these rights/interests to the community, and information from the Webequie Project Team derived from field studies within the study areas for the project (local and regional). It is anticipated that community information could take the form of stories, reports, and/or spatial data (mapping). This will likely be an iterative process. 11) Using the preliminary criteria and indicators provided in the ToR document (refer to Appendix B) for evaluating the potential effects of the preferred route and supportive works for the supply road, the Webequie Project Team will conduct the analysis considering IK information provided by the communities, in a timely manner, and potential effects from project studies (natural, social, economic and cultural/archaeological). This analysis will identify the scale and significance of potential effects to the community's rights and interests and will also identify suggested approaches to mitigation and an assessment of "net" effects to rights and interests. 12) Engage with each participating community (via virtual workshops, virtual meetings with Knowledge Keepers, etc.), to review the Webequie Project Team assessment of potential effects of the preferred route for the WSR, to discuss the adequacy of the incorporation of community IK information into the analysis, to review that the rights and interests of the communities have been properly identified, to review that the significance of potential effects to these rights and interests has been adequately assessed, and to review that suggested measures to mitigate/eliminate the significance of effects on rights and interests is realistic and

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					reflective of the communities interests. This will likely be an iterative process, which may identify additional mitigation strategies. The Record of Consultation (RoC) provided as a stand-alone supporting document to the ToR outlines the discussions with participating First Nations that have taken place to date during the ToR process. Section 10.4.1 of the ToR provides a description of the consultation/engagement process planned to be undertaken with Indigenous communities through the WSR EA process.
FAFN-9	Section 7.3 Cultural Environment p. 122 Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators pp. 131-32	The list of potential effects to the cultural environment identified in the draft ToR does not include social and cultural dimensions of Indigenous land and resource. In addition, the ToR does not identify or explain linkages between "traditional/Indigenous land" use and "cultural environment" or between the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion and the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests criterion.	Indigenous land use cannot be reduced to physical activities, access and biophysical proxies (such as environmental conditions). The social and cultural dimensions of Indigenous land use are integral components and need to be adequately assessed.	Please identify potential effects to - and identify indicators to be used in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for - the cultural dimensions of Indigenous land and resource use, such as sense of place, spirituality, knowledge transmission, and social norms. In addition, please explain the linkages between "traditional and Indigenous land use" and "cultural environment" and between the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion and the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests criterion.	'Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests' is considered a valued component in the EA, and tentatively includes: › Indigenous Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, cultural and spiritual sites, quantity and quality of resources, etc.); and › Cultural Continuity – ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions (experience of being on the land, ability to access preferred sites and resources, etc.). The Webequie Project reiterates its commitment to explore and establish the linkages and pathways between valued components (and the related criteria and indicators with which to assess potential project effects) through consultation with individual Indigenous communities, through the methods described in Section 10.4 of the ToR. Such consultation has been one of the mainstays for establishing project assessment criteria/indicators during the ToR phase and will continue through the upcoming Environmental Assessment phase.
FAFN-10	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects Figure 8.1 Environmental Effects Assessment Approach p. 125	The ToR provides a schematic of the environmental effects assessment approach. The schematic does not identify cumulative effects assessment.	The cumulative effects assessment is a key component of the overall EA and should be included in the effects assessment approach.	Please identify the role and position of the cumulative effects assessment in Figure 8.1.	The cumulative effects assessment is an extension of the net effects assessment ("Assess Significance of Net Effects). Following this step, the Project Team will: identify current and reasonably foreseeable projects with effects likely to overlap both spatially and temporally with the predicted net effects of the Project (the minimum requirements in this regard are identified in Section 22 of the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines*); predict likely cumulative effects and develop appropriate additional mitigation measures, if warranted; and evaluate and determine the significance of the likely cumulative effects.
FAFN-11	Section 8.1 Cumulative Effects p. 126	This is the only page in the ToR that describes how cumulative effects assessment will be undertaken. The ToR states that the cumulative effects assessment will "evaluate and assess the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from	Best practice, including the Impact Assessment Agency's (2018) interim technical guidance document *Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, explains that cumulative effects assessment should consider past, present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities, including certain or reasonably foreseeable induced development.	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to indicate that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of past developments and activities on VCs that will also potentially be impacted by the Project, or why specified past activities and developments are not germane to the assessment;	1. The ToR reference to the inclusion of present development and activities is considered to include addressing "past" developments and activities. 2. The ToR reference to "reasonably foreseeable developments and activities" is deemed to reasonably capture induced development, which is expected to be identified as part of the project benefits assessment. This may include accelerated mineral exploration and development in the Ring of Fire.

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		present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities." This approach does not identify how effects of the Project may combine with effects from past developments and activities or effects from development induced by the Project. Nor are past, present and reasonably foreseeable future developments identified that will be part of the cumulative effects assessment. Nor is it clear what thresholds cumulative effects will be gauged against, or to what degree Indigenous narratives of change will inform the cumulative effects (to date and likely in the future) will inform the cumulative effects characterization process. The ToR indicates only that a Work Plan for a cumulative effects assessment will be created at a future date. The level of detail on cumulative effects assessment is highly inadequate.	Consideration of induced development is necessary as the Project is likely to result in accelerated mineral exploration and development in the Ring of Fire. Fort Albany First Nation needs additional clarity as well on whether a proper "total cumulative effects loading" approach will be used in the cumulative effects assessment, focused on the health of VCs, versus an inadequate "project contribution" approach to cumulative effects assessment.	2. Revise the ToR to indicate that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of induced development from the Project in relation to the Project's effects, particularly with respect to accelerated mineral exploration and development in the Ring of Fire; 3. Indicate in the ToR how Indigenous narratives of change will inform the cumulative effects assessment, including how and from which groups this information will be collected; and 4. Indicate in the ToR whether (and where possible, which) existing thresholds will be used for cumulative effects assessment, including for example from regional CEA processes, land use planning, Indigenous community plans, and wildlife management processes. 5. Provide a cumulative effects assessment Project Inclusion List in the ToR. 6. Indicate whether the CEA will include all access roads including the Northern Road Link and Marten Falls Supply Road, as reasonably foreseeable future developments. 7. Indicate whether the Proponent's approach to cumulative effects assessment will focus on total impacts on the VCs in question in the Planned Development Case, or focus instead on the Project's contribution to cumulative effects, with supporting rationale for the chosen approach.	3. The Indigenous "narrative of change" (sic) is an important concept that needs to be discussed with each participating community, to fully understand their own view of change management within the context of their rights, interests and well-being. Themes that are commonly heard include stewardship of the land and management to protect the rights, interests and well-being of the seventh generation. Discussions about sustainable growth and growth management are an important element of the WSR EA process. The Webequie community teaches about their "three tier approach", passed to them by their Elders, which provides the community direction when considering the impacts and benefits of development within their homelands. The Approach identifies their inherent responsibility of Environmental Stewardship and Protection, balanced against the responsible development of resources, the benefits of which will contribute to improving social and economic conditions in the community, while also protecting traditional and cultural lands for fishing, hunting, ecotourism, parks, camping areas, etc. Their traditional and cultural land base is for healing and cultural activities that honour their way of life. The Webequie community assesses each/all development opportunities through this lens. It is recognized that each participating community will have their own approach to assessing the positive and negative effects of proposed developments on their rights and interests – both individually and taken as a whole. As discussed in response to FAFN-8, the Webequie Project Team is engaging with each participating community and will incorporate any IK information provided into the assessment of potential effects of project development on community rights, interests and well-being. Although the primary assessment of impacts to community rights and interests will be in the context of the proposed Webequie Supply Road, it is recognized this project will be developed on lands which could also be affected by other proposed developments. The relationships and potential interactions of these various projects will be considered as part of the cumulative effects assessment for the WSR EA, incorporating information provided by participating First Nations communities. 4. All information, including criteria and thresholds cited in the sources of information listed, that is publicly available or that is provided, in a timely manner, by all stakeholders, including governments, businesses and participating First Nations communities, will be reviewed and incorporated into all aspects of the WSR EA process from evaluation of alternative road corridors, to the assessment of effects of the preferred road corridor, to the consideration of the cumulative effects of other proposed developments. 5. and 6. The Project Team is taking its initial lead on project inclusion from the minimum requirements identified in Section

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					22 of the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines). This list includes: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units; › mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. 7. In the context of the Interim *Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2018b), it is expected that the CEA will be based on a Valued Component centred approach.
FAFN-12	Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators p. 129 Table 8.1 Select Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation	Indicators provided for Federal or Provincial Species at Risk, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat and Migratory birds in the draft ToR do not seem to capture disturbance, avoidance, changes to movement corridors, and species distribution.	Appropriate indicators are critical for predicting potential change in VC conditions.	Please provide indicators in the ToR that will be subject to the EA, that capture disturbance, avoidance, changes to movement corridors, and species distribution for Federal or Provincial Species at Risk, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat and Migratory birds.	The following indicators have initially been chosen to identify how the potential environmental effects will be measured: › Habitat availability; › Habitat distribution; › Survival and reproduction (direct and indirect effects and disturbance predation); › Abundance and distribution; › Species richness; › Relative overlap; › Species habitat specificity; › Predation/habitat usage; and › Cultural significance or importance. The rationale for choosing these indicators includes: › Federally (Species at Risk Act) or provincially (Endangered Species Act, 2007) listed species that are afforded protection; › Important for continued ecological function and diversity of boreal ecosystems; › Potential for short- and long-term effects on SAR or their habitat;

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					› Changes to abundance based on: direct changes to the population; › Changes to diversity based on: direct changes to the species presence within project footprint and Local Study Area; › Presence of species in multiple habitats; › Habitat specificity and changes to populations based on: direct changes to availability of specific habitat types; › Increased predator access and habitat utilization by new species to specific areas, resulting in potential changes to populations due to increased hunting access, increased raptor and mammal predation, introduction of new species competition for available resources; and › Potential changes to cultural interaction with and usage of bird resources within the project area. The Webequie Project reiterates its commitment to explore and establish the linkages and pathways between valued components (and the related criteria and indicators with which to assess potential project effects) through consultation with individual Indigenous communities, through the methods described in Section 10.4 of the ToR. Such consultation has been one of the mainstays for establishing project assessment criteria/indicators during the ToR phase and will continue through the upcoming Environmental Assessment phase.
FAFN-13	Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators p. 130	The ToR provides the following indicator for the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion: "Changes, disruption (number of sites) or loss (ha) of intensively used areas for traditional land use activities by community members." The ToR does not define the term "intensively used."	The assessment may need to account for areas that are not currently intensively used due to conservation or other reasons.	Please: 1. Define or qualify the term "intensively used". 2. Identify that the effects assessment for Traditional Land and Resource Uses will also include characterization of impacts on areas with high habitat values for critical life stages of harvested species, regardless of whether they are currently "intensively used".	1. "Intensively used" refers to areas that are highly used by community members for traditional land and resource uses. 2. The effects assessment for Traditional Land and Resource Uses will include characterization of impacts on areas with high habitat values for critical life stages of harvested species (e.g., caribou calving/nursing areas) based on the information available for the study area under investigation (project footprint, local, regional). In general, potential impacts on traditional land and resource uses within the study area for the Project will be considered.
FAFN-14	Section 10.2.1 Identification of Indigenous Communities	The ToR makes a distinction between potentially affected communities and communities that may have an interest in the Project, stating "the distinction between potentially affected communities and communities that may have interests will be reflected in the depth and frequency of consultation with the Indigenous communities identified. Communities deemed to be potentially impacted will be engaged more frequently, and in more depth, than those determined only to have interests" (p. 142). The ToR does not include Fort Albany First Nation in the list of potentially affected communities.	Fort Albany First Nation is concerned that it has not been included in the list of potentially affected communities based on the location of its reserve, rather than its traditional territory which has the potential to be impacted by the Project. Fort Albany First Nation's reserve is a tiny fraction of the territory where Fort Albany First Nation members exercise their rights and has not basis in Fort Albany First Nation's traditional culture. A reserve-focused approach results in the inappropriate treatment of Fort Albany First Nation as a peripheral and minor stakeholder in Project consultation.	Please include Fort Albany First Nation as an affected community for the purpose of consultation about the Project.	Section 10.2.1 of the ToR states that, as per the letter from MECP to Webequie First Nation on December 19, 2018, sixteen (16) communities were identified by Ontario as potentially having their rights and/or interests affected by the Project. We can confirm that Fort Albany is included in the list of 16.
FAFN-15	Section 10.3 Terms of	Table 10-3 does not include Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Federal Tailored Impact	The summary of comments should include all comments, issues and concerns raised by	Please updated Table 10-3 to include any relevant information from Fort Albany First Nation's	The Project Team acknowledges and appreciates the willingness of and efforts made to date by Fort Albany First

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	Reference Engagement and Consultation Results Table 10-3 Key Comments and Concerns Expressed by Indigenous Groups/Community Members p. 157	Statement Guidelines related to this project. In fact, Table 10-3 does not include any recognition that Fort Albany First Nation has raised any concerns in relation to the Project.	Indigenous groups on the Project to date, including through the federal impact assessment process where relevant. The fact that our extensive previous concerns and issues were not flagged in the ToR suggests that engagement has not been meaningful to date.	comments on the Federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (as well as concerns raised herein and during the videoconference between the WSR team and Fort Albany First Nation on October 13, 2020).	Nation to engage on the WSR Project, including comments on the TISG and in the October 13, 2020 videoconference. The record of consultation to date in the ToR has been limited to input received on the provincial EA process to facilitate Ontario's application of that input to the provincial EA process. However, please be assured that input received through both the provincial and federal processes will be amalgamated for consideration in decisions made on the Project. Note the Webequie Project Team has a copy of Fort Albany First Nation's January 30, 2020 letter providing comments on the federal Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) (as well as the January 16, 2020 letter regarding Fort Albany First Nation's wish to be consulted during the federal impact assessment process). We note that these comments were submitted in the context of influencing preparation of the Final TISG prepared by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), as part of the Agency's own consultation process. The comments have been registered and documented by the Agency on its project website.

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FAFN-16	Click image below to read Letter addressed to MECP dated November 30, 2020.  Fort Albany - comments Nov 30-20.	See table below.

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FAFN-17	Section 4 Description of the Undertaking	The ToR does not currently include information on what type of road, who will own it, or how it will be managed, governed.	This information, especially in relation to who owns it and how it is governed, is material to the estimation of impacts on potential road users and on users of areas impacted by the road.	Please identify in the ToR, requirements for the environmental assessment to identify what type of road this will be, what the proposed ownership structures will be, and how the road will be managed/governed. If status of any of these is still not determined by the filing of the environmental assessment, please identify that the differential impacts of different ownership types (e.g., public vs. private) and governance structures, will be considered in the environmental assessment.	Refer to response to FAFN-1, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.This
FAFN-18	Section 6 Existing Environmental Conditions, p. 76	The ToR currently commits the environmental assessment to establish a baseline that is set at current conditions. This needs to be expanded to require the establishment of an appropriate temporal backcast in order to understand both existing and trend conditions in the environment.	FAFN members are concerned that the proposed Project would exacerbate existing adverse impacts on FAFN lands and resources that have resulted from past activities. In particular, members are concerned about changes in water quality and quantity in FAFN's waterways as a result of water diversion projects. It is critical to understand both existing conditions and trends over time in any environment assessment. Claims that existing conditions "reflect" changes over time, which are often made by Proponents, are inaccurate. For example, sharing only existing conditions in fish and game stocks or the practicability of Indigenous rights, may in fact mask substantial previous impacts on these valued components which leave them in a diminished, vulnerable position.	Please identify in the ToR, for each Valued Component, how existing conditions and trends over time will be established in the environmental assessment, identifying the mixture of technical and traditional knowledge data collection methods (primary and secondary) that will be used to gather this information.	Refer to response to FAFN-2, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.

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			to additional change agents.		
FAFN-19	Section 6.2.3 Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 7.1.4 Wildlife	The ToR identifies mammals within the study area that may be affected by the Project. The ToR does not identify insect species that may be affected by the Project.	Insect are an important food sources for animals, and perform important roles as pollinators and other roles in the muskeg. Insects are also pests, an important issue during the warmer months in the region.	Please include information on how insects will be integrated in the ToR, for both the existing (baseline and trend) environment and in the effects assessment.	Refer to response to FAFN-3, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-20	Section 7.1.5 Vegetation	Fort Albany First Nation is very concerned about potential impacts of the Project on muskeg. Members note that peat keeps the water pure. If peat is damaged or destroyed, then water – the source of life – is adversely affected and so is Fort Albany First Nation. The ToR does not identify potential effects of the Project on muskeg, but does identify the following potential effects on wetlands: • Changes in hydrology which may alter drainage patterns and/or decrease drainage flows and surface water levels • Chemical, petroleum or other hazardous material spills along the WSR, or along access roads • Dust and air emissions, and subsequent deposition • Introduction and spread of noxious and invasive plant species • Removal of wetland (e.g., bogs, peatland), which could reduce the capacity of these areas to store carbon and thereby regulate climate	The ToR does not separate out muskeg (or peatlands) as a unique ecosystem for the environmental assessment, and fails to identify some potential effects on muskeg, such as increased risk of fire due to drying and impacts to permafrost. The ToR should require the environmental assessment to reflect the particular nature, uniqueness, functions, and significance of muskeg. Additionally, the ToR should require the proponent to engage in robust and deep engagement with Fort Albany First Nation on the issue of muskeg impacts (without limitation to engagement on other potential impacts).	1. Please revise the ToR to require the environmental assessment to reflect the particular nature, uniqueness, functions, and significance of muskeg, as at left. 2. Please identify whether and how the Proponent is committed to engage with other Indigenous Nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, in a robust and deep manner on the assessment of impacts on muskeg.	Refer to response to FAFN-4, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-21	Section 7.1.3 Hydrology and Surface Water Section 7.1.6 Fish and Fish Habitat Section 7.2.1 Effects on Traditional/ Indigenous Land	Section 7.1.3 of the ToR states “The potential effects to surface water quantity as a result of the identified changes in land cover may include a local increase in runoff rates and runoff volumes at the various project components, and, in turn, an increase in stream flows, water levels, and erosion- sedimentation processes at nearby waterbodies (i.e., downstream receivers)” (p. 114). The ToR does not identify potential decreases in water levels. Section 7.1.6 of the ToR identifies potential effects on fish and fish habitat but does not include changes in water levels or mercury mobilization.	Fort Albany First Nation is vitally connected to the rivers in its territory, using river systems for transportation, nourishment, drinking water, and teaching sites. Fort Albany First Nation has been adversely impacted by historical activities that have altered water flow and resulted in sedimentation and debris flowing down river. Fort Albany First Nation members are highly concerned that the proposed Project will adversely impact water quality and alter water levels. An assessment of the Project’s potential impacts on water levels and mercury mobilization, in addition to other identified potential effects, is required to understand	Please revise the ToR to require the environmental assessment to assess potential impacts of the project on water levels and mercury mobilization in addition to other identified potential effects to surface water and fish and fish habitat. This assessment should be carried forward into the assessment of potential effects on traditional/Indigenous land use, including a consideration of particular effects on Indigenous women.	Refer to response to FAFN-5, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.

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	Use		potential impacts on Fort Albany First Nation's transportation, subsistence, and health.		
FAFN-22	Section 7.2 Socio-Economic Environment p. 120 Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators p. 130 Figure 10.1 Webequie First Nation Three-Tier Consultation Approach, p. 136	The ToR identifies potential positive socio-economic effects (benefits) of the Project. However, the ToR does not consider Indigenous communities' ability to take advantage of potential project benefits.	Indigenous communities may have several barriers affecting their ability to take advantage of project benefits, such as lack of transportation, insufficient skills and training, health and wellness issues, and cultural requirements. The effects assessment should identify measures to address such barriers so as to enhance project benefits. Fort Albany First Nation members are concerned about how the benefits of the proposed Project will be shared amongst different Indigenous communities. It is currently not clear whether or how impacts on all affected First Nations' ability to receive a "fair share of benefits" (a concept from Webequie First Nation's Foundational Tier – Figure 10.1) will be subject to assessment.	Please identify the following information requirements for the EA in the ToR: 1. Assessment of the differential ability to take advantage of project benefits among Indigenous nations, including Fort Albany First Nation, as a condition that may affect the realization of project benefits, including identification of how this assessment will be conducted and the role of First Nations in the conduct of this assessment; 2. That the assessment of this ability to take advantage will be conducted for each impacted First Nation, not only one First Nation, and not with all impacted First Nations pooled at the regional level; 3. That the EA will provide characterization, with supporting rationale, for what type and magnitude of benefits each impacted First Nation is likely to receive as a result of the Project proceeding; and 4. Identification of measures committed to by the Proponent and various levels of government, that will be implemented to address such barriers so as to enhance project benefits for impacted First Nations communities.	Refer to response to FAFN-6, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-23	Section 7.2.1 Effects on Traditional or Indigenous Land Use p. 121	The draft ToR does not provide information about existing historical or cumulative effects on traditional or Indigenous land use.	A description of existing historical and cumulative effects on Indigenous knowledge and land use is required to accurately characterize baseline conditions and change over time to date. Some historical changes experienced by Fort Albany First Nation include: • Diversions of the Albany River system • The 1965 Indian Welfare Agreement • The Mid Canada Line Radar Site 050 • Acid rain • Mining exploration and development • Climate Change It is critical to both characterize this magnitude of change to date, and to integrate this cumulative effects context, which has implications for the degree of vulnerability to future change, into the baseline and effects characterization process.	Please provide in the ToR: 1. Further information about how existing historical and cumulative effects on Indigenous knowledge and land use for each First Nation will be included in the environmental assessment, including further information on how and on what timeline additional cumulative effects information will be collected and incorporated into the effects assessment, including the role that gathering information from the impacted First Nations themselves will play in this data gathering exercise. 2. An indication of how cumulative effects context – the magnitude of change to date – especially on First Nations culture, traditional/Indigenous land use, and Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests, will be integrated into effects characterization. It is Fort Albany First Nation's position that where the cumulative effects context indicates there has been high	Refer to response to FAFN-7, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.

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				magnitude change in pre- Project circumstance on the above-noted values/valued components, the threshold of additional acceptable adverse change must be set at very low, precautionary levels.	
FAFN-24	Section 7.2.1 Effects on Traditional or Indigenous Land Use p. 121	The ToR states that "The EA will specifically and directly consider potential project effects on Aboriginal or Treaty rights." The ToR does not describe how the rights impact assessment will be undertaken or the role of each Indigenous Nation in this assessment.	The assessment of project and cumulative effects on Indigenous rights needs to be supported by a robust and rigorous methodology. It is essential that Indigenous Nations are actively involved in the assessment of potential impacts on their rights, including determination of the breadth of rights subject to the assessment, the 'lenses' that should be for the rights impact assessment, and establishment of the degree of pre-existing impacts on the practicability of those rights in the pre-Project circumstance.	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to identify the approach, or potential approaches, that may be applied in the rights assessment and the contemplated role for each Indigenous Nation in the rights assessment, including in relation to the factors listed in the rationale column at left. 2. Identify in the ToR the status of discussions with each First Nation toward developing a Rights Impact Assessment approach. 3. Confirm that the rights impact assessment approach will be on a "per First Nation" basis rather than a "pan First Nations" basis, meaning each First Nation will be subject to a separate rights impact assessment.	Refer to response to FAFN-8, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-25	Section 7.3 Cultural Environment p. 122 Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators pp. 131-32	The list of potential effects to the cultural environment identified in the draft ToR does not include social and cultural dimensions of Indigenous land and resource. In addition, the ToR does not identify or explain linkages between "traditional/Indigenous land" use and "cultural environment" or between the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion and the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests criterion.	Fort Albany First Nation members are concerned about the proposed Project's potential social and cultural impacts, which may be multi-generational in nature, such as impacts on their rights to practice traditional ceremonies using pure materials, and consequent impacts on spirituality and traditional values, amongst other concerns. Indigenous land use cannot be reduced to physical activities, access and biophysical proxies (such as environmental conditions). The social and cultural dimensions of Indigenous land use are integral components and need to be adequately assessed.	Please identify potential effects to - and identify indicators to be used in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for - the cultural dimensions of Indigenous land and resource use, such as sense of place, spirituality, knowledge transmission, and social norms. In addition, please explain the linkages between "traditional and Indigenous land use" and "cultural environment" and between the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion and the Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests criterion.	Refer to response to FAFN-9, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-26	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation of Effects Figure 8.1 Environmental Effects Assessment Approach p. 125	The ToR provides a schematic of the environmental effects assessment approach. The schematic does not identify cumulative effects assessment.	The cumulative effects assessment is a key component of the overall EA and should be included in the effects assessment approach.	Please identify the role and position of the cumulative effects assessment in Figure 8.1.	Refer to response to FAFN-10, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.

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FAFN-27	Section 8.1 Cumulative Effects p. 126	This is the only page in the ToR that describes how cumulative effects assessment will be undertaken. The ToR states that the cumulative effects assessment will "evaluate and assess the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities." This approach does not identify how effects of the Project may combine with effects from past developments and activities or effects from development induced by the Project. Nor are past, present and reasonably foreseeable future developments identified that will be part of the cumulative effects assessment. Nor is it clear what thresholds cumulative effects will be gauged against, or to what degree Indigenous narratives of change will inform the cumulative effects (to date and likely in the future) will inform the cumulative effects characterization process. The ToR indicates only that a Work Plan for a cumulative effects assessment will be created at a future date. The level of detail on cumulative effects assessment is highly inadequate.	Fort Albany First Nation members are highly concerned about future development in the Ring of Fire, including further impacts on rivers, water, fish, wildlife, and FAFN treaty and Aboriginal rights, among other impacts. Best practice, including the Impact Assessment Agency's (2018) interim technical guidance document Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, explains that cumulative effects assessment should consider past, present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities, including certain or reasonably foreseeable induced development. Consideration of induced development is necessary as the Project is likely to result in accelerated mineral exploration and development in the Ring of Fire. Fort Albany First Nation needs additional clarity as well on whether a proper "total cumulative effects loading" approach will be used in the cumulative effects assessment, focused on the health of VCs, versus an inadequate "project contribution" approach to cumulative effects assessment.	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to indicate that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of past developments and activities on VCs that will also potentially be impacted by the Project, or why specified past activities and developments are not germane to the assessment; 2. Revise the ToR to indicate that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of induced development from the Project in relation to the Project's effects, particularly with respect to accelerated mineral exploration and development in the Ring of Fire; 3. Indicate in the ToR how Indigenous narratives of change will inform the cumulative effects assessment, including how and from which groups this information will be collected; and 4. Indicate in the ToR whether (and where possible, which) existing thresholds will be used for cumulative effects assessment, including for example from regional CEA processes, land use planning, Indigenous community plans, and wildlife management processes. 5. Provide a cumulative effects assessment Project Inclusion List in the ToR. 6. Indicate whether the CEA will include all access roads including the Northern Road Link and Marten Falls Supply Road, as reasonably foreseeable future developments. 7. Indicate whether the Proponent's approach to cumulative effects assessment will focus on total impacts on the VCs in question in the Planned Development Case, or focus instead on the Project's contribution to cumulative effects, with supporting rationale for the chosen approach.	Refer to response to FAFN-11, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-28	Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators p. 129	Indicators provided for Federal or Provincial Species at Risk, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat and Migratory birds in the draft ToR do not seem to capture disturbance, avoidance, changes to movement corridors, and species distribution.	Appropriate indicators are critical for predicting potential change in VC conditions.	Please provide indicators in the ToR that will be subject to the EA, that capture disturbance, avoidance, changes to movement corridors, and species distribution for Federal or Provincial Species at Risk, Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat and Migratory birds.	Refer to response to FAFN-12, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.

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	Table 8.1 Select Preliminary Criteria and Indicators for Evaluation				
FAFN-29	Section 8.3.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators p. 130	The ToR provides the following indicator for the Traditional Land and Resource Uses criterion: "Changes, disruption (number of sites) or loss (ha) of intensively used areas for traditional land use activities by community members." The ToR does not define the term "intensively used."	The assessment may need to account for areas that are not currently intensively used due to conservation or other reasons.	Please: 1. Define or qualify the term "intensively used". 2. Identify that the effects assessment for Traditional Land and Resource Uses will also include characterization of impacts on areas with high habitat values for critical life stages of harvested species, regardless of whether they are currently "intensively used".	Refer to response to FAFN-13, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-30	Section 10.2.1 Identification of Indigenous Communities	The ToR makes a distinction between potentially affected communities and communities that may have an interest in the Project, stating "the distinction between potentially affected communities and communities that may have interests will be reflected in the depth and frequency of consultation with the Indigenous communities identified. Communities deemed to be potentially impacted will be engaged more frequently, and in more depth, than those determined only to have interests" (p. 142). The ToR does not include Fort Albany First Nation in the list of potentially affected communities.	Fort Albany First Nation is concerned that it has not been included in the list of potentially affected communities based on the location of its reserve, rather than its traditional territory which has the potential to be impacted by the Project. Fort Albany First Nation's reserve is a tiny fraction of the territory where Fort Albany First Nation members exercise their rights and has not basis in Fort Albany First Nation's traditional culture. A reserve-focused approach results in the inappropriate treatment of Fort Albany First Nation as a peripheral and minor stakeholder in Project consultation.	Please include Fort Albany First Nation as an affected community for the purpose of consultation about the Project.	Refer to response to FAFN-14, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.
FAFN-31	Section 10.3 Terms of Reference Engagement and Consultation Results	Table 10-3 does not include Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. In fact, Table 10-3 does not include any recognition that Fort Albany First Nation has raised any concerns in relation to the Project.	The summary of comments should include all comments, issues and concerns raised by Indigenous groups on the Project to date. The fact that our extensive previous concerns and issues were not flagged in the ToR suggests that engagement has not been meaningful to date.	Please updated Table 10-3 to include Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (as well as concerns raised herein).	Refer to response to FAFN-15, as this comment is redundant to that received from Fort Albany on October 16, 2020.

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Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
MFFN-1	General	**Letter Addressed to Michael Fox Dated September 29, 2020:** Dear Michael Fox, In response to your letter dates September 26, 2020, I have received the documentation that was sent and am working with our facilitator to begin engagement on the Webequie Supply Road Project. Larissa Mikkelsen, LBS Environmental Consulting is facilitating our participation in the Webequie Supply Road Project and will be our designated contact for engagement purposes. She will be working with Marten Falls community members to engage with our membership. Please reach out to Larissa to work on next steps. Her contact information is larissa@lbsconsulting.ca or (807) 627-3399. I would like to take this opportunity to request an extension to submit comments on the Webequie Supply Road Terms of Reference document to October 30, 2020. Over the last weeks, we have been reviewing the Community Access Road Project Terms of Reference in preparation for submission and with hunting season is upon us, we would like more time to ensure our community members have a chance to participate. In addition, I would like to request GIS shapefiles of the road alignments to assist us in assessing the impacts to our traditional territory and valued sites within the Webequie Supply Road Study area. Sincerely Chief Bruce	Thank you for providing the contact information for Larissa Mikkelsen. She has been added to our Contact List and the Project Team will reach out to her in her capacity as the MFFN's facilitator on the WSR project. With respect to timelines, on October 20, 2020, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks notified Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls, that the ministry will continue to accept comments from Indigenous communities until November 30, 2020. As an additional provision, on January 25, 2021, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks notified Indigenous communities, including Marten Falls, that the ministry will continue to accept comments from Indigenous communities until February 26, 2021. We trust this will suffice to accommodate your need for time to provide comments. The GIS material that you have requested will be forwarded to you under separate cover.

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MFFN-0	Click link below to read the November 30, 2020 Aecom memorandum (third party review of ToR) addressed to Marten Falls. 20201130_Final ToR comments_Marten Fal	Thank you for your covering memorandum and tabular comments. Detailed responses to the are provided in the table below.

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MFFN-2	Section 2	The regulatory review identifies permitting for blasting materials, which is not included in the Project activities assessment. The regulatory review has omitted several predicted permits and authorizations.	**Recommendation 1**: Remove blasting permitting from the regulatory review or include the assessment of blasting and the associated effects.	An assessment of the need for blasting, including potential associated effects, will be examined in the EA. At this time, the potential to obtain a permit for blasting has been identified and will determined through the road engineering design process and assessment of aggregate and rock source extraction areas.
MFFN-3	Section 2.1.4	There are several additional federal legislation/ permits that are not included in Table 2-1 of the ToR. Refer to Section 2.1 of this technical memorandum. A full list of federal legislation, permits and other authorizations should be considered.	**Recommendation 2a:** Consider additional regulations and permits applicable to the Project.	Noted. The EA will consider additional applicable federal permits, licences, approvals and authorizations (PLAA), including those presented in the comments, as well as updates to federal PLAA already under consideration.
MFFN-4	Section 2.1.5	There are several additional provincial legislation/ permits that are not included in Table 2-2 of the ToR. Refer to Section 2.1 of this technical memorandum. A full list of provincial legislation, permits and other authorizations should be considered.	**Recommendation 2b:** Consider additional regulations and permits applicable to the Project.	Noted. The EA will consider additional applicable provincial permits, licences, approvals and authorizations, including those presented in the comments, as well as updates to provincial PLAA already under consideration.
MFFN-5	Section 4	The Terms of Reference is not consistent on its inclusion of blasting, rock crushing, and the extent of the temporary and permanently disturbed areas.	**Recommendation 3:** Clarify which activities will be included in the Project activities and the extent of temporary and permanent disturbance.	The EA will consider and assess supportive temporary and permanent infrastructure to construct the supply road such as aggregate and/or rock quarry facilities, including project activities such as blasting. The spatial extent of temporary and permanent disturbance for project components and associated activities will be determined in the EA.
MFFN-6	Section 4.1	With respect to the list of basic design elements, structure types should be considered for not only waterbody crossings, but for wetland features as well. The new all-season road could potentially cause significant hydrological changes within the existing wetland environments. Refer to Section 2.2 of this technical memorandum.	**Recommendation 4:** Structure types should also be considered for wetland areas.	Within the context of preliminary engineering components, “structural” engineering principles are normally applied to crossings of defined waterbodies or linear corridors over 3 m in width. Therefore, to date, structural considerations have been limited to water crossings, per the initial optimal typology, as shown in the following table. Span Type / Type 1 / Type 2 / Type 3 / Type 4 / Type 5 / Type 6 Span Width (m) / 0-3 / 3-12 / 12-25 / 25-35 / 35-50 / 260 (WC1 Only) Optimal Structure Types / Corrugated steel pipe (CSP) culverts / Single span steel box culverts (steel plate arch) / Single span steel box culverts (steel plate arch) / Single span composite steel-concrete bridge with integral abutments / Multi span composite steel-concrete bridge with integral abutments / 7 span composite continuous steel-concrete bridge with integral abutments In order to maintain existing flow paths through the flat floodplains of the east-west segment of the road (i.e., muskeg and peatlands), it is anticipated that additional drainage features will be needed. At this stage, equalization culverts (approximately 1 m diameter) will be placed within the road as required to maintain localized minor flow paths across the road corridor. Within peatlands, recognizing that peat is a very compressible soil type, the depth of which directly affects the amount of fill material required to compensate for settlement, the Project Team has initially developed design criteria based on the implementation of a combination of light weight embankment, partial replacement and/or other engineered improvements, including the use of geogrid. The EA will confirm the most appropriate approach, including whether more substantive, “structural” road foundation materials and water conveyances will be required to support the roadbed and maintain the hydrologic regime.

