

Attachment 2: Comment Form - Information Regarding Participation in the Planning Phase

Please respond by: October 1, 2019

Webequie Supply Road Project – Webequie First Nation
Canadian Impact Assessment Registry File No.: 80183

All comments should be submitted via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Project's Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (Reference #80183 at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80183>). Letters and forms can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Agency using the information provided below for assistance.

Indigenous group: Marten Falls First Nation			
Contact Name:		Telephone:	
Address:		Fax:	
Email:			

Please complete this form. If you have already provided this information during the prior comment period, we will be pleased to utilize those comments; however, the Agency has incorporated new questions and has made edits to previously included questions in consideration of the Impact Assessment Act (IAA). As such, we request that you carefully review this form and request that you refine your input as appropriate.

Potential Effects and Impacts

1. Please identify any effects of the Project that are of concern to your community. Also please identify any effects that you are aware of that are not listed in the initial project description. Note: Information on effects and direct and incidental effects as well as effects within federal jurisdiction are defined in section 2 of IAA¹.

The Webequie Supply Road Project Area overlaps with Marten Falls First Nation territory as defined in the Marten Falls Community Based Land Use Planning Terms of Reference (2013). An area of shared interest is defined between Webequie and Marten Falls First Nations. However, the project area extends beyond the shared area into Marten Falls First Nations Homelands.

The potential adverse impacts on our Aboriginal and Treat Rights include:

- Impacts to moose, geese and other wildlife populations hunted by Marten Falls First Nation
- Impacts to vital fish habitat and fisheries used by Marten Falls First Nation
- Impacts to valued medicinal plants, wetlands and muskeg areas
- Impacts to rivers, streams, ponds and other waters. Water is sacred and water is life and must be protected.
- Impacts to campsites used for hunting, fishing and other cultural activities
- Impacts to sacred sites such as burial grounds, ceremonial site, gathering area etc.

Potential impacts on the community of Marten Falls First Nation.

- Socio-economic changes and impacts to the environment including land, air, water and wildlife resulting from the development of Noronts Eagles Nest Project that will potentially be serviced by the Webequie Supply Road
- Socio-economic changes and impacts to the environment including land, air water and wildlife resulting from a potential road connecting the Marten Falls Community Access Road and Webequie Supply Road which would open up the Ring of Fire area to increase prospecting and mineral exploration activity.

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2. Please describe how the potential effects of the Project could result in changes to your community's:

¹ A link to IAA text can be found here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/impact-assessment-agency/corporate/acts-regulations/legislation-regulations.html>

- (a) physical and cultural heritage (e.g. ceremonial sites, burial sites, cultural landscapes)

The likelihood of burial sites, ceremonial features, sacred sites and important landscape features in the Webequie Supply Road Project area is high. There is a sacred site located to the southwest of the Noront's esker camp. There are a number of known burial and birth locations identified within the project area. The construction of the Webequie Supply Road has the potential to impact these sites.

- (b) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes (e.g. hunting, fishing, trapping)

Marten Falls Community members historically occupied and continue to use the Pym Island area located south east of the terminus of the Webequie Supply Road for traditional purposes including but not limited to goose and moose hunting. The trips to the Pym Island area are important to Marten Falls First Nation as it is during these trips community members pass down knowledge to the youth. There is potential for the supply road to impact the movement of species on the landscape and traditional hunting activities in the highly valued Pym Island area and other nearby locations.

