

**Provincial Authority Advice Record**

**Response requested by: August 29, 2019**  
**To: ceaa.martenfalls.acee@canada.ca**

**Marten Falls Community Access Road Project – Marten Falls First Nation**  
CEAR No.: 80184

Ministry/Agency:	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks		
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1. Please confirm whether your ministry would like to participate the review of federal assessment requirements for this project, and if yes, please provide a contact person who will be working with the Agency.

[Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer, and Sasha McLeod, Special Project Officer Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division](#)

2. Will your ministry be issuing a permit, authorization or be involved in the aforementioned Project in a regulatory manner? If yes, please indicate below. This includes issuing permits, authorizations and other regulatory approvals. A short description of these permits, authorizations or approvals and any requirements relevant to the assessment process would also be appreciated. If your ministry has guidance material that would be helpful to the proponent or the Agency, please provide as an attachment or hyperlink in your response.

[The proponent signed a voluntary agreement to subject the project to an individual EA under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The proponent is required to meet the requirements of the EAA and follow the Codes of Practice for preparing the Terms of Reference and EA as well as consultation, which can be accessed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/preparing-environmental-assessments>.](#)

[The proponent anticipates requiring permits and approvals from MECP including permit to take water under the Ontario Water Resources Act, permit under the Endangered Species Act and Environmental Compliance Approvals under the Environmental Protection Act. This information will be further confirmed by the proponent during the EA and post-EA permitting phases.](#)

3. Do you have any other comments or concerns about the project in relation to effects, species at risk or impacts to Indigenous peoples?

[The proponent is currently preparing its Terms of Reference, which will provide the framework for the preparation of the environmental assessment. The ministry is working closely with the proponent to ensure that the ToR requirements are met. The ToR will be subject to approval by the Minister. At the EA stage, information about environmental effects in relation to the project is provided for review and comment.](#)

4. Given that the *Impact Assessment Act* will come into force on August 28, 2019 and given that this project may be subject to the *Impact Assessment Act*, are there any additional comments, such as related to impact assessment (i.e. health, environment, economic or social) that you wish to note for the Agency's consideration? Additional topics for consideration include gender-based analysis, alternative means, and sustainability.

The ToR, if approved, will set out the framework for the proponent's EA study. For areas of commonality between the provincial and federal requirements, the ministry encourages the proponent to ensure both sets of requirements are met in the EA report and to seek ways to find efficiencies in meeting the requirements (e.g. technical studies, consultation). It is expected that ongoing guidance toward achieving efficiency and coordination in the review of the proponent's EA-related studies will be necessary.

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5. For the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks only: The Agency is aware that this project is subject to an individual environmental assessment pursuant to Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. Please provide your views on how the federal and provincial processes can be best coordinated.

The ministry supports coordination of provincial and federal EA processes to the extent possible. This includes using the 2004 Canada-Ontario Cooperation Agreement and any project-specific tools and methods that may be developed in supporting these coordination efforts.

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Sasha McLeod

Name of responder

August 19, 2019

Date

Please respond to the above questions by **August 29, 2019**, via email at [ceaa.martenfalls.acee@canada.ca](mailto:ceaa.martenfalls.acee@canada.ca) or call Chiara Calabrese at (416)-476-8915. Thank you.