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MFFN-7	Section 4.1.1	The existing and future effects of climate change to the region and the resilience of the Project to those changes do not appear to have been included in the design criteria.	**Recommendation 5:** Complete an assessment of the current effects of climate change on the region and establish design criteria that consider current effects and predicted future effects.	During the EA phase, the existing and future effects of climate change (trends) will be assessed through the collection of historic and current climatic data and future climate projections. Existing data will be assembled from Water Survey of Canada hydrometric monitoring stations and Environment Canada meteorological stations. This information, along with available information from the Ontario Flow Assessment Tool (MNRF, 2019), Google Earth Satellite Imagery, previous studies, Canadian Climate Normals and concurrent field investigations (i.e., geotechnical and biological studies) will be used to formulate a baseline hydrology, hydrogeological, meteorological (including precipitation and evaporation) and geotechnical understanding of the project area. Once baseline conditions have been established, the effects of future climate conditions will be reviewed, including the use of the Ontario Climate Data Portal (Representative Concentration Pathways (RPC) emission scenario models), regional-scale temperature projections, and MTO Intensity Duration Frequency data. As a basis for input to design criteria, the assessment will include identifying the hazard or risk potentially caused by the climate variables, a review of the potential effects on the project component, and identifying controls or mitigation to reduce the effects in anticipation of identified risks. For example, future rainfall values for the year corresponding to the end of the Design Service Life of structures shall be used in the design for conveyance, erosion, scour and stormwater management components.
MFFN-8	Section 4.2	Blasting is generally described throughout the document but are not listed as project activities and it is unclear if permanent quarries and rock crushing equipment will be required for the maintenance of the road.	**Recommendation 6:** Clarify the list of permanent and temporary Project activities.	Please refer to Responses MFFN-2 and MFFN-5.
MFFN-9	Section 5	Comments on the path forward for an inclusive alternatives assessment are provided in section 2.4.5.	**Recommendation 7:** Refer to Section 2.4.5 of this technical review.	Noted. Detailed comments in Section 2.4.5 are included in the main body of the technical review. They include a recommendation that the Do Nothing alternative be included as an alternative in the environmental assessment. In the context of the intent to proceed with a “focused EA”, the rationale for which is presented in Section 3.2 of the ToR, the Do Nothing alternative has been assessed during the ToR phase as part of the consideration of Alternatives to the Undertaking and was dismissed from further serious consideration (refer to Section 5.1.1.1 of the ToR). However, as stated in ToR Sections 5.1.1.6 (Page 39) and 5.6 (Page 74), and in alignment with common EA practice, “the Do Nothing option will be carried forward as a comparator in the EA study” for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project. This will “ensure First Nation communities understand the options available”. Other matters raised in Section 2.4.5 relate to ensuring adequate input from Marten Falls and other Indigenous communities on the further identification and refinement of “valued components” and “evaluation criteria”, including the methods for conducting the effects assessment. The ToR recognizes that the criteria included in Appendix B are a starting point by referring to them as “preliminary” in nature. The project engagement and consultation program includes provisions for further community input in this regard (beyond the ToR phase and into the initial stages of the EA phase). This includes the

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				presentation of and receipt of input (including Indigenous Knowledge) on the valued component Work Plans prior to conducting the comparative assessment of alternative methods of implementing the Project and the effects assessment. Please refer to Response MFFN-27 for additional information in this regard.
MFFN-10	Section 6	The approach taken to describe the existing conditions within the Terms of Reference is inconsistent between the environment section, which describes conditions, and the socio-economic environment section, which provides both a description of conditions and the proposed environmental assessment methodology.	**Recommendation 8:** The proponent should provide further detail on the environmental assessment methodologies.	A consistent approach to the description of existing conditions and effects assessment for the natural, socio economic environment will be documented in the EA, including details on the methodologies applied.
MFFN-11	Section 6.2.1	The potential for geological formations that may lead to acid rock drainage and mapping of permafrost areas that intersect the Project has not been identified. Identification of the interactions between the Project and Permafrost have not been identified.	**Recommendation 9:** Include an assessment of the existing geological formations that may contribute to acid rock drainage. **Recommendation 10:** Include a description and mapping of where the permafrost intersects the Project**.**	Existing geological formations will be described in the EA phase documentation, including their chemical properties that may potentially contribute to acid rock drainage. Soil and rock samples from various locations along the preliminary proposed road corridor and at potential pit and quarry sites have been obtained from test pits and exploratory boreholes and tested using an acid base accounting suite of tests to determine potential for ARD/ML. The preliminary analysis of the results indicates low potential for ARD. Data collection and analyses from the geotechnical, soil and terrain investigations conducted to date are currently ongoing. The identification and interactions between the Project and semi-continuous permafrost will be examined and documented in the EA. For existing permafrost mapping, the Project Team has relied on the Hydrological Atlas of Canada (Permafrost) and the National Atlas of Canada, 5th Edition (Permafrost). This mapping and related supporting information will be updated during the EA phase, as necessary, and included in the EA documentation.
MFFN-12	Section 6.2.3	Since the Project area is in Ecoregion 2W, provide rationale for use of Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 3W (MNRF, 2017) to determine significant wildlife habitat for; Bat and Bat Habitat; Waterfowl Stopover and Staging (Aquatic); Eagle and Osprey Concentration Area and Nesting Habitat; Woodland Raptor Nesting Habitat; and Reptiles and Amphibians.	**Recommendation 11:** Provide rationale why the Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 3W is being use.	The Project occurs on the order of Ecoergions 2E and 2W, however, no criteria schedules have been developed or have been made available publicly by the MNRF for Ontario Ecoregions 2E or 2W. Criteria schedules are currently only available for Ecoregions 3E, 5E, 6E, and 7E. As such, criteria for the nearest ecoregion has been used. Many of the same habitat features listed in Ecoregion 3E remain relevant for 2E and 2W. Similarly, many SWH types are listed for multiple or all ecoregions for which criteria schedules are available. This is generally true for the Significant Wildlife Habitat types listed in this comment, though specific criteria in each region may vary.
MFFN-13	Section 6.2.4	A brief description of how the preliminary investigations were conducted would provide context behind the differentiation of the described coniferous treed and coniferous swamp unit types. Also, a breakdown of the relative abundance of all vegetation units described would be helpful so that the reader understands the major vegetation groups that will be affected.	**Recommendation 12:** Provide a breakdown of the relative abundance of all vegetation units. Provide a description of how the preliminary investigations were carried out.	Original source vegetation data were taken from the most recent Land Information Ontario (LIO) wetland, watercourse/waterbody data, and the Far North Land Cover and Provincial Disturbance mapping. Digital satellite imagery was sourced from the ArcGIS base maps. It was determined that the LIO wetland and watercourse/waterbody data provided the most accurate starting point for wetland feature refinement, since it generally agreed with the Far North Land Cover data, while providing more detailed delineation of both the wetlands and waterbody features. Areas of “no data/unknown” in the LIO wetland and watercourse/waterbody data were populated with the values from the Land Cover dataset, where applicable. Further delineation and typing of the vegetative units/polygons within the Local Study Area (LSA) and Regional Study Area (RSA) is being conducted by refining published Far North Land Cover and LIO wetland data, using aerial photo

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				interpretation (published satellite imagery and LiDAR imagery acquired in 2019), in combination with available terrain mapping (J. D. Mollard and Associates (JDMA), March 2019), topography, and surficial geology data. Modelling of vegetation units was rejected in favour of visual delineation and typing by experienced biologists either conducting the field programs, or with extensive experience typing vegetation in the region. Given the defined corridor from previous studies, which has limited the extent of the required mapping, and the quality of the published satellite imagery, in combination with the detailed LiDAR imagery and terrain data covering most of the combined local study areas, manual delineation and typing was selected as the most accurate method of delineation and typing. When we compared to the original LIO Wetland and Far North Land Cover data to the first iteration of the refined dataset, there were some marked differences. The refined dataset results in 0.38% less upland, 3.41% more wetland, 1.78% less lakes/rivers, and 0.61% less disturbed and rock barren areas. The area ratio of treed versus open wetlands is essentially reversed, with the refined data showing an increase of 49.57% in treed wetlands, and a 46.16% decrease in open wetlands. Though we do show a significant decrease in total upland area, there is minimal change in the ratios between upland types (+/- < 1%). The percentages of conifer versus deciduous versus mixed differ by less than 1% of the LSA, but we do show an 11.67% increase in conifer systems, and a 3.24% decrease in mixed forest systems using the refined data. These differences are not unexpected, given the more fine-grained examination of the study area by high resolution satellite/LiDAR imagery, LiDAR contour data, helicopter flyovers, and ground truth plot sampling conducted during the 2019 field season. The majority of the values show a variation of less than 1% between the LSA and RSA, with only 4 vegetation types between 1-3% (Coniferous Swamp 1.81%, Swamp 1.86% less in the RSA, with Bog 2.27% and waterbody 2.54% more in the RSA).
MFFN-14	Section 6.2.6	With respect to Table 6-3, the status ranks under columns for SARA and ESA should be reviewed and refined where applicable for all species. For example, Bald Eagle's status is "Not at Risk" instead of "No Status". Also, it should be indicated whether a particular species is listed on Schedule 1 of SARA. For example Caribou (Eastern Migratory population) has been assessed as Endangered, but is not yet listed on Schedule 1 of SARA. Further, consider having Black Tern as "having potential" to be within the Project area. It seems the source of information for the recent Black Tern observation is Noront, which means observations were likely near the Project area. Also consider adding Canada Warbler to the list of species having potential within the Project area. Their range and habitat are within the Project area.	**Recommendation 13:** Update the species at risk table for the environmental assessment.	As part of the EA documentation, the SAR table will be revised accordingly.
MFFN-15	Section 6.2.7	Provide an evaluation of the current effects of climate change in the region, identifying the trends that may need to be considered in the Project design and effects assessment.	**Recommendation 14:** Provide an assessment of the current effects of Climate Change.	Please refer to Response MFFN-7. In addition to the trends analysis, work in the EA phase will recognize that climate may have had a profound effect on the environmental components

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				valued by First Nation community members that are users of the land and resource base in the project area. Indigenous Knowledge and perceptions will be incorporated in assessing current climate change effects and the potential for future climate change. Examples of recent or current climatic and related environmental changes that will be examined, include: › Less average annual rainfall; › Lower water levels in watercourses and drying wetlands in non-winter seasons, resulting in challenges for hunting and gathering activities (more difficult travel/reduced access to some country foods and medicinal plant harvesting areas; fewer sightings of some small mammals; earlier fish spawning and changes in fish taste/texture; additional travel to access some fish species); › Increased incidence of heavy rain and thunderstorms in winter (increased risk of localized flooding as runoff from frozen ground overwhelms roadside ditches and culverts); › Increased variability in winter daytime temperatures (benefit of reduced heating costs with increased temperatures); › Hotter summer days, with short severe heat spells (declines in some upland tree and riparian shrub species; increased risk of wildfires; hot weather health alerts); and › Changes in staging areas for migrating waterfowl and mating areas for moose (impacts on predictability for timing of goose and moose hunts).
MFFN-16	Section 6.4	Cultural effects should include the traditional knowledge of effected First Nation communities.	**Recommendation 15:** Consult with effected First Nations to develop a more complete assessment of the Cultural Environment.	Additional consultation with Indigenous communities will be undertaken during the EA to gain a complete assessment of the cultural environment, including seeking Indigenous Knowledge and an understanding of Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests as a valued component and, more specifically, current use of land and resources for traditional purposes and cultural continuity (i.e., ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions).
MFFN-17	Section 6.5	The methodologies to be used and study / work plans for the baseline assessments is not provided and can not be assessed. Consultation on the study / work plans and methodologies is recommended so community knowledge and activities can be considered.	**Recommendation 16:** Consultation on the study / work plans for the environmental assessment should occur with local First Nations to get feedback on the assessments being conducted and the methodologies.	Plain language summaries of the study/work plans for the environmental assessment will be prepared be available to local First Nations, and each study/work plan will be discussed as part of presentations delivered either in person or virtually. Please also refer to Response MFFN-27.
MFFN-18	Section 7.1.1	Consideration of acid rock drainage potential of the bedrock to be effected by the Project should be addressed in this effects assessment. Limited information is provided on the extent of permafrost and its interactions with the Project. Assessment of effects of the permafrost on the Project and vis versa should be addressed int eh environmental assessment.	**Recommendation 17:** Include an assessment of geological formations that could contribute to acid rock drainage. **Recommendation 18:** Include a more detailed assessment of the permafrost so effects can be assessed.	Please refer to Response MFFN-11 for both recommendations.
MFFN-19	Section 7.1.2	The effects assessment currently does not include an assessment of blasting and long term compaction on the groundwater regime and how that will effect connected surface water and wetland bodies. Given the activities predicted on the Project and the local ecosystems these effects should be considered.	**Recommendation 19:** Include an assessment of the effects of blasting and ling term road compaction on the groundwater. **Recommendation 20:** Assess the connectivity of the groundwater to local surface water and wetland systems and assess the interrelated effects based on project activities.	An assessment of the effects of blasting and long-term road compaction on groundwater, and hydraulically connected surface waterbodies and wetlands, will be included during the EA phase. The effects of blasting, where applicable, will be determined as part of the groundwater net effects assessment considering the potential of increased permeability of the rocks that might be caused by the blasting activities. The effects of long-term road compaction on groundwater will be assessed through changes to infiltration rates and a water balance analysis for the applicable/appropriate activities and areas along the road corridor. How these effects will be transferred to or influence surface waterbodies and wetlands will be addressed as part of the assessment of groundwater and surface water interactions.

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MFFN-20	Section 7.1.3	The effects assessment currently does not include an assessment of linear infrastructure surface water diversion, blasting and long term compaction on the surface water and wetlands. Given the activities predicted on the Project and the local ecosystems these effects should be considered.	**Recommendation 21:** Include an assessment of the effects of linear infrastructure blasting and long term road compaction on the surface water and wetlands. **Recommendation 22** Conduct a water balance assessment so that the effects of the Project can be assessed.	An assessment of the effects of any blasting and the long-term road compaction on the surface water and wetlands will be examined in the EA phase. The effects of blasting, where applicable, will be determined as part of the Wildlife/SAR net effects assessment. The effects of long-term road compaction on the surface water and wetlands will be assessed in both the surface water and vegetation net effects assessments. The vegetation net effects assessment will take into account the potential effects on both wetland function and biodiversity. The effects of long-term road compaction on groundwater will be assessed through changes to infiltration rates and a water balance analysis for the applicable/appropriate activities and areas along the road corridor.
MFFN-21	Section 7.1.4	The effects assessment does not provide sufficient assessment of the effects of blasting, direct/Indirect effects associated with light, noise and vibration; increased predation; increased fragmentation; and identify alternative mitigation to avoid contravention of the Migratory Birds Convention Act.	**Recommendation 23:** Include an assessment of the effects of blasting, direct/Indirect effects associated with light, noise and vibration; increased predation; increased fragmentation; and identify alternative mitigation to avoid contravention of the Migratory Birds Convention Act.	An assessment of the effects of blasting will be examined in the EA phase, as appropriate, based on a determination of the need for this activity (e.g., whether blasting of bedrock is warranted or necessary for the production of rock needed for the road or scour/erosion control at waterbody crossings). The effects of blasting (noise & vibration) will be documented in the acoustic assessment with data from this analysis considered in the effects assessment for wildlife and fish/fish habitat. Section 7.1.4 does identify the potential for adverse effects on wildlife associated with noise generated by the Project (Page 115 – "*Sensory disturbance related to proximity (noise) impacts from construction equipment, roadway traffic and increased air traffic can affect habitat availability, use and connectivity (movement and behaviour), leading to changes in abundance and distribution of terrestrial animals, caribou in particular*"). Impacts to wildlife associated with noise and vibration are also addressed in Section 7.1.10 of the ToR (Page 120 - "*These same noise impacts may also result in sensory disturbance to wildlife. Sensory disturbance can impact habitat availability, use and connectivity (movement and behaviour), leading to changes in abundance and distribution of terrestrial animals, caribou in particular. Sensory disturbance is most detrimental during key periods, such as late winter when animals tend to be in poor condition, and during reproductive season (spring/early summer)*"). Section 7.1.4 of the ToR does identify the potential for wildlife habitat fragmentation (impacts to connectivity) and increased predation (Page 114 – "*Clearing, grading and stockpiling of materials during construction of the Project and operation of the WSR could result in loss or alteration of vegetation that may change habitat availability, use, and connectivity and influence wildlife abundance and distribution, as well as predation opportunities*"). In regard to light trespass on wildlife habitat, the related impacts are recognized and have been incorporated in the preliminary Natural Environment Evaluation Criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR - (Caribou (Boreal Population) – Indirect impacts due to sensory disturbances (e.g., light, sound, vibration, olfactory) within 10 km of the Project). In addition, the visual assessment team during the EA will work with the project's Engineering Team to identify any permanent lighting requirements associated with the supply road, crossing structures, aggregate/rock extraction areas and production facilities needed for

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				construction and operation of the road, including access roads to these sites, temporary laydown/storage areas and construction camps.
MFFN-22	Section 7.1.6	Assessment of blasting effects has not been addressed in the section of effects.	**Recommendation 24:** Include an assessment of the effects of blasting on fish and fish habitat.	Please refer to Response MFFN-21 regarding the general commitment to include the potential effects of blasting. This will extend to fish and fish habitat, including acoustic (noise and vibration) effects in the context of DFO's *Guidelines For The Use Of Explosives In Canadian Fisheries Waters*.
MFFN-23	Section 7.1.8	It is unclear if long term operation of a quarry and rock crusher are required for the Project. If these activities are required for the Project an assessment if the effects to air quality should occur.	**Recommendation 25:** Include the affects of air emissions from quarry and rock crushing activities.	Noted. The current Climate Change and Air Quality Work Plan scope includes providing information on emission rates for all project sources within the study area, including a description of emission factors, methods for estimating emissions from on-road and off-road activities (including quarry and rock crushing activities, as applicable).
MFFN-24	Section 7.1.9	The affect of peatland removal is identified in the section but it is unclear how this will included in the quantitative assessment of greenhouse gases. Assessment of the effects to climate change should include potential for increased air travel to WFN airport to access the road. The effects of Climate Change on the permafrost and the resulting effects to the Project are not presented in the report and should be considered to assist in development of the design and monitoring criteria.	**Recommendation 26:** Include the quantitative assessment of greenhouse gases related to peatland removal and increased air traffic. **Recommendation 27** Include an assessment of the climate change effects to permafrost intersecting the Project to allow for affects assessment, mitigation and monitoring.	Peatland removals will be quantified as part of the engineering assessment of earthwork requirements for the road bed and supporting temporary and permanent infrastructure. The current Climate Change and Air Quality Work Plan scope will entail a quantitative assessment of carbon sinks (and removed natural GHG emissions) affected during the construction phase, including: › Removal of actual carbon stock from deforestation. It may also include the burning of the biomass and GHG releases from dead organic matter, depending on construction planning and permitting; and › Removal of actual carbon stock from the affected peatland. In the foregoing regards, it should be noted that the road project is a linear facility that will follow the profile of the existing ground to the greatest extent possible, and is not expected to introduce changes that may alter either groundwater or surface water conditions to the extent of significantly impacting peatland systems. During the construction phase, opening of pits and quarries may result in some dewatering. Further, for the given site conditions, such as low relief and shallow groundwater, it will not be practical to remove all organics and peat under the road footprint. Peat and organics will be removed only where it is present at shallow depths within the upper 0.5 m, while at other locations where it exists to deeper depths, it will be left in situ and road construction managed through design and ground improvement means (e.g., the installation of a geogrid base). Air traffic forecasting will be conducted by the Acoustics team in collaboration with Webequie Airport staff; the information will be provided to the Climate Change and Air Quality team for air dispersion modelling purposes and to inform the climate change analysis. An assessment of the climate change effects to permafrost intersecting the Project will be conducted, as applicable, in the project area. Climatic normals and trends for the project area will be established based on historic climatic data from nearby meteorological stations and other published sources. Based on review of these data, future climatic predictions will be presented considering the design project service life. The depth of the active permafrost zone and impact on the localized frozen soils will be considered. Please also refer to Response MMFN-11.
MFFN-25	Section 7.1.10	It is unclear if blasting and long term operation of a rock crusher are required for the Project. If these activities are required for the Project an assessment if the effects to noise and vibration.	**Recommendation 28:** Include the affects of noise and vibration from blasting and rock crushing activities.	Noted. An assessment of the effects of blasting will be examined during the EA phase, as appropriate, based on a determination of the need for this activity (e.g., e.g., whether blasting of bedrock is warranted or necessary for the production of rock needed for the road or scour/erosion control at waterbody crossings). Similarly, rock crushing will be incorporated in the assessment of

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				potential impacts of aggregate production facilities if the need for this activity is identified. The prospective need for the assessment of these two elements will be documented in the acoustic assessment during the EA phase.
MFFN-26	Section 7.2	The assessment of future developments in the region for cumulative social effects have not been identified in the Terms of Reference, which is inconsistent with the commitments in the consultation appendix. Projects to be included in the cumulative effects assessment should be identified so input can be provided by the First Nation communities. The assessment of the effects of increased social pressures on community infrastructure such as mental health and emergency response should be expanded and include traffic incidents, pressures on childcare and elder care due to increased travel for work, changes to diet associated with reduced time for hunting and gathering.	**Recommendation 29:** Outline the existing and proposed projects that will be included in the cumulative effects assessment for comment by local First Nation communities. **Recommendation 30:** Augment the assessment of social effects to include increased work hours, increased requirements for family care, changes in diet, and stresses on local health care facilities.	Per the requirements of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines under the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, the following physical projects or activities are to be considered, at a minimum, in the cumulative effects assessment: › Historical and existing mineral developments, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine and Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine; › Other historical infrastructure projects; › Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › Power transmission projects; › Construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake Forestry Access Roads; › The construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (future road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › Transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › East-West road; › Forest management units; › Mining activities, including those associated with Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy and Black Label; › Increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › Mineral exploration activity in the area; and › Past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. The above list of physical activities will be augmented and/or refined on the basis of background data and information collection, as well as through engagement and consultation with Aboriginal groups, government agencies and ministries, members of the public and other interested parties who may provide information about these physical activities or may identify other physical activities pertinent to the cumulative effects assessment for the WSR Project. Noted. Consideration will be given to augmenting the assessment of social effects through the inclusion of increased work hours, increased requirements for family care, changes in diet, and stresses on local health care facilities.
MFFN-27	Section 8	The assessment approach is addressed in Section 8 provides a general overview of the Effects Assessment. It is not possible to review the valued components that will be assessed and the proposed methodologies without further information.	**Recommendation 31:** Further information should be provided and consultation on the methodologies being used in the assessment, the proposed valued components, indicators, and study / work plans such that local First Nation communities can provide input into the process.	The commitment to prepare Work Plans for individual Valued Components is stated in Section 6.5 of the ToR. Work Plans have been drafted by the Project Team and reviewed by/discussed with federal and provincial experts. As part of the ongoing engagement and consultation process with Indigenous communities, the Work Plans will be presented to participating First Nations, including the opportunity to comment on and provide input (including Indigenous Knowledge) to the Plans. To facilitate this, high level summaries of key elements in the Work Plans will be prepared for community consumption. Such consultation will be integrated with other elements of the program and employ the methods described in Section 10.4 of the ToR, principally posting on the Project Website, and possibly livestreaming sessions similar to those conducted for presentation of and receiving comments on the ToR.

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MFFN-28	Section 8.1	Assessment on cumulative effects is difficult to review as the projects to be considered are not listed. Previous community comments on this issue have not been addressed in the report.	**Recommendation 29 (repeat):** Outline the existing and proposed projects that will be included in the cumulative effects assessment for comment by local First Nation communities.	Please refer to Response MFFN-26.
MFFN-29	Section 8.2	The environmental criterion or valued components are not provided, and no consultation is identified on proposed study / work plans.	**Recommendation 32:** Consultation with First Nation communities should occur on the proposed valued components and the study / work plans to allow for the inclusion of traditional knowledge and activities.	Please refer to Response MFFN-27.
MFFN-30	Section 8.3	The “Do Nothing” approach should be considered in the effects assessment to allow First Nation communities to understand the options available. Alternative route selection criteria should be expanded to include First Nations input from local First Nation communities to allow for inclusion of traditional knowledge and activities. The Terms of Reference is unclear on the assessment criteria for alternatives and for the overall effects assessment. Appendix B provides a preliminary list of valued components and more clarity should be provided on how this appendix information will be used, whether it is specifically for the alternatives assessment or for the overall effects assessment as well. Local First Nations communities should consult on the valued components or environmental factors to ensure traditional knowledge and activities are included in the assessment criteria and study / work plans.	**Recommendation 33:** Include the “Do Nothing” option in the alternatives assessment. **Recommendation 32 (repeat):** Consultation with First Nation communities should occur on the proposed valued components / environmental factors and the study / work plans to allow for the inclusion of traditional knowledge and activities.	As stated on Pages 39 and 74 of the ToR, the Do Nothing option will be carried forward as a comparator in the EA study for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project in relation to maintaining the status quo (i.e., not addressing the stated purpose and objectives of the Project). Please also refer to Response MFFN-27.
MFFN-31	Section 9	No commitments to consult with local First Nation communities are identified in the commitments and monitoring section limiting the consideration of traditional knowledge on the programs. No commitment is made to ongoing consultation with First Nation communities on the results of construction, operation and decommissioning monitoring and mitigation programs.	**Recommendation 34:** Consultation with local First Nations should occur to review and seek feedback on project commitments and monitoring as well as providing ongoing updates on the results of monitoring and mitigation programs	Local First Nation communities will be consulted to seek feedback on potential project commitments and monitoring during the EA phase.

Table SS-1 – Letter Received from Treaty 9 Alliance
MC – (Conrad Iahtail), February 24, 2021

Item No.	ToR Section	Comment Received	Project Team Response
TNA-0	General	February 24, 2021 Re: Response to Webequie Supply Road Draft ToR Dear Ms. Gauthier, Please accept this letter as a response to the Webequie Supply Road (Draft Terms of Reference). Omushkegowuk Treaty 9 Alliance is a grassroots organization, born from concern that Treaty 9 knowledge and understanding is not at the forefront of our discussions within our communities, or with resource industry and government. Our signed Treaty 9 and Adhesion is a sacred and living document that lays out promises, agreements and responsibilities that our ancestors committed to. It is our collective responsibility to understand Treaty 9 and Adhesion so that we can uphold the intent of Treaty 9 and fulfill our responsibilities. Treaty 9 Alliance is not accepting of the terms as most of the clauses in the document erodes Treaty rights and is not reflective of a Treaty relationship. Our Treaty is with the Crown which Canada and Ontario must abide. The Chief and Council system is an extension of the Canadian government. Any 'agreements' signed between Canada/Ontario/Industrial company and the Chief and Councils are between Canada and Canada when Treaty right holders are not included. Such 'agreements' must be reflective of Treaty, in this case Treaty 9. Head men were recognized as leaders in the Treaties before the Canadian Chief and Council system was in place. The representatives of the Crown asked for Head men (leaders). These Head men (and their families) used the constitution of the Sacred pipe according to the inherent laws of the Omushkegowuk to protect future generations. These Head men that signed the Treaties represented their families and their people. They represented their constitution (the sacred pipe) according to the inherent laws of the Omushkegowuk Nation. Today, there are many families and descendants of Head men which are a continuation of those Head men (our ancestors) that signed the Treaties including Treaty 9 adhesions. As the Crown recognized Head men (Treaty signatories), the families today and the descendants are the Treaty rights holders who are the true decision makers. We do not accept Canada and Ontario's version of any consultation and consent protocol. The families and the descendants of Treaty signatories who were represented by Head men have their own protocol on consultation and consent based on the sacred circle and the inherent laws of their Nations. These families and descendants of Head men have their ancestral lands and areas to which they still utilize their inherit rights and Treaty promises. The rivers in the proposed Ring of Fire belt are connecting to Omushkegowuk communities. At this time there should be no industrial activities being done on ancestral and Treaty lands of Indigenous Nations, nor should there be any negotiations or decisions being made due to Indigenous communities having to deal with lockdowns and crises in light of the pandemic and due to Indigenous Nations having their own view of consultation and consent reflective of Treaty. We do not accept any imposed deadlines. Again, the clauses in the WSR ToR document are not reflective of Treaty and is unacceptable. Treaty 9 Alliance has not seen any comprehensive translations into Indigenous languages (Inninimowin and Anishnawbemowin) including in syllabics. This is a lengthy process. Elders and Indigenous people who only speak in their own languages must understand these terms in its entirety, and that is impossible with only English language both oral and written. Please note that such translations do not constitute consultation or consent, including any social media sessions. Thank you for reading our concerns. Yours truly, Conrad Iahtail Treaty 9 Alliance	The Webequie Project Team confirms receipt of your letter dated February 24, 2021. We have acknowledged and documented your concerns. We would invite you to visit our project website, http://www.supplyroad.ca, to download our translated documents related to the Terms of Reference. The individual points in your letter are addressed in the response table below. If you have any more comments, concerns and/or feedback, we encourage you to set up a teleconference or videoconference with our WSR team. With that said, we look forward to your participation in the environmental assessment.

Table SS-2 – Excerpts from Treaty 9 Alliance Letter			
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TNA-1	General	Treaty 9 Alliance is not accepting of the terms as most of the clauses in the document erodes Treaty rights and is not reflective of a Treaty relationship. Our Treaty is with the Crown which Canada and Ontario must abide.	The environmental assessment will include addressing potential effects of the Webequie Supply Road on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. This will include considering the supply road in combination with reasonably foreseeable mining and other projects in the Ring of Fire. The study will provide a balanced assessment of such effects on all potentially affected parties and their interests, including Indigenous communities, private stakeholders, the public, and the mandates of provincial and federal government ministries and agencies.
TNA-2	General	The Chief and Council system is an extension of the Canadian government. Any 'agreements' signed between Canada/Ontario/Industrial company and the Chief and Councils are between Canada and Canada when Treaty right holders are not included. Such 'agreements' must be reflective of Treaty, in this case Treaty 9. Head men were recognized as leaders in the Treaties before the Canadian Chief and Council system was in place. The representatives of the Crown asked for Head men (leaders). These Head men (and their families) used the constitution of the Sacred pipe according to the inherent laws of the Omushkegowuk to protect future generations. These Head men that signed the Treaties represented their families and their people. They represented their constitution (the sacred pipe) according to the inherent laws of the Omushkegowuk Nation. Today, there are many families and descendants of Head men which are a continuation of those Head men (our ancestors) that signed the Treaties including Treaty 9 adhesions. As the Crown recognized Head men (Treaty signatories), the families today and the descendants are the Treaty rights holders who are the true decision makers. We do not accept Canada and Ontario's version of any consultation and consent protocol. The families and the descendants of Treaty signatories who were represented by Head men have their own protocol on consultation and consent based on the sacred circle and the inherent laws of their Nations. These families and descendants of Head men have their ancestral lands and areas to which they still utilize their inherit rights and Treaty promises. The rivers in the proposed Ring of Fire belt are connecting to Omushkegowuk communities.	All community members have the opportunity to provide information and feedback on the Project, and the Project Team would be pleased to receive the input of descendants of hereditary leaders as part of the project's engagement and consultation program. The Terms of Reference identifies the primary points at which formal opportunities for input will be provided, but such contributions are welcome at any point during the study process through the Contact page of the project website (http://www.supplyroad.ca), including directly to the Project Team contacts identified on the website.
TNA-3	General	At this time there should be no industrial activities being done on ancestral and Treaty lands of Indigenous Nations, nor should there be any negotiations or decisions being made due to Indigenous communities having to deal with lockdowns and crises in light of the pandemic and due to Indigenous Nations having their own view of consultation and consent reflective of Treaty. We do not accept any imposed deadlines. Again, the clauses in the WSR ToR document are not reflective of Treaty and is unacceptable.	The Webequie Project Team (WPT) has heard the concerns from some Indigenous communities regarding the timeline to provide comments on the ToR, including requests for extensions, and suspension of the process. We are very sensitive and aware that, at this time, many Indigenous communities have declared a state of emergency or taken other measures to protect community health and safety. We appreciate the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal review and consultation processes. Webequie will continue its engagement efforts with communities during the ToR review process in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included, and will continue to include, offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, ToR summary documents, and requests to meet virtually with communities. These engagement opportunities continue to be available to Omushkegowuk communities and other communities to take part in, if interested. The WPT also welcome any opportunity to understand what methods of engagement might be acceptable to Omushkegowuk communities at this time.
TNA-4	General	Treaty 9 Alliance has not seen any comprehensive translations into Indigenous languages (Inninimowin and Anishnawbemowin) including in syllabics. This is a lengthy process. Elders and Indigenous people who only speak in their own languages must understand these terms in its entirety, and that is impossible with only English language both oral and written. Please note that such translations do not constitute consultation or consent, including any social media sessions.	We would invite you to visit our project website, http://www.supplyroad.ca, to download our translated documents related to the Terms of Reference. We are also hosting a periodic series of Wawatay Radio call-in shows with real-time Cree translation. Other opportunities for real-time translation into other languages are being explored on an ongoing basis.

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MC – (Unsigned), February 23, 2021

Item No.	ToR Section	Comment Received	Project Team Response
MUC-0	General	February 23, 2021 Re: Mushkegowuk Council Comments on Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Draft Terms of Reference Webequie Falls First Nation (WFN) has prepared a Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the proposed Webequie Supply Road project. The proposed Webequie Supply Road will be an all-season road corridor approximately 107 km in length from Webequie First Nation to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the Project. As part of the submission process, the WFN is seeking the input of Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons. The table below summarizes Mushkegowuk Council's comments on the proposed Terms of Reference for this EA. We support the WFN's adoption of the Three-Tier Framework to carry out the project and when engaging with Webequie's neighbouring Indigenous communities. We agree that this approach can help ensure that any proposed development projects will be viewed through a lens that seeks to enhance the well-being of all affected communities, preserve the Indigenous culture of communities and ensure fair sharing of benefits from the land. We also support the proposed 'Elder's Principles' approach to consultation. We have several concerns and suggestions below that we offer in an effort to help improve the ToR and ultimately the assessment process. We note that the purpose of the Project is to create an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario, an area that is considered part of northern Ontario's so-called Ring of Fire region. It is therefore important that the project impact statement clearly show how this project contributes to sustainability objectives in the region and is needed by: 1) WFN; 2) Other First Nations given roles and responsibilities under Treaty No. 9; and 3) the public interest. We submit that the EA must take a holistic view and not artificially divide topics associated with the well-being of the Omushkego People. Many of the environmental, social and economic issues to be considered are deeply interconnected and must be treated as such. For instance, any economic benefits of industrial development must be weighed against the associated environmental and social impacts, which could have serious consequences for our local subsistence economies and our spiritual connection with the land and waters. The goal of the assessment should be to advance the overall well-being of local communities. Whether resources end of benefitting local people or leading to adversity, suffering and ecological decline has everything to do with how well resource development is planned and managed. The Mushkegowuk Council can appreciate and fully understand the desire for economic development and employment opportunities and thus the desire to build an access road from WFN to McFaulds Lake. However, the project description states that this single project will ultimately be part of an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway system to "ensure/maximize the viability of mine developments". As the road is intended to help facilitate mining development in the region, the Council believes strongly that the Webequie Supply Road EA should not proceed until the Ring of Fire Regional Assessment (RA), which is slated to begin in 2021, is completed. The RA has a stated goal of providing "information and analysis regarding future developments in the Ring of Fire area and their potential effects in order to inform and improve impact assessments and other planning and decision-making processes in a way that helps protect the environmental, health, cultural, social and economic conditions of the area while also creating opportunities for sustainable economic development" (emphasis added). Thus there can be no doubt that the project-level environmental assessment of the Webequie Supply Road would benefit enormously from the prior completion of the Regional Assessment. The RA will be better suited to address broader, regional issues that will not be considered at a project level. To fully benefit from the more holistic and comprehensive analysis that will be conducted through the Ring of Fire regional assessment, the Webequie Supply Road EA should be postponed until the RA has been carried out.	Thank you for your letter dated February 23, 2021. We note that the subject line in the letter refers to comments on the "Draft" Terms of Reference and, with exception of the removal of one comment, the substance of the comments provided is essentially what was provided in your November 6, 2019 letter with the same subject line. Therefore, in this letter, we have reiterated the information in our March 2020 responses to your November 2019 comments, supplemented with new information where appropriate. We also note that the covering letter for your February 23, 2021 submission contains many of the points made in the attendant table of comments. Therefore, we have addressed those points in our response table, rather than here.