- (c) structures, sites or things of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance (e.g. artifacts, important historic buildings or symbols)
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3. Please describe how the Project may result in changes (both positive and negative) to your community's :

- (a) health, social or economic conditions (e.g. employment opportunities, easier access to goods and services, economic development, accessibility to health-care services);

Although Marten Falls First Nation supports the Webequie Supply Road, there are no direct benefits of the Webequie Supply Road to Marten Falls First Nation because it does not provide Marten Falls access to economic opportunities associated to the mineral development the Webequie Supply Road proposes to service. Since the area known as the Ring of Fire and Noronts Eagle Nest Project is located on Marten Falls First Nation ancestral lands, Marten Falls expects to benefit economically from any mineral development that occurs. Furthermore, it is the position of Marten Falls First Nation that all chromite must be transported north-south from the Ring of Fire. The development of the Webequie Supply Road without a north-south link to Marten Falls First Nation would not be acceptable because it would inhibit Marten Falls First Nation participation and ability to capitalize on the economic benefits of resource extraction within its ancestral lands. It seems the purpose of Webequie's supply road is not clear, therefore red flags are going up.

- (b) Indigenous knowledge, indigenous language or indigenous culture.
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4. Please describe how the Project may result in any change (positive or negative) to :

- (a) the intersection of sex and gender with other identity factors (would there be effects to different sub-groups within your community, identified based on factors such as gender, age, race, religion etc.. For example, to women, youth, elders);
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- (b) sustainability, considering, for example, the interconnectedness and interdependence of human-ecological systems and the well-being of present and future generations.
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5. If you expect the Project may impact your community's rights as protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, please describe how.

Marten Falls right to hunt and fish and utilize the land within the Webequie Supply Road Project area will be impacted by the project.

Approach to Consultation and Engagement

6. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, the Agency will be developing a draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan and will contact you to seek your comments. Please provide information on how you would like to be consulted by the Agency (for example, does your community have specific cultural practices, traditions or protocols, etc.).

In general, a meal is served at all community meetings.

7. Please also provide your views on how you would like the proponent to engage your community during all phases of the Project.

8. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, the Agency will act as the Crown Consultation Coordinator and will be responsible for implementing the Duty to Consult. Do you have any views on how the Agency should work with your community in relation to the assessment of impacts on the rights of your community, as protected under section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*?

9. If a federal impact assessment is required for the Project, Would your community like to have an interpreter at community meetings?

(a) If yes, please select the language for which you would like to have an interpreter at these meetings.
Ojibway, Oji-Cree or Cree

An Ojibway translator should be present at all meetings.

(b) If yes, does your community already have a preferred interpreter? If so, please provide their name, email address, and phone number:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

(c) During a federal assessment, there are key technical documents that are produced by the proponent and the Agency. Please select whether your community would like very high-level summaries of any of these documents and/or fact sheets to be provided in an Indigenous language.

Yes. Fact sheets and summaries that include plain language and utilize visuals when every possible would assist in community participation.

10. Potential In-Community Meeting with your community

The Agency also would like your input to inform its plan to visit your community in-person during the period from November 24, 2019 to November 30, 2019.

(a) Please confirm that your community would be interested and available for meetings with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada during this period. *(The purpose of this meeting would be to discuss the proposed Project, provide information on the impact assessment process, provide you with an opportunity to comment on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan, and answer any questions your community may have).*

Yes No

(b) If you would like to meet with the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada please select the type(s) of meetings you would like the Agency to participate in (please select all that apply):

- I. Meeting with the Chief and Council
- II. Meeting with the Community
- III. Meeting with community elders
- IV. Meeting with women in the community
- V. Meeting with youth in the community
- VI. Other, please specify:

(c) During the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada's visit to your community, are there any cultural protocols or instructions you would like the Agency to be aware of and follow during our meeting? Please describe:

An elder should be present to give an opening prayer and closing prayer and provided with an honorarium for their services.

As noted in the letter to which this form is an attachment, participant-funding grants are available to your community to participate in the planning phase of a potential Impact Assessment. Should you wish to use a portion of these grants to support community participation in this IAAC meeting, hospitality for community members who attend this meeting are identified as eligible expenses (Please see Attachment 3 to the letter).

Print Name of responder

Signature

Title of responder

Date

Please provide your comments on the Summary of the Project Description via the **Submit a Comment** feature available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Project's registry page (Reference #80183 at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80183>) by **October 1, 2019**. Thank you.

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