

Community Engagement Summary

Licensing and Environmental Assessment

Community	Tataskweyak Cree Nation
Methods of Engagement	<p>On-going discussions with respect to addressing training, employment, business opportunities and project impacts including environmental concerns as highlighted below - Fall 2009 to present</p> <p>Introductory meeting with Tataskweyak Cree Nation to introduce the project- June 12, 2008</p> <p>Meeting with Tataskweyak Cree Nation (TCN) to discuss the Site Selection Environmental Assessment process, timelines and regulatory requirements , ATK process and biophysical studies - March 23, 2010</p> <p>Meeting with Tataskweyak Cree Nation to discuss data sharing and the preferred route - June 3, 2010</p> <p>Discussion of preferred route selection recommendations from Tataskweyak Cree Nation - December 15, 2010</p> <p>Round Four Community Open House with Tataskweyak Cree Nation to present the preferred route- January 19, 2011</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro provided funding for the Tataskweyak Report on Bipole III Right-of-Way and Expected Impacts - 2011</p> <p>Meeting to briefly introduce the components of the Bipole III EPP - March 21, 2012</p> <p>Meeting with Tataskweyak Cree Nation to update the community on the status of the Bipole III Project- March 19, 2013</p> <p>Sent EPP cds to Tataskweyak Cree Nation - August 6, 2013 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Transmission Access Management Plan• Draft Construction Access Opportunities Mapbook• Draft Keewatinoow Converter Station Access Management Plan• Draft Bipole III Transmission AC Collectors and Construction Power Construction Environmental Protection Plan (CEnvPP)• Draft Cultural and Heritage Resource Protection Plan

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Access	<p>There was concern with the preliminary preferred route including: opening up undisturbed areas, cabin locations, lack of proper compensation especially from previous projects, an increase in “outside” traffic on their lines and disturbance in general.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the potential impacts on animals caused by the ROW clearing and an increase in poachers.</p> <p>Concerns regarding the encroachment of outside hunters on their land</p>	<p>Natural terrain conditions, remoteness and private property restrictions are expected to limit traffic on the Bipole III Transmission Project ROW at all times of the year but, in particular, during the non-frozen ground period. Opportunities will increase during the frozen ground period and although anticipated traffic levels are expected to be low, the following strategies have been identified and are currently being developed for inclusion in the Access Management Plan to minimize potential access opportunities to the ROW and to address issues of safety and system reliability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and communication (e.g., public, stakeholders, between maintenance crews and resource users, etc.); • Strategies to retain desirable species on the ROW that create beneficial habitat and limit line of sight; • Timing windows and logistic for operations and maintenance activities particularly in environmentally sensitive sites; • Maintenance of riparian buffers and wildlife corridors during the operations and maintenance (O & M) phase; • Case by case assessment and evaluation, in conjunction with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, of applications for ROW use for industrial and recreational purposes; • Assessment of access for decommissioning if not required for O & M. 	Access Management Plan
ATK	Concerns regarding the intellectual property rights.	Manitoba Hydro recognizes the sensitivity of the traditional knowledge (TK) and will continue to protect the information: the information provided is owned by	

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		the community and MH will continue to protect the information that was shared as per conditions found in the agreement between TCN and MH.	
Caribou	Questions regarding the local caribou herds and impacts on caribou.	Project Partnership with existing ongoing caribou project within Split Lake, Fox Lake RMBs and York to monitor Caribou movements and behaviours through existing collaring programs.	Monitoring Program
Construction	Concerns regarding the debris, pollution, noise pollution from construction of the line. Concerns that construction of the Project will alter landscape, scare away animals, pollute the environment.	Waste/recycling plans will be developed to reduce and manage waste. A spill response plan will be in place to prevent and respond to spills. The Construction EnvPP has mitigation measures to reduce noise and disturbance to wildlife	Construction Environmental Protection Plan
Culture	Concern that the Project will contribute to the loss of their historical, spiritual, emotional connection with the land. Concerns regarding the disturbances to cultural, sacred sites. Concerns regarding decreased opportunities to teach traditional practices, experience traditional living and engage in traditional values such as sharing the most profound effects will be those that impact our culture. Bipole III will interfere with the pursuit of traditional practices and cause damage to the vital relationships that are at the heart of our Cree identity.	Manitoba Hydro is continuing discussions with TCN in an effort to address the community's concerns related to the Bipole III Transmission Project. Concerns around culture are part of these discussions and MH is hopeful that these will be addressed to TCN's satisfaction. Manitoba Hydro acknowledges the need for careful protection and respect for all cultural and heritage resources. The EPP includes a Cultural and Heritage Resource Protection Plan to safeguard and appropriately handle cultural and heritage resources discovered during the construction of the Project. Manitoba Hydro anticipates working with the community to develop a protocol on how to engage the community in the event of a discovery of a previously unrecorded heritage or cultural resource.	Cultural and Heritage Resources Protection Plan