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		For instance, construction of the Webequie Supply Road, the Marten Falls Community Access Road and other activities associated with mining development in the Ring of Fire could have cumulative impacts that are significant, long-lasting and widespread throughout the region. Cumulative effects assessments are often done poorly at the project-specific level, which is why it is so important that they are assessed at the regional level. A regional assessment is meant to take place at earlier stages of the decision-making cycle to inform project-level EAs within the region. The RA takes a broad level of analysis and focuses on cross-sector links and issues. A project-level EA will likely not capture important and complex considerations such as how impacts from the Webequie Supply Road will be layered upon existing and expected cumulative effects in the region and how these can best be mitigated. In short, the Mushkegowuk Council believes the order of the two assessments needs to be reversed. It makes little sense to conduct a project-level EA immediately prior to a planned regional assessment and we feel strongly that a moratorium should be placed on any development activities in the region before the RA has been completed. As we are a downstream and down-muskeg community, the combined effects of a significant increase in industrial activities and the effects of a changing climate could considerably impact our wildlife, waterways and wetlands, which we depend on for our way of life. In addition, the James Bay Lowlands sequester more than 12 megatons of carbon dioxide each year. (For comparison, Ontario's annual emissions are around 170 megatons.) Worldwide, peatlands store three times as much carbon as boreal and tropical forests combined and the high-density carbon of the Hudson Bay Lowland provides one-tenth of the cooling effects of the world's peatlands. We have concerns about the insufficiency of the instructions to "provide a qualitative description of a project's positive or negative impacts on carbon sinks, including from the removal and alteration of wetlands," considering the disproportionate value of the peatland systems in the region for carbon storage. Proponents should make every effort to conduct a climate impact analysis using the excellent information that has been gathered by the Ontario Forest Research Institute and expertise within this research unit. Mushkegowuk Council also recommends adding to the ToR the review and analysis of caribou crossing data with western science and traditional knowledge experts to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing. The completed study is to be reviewed by all directly and indirectly impacted First Nations communities so that concerns can be addressed and taken into consideration for the road design. Mushkegowuk proposes as well that a terrestrial advisory group comprised of local, downstream and down muskeg First Nations, harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and the proponent be established to review detailed design and construction phases so as to avoid or mitigate potential effects to Treaty lands and Aboriginal rights. Finally, the ToR is silent on the complexity of the hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands, one of the world's largest wetlands and carbon sinks. According to western science, very little is known about the interconnectivity of the James Bay Lowlands hydrology, yet Mushkegowuk Cree Elders have cautioned that the Lowlands are deeply interconnected with underground rivers and streams not yet visible in aerial photos. Moreover, researchers with University of Waterloo have found that variations to water tables in the James Bay Lowlands either due to climate change and/or dewatering activities such as mining, road construction have a direct link to increased methylmercury levels. Therefore, Mushkegowuk is requesting an in-depth fulsome field Wetland Regional Study carried out by independent researchers as one of the critical baseline studies for this EA. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment. Sincerely,	

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MUC-1	Section 1.3 Project Background and Context	Project Background and Context The Proponent relies on past and incomplete Environmental Impact Statement or and Environmental Assessment Report (EIS/EAR) from Noront Resources which initially included an all-season road connection to the provincial highway system. Mushkegowuk is concerned Noront may be intentionally breaking key components of its Eagle's Nest project by allowing this proposed all-season road component to be transferred to the Proponent in order to avoid detailed assessment about the potential impacts as a whole. Therefore, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA be amended to include as co-Proponent, the actual user of the road, Noront Resources or alternatively, the proposed project to be amended delete all references to the previous studies in Section 1.3 that are intended to "provide the foundation for the development of the proposed Webequie Supply Road". By excluding the actual user of the proposed all-season road, Mushkegowuk is unable to understand the volume of mining related hauling, trucking of materials and supplies, transportation of dangerous goods, transportation of workers and the negative effects on wildlife, air quality, water management and spill contingencies. In addition, Mushkegowuk Council was not consulted on any of the referenced studies in Section 1.3 and has no actual knowledge of the ecosystemic effects of all proposed corridors and is unable to carry out a proper assessment of the downstream and down muskeg impacts of its member communities on the James Bay coast.	The WSR does not facilitate mine development or mining activities in the McFaulds Lake area, and is not considered an ancillary activity to any existing or future mining development. The road is intended as a transportation corridor to facilitate the movement of goods and services between Webequie and the mineral exploration activities and potential mining activities in the McFaulds Lake area. It is not intended to be used exclusively by any one developer. Revisions have been made to Section 1.0 of the ToR to provide clarity.	There still appears to be some confusion as to the purpose of the Webequie Supply Road, which is stated in several places in the ToR, and for which clarification has been provided in the ToR. For additional clarity, the Webequie Supply Road should not be confused with the East-West Road previously proposed by Noront to provide a connection between the Eagle's Nest Mine to the provincial highway network at Pickle Lake. As stated in Section 1.4.2 of the ToR (Rationale for the Undertaking), the supply road could be constructed and operated as a facility that only provides a connection between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area to serve mineral exploration and future mining development, with no connection to the provincial highway system. Further, even in the event that an all-season road connection between the McFaulds Lake area and the provincial highway network is established, the Webequie Supply Road will not be used to haul mineral ores or mine products, as there is no viable direct transportation connection between Webequie and markets for these materials.
MUC-2	Section 1.4 Purpose and Rationale For the Undertaking and Study	Purpose and Rationale For the Undertaking and Study Section 1.4.1 refers to the goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road which includes "To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area." Given that there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, which would normally include anticipated impacts of the proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis, Mushkegowuk requests that the first objective in Section 1.4.1 be entirely deleted. In addition, please delete "The EA Study for the Project will assess corridor alternatives and complete and effects assessment and evaluation of the selected preferred corridor for the all-season road and supporting infrastructure elements, which include aggregate extraction and processing areas, access roads, laydown / storage yards and construction camps." Finally, subsection 1.4.2 which provides the Rationale for the Undertaking must be entirely deleted for reasons stated above. No environmental assessment process should allow for the carving out of mining related infrastructure to third party having limited knowledge of planned mining activities.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 has been revised to provide clarity in this regard.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-3	Section 3.2 Approach for Preparation of the Environmental Assessment	Indication of How the Environmental Assessment is to be Prepared The Proponent proposes the project alternatives have been considered, given the studies referred to in Section 1.3. As indicated, the Noront EIS/EAR is incomplete and is currently outdated. Moreover, Noront has never formally consulted with Mushkegowuk Council but has occasionally engaged on a few presentations with no opportunity for input. All studies referred to in Section 1.3 have not been shared with Mushkegowuk Council and its potentially impacted First Nation communities. All engagement with Noront has been limited to information sharing with no opportunity for meaningful input. Thus, project alternatives must be identified as part of this EA process and the Proponent should not be permitted to proceed as a focused EA under subsections 6(2) and 6.1(3) because the First Nations communities represented here by Mushkegowuk Council have no knowledge of the Project details.	The background studies summarized in the draft ToR are included to provide historical context for the development of all-season road planning in the region. The Project Team has not placed absolute reliance on any of the preceding work for either consideration of the alternatives to the Undertaking or the development of alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking. In the latter regard, reliance has been placed primarily on input received from Webequie community members,	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.

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			including as part of its own Community Based Land Use Plan process. For example, Section 5.1.2.3 of the ToR clearly indicates that Webequie First Nation's Local Working Group conducted its own thought process on all-season road planning in the vicinity of the community, independently of consultation that was occurring on other studies, but for the purposes of contributing to those studies: "In 2017, concurrently with the ASCRS - Phase 2 work, the Webequie First Nation conducted an initial examination of alternative corridors between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area at a conceptual level, building on the past aforementioned studies and using a community-based land use planning approach. This input involved … a community-based evaluation of route alternatives guided by the Webequie First Nation's Local Working Group, made up of community members of land users, harvesters, Elders, knowledge holders and youth representatives……The WFN Local Working Group identified sensitivities and features of value for protection that should be avoided, derived from Indigenous Knowledge information and mapping, such as significant hunting areas for moose and caribou and known sacred, burial or spiritual significant sites, as well as respect for land use activities that are shared with neighbouring First Nation communities…… The outcome from this community-based evaluation was provided to Noront and, along with input Noront received from other communities, was the basis for the preliminary preferred East-West corridor, as described in the 2013 Noront Draft EIS/EAR for the Eagle's Nest Mine." The Webequie Project Team believes that the community based land use planning process, bolstered by the scope and results of other all-season road planning studies in the region,	

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			provide the basis for proceeding with a focused environmental assessment. There are member First Nations of Mushkegowuk Council (Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation) that are included as part of the list of twenty-two (22) Indigenous communities that are to be consulted on the Webequie Supply Road Project, and have received available project details as part of the WSR engagement and consultation program completed to date.	
MUC-4	Section 4.1.1 Preliminary Design Criteria	Preliminary Design Criteria Proponent assumes a low Annual Average Daily Traffic volume less than 500 vehicles. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent provides more information on how it is obtaining this volume and furthermore, defines the type of vehicles. The Proponent is required to know the volume of vehicles as opposed to making assumptions. The onus is on the Proponent to demonstrate any predicted adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects will be prevented, mitigated, or managed. We cannot proceed with an arbitrary assumption of vehicle volume. Instead, we will require a detailed breakdown of how volume and weight of vehicles are obtained. In addition, this subsection gives no consideration to the road design as a potential barrier to caribou or other large mammal movements. Therefore, Mushkegowuk Council recommends the completion of analysis of caribou crossing data to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing.	Traffic forecasting requires details on traffic generation and attraction nodes and the number of trips originating from and destined to those nodes. Currently, known future nodes include only the community of Webequie and the Noront mineral exploration (Esker) camp. Given the supply road purpose, the volume of vehicles using the road is expected to be low, with an Annual Average Daily Traffic volume of less than 500 vehicles. The road will facilitate use by a range of traffic types, including light vehicles and heavier industrial/commercial vehicles. It should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. The specific traffic mix (%) of heavy vehicles (e.g., trucks) versus light vehicles will be further examined in the EA. Section 4.1.1 of the ToR has been revised to provide further details on the preliminary design criteria for the WSR. The current ToR provides the basis for designing the road. It is acknowledged that, given the soil and terrain in the James Bay Lowlands, caribou and other large mammals will likely have to cross the proposed supply road. The potential for related adverse effects and measures for reducing such potential will be examined during the EA phase. To date, baseline studies to inform this assessment have included winter aerial surveys to determine location and movement, and summer calving surveys in the vicinity of the preliminary preferred road corridor (refer to Section 6.2.3). Additional investigations will include an analysis of projected animal crossing locations and a determination of the most appropriate means of reducing the potential for animal-vehicle collisions.	With respect to traffic volumes, there is no new information to add to our March 2020 response. In the context of supplementing caribou data in the project area, we can advise you that a caribou collaring study (CCS) has been initiated for the purposes of further characterizing baseline conditions for caribou at the sub-range scale, informing the engineering design of the road, and assessing the potential effects of the WSR Project. The first stage of the work (collaring of ~30 healthy adult females) was completed in early March 2021. Prior to collar deployment, approval from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Animal Care Committee; a Wildlife Scientific Collectors Permit under the Ontario *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, 1997; a permit under the Ontario *Endangered Species Act*, 2007; and a permit under the federal Species at Risk Act were obtained. As with other caribou-related data, the CCS results will be included in the EA documentation for review by Indigenous communities as part of the draft and final Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. Input from those reviews will help inform Detail Design of the supply road, as appropriate. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Species at Risk Branch has recommended the duration and types of caribou surveys that are needed to fully characterize existing conditions and to assess project effects on caribou.

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MUC-5	Section 4.2 Components and Activities of the Project	Components and Activities of the Project Mushkegowuk Council recommends adding the review and analysis of caribou crossing data with western science and traditional knowledge experts to determine appropriate mitigation measures such as sloping, grain size and top-dressing. The completed study is to be reviewed by all directly and indirectly impacted First Nations communities so that concerns be addressed and taken into considerations for the road design. Moreover, the road impacts must be monitored during all phases of the said project, including maintenance, closure or decommissioning phases by a terrestrial advisory group comprised of impacted First Nations community harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent. Mushkegowuk Council has aquatic environment concerns and to this end, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent includes the following component: "To provide baseline monthly methylmercury concentrations for an entire year prior to commencing any work related to the said project." Also, include the following activity: "Monitor and report to the terrestrial advisory group, methylmercury and impacts to fish on a monthly basis for all phases of the project, including the decommissioning or closure phase."	Please refer to Response MUC-4 for an indication of caribou analyses that will be conducted during the EA. Related study results will be included in the EA documentation for review by Indigenous communities as part of the draft and final Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement. Input from those reviews will help inform Detail Design of the supply road, as appropriate. Mitigation, environmental protection planning and pre-construction/construction/operations phase monitoring requirements and initiatives (including water quality and fish community monitoring) and prospective participants will be identified as part of the EA.	With respect to further review and analysis of caribou crossing data to inform design of the Webequie Supply Road, please refer to Response MUC-4 for information on the caribou collaring study that has been initiated in winter 2021. An additional authorization for effects on caribou under the Ontario *Endangered Species Act*, 2007 may be required to actually implement the Project after completion of the environmental assessment. In addition to general environmental protection/mitigation and monitoring commitments made during the EA phase, it is expected that this authorization will impose conditions related to compliance and effects monitoring during the construction and operations phases (and abandonment/closure, if applicable) relative to specific mitigation commitments and actions to be taken for the overall benefit of caribou. Note also that First Nation communities will have the opportunity to discuss and review mitigation measures, and we would invite discussions with Indigenous Knowledge experts during the EA.
MUC-6	Section 4.3.1 Construction Phase	Construction Phase The Proponent proposes discussions between Indigenous communities during the construction phase. Mushkegowuk proposes that a terrestrial advisory group comprised of local, downstream and down muskeg First Nations, harvesters, land users, regulatory officials and Proponent be established to review detailed design and construction phases so to avoid or mitigate potential effects to Treaty lands and Aboriginal rights.	Engagement with individual First Nation communities and groups, including land users and regulators, with respect to construction is an important aspect of EA engagement. Consideration of how engagement is conducted during the construction phase is to be determined.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-7	Section 4.3.2 Operation and Maintenance Phase	Operation and Maintenance Phase The Proponent proposes this EA to commence without any information related to the Webequie Supply Road (Project) about the Project operator, governance, funding sources and operator's experience. The stated objective is to carry out routine inspections to "ensure the road meets the minimum standards for roadside safety and is a reliable connection to allow for the movement of materials, supplies and people from WFN in support of mineral exploration and mine developments…"(emphasis ours). Although the operator of the WSR is unknown at this time, the EA will require detailed information to ensure sufficient funding sources and operator experience are at hand to avoid / minimize potential accidents or malfunction from occurring. For example, knowing the name of the operator provides insight into their spill contingency plans, oil pollution emergency plans and emergency response plans. By omitting the name of the operator, the funding sources and timeframe, operator's experience, jurisdictional aspects of the Project, Mushkegowuk is unable to properly assess the risks, and the mitigation plans. As a result, Mushkegowuk recommends that this EA do not proceed until such time as the Proponent is able to accurately provide detailed information to these information gaps.	Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR. Section 1 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarification in this regard.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response. In our experience, it is not necessary to have detailed information on ownership or funding to complete the EA phase of a project. Commitments made during the EA phase regarding environmental protection, mitigation and monitoring will become legal requirements upon acceptance and approval of the EA and must be adhered to by the proponent(s) assuming responsibility for construction and operation of the supply road.
MUC-8	Section 4.3.3 Decommissioning Phase	Decommissioning Phase Mushkegowuk is concerned that no information about WSR's operational funding is forthcoming. Sufficient funding is required to ensure the safe operations of this Project in the ecological sensitive region of the	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development,	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.

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		James Bay Lowlands. Accordingly, if sufficient and long-term funding is unavailable for the life of the Project, Mushkegowuk recommends that the said road be immediately decommissioned and closed.	including funding for operation of the supply road. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	
MUC-9	Section 5.1 Range of Alternatives Considered	Range of Alternatives Considered As stated above, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, tonnage to be hauled daily. Hence, Mushkegowuk requests the first stated primary objective in Section 5.1.1 be entirely deleted. Mushkegowuk recommends adding the 'Do nothing' alternative to be considered in the Terms of Reference. In addition, please add the 'Do nothing' alternatives in subsection 5.1.1.6. and delete the last paragraph of this subsection in its entirety, beginning with "Therefore, in keeping….". In the Community Based Land Use Plan, Webequie First Nation (WFN) is said to engage in a consultative approach with adjacent First Nations. However, WFN has not consulted nor engaged the coastal James and Hudson Bay First Nations impacted by the bulk of the stated primary objective, namely mining and aggregate excavation in the James Bay Lowlands (see Segment 3 and Segment 4 in Subsection 5.5). Moreover, WFN has not consulted with down-muskeg and downstream coastal First Nations communities. Accordingly, all questions offered to adjacent First Nations for their consideration were for most part, upstream First Nations thereby excluding downstream and down muskeg responses. Although the coastal First Nations are not immediately adjacent to WFN, they will be impacted by mining and mining related activities.	The purpose of the WSR, as stated in Section 1.4 and reflected in Section 5.1, is to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. In addition, the road could be used for other economic opportunities between Webequie and McFaulds Lake area. An interconnection with the provincial highway system is not necessary to facilitate the WSR. Section 1.4.2 of the ToR has been revised to provide clarification in this regard. Refer also to Response MUC-2. The ToR includes an assessment of alternatives to the Undertaking, including the Do nothing option. Both Section 5.1.1.6 and Section 5.6 commit to carrying the Do nothing alternative forward as a comparator in the EA study for the purposes of assessing the overall advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the preferred method of implementing the Project. Throughout the Terms of Reference process, WFN is committed to engaging with potentially affected Mushkegowuk First Nation communities (initially identified as Attawapiskat First Nation, Fort Albany First Nation and Kashechewan First Nation – refer also to Response MUC-3). This process is ongoing as we seek to meet with each individual FN community at their availability.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response. The project schedule and engagement mechanisms are being adapted to achieve safe and effective consultation during the COVID-19 pandemic and will be further adjusted to suit the transition back to what may constitute normal conditions for the Project Team to visit communities.
MUC-10	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts We suggest additional consideration be brought forward regarding the possible impacts arising from variability of water table levels leading to increased levels of methylmercury. Water table levels do change in mining dewatering activities and other types of excavation associated with linear infrastructure such as roads. Specifically, what would happen to the complex aquatic environment in the ecological pristine region of the James Bay and Hudson Bay lowlands if water table variability would occur as a direct effect of development. Moreover, what is the cumulative effects of opening the Ring of Fire region to multiple mining companies on the integrity of the lowlands and critical ecosystem services as a carbon sink.	Potential effects to groundwater quality, flow and quantity as a result of the Project and its interaction with other components such as the aquatic environment or surface water will be examined in the EA. A preliminary discussion of potential effects to groundwater from the anticipated construction and operation activities of the Project are presented in Section 7.1.2 of the ToR.	As indicated in our March 2020 response, the Webequie Project Team appreciates the stated concerns with respect to potential impacts to groundwater resources. Potential impacts to groundwater resources, peatlands and associated levels of methylmercury will be considered in the EA, including where applicable specific mitigation measures. As an example, to reduce potential impacts to groundwater resources from the roadbed excavation the road profile may follow the existing ground elevation to the greatest extent possible. In addition, as an example, pits and quarries that may involve temporary groundwater dewatering

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				during their operations may be specified as shallow excavations to reduce potential impacts to groundwater. Additionally, as another example, where peat is shallow it may be replaced with suitable fill and need only very local and temporary dewatering; or where peat or organics are of significant depth, they may be left in place to address potential effects and the road performance managed through the use of geogrid and granular layer combinations as road foundation to facilitate load spread.
MUC-11	Section 5.5 Supply Road Alternatives Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment	Supply Road Alternatives Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment Segment 3 as shown on Figure 5.11 is described as the east-west section across the James Bay Lowlands area. This area is within the Treaty lands of the First Nations communities of Mushkegowuk. Segment 4, again is within the Treaty lands of Mushkegowuk First Nations. Segment 4 crosses the major historical Muketei River which leads directly downstream to the Mushkegowuk First Nation community of Attawapiskat. Yet, no Mushkegowuk community based considerations as outlined in Table 5-2 has been collected or solicited. Mushkegowuk underscores this WSR project should not proceed as a separate project from the Noront EA because information gaps of the intended mining activities at Eagle's Nest are and will be significant.	The determination of impacts from the proposed supply road on indigenous communities, including down-muskeg and downstream communities and land users in the James Bay Lowlands, will be examined in detail through the EA process. In order to conduct a comprehensive and accurate assessment, we welcome input in the form of information and comments from all interested parties, including Mushkegowuk communities. We encourage Mushkegowuk communities to come forward to make arrangements for additional engagement. Text in the ToR has been revised to provide further details on the preliminary potential effects of the Project (Section 7). With respect to integration of the Webequie Supply Road with the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EAs, the draft ToR states the Project Team's understanding of Noront's intent to exclude an all-season road from the scope of the mine proposal when its EA is restarted, so this transportation component cannot be integrated. As part of a cumulative effects assessment, the WSR EA study will include consideration of the Noront mining activities, as well as other existing and future developments in the region that may reasonably be expected to occur and interact with the WSR Project. Text has been revised in the ToR (formerly Section 5.5) to provide greater clarity.	To further clarify the scope of the cumulative effects assessment ("CEA"), including in the context of potential development of the Ring of Fire Area, the CEA will include the following projects and activities: › mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. In addition, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area, conducted under the auspices of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, the consideration of possible mitigation and

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				enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment.
MUC-12	Section 6.1 Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Study Area	Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Study Area The Proponent indicates that it is not possible to"… illustrate the location or bounds of a number of features and sensitivities, including First Nations' traditional territories…". In so doing, the Proponent is not referencing Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territory in this draft Terms of Reference. Please amend to include "Mushkegowuk traditional and Treaty territories" to the opening paragraph. Project footprint: Please amend to read: "established to identify areas of direct and downstream and down muskeg disturbance" and delete "i.e., the physical area required for construction and operation of the Project". Local Study Area (LSA): Please amend to read: "established to assess the potential direct, downstream and down-muskegs effects of the Project on the local environment and James Bay Lowlands." Finally, please delete the last sentence of subsection prior to the Caribou Study Area beginning with : "For example, the study area for assessing terrestrial biological effects (e.g., caribou migration) will likely be more extensive than the hydrological study areas." This is required because of the complex and largely understudied hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands region. Please refer to our recommendation in Mushkegowuk – 24 for the preliminary identification of evaluation criteria.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response, other than that presented in Response MUC-24 with respect to the additional opportunities to comment on the proposed project evaluation criteria and indicators, and study areas for Valued Components, thus contributing to their refinement. At this point, the Webequie Project Team does not see the need to revise the definitions of the generic Project Footprint, Local or Regional Study Areas.
MUC-13	Section 6.2 Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Data Collection Methodology	Existing Environmental Conditions in the Study Area – Data Collection Methodology The draft Terms of Reference is silent on the complexity of the hydrology of the James Bay Lowlands, one of the world's largest wetlands and carbon sink. According to western science, very little is known about the interconnectivity of the James Bay Lowlands hydrology yet Mushkegowuk Cree Elders have cautioned that the Lowlands are deeply interconnected with underground rivers and streams not yet visible in aerial photos. Moreover, researchers with University of Waterloo have found that variations to water tables in the James Bay Lowlands either due to climate change and / or dewatering activities such as mining, road construction have a direct link to increased methylmercury levels. Therefore, Mushkegowuk requires subsection 6.2.1 be amended to include an in-depth fulsome field Wetland Regional Study carried out by independent by either McGill or Waterloo universities as one of critical baseline studies. **Summer Caribou Calving Survey:** Additional survey should be carried out by drones as opposed to helicopters due to the invasive impacts of the motor noise which creates undue hardship and stressors of the caribou population. **Aquatic Habitat Surveys:** Survey to include downstream and down-muskeg points and not limited to at or near proposed crossings because of possible effects. Additional wetland related surveys would include Vascular Plants and Aquatic Invertebrates using both field surveys and bathymetric maps with additional study requirement informed by university wetland researchers having existing studies of the James Bay Lowlands.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-14	Section 6.2.3 Socio-Economic Environment	Socio-Economic Environment Information must include the socio-economic environment of the Mushkegowuk coastal First Nations communities by direct consultation.	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	Socio-economic information will be collected from the Mushkegowuk coastal First Nations using direct consultation and engagement methods which will include community surveys, focus groups, and key information interviews, depending on the community's preferences and levels of comfort with these methods.

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MUC-15	Section 6.2.4 Cultural Environment	Cultural Environment Amend by including the following: "A key data source will be WFN and other Indigenous communities, including the coastal indigenous communities of Attawapiskat, Peawanuck, Fort Albany and Kashechewan, for information on traditional land use areas, sacred sites and other cultural aspects."	The Project Team recognizes and values data from all communities, including the James Bay coastal communities.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-16	Section 6.2.5 Published Sources of Information	Published Sources of Information Add to the preliminary published sources of information the following: 1.Carbon Storage and Potential Methane Projection in Hudson Bay Lowlands by Ontario Forest Research Institute; 2. Effects of a changing climate on Peatlands in Permafrost: A Literature Review and Application to Ontario's Far North – by Climate Change Research Report CCRR-34; 3. Hydrological functions of mine-impacted and natural peatland-dominated watershed, James Bay Lowlands – Journal of Hydrology September 2015; 4. Mercury Studies among Cree of Eeyou Istchee – March 2005	The additional preliminary published sources of information have been added to Section 6.5.1 of the ToR.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-17	Section 6.3 Natural Environment	Natural Environment Amend the second sentence of the subsection General Environmental Setting as such: "This ecozone is known for the Precambrian bedrock, as well as many wetlands and large rivers and streams, which flow to Hudson Bay and James Bay (Charron et al, 2014). Also see Figure 6.2." Because no regional wetland study is available to inform this proposed EA process, the reference indicating the "streams are connected to the overburden aquifer and are not typically connected to deeper bedrock aquifers" should be deleted. There is at present, no supporting evidence for this assertion in the LSA. In addition, please amend the first sentence to subsection 6.3.4 to read as following: "The Study Area is located within the Big Trout Lake Ecoregion (Ecoregion 2W), a large ecoregion stretching from the Manitoba border to the Hudson and James Bay Lowlands."	Section 6.1 (formally Section 6.3) in the ToR has been revised to include the suggested references to James Bay.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-18	Section 6.3.8 Air Quality	Air Quality The Proponent proposes to evaluate potential emission sources against regulatory standards. Yet, if approved, WSR will generate significant sources of human induced air emission, like dust and diesel / gas emissions in an ecological sensitive and sparsely populated region. There are no nearby air monitoring stations and the proposed Thunder Bay station is located upwind from the project location. Mushkegowuk recommends the Proponent prepare an Air Quality and Dustfall Monitoring Plan with dustfall sampling methods and reporting for review by all impacted indigenous communities through the suggested terrestrial advisory group. Also, provide sampling methodology of air pollutants and compare with existing Nunavut air quality standards (as opposed to Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria which is not adapted for this subarctic region) along with ECCC recommended federal targets. Also, please amend to include an ecological risk assessment to consider ingestion of contaminants of dust and other air pollutants as a pathway for all wildlife, including the caribou and other species at risk.	The comments regarding potential effects to air quality and wildlife related to dust, diesel/gas emissions have been considered and are reflected in the revised Section 7.1.4 and Section 7.1.8 of the ToR.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-19	Section 6.4.6 Land and Resource Use	Land and Resource Use The Proponent acknowledges shared territory with other First Nations such as Peawanuck and Attawapiskat. Mushkegowuk reiterates this assertion and as the Proponent indicated, no maps of the shared territory will be provided for confidentiality reasons.	In order to ensure a high quality, complete and accurate EA, it is important to have information from all potentially affected communities, including Mushkegowuk First Nations. If mapping is not to be provided, please advise what other forms of information you are prepared to make available to facilitate the impact assessment.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-20	Section 7 Potential Environmental Effects	Potential Environmental Effects Please add to Table 7-1 to the third bullet (Construction of supportive infrastructure) as Potential Effects: "Barriers to caribou migration routes and disruption to calving grounds" and "water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish". Please add "water table variability and increased methylmercury in fish" in fourth and fifth bullets of Project Activity as an additional Potential Effects.	Table 7-1 is no longer included in the ToR. Potential effects with respect to connectivity, distribution and movement of wildlife, including caribou; and potential adverse effects to groundwater or fish/fish habitat are reflected in	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.

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			the revised Sections 7.1.2, 7.1.4 and 7.1.6 of the ToR.	
MUC-21	Section 7.3 Cultural Environment	Cultural Environment Please amend at page 118 the following paragraph to read: "To assess potential effects on the above noted cultural environment aspects, the EA will draw upon Indigenous Knowledge information gathered through consultation with Webequie community members, Elders and other potentially impacted First Nations." This amendment is necessary as Mushkegowuk's First Nations communities Treaty rights may be potentially affected by this Project. Also, please delete the following "(assumed to be WFN)" in the first bullet of the last paragraph at the bottom of page 118.	The specific text in Section 7.3 has been deleted and revised to provide greater clarity.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-22	Section 8 Approach to Assessment and Evaluation	Approach to Assessment and Evaluation Segments 3 and 4 are located on the James Bay Lowlands, the Treaty territory of the Mushkegowuk's First Nations communities. The second paragraph of Section 8 indicates a consultation process for "neighbouring First Nations" as opposed to potentially impacted First Nations. Accordingly, it is recommended to the Proponent to commit to consultation with potentially impacted First Nations and not limited to "neighbouring First Nations".	Please refer to Response MUC-11.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-23	Section 8.1 Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives As stated in Mushkegowuk – 9, there is no information as to the nature of the mining activities, normally included as part of the anticipated impacts of any proposed mining operations such as the size of pits, type of mining operations, the amount of tonnage to be hauled on a daily basis. Mushkegowuk requests that the Proponent not proceed under a focused EA in accordance with subsections 6(2) (c)and 6.1(3). Moreover, Mushkegowuk recommends adding the Do nothing alternative to be added to this subsection.	Please refer to Response MUC-2 with respect to the purpose of the Project and Response MUC-3 with respect to the justification for a focused EA.	With respect to the inclusion of the Do Nothing alternative in the assessment of project effects, the ToR commits to carrying this option forward for assessment in two other sections – Section 5.1.1.6 (Preferred Planning Alternative) and Section 5.6 (Alternative Methods Carried Forward for Environmental Assessment).
MUC-24	Section 8.1.1 Evaluation Criteria and Indicators	Evaluation Criteria and Indicators The potential of impacts to the integrity of the wetlands located in the James Bay Lowlands are significant. The cumulative effects of the Project, additional exploration and mining activities and changes to the climate will accelerate the variability of the wetland water tables, leading to possible increased methylmercury levels and premature degradation of the wetlands. Accordingly, Table 8-1 will require a separate Criterion for Wetlands and major indicators to assess potential impacts to the wetlands, including but not limited to water chemistry, water table levels, stream sinuosity, wetland, soil saturation, water marks, drift lines, sediment deposit, drainage patterns and any other hydrologic data necessary to assess the amount of carbon stored in the wetlands. Mushkegowuk reserves the right to suggest additional indicators should this EA progress. **Socio-Economic Environment:** Add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: "Changes to the volume and type of waste in the community landfill including hazardous waste materials, such as fuel cans, batteries, tires, vehicles". Also, please add the following indicator to the Community Health and Well-being: "level of methylmercury in fish in the downstream rivers". **Technical Considerations:** Add the following criterion: Funding Sources	Socio-Economic Indicators have been included in Section 8.3.1 as per comment received.	As part of the engagement and consultation activities to be conducted early in the EA phase, study participants will have additional opportunities to comment on the proposed project evaluation criteria and indicators, and the study areas for Valued Components, thus contributing to their refinement prior to evaluation of project alternatives and the assessment of project effects.
MUC-25	Section 9.2 Commitments and Monitoring	Commitments and Monitoring The Proponent is anticipating to operate the WSR for an indeterminate time period. However, if the Project was part of an EA review process for a mining proponent, the decommissioning of the mining related road would include a monitoring plan in the mine closure plan. Given the primary stated objective of this draft Terms of Reference is to build a mine related road to Noront's project, Mushkegowuk recommends a post closure monitoring plan for the decommissioning phase. In addition, Mushkegowuk recommends that the Proponent consults with potentially impacted First Nations for its monitoring framework and monitoring plans. Mushkegowuk also requests that the purpose of the	With respect to tying the WSR to the proposals of a mining proponent, and related decommissioning of the road, please refer to Response MUC-11. Monitoring frameworks and monitoring plans are a critical component of any EA. It is expected that the WSR EA will address and engage on monitoring for all phases of the project.	It is premature to tie any monitoring aspects to a specific area of the environment in proximity to the Project (i.e., the Local Study Area) during the ToR phase. It is expected that monitoring requirements for the various Valued Components will be established during the EA phase and thereafter (through conditions of permits, licences, approvals and authorizations obtained from authorities having jurisdiction).

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		monitoring plan be stated as follows: "a) to measure the relevant effects of the WSR on the ecosystemic and socio economic environment of the LSA; b) to determine whether and to what extent the project is carried out within the predetermined terms and conditions; c) to provide information necessary for agencies to enforce terms and conditions; and d) to assess the accuracy of the predictions contained in the EA / EIS."		
MUC-26	Section 10.2.1 Engagement and Consultation – Identification of Indigenous Communities	Engagement and Consultation – Identification of Indigenous Communities Please add to Indigenous communities (and we suggest organizations) requiring deepest and most frequent engagement / consultation on page 135: "Mushkegowuk Council"	The Webequie Project Team intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities (including select Mushkegowuk member communities), organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA. Throughout the consultation process, Webequie Project Team is interested in learning more about the potential impacts on Mushkegowuk communities. WFN will follow-up Mushkegowuk Council to further understand their role and objectives in representing their member communities.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.
MUC-27	Section 10.2.21 Government Agencies – Government Review Team	Government Agencies – Government Review Team The water table variations may cause increased levels of methylmercury in fish. Accordingly, Mushkegowuk recommends adding to the Government of Canada review team: "Health Canada"	From draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines prepared by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada ("the Agency"), it is the Webequie Project Team's understanding that matters related to community health and well-being will be part of the federal Impact Assessment for the Project. However, it should be noted that the Agency team engaging with First Nation communities to date has included a staff member from Health Canada, and the Agency can consult with the appropriate federal authorities at its discretion. Please consult Agency staff directly for further details on this matter.	We can also advise you that representatives of Health Canada have been part of the Federal Authority team providing guidance and direction to the Webequie Project Team over the past six months to finalize the study plans that will be used to conduct the impact assessment. In particular, Health Canada experts have provided input to the Human Health component and are expected to be principal reviewers of the Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA), which will include potential effects on country foods such as fish, and the overall Health Impact Assessment, which will incorporate the results of the HHRA.
MUC-28	Section 11 Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances	Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances Include in this Section the following: "Regulator, Proponent or impacted Indigenous communities may reconsider the terms and conditions if the approved Terms and Conditions are not achieving their purpose, or the project effects are significantly different from what was intended or new information is now available."	In accordance with subsection 6.1(1) of the EA Act, WFN recognizes that the EA and the associated EAR/IS must be conducted and prepared in accordance with the approved ToR and that this will need to be documented for compliance. The Terms and Conditions of any EA approval are at the discretion of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and are outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA.	There is no new information to add to our March 2020 response.

Table TT-1 – Letter Received from Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council MC – (Jennifer Wabano), February 24, 2021			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
OWWC-0	General	February 24, 2021 Re: Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference Dear Shannon, Please accept this letter as a response to the Webequie Supply Road (Draft Terms of Reference). We are writing to respond to the above mentioned Terms of Reference. Upon review of the draft, we found it very problematic. The document is a Treaty termination agenda, throughout the document there are clauses that intend to eliminate the Inherent and Treaty rights of Indigenous Nations who would be affected by the Ring of Fire project and the Supply road. The document would only favour the Canadian and provincial governments as well as the Industrial company. Omushkegowuk Inninuwuk who are downstream from the Ring of Fire belt still enjoy their Inherent and Treaty rights on the waters, including fishing rights. The Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council is not in acceptance with the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference. Please note that it was the hereditary leadership that was recognized by the Crown during the time of Treaty signing, Treaty 9 and Adhesion. There was no Chief and Council system set up yet when the Treaties were signed. The representatives of the Crown asked for Head men. Today, there are descendants and community member of these Head men (Treaty 9 signatories) who use the inherent laws of their Nation for any lands and resources matters. Canada and Ontario have their version of consultation and consent which is not Treaty based. Our Water Council does not accept any consultation and consent policy drafted by the Canadian governments. A kind reminder that Canada and Ontario are not above Treaty. The Canadian and Ontario government must honour the Treaties. We thank you for taking the time to read our letter of concern. Miigwetch. Sincerely, Jennifer Wabano Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council	The Webequie Project Team confirms receipt of your letter dated February 24, 2021. We have acknowledged and documented your concerns. We would invite you to visit our project website, http://www.supplyroad.ca, to download our translated documents related to the Terms of Reference. The individual points in your letter are addressed in the response table below. If you have any more comments, concerns, and/or feedback, we encourage you to make written submissions to us. With that said, we look forward to your participation in the environmental assessment.

