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Re: Request for comments on the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project's Initial Project Description

Dear Ms. Anjala Puvananathan,

We are writing in response to your letter dated September 12, 2019 regarding the Marten Falls Community Access Road Project.

Constance Lake First Nation (CLFN) requires appropriate consultation and engagement throughout the Impact Assessment (IA) process for this project. CLFN does not currently have the required resources to conduct a thorough review of the Initial Project Description document. While we recognize that a grant funding opportunity has been made available by the IAAC for this review, a holistic picture of the available funding, project timelines and potential IA workload is required to ensure our full participation and engagement in this process.

We are requesting that the comment period deadline be extended by 45 days to permit CLFN to pursue appropriate resources to meaningfully participate in this IA process. It is concerning that the timelines imposed within this IA have already impeded CLFN's participation in the process, and it is essential that CLFN be meaningfully engaged and appropriately accommodated to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

<Original signed by>

Chief Rick Allen