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	Some members indicated that TCN should be compensated for loss of lifestyle opportunities (traditional and cultural values)	Impacts identified to Manitoba Hydro that are not addressed through the Site Selection and Environmental Assessment Process, Environmental Protection Plan, or the Trapper Compensation Policy will continue to be discussed through continued and ongoing dialogue with the community.	
Engagement	Some members had concerns about the availability of Bipole III project information to-date.	Manitoba Hydro has Bipole III website that is regularly updated and the Licensing and Environmental Assessment Department has a Project Phone Line, which is 1-877-343-1631. In addition MH provided funding to the community to facilitate the sharing of the project information within the community.	Communications Plan
Fishing	Concerns regarding the impact on fishing.	To address the concern regarding increased access to fishing areas, fishing by Project personnel will be prohibited during construction within the Project footprint.	Access Management Plan
Harvesting	Concerns regarding the loss of traditional foods previously harvested in the area.	Manitoba Hydro has identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the effects on traditional food: Construction and site decommissioning activities in northern Manitoba will be carried out during the winter months; · Where construction and site decommissioning activities do not occur during winter months, disturbances will be minimized in areas of plants used by Aboriginal people as identified through the ATK process; · Whenever possible, existing trails, roads and cut lines will be used as access routes; · Access controls adjacent to PTH 6 and other access points from main roads will be applied, including	Construction Environmental Protection Plan

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		<p>ditching and access road retirement;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hunting and fishing by Project personnel will be prohibited within Project footprint, and firearms restricted in work camps; · Manitoba Hydro will work with individual communities that have identified important resource use sites that are in close proximity to the Project Site/Footprint to minimize potential effects; · Where demand exists, cleared timber that is not otherwise practically salvageable, will be made available to communities for fuelwood. Manitoba Conservation is responsible for timber allocation on Crown lands. Within those areas under FMLs, the Licensee has the first right to all merchantable timber under license. Manitoba Hydro will endeavour to salvage merchantable where practical to do so; and · Where the issue of increased access is important to a community (i.e., effect of increased access to areas deemed important for domestic resource use), Manitoba Hydro will work with directly affected communities to prepare Access Management Plans prior to construction of the line. <p>Known sites are included in the Construction Environmental Protection Plans</p>	

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Hunting	Concern regarding the interference with Aboriginal right to hunt and trap.	<p>Hunting and fishing are regulated by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship and as such the monitoring of the impacts from those activities fall under their jurisdiction.</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro (MH) will restrict firearms in project locations in order to ensure project personnel safety. MH's Safe Work Procedures will apply to Bipole and any firearms that may be allowed into the project locations will need to be duly authorized as per those procedures. Given the safety concerns with firearms in camps or on active construction sites, firearms and the ability to engage in hunting activities while on site will be restricted. Any hunting that project personnel wish to engage in will not be allowed within the vicinity of those construction camps or sites.</p>	
Noise	Concerns regarding the noise from the line and impacts on wildlife; where there is power lines, there is no wildlife around.	<p>Not all wildlife species are sensitive to the low hum of power lines which, under certain weather conditions, can be noticeable to people. Overall, based on experience in previous projects, it appears unlikely that line noise results in any significant effects to wildlife. Anecdotal information from transmission line construction workers and trail cameras on the ROW suggest transmission line noise has not deterred caribou, moose and other animals from feeding along transmission line rights-of-way. The Wuskwatim Trapping Pilot Study and ongoing Caribou GPS collar monitoring of the Wuskwatim ROW further demonstrate the continued use of ROW's once in operation.</p>	

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Routing	Discussion regarding the transmission line route. TCN indicated that they would prefer that the preferred ROW follow the PR280.	In response to TCN’s concerns, the preliminary preferred route was adjusted to follow PR 280, and maximize separation between Assean Lake/Assean Reserve Lands and the route. Manitoba Hydro had a number of meetings to discuss routing options in the Split Lake RMA.	
Safety	There were concerns regarding the safety of PR-280.	<p>Potential transportation activity effects of the Project are expected to be short term and reversible in nature. Roads likely to notice an increase in traffic will be those used to transport materials for all major construction components of the Project. This would include roads between the Riel site, the northern transmission line segments and Keewatinoow (PTH 6, PTH 10, PR 391, PR 280 and PR 290).</p> <p>As part of the mitigation measures within the Access Management Plans, Manitoba Hydro will be undertaking traffic monitoring. Any issues or concerns that are raised during the construction phase will be addressed in a case-by-case basis by the Project managers for the various Projects and adaptive management measures will be implemented.</p>	Access Management Plan

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Trapping	Discussion about the trappers compensation program.	Manitoba Hydro has a Trappers Notification and Compensation Policy that compensates trappers for disturbances while clearing and constructing transmission lines greater than 115kV in capacity. In the case of the Bipole III Transmission Project, the implementation of the Policy is underway and will include discussions with individual registered trappers and users of Open Trapping Zones. Manitoba Hydro is also developing a trapping monitoring program for the Bipole III Transmission Project.	Socio-Economic Monitoring Plan
Water	There were concerns about water quality with regards to drinking, cooking, swimming and fish habitat. There were concerns about an increase in mercury levels due to hydro projects, with some members indicating that they cannot use water, or eat fish or aquatic animals.	Surface and groundwater quality will not be degraded whether or not they contain fish utilizing: buffers and setbacks, erosion and sedimentation control measures and stream crossing measures	Construction Environmental Protection Plan
Wildlife	There were concerns about disturbances to furbearers, caribou, moose and sturgeon.	Some of the mitigation measures recommended for construction effects and clearing on mammals and habitat (ex. caribou) include: Carry out construction activities on frozen or dry ground to minimize surface damage, rutting and erosion; Adhere to timing windows for protection of Woodland Caribou calving sites; Maintain shrub and herbaceous vegetation to the extent possible; Decommission and rehabilitate access routes immediately following construction in accordance with Access Management Plan	Construction Environmental Protection Plan