Table TT-2 – Excerpts from OWWC Letter			
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OWWC-1	General	We are writing to respond to the above mentioned Terms of Reference. Upon review of the draft, we found it very problematic. The document is a Treaty termination agenda, throughout the document there are clauses that intend to eliminate the Inherent and Treaty rights of Indigenous Nations who would be affected by the Ring of Fire project and the Supply road. The document would only favour the Canadian and provincial governments as well as the Industrial company.	The environmental assessment will include addressing potential effects of the Webequie Supply Road on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. This will include considering the supply road in combination with reasonably foreseeable mining and other projects in the Ring of Fire. The study will provide a balanced assessment of such effects on all potentially affected parties and their interests, including Indigenous communities, private stakeholders, the public, and the mandates of provincial and federal government ministries and agencies.
OWWC-2	General	Omushkegowuk Inninuwuk who are downstream from the Ring of Fire belt still enjoy their Inherent and Treaty rights on the waters, including fishing rights. The Omushkegowuk Women's Water Council is not in acceptance with the Webequie Supply Road Draft Terms of Reference.	The environmental impact assessment will include addressing potential effects of the Webequie Supply Road on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, such as the traditional uses of streams and rivers downstream of the Project, including fishing rights.
OWWC-3	General	Please note that it was the hereditary leadership that was recognized by the Crown during the time of Treaty signing, Treaty 9 and Adhesion. There was no Chief and Council system set up yet when the Treaties were signed. The representatives of the Crown asked for Head men. Today, there are descendants and community member of these Head men (Treaty 9 signatories) who use the inherent laws of their Nation for any lands and resources matters.	All community members have the opportunity to provide information and feedback on the Project, and the Project Team would be pleased to receive the input of descendants of hereditary leaders as part of the project's engagement and consultation program. The Terms of Reference identifies the primary points at which formal opportunities for input will be provided, but such contributions are welcome at any point during the study process through the Contact page of the project website (http://www.supplyroad.ca), including directly to the Project Team contacts identified on the website.
OWWC-4	General	Canada and Ontario have their version of consultation and consent which is not Treaty based. Our Water Council does not accept any consultation and consent policy drafted by the Canadian governments.	The Project Team will respect First Nations' engagement and consultation protocols to the degree possible within the parameters established for the environmental assessment.

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NFN – (David Peerla), October 13, 2020

Item No.	ToR Section	Comment Received	Project Team Response
NFN-0		E-mail Addressed to MECP Dated October 13, 2020: Dear Sasha and Shannon, I write as an advisor to the Neskantaga First Nation. For ready reference I have set out above some extracts from Ontario's operational guide to consultation in a COVID19 context. All the attention of the Neskantaga First Nation is currently on the COVID19 emergency. We have written to Ontario[September 23, 2020] and the WSR proponent in the past to request that the WSR EA be paused during the pandemic. Neskantaga cannot properly participate in consultation on the WSR Terms of Reference at this time. During the pandemic, Neskantaga cannot gather its community, elders and knowledge holders, both on and off reserve, to collect all the necessary information to properly understand and express our interests and concerns regarding the WSR Terms of Reference. In short, the pandemic prevents Neskantaga from entering into a meaningful dialogue with the proponent and Ontario. To date, the WSR proponent and Ontario have not provided Neskantaga with an adequate explanation of why they decided to proceed with the consultation process on the TOR during the pandemic. The decision to proceed with consultation on the TOR is not consistent with the Ontario operational guidance on Consultation with Indigenous peoples in COVID19 Context and is not sensitive to the risks the pandemic presents to a remote First Nation like Neskantaga. An August 28, 2020 WSR letter to Neskantaga relies on relaxation of COVID19 protocols and travel restrictions as the rationale for the unilateral decision to submit the TOR. In fact, the Neskantaga COVID19 protocols and travel restrictions during the TOR 60 day comment period made it impossible for Neskantaga to fully participate in any of the various engagement options on offer by WSR. Despite the limitations imposed on us by Ontario and the proponent, we decided to review and comment on the ToR to the extent possible within the time frame provided. General Comments: We are very concerned that proper consultation with Neskantaga will be too late to be effective. Neskantaga's land use options will be permanently altered by the Project as the Webequie Supply Road will bisect Neskantaga's lands and change forever the options for ensuring the continued practice of Neskantaga's way of life on Neskantaga territory. The ToR is a critical strategic document that guides the entirety of the provincial EA. The approval of the ToR for the Project by the Minister is a critical decision regarding the Project's EA and the Project's impacts on Neskantaga's constitutionally- protected rights. This decision cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged, appropriate to the decision point; meaningful consultation has not yet occurred and will not be achieved through an opportunity to comment as a mere stakeholder on these ToR. Before the Project's ToR are approved, an appropriate process for consultation and accommodation must be set out, whether as an adjunct to the EA or otherwise. The Ring of Fire area is poised for significant levels of development in a largely unroaded, undeveloped, pristine wilderness setting with numerous isolated First Nation communities. A proper assessment of the cumulative effects of this larger development on the environment and communities of Ontario's north-west must be undertaken as part of Crown consultation in this EA to address the numerous significant adverse effects that are anticipated to First Nations' interests, communities and members. Neskantaga's view is that the Crown's EA processes, as currently designed, are not adequate to undertake the cumulative effects assessment required to address these issues. A parallel process to address cumulative effects needs to be undertaken, with full First Nations' involvement. The ToR must address this issue of an effective, fulsome cumulative effects assessment.	Thank you for providing the Neskantaga First Nation comments and concerns on the Webequie Supply Road EA Terms of Reference (ToR). The Webequie Project Team has heard the concerns from some Indigenous communities regarding the timeline to provide comments on the ToR, including requests for extensions, and suspension of the process. We are very aware of and sensitive to the fact that, at this time, many Indigenous communities have declared a state of emergency or taken other measures to protect community health and safety. We appreciate the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal review and consultation processes. Webequie will continue its engagement efforts with communities during the ToR review process in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included and continue to include offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, ToR summary documents, and requests to meet virtually with communities. These engagement opportunities continue to be available to Neskantaga and other communities to take part in, if interested. The WPT also welcome any opportunity to understand what methods of engagement might be acceptable to Neskantaga at this time. We would also like to acknowledge and thank you for sharing your perspective in the "General Comment" provided. The WPT look forward to meaningful consultation with Neskantaga during the ToR and EA phases to discuss your concerns, including understanding any community specific protocols or preferences for engagement. In response to the comments on proper assessment of cumulative effects, we offer the following response. As stated in Section 2.1.3 of the ToR, the provincial environmental assessment process and the federal impact assessment process will be coordinated. Accordingly, the proponent (i.e., Webequie First Nation) will produce one body of documentation, referred to as the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement ("EAR/IS"). The EAR/IS will address the requirements of both the provincial ToR and the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* ("TISG"), including conducting a cumulative effects assessment ("CEA"). Although the ToR does not itemize all of the elements that will be included in the CEA, we can confirm that the Webequie Project Team is taking its initial lead on project inclusion from the minimum requirements identified in Section 22 of the federal TISG, and that there is a process in place to address such effects. For clarity, the projects and activities to be included in the CEA are: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units; › mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions.

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		Baseline studies, predicting environmental effects and designing follow-up programs (mitigation of effects), must be undertaken with Neskantaga to ensure our aboriginal and treaty rights are fully addressed. Soliciting, considering and documenting Neskantaga's input during the EA will not be sufficient to discharge the duty to consult and accommodate as what is required is a process in which Neskantaga's input is demonstrably integrated into decision-making. The ToR is deficient in this regard and no appropriate Crown consultation has yet been proposed, as an adjunct to the EA, or otherwise, to address these critical legal duties. As such, any EA decisions taken on the process as defined will be constitutionally incompetent as to Neskantaga's interests. In summary, what is required is a process in which Neskantaga's input is demonstrably integrated into EA decision-making. Accordingly, we request that, once community health conditions permit, working groups and technical sub-committees be established as fora to facilitate discussions on enhanced Neskantaga participation in the WSR EA that could inform any proposed amendments to the EA ToR, as well as review of the EA once submitted. Finally, we would like to request that MECP share the consolidated list of deficiencies in the WSR TOR with Neskantaga and allow time for a Neskantaga response before confirming to the proponent that the WSR Terms of Reference meets MECP requirements. Find enclosed a table of our very preliminary summary of issues raised by Neskantaga that have not been resolved in the WSR Terms of Reference. Please confirm receipt of our submission. Respectfully, David Peerla	Our specific responses to those comments requesting that working groups and technical sub-committees be established to facilitate enhanced Neskantaga participation in the WSR are included in the table below. The comment that states the approval of the ToR by the Minister cannot be taken before the duty of consultation on, and accommodation of, Neskantaga's interests has been discharged are matters outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the WSR EA and have been referred to Ontario so they can respond directly to you. In addition, the request "that MECP share the consolidated list of deficiencies in the WSR TOR with Neskantaga and allow time for a Neskantaga response before confirming to the proponent that the WSR Terms of Reference meets MECP requirements" has also been referred to Ontario so they can directly respond to you.

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NFN-1	1 Proponency	Who will be the operators of the planned supply road? How will the road project be governed? How will access to the road be controlled?	The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the process. WFN continues to have discussions with Ontario on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR. Section 1.1 of the ToR has been revised. "It should be noted that WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment only at this point. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR; proponency for the WSR construction will be determined later in the project development process."	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-2	2 Purpose of undertaking	The scope of the Project as set out in the ToR was developed without any consultation with Neskantaga. We are concerned that the full nature and purpose of the project is not being considered	Purpose is stated in section 1.4- to connect the Webequie community with mining and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. Webequie is encouraging engagement with all	**No discussion of strategic level impacts as a result of opening the region up to development.**	Per the MECP *Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario*, the ToR section describing the purpose of the WSR Project is not meant to include a discussion of impacts. In

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		in the Supply Road EA. Neskantaga seek a comprehensive and integrated consultation process to address the strategic level impacts of opening up the region to development beyond the Supply Road EA.	Indigenous communities that are interested in participating in the EA process Section 1.4.2 has been revised "The goals and objectives of the Webequie Supply Road Project ("the Undertaking") are as follows: › To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area; › To provide employment and other economic development opportunities to WFN community members and businesses that reside in or around the community's reserve and traditional territory, while preserving their language and culture; and › To provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education."		accordance with the Code of Practice, an initial assessment of potential benefits and negative effects associated with the WSR Project, including possible impacts associated with opening up the region to development through enhanced interconnectedness associated with other projects, is presented in Section 7 of the ToR. Potential positive effects include: <u>Economic</u> › Employment and economic benefits to community members and businesses of neighbouring Indigenous communities during construction and operation/maintenance › Emergence of economic opportunities along the road › Opportunity for WFN and other First Nations to own and/or construct and operate the road, including opportunity for revenue generation and potential for subsequent investment in economic development opportunities <u>Education/Training</u> › Opportunities for capacity building and business training › Opportunities for youth-employment and training › Possible higher overall educational levels and capacity <u>Social</u> › Higher household incomes from increased economic activity, allowing for Improved standard of living Potential negative effects include: <u>Social/Health</u> › May result in easier access to undesirable substances, possibly causing more health and social issues in community › More outsiders coming into area, causing possible social issues (i.e., community safety) <u>Socio-economic</u> › Although not proposed as part of the Project, should the supply road be connected to the existing provincial road network in the future, there may be a reduction in the amount government transfer payments currently paid to the community/its members due to changes in remote status, with this reduction likely phased in gradually › May facilitate more outsiders coming into community, such as resource users, that put a strain on traditional territories

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					for hunting, fishing, mineral resource exploration, as well as pressure on wildlife populations and movements
NFN-3	3 Conclusion	Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the executed Memorandum of Understanding between MECP, ENDM and Webequie. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of your Neskantaga consultation plan for our review and comment. Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the Neskantaga consultation budget, milestones and timelines. Will Ontario be relying solely on Webequie, as the proponent, to share Project information, identify impacts and propose mitigation? How will the EA process accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making rights? How will the EA timeline accommodate the ongoing social emergency in Neskantaga? Is it Webequie's knowledge and belief that Ontario intends to rely on the federal and provincial EA processes, respectively, to discharge their legal obligations of consultation and accommodation of Neskantaga's Aboriginal Rights and Title and Treaty Rights interests arising out of this proposed Project?	The roles and responsibilities of Webequie and MECP/ ENDM (Ontario) with respect to the procedural aspect for the Duty to Consult have been summarized in the ToR. The basis of the Consultation Plan is included in the ToR. Customization of consultation for a community depends on their protocols and procedures. We encourage Neskantaga First Nation to engage with WFN to discuss this matter. WFN will follow up with Neskantaga on the appropriate forum and protocols to engage and consult with Neskantaga. The budget for consultation and engagement with First Nations is not specifically allocated to individual communities or groups. The engagement process with Neskantaga First Nation can be used to discuss community protocols and resource requirements to participate in the EA. It is our understanding that capacity funding has been provided to Neskantaga by the Province of Ontario (ENDM) through a Participation ….. Section 10.1.1 The plan for Indigenous communities' consultation. "As per the MOU, Webequie will be responsible for carrying out those procedural aspects of consultation in respect of the Project and Ontario may rely on such efforts in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult."	**Did not address the concerns of Neskantaga in relation to consultation during ongoing social emergency. "Referred to Ontario so they can respond directly." No mention of how the EA process will accommodate Neskantaga's traditional laws and decision-making.** **ToR states that "While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult"**	With respect to Duty to Consult, the Crown's delegation of certain responsibilities to Webequie as the project proponent, what the Crown can rely on and the obligations it must retain, for clarity, we note that the Section 10.1.2 of the ToR (Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples) states that: "In general, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult." In a footnote, the same section of the ToR clarifies that "Statutory Consultation" means the consultation obligations to all interested persons related to the Terms of Reference and EA applications, as required in the EA Act. The ToR goes on to state that the MOU establishes which activities under Statutory Consultation Webequie First Nation is responsible for (i.e., certain defined procedural aspects, but not all aspects) and that the Crown may rely on the results of the WFN activities related to those delegated procedural aspects in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult. The ToR then lists what those procedural aspects are (activities related to planning, conducting and documenting Statutory Consultation). The Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will be responsible for all other aspects, and will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult, in a manner that is consistent with the honour of the Crown.
NFN-4	4 Record Keeping	Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of the consultation report template and copies of the Neskantaga consultation reports to date.	A Record of Consultation for the ToR phase will be provided as supporting documentation with the final ToR, which will be available for review during the mandatory public review process for the ToR phase	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-5	5 Engagement and Consultation	What is the distinction, if any, between engagement and consultation?	The terms "engagement" and "consultation" are used depending on the nature of the activities undertaken with Indigenous communities and the general public.	**No distinguishing of engagement and consultation in the ToR.**	For clarity, we define engagement as a broader and ongoing process of sharing information and developing a relationship with communities to seek their feedback, with the purpose of involving communities in the process of decision making. This process may include more formal consultation activities designed to get communities involved and to meet statutory requirements under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Engagement is also used to describe those activities conducted by the proponent which form part of the delegated procedural aspects of consultation.
NFN-6	6 Accommodation	Is Webequie, as the proponent, delegated the duty to accommodate under the Consultation MOU between MECP, ENDM and Webequie? If Neskantaga has issues with accommodation	Same as response to 3.	**ToR states that "While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional**	It is not clear whether the intent of this comment is to suggest that the responses in 3 and 6 are incongruous with the cited language in the ToR with respect to what the Crown can rely on and the obligations it must retain.

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		measures that are being proposed by Webequie, what role will Ontario play in issue resolution?		**Duty to Consult"**	For clarity, we note that the Section 10.1.2 of the ToR (Duty to Consult with Indigenous Peoples) states that: "In general, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Aboriginal Communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult." In a footnote, the same section of the ToR clarifies that "Statutory Consultation" means the consultation obligations to all interested persons related to the Terms of Reference and EA applications, as required in the EA Act. The ToR goes on to state that the MOU establishes which activities under Statutory Consultation Webequie First Nation is responsible for (i.e., certain defined procedural aspects, but not all aspects) and that the Crown may rely on the results of the WFN activities related to those delegated procedural aspects in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult. The ToR then lists what those procedural aspects are (activities related to planning, conducting and documenting Statutory Consultation). The Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will be responsible for all other aspects, and will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult, in a manner that is consistent with the honour of the Crown.
NFN-7	7 Potential Neskantaga Economic Benefits and Participation Opportunities	Is Webequie prepared to negotiate a Supply Road impact and benefit agreement with Neskantaga?	Through comprehensive analysis of impacts in the EA, a number of mitigation measures and potential accommodation measures will be identified. The economics of the proposed project are unknown at this time. The extent to which the project is expected to result in benefits will be discussed through engagement.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-8	8 Cumulative Effects	Will the Supply Road EA consider the cumulative effects of other proposed all-season road and mining projects in the region? If not, why not? Would Webequie consider establishing a joint Matawa remotes technical working group to examine and agree on the cumulative effects methodology? How will cumulative effects be measured against pre-determined thresholds developed in land use planning, regional cumulative effects assessment, or other processes? How will Neskantaga's oral evidence of past impacts of development Projects be given due consideration in the assessment of cumulative effects?	The EA study will include a cumulative effects assessment, including the significance of net effects from the Project that overlap temporally and spatially with effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities. The Webequie Project Team will consider the request to establish a joint technical working group with Indigenous communities to provide input to the work plan. The Webequie Project Team is open to comments from all parties and encourages interested communities to participate in the process and encourages Neskantaga to provide any additional comments to Ontario in terms of their regulatory processes. The ToR text on cumulative effects has been expanded through the addition of Section 8.1. The Webequie Project Team will assess the project's cumulative effects using the approach	**No mention in the ToR specifically of cumulative effects assessment of past projects, only of current and reasonably foreseeable. 'Consideration' of the request for a working group but nothing further than that and no reference to a working group in the ToR.**	The requirements for the Cumulative Effects Assessment (CEA) prescribed in Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* (TISG) for the WSR Project include consideration of past projects. The Webequie Project Team is taking its initial lead on which projects to include in the CEA from the minimum requirements listed in Section 22 of the TISG). That list includes: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads;

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			as described in the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's guidance documents, which include: the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template for Designated Projects Subject to the Impact Assessment Act (IA Agency, 2019); Operational Policy Statement: Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEA Agency, 2015b); and Interim Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEA Agency, 2018b).		› the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units; › mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions. The approach for conducting the CEA is still under development; a synopsis of the approach will be presented at future consultation meetings with Indigenous communities and other study participants.
NFN-9	9 Alternatives	How will the Supply Road EA link to the comprehensive review of infrastructure alternatives suggested by Marten Falls in 2016? Noront proposed an initial winter road slurry pipeline option that would be upgraded to a permanent road as the mining camp matured. Why was this alternative ruled out?	Through the engagement with Marten Falls First Nation, the Project Team will identify the nature of the comprehensive review of regional infrastructure alternatives and how they will be incorporated, if at all, into the WSR EA process. "Webequie First Nation, in partnership with three other First Nations (Neskantaga, Nibinamik and Eabametoong), completed the All Season Community Road Study (ASCRS) in June 2016." "From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. The preferred corridor/road from the 2016 ASCRS did not connect to the McFaulds Lake area due to unresolved issues and concerns expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area."	**No answer on the Noront slurry road- "direct question to Noront specifically" Mentions Regional Assessment in response to question, but no mention in the ToR.**	The Webequie Project Team is not aware of the rationale for Noront's decision not to pursue its initial proposal to transition the East-West road from a winter road and slurry pipeline, running from the mine site west to Webequie Junction, to an all-season road that would largely follow the existing winter road to an intersection with Highway 599 near Pickle Lake. It is assumed that this was a strategic business decision by Noront, and Webequie First Nation is not privy to such decisions. We again encourage Neskantaga to consult Noront's website (http://norontresources.com) for information on the Eagle's Nest Mine project.
NFN-10	10 The All Season Community Road Study (2016)	Please explain the discrepancy between Ontario's understanding of the conclusion of the All Season Community Road Study [unable to agree on a preferred corridor] and the Webequie Supply Road TOR [a preferred corridor was identified].	Text in Section 1.3 of the ToR has been revised to reflect that the four participating communities did not identify a preferred road corridor, due to other overarching concerns about jurisdiction, First Nation involvement in the process and the general need for further study. "From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was identified with a general east-west orientation that	**Section 1.3 page 5 still states that "a preferred corridor was identified".**	For greater clarity, any future presentation of this background material in the EA documentation will be revised as follows: "From the community engagement and assessment completed, a preferred corridor was not identified, although there was fairly strong support for a general east-west orientation that would connect the four communities to the provincial highway system. None of the alternative corridors/roads from the 2016 ASCRS connect to the McFaulds Lake area due to unresolved issues and concerns

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			connected the four communities to the provincial highway system. The preferred corridor/road from the 2016 ASCRS did not connect to the McFaulds Lake area due to unresolved issues and concerns expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area. From the Webequie First Nation perspective, the preferred alternative emerging from the 2016 ASCRS provided a number of social and economic benefits, including the interconnection with other First Nation communities. However, there was additional interest in continuing to examine a supply road connection into the McFaulds Lake area."		expressed by some participating First Nations about mining development in the Ring of Fire area. From the Webequie First Nation perspective, the east-west oriented alternative from the 2016 ASCRS provided a number of social and economic benefits, including the interconnection with other First Nation communities. However, there was additional interest in continuing to examine a supply road connection into the McFaulds Lake area. The connection between Webequie and McFaulds Lake is considered important to Webequie First Nation, as it could provide broader economic development opportunities and social benefits above and beyond the benefits of an all-season community road to Pickle Lake."
NFN-11	11 Baseline Studies and Neskantaga Participation	Please provide a copy of all baseline studies referenced above for Neskantaga review and comment. Going forward the results of baseline studies should be summarized and presented to Neskantaga in clear, non-technical language. Would Webequie consider creating an environmental effects evaluation methodology working group with the remote Matawa First Nations?	Environmental Baseline Studies will be available at release of the Draft EAR/IS report. Summaries in non-technical language can be provided. The WSR Project Team welcomes and encourages the interest of all communities in development of environmental effects evaluation methodology	**No mention of a working group within the ToR.** "The WSR Project Team welcomes and encourages the interest of all communities in development of environmental effects evaluation methodology" **However the WSR response does not mention the WSR Team being interested in creating a working group.**	At this time, the Webequie Project Team is not contemplating the establishment of a working group, but this may be reevaluated and considered during the EA. The WPT is committed to meaningfully engaging with all First Nations during the EA process, including on the environmental effects evaluation methodology.
NFN-12	12 Aggregates	What are the preliminary results of Webequie's assessment of potential aggregate sources and/or the annual aggregate re-sources requirements for construction and maintenance of the Supply road. The sources of aggregate for the road will impact more upland habitat than the road itself. Based on advice from our technical expert, Neskantaga views all aggregate sources as having high archaeological potential.	There are number of aggregate sources locations that provide options for extracting the material needed for the Project. The location of these potential aggregate sources is presented in Figure 5.7 of the ToR. A general description and characteristics of the potential aggregate source locations are presented in Section 5.5.2 – Aggregate Source Location and Access Roads of the ToR.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-13	13 Economic Viability	Has Webequie developed a Business Case for the Supply road? If so, please provide a copy or summary to Neskantaga? Has ENDM and/ or Infrastructure Ontario reviewed the Webequie business case for the Supply Road? What were the conclusions of the Ontario review? What external funding sources and mechanism is Webequie considering for the Supply road?	A business case for the Project and sources of funding have not been explored in any detail at this stage. Funding sources and the economic viability of the Project will be further explored in subsequent stages of project development. The EA will provide further rationale as to the purpose for the Project.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-14	14 Estimated Capital Cost	How did Webequie arrive at an estimated capital cost for Alternative B of 0.4M/ km? Do the proposed road capital budget estimates integrate information from field geotechnical investigations to confirm aggregate and borrow source locations, and subsurface conditions along the road or at proposed bridge locations? What is the variance in the cost estimate?	The preliminary estimated capital cost presented in the ToR is considered an indicative cost estimate for the Webequie Supply Road Project. The preliminary capital cost for the Project will be further examined and refined as part of the EA process.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.

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NFN-15	15 Implementation	Would Webequie consider a partnership with Neskantaga to implement the Project?	Webequie First Nation would welcome discussion with Neskantaga First Nation on opportunities for participation in the Project.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-16	16 Shared Territory and Existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights	Neskantaga has strong family ties to the project area since time out of mind. The project directly impacts Neskantaga traplines and falls within Neskantaga's Area of Interest. Neskantaga has a sacred, legal obligation to protect, defend and steward the water, land, air, and resources of our territory. From Neskantaga's perspective, we are uniquely vulnerable to the impact of the Supply Road and induced development of the entire Ring of Fire region, and will bear the burden of significant risks arising from the roads and mines.	Webequie First Nation understands the interests of Neskantaga First Nation in the territories shared with Webequie. Webequie First Nation also understands there could be potential effects of the WSR on Neskantaga community members. These will be examined in detail in the EA and through EA engagement.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-17	17 Cultural Heritage Resources	The results of previous Noront Stage 1 studies, and the terms of reference for the Studies, have never been made available to Neskantaga First Nation in order to assess their accuracy, validity and comprehensiveness. Furthermore, it appears that such studies did not benefit from access to Neskantaga Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge about past and present land use within the proposed road corridor. In our view, this likely will reflect a significant deficiency in these documents that must be redressed. We seek copies of these previous archaeological reports and the opportunity to review, critique and comment upon them as part of a collaborative approach to your future engagement and consultation with Neskantaga First Nation on your Supply Road project. We would like to collaborate on the terms of reference of any new archaeological studies going forward.	It is the Project Team's understanding that the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA has been paused under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* process and has been terminated under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* process with enactment of the new *Impact Assessment Act*. Therefore, the studies previously conducted by Noront, including the archaeological assessment, may be outdated and/or have no status. Information pertaining to the Eagle's Nest Mine EA, including archaeological investigations, and the current status of Eagle's Nest Mine project can be found on Noront's website (http:// norontresources.com). Opportunities to comment on the final Terms of Reference will be available during the winter/spring of 2020. Section 6.4.1 "To assess potential effects to archaeological resources, the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will involve consultation with Indigenous communities, review of existing published data sources and information obtained from other stakeholders and agencies."	**No change from draft ToR on this.**	To our knowledge, the status of the Noront Eagle's Nest Mine EA has not changed, and we would again refer you to Noront's website (http:// norontresources.com) for the purposes of seeking information from the previous EA and monitoring any updates. The Webequie Project Team still intends to conduct a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment as part of the cultural component of the Socio-Economic impact assessment. An archaeological consultant licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) has been retained for this purpose, and the work will be conducted in compliance with MHSTCI's *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*, which is the accepted method for carrying out such assessments in Ontario. Accordingly, a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report will be prepared, which will describe the results of all background research and the related fieldwork conducted, and will contain all necessary photographic and cartographic documentation. The report will include information on: › Results of the background research pertaining to previous archaeological investigations; › Geo-environmental setting and historic settlement; and › Evaluation of archaeological site potential The report will provide recommendations for Stage 2 assessment (conducting targeted field investigations), if necessary. The Stage 1 work will evaluate the potential for archaeological resources within or adjacent to the study area. This will be completed by reviewing physiographic, land use and historical information and mapping for the subject area and relevant surrounding area. As part of this assessment, the archaeological consultant will contribute to scoping the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) studies, and the Webequie Project

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					Team will provide the consultant with the results of relevant consultation, survey and IK work with Indigenous communities, including Neskantaga, that will be conducted by the project's Consultation Team. This will include Indigenous input regarding spiritual sites, ceremonial sites, burial sites, etc., as appropriate. As a document supporting the environmental assessment, the results of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment will be made available to Indigenous communities as part of the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement review process. Neskantaga will be provided with the opportunity to discuss the scope of the archaeological assessment work and related project evaluation criteria during a consultation session in the early stages of the EA phase, expected to commence in spring 2021, subject to COVID-19 constraints.
NFN-18	18 Joint Decision Making and the Relational Tier	Will Webequie pursue a consensus-based approach within the existing decision-making processes of Ontario and the Neskantaga First Nation under the Relational Tier Approach? Would Webequie consider creating a joint body with the Matawa remote First Nations to seek to reach consensus on the EA recommendations?	Webequie First Nation intends to conduct engagement with all Indigenous communities, organizations, groups, etc. that are interested in participating in the EA. Section 10.1.1.2 Relational Tier: The Relational Tier of Webequie's approach to consultation and project development involves outreach to and involvement of other potentially affected First Nations, many of whom are home to Webequie family/clan members; and developing relationships with and working closely with agencies of the provincial and federal governments. It is recognized that these relationships and connections are important to maintain in a positive way.	**"Conduct engagement with all communities" is as far as the WSR Team goes here. No mention at all about a joint body to reach consensus.**	In recognition that other First Nations may be affected by the proposed Webequie Supply Road, the Webequie Project Team reiterates its commitment to reach out to and involve such communities in the engagement, consultation and decision-making process inherent in the Ontario environmental assessment process. As proponent of the supply road project, Webequie First Nation has assumed sole responsibility for conducting the EA process.
NFN-19	19 Far North Exception Order	Please provide Neskantaga with a copy of Webequie's application for the exception order.	All regulatory instruments required to implement the WSR EA and the Project will be in place in accordance with applicable statutes.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-20	20 EA Coordination Team	Please provide Neskantaga with summaries of the meetings held to date with the EA Coordination team. Would the EA Coordination team consider meeting with Neskantaga to discuss the coordination process and a potential role for Neskantaga in the process?	The EA Coordination meetings are administrative and non-technical in nature and are not considered the forum for direct engagement with Indigenous communities. The Webequie Project Team encourages Neskantaga First Nation to participate in the WSR engagement process at the earliest possible time and is prepared to share a summary of the discussions being held within the EA Coordination Team forum, where such topics may pertain to Neskantaga's areas of interest.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.
NFN-21	21 Environmental Commitments	How will commitments be systematically tracked and compliance enforced? Will compliance be reviewed annually? What role will Neskantaga play in the compliance review?	Commitments made during the ToR process normally relate to activities to be conducted by the proponent during the EA phase of the Project. They are typically incorporated in a concordance table that is part of the EA documentation, with the	**No mention of annual compliance review. No mention on role Neskantaga or any other First Nation will play in compliance review.**	The means for, and conditions governing compliance reporting and reviews to fulfil commitments in the terms of reference and environmental assessment for the Webequie Supply Road Project are expected to follow practices adopted on other project ToR and the EAs (i.e., one-time preparation of a ToR

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			proponent indicating in the table how it has complied with the commitment and where evidence of compliance can be found in the EA documentation. Requirements related to any other form of compliance reporting by the proponent are normally included in the conditions accompanying the ToR approval by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Since compliance is monitored by the government body approving the ToR, inquiries regarding possible involvement by third parties in that process should be directed to the Province. The comment as to how commitments may be systematically tracked and compliance enforced with regards to the role of Ontario is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.		phase concordance table as part of the EA documentation; then, regular compliance reporting on EA phase commitments during the construction and operations phases). With regard to the frequency of preparing compliance documentation and submitting associated reports for review during construction and operations, it is our experience that reviews may be conducted annually. With respect to the role that Neskantaga or any other First Nation will play in compliance reviews, please also refer to Response NFN-18. As the Webequie Supply Road EA proponent, Webequie First Nation has initially only assumed sole responsibility for completing the EA process. In the context of fulfilling commitments made during the EA phase, Webequie's responsibilities may be extended to include conducting and reporting on compliance monitoring during the construction and operations phases of the Project, if WFN assumes an ownership/control role in the Project. In this case, WFN may be in position to determine how it will best meet compliance monitoring. However, the details of WFN's role in the Project beyond the EA phase has not yet been determined. Compliance reviews (i.e., assessing the results and adequacy of compliance monitoring and reporting) are normally led/conducted by the regulatory ministry and agency that oversees the EA process, such as the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, which may seek expert review contributions from other ministries and agencies with a mandate for certain project elements. Therefore, it is expected that it would be the purview of the reviewing ministries and agencies to seek relevant input from Neskantaga or any other First Nation in conducting their reviews, so Webequie is not in a position to comment on such opportunities.
NFN-22	22 The Journey Together: Ontario's Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action and the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People	How will Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA?	The comment as to how Ontario's Reconciliation Commitment, the TRC Calls to Action and UNDRIP be incorporated in the Webequie Supply Road EA is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	**No reference to UNDRIP or the TRC anywhere in the ToR.**	Reference to UNDRIP and the TRC Calls to Action will be cited in the EA documentation, including status at the time of the federal government's commitment, through Bill C-15, to ensure Canadian laws are consistent with the principles of UNDRIP.

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NFN-23	23 Project Timelines	The fact is that Neskantaga is in crisis, or close to it. Our community is one of the most disadvantaged in the province. We are not in possession of a sophisticated bureaucracy capable of turning out informed responses to voluminous technical EA documents. Nor do we have a communications team, ready to develop community understanding and consensus on positions. Ontario's proposed funding may assist with some of this work, but it is still very difficult, particularly when there we lack administrative capacity, and human resources costs can be extremely high. Neskantaga has its own protocols and processes in place to make an informed decision on developments that may impact on our land and resource rights. Under the draft terms of reference Webequie recognizes our nation to nation relationship and states that it will respect our communities processes and protocols. Neskantaga respects that Webequie's Three-Tier Consultation Approach may be satisfactory for its community, but this cannot be viewed as Neskantaga's approach to informed consent. Therefore, prior to finalizing a terms of reference for the EA process Webequie and Neskantaga must conclude a process agreement that will provide Neskantaga the opportunity to make an informed decision on this project and how the Neskantaga process will be coordinated with the Three-Tier Approach. As the terms of reference establish the framework for the planning and decision-making process during the EA, it is critical to conclude this process agreement with Neskantaga prior to the start of the EA to avoid inefficiencies and conflict during the EA process.	We encourage and look forward to the participation of Neskantaga First Nation in the WSR EA engagement process to discuss these and other important matters of principle, protocol and procedures.	*No further comment as of October 13, 2020.*	Noted. No further response required.

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NFN-24	General	February 26, 2021 Sasha McLeod Special Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5 T: 416-268-5984 E: sasha.mcleod@ontario.ca	Your concerns regarding engagement and consultation are acknowledged. As conveyed in previous responses, the Webequie Project Team is very aware of and sensitive to the fact that, at this time, many Indigenous communities have declared a state of emergency or taken other measures to protect community health and safety. We appreciate the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal review and consultation processes. Please refer to Response NFN-1, which describes the innovative means adopted by the Webequie

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		VIA Email Submission of Neskantaga First Nation: Comments on the proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Project In the context of the ongoing global pandemic, the vaccine rollout to the community, the recently declared off-reserve COVID19 emergency and our unresolved water emergency, it has not been possible for us to discuss the TOR in detail with our elders, knowledge holders and community members[see accompanying crisis timeline]. Therefore, this submission is incomplete and cannot cover the full extent of our views. We question whether the Crown's duty to consult and accommodate can be met in the circumstances. Meaningful consultation cannot be met with a one-way transfer of information; it must be reciprocal, the Crown must be open to changing course as a result of the exchange. Our position remains that the EA should be paused until the conditions for meaningful consultation exist. Despite the limitations imposed on us, find below our questions and comments on the WSR Terms of Reference. [*Questions and comments in Table 00-4 below were here*] Regards, David Peerla Neskantaga Advisor	Project Team to continue its engagement and consultation efforts, including methods oriented to reciprocal exchanges (i.e., opportunities to provide real time feedback and contribute information), such as live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, virtual meetings between the Project Team and communities. These methods provide the potential for the Project Team to consider the input received and strategically adapt approaches to (i.e., "change course" on) such elements as baseline data collection, the development of routing alternatives and the evaluation criteria to be used for the effects assessment shortly after the input is received.

