

# Webequie Supply Road Project

## Community Comment Card

Webequie First Nation is proposing the construction and operation, including maintenance, of a 107-kilometre all-season road connecting the Webequie Airport and the McFaulds Lake area in northern Ontario. The corridor would be approximately 35 metres in width in order to accommodate a two-lane gravel surface industrial supply road and could enable future infrastructure development such as transmission lines and broadband. As proposed, the Webequie Supply Road Project would connect Webequie First Nation to existing mineral exploration activities and potential future mineral development in the Ring of Fire area. The project could also become part of a future all-season road network connecting Webequie First Nation and the Ring of Fire area to the provincial highway system in Nakina and/or Pickle Lake.

### TAILORED IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES

#### Identify valued components that are important to your community

Insert your response below:

- Clean water (surface and ground) / Protection of springwater sources
- Healthy, sustainable wildlife population (i.e., fish/caribou/moose/fur-bearing animals)
- Protection of sacred sites / gravesites and other culturally significant areas
- Minimal disturbance to / avoidance of key hunting areas / family camps
- Protection of plants / vegetation, as these are both a food source and a source of medicine
- The ability of the community to pursue economic opportunities based on responsible use of the natural resources within our traditional territory
- The ability for community members to achieve a greater level of well-being, including physical and mental health

#### Identify any locations of particular importance to your community where traditional activities are practiced

Insert your response below:

- Traditional activities are practiced all over our traditional territory

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**Identify valued components that relate to your ability to practice Aboriginal or Treaty rights of the Indigenous peoples of Canada recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982***

**Insert your response below:**

- We need and have the right to healthy, sustainable wildlife population (i.e., fish/ caribou/moose/fur-bearing animals)
  - We need and have the right to the protection of plants / vegetation, as these are
  - both a food source and a source of medicine
- We have rights to the traditional landuse and traditional activities
  - We have the right to self-determination and self-government
  - We have the right to practice our own culture and customs

**Identify any other item of concern that is not currently adequately covered in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines**

**Insert your response below:**

We have a right to co-plan and co-manage our traditional territories

## **INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

**Provide information on how you want information shared with your community, how you want to be consulted, and how you want to share your knowledge throughout the impact assessment process**

**Insert your response below:**

- Printed materials need to be clear and in plain language
- Sufficient time needs to be allotted to each visit, ensuring that community members can absorb information and ask questions
- There needs to be recognition that community members have no familiarity with the process whatsoever
- Translation into the correct dialect of Ojibway needs to be provided in order to reach the greatest number of community members, especially elders, as they are looked up to as community guides and sources of wisdom

**Provide suggestions for opportunities for collaboration and co-development as part of the impact assessment process**

<b>Insert your response below:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Regular teleconferences with community / project leadership</li><li>- Extended (2-day) visits to communities to ensure proper uptake of information provided, especially in situations where a significant amount of information is being covered</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Begin early discussions with Webequie FN on Indigenous Services Canada's Land Designation Process before talking to ISC</li><li>-Begin early discussions on Webequie-led EA monitoring and Webequie on-reserve EA regime</li></ul>

**HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS**

Please submit comments using the **Submit a Comment** feature on the Agency's website, <https://canada.ca/iaac-registry> (Reference # 80183) by **January 28, 2020**. You may also contact us as follows: Webequie Supply Access Road Project - Impact Assessment Agency of Canada - 600-55 York Street, Toronto, ON, M5J 1R7 - Telephone: 416-952-1576 - Email: [IAAC.Webequie.AEIC@canada.ca](mailto:IAAC.Webequie.AEIC@canada.ca)