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NFN-25	Cumulative Effects	A. Information and Knowledge that can be considered across the Marten Falls Community Access Road [MFCAR] Project and Webequie Supply Road [WSR] Project. Please consider the issues, questions and comments we have made in the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project process [for example, submissions on Improper Incremental Approach, Project Splitting, Shadow Proponency, Routing Options, Process Transparency, Alternatives Assessment, Wetland and Stream Losses, Fish Values, Wildlife, Traffic and Noise Related Impacts, Control of Fugitive Dust, Spills and Spill Risk, Caribou, Mercury, Study Areas+ Zone of Influence, Neskantaga VCs, Jurisdiction, Peatland, Consultation and the Pandemic and Treaty and Aboriginal Rights Working Group] in the Webequie Supply Road Project EA process.	The Webequie Project Team understands that "Information and Knowledge that can be considered across the Marten Falls Community Access Road [MFCAR] Project and Webequie Supply Road [WSR] Project" was the subject of Neskantaga First Nation's March 3, 2021 letter to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. Please refer the Project Team responses on this matter in Table OO-6 below.
NFN-26	General	B. Questions. 1. To what extent are the WSR, MFCAR and the Northern Road Link [NRL] part of the same "undertaking" or "project"?	For the purposes of conducting an Environmental Assessment under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*, the Webequie Supply Road is not considered part of the Northern Road Link and the Marten Falls Community Access Road projects/undertakings. Since this question is outside the mandate of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario, we have referred it to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.
NFN-27	General / Project Rationale	2. Please disclose the analysis upon which the decision has been made to separate the components of the Ring of Fire roads into multiple projects.	The Webequie First Nation is the proponent for the Webequie Supply Road EA, and is not in a position to comment on broader decisions related to how the potential effects other all-season roads in the region will be assessed. Since this question is outside the mandate of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario, we have referred it to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.

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NFN-28	General / Project Rationale	3. Are the WSR and the MFCAR necessary components of the NRL project, or only incidental to it?	As stated in Section 1.4.2 of the ToR (Rationale for the Undertaking), the Webequie Supply Road could be constructed and operated as a facility that only provides a connection between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area to serve mineral exploration and future mining development, and is not considered a necessary component of the Northern Road Link.
NFN-29	General / Project Rationale	4. The WSR obviously requires a mine to be useful. Is the WSR a necessary component of a possible future mine?	As stated in Section 1.4.1 of the ToR, the purpose of the Webequie Supply Road is: • To facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area; • To provide employment and other economic development opportunities to WFN community members and businesses that reside in or around the community's reserve and traditional territory, while preserving their language and culture; and • To provide experience/training opportunities for youth to help encourage pursuit of additional skills through post-secondary education. In these contexts, it is evident that the primary consideration(s) for Webequie in assuming proponency for the WSR EA are related to elevating the well-being of its community, rather than what is "necessary" for a possible future mine. Although a future mine would be "useful", Webequie already has a history of participating in pre-mining activities (mineral exploration) in the region; the supply road would also enhance that role and provide additional related opportunities.
NFN-30	General / Project Rationale	5. Please disclose any correspondence with Ontario about whether the WSR, the MFCAR and the NRL are part of the same "undertaking" or project.	The Webequie First Nation is the proponent for the Webequie Supply Road EA and is not in possession of correspondence with Ontario about whether the WSR, the MFCAR and the NRL are part of the same "undertaking" or project (refer also to Response NFN-26). Since this question is outside the mandate of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario, we have referred it to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.
NFN-31	General / Project Rationale	6. Does the financing and economic viability of the WSR depend on the Noront mine and the NRL and MFCAR being built?	Please refer to Response NFN-29, which suggests that the Webequie Supply Road can be operated in the absence of the Noront mine. The same is true with respect to the absence of the Northern Road Link and the Marten Falls Community Access Road.
NFN-32	Regional Collaboration	C. Cultural Heritage. Neskantaga Travel Routes and the WSR Corridor. Our preliminary research leads us to conclude that there are likely historic trails that intersect the proposed WSR. Proposed Work Strategies Our technical advisor Dr. Scott Hamilton proposes the following stages of collaborative information collection and interpretation: 1.Create GIS base map layers consisting of hydrology, landforms, surface geology (if available) and relief. This GIS project should include layers identifying the proposed road routes with their planning buffers to guide the analysis. 2. Integrate high-resolution georeferenced satellite imagery of various ages into the GIS project (to account for forest fires). 3. Analyze vegetation patterns apparent in the satellite imagery, using different forest microhabitats as proxies of sediment drainage/relief. For example denser stands of mature trees with a high frequency of deciduous trees might indicate well-drained sediment or localized uplands. This will contrast with stunted and dispersed stands of black spruce with sphagnum moss understory, and also bog/muskeg lands that suggest water-saturated organic sediments. These latter areas are more difficult to traverse in the warm seasons, but become favoured travel routes in winter. 4. Examine the distribution of vegetation zones suggestive of better-drained coarse sediment or localized relief in	The Webequie Project Team recognizes that a portion of the Webequie Supply Road corridor includes areas of traditional use and interest shared between Webequie and Neskantaga. This is acknowledged in the ToR, and it is expected that there may be historic trails used by both communities that cross the corridor. Thank you for your suggestions on data collection and interpretation with respect to this important aspect of the cultural heritage assessment. The Project Team has retained a specialist consultant to conduct cultural heritage and archaeological assessments in accordance with Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries standards for such investigations. As with a number of other valued components, the establishment of baseline data will be based on the assembly and interpretation of published/available documents and geo-spatial information, including geo-referenced satellite imagery and LiDAR (refer also to Response NFN-70 for a listing of data sources, particularly in relation to the vegetation and wetland baseline). This information will be ground truthed to the extent possible and will be supplemented with Indigenous Knowledge from individual communities interested in participating in the EA. The digital interpretations for VCs will form the basis for creating discrete GIS spatial indicator data layers, including for cultural heritage features/landscapes, archaeological potential and the geo-physical components cited in your letter, which will be used to conduct the comparative analysis of route alternatives generated as an additional GIS layer.

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		reference to the sparse information provided by historic records. These might offer the best candidate localities for the land travel corridors. 5. This approach has limited prospects of success given the paucity of historic information, the enormity of the area being considered, and the scale/resolution of the available cartography. Thus, broad buffers should be considered when looking for attractive areas that intercept the proposed road routes. 6. Ground truth such interpretations by collecting Indigenous Knowledge regarding travel routes between the Attawapiskat and Webequie. While such knowledge may be dominated by winter snow machine or dogsled routes, perhaps some such routes might also favour the better drained ground. 7. If LiDAR or orthophotographic imagery is available for the proposed road route buffer, use it to evaluate the effectiveness of the vegetation proxies of subtle relief trends throughout the area. This might serve to validate this approach to cultural heritage impact assessment in the Hudson Bay Lowlands.	

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NFN-33	General	March 3, 2021 Sasha McLeod Special Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5 T: 416-268-5984 E: sasha.mcleod@ontario.ca Re, Information and Knowledge that can be considered across the Marten Falls Community Access Road[MFCAR] Project and Webequie Supply Road[WSR] Project. At the outset we want be on the record as saying that Neskantaga's participation in complex multiple EA processes has been manifestly unfair during the water crisis, pandemic and other social emergencies that we outlined in our crisis table. Neskantaga may have a right to make submissions, but a right to make submissions is not a meaningful opportunity, especially when such important issues about the development of an entire region are being made. In October 2020, Canada made the suggestion that we identify any information or knowledge that can be considered across multiple assessment processes. In reality Ontario and Canada may be in a better position to identify that information given the ongoing emergency in Neskantaga. Be that as it may, here are the issues that Neskantaga raised on the MFCAR ToR that have not been raised in the Webequie ToR, and that should be considered by Webequie. If you notice that we may have omitted an issue, concern or question that may be relevant to both EAs please bring the omission to our attention. Soon the number of EA documents and pages will number in the thousands and be interconnected in complex and opaque ways and Neskantaga will be further alienated from the decision making process. [*Edit: Comments found below in Table OO-5 were included here*]	

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NFN-34	Issues: Proponent, Project Splitting, Improper Incremental Approach, Process Transparency Section 5.3 Rationale for the Preferred Alternative "Has the lowest estimated capital cost for construction." (ToR, Page 66)	Would a producing mine transporting concentrates on the entire north-south road corridor [MFCAR, Northern Road Link and Painter Lake Road Upgrades] need to be constructed in order to repay the initial capital investment in the WSR segment and to support the ongoing operating and maintenance cost of the WSR? If not, how will the capital investment to build the road be recovered and how will the ongoing maintenance and support of the road be funded?	In examining the range of reasonable alternatives to be assessed for implementing infrastructure projects in Ontario, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks *Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario* recommends that proponents take into account various standard considerations. These include: "Are they practical, financially realistic and economically viable" and "Are they within the ability of the proponent to implement." In the early stages of the Terms of Reference phase, the answers to both of these questions with respect to the development of an all-season supply road by Webequie First Nation within its ancestral territory was deemed to be "Yes" (refer to Section 5.1.2.3 of the ToR). In the first instance, in terms of, geographical location/extent and configuration, (107 km 2-lane gravel surface within a 35 m right-of-way), development of the alternative road concepts recognized and addressed existing physical constraints and opportunities, as well as financial limitations imposed by existing community resources and external public funding sources and mechanisms. In this context, the alternatives are considered practical, feasible and economically viable. In the second instance, within the context of existing and foreseeable community resources, and potential external public and other funding sources and mechanisms, Webequie First Nation currently believes that it is capable of implementing the proposed all-season road concept. WFN is the proponent of the WSR Environmental Assessment. The proponent of road construction will be determined later in the project development process. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership and construction of the WSR. Webequie First Nation as the proponent of the Webequie Supply Road project EA has signed a voluntary agreement under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* to conduct the EA in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Accordingly, per the
NFN-35		Is the WSR as a stand alone supply road viable or feasible from an economic standpoint?	
NFN-36		Will the WSR as a stand alone supply road have the financial capability to fund the actions necessary to prevent any significant adverse environmental impacts of the proposed road?	
NFN-37		Does the proponent possess the financial and technical capacity to protect the fish, wildlife and water resources that will be impacted by the project?	

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			MECP Code of Practice, the technical and economic feasibility of project alternatives, and any impact management/mitigation measures related to implementing the Project (including their cost and effectiveness), will be considered in the EA. As the discussions with the Province have progressed, and potential future roles of project participants are identified including project implementation models, it was deemed appropriate to defer certain considerations (including ownership, funding and construction proponency) until after the EA phase, when greater certainty could be achieved. It is noted that commitments made during the EA phase relative to environmental protection during the Construction and Operations phases will be incorporated in the federal and provincial decisions on the environmental assessment/impact assessment, and if approved, will be binding on the party(ies) responsible for building and operating the road. As noted above, Webequie First Nation has assumed proponency for only the EA phase. This does not mean that, once the aforementioned matters are addressed further, Webequie would not be in the best technical and economic position to carry the Project forward. It also does not detract from the advantages of an all-season road over other alternatives in meeting the project goals and objectives, as stated by Webequie First Nation. In the post-EA phases of the Project, the party(ies) responsible for constructing and operating the Webequie Supply Road will be required to demonstrate the financial and technical experience and capacity not only to design, build, operate and maintain the supply road, but to successfully fulfill all environmental commitments made in the EA phase, as well as the conditions of any permits, licences, approvals and authorizations obtained to implement the Project.
NFN-38	Issues: Proponent, Project Splitting, Improper Incremental Approach, Process Transparency Section 5.3 Rationale for the Preferred Alternative “Approval of the Webequie Supply Road EA is being considered even in the absence of any mine to supply.”	The construction of a mine, or series of mines, in the Ring of Fire development area is dependent on the entire north-south road transportation corridor. In other words, the MFCAR, WSR, the Northern Road Link, and the Anaconda/Painter Lake Forestry Road Upgrades are not separate projects that happen to coexist. The development of the Noront mine, or any mine in the Ring of Fire, depends on the building of the entire north-south road and the entire north-south road depends on the mine[s] for tolls and/or other revenues. The WSR, NRL, MFCAR and Anaconda/Painter Lake Forestry Road Upgrades are connected, cumulative and similar actions that follow on from one another, have close functional links and have overlapping environmental effects. In our view, the stages of the north-south road project and the WSR, should not be treated as separate projects for EA purposes.	Your comments are outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.
NFN-39		If the entire road network [WSR, NRL, MFCAR and Anaconda/Painter Lake Forestry Road Upgrades] were evaluated in one EA the impacts and risks to Neskantaga’s aboriginal and Treaty rights would increase dramatically compared to the WSR segment currently being evaluated by the EA process.	Noted. In effect, such an assessment is required as part of the Webequie Supply Road Impact Statement under the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the Project. The NRL, MFCAR and Anaconda/Painter Lake Forestry Road Upgrades are on the list of projects and activities that must be considered in

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			combination with the Webequie Supply Road as part of the cumulative effects assessment.
NFN-40		The full, integrated Development, with all of its cumulative and interactive impact, has never been publicly presented for Neskantaga consultation and participation. We are concerned that privately, in government to government cost sharing negotiations between Ontario and Canada, there is a different Development project in the Ring of Fire being discussed.	Your comments are outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.
NFN-41		Is the project description of the Ring of Fire roads and development that Ontario provided to Canada when making the business case for a federal provincial cost share significantly different from the descriptions[namely salami slicing the road into three or more smaller projects]they have given MECP and IAAC?	Your comments are outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.
NFN-42	Issue: Wetland and Stream Losses-Changes in Resource Availability for Subsistence Section 6.2.2 Groundwater and Surface Water “The project area has many different types of waterbodies, including streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands (over 50% of the ecoregion is covered by wetlands). There are several larger rivers in the area, including the Winisk, Ekwan, Attawapiskat, Fishbasket and the Pineimuta Rivers. There are also some very large lakes, such as Winisk Lake in the northeast part of the project area. There is also a vast network of smaller connected headwater streams, ponds and lakes. Many of these smaller streams are part of open fens.” (Page 80)	Will compensation be provided for unavoidable wetland and stream losses?	On some past projects where unavoidable wetland and fish habitat (stream) displacement is a potential project outcome, regulatory agencies have required compensation or offsetting, in various forms, for such losses. Therefore, it is possible that the development and implementation of wetland compensation and fish habitat compensation plans may be required as a condition of project approval. The need for these mitigation measures will be determined during the EA/IA process.
NFN-43		If so, please describe the plans to compensate for these losses.	Typically, a commitment by a proponent to develop and implement wetland and fish habitat compensation/offsetting plans is required to obtain EA/IA approval. The plans are normally developed following the EA/IA phase, during the detail design phase or as part of the permitting process, usually in collaboration with the regulatory agency. Therefore, it is not possible to describe any plans for wetland or fish habitat compensation for the Webequie Supply Road Project at this time, particularly in the absence of a more definitive effects assessment that would establish “losses” and form the basis for considering compensation. However, by way of a generic description (for loss of fish habitat), we can advise you that such compensation plans for roads may include: › Description of the proposed work, undertaking or activity, including location, purpose, project design specifications, and staging of the construction; › Timeline for the construction activities; › Description of the upstream and downstream fish habitat in proximity to the project, and characterization of the fish community; › Description of the known and potential effects on fish and fish habitat; › Measures and standards to avoid or mitigate the death of fish and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction (HADD) fish habitat (avoidance, mitigation), including monitoring; › Residual HADD after implementation of avoidance and mitigation measures and standards;

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			› Details of the Offsetting (Compensation) Plan, including measures and standards to avoid HADD during implementation of the offsetting plan; and expected outcomes, potential residual effects (if any) and monitoring of the Plan; and › Results of any engagement and consultation on the project, including with Indigenous communities.
NFN-44		If compensation is not being provided, please explain why it is not being provided.	Please refer to Response NFN-42 confirming the possibility that wetland and fish habitat compensation plan development and implementation may be required to construct and operate the Webequie Supply Road Project.
NFN-45	Issue: Indigenous Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Section 7.3 Cultural Environment "The Project may have the potential to affect the cultural environment, including, but not limited to, the following areas of interest and value to Indigenous communities:	Comment: Minimizing overlaps and impacts of the proposed road on historic Neskantaga named places, trails, portages, travel routes, sacred and burial places and habitations is a Neskantaga priority. The trails are not just a trail, but include all associated archaeological sites and historic structures. The Lidar data is essential for identifying historic trail routes etc. and Neskantaga is prepared to enter into a LiDAR and Aerial Imagery Data sharing agreement with the proponent and/or Ontario as soon as possible.	The LiDAR data referred to are owned and administered by Ontario. Please contact the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines for further information regarding access to these data.
NFN-46	• Aboriginal and Treaty rights, which are the collective rights of Indigenous communities flowing from their status as the original peoples of Canada. These rights are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act (refer to Section 7.2.1 above); • Effects to land resource uses, such as hunting, gathering, fishing and trapping, within their traditional territories; • Effects to the socio-cultural character of remote Indigenous communities (e.g., language, traditions, etc.) from potential outside influences of non-indigenous peoples; • Loss of, or adverse effects to known archaeological sites and areas of archaeological potential; • Effects to known burial sites (to address the possibility that the Ontario Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act may apply); and • Effects to known and potential built heritage resources (e.g., old hunting or trapping camps) and/or cultural heritage landscapes, including historic, spiritual and symbolic sites of interest or value to Indigenous communities." (ToR, page 122)	Recommendation. Archaeological assessments of Neskantaga named places, trails, portages, travel routes, sacred and burial places and habitation shall be conducted pursuant to an Archaeology Assessment Terms of Reference to be developed jointly to the mutual satisfaction of Neskantaga and the proponent.	The Webequie Project Team still intends to conduct a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment as part of the cultural component of the Socio-Economic impact assessment. This will include consideration of Neskantaga named places, trails, portages, travel routes, sacred and burial places and habitation. An archaeological consultant licensed by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) has been retained for this purpose, and the work will be conducted in compliance with MHSTCI's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists, which is the accepted method for carrying out such assessments in Ontario. Neskantaga will be provided with the opportunity to discuss the scope of the archaeological assessment work and related project evaluation criteria during a consultation session in the early stages of the EA phase, expected to commence in spring 2021, subject to COVID-19 constraints.
NFN-47	Issue: Fish Values-Changes in Resource Availability for Subsistence, Changes in Competition for Resources for Substinence Section 6.2.5 Fish and Fish Habitat "The project area has many different waterbodies, including streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and wetlands that provide direct habitat and support many different fish species. There are several larger rivers in the area, including the Winisk, Ekwan, Attawapiskat, Fishbasket and the Pineimutei Rivers. There are also some very large lakes, such as Winisk Lake in the northeast part of the project area. There is also a vast network of smaller connected headwater streams, ponds and lakes. Many of these smaller streams are part of open fens.	How many streams and specific study locations will you visit and how frequently will you visit the locations during the study period to try to capture the variability of stream use by fish from a system perspective?	There is a total of twenty-six (26) waterbody crossings of the preliminary preferred corridor for the Webequie Supply Road. Aquatic field surveys will be undertaken to characterize existing aquatic habitat conditions and fish communities for waterbodies located within the project study area. The field surveys will focus on sampling of watercourses and small lakes/ponds within the preliminary proposed road corridor and those that may potentially be affected by supporting project infrastructure, such access roads, laydown/storage yards, construction camps and aggregate extraction areas. Data collected will also contribute to the determination of the presence/absence of aquatic species at risk or species of special concern or value to Indigenous communities (i.e.,

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	As part of the EA for the Project, aquatic investigations will be conducted to collect data on biophysical habitat conditions and sensitivity, spawning habitat, species at risk, surface water quality and fish community present." (ToR, Page 89)		country food) that use those specialized habitat types. A detailed description of the survey methodology is provided below. Aquatic field surveys will be completed at water crossings within the study area that meet one or more of the following criteria: › Waterbodies that display the ability to support fish at the time of the field survey (will not assess dry water crossings); › Waterbodies that are likely to contain a criterion species (i.e., Brook Trout, Northern Pike, Walleye and Lake Sturgeon); › Waterbodies where no specific aquatic habitat field data of sufficient detail is available from the review of background information sources; and/or › Locations that can be safely accessed. A total of 27 watercourses were assessed as part of the field program, which included fish habitat assessment and fish community sampling. Only nine (9) watercourses were accessible for fish community sampling. Five (5) locations were included in the spring spawning surveys. Each watercourse was visited once in the August 2020 as part of the fish habitat assessment.
NFN-48		Will the EA disclose the potential impacts from blasting to fish and aquatic resources, including incubating eggs and resident and migrating fish, noting required buffer zones and timing windows will not mitigate all impacts to aquatic resources, including several species of resident fish?	Potential project effects to fish and fish habitat are higher during the construction phase, but remain during the operations and maintenance period. To mitigate potential adverse effects to fish and fish habitat, waterbody crossings, such as culverts, will be designed and installed in accordance with applicable federal and provincial guidelines and standards to avoid or minimize harm to fish and fish habitat. Potential impacts from blasting related to fish and aquatic resources will be included in the impact assessment section of the EA (see reference to Environmental Protection Plan blasting provisions in Section 7 of the ToR). As required in Section 15.1 of the federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (TISG) for the Project, the potential effects of blasting on fish and fish habitat will be assessed. Fisheries and Oceans Canada's *Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Fisheries Waters* is among the federal and provincial references that will be used in conducting the assessment.
NFN-49		Will the EA quantify and disclose the potential impacts to fish and aquatics from dust impacts from the road traffic?	Potential project effects to fish and fish habitat are higher during the construction phase but remain during the operations and maintenance period. To mitigate potential adverse effects to fish and fish habitat, waterbody crossings, such as culverts, will be designed and installed in accordance with applicable federal and provincial guidelines and standards to avoid or minimize harm to fish and fish habitat. Potential impacts from dust during construction activities related to fish and aquatic resources will be included in the impact

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			assessment section of the EA. Please also refer to Responses NFN-56, NFN-57, NFN-58, NFN-59 and NFN-60 regarding dustfall impacts.
NFN-50		Will pile driving for bridge piers and temporary trestles be included and analyzed as a potential impact to fish and fish eggs?	Potential project effects to fish and fish habitat are higher during the construction phase but remain during the operations and maintenance period. To mitigate potential adverse effects to fish and fish habitat, waterbody crossings, such as culverts, will be designed and installed in accordance with applicable federal and provincial guidelines and standards to avoid or minimize harm to fish and fish habitat. As required in Section 15.1 of the TISG, the potential effects of vibration caused by project activities on fish habitat and behavior will be assessed in the EA. Potential activities include blasting, pile driving activities for bridges and temporary trestles.
NFN-51		How will the EA measure the changes to indigenous harvest opportunity, experiences and quality caused by the road traffic?	As described in the Evaluation Criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR, the effects assessment will address fish harvest opportunities and the experience of being on the land (including in the context of Aboriginal and Treaty rights) over a cross-section of inter-related valued components, measuring changes to and disruption/loss of areas used for traditional activities by community members, including: changes to fish and fish habitat (number or area (ha) of waterbodies crossed; fish spawning, nursery or rearing areas (ha); habitat quantity (ha); habitat quality; abundance and distribution of fish); changes to surface water flows, levels and quality; changes in access to and navigation of waterbodies; number of quality fish harvesting areas affected; changes in preferred harvested species; changes to, or restrictions on, preferred harvesting methods; quantitative and qualitative assessment of changes to noise levels; and qualitative and quantitative assessment of changes in ambient air quality.
NFN-52		The proposed road will be located in relatively intact watersheds and contain relatively unperturbed fish populations. Fish are an important cultural and economic resource for the affected First Nations including Neskantaga. As such, the secondary watershed is the largest relevant scale for considering project impacts on fish.	Noted. As described in Section 8.2 of the ToR, the EA effects assessment will capture impacts to fish populations in three study areas (Project Footprint, Local Study Area, Regional Study Area). For the purposes of the aquatic study plan, the Regional Study Area will encompass the catchment areas (as defined on a tertiary watershed scale) of each waterbody crossed by the Project Footprint, upstream to the headwaters and downstream to James Bay or Hudson Bay.
NFN-53	Issue: Wildlife-Changes in Resource Availability for Subsistence, Changes in Competition for Resources for Subsistence Section 7.3 Cultural Environment Section 6.2.3 Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Section 6.5.2 Baseline Studies “The Project may have the potential to affect the cultural environment, including, but not limited to, the following areas of interest and value to Indigenous communities:	We are concerned that the proposed study area considerations are inadequate for considering ecological (e.g., caribou, wolverine, lake sturgeon, migratory birds, freshwater fish biodiversity, eskers, peatlands) and social (e.g., eskers, transportation, cultural and sacred sites, traditional land use) impacts. We recommend a zone-of-influence analytical approach (e.g., Boulanger et al. 2012, Plante et al. 2018), including consideration of this road segment being part of the larger industrial access road to the Ring of Fire that will be eventually developed.	Based on the baseline information assembled to date, and our team’s experience on the assessment of roads in similar northern environments, the proposed study areas are currently deemed adequate for assessing potential effects to the ecological and social valued components under consideration. The Project Team will be providing study participants, including Neskantaga First Nation, with additional opportunities to comment on the study area early in the EA phase. The study areas may be refined based on such input.

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	• Aboriginal and Treaty rights, which are the collective rights of Indigenous communities flowing from their status as the original peoples of Canada. These rights are recognized and affirmed by Section 35 of the Constitution Act (refer to Section 7.2.1 above); • Effects to land resource uses, such as hunting, gathering, fishing and trapping, within their traditional territories;" (ToR, Page 122)		Adopting a zone-of-influence approach will be inherent in the cumulative effects assessment that will be part of the EA (i.e., ZOI's must be established to determine whether and how the projects and physical activities under consideration interact with each other). In accordance with the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the Webequie Supply Road project, the Northern Road Link, Martin Falls Community Access Road and Anaconda/Painter Lake Forestry Road Upgrades are on the list of projects and activities that will be considered in combination with the Webequie Supply Road as part of the cumulative effects assessment. Having said that, the Webequie Supply Road will not be considered to have an "industrial" function in the manner that the other aforementioned road links will, since it will not be used to haul mineral ores or mine products. Please also refer to Response NFN-6 in this regard.
NFN-54		The assessment area must be large enough to assess the accumulated environmental conditions and to capture stressors from actions other than the proposed Project. For example, this will require an assessment of impacts on caribou based on the entire herd ranges.	Noted. For example, as indicated in the Preliminary List of Evaluation Criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR, the criteria and indicators for caribou are related to potential effects at the range and sub-range levels. Assessment of impact to Caribou will occur at Project, Local and Regional scales. Assessment at the regional scale will include the Ozhiski and Missisa Caribou Ranges.
NFN-55		How will the EA measure the changes to indigenous harvest opportunity, experiences and quality caused by the road traffic?	As described in the Evaluation Criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR, the effects assessment will address wildlife harvest opportunities and the experience of being on the land over a cross-section of related valued components, measuring changes to, disruption, or loss of areas used for traditional activities by community members, including: changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat area (ha) of wildlife habitat crossed; habitat availability (i.e., quantity and quality) habitat distribution (i.e., arrangement and connectivity); effects on survival and reproduction); area (ha) of significant wildlife habitat crossed or fragmented; areas (ha) of migratory bird, feeding habitat and resting areas affected; impacts specifically to caribou at the range and sub-range levels; number/area (ha) of seasonal hunting areas affected; number/area (ha) of moose mating areas affected; number of trap lines affected; changes to, or restrictions on, preferred harvesting methods; quantitative and qualitative assessment of changes to noise levels; and qualitative and quantitative assessment of changes in ambient air quality.
NFN-56	Issue: Control of Fugitive Dust-Changes in Resource Availability for Subsistence Section 7.1.8 Air Quality "Construction activities have the potential to temporarily affect local air quality in the immediate vicinity of the Project. Emissions from construction are primarily comprised of fugitive dust (i.e., particulate matter that is suspended in air by wind action and human activity) and tailpipe emissions (e.g., nitrogen oxides and carbon	Will fugitive dust from vehicle traffic on the road be quantified[estimate of tons of dust per year] and considered as a main contributor to contaminant emissions? If not, why not?	Section 7.1.8 of the ToR recognizes the need to assess the effects of fugitive dust. This is carried forward in the general description of the effects assessment process in Section 8 of the ToR. For clarity, yes, fugitive dust that is dispersed by vehicle traffic on the road will be quantified using emission factors from USEPA AP-42, which is a compilation of air pollutant emissions factors that has been published since 1972 as the primary source of the US Environmental Protection Agency's emissions factor information.

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	monoxide) from the movement and operation of construction equipment and vehicles." (ToR, Page 117)		This source will be considered in the emissions dispersion model; therefore, its contribution to particulate concentrations in ambient air during construction activities can be quantified.
NFN-57		How will fugitive dust impacts from runoff from bridges be addressed?	The reference to "runoff" in this question moves the concern into the realm of water quality (i.e., dustfall is deposited, is mobilized in surface water runoff from the structures, and may be discharged to receiving watercourses if not filtered by groundcover). This potential impact is typically addressed through the use of erosion and sediment control measures (e.g., erosion control blankets on newly graded soil embankments; check dams in temporary and permanent drainage ditches/channels).
NFN-58		Will the proponent prepare a fugitive dust control plan identifying project design features and best management practices?	As the proponent for the EA, Webequie will identify the need to prepare a plan to control fugitive dust and, as deemed necessary, commit the road owner/operator to preparation and implementation of the plan. Such plans address potential effects during construction and operation and are typically prepared after completion of the EA and prior to commencement of construction and operations phases, by the parties responsible for these respective phases. During the EA phase, the Webequie Project Team will consider means of mitigating identified potential adverse dustfall effects and will either incorporate roadway and supporting infrastructure design elements to reduce or eliminate such effects in the preliminary design package, or include a commitment to incorporate them at the detail design stage, where such measures are deemed technically and economically reasonable/feasible. If such measures cannot be incorporated in the design of permanent infrastructure, appropriate measures will be included in the dust control plans for the construction and operations phases. Such measures may include temporary/short term practices adopted for construction (e.g., periodic, as-needed application of appropriate dust suppressants based on monitoring of fugitive dust), or permanent environmental operating procedures incorporated in the operations phase environmental management plan (e.g., establishment and maintenance of defined (dust suppression) zones along the road to permit safe passing moves by vehicular traffic, or to protect adjacent dust sensitive areas).
NFN-59		Will there be a separate evaluation of predicted change in surface water quality from vehicle traffic dust deposition? If not, please explain why not.	Potential impacts from dust during construction activities related to surface water quality will be included in the impact assessment section of the EA. Please also refer to Response NFN-49 regarding the assessment of dustfall effects on fish and aquatic resources.
NFN-60		Which Ministries would be responsible for fugitive dust compliance and enforcement?	Dust (particulate matter) is typically deemed to be primarily an air quality concern, the mandate for which normally lies with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Health Canada. During the EA phase, dust deposition effects on vegetation (including country foods) and surface water may also draw in the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry,

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			Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada. Following the EA phase, if there are dustfall effects that are addressed in other project implementation permitting and approval processes, the aforementioned authorities (and others) could become involved in compliance and enforcement of any related conditions of approval, in addition to ensuring compliance with EA phase commitments.
NFN-61	Issue: Spills and Spill Risk-Changes in Resource Availability for Subsistence Section 7.1 Natural Environment "Spills from chemical or hazardous material (e.g., petroleum products,) could contaminate soils and cause adverse effects on aquatic organisms, soil organisms, and vegetation. Changes to soil quality from chemical or hazardous material spills is possible during the construction and operations (maintenance) phases of the Project." (ToR, Page 113)	Will the spill management plan consider the likelihood of driver injuries or fatalities that could delay spill reporting?	Environmental management plans, such as a spills prevention and recovery plan and related environmental operating procedures, will not be developed during the EA phase, which is when the commitment to prepare and implement such plans will be made (please also refer to Response NFN-25 for the example of the development and implementation of a dust control plan would unfold). Neskantaga is welcome to raise this question in relation to the commitments to be included as the EA progresses. This response also applies to the spill scenarios posited in Comments NFN-29, NFN-30 and NFN-31.
NFN-62		Will the spill management plan consider a scenario where a truck accident at a stream crossing sees diesel entering water bodies through broken ice or incomplete freezing of the water body?	Please refer to Response NFN-28.
NFN-63		Will scenarios of diesel spills from tanker truck rollover and estimates of the probability of a spill during transport form part of the EA? If not, please explain why not.	Please refer to Response NFN-28.
NFN-64		If estimates of diesel spills are made, will the probability of various trailer configuration accidents be compared?	Please refer to Response NFN-28.
NFN-65	Issue: Mercury-Changes in Resource Availability for Subsistence Section 7.1.1 Geology, Terrain and Soils "Effects of using locally sourced gravel (e.g., eskers) as construction material for the road could also release naturally abundant metals to waterbodies." (ToR, Page 113) Section 7.1.3 Hydrology and Surface Water "The construction, operation and maintenance of the WSR, as well as the construction of the structure foundations, access roads, and other supportive infrastructure (e.g., construction camps, aggregate pits) could result in changes to surface water quantity and quality." (ToR, Page 114) Section 6.2.4 Vegetation "The ground cover primarily consists of mosses and lichens, low ericaceous shrubs, and some herbs. Bedrock exposures have fewer trees and greater lichen cover. Closed to open stands of stunted black spruce, with ericaceous shrubs and a ground cover of sphagnum moss, dominate poorly drained peat-filled depression." (ToR, Page 84)	Mercury is naturally present at low levels in some rock formations and peatlands in the project area. The proposed road would require the blasting and extraction of millions of cubic yards of rock, sand, and gravel for its construction. The project will require permanent placement of this material for road construction, bridge and culvert stream crossings, and to fill wetlands, lakes, and ponds along the road. How does the proponent plan to test the proposed fill materials needed to build and operate the road for mercury, and other contaminants, during the EA process?	Geochemical field investigations, including soil and rock sampling, have been conducted to support the EA process. This field program was in addition to the surface and groundwater sampling program for chemical analysis, including mercury determinations (please refer to Response NFN-33). The main objective of the geochemical sampling and testing program on soils and rocks was to provide an indication of the potential for metal leaching (ML) and acid rock drainage (ARD) at quarries, rock cuts and talus sites, as well as locations where materials are generated and stockpiled. Samples were subject to acid-base accounting (ABA) [paste pH, total sulphur, sulphide sulphur, HCl leachable sulphate, carbonate leach sulphate, modified Sobek Neutralisation-Potential (NP), total carbon and inorganic carbon] and Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP) with an extraction fluid at pH 4.2 [with ICP-MS analysis for major cations (Ca, Mg, K, Na) and 28 metals and metalloids]. These tests were performed by ALS laboratories based in North Vancouver, BC and Thunder Bay, Ontario. The purpose of testing was: › ABA – to provide an indication of the acid-base accounting characteristics of the soil and bedrock materials and associated insights on potential generation of net-acidity; and

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			› SPLP – to provide a preliminary indication of leachable loadings upon contact with moderately acidic water (i.e., pH 4.2). Both sampling and geochemical test work methods were informed by industry best practice in relation to the assessment of ARD-ML generally, and specifically for road works projects. Additional such testing may be conducted to support design efforts as material source/storage/placement locations and project development details become available.
NFN-66		What detection limits will be used for mercury in surface water?	Both mercury and methyl-mercury were tested for surface water samples. The detection limit is 0.000005 mg/L, or 0.005 µg/L for total mercury; and 0.00002 µg/L for total methyl-mercury.
NFN-67		Will studies of moss be carried out to establish baseline levels of mercury in the project area?	No analysis of moss/lichens for mercury content are planned, although a study of country foods is being conducted as part of the human health program. The baseline levels of mercury will form part of that analysis. Mercury levels in soils/parent materials/groundwater/surface water will also be captured in the geotechnical and water quality programs.
NFN-68		How will hydrological changes to peatlands and discharges of total methyl mercury in downstream wetlands and surface waters be measured and modelled?	Baseline (pre-construction) surface water qualities, including mercury and methyl-mercury, among other parameters, were tested, at the majority of the water crossings (some of them were not accessible at the time of site visit), in different events to capture seasonal variations. During construction, these parameters will be tested again at up and downstream locations. The results will be compared with the baseline conditions and the assessment will be made based on the changes in both surface water quality and quantity.
NFN-69	Issue: Peatland and Climate Change Section 7.1.9 Climate Change	The study areas should acknowledge and include the particular importance of peatlands. The peatlands at issue are part of the second largest carbon sink in the world.	Noted. The ecological importance of bog and fen (peatlands) habitats will be addressed in both the vegetation baseline and EA net effects documentation. The role of these environments will be discussed as part of the climate change assessment.
NFN-70	"The Project will also create changes to the landscape (permanent removal of peatland and forested areas), potentially resulting in reductions in the ability of these terrestrial carbon sinks to capture and store carbon, which, in turn, may contribute to climate change." (ToR, Page 118) Section 5.4.1.1 Routing Considerations Bogs are preferred over fens because bogs typically have a lower water table and thinner organic soil. (ToR, Page 67)	Lakes, rivers, wetlands, peatlands and soils in the region help regulate air quality and can influence local and regional effects such as temperature and precipitation as well as flooding and wildfire impacts. Together with intact forests, these ecosystems also help regulate the climate through the sequestration and storage of carbon. There is no accurate forest or carbon inventory in the region. Accurate inventory data is a prerequisite for determining the "baseline," for any potential carbon offset project that may be needed to achieve climate change goals.	Noted. Information on carbon sequestration and storage capacity will be gleaned primarily from the vegetation and wetland baseline. To achieve a high level of accuracy in this inventory (forest and peatlands), the following preliminary list of references has been identified to characterize existing conditions for vegetation, including wetland and riparian environments: › Aerial photography (Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community), 2020; › Project LiDAR imagery and elevation data gathered by J.D. Mollard and Associates; 20 cm resolution (2016); › Selected Provincial GIS Datasets - wetland, watercourse, waterbody, Far North Land Classification, Provincial Satellite Derived Disturbance Mapping, Land Information Ontario (Ontario Open Data various creation dates), Provincial Parks,

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			Conservation Reserves, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs), and Provincially Significant Wetlands, downloaded 2020; › Natural Heritage Reference Manual (2010); › Forest Management Guide for Conserving Biodiversity at the Stand and Site Scales (2010); › Ontario Species at Risk, May 2000, Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO); › Natural Heritage Resources of Ontario Rare Vascular Plants, Fourth Edition,2009; › Natural Heritage Information Center (NHIC) Biodiversity Explorer databases; › Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) reports; › Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List; › The Ecosystems of Ontario, Part 1, Ecozones and Ecoregions, Crins *et al*., Ministry of Natural Resources, 2009; › The Ecosystems of Ontario, Part 2, Ecodistricts, Wester et *al*., Ministry of Natural Resources, 2018; › Guiding Principles of Wetland Ecological Functions Assessment: An Overview of Approaches, Hanson et al., 2008; › Ecosites of Ontario, Boreal, Operational Draft, Banton *et al*., 2009. › Field Guide to the Wetland Ecosystem Classification for Northwestern Ontario. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Northwest Sci. Technol. Field Guide. Harris et al., 1996; › Ecological Land Classification for Southern Ontario: First Approximation and Its Application. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Lee. *et al*., 1998; › Field manual for Describing Soils in Ontario. 4th Edition. Ontario Centre for Soil Resource Evaluation. Ontario Centre for Soil Resource Evaluation, 1993; › Terrestrial and Wetland Ecosites of Northwestern Ontario. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Northwest Sci. & Technol. Field Guide, Racey *et al*., 1996; › Ecosystem Classification for northwestern Ontario. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Northwest Sci. & Technol. Field Guide, Sims, *et al*., 1997; › A Field Guide to Forest Ecosystems of Northeastern Ontario. 2nd Edition. Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Northeast Sci. & Technol, Taylor *et al*., 2000; › A Guide to Translate Northwestern Ontario Ecosites into “Ecosites of Ontario”, Science and Information Resources Division, NWSI Tech. Note TN-48, 2012; › The Canadian Wetland Classification System, Second Edition, National Wetlands Working Group, 1997; › Forest Research Partnership ELC Papers and Fact Sheets (e.g., Draft v2.0 - Boreal Treed Vegetation Types 2015);

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			› Ontario Wetland Evaluation System, Northern Manual, 1st Edition, Version 1.2, 2013; To gather the information required to support the Environmental Assessment (EA)/Impact Assessment (IA), vegetation field surveys in accordance with provincial standards for Ecological Land Classification (ELC) will be used to identify and classify vegetative communities in the project area. ELC uses a hierarchical approach to identify recurring ecological patterns on the landscape in order to compartmentalize complex natural variation into a reasonable number of meaningful ecosystem units. The functional units from field assessments will follow the Ecosites of Ontario (Operational Draft) – Boreal Region (Banton et al., 2012), which is the current standard arising from the previous Forest Ecosystem and Wetland Ecosystem Classification systems for the Northeast and Northwest regions of the province. Each sample location survey will be conducted in alignment with the guidelines and methodologies outlined in the *Ontario Parks Inventory and Monitoring Program Guidelines* (Draft, Ver. 1.4, 2012). Based on a highly accurate vegetation inventory, changes to the landscape that are important in determining potential impacts to carbon sequestration/storage (i.e., permanent removal of peatland and forested areas) can be readily assessed for capacity loss in terms of carbon stock. Carbon stocks will be assessed based on default Tier 1 parameters provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) per type of forest, trees, soils, etc. Use of the IPCC guidelines is included as a commitment in Appendix C of the ToR Summary of Commitments Made During Terms of Reference Phase – Item No. 54, PDF page 234.
NFN-71		Can peatlands be reclaimed or restored?	It would be challenging to “restore” peatlands given the extensive time required to create these environments. Any restoration/reclamation would likely take the form of the establishment of marsh type environments. These wetland types are extremely rare in the area, and would serve to increase the overall diversity of project area ecosystem.
NFN-72		How are you distinguishing bogs from fens?	Bog and fens are distinguished through examination of vegetative composition and key indicator species, water flow regimes, and visual physiographic indicators visible in available aerial imagery. For example, bogs are not connected to a system of lakes or streams and only receive water from precipitation, which is stored and slowly released to the surrounding land. As a result, bogs are more acidic and nutrient poor and generally have low plant diversity. Fens, on the other hand, are connected to water from small lakes and/or streams, which slowly flows through the system. This results in the availability of more nutrients, and a greater diversity of plant species.

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			There are also a number of visual clues that can be observed from aerial imagery. These include observable water sources and, in the case of fens, a series of strings and flarks are often visible. These ridges and hollows are typically oriented perpendicular to the flow of the surface/ground water in the system.
NFN-73		There has been a growing call for all companies to disclose a plan for how their business model will be compatible with a net zero economy. Will the Webequie Supply road business model be compatible with a net-zero economy?	We interpret this question to be couched in the context of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Paris Agreement, relative to the objective of achieving a net zero carbon economy by the middle of this century. The Webequie Project Team is also aware of Canada's initiatives under Bill C-12 (proposed *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*) to establish a legally binding process to set five-year national emissions-reduction targets for 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045, and develop credible, science-based emissions-reduction plans to achieve each target, as well as the recently established Net-Zero Advisory Body to assist the Minister in this regard. We will be monitoring progress of the Bill and will assess its implications for the Project. The Webequie Supply Road EA ToR clearly places importance on the assessment of how the Project may affect climate change and may combine with climate trends to affect the environment in proximity to the Project. This will include recognition of the importance of the existing environment in the project area, particularly peatlands, to sequester and store carbon; the potential effects of displacing carbon sinks; and the potential for the emission of greenhouse gases. The EA will table commitments to reduce GHG emissions and limit adverse impacts to carbon sinks during construction and operation of the supply road, including in the context of how the Project may affect or contribute to Canada's effort to curb the adverse effects of climate change in compliance with the Paris Agreement (e.g., construction-related emissions will be weighted over 25 years and added to the yearly net GHG emissions from the operations phase). In this respect, it is expected that objectives related to contributing to a net zero carbon economy will be considered in the business model for construction and operation of the supply road. Having said that, we would reiterate that the logistics of the business model, including project ownership and control, have not yet crystallized and Webequie First Nation continues to engage Ontario in attempts to move forward on this front. However, it also expected that whichever entity owns and operates the road will be responsible for fulfilling the EA commitments, possibly including any offsetting measures for emissions generated (e.g., replacement tree planting).
NFN-74	Section 5.2 Initial Screening of Webequie Supply Road Corridor Alternative Concepts	Neskantaga Valued Components.	The Evaluation Criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR appear to capture or reflect some of the Valued Components cited in your letter. For example, Community Health and Well-being indicators

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	Issue: Valued Components. "The process for screening the alternatives included an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives against a set of factors that were identified based on both discussions with community members as to project are features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued components from the outcome of several community meetings in 2017 and 2018, and criteria inherent in the broader definition of the environment, as required under the EA Act and in accordance with MECP's Codes of Practice." (ToR, Page 53) "The corridor screening process included the identification of the advantages and disadvantages of corridor concept alternatives against the broad range of assessment factors (caribou habitat, culturally significant features, areas used for traditional activities, etc.), which were identified based on discussions with community members as to features and sensitivities that may be affected by the Project and what constituted valued environmental components for the community." (ToR, Page 128)	Neskantaga have a more expansive definition of VCs. For example, way of life, capacity to govern and steward their territory; water, traditional knowledge and culture, local capacity (i.e., human resources); health and emergency services; and community health and well being. This list of VCs is not an exhaustive list.	include consideration of changes in levels of public safety, recognizing that well-being, inclusive of public safety, is a central value for Indigenous communities and land users, and the potential for project activities to affect public safety (vehicle/pedestrian collisions). Please also note that a number of the preliminary Valued Components and associated Evaluation Criteria presented in Appendix B of the ToR have undergone significant revisions based on input received through the ToR phase engagement and consultation program. EA participants, including Indigenous communities will be provided with the opportunity to review and comment on the VCs and Evaluation Criteria early in the EA phase. Such feedback will assist the Project Team in further refining and finalizing the VCs and Evaluation Criteria prior to conducting the project alternatives comparative analysis and the project effects assessment. We encourage Neskantaga to enter into dialogue with the Project Team as this opportunity arises and put forward their suggested VCs.
NFN-75	General	Jurisdiction Neskantaga have their own indigenous laws and governance structures. Jurisdiction of Neskantaga with respect to land and resources in their territory is a Neskantaga VC. This VC relates to a wide variety of issues and concerns of Neskantaga, including strong linkages to governance, self-determination and reconciling Neskantaga land and resource uses with the Ontario and federal governments. Neskantaga advocates for the recognition of its inherent rights to govern in its territory and steward its lands and resources. Neskantaga actively pursue agreements with proponents and governments to embed its own governance processes into land and resource decision making to increase their authority over resource decision making.	The Webequie Project Team recognizes and respects that Neskantaga have their own Indigenous laws and governance structures and, as such, assert jurisdiction, with respect to lands and resources in their traditional territory. We also recognize that this is a Neskantaga Valued Component, which relates to other issues and concerns, as well as rights, and that Neskantaga pursues agreements with proponents and governments in order to insert authority over land and resource decision-making that reflect Neskantaga governance processes. Based on the historic community relationship-between Webequie and Neskantaga and our respective assertions of Indigenous laws and governance structures, it is hoped and expected that there will be mutual respect and understanding between Webequie and Neskantaga in these regards. As part of the Three-Tiered Model, it is hoped that the provincial and federal processes can help advance these inherent rights.
NFN-76	General	Concluding Remarks Neskantaga proposes creating a Treaty and Aboriginal Rights working group [when the pandemic conditions allow] with the Proponent and other affected Matawa and Mushkegowuk First Nations. The Working Group would hold joint discussions on routing, the science behind decisions, share information and be a forum for ongoing engagement on routing.	The Webequie Project Team appreciates the offer of Neskantaga First Nation to participate in a collaborative manner and welcomes input on how the Project may affect Treaty and Aboriginal Rights as part of the proposed engagement and consultation program described in the ToR. The Project Team has no plans to form a working group at this time.

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June 1, 2021 Via email: michael.fox@supplyroad.ca Webequie First Nation 1000 Chippewa Road Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1B6 Attn: Michael Fox, Regional Consultation Lead, Webequie Supply Road Dear Mr. Fox, **Re: Further responses regarding Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road** I am writing on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN) to share their further responses to the Webequie Supply Road Project Team's further replies to FAFN's earlier comments on the Terms of Reference (TOR). Your replies were sent to FAFN by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on May 10, 2021. Please see attached a comments chart responding to each of your replies of May 10, 2021. FAFN has noted that some replies regarding requested changes to the TOR are "adequate." However, FAFN finds it odd that a proponent would not revise a document that was circulated for review, and FAFN's position is that best practice would be to revise the TOR rather than to give assurances outside of it. FAFN's acceptance of these responses is given on the basis that Webequie First Nation will be required to address these matters in the Environmental Assessment whether or not the requested changes were reflected in the TOR. As noted in previous correspondence, FAFN's comments on the TOR have been limited to those possible to prepare during the pandemic, and do not reflect sufficiently meaningful member engagement. Yours truly, Sarah Beamish Encl: Evaluation of Webequie First Nation's Responses (dated May 7, 2021) to Fort Albany First Nation's Supplementary Comments (dated March 31, 2020) on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (dated August 2020) Cc: Chief Robert Nakogee, FAFN Deputy Chief Charlotte Nakochee, FAFN Jacqueline Sutherland, CEO, FAFN Alistair MacDonald, Director, The Firelight Group Steve DeRoy, Director, The Firelight Group Justin Page, Senior Regulatory Advisor, The Firelight Group Craig Wallace, Project Manager, SNC-Lavalin Inc. Don Parkinson, Consultation Lead, SNC-Lavalin Inc. Samson Jacob, Local Consultation Lead, Webequie First Nation Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer, MECP	Thank you for your continued interest in and contributions to the Terms of Reference process. We have provided a response to your outstanding concerns regarding Fort Albany First Nation's participation in the aboriginal and treaty rights effects assessment in Table YY Response FAFN-8 below.

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FAFN-8	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to identify the approach, or potential approaches, that may be applied in the rights assessment and the contemplated role for each Indigenous Nation in the rights assessment, including in relation to the factors listed in the rationale column at left. […]	11. Using the preliminary criteria and indicators provided in the ToR document (refer to Appendix B) for evaluating the potential effects of the preferred route and supportive works for the supply road, the Webequie Project Team will conduct the analysis considering IK information provided by the communities, in a timely manner, and potential effects from project studies (natural, social, economic and cultural/archaeological). This analysis will identify the scale and significance of potential effects to the community's rights and interests and will also identify suggested approaches to mitigation and an assessment of "net" effects to rights and interests.	Inadequate. The Proponent's response identifies its steps for assessing project impacts on First Nations' rights and interests. None of these steps include development of a methodology to assess project effects on Indigenous rights and interests, or identify the role of Indigenous Nations in developing such a methodology. Instead, the Proponent notes that the Webequie Project Team will conduct the analysis, without specifying the methodology it will apply. Best practice entails that Indigenous Nations have the right of first refusal to undertake assessments that relate to their rights and interests and, at a minimum, are actively involved in developing the methodology for assessing these impacts (e.g. see the First Nations Major Project Coalition's Major Project Assessment Standard).	Please indicate that Fort Albany First Nation will be provided the opportunity to conduct a rights impact assessment of the Project in relation to Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests.	Fort Albany First Nation will be provided the opportunity to conduct an assessment of the potential impacts of the WSR Project on Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests. The WSR Project Team's assessment will be undertaken in a rigorous manner, with the understanding that FAFN will have a key role in the assessment of project effects to their rights. The WSR Project Team will develop the rights impact assessment methodology consistent with the suggested steps in the federal *Interim Guidance: Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.	Inadequate. The Proponent states that Fort Albany First Nation will be provided with an opportunity to participate in the Proponent-led assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights through the consultation process. The Proponent states that Fort Albany First Nation will have a key role in the assessment of project effects on its rights (but does not specify the nature of this role). The Proponent states that its rights impact assessment methodology will be consistent with the federal *Interim Guidance: Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.* Fort Albany First Nation reiterates its stated preference to conduct a Fort Albany First Nation-led assessment of project effects on its Aboriginal and treaty rights. This approach is in line with best practice and the federal guidance *Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which states "if an Indigenous community is interested in doing so, they should lead the assessment of impacts on their rights as they are best placed to understand how their rights and their relationship with the landscape may be impacted by the project." The principle of Free, Prior and Informed Consent, as articulated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, requires that Fort Albany First Nation is provided with the opportunity, with adequate funding, to undertake its own community-led assessment process to ensure that our rights and interests are appropriately characterized and assessed.	Please indicate that Fort Albany First Nation will be provided the opportunity, with adequate funding, to conduct a rights impact assessment of the Project in relation to Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests. Please indicate how the findings of Fort Albany First Nation's rights impact assessment will be incorporated into the Proponent's application.	The Webequie Project Team has no concerns with Fort Albany First Nation conducting a Fort Albany First Nation-led impact assessment of the Webequie Supply Road Project on its Aboriginal and treaty rights. We welcome the contribution of the results of such an assessment to the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement documentation. In addition to our previous advisements on this matter, we can confirm that the results of the Fort Albany First Nation-led assessment will be considered in the overall project effects assessment, principally within the context of Indigenous Peoples Land Use and Interests, including: › Indigenous Current and Historical Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes › Indigenous Relationships to Traditional Lands and Resources; and › Cultural Continuity (ability to practice and transmit cultural traditions including historical disruptions where Indigenous peoples have a desire to reinvigorate a cultural tradition). As with other informational inputs (e.g., Indigenous Knowledge), Fort Albany First Nation will also be provided with the opportunity to validate the Webequie Project Team's interpretation of the Fort Albany rights impact assessment results prior to their consideration in the effects assessment and inclusion in the EAR/IS document. As additional community engagement and consultation occur at the outset of the EA phase, details on rights impact assessment logistical matters, such as what information Fort Albany First Nation requires from the Webequie Project Team to conduct the assessment and the timing to complete such an assessment, will be ascertained. Your request for adequate funding to conduct the rights impact assessment is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for

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								the EA. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.

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June 23, 2021 Via email From: Kimberly Jorgenson To: Kathleen O'Neill & Sasha McLeod Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) Environmental Assessment Branch Attn: Kathleen O'Neill & Sasha McLeod 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 Subject: Review of Comment Responses Received on the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Dear Ms. O'Neill and Ms. McLeod, I am writing in response to the MOECP's letter dated March 19, 2021, regarding the comments received from Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) on the Final Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project Environmental Assessment (EA). CLFN was asked to review the thoroughness of the comment responses provided by the Proponent and Province, and to respond if any outstanding concerns remain. CLFN continues to experience ongoing challenges regarding participation in this EA, further compounded by the global pandemic and community access/gathering restrictions. Consultation efforts surrounding this project should haven been put on-hold until after the global pandemic has subsided, since participation respectful of our community protocols is still impossible at this time. Putting our community members at risk for engagement on these documents has not been an option, and virtual engagement still presents a challenge surrounding internet speeds and capacity. This is an extremely large project with regional implications, opening up and permanently changing the face of northern Ontario; the EA process should be respectful of that scope. CLFN would appreciate information on how other First Nations across the region are managing to participate; are there measures of community satisfaction in their ability to participate in consultation efforts to date? Are they satisfied that they are being properly consulted and accommodated? In spite of these challenges, and the challenges experienced by our neighbouring First Nations, participation in this technical process needs to continue in order to ensure that CLFN members have a voice at the table. Ideally, the comment responses provided by the Proponent and Province would have been presented to engaged CLFN community members, reviewed/discussed thoroughly as a group, with further comments gathered and provided back to the MOECP in response. The following comments are provided following a limited internal review of the technical information, in respect of the need for Webequie First Nation to advance on this project for the betterment of their people and community. Comments are provided in correspondence with the numbered table provided in the Proponent response: • CLFN-1: While CLFN appreciates the efforts provided through extended review timelines and information streaming events by the WSR team, the core capacity challenges presented by the pandemic remain a hindrance to CLFN's full and proper engagement and consultation on this project. This barrier will not be overcome until the pandemic subsides and the current State of Emergency is lifted. • CLFN-2: CLFN had subsequently reached out to the WSR team to arrange an introductory meeting on the project on November 27, 2020. It is disappointing that such a meeting had to be initiated by CLFN's technical team, and that it was poorly attended by the WSR team. Action items from the meeting pertaining to additional information requests have not yet been provided to CLFN, nor have final meeting minutes been received. • CLFN-3: Response is adequate. • CLFN-4: CLFN also looks forward to receiving additional information on the WSR Indigenous Knowledge (IK) gathering efforts, as no formal outreach on an IK program has been received todate from the WSR team. • CLFN-5: Please refer to the response provided for CLFN-1.	Thank you for your continued interest in and contributions to the Webequie Supply Road Terms of Reference process. We have provided responses to your outstanding concerns, where required, in Table AAA-1 below.

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• CLFN-6: CLFN remains disappointed in the province's statement to 'work with communities who are willing and interested in advancing Ring of Fire development', as it lacks transparency and ignores over a decade of communications and planning efforts across the Matawa member First Nation communities and neighbouring First Nation concerns. CLFN also does not appreciate the reiteration of a statement of political position in response to a genuine community inquiry; such an approach ultimately divides communities and does nothing to unite Ontario and the North. CLFN would like to restate that there is a need for all involved groups (proponent, provincial government, federal government, neighbouring First Nations, and industry) to come together and communicate about this project in a holistic manner, so that all concerns and apprehensions might be respectfully addressed. • CLFN-7: Please refer to the response provided for CLFN-6. The WSR team has made no response to CLFN's statement on recognizing the importance of unity, which is disappointing since the Proponent is a member of the Matawa tribal council and is signatory to the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn (Unity Declaration, 2011). • CLFN-8: Response is adequate. • CLFN-9: Response is adequate. • CLFN-10: Response is adequate. CLFN would like to reiterate an interest in focusing on moose as a valued species in this assessment. • CLFN-11: CLFN would like to request additional information on caribou, as expressed in the internal meeting with the WSR team in November 2020. When forestry activities are planned in the CLFN homelands, the 'caribou mosaic' and 'caribou line' often modify/impact plans. How is planning for the road development going to accommodate such restrictions, as well as those outlined in the provincial caribou strategy? • CLFN-12: Response is adequate. • CLFN-13: Response is adequate. • CLFN-14: Response is adequate. • CLFN-15: Response is adequate. • CLFN-16: Response is adequate. CLFN welcomes direct engagement by the WSR team and the MOECP once circumstances allow for appropriate consultation activities to resume. Respectfully, Chief Richard Allen Cc: Chief Cornelius Wabasse (corneliusw@webequie.ca) Michael Fox (michael.fox@supplyroad.ca) Samson Jacob (samson.jacob@supplyroad.ca) Don Parkinson (don.parkinson@snclavalin.com) Bertha Sutherland (bertha.sutherland@clfn.on.ca) Wayne Neegan (wayne.neegan@clfn.on.ca) Monica John-George (monica.john-george@clfn.on.ca) Kimberly Jorgenson (kjorgenson@fourrivers.group)	

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CLFN-1	Letter Addressed to MECP Dated October 13, 2020 **Re: Review of Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment** Dear Ms. McLeod and Ms. Gauthier, I am writing in response to your notice dated August 14, 2020 regarding the Review of the Proposed Terms of Reference for the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) project Environmental Assessment (EA). Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) has experienced ongoing challenges regarding participation in this EA, further compounded by the global pandemic and community access/gathering restrictions. Ideally, consultation efforts surrounding this project EA would have been put on hold until after the global pandemic had subsided and CLFN was able to commit the resources and thoughtful reflection required on the engagement methods required to meaningfully participate. While provincial funding support has been received for our involvement in this EA, the timelines and pandemic restrictions have not allowed for CLFN to hire an internal Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, to meaningfully engage our membership on the technical details of the project, nor to build internal capacity and knowledge on the provincial EA process. We understand that our concerns are shared with our neighbouring communities, and we are jointly frustrated that this process is advancing despite the unprecedented circumstances we all find ourselves in. This does not feel like a community-led process. We respect the need for Webequie First Nation to advance on this project for the betterment of their people and community, and as such are providing the attached high-level comments on the Terms of Reference (ToR) document. Please note that these comments are not holistic or respectful of our community communication and consultation processes; CLFN completed an internal high-level review of the ToR documentation and hosted a small community engagement session (adhering to indoor gathering size restrictions). Regarding project communications moving forward, please address all communications to the following individuals: • Chief Richard Allen (chief@clfn.on.ca) • Monica John-George, Executive Director (monica.john-george@clfn.on.ca) • Bertha Sutherland, Lands & Resources Officer (bertha.sutherland@clfn.on.ca) • Wayne Neegan, Community Communications Liaison Officer (wayne.neegan@clfn.on.ca) • Kimberly Jorgenson, Environmental Services Coordinator, Four Rivers Inc (kjorgenson@fourrivers.group) CLFN welcomes direct engagement by the WSR team and the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks (MOECP) once circumstances allow for appropriate consultation activities to resume. Respectfully, Chief Richard Allen	The Webequie Project Team recognizes the challenges that the Constance Lake community is facing in participating in this Project, which are similar to those being experienced by a number of other communities that are participating. We also appreciate the efforts made by CLFN to engage within the community and provide comments on the ToR. In an effort to continue effective consultation and engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Webequie Supply Road consultation team has been delivering a series of live streaming sessions. These weekly sessions, currently focusing on the EA ToR, began at the beginning of October and are a mix of online, Facebook and YouTube streaming, with the content including EA ToR presentations, Question and Answer sessions with discipline experts (i.e., water, human health, socio-economics), community cultural videos and live responses to viewer questions. The sessions have been extensively advertised via 30 minute looping preview segments and 30 second commercials on Wawatay Radio. The sessions will continue after the ToR review period and will be delivered on demand to any willing Indigenous community or other project stakeholder. These sessions have proven to be an effective and popular engagement methods, with results showing that the bandwidth (i.e., volume of downloaded information) and number of users have increased by nearly 600 percent since the live streaming sessions began. We encourage CLFN to take advantage of these innovative communication tools. With respect to timelines, on October 20, 2020, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks notified Indigenous communities, including Constance Lake, that the ministry will continue to accept comments from Indigenous communities until November 30, 2020. We trust this will suffice to accommodate your need for time to provide any additional comments.	While CLFN appreciates the efforts provided through extended review timelines and information streaming events by the WSR team, the core capacity challenges presented by the pandemic remain a hindrance to CLFN's full and proper engagement and consultation on this project. This barrier will not be overcome until the pandemic subsides and the current State of Emergency is lifted.	The Webequie Project Team has heard the concerns from some Indigenous communities regarding the timeline to provide comments on the ToR, including requests for extensions, and suspension of the process. We appreciate the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal review and consultation processes. Webequie will continue its engagement efforts with communities during the ToR phase in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included and continue to include offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, and requests to meet virtually with communities. These engagement opportunities continue to be available to CLFN and other communities to take part in, if interested. Note that once the pandemic subsides and communities are receptive to visitors our consultation activities will be oriented to more traditional, in-community face-to-face engagement sessions. The Webequie Project Team appreciates the input received from CLFN and look forward to further opportunities to engage with leadership and community members during the ToR phase, and the Environmental Assessment phase of the Project, pending approval of the ToR. Note to date the Webequie Project Team have received and incorporated substantial feedback from Indigenous communities into the ToR.
CLFN-2	**Restrictive Timelines & Capacity:** CLFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough technical review of the Terms of Reference (ToR) within the comment deadline. While CLFN has made all efforts to be engaged and informed on this project (including hosting a small community engagement session with the assistance of Four Rivers (our technical services group)), our Lands & Resource department does not have dedicated internal staff fluent with Environmental Assessment (EA) legislation and processes. Additional timeline and capacity restrictions have been encountered due to the global pandemic, resulting in a lack of in-community engagement to-date from the Proponent and Province. Appropriate community consultation and engagement requires the time and resources to engage all members of our community (from Elders to youth) in this process, which is especially difficult in the current circumstances.	The standard ToR comment period of 30 days (under normal circumstances) was initially increased to 60 days for the WSR Project. The 60-day period was subsequently extended another 6 weeks to accommodate requests from several project participants and provide additional time for respondents to comment. While there has necessarily been limitations on the amount of in-community engagement to date, as noted in Response CLFN-1, the Webequie Project Team has also provided innovative and effective ways for potentially affected and interested parties to engage on the Project in the face of COVID-1 challenges. The Project Team welcomes suggestions as to how to further amplify its efforts in this regard.	CLFN had subsequently reached out to the WSR team to arrange an introductory meeting on the project on November 27, 2020. It is disappointing that such a meeting had to be initiated by CLFN's technical team, and that it was poorly attended by the WSR team. Action items from the meeting pertaining to additional information requests have not yet been provided to CLFN, nor have final meeting minutes been received.	The Webequie Project Team (WPT) would like to thank CLFN Chief and Council for the opportunity to meet on November 27th, 2020 to discuss the WSR Project. For future meetings the WPT will endeavor to have more robust representation, including where possible participation of a community member from WFN. As follow-up, attached is the Summary of the Meeting held with Chief and Council on November 27th. In the Meeting Summary the WPT agreed to provide additional information on the caribou program, as requested by Chief and Council (refer to follow-up action item #1). We note the request for caribou information is reflected in the supplemental comments

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				of June 23rd, 2021 from CLFN and the Webequie Project Team have provided a response (refer to CLFN-11). Additionally, as follow-up to Action Item #2 in the Meeting Summary, the Webequie Project Team offers the following response to the request for clarification of whether the EA process for the WSR falls under the same regulations as forestry projects. The WSR is subject to the requirements under *the Environmental Assessment Act* and is also subject to other provincial and federal permits/approvals as noted in sections 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 of the Terms of Reference. Should the WSR project proceed to development, for areas outside of managed forests a "Permit to Remove" under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* (the Act) would be required for the cutting of timber on Crown land. The WSR project is not subject to other policy and forest management planning aspects under the Act that apply to commercial forestry activities and specifically the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting for timber harvested on managed forests in Ontario. Note that a "Permit to Remove" can only be obtained where the activity for which trees must be harvested (e.g. road construction, aggregate extraction) has received prior approval under the appropriate legislation (i.e. *Environmental Assessment Act*).
CLFN-3	**Environmental protections:** Water, traditional land use and wildlife are of primary importance to CLFN. Stringent measures must be in-place throughout the project life to protect the waters, fish, land, animals (notably moose and caribou) and air quality surrounding the project and associated watersheds. A rigorous environmental monitoring program is also necessary throughout the life of the project. "When they make a road, all the water bodies, how will they control the pollution? Because it is the water that helps me get to where I need to be, to collect my fish and hunt my moose. I just want to know if they're going to be okay."	Thank you for providing comments and additional information on the protection of specific components that are of value to Constance Lake First Nation. As indicated in Section 9.2 the ToR, an Environmental Management Plan will be prepared as part of the lead-up to construction and operation of the supply road. It is expected that this will include discrete environmental protection plans for the type of valued components cited in your comments, as well as a monitoring framework designed to verify the prediction of the effects assessment in the EA, and ensure that environmental commitments and obligations are fulfilled and mitigation/restoration/enhancement measures are effective.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-4	**Cultural & spiritual significance of the lands and waters:** "Our life, spirituality, traditional medicines, animals, birds, little bugs and insects, all water animals, rivers and lakes and a lot more, we are all connected, we need the land and wildlife to be free of pollution." Indigenous Knowledge (IK) data gathering and mapping efforts need to be completed to ensure that conversations surrounding the potential impacts of the project to CLFN's homelands and traditional values are understood and accommodated in this project EA. CLFN expects that the WSR Team will uphold the statements made in the ToR that 'where conflicts between IK information and western science information arise, the approach taken will be the one that is most protective of the environment".	The Webequie Project Team understands the importance of gathering Indigenous Knowledge (IK) to inform the EA, and is committed to establishing IK as a cornerstone for decision-making on the Project. We look forward to receiving IK from Constance Lake First Nation to incorporate in our baseline information and the assessment of project alternatives.	CLFN also looks forward to receiving additional information on the WSR Indigenous Knowledge (IK) gathering efforts, as no formal outreach on an IK program has been received to date from the WSR team.	The Webequie Project Team is in the process of developing an Indigenous Knowledge information gathering strategy based on the Ring of Fire Participant Funding Initiative funding Agreements executed to date. It is our understanding that such an agreement is in place between Constance Lake First Nation and Ontario. Once the strategy has been established, formal outreach to individual communities will be initiated.

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CLFN-5	**Meaningful engagement:** CLFN's internal communication and engagement processes must be respected, with full-community involvement necessary in all decision-making. The short consultation window on this Terms of Reference (following a previously communicated pause in proceedings) resulted in very little time for CLFN's membership to become engaged and knowledgeable on the project and EA process. Project timelines should be better communicated in the future, with greater efforts to share information in an approachable manner, cognisant of engagement challenges in this pandemic situation.	Please refer to Response CLFN-2. We trust that the extension of the comment period will be sufficient to accommodate your community's need for time to provide additional comments.	Please refer to the response provided for CLFN-1.	Please refer to the response to CLFN-1 above.
CLFN-6	**Transparency in relationships and discussions**: CLFN has been involved in discussions surrounding the future development in the Ring of Fire for over a decade, and many community members are keen to understand the agreements, relationships and motivations behind all involved parties (proponent, provincial government, federal government, neighbouring First Nations and industry) in this project. There is a need for all involved groups to come together and communicate about the project in a holistic manner, so that all concerns and apprehensions might be addressed.	The provision of information on additional initiatives for engagement on development of the Ring of Fire is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We have referred your comment to Ontario so they can respond to you directly on this matter.	CLFN remains disappointed in the province's statement to 'work with communities who are willing and interested in advancing Ring of Fire development', as it lacks transparency and ignores over a decade of communications and planning efforts across the Matawa member First Nation communities and neighbouring First Nation concerns. CLFN also does not appreciate the reiteration of a statement of political position in response to a genuine community inquiry; such an approach ultimately divides communities and does nothing to unite Ontario and the North. CLFN would like to restate that there is a need for all involved groups (proponent, provincial government, federal government, neighbouring First Nations, and industry) to come together and communicate about this project in a holistic manner, so that all concerns and apprehensions might be respectfully addressed.	To reiterate our previous position on this comment, the provision of information on additional initiatives for engagement on development of the Ring of Fire is outside the control of Webequie First Nation as the Webequie Supply Road EA Proponent, and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. We have again referred your comment to Ontario, so they can further respond to you directly.
CLFN-7	**Interest in a regional approach:** As affirmed in the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn (Unity Declaration, 2011), the nine Matawa member First Nations, connected through our language, cultural, social and economic interests, all live and rely upon the lands, water and resources entrusted to us by the Creator. CLFN would like to work together with Webequie First Nation and all Matawa member First Nations to collectively discuss this project, the EA and future development in the Ring of Fire. While it is understood that the federal government is advancing plans for a Regional Assessment centered on the Ring of Fire area, CLFN would like the Matawa member First Nations to come together to discuss areas of mutual interest and concern, recognizing the importance of unity.	Please refer to Response CLFN-6 with respect to further engagement on future development in the Ring of Fire. We understand that the federal Regional Assessment team has not yet published information on the scope of the assessment, or its Terms of Reference. Updates in this regard, including provision of participant funding, are normally provided on the team's website (https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80468?culture=en-CA). As required by the *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available.	Please refer to the response provided for CLFN-6. The WSR team has made no response to CLFN's statement on recognizing the importance of unity, which is disappointing since the Proponent is a member of the Matawa tribal council and is signatory to the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewinn (Unity Declaration, 2011).	The WPT recognizes the importance of unity and through the EA planning process for the WSR Project will honor and respect the Mamow-Wecheekapawetahteewin (Unity Declaration, 2011) that is intended to foster and establish a relationship by which the nine (9) Nations in Matawa can work together, specifically around land, water and resource issues.

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		This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment.		
CLFN-8	**Transportation:** CLFN understands that the project will lead to increased traffic through CLFN's homelands in the future, most notably once a connection is established to the provincial highway system (anticipated to be through the Northern Road Link and Marten Falls Community Access Road). CLFN needs to understand potential implications for the health and safety of our members while travelling on the provincial highway system, and what increased traffic loads will mean to our membership. Increased traffic on waterways is also of concern; how will roads/bridges be designed to ensure they are still navigable?	The implications of introducing a connection to the provincial highway in the WSR project area will be included as part of the cumulative effects assessment (CEA) for the Project. The CEA will include the combined effects of the Webequie Supply Road, Northern Road Link and Marten Falls Community Access Road in the context of creating a future link to the provincial highway network through the homelands of Constance Lake First Nation. The CEA will be a Valued Component-centred assessment that utilizes the evaluation criteria identified in Appendix B of the ToR. In relation to your comments, this will include consideration of the traffic, health and safety concerns you have raised, as well as general changes in the experience of being on the land. Examples include: › Changes in traffic volumes and operating capacity › Changes in demand on emergency and protective services › Changes to availability of and access to public services › Changes to crime rates, substance use, women's safety, gender-based violence, public safety services › Changes in food security, illegal or potentially disruptive activities, cost of living, income inequality › Changes in access to means of travel, navigable waterways and waterbodies › Changes to navigable waterways and on users, including navigation safety › Changes in the experience of lands and resources for cultural purposes › Changes in quality, quantity, and access to lands and resources The approach to the CEA will be further established in a Cumulative Effects Assessment Work Plan, which the Webequie Project Team will consult on during the upcoming Environmental Assessment phase.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-9	**Improved communications and partnerships with neighbouring First Nations**: CLFN views this project as an opportunity to improve dialogue with our neighbouring Matawa member First Nations, most notably Webequie First Nation, and we welcome the anticipated increased interactions and communications with our neighbours.	The Webequie Project Team looks forward to engaging with Constance Lake First Nation on the supply road project, particularly in relation to the assembly of Indigenous Knowledge and potential effects on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-10	**Increased hunting:** CLFN is concerned with the current moose population, having observed local declines in population that may be exacerbated by increased human traffic and tourism in the North.	Please refer to Response CLFN-8 with respect to the implications of introducing a connection to the provincial highway in the WSR project area. Section 7.2 and Table 7-1 of the ToR recognize the potential negative effects of such a connection, including more outsiders coming into community, such as resource users, that put a strain on traditional territories	Response is adequate. CLFN would like to reiterate an interest in focusing on moose as a valued species in this assessment.	Noted. Moose (*Alces alces*) will be a focal/valued species within the assessment, with the Regional Study Area (RSA) for this species extending an additional 19.5 km beyond the standard RSA boundary for the Project, which is defined as extending

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		for hunting, fishing, mineral resource exploration, as well as pressure on wildlife populations and movements, and these will be assessed further during the EA phase.		approximately 6 km from the 35 m right-of-way for the Webequie Supply Road (the Project Footprint).
CLFN-11	**Protections for Species at Risk**: CLFN is concerned that provincial legislation intended to protect species at risk in Ontario (including caribou) is not being upheld in practice. These concerns are further emphasized through recent changes weakening environmental legislation in the province. CLFN expects to see the highest level of environmental protections and monitoring in place throughout the life of this project.	The Webequie Project Team recognizes the importance of species at risk in the project to maintaining balanced local and regional ecosystems, as well as to the livelihood and subsistence economy of Indigenous communities. This will be fully accounted for in the evaluation of project alternatives, the assessment of net and cumulative effects, and the establishment of a project monitoring framework.	CLFN would like to request additional information on caribou, as expressed in the internal meeting with the WSR team in November 2020. When forestry activities are planned in the CLFN homelands, the 'caribou mosaic' and 'caribou line' often modify/impact plans. How is planning for the road development going to accommodate such restrictions, as well as those outlined in the provincial caribou strategy?	As noted in the response to CLFN-2, the following additional information is provided on the caribou program as requested by CLFN at the meeting held with the WPT on November 27, 2020. Webequie First Nation is undertaking a 3-year (2021-2024) Caribou collaring program to support the proposed Webequie Supply Road EA. A permit under the Ontario *Endangered Species Act* was issued by MECP, as were approvals by MNRF for a Wildlife Scientific Collector's Authorization and Wildlife Animal Care Committee protocol to allow the Caribou collaring study to be conducted in the WSR Local Study Area (for Caribou, within approximately 10 km of the proposed 35 m right-of-way - the Project Footprint). A federal permit under the *Species at Risk Act* was also acquired from Environment and Climate Change Canada for the study. Surveys for Caribou and species evidence (e.g., tracks, cratering, etc.) along 47 aerial transects took place over four days between February 24 and March 1, 2021. In total, Caribou tracks were observed along 40 transects, while 426 Caribou were directly observed along 22 transects. Surveyors also observed and recorded details on other wildlife species, including Moose, Wolf and Wolverine. Between February 25 and March 6, 2021, 29 radio collars were deployed on female Caribou. The purpose of the Caribou collaring program is to understand Caribou distribution, demographics and behaviour within the project study areas (Project Footprint, Local and Regional Study Areas). The Regional Study Area for the assessment of WSR on Caribou extends across the Missisa and Ozhiski Caribou ranges. The collaring study is expected to provide insight into patterns of habitat use within the study areas, as well as which Caribou ecotypes (Boreal or Eastern Migratory) are represented by animals that were collared. Combined with three years of aerial survey data and data input from an existing MNRF Caribou collaring study within the Missisa and Ozhiski Ranges, collaring data will allow for improved modelling of Caribou occurrence and habitat use across the study areas. Should the Terms of Reference for the Project be

Table AAA-1 –Supplemental Comments Received from Constance Lake First Nation *Evaluation of Webequie First Nation's Responses (dated February 12, 2021) to Constance Lake First Nation Comments (dated October 13, 2020) on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (dated August 2020)*				
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				approved, this will help assess potential impacts of the WSR Project on Caribou and inform the development of mitigation measures to avoid or minimize those impacts.
CLFN-12	**Fish populations:** CLFN would like to understand how the proposed corridor (and resulting increase in traffic/tourism) could impact fish populations in the area.	As users of the land and resources in the project area, the Project Team is sensitive to the importance of fisheries in the region and the increased pressure on such resources as a result of increased traffic and tourism (refer also to Response CLFN-10). The potential for such impacts will be addressed as part of the net and cumulative effects assessment.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-13	**Aggregate resources:** CLFN would like to see further information on aggregate sources for the project, as it is recognized that these resources are limited along the proposed corridor route.	The Project Team has conducted additional investigations (summer/fall 2020) in the project area to assess the quality, quantity and accessibility of aggregate resources along the preliminary proposed supply road corridor. This information will be incorporated in the refinement of project alternatives and their evaluation, and will be shared with project participants as part of the engagement and consultation process during the EA phase.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-14	**Eventual connection to the Ring of Fire:** Since discussions are advancing on both the Northern Road Link project and Marten Falls Community Access Road, which will inevitably connect the WSR to the provincial highway system and future mining developments in the Ring of Fire, CLFN would like to have a better understanding of the potential future cumulative effects of such developments on CLFN's homelands.	Please refer to Responses CLFN-10 and CLFN-12. The cumulative effects of the Project in combination with other existing and reasonably foreseeable projects and activities, including the Northern Road Link, the Marten Falls Community Access Road and future mining developments in the Ring of Fire will be assessed during the EA phase.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-15	**Climate change considerations:** Since the future decommission of the project is not going to be planned/considered, it is important that the EA discuss how the project construction will accommodate future climate change realities, most notably with greatly fluctuating seasonal temperatures, rainfall events, wild fires and the potential loss of permafrost conditions.	Noted. The Project Team has incorporated this important consideration in the work plans for the EA phase, using the approach described in Section 7.1.9 of the ToR, which recognizes the climate change trends cited in your comments.	Response is adequate.	No response required.
CLFN-16	**Record of Consultation:** In section 2.5.4 of the Record of Consultation document, the comments submitted by CLFN on November 6, 2019 were provided directly to the WSR Team, and not through Matawa First Nations Management. Please correct this statement in future versions. There is also a typo in section 2.5.12, which mentions CLFN in error.	Noted. Our records confirm that on November 6, 2019 the Project Team received an email from Kim Jorgenson (Four Rivers Environmental Services Group, Matawa First Nations Management), with the CLFN (Chief Allen) letter attached, addressed to the consultant team's Consultation Lead. The Project Team acknowledges the typographical error in Section 2.5.12 of the Record of Consultation report, which should refer to Long Lake #58 First Nation, rather than CLFN – the RoC database itself has the correct reference. This will be corrected in future editions of the Record of Consultation report.	Response is adequate.	No response required.

WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION SUPPLY ROAD
CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING

Constance Lake First Nation
November 27, 2020

OVERVIEW

The Webequie Supply Road Project Team met with Chief and Council and technical staff on November 27, 2020 via video conference. The purpose of this meeting was to provide a project overview of the Webequie Supply Road Project, answer questions from community members and share information on the Terms of Reference (ToR) and the overall Environmental Assessment Process.

The format of the meeting was a presentation by the Project Team followed by a question and answer period. The presentation consisted of a brief project description, followed by descriptions of the EA process, the ToR and its preparation, as well as the need for input from Indigenous communities.

QUESTIONS FROM CHIEF AND COUNCIL

After the overview presentation, Chief and Council asked questions of clarification (marked "Q"). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics (marked "R")*, where provided.

1. Q: Why are there no representatives from Webequie FN or the technical team not on the call?
   R: Webequie would have liked to have been here, however, everyone is in meetings as it is a busy time. Whatever questions you have, we can respond back to them as quickly as possible, and relay them to Webequie FN.

2. Q: How is machinery and aggregate going to be brought in to build the road?
   R: There is equipment in Webequie FN, but the rest will need to be brought in by cargo planes outside of the winter road season. Some equipment will be delivered on flatbed trucks and floated in on the winter road. In terms of aggregate, there have been studies to identify aggregate areas to supply the road. If the environmental assessment were to be approved, in terms of construction, the idea is to start at Webequie FN, or the other end, and begin work from there. Another option would be to have two construction fronts and meet in the middle in 2 or 3 construction seasons, a much shorter timeframe than with one construction front.

3. Q: When you do your environmental assessment studies, do your regulations fall into same as forestry regulations?
   R: We are not sure. We will look into that.

4. Q: Are there going to be bridges?
   R: Yes, there will be three bridges based on what we know at this point. One is off of Eastwood Island across part of Winisk Lake. The second one is where the road turns south, at Winiskisis Channel which is a crossing of 48 metres. The third crossing bridge is at the Muketei river with a crossing width of 33 metres.

5. Q: Is there anything on aquifers and how that will be impacted by the road?
   R: We are looking at groundwater. We installed 10 wells along the road and those wells are being used to get an understanding of groundwater quality and quantity. We are monitoring it for three years to look at how groundwater levels change to understand that better. We are also looking at quality of that water and determining the chemical composition of the water now. Webequie FN is going through this process to understand the impacts.

6. Q: Do we have to continue this process until there is road development? Will the funding be available to communities to be part of this from beginning to end?
   R: That is a possibility.

7. Q: If Constance Lake wants you to share information with the community, is Webequie FN open to that?
   R: Yes, Webequie FN would be happy to share information with the community.

FEEDBACK FROM CHIEF & COUNCIL

The following points provide a summary of the main feedback shared by community members (marked "CC" for Chief & Council). Responses from the Project Team are noted in *italics (marked "R")*, where provided.

Caribou Boundaries

- CC: When they do forestry, they're not supposed to have roads because that gives the wolves easier access to get to the caribou. So, when you build the road, how are the regulators going to control that? When they're done their forestry, they must decommission the roads so it doesn't give predators advantage on the caribou.
  As part of the provincial caribou strategy - there is a line. There isn't supposed to be development within the caribou line. Is the road going to supersede the caribou line?

  R: I haven't heard of that before. We will advise our biologists and investigate that.

Participation Funding

- CC: There are a couple of First Nations that have good relationships with Webequie FN and they don't have funding mechanisms themselves.

R: We hear that from other communities that they don't have resources to provide comments. We suggest connecting with Ontario regarding funding.

Moose

- CC: Would like to see moose protected in the area. That would need to be discussed in some way in this process. The moose population is diminishing because of the allocation and permits put in place. Would like to see a big buffer zone for protection of moose.
  R: A Regional Assessment is going to be undertaken by the Federal Authorities and will to take this all into consideration.

ISSUES AND CONCERNS

The following points are issues and concerns raised by community members.

Consultation & Engagement:

- This must be collaborative so we're not doing anything wrong on our side of the table. I will put a recommendation that we do a good thorough environmental assessment process. I would use the leverage of COVID as I don't believe consultation can be done in this time. This is considered an information session, not consultation. I don't get to see how the WSR will impact us, as I don't get to go on the land where this road is going to be and how the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road (CAR) will be or the Northern Road Link will be. When we talk about live streams then some communities are not able to live stream due to connectivity. Not all people have access to internet and videos so it is hard to get that message relayed to the trappers, elders, etc.

ITEMS FOR FOLLOW-UP

Below are items for the Project Team to follow-up. The Project Team will ensure to follow-up with Constance Lake FN Chief and Council in a timely manner to ensure that questions, concerns and comments are responded to.

1. Project Team will look into the caribou development boundary mentioned by Chief and Council.

2. Project Team will determine whether the EA process/WSR falls under the same regulations as forestry projects.

NEXT STEPS

The Project Team advised that they will reach out to Constance Lake FN Chief and Council to communicate the results of the follow up items mentioned above. The purpose of this community information session is to seek input and feedback as the EA progresses. Constance Lake FN Chief and Council was encouraged to ask the Project Team questions or provide input via email, fax, or through the project website.

Table UU-1 – Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation
MC – (Sarah Beamish), February 26, 2021

Comment Received	Project Team Response
February 26, 2021 Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Environmental Assessment Services Section - Environmental Assessment Branch Attn: Vedanarine Mangrue, Assistant Project Officer Dear Ms. Mangrue, **Re: Fort Albany First Nation and the Webequie Supply Road - Terms of Reference comment deadline** I am writing on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN) to respond to your email of February 26, 2021 regarding the Webequie Supply Road Terms of Reference (ToR). **<u>Submission of further comments on the WSR TOR</u>** With respect to the extended comment period for the ToR, FAFN agrees that an extension to the comment period was necessary in the circumstances. As you know from Chief Nakogee's correspondence of November 30, 2020, FAFN hoped to hold community focus groups to gather further comments. However, the extension to February 26, 2021 has not been useful for FAFN, due to the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to make it impractical and unsafe to organize community consultation. The lockdowns and social distancing measures in the community continued in early December 2020, and nothing could be organized during winter holidays as FAFN's staff and leadership were taking a much-needed break. Unfortunately, despite FAFN's vigilant efforts to prevent COVID-19 from entering the community, there were then confirmed cases among its members in January 2021. This required even stricter precautions and more intense engagement by leadership. For most of February, the community has been focused on the vaccination program. Fortunately there was high participation among eligible community members. However, for the time being lockdown measures are still in place given the confirmed case count in the region (particularly Moosonee), and the risk of this impacting the community due to the level of travel along the James Bay coast. Gatherings of more than five people remain prohibited, and it is still not possible for technical or legal advisors to travel to the community. In these circumstances, it has not been possible to conduct focus groups. Other First Nations in the region have no doubt been in similar circumstances these past three months, and likewise have probably not been able to make good use of this extended comment period. Chief Nakogee believes that gatherings of 10-20 will likely be allowed in March, in which case he would like to organize one focus group. He is currently hoping to do this on March 21 or 22. He will need to assess whether this is possible and responsible closer to those dates. If the focus group takes place and produces further comments, FAFN will submit them shortly thereafter. **<u>Webequie First Nation's reply to FAFN's comments on the ToR</u>** In your correspondence, you also asked if FAFN had received correspondence from Webequie First Nation on February 18, 2021, setting out responses to FAFN's earlier comments.	Dear Ms. Beamish, Thank you for the letter dated February 26, 2021 regarding further submission of comments from Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN) on the Webequie Supply Road (WSR) EA Terms of Reference (ToR). We offer the following response to your letter. The Webequie Project Team recognizes and understands the stated concerns in your letter of organizing community consultation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, even with the extension of the comment review period to February 26, 2021. The Project Team appreciates the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal engagement and consultation processes. The Project Team has adopted a number of innovative mechanisms to meet these challenges in its engagement and consultation program. In view of the fact that the ToR phase is nearing its end, and is essentially proceeding in parallel with other all-season road projects in the region, it has been deemed necessary by the Webequie Project Team to maintain the momentum of the ToR process and continue its engagement efforts with communities in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included and continue to include offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, ToR summary documents, and requests to meet virtually with communities. These engagement opportunities continue to be available to FAFN and other communities to take part in, if interested. The Webequie Project Team also welcomes any opportunity to further understand and pursue alternative methods of engagement that might be acceptable to FAFN at this time, within the bounds of the current pandemic. It is our understanding that you have now received WFN's response of February 18, 2021 to the FAFN comments on the ToR, and that supplemental comments from FAFN are reflected in your March 31, 2021 letter to Michael Fox.

Table UU-1 – Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation MC – (Sarah Beamish), February 26, 2021	
Comment Received	**Project Team Response**
I am unaware of FAFN having received this correspondence, and can confirm that I did not receive it. I have contacted Michael Fox to request that it be (re)sent. Yours truly, Sarah Beamish	

Table UU-2 – Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation MC – (Sarah Beamish), March 31, 2021			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
FAFN-0	General	March 31 , 2021 Dear Mr. Fox, Re: Fort Albany First Nation - comments on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment ToR I am writing on behalf of Fort Albany First Nation (FAFN) regarding the Webequie Supply Road (WSR). **Community focus group** FAFN was unable to hold the community focus group that it had hoped to during March, due to ongoing lack of time and capacity to organize it. **Further comments on the TOR** Please find attached FAFN's review of WFN's responses to FAFN's initial comments on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (August 2020). These responses were sent by WFN on February 18, 2021, and received by me on March 1, 2021. FAFN appreciates the Proponent's responses to their initial comments. However, they note that none of their requested revisions to the Terms of Reference (ToR) have been made. As FAFN originally stated, they urge the Proponent to build their recommended revisions into an amended ToR, and similarly urge that Ontario not approve the ToR unless and until these revisions are integrated. It is critical for these revisions to be made to the ToR so that the environmental assessment filing gathers appropriate information, engages FAFN in a meaningful way, and conducts analysis informed by FAFN's Indigenous knowledge and community insights. Without actual revisions to the ToR – as opposed to simply the provision of comments back to FAFN suggesting how an issue might be handled in the environmental assessment - the ToR will not have the requisite clarity and specificity to guide the Proponent to develop an adequate environmental assessment filing. The attached table outlines specific areas where additional responses are required from the Proponent. FAFN also re-emphasizes its ongoing concerns regarding the continued progress with this environmental assessment process while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to seriously impair the community's ability to	Dear Ms. Beamish, Thank you for the letter dated March 31, 2021 providing additional FAFN comments and concerns on the Webequie Supply Road EA Terms of Reference (ToR). We have responded to these comments in Table UU-3 below in a manner that corresponds to the points presented in your letter. As well, Table UU-4 provides a response to the FAFN comments on the WFN response of February 18, 2021.

Table UU-2 – Letter Received from Fort Albany First Nation MC – (Sarah Beamish), March 31, 2021			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
		engage safely, inclusively, and effectively in meaningful consultation, and before the Regional Impact Assessment of the Ring of Fire has been conducted. **Further communications** Justin Page (copied) is now one of the dedicated technical advisors for FAFN with respect to this EA process, working closely with Alistair MacDonald. Please ensure that he is copied on any correspondence regarding the EA going forward. Yours truly, Sarah Beamish	

Table UU-3 – Excerpts from Fort Albany First Nation Letter, March 31, 2021			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Excerpt from Letter Above**	**Project Team Response**
FAFN-1	General	**Community focus group** "FAFN was unable to hold the community focus group that it had hoped to during March, due to ongoing lack of time and capacity to organize it."	We are sorry to hear that FAFN was unable to hold their community focus group during March. The Project Team appreciates the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal engagement and consultation processes. The Project Team has adopted a number of innovative mechanisms to meet these challenges in its engagement and consultation program and we appreciate the continued efforts FAFN is making to engage on the WSR ToR.
FAFN-2	General	**Further comments on the TOR** FAFN appreciates the Proponent's responses to their initial comments. However, they note that none of their requested revisions to the Terms of Reference (ToR) have been made.	Thank you for FAFN's careful review of WFN's responses to FAFN's initial comments on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (August 2020). At this time, an amended ToR is not being contemplated by WFN; however, there will be opportunities to implement FAFN's previous suggestions and address the additional FAFN comments and requests through the EA/IA process (refer to Project Team responses in Table UU-4 below). In accordance with the MECP ToR Code of Practice, the EA will include a comprehensive list of commitments made by the proponent during the ToR process, and where or how they have been dealt with in the EA. This list is meant to address outstanding comments raised during the final ToR review period, such as those submitted by FAFN. So, for greater clarity, the EA documentation will contain two different commitment lists: one about how comments on the final ToR are addressed in the EA; and the other how concerns raised during the EA phase will be addressed during project implementation.
FAFN-3	General	As FAFN originally stated, they urge the Proponent to build their recommended revisions into an amended ToR, and similarly urge that Ontario not approve the ToR unless and until these revisions are integrated. It is critical for these revisions to be made to the ToR so that the environmental assessment filing gathers appropriate information, engages FAFN in a meaningful way, and conducts analysis informed by FAFN's Indigenous knowledge and community insights.	Please refer to Response FAFN-2. Your comment that Ontario not approve the ToR unless an amended ToR is prepared is a matter outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as the proponent for the EA.
FAFN-4	General	Without actual revisions to the ToR – as opposed to simply the provision of comments back to FAFN suggesting how an issue might be handled in the environmental assessment - the ToR will not have the requisite clarity and specificity to guide the Proponent to develop an adequate environmental assessment filing.	Please refer to Response FAFN-2.
FAFN-5		FAFN also re-emphasizes its ongoing concerns regarding the continued progress with this environmental assessment process while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to seriously impair the community's ability to engage safely, inclusively, and effectively in meaningful consultation, and before the Regional Impact Assessment of the Ring of Fire has been conducted.	Please refer to Response FAFN-1 and the WFN response to your letter of February 26, 2021. As required by the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* (TISG) for the WSR Project, and the federal *Impact Assessment Act*, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available.

Table UU-4 – Comments Attached to Fort Albany First Nation Letter

Adequacy of Webequie First Nation's Responses (dated February 18, 2021) to Fort Albany First Nation's Comments (dated October 16, 2020) on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (dated August 2020)

Item No.	Original FAFN Response	WFN Response	Adequacy of WFN Response	Additional FAFN Request	Project Team Response
FAFN-6	Please identify the following information requirements for the EA in the ToR: […] 2. That the assessment of this ability to take advantage will be conducted for each impacted First Nation, not only one First Nation, and not with all impacted First Nations pooled at the regional level; […]	[…] 1Where community-specific information is provided by First Nations in response to the WSR EA investigative tools (such as the socio-economic survey), and the ability of individual communities to take advantage of WSR benefits will be addressed. In addition, as required by the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines for the WSR Project, and the federal Impact Assessment Act, relevant information generated through the Regional Assessment for the Ring of Fire Area will be used to inform the WSR Project effects assessment as the developed information becomes available. This may include informing the baseline studies, effects prediction, cumulative effects assessment, and the consideration of possible mitigation and enhancement measures, and follow-up programs, as applicable, for the project assessment. […]	Partially Adequate. The Proponent's response indicates that the EA will assess the ability of First Nations to take advantage of Project benefits where community-specific information is provided by First Nations in response to the WSR EA investigative tools (such as the socio-economic survey). The Proponent does not indicate whether such investigative tools will be applied to Fort Albany First Nation.	Please indicate whether WSR EA investigative tools (such as the socio-economic survey) will be implemented with Fort Albany First Nation.	WSR EA investigative tools such as the socio-economic survey will be administered to Fort Albany First Nation.
FAFN-7	Please provide in the ToR: […] 2. An indication of how cumulative effects context – the magnitude of change to date – especially on First Nations culture, traditional/Indigenous land use, and Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests, will be integrated into effects characterization. It is Fort Albany First Nation's position that where the cumulative effects context indicates there has been high magnitude change in pre-Project circumstance on the above-noted values/valued components, the threshold of additional acceptable adverse change must be set at very low, precautionary levels. […]	[…] 2. In the cumulative effects assessment context, the magnitude of change to date on First Nations culture, traditional /Indigenous land use, and Aboriginal and Treaty rights and interests will be integrated into the characterization of past/existing projects and activities effects on the current/baseline conditions and serve as a benchmark for consideration of potential environmental protection and mitigation measures associated with the WSR Project. […]	Partially adequate. The Proponent's response indicates that the cumulative effects context will be integrated into the characterization of past/existing projects and activities effects on the current/baseline conditions and serve as a benchmark for consideration of potential environmental protection and mitigation measures associated with the WSR Project. The response does not indicate how the cumulative effects context will be integrated into effects characterization for project-specific effects. For example, how will a VC's vulnerability and resilience influence characterization of effect magnitude?	Please indicate how the cumulative effects context will be integrated into effects characterization for project-specific effects.	The cumulative effects context (i.e., past/existing projects, events, colonial policies and practices that have affected Fort Albany First Nation VCs) will be identified through review of historical documentation, as well as discussions with Fort Albany First Nation, including Fort Albany First Nation Elders. The environmental trends and effects of this context on FAFN VCs (e.g., health and well-being, traditional land use) will be characterized and their significance determined by considering existing vulnerabilities or resilience in discussion with FAFN during the EA/IA process. This discussion will consider whether any incremental change due to the WSR Project could be deemed more significant due to the historical factors shaping present day VCs.

Table UU-4 – Comments Attached to Fort Albany First Nation Letter

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					As noted in section 8.1 of the ToR, a work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be prepared at the outset of the EA, including identification of which other developments will be assessed and the methodology for assessing effects. The work plan will be provided to the MECP and IAAC for review and guidance. The work plan will also be summarized and presented to the public, Indigenous communities and stakeholders as part of the consultation and engagement activities for the Project in order to seek their input on the methodology for the cumulative effects.
FAFN-8	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to identify the approach, or potential approaches, that may be applied in the rights assessment and the contemplated role for each Indigenous Nation in the rights assessment, including in relation to the factors listed in the rationale column at left. […]	11. Using the preliminary criteria and indicators provided in the ToR document (refer to Appendix B) for evaluating the potential effects of the preferred route and supportive works for the supply road, the Webequie Project Team will conduct the analysis considering IK information provided by the communities, in a timely manner, and potential effects from project studies (natural, social, economic and cultural/archaeological). This analysis will identify the scale and significance of potential effects to the community's rights and interests and will also identify suggested approaches to mitigation and an assessment of "net" effects to rights and interests.	Inadequate. The Proponent's response identifies its steps for assessing project impacts on First Nations' rights and interests. None of these steps include development of a methodology to assess project effects on Indigenous rights and interests, or identify the role of Indigenous Nations in developing such a methodology. Instead, the Proponent notes that the Webequie Project Team will conduct the analysis, without specifying the methodology it will apply. Best practice entails that Indigenous Nations have the right of first refusal to undertake assessments that relate to their rights and interests and, at a minimum, are actively involved in developing the methodology for assessing these impacts (e.g. see the First Nations Major Project Coalition's Major Project Assessment Standard).	Please indicate that Fort Albany First Nation will be provided the opportunity to conduct a rights impact assessment of the Project in relation to Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests.	Fort Albany First Nation will be provided the opportunity to participate in the assessment of potential impacts to Aboriginal and treaty rights through the consultation process for the EA. The WSR Project Team's assessment will be undertaken in a rigorous manner, with the understanding that Fort Albany First Nation will have a key role in the assessment of project effects to their rights. The WSR Project Team will develop the rights impact assessment methodology consistent with the suggested steps in the federal *Interim Guidance: Assessment of Potential Impacts on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.
FAFN-9	Please identify potential effects to - and identify indicators to be used in the preparation of the Environmental Assessment for - the cultural dimensions of Indigenous land and resource use, such as sense of place, spirituality, knowledge transmission, and social norms.	Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests' is considered a valued component in the EA, and tentatively includes: › Indigenous Current Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering, cultural and spiritual sites, quantity and quality of resources, etc.); and › Cultural Continuity – ability to practice and transmit	Partially adequate. The Proponent indicates that cultural factors will be assessed. However, such factors are not identified in the TOR.	Please revise the TOR to identify the cultural factors that will be assessed or indicate the Proponent's commitment to work with (and provide adequate resources to) Fort Albany	Refer to Response FAFN-2. Through the EA/IA process, there will be further opportunities to refine cultural factors that have been identified. Cultural factors currently identified include those

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		cultural traditions (experience of being on the land, ability to access preferred sites and resources, etc.).		First Nation to undertake the assessment of Project effects on Fort Albany First Nation's rights and interests.	in sections 6.4, 7.2.1 and 7.3 of the ToR, and those identified in sections 12.2 and 17.6 of the TISG for the WSR Project under the federal IA process. We can also advise you the that cultural evaluation criteria in Appendix B of the ToR have been refined based on the results of engagement and consultation activities conducted to date. Study participants will have the opportunity to review the revised criteria in the early stages of the EA/IA process, thus assisting the Project Team in finalizing the criteria prior to conducting the route evaluation and project effects assessment.
FAFN-10	Please: 1. Revise the ToR to indicate that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of past developments and activities on VCs that will also potentially be impacted by the Project, or why specified past activities and developments are not germane to the assessment; […]	1. The ToR reference to the inclusion of present development and activities is considered to include addressing "past" developments and activities. […]	Inadequate. The Proponent's statement that present development and activities is considered to include addressing "past" developments and activities is unclear. Past projects and activities may have ceased (and therefore not be "present") but nevertheless have left a legacy of ongoing impacts.	Please revise the ToR to indicate that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of past developments and activities on VCs that will also potentially be impacted by the Project.	Please refer to Response FAFN-2. The Webequie Project Team confirms that the cumulative effects assessment will consider the effects of past developments and activities on VCs that may also potentially be affected by the Project. As per the federal TISG '…past activities are to be used to contextualize the current state of the valued component' (p.133).
FAFN-11	Please updated Table 10-3 to include any relevant information from Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (as well as concerns raised herein and during the videoconference between the WSR team and Fort Albany First Nation on October 13, 2020). […]	The Project Team acknowledges and appreciates the willingness of and efforts made to date by Fort Albany First Nation to engage on the WSR Project, including comments on the TISG and in the October 13, 2020 videoconference. The record of consultation to date in the ToR has been limited to input received on the provincial EA process to facilitate Ontario's application of that input to the provincial EA process. However, please be assured that input received through both the provincial and federal processes will be amalgamated for consideration in decisions made on the Project. […]	Inadequate. The Proponent's response does not assure Fort Albany First Nation that its known issues and concerns will be reflected in the provincial environmental assessment process.	Please updated Table 10-3 to include any relevant information from Fort Albany First Nation's comments on the Federal Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (as well as concerns raised herein and during the videoconference between the WSR team and Fort Albany First Nation on October 13, 2020).	Please refer to Response FAFN-2. Comments on the federal TISG have been recorded and addressed by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada as part of the planning phase under the IA process. Concerns raised during the videoconference have been documented and recorded as part of the Record of Consultation for the WSR Project. This documentation record from

Table UU-4 – Comments Attached to Fort Albany First Nation Letter *Adequacy of Webequie First Nation's Responses (dated February 18, 2021) to Fort Albany First Nation's Comments (dated October 16, 2020) on the Webequie Supply Road Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference (dated August 2020)*					
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					the October 13th meeting can be provided to Fort Albany First Nation upon request.

Table QQ-1 – Comments Received from Member of Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Eno H. Anderson, March 3, 2021			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comments Received**	**Project Team Response**
KAS-0	General	How will overall impacts be considered by other projects associated with the Ring of Fire, not just the supply road?	As stated in Section 2.1.3 of the Terms of Reference ("ToR"), the provincial environmental assessment process and the federal impact assessment process will be coordinated under the provisions of the "Canada-Ontario Agreement on Environmental Assessment Cooperation" (2004). Accordingly, the proponent (i.e., Webequie First Nation) will produce one body of documentation, referred to as the Environmental Assessment Report/Impact Statement ("EAR/IS"). The EAR/IS will address the requirements of both the provincial ToR and the federal *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines* ("TISG"), including conducting a cumulative effects assessment ("CEA"). Although the ToR does not itemize all of the elements that will be included in the CEA, we can confirm that the Webequie Project Team is taking its initial lead on project inclusion from the minimum requirements identified in Section 22 of the federal TISG, and that there is a process in place to address such effects. For clarity, the projects and activities to be included in the CEA are: › historical and existing mineral developments (including, but not limited to, Goldcorp's Musselwhite Mine, DeBeers' Victor Mine, Greenstone Gold's Hardrock Mine); › other historical infrastructure projects; › the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project and other all-season road projects; › power transmission projects; › construction of upgrades to the Anaconda and Painter Lake forestry access roads; › the construction and operation of the Northern Road Link (road that may link the northern portion of the Marten Falls Community Access Road to the Ring of Fire area); › transportation of ore from future development near the project for processing, once past the Webequie Supply Road; › the east-west road; › forest management units; › mining activities, including those associated with the following deposits: Eagle's Nest, Black Thor, Black Bird, Big Daddy, Black Label; › increased winter road traffic during Operations and Maintenance by future mining proponents; › mineral exploration activity in the area; and › past projects, including the Ogoki and Long Lac diversions.
KAS-1	General	How will upstream and downstream impacts to waterways and fish habitat be addressed, e.g. ensuring no blockage of access for fish?	Sections 7.1.3 and 7.1.6 describe potential impacts to waterways and fish habitat that may result from the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Webequie Supply Road (WSR) including changes to fish accessibility. The EA phase will examine in detail potential effects to fish habitat and surface water flow and quality in waterways and will identify mitigation measures to minimize and/or avoid adverse potential impacts. For crossing structures, mitigation may include such measures as appropriate sizing of structures (culverts or bridges) to convey flow, and embedment of culverts or use of open bottom type culverts to ensure fish passage. To protect surface water quality, mitigation measures will likely include development of procedures and practices for implementation to prevent the release of contaminants (petroleum or chemical products) resulting from improper management and maintenance of equipment (e.g., leaks), road maintenance activities, such as salt and sand application, or accidental spills from vehicles and equipment used during the construction and operation of the WSR.
KAS-2	General	Mitigation for impacts to caribou for design and operation of the road, e.g. to prevent mortality from drivers, allow caribou to cross road corridor	Mitigation measures will be identified in the EA to minimize potential impacts to caribou based on known movement of the species and their habitat, which may for example include consideration of routing alternatives; or use of wildlife signage along sections of the WSR to advise caution and care where there is high potential risk of caribou crossing.
KAS-3	General	How will loss of income from trapping, fisheries and tourism be accommodated?	The WPT is proposing to engage with land and resource users during the EA to assess and understand potential impacts, including identifying mitigation to address concerns. Where mitigation cannot address potential impacts, accommodation will be explored with individuals or groups.

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Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comments Received**	**Project Team Response**
KAS-4	General	Concerns with consultation during COVID How will the calls for a moratorium by other First Nation communities be addressed by the proponent?	The WPT has heard the concerns from some communities regarding the timeline to provide comments on the ToR, including requests for extensions and suspension of the process. We are very sensitive and aware that, at this time, many Indigenous communities have declared a state of emergency or taken other measures to protect community health and safety. We appreciate the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal review and consultation processes. Webequie will continue its engagement efforts with communities during the ToR review process in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included and continue to include offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, ToR summary documents, and requests to meet virtually with your community. These engagement opportunities continue to be available for your community to take part, if interested. Webequie respects the measures taken to protect the health and well-being of your community and others. The WPT will continue its engagement efforts with communities as the EA process moves forward and remain flexible in our approach to consultation. The WPT also welcome any opportunity to understand what methods of engagement might be acceptable for your community at this time.
KAS-5	General	Consultation: need a broader consultation approach, e.g. proponent should be talking to individual members and trappers, need ongoing consultation with Kasabonika as neighbour of Webequie, ensure translation for elders. On-going consultation will be the key into Planning and Development and periodic Updates etc.	It is the Webequie Project Team's intent during the EA to use a number of different methods to receive input from communities, including land and resource users such as trappers. Engagement could include, but not limited to, key informant interviews, focus groups, surveys, community meetings and Indigenous Knowledge program where communities are willing to share such information and data. Translation would be afforded to elders and others, where requested.
KAS-6	General	Recommend co-management and environmental monitoring group. Co-management would be an important step to self-determination. We will all be impacted.. all social, cultural and Economic activities will be affected..so we must become part of the Development in all aspects	At this time, the Webequie Project Team acknowledges your recommendation. The Webequie Project Team has established a local committee for the Webequie Supply Road project. As the sole proponent of the current environmental assessment for the Webequie Supply Road, it is the view of Webequie First Nation that it is exercising its right to self-determination and is committed to meaningfully engaging with all First Nations during the EA process, including on the environmental effects and at key decision-making points in the process.

Table WW-1 – Letter Received from Attawapasikat First Nation MC – (Chief David Nakogee), February 26, 2021			
Item No.	**ToR Section**	**Comment Received**	**Project Team Response**
AttFN-0	General	February 26, 2021 Sasha, Re: Webequie Supply Road – Proponent Responses to ToR Comments We have reviewed the response table the proponent provided on the WSR Terms of Reference. The proponent suggests that we participate in live-streaming sessions to discuss the Terms of Reference. As we have repeatedly told you, video conferences are not an appropriate form of engagement for our community. Our culture and laws require in-person, grassroots engagements. This facilitates our members sharing in an honest way and many are not willing or able to share openly in other wats. Attawapiskat can and does adapt when we have to, but for much of the last several hundred years, most of our adaptations have been because others have imposed their ways on us without our consent, and to our detriment. This has left us experiencing serious cumulative effect from this colonization. Further impositions should not have to be tolerated unless absolutely necessary. It is not absolutely necessary for this project to be pushed ahead while Covid and emergency responses to it are still happening. We have reviewed the responses of the proponent to our concerns about gaps in the Terms of Reference. Many of our concerns relate to cumulative effects, regional changes to ecosystems, and how these might be compounded by climate change. But this is what the proponent does: it essentially ignores our concerns, does not change its terms of reference to address these issues in the assessment phase, and only “placates” these concerns by saying “don’t worry, we will mitigate these harms and problems later – trust us, we’re the experts.” That is backwards. The proponent is required to assess all impacts that may occur first, before determining whether and if so, what mitigation measures are required. The proponent is not to refuse to assess certain types of impacts because it thinks it can mitigate them later. That fails the purpose and intent of environmental assessment, and of reconciliation. We expected the proponent to adapt the environmental assessment so that it can answer question that arise from our experiences, world view, and concerns for our land, language, culture, and the continuance of our way of life for future generations. Otherwise, what is the point of soliciting comments on the Terms of Reference? We request that the MECP inform Attawapiskat how we are to participate in refining the EA criteria and indicators, as promised by the proponent, when the proponent has already commenced their EA study. We also await your response on our request for consultation on the proponent’s caribou collaring study that is currently underway. Regards, Chief David Nakogee	Dear Chief Nakogee, Thank you for letter dated February 26, 2021 providing additional Attawapiskat First Nation comments and concerns on the Webequie Supply Road EA Terms of Reference (ToR). We have responded to these in Table WW-2 below in a manner that corresponds to the points presented in your letter.

Table WW-2 – Excerpts from Attawapiskat First Nation Letter			
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AttFN-1	General	“We have reviewed the response table the proponent provided on the WSR Terms of Reference. The proponent suggests that we participate in live-streaming sessions to discuss the Terms of Reference. As we have repeatedly told you, video conferences are not an appropriate form of engagement for our community. Our culture and laws require in-person, grassroots engagements. This facilitates our members sharing in an honest way and many are not willing or able to share openly in other wats. Attawapiskat can and does adapt when we have to, but for much of the last several hundred years, most of our adaptations have been because others have imposed their ways on us without our consent, and to our detriment. This has left us experiencing serious cumulative effect from this colonization. Further impositions should not have to be tolerated unless	**<u>Engagement and Consultation</u>** In response to the stated concerns that Attawapiskat First Nation community has not been provided with the appropriate form of engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Webequie Project Team recognizes and understands this concern. The Project Team appreciates the unique challenges that Indigenous communities are facing, particularly in terms of capacity to respond to requests for comments, and that this may disrupt normal engagement and consultation processes. The Project Team has adopted a number of innovative mechanisms to meet these challenges in its engagement and consultation program.

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		absolutely necessary. It is not absolutely necessary for this project to be pushed ahead while Covid and emergency responses to it are still happening."	In view of the fact that the ToR phase is nearing its end, and is essentially proceeding in parallel with other all-season road projects in the region, it has been deemed necessary by the Webequie Project Team to maintain the momentum of the ToR process and continue its engagement efforts with communities in order to provide information, hear feedback and answer questions. These efforts have included and continue to include offers to hold focus group and community sessions, online presentations and materials, live streaming events, virtual open houses, radio information sessions, ToR summary documents, and requests to meet virtually with communities. These engagement opportunities continue to be available to Attawapiskat and other communities to take part in, if interested. The Webequie Project Team also welcomes any opportunity to further understand and pursue alternative methods of engagement that might be acceptable to Attawapiskat at this time, within the bounds of the current pandemic.
AttFN-2	General	"We have reviewed the responses of the proponent to our concerns about gaps in the Terms of Reference. Many of our concerns relate to cumulative effects, regional changes to ecosystems, and how these might be compounded by climate change. But this is what the proponent does: it essentially ignores our concerns, does not change its terms of reference to address these issues in the assessment phase, and only "placates" these concerns by saying "don't worry, we will mitigate these harms and problems later – trust us, we're the experts." That is backwards. The proponent is required to assess all impacts that may occur first, before determining whether and if so, what mitigation measures are required. The proponent is not to refuse to assess certain types of impacts because it thinks it can mitigate them later. That fails the purpose and intent of environmental assessment, and of reconciliation."	**Gaps in the Terms of Reference** You have stated that gaps remain in the ToR, particularly with respect to addressing cumulative effects, regional changes to ecosystems and how these might be compounded by climate change. We believe that the responses provided to you on these elements, in addition to what is described in the ToR, demonstrate the Webequie Project Team's commitment to conduct the required effects assessment during the EA phase. Please be assured that these investigations will be sufficiently fulsome to assess all relevant impacts prior to determining the appropriate mitigation measures. The responses do not appear to constitute a refusal to assess certain types of impacts.
AttFN-3	General	"We expected the proponent to adapt the environmental assessment so that it can answer question that arise from our experiences, world view, and concerns for our land, language, culture, and the continuance of our way of life for future generations. Otherwise, what is the point of soliciting comments on the Terms of Reference ? "	**Responding to First Nation Questions During the Environmental Assessment** You have expressed an expectation that the proponent will adapt the environmental assessment to address Attawapiskat's questions arising from its experiences, world view, and concerns for its land, language, culture, and the continuance of its way of life for future generations. As described in Section 10.4 of the ToR and above in this letter, and as demonstrated by the Webequie Project Team to date, an appropriate range of engagement and consultation methods have been and will continue to be used in obtaining information and receiving input from Indigenous communities and other study participants. This will include both generic and community-specific Indigenous Knowledge information gathering, which, with the appropriate level of community participation and collaboration, will identify community values and perspectives on the WSR Project to the extent that they can be meaningfully incorporated in assessment of potential project effects. As an example of the Webequie Project Team's intent to be adaptive in its EA approach, Indigenous community members will have the opportunity to comment further on the project alternatives and the effects assessment study areas, study plans and evaluation criteria during the early stages of the EA, to assist the project team in refining these elements prior to evaluating the alternatives and conducting the effects assessment.
AttFN-4		"We request that the MECP inform Attawapiskat how we are to participate in refining the EA criteria and indicators, as promised by the proponent, when the proponent has already commenced their EA study."	The subject request has been referred to the MECP, so they can respond directly to you. However, we note there appears to some misunderstanding as to the status of the environmental assessment. You have suggested that the proponent has "commenced their EA study". This is not the case. As mentioned above, the process is in the latter stages of the Terms of Reference phase. The Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has yet to make a decision on the ToR. The minister may approve, amend or reject the ToR. This decision is required before the proponent can formally commence the EA phase of the project. While Webequie First Nation has not formally commenced the EA phase for the Project, it has elected to begin select field surveys that will become part of the assessment.

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AttFN-5	General	"We also await your response on our request for consultation on the proponent's caribou collaring study that is currently underway."	**Response to Query on Caribou Collaring Study** We can advise you that it is our understanding that the MECP is preparing a response to your February 18, 2021 letter requesting information on the caribou collaring study being conducted by Marten Falls First Nation; and that response will be forthcoming shortly. Note that Webequie First Nation is also conducting a caribou collaring program in the region in support of the Webequie Supply Road project and would be pleased to discuss this program with Attawapiskat First Nation to address any concerns or questions.

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Key Themes of Comments/Concerns Raised by Indigenous Communities and Groups

Table 3: Key Themes of Comments/Concerns Raised by Indigenous Communities/Councils

Themes of Comment/Concern	Indigenous Community/Council	Comment/Concern	Project Team Response
Aboriginal or Treaty Rights	Attawapiskat First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Wunnumin First Nation	• Acknowledgement and protection of Aboriginal or treaty rights.	• As part of engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities during the EA, the Webequie Project Team will identify concerns communities may have about potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights, including inviting communities to share Indigenous Knowledge or information about traditional land uses that may be impacted by the Project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MECP, ENDM and Webequie First Nation was executed on February 7th, 2020 and is intended to set out the roles and responsibilities between Webequie, as the proponent, and Ontario, as the Crown, for conducting Statutory Consultation. As per the MOU, Webequie will be responsible for carrying out those procedural aspects of consultation in respect of the Project and Ontario may rely on such efforts in fulfilling its constitutional Duty to Consult. Throughout the engagement process, all affected parties will have the opportunity to discuss any potential impacts the Project may have on the environment and on Aboriginal or treaty rights and what measures should be undertaken to avoid, mitigate and, where mitigation is not possible, accommodate.
Aboriginal or Treaty Rights	Attawapiskat First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation	• There should be greater coordination between the Project Team and communities who share territory with Webequie First	• Effects to territories of Indigenous communities will be examined in the EA through the engagement and consultation process, including the assessment of any potential effects to Aboriginal or treaty rights. The assessment will evaluate and take into account potential

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	Neskantaga First Nation Mushkegowuk Council Weenusk First Nation	Nation to fully understand and identify potential adverse effects to Aboriginal or treaty rights.	changes in the traditional availability of, access to and use of resources, and the ability of communities to exercise their Aboriginal or treaty rights. As per the MOU governing consultation responsibilities, should Webequie First Nation become aware of any actual, potential or asserted adverse impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights, they will advise Ontario.
Aggregates	Marten Falls First Nation Matawa Tribal Council Wawakapewin First Nation	• Have sufficient amounts of aggregate needed to construct the road been located? If so, where will it be sourced from?	• The total quantity of aggregate required is unknown at this time and will be determined during the EA and preliminary design phase of the Project. There are number of aggregate resource locations that provide options for extracting the material needed for the Project. The location of these potential aggregate sources is presented in ToR. The preliminary screening and assessment of aggregate sources has identified the existence of fairly significant deposits at each end of the east-west segment of the preliminary preferred corridor. Further investigative field work will be conducted in order to confirm aggregate source locations, including the quantity and quality of material.
Aggregates	Matawa Tribal Council Neskantaga First Nation	• Clarification regarding the role aggregate resources played in route definition.	• The preliminary preferred corridor was derived based on a comparative screening considering criteria required under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*, and on interactions with Webequie community members relative to potential impacts to land and resource features they value the most. The corridor analysis also considered an analysis of terrain mapping and related opportunities and constraints conducted by geotechnical

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			specialists retained by the Project Team. The terrain analysis team conducted a desktop technical analysis based on available terrain and surficial material data to identify reasonable route sub-alternatives from a geotechnical perspective. Six alternatives were developed, mainly based on terrain type, distance, number and type of water crossings and proximity to potential aggregate sources. A preliminary preferred routing alternative from a geotechnical perspective was identified, which, in addition to the preliminary community preferred route, will be carried forward for further assessment during the EA phase.
Air Quality & Emissions	Kingfisher Lake First Nation Mushkegowuk Council	• Concerns regarding impacts to air quality due to increased vehicle emissions and whether the ingestion of contaminants on wildlife and Species at Risk would be studied.	• An air quality assessment will be undertaken as part of the EA studies undertaken for the Project. Preliminary potential effects to air quality are presented in the ToR and include the potential effect of the deposition of particulate matter (e.g., fugitive dust) on vegetation serving as country (traditional) food or medicinal plant sources for Indigenous communities (e.g., berries, wild rice, juniper).
Baseline Studies	Attawapiskat First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation	• Clarification regarding the baseline studies undertaken, the methodology that was followed for the baseline wildlife studies, with specific reference to bird, caribou, and moose baseline studies.	• The description of the existing natural environment conditions in Section 6.2 of the ToR, including those for wildlife, includes the preliminary results from the 2017 baseline studies conducted for the Webequie All-Season Community Road, as reported in the *Baseline Environmental and Geotechnical Studies Report - Webequie Community Supply Road* (TPA1B) and *Nibinamik-Webequie Community Road* (TPA1A) (2018).

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	Marten Falls First Nation Matawa Tribal Council Wawakapewin First Nation Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation		These baseline data are considered preliminary and the full details of these studies and other supplemental studies for wildlife, including field collection methodologies and results, will be available for review during the EA phase of the Project. The baseline wildlife studies undertaken to date are intended to establish existing conditions, population distributions, and migration patterns of wildlife species found within the project area, and included field surveys to investigate and identify species, tracks or wildlife activity. In addition to caribou, the team observed moose, grey wolves, owl, grouse, ravens, wolverine tracks, and marten tracks. The Province and other First Nation communities have recently conducted surveys as well, which provide some data for the project area. Further wildlife surveys are planned by the Webequie Project Team in 2020. The general data collection methods and baseline studies that will be conducted to characterize and describe the existing environmental conditions in the project area are presented in Section 6.5 of the ToR. The scope and intensity of the field studies and the associated data collection methodologies will be further defined during the EA process through consultation with Indigenous communities, the public, federal/provincial authorities and stakeholders.

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Business Opportunity/ Economic Development **Employment**	Attawapiskat First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation Wawakapewin First Nation Webequie First Nation	• Will community based business opportunities and employment opportunities result from this project?	• It is the intention of the Project to maximize community and local business participation. As part of maximizing local community participation, Webequie community members are currently in BEAHR (Building Environmental Aboriginal Human Resources) training so that they may work on the Project. The goal of training is to allow for Webequie community members and neighbouring Indigenous communities to fully capture the employment and economic benefits from the construction and operation of the supply road. The social and economic (negative and positive) impacts resulting from the Project will be assessed as part of the EA.
Cumulative Effects	Attawapiskat First Nation Mushkegowuk Council Neskantaga First Nation	• Inclusion of cumulative effects of the Project.	• As stated in Section 8.1 of the ToR, Webequie First Nation will identify and assess the project's cumulative effects using the approaches described in provincial and federal guidance documents, such as *Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines Template for Designated Projects Subject to the Impact Assessment Act* (IA Agency, 2019); *Operational Policy Statement: Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2015b); and *Interim Technical Guidance for Assessing Cumulative Environmental Effects under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEA Agency, 2018b). A technical work plan for the cumulative effects assessment will be prepared during the course of the EA, including identification of which other developments will be assessed and the methodology for assessing

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			effects. The work plan will be provided to MECP and IAAC for review and guidance, and will be summarized and presented to the public, Indigenous communities and stakeholders as part of the consultation and engagement activities for the Project.
Environmental Assessment	Ginoogaming First Nation Long Lake #58 First Nation Marten Falls First Nation Mushkegowuk Council Neskantaga First Nation Wawakapewin First Nation Weenusk First Nation	• Clarity regarding the Environmental Assessment process and Duty to Consult was requested, as there were concerns that not enough consultation was undertaken to date, resulting in a lack of knowledge/understanding of the Project.	• Section 8 of the ToR describes the Environmental Assessment process and key steps in the evaluation of effects. Section 10.3.1 provides a description of engagement and consultation activities conducted with potentially affected and interested Indigenous groups and communities to date. Section 10.4.3 of the ToR provides an overview of the EA milestones, the associated consultation activities and proposed timeframe. Section 10.1.2 of the ToR has been updated to reflect the signed MOU between Webequie First Nation and MECP/ENDM (Ontario). In general, Webequie First Nation is responsible for carrying out Statutory Consultation in respect of the Project in accordance with the EA Act and will consult with the Indigenous Communities for that purpose; and the Crown may rely on Statutory Consultation in fulfilling its Duty to Consult. While some Duty to Consult responsibilities have been delegated to the proponent, the Government of Ontario (MECP and ENDM) will still retain overall responsibilities related to the constitutional Duty to Consult.

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Environmental Assessment	Attawapiskat First Nation Aroland First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation	• Clarification regarding how/why the First Nation communities have been identified as having a potential interest in the Project.	• When the Crown reviews a project, it examines its database of what it knows about communities, sites of cultural significance, possible caribou ranges, watersheds, different factors for strength of claim, (e.g., actual, potential or asserted). Consultation is an ongoing process; as engagement with communities occurs, the Crown can identify impacts, gauge the level of community concerns and address the issues with more precision. Ontario (MECP) identified a list of twenty-two (22) potentially affected Indigenous communities that are to be consulted by the Webequie Project Team as part of its consultation and project planning. Webequie First Nation also had its own list of communities to consult, based on the location of neighboring communities, known traditional lands and resource use, and familial/clan connections to Webequie. These communities were included within the list of communities that may have an interest in the Project.
Environmental Assessment	Matawa Tribal Council	• Clarification regarding the identification and development of route alternatives.	• As described in the background/historical context in Section 5.1.2.1, there has been extensive examination of alternative road corridors in and around the McFaulds Lake area, as well as alternatives for interconnecting future mine developments and remote First Nations to the provincial highway system. The outcome of these past studies in parallel to the Webequie Supply Road have further advanced the planning process towards the identification of alternative corridors. The initial identification of Webequie Supply Road corridor

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			alternative concepts (Alternative Concepts 1, 2A, 2B and 2C) is based on the results of previous studies, as well as years of joint community based land use planning work conducted by the Webequie First Nation in collaboration with MNRF, which is ongoing. As part of this process, the Webequie Project Team has received a significant amount of input from community meetings, elders, youth, land users, and harvesters. In addition, the technical team has been undertaking baseline studies, including geotechnical investigations and terrain analysis. Based on this collective work, and as described in the ToR, a preliminary preferred corridor approximately 2 km in width has been identified and will be carried forward for further evaluation in the EA, including the two supply road alternatives consisting of a community preferred route and an optimal geotechnical route that are generally within the preliminary corridor.
Environmental Assessment	Neskantaga First Nation	• Alternatives assessment, and impacts from supporting road infrastructure (construction camps, laydown areas) need to be included in the EA.	• Section 5.5 of the ToR has been added and now describes project infrastructure alternatives that will be included in the scope of the EA. Alternative sites for supportive infrastructure, such as temporary laydown and storage areas, construction camps access roads and aggregate extraction areas, will be considered in the EA.

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Environmental Assessment	Mushkegowuk Council Attawapiskat First Nation Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	• Downstream impacts and impacts to downstream First Nation communities have not been considered and should be included in the effects assessment. Consultation with downstream First Nation communities (e.g., Coastal James Bay and Hudson Bay First Nations) should be undertaken, as they will be impacted by mining activities.	• Impacts from the proposed supply road on Indigenous communities, including down-muskeg and downstream communities and land users in the James Bay Lowlands, will be examined through the EA process. To conduct a comprehensive and accurate assessment, The Webequie Project Team welcomes input in the form of information and comments from all interested parties.
Environmental Assessment	Webequie First Nation	• What will happen if there is opposition to the Project?	• Concerns from communities will be listened to and we will work to come up with a solution to ensure that all concerns are taken into consideration during the EA and decision-making process. For example, if the road is crossing a sacred site, the road alignment may need to be moved.
Environmental Assessment	Nibinamik First Nation	• Should impacts be experienced during construction, how will this be addressed?	• The Webequie Project Team and supporting specialists will conduct surveys in the project area and predict potential effects that may occur as a result of the Project. As part of the EA, field surveys and a review of information from published and Indigenous sources will be completed to characterize the existing environmental conditions so that we have a baseline or reference for comparison both during and after construction. If unexpected effects occur during construction and baseline conditions change, further investigations will be undertaken to determine whether proper mitigation

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First Nations Regional Approaches	Attawapiskat First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Eabametoong First Nation Matawa Council Mushkegowuk Council	• A regional assessment to determine the potential impacts of this project in relation to other projects is required.	• While a Regional Assessment is beyond the scope of this project, on February 11, 2020, the Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change determined that a regional assessment of the Ring of Fire will be conducted under the *Impact Assessment Act.* • As part of the EA, Webequie First Nation will identify and assess the project's cumulative effects using the approaches described in provincial and federal guidance documents. The cumulative effects assessment will evaluate the significance of net effects from the Project with the effects from all present and reasonably foreseeable developments and activities.
First Nations Regional Approaches	Matawa Council Mushkegowuk Council Neskantaga First Nation	• An advisory committee made up of representatives from First Nation communities should be established to review the detail design and construction phases of the Project to identify potential impacts and suggest potential mitigation measures.	• The Webequie Project Team will consider the request to establish a joint technical working group with Indigenous communities to provide input to the EA.
Participation/ Capacity Funding	Aroland First Nation Attawapiskat First Nation	• Engagement with Indigenous communities will be an important component of this project. Clarification regarding	• The Webequie Project Team recognizes the need for appropriate consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities throughout the EA process for the Project. The allocation of participant funding is

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	Constance Lake First Nation Eabametoong First Nation Ginoogaming First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation Long Lake #58 First Nation Marten Falls First Nation Matawa Tribal Council Neskantaga First Nation Nibinamik First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation	the availability of capacity/resources for Indigenous communities to participate in the process is required. Lack of capacity funding/resources limits proper consultation and engagement.	outside of the purview of Webequie First Nation and is a matter for consideration by the Province of Ontario. The Webequie Project Team will direct your request for participant funding to participate in the Webequie Supply Road Project EA process to the Province (Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines). In the meantime, the Project Team would be happy to meet with you to discuss the ToR.
Permits	Webequie First Nation Matawa Tribal Council	• Clarification regarding permitting requirements.	• If the EA is approved, a number of permits will need to be acquired prior to start of construction. For example, a bridge crossing a waterbody would require a permit from Transport Canada under the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* due to potential effects to the navigation of boats along the waterway, or authorization under the

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			Fisheries Act should a structure (culvert or bridge) have the potential to harm fish or fish habitat. Potential permits and approvals under both federal and provincial legislation are identified in Sections 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 of the ToR.
Policing & Patrolling Road	Wapekeka First Nation Webequie First Nation	• What happens if there an accident on the Webequie Supply Road?	• Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the WSR EA. The proponent for construction and operation of the road will be determined later in the process. The EA will include an Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) specific to the construction and operations phases of the Project. The EPP will include procedures and mitigation measures to be implemented to reduce or eliminate potential negative effects from accidents, such as spill response procedures to address chemical, petroleum or other hazardous material spills along the road. The party(ies) ultimately responsible for constructing and operating the WSR will be bound by the EPP prepared and other commitments made during the EA phase.
Previous Studies Completed in Project Area	Aroland First Nation Marten Falls First Nation Mushkegowuk Council	• The previous studies referenced for this project are dated and have not been shared, so we have no knowledge of the findings and cannot assess downstream impacts. We were also not consulted on these previous studies and, therefore, the	• The background studies summarized in the draft ToR are included to provide historical context for the development of all-season road planning in the region. The Project Team has not placed absolute reliance on any of the preceding work for either consideration of the alternatives to the Undertaking or the development of alternative methods of carrying out the Undertaking. In the latter regard, reliance has been placed primarily on input received from Webequie community members,

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		Project should not be allowed to proceed as a focused EA.	including as part of its own Community Based Land Use Plan process.
Project Impacts	Kingfisher Lake First Nation Mushkegowuk Council	• Clarification regarding how impacts resulting from the Project will be addressed.	• Project impacts will be assessed through the EA process developed for the Project. Based on the interaction of environmental components (e.g., wildlife) and project activities, and using criteria and indicators with which to measure change, an effects assessment for the Project will be conducted to identify potential impacts, mitigation and net effects. The preliminary list of criteria (social, natural, cultural, etc.) and indicators are presented in the ToR and will be further developed, refined and finalized during the EA process. Mitigation measures will be identified to reduce potential impacts resulting from the Project, and will be monitored during construction and operation of the road to evaluate their effectiveness.
Protocols/ Consultation Process	Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Weenusk First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation	• Our community has its own protocols and Consultation Process to be followed.	• The Project Team will engage with the communities identified as being potentially affected or having a potential interest in the Project in accordance with to Webequie's Three-Tier framework. The Three-Tier approach, in the context of the Project, is Webequie First Nation's approach to completing the EA process, and ensuring that the Project is consistent with their traditional cultural values, customs and beliefs. The Project will still follow the federal and provincial EA processes, but as the proponent of the EA, Webequie will also adhere to the Three-Tier approach. The Project Team will be engaging with all identified communities to

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			discuss the Project. The protocols and consultation processes for each community will be respected.
Protocols/ Consultation Process	Kasabonika Lake First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Wapekeka First Nation Wawakapewin First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation	• Request for members of Webequie First Nation to be in attendance at meetings and for Community to Community discussions between leadership to be undertaken, instead of individual meetings.	• The Three-Tier Approach is Webequie First Nation's guiding approach to consultation and the EA. Webequie understands that this is a new process, so whenever possible, community representatives will try to attend meetings at both the community level and between leadership, where required, to address questions and comments.
Regional Assessment	Aroland First Nation Attawapiskat First Nation Constance Lake First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Mushkegowuk Council Neskantaga First Nation Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation	• There is not enough consultation on mining development/Ring of Fire and infrastructure being developed for mining activities. The cumulative effects of Ring of Fire and mining related infrastructure should be included in this Project.	• The purpose of the Webequie Supply Road is to facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from Webequie to the area of existing mineral exploration activities and proposed mine developments in the McFaulds Lake area, with the goal to provide employment, training and economic development opportunities to WFN. A regional assessment is beyond the scope of the Project. Broader concerns on consultation and the impacts of mining in the Ring of Fire and development of infrastructure in the area should be addressed as part of the regional assessment of the Ring of Fire region to be conducted by Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, as announced on February 11, 2020 by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change. Webequie First Nation will be

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Regulatory Requirements	Attawapiskat First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Wapekeka First Nation Webequie First Nation	• While a First Nation-led project is a positive sign for other First Nation communities, clarification regarding government agency involvement and responsibilities (e.g., issue resolution) is required.	• Webequie First Nation is the proponent of this project, and the EA will follow the federal and provincial EA process. This will be a coordinated EA process and one report will be completed to satisfy both requirements. The role Ontario will play in issue resolution is outside the scope of what Webequie First Nation is responsible for responding to as proponent for the EA and has been referred to Ontario. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Ontario (MECP/ENDM) and Webequie First Nation was signed on February 7th. This MOU outlines the shared responsibilities with respect to the Duty to Consult between Ontario and Webequie First Nation.
Road Proponency	Marten Falls First Nation Mushkegowuk Council Neskantaga First Nation Wapekeka First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation	• Who will own and use the WSR?	• Webequie First Nation is the proponent of the WSR EA. WFN continues to have discussions with the Province on roles and responsibilities with respect to ownership, construction and operation of the WSR. • Given the supply road purpose, the volume of vehicles using the road is expected to be low. The road will facilitate a range of traffic types and users, including light vehicles and heavier industrial/commercial vehicles. It should be noted that traffic operations will not include mineral ore or mine product hauling. The specific traffic mix (%) of heavy vehicles (e.g., trucks) versus light vehicles will be further examined in the EA, including, where applicable, consideration of road use

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			controls that are to be discussed between Webequie First Nation and the Province of Ontario.
Route Planning		• Clarification regarding the purpose/route of the WSR, and whether alternative routes, a connection of the road to other communities, or a connection to the provincial road network were considered.	• The goal of the Project is to provide employment, training and economic development opportunities to WFN by facilitating the movement of people and goods between Webequie and proposed mine developments and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area. The EA study for the Project will assess corridor alternatives and complete an effects assessment and evaluation of the selected preferred corridor alternatives for the all-season road and the alternatives for supporting infrastructure elements, which include aggregate extraction and processing areas, access roads, laydown/storage yards and construction camps. The WSR could be constructed and operated as a facility that only provides a connection between Webequie First Nation and the McFaulds Lake area to serve mineral exploration and future mining development, with no connection to the provincial highway system. Marten Falls First Nation is currently leading a coordinated federal-provincial environmental assessment process for the Marten Falls Community Access Road, which would connect Marten Falls First Nation to the provincial highway network via a connection to Painter Lake Road. This environmental assessment is ongoing at the same time as the Webequie Supply Road EA.

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Sites of Aboriginal cultural significance	Neskantaga First Nation Webequie First Nation	• Concerns regarding potential impacts to traditionally significant areas/features resulting from the works.	• Community input will be crucial to identifying areas of cultural significance and ensuring the road is built in a responsible manner, which minimizes impacts to culturally sensitive areas. Impacts to sites of cultural significance will be minimized through corridor definition, road alignment refinement and construction methods. During construction, an environmental monitor will be present, who, among other duties, would be responsible for ensuring that any artifacts or culturally-significant sites encountered are treated appropriately.
Socio-Economics	Aroland First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation Webequie First Nation Weenusk First Nation Wunnumin First Nation	• What are the social impacts to the community resulting from the Project, and what are the community benefits/advantages?	• Part of the socio-economic assessment is finding both positive and negative impacts resulting from the Project. Positive impacts, as well as concerns regarding the Project, will be identified throughout the effects assessment process. These positive impacts and concerns will be documented within the EA. Section 7.2 of the ToR provides a preliminary assessment of potential benefits and adverse socio-economic effects associated with the Project.
Traditional Knowledge	Attawapiskat First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation Kingfisher Lake First Nation	• Ensure Traditional Knowledge from potentially affected communities is included in the impact assessment to determine a full range of effects.	• Community input will be crucial to the success of the Project. A strategic engagement and consultation program has been developed to obtain Indigenous Knowledge from communities. The Project Team will be meeting with communities and requesting they share their Indigenous Knowledge and land use data to help the team identify areas of cultural significance that may

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Traditional Land Use	Kingfisher Lake First Nation Mishkeegogamang First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Nibinamik First Nation Webequie First Nation Wunnumin Lake First Nation	• Concerned regarding impacts to traditional land use, loss of way of life, and areas loss resulting from the Project (i.e., gathering, hunting, trapping and fishing).	• Gathering information regarding areas of traditional land use will be important, so that impacts to traditional land use activities (fishing hunting, harvesting, trapping, etc.) are minimized through corridor definition and construction methods. The incorporation of information on areas of traditional land use in the EA will ensure that the road is built responsibly. Potential loss of resource and traditional land use areas, and resultant impacts to way of life, will be carefully considered in the collection of baseline data and the effects assessment. Sections 6.3.6 and 7.2.1 of the ToR provide an initial understanding of existing use of the land and resource base and potential effects of the Project on traditional/Indigenous uses.
Traffic/ Pedestrian Safety	Marten Falls First Nation Mishkeegogaming First Nation Wapekeka First Nation	• Concerned with the increase in traffic during field investigations, construction and operations and what this will mean to traffic and pedestrian safety. Concerns	• Consultation with the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) will be undertaken as part of the EA and preliminary design of the road to ensure that appropriate safety measures are incorporated in the road design. Vertical curvature, maximum grade and minimum road shoulder width will adhere to MTO standards for

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	Webequie First Nation	regarding the management of the road and materials travelling along it were also raised.	provincial highways, and appropriate roadside safety measures, such as guiderails/barriers and signage, will be included in design considerations. Traffic impacts will also be assessed as part of the EA, including identifying mitigation measures to reduce risk to pedestrians, road users and collisions between vehicles with wildlife.
Traffic/ Pedestrian Safety ***Highway Traffic Act*, Licensing and Insurance**	Webequie First Nation Marten Falls First Nation	• Clarification regarding what design specifications the road will meet.	• The WSR will be designed in accordance with Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Geometric Design Standards and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)/TAC supplemental standards used for municipal roads and provincial highways. The WSR design team is in the process of identifying design criteria for the road and these will be developed further as part of the EA. Section 4.1.1 of ToR has been updated to include further details on the design criteria for the WSR. Consultation with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and ENDM will being undertaken as part of the EA and preliminary design of the road.
Transitional Provisions of *Impact Assessment Act*	Attawapiskat First Nation Eabametoong First Nation Kasabonika Lake First Nation	• What will be the impact of a change in legislative process, or in government, on the Project?	• Since initiation of the Project, there have been changes to federal legislation. On August 28, 2019 the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) came into force, repealing the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*. Due to this change Webequie Supply Road was subject to the transitional provision in the Act. Based on this development WFN has now completed the Phase 1 – Planning process under the Act and, on February 24, 2020, the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada issued

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	Kingfisher Lake First Nation Marten Falls First Nation Matawa Tribal Council Mushkegowuk Council Neskantaga First Nation Nibinamik First Nation Webequie First Nation Weenusk First Nation		the Notice of Commencement of the Impact Assessment for the WSR Project and provided the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines to WFN. The Webequie Project Team has revised the approach based on the legislative changes. The process WFN will follow for the assessment of the Project will now meet the EA Act and IAA requirements, as well as being in accordance with Webequie's Three-Tier Approach. The Project Team will track and address and further legislative changes in cooperation with the EA Coordination Team.
Vegetation	Kingfisher Lake First Nation	• Clarification regarding vegetation studies and potential impacts resulting from the project works.	• A vegetation survey was completed to inventory vegetation species and distribution as part of an effort to characterize vegetation communities along the road corridor. Impacts to vegetation will be minimized through road alignment and the use of appropriate mitigation measures. Impacts to vegetation will be documented in the EA for the Project.
Water Crossings	Kingfisher Lake First Nation Neskantaga First Nation Weenusk First Nation Wawakapewin First Nation	• How many waterbodies will this project cross?	• The Webequie Project Team have identified a total of 26 water body crossings associated with the preliminary preferred corridor for the WSR. Major crossings include: Winisk Lake near WFN; the Muketei River; and Winiskesis Channel. The EA will assess the impacts of these crossings and will identify mitigation measures to

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Water Quality	Matawa First Nation Mushkegowuk Council Webequie First Nation	• Clarification regarding studies undertaken to assess water quality and potential impacts of the Project on water quality, aquatic species, and methylmercury levels.	• Surface and groundwater quality, fish communities and wetlands will be examined in the EA. As part of the EA, mitigation and protection measures and environmental monitoring requirements will be identified, including opportunities for First Nation community members to participate as environmental monitors. Baseline studies that are proposed to characterize the environment are described in Section 6.5.2 of the ToR. The Webequie Project Team will interact with potentially affected Indigenous communities and/or other interested groups during the baseline data collection period to facilitate the two-way exchange of information (i.e., Indigenous Knowledge and how it has been incorporated in the EA). Comments regarding assessing and monitoring methylmercury levels in fish and surface and groundwater have been noted for consideration in the EA and for any follow-up monitoring programs.
Wildlife	Wawakapewin First Nation Weenusk First Nation	• Clarification regarding whether a Wildlife Management Plan will be developed, and whether environmental monitoring will be undertaken by an outside company during construction.	• The development of a Wildlife Management Plan that identifies mitigation measures and monitoring for wildlife may arise as a commitment out of the EA (as part of the Environmental Protection Plan) based on the effects assessment and input received from Indigenous communities and others. Where monitoring of wildlife is required during construction or operation of the Project, it is anticipated that opportunities for First Nation

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Wildlife	Attawapiskat First Nation Matawa Tribal Council Marten Falls First Nation Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation	• Clarification regarding how caribou have been studied and potential impacts to caribou resulting from the Project.	• Field surveys for caribou have been undertaken as part of the baseline studies for the Project. To date, this has included winter aerial surveys to determine presence/absence of caribou within the project area and a survey to assess caribou nursery/calving habitat. These surveys, as well Indigenous Knowledge, will be used to inform the EA, including the use of data from others, such as MNRF, who are conducting a caribou collaring program to assess the movement of caribou and use of critical habitat areas. The Webequie Project Team is currently in ongoing discussion with MECP to understand the baseline study requirements for caribou and other species at risk for the EA.