



WAASIGAN GLP NEWSLETTER

A collaboration between Gwayakocchigewin
Limited Partnership and Hydro One.

The Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP)



The Waasigan Transmission Line Project

is a proposed new 230 kV transmission line from Thunder Bay to Dryden.

About Waasigan

A 50% First Nations Partnership Project

The Waasigan Transmission Line Project is owned by Hydro One in proud partnership with nine First Nations having the option to invest in 50% of the asset upon completion. Eight partnering First Nations have formed Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP) to represent their ownership in the Project: Waabigonii Zaaga'igan (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation), Anemki Wajiw (Fort William FN), Gakjiwanoong (Lac La Croix FN), Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation (Red Gut FN), Ojibway Nation of Saugeen, Migisi Sahgaigan (Eagle Lake FN), Chima'aganing (Seine River FN), and Obishikokaang (Lac Seul FN).

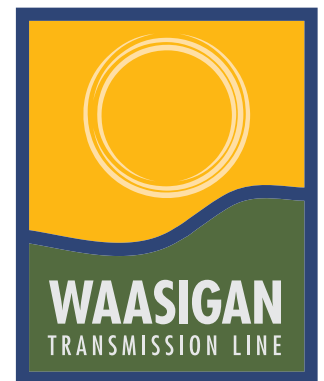
Updates

Project Status

Waasigan is in the development stage which involves ongoing community engagement open houses, community mapping sessions, environmental studies field work, and construction design and engineering in accordance with permit approval procedures.

In 2023, the Environmental Assessment will be drafted for submission. Overlapping with community engagement and mapping sessions will be job fairs, construction readiness information sessions, and economic training opportunities made available to benefit local community members. Construction of the Project is scheduled to start in 2024.

To learn more about the Project, visit: www.hydroone.com/waasigan or www.glp-fn.ca



ENGAGEMENTS & PARTICIPATION

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ROUTE

Environmental Assessment Summary

A draft of the Environmental Assessment Report is currently being prepared. The EA draft will provide Indigenous communities, members of the public, governments, and stakeholders the initial opportunity to review, consider, and comment on the preliminary preferred route, environmental studies, and any potential impacts of the project and mitigation being proposed. Once the draft EA report is prepared, a formal review period will commence for 45 days.

As partners, Hydro One and Gwayakocchigewin continue to contribute to the draft EA through technical analysis and GLP community participation events. The GLP Partner Nations continue to provide input to the Environmental Assessment (EA) through ongoing community mapping sessions with GLP's engagement consultant - Maawandoon Inc. Collection of Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge from community mapping sessions are important to identify any High Risk areas which may be sacred or of concern along the proposed route. A draft of the EA may be complete by the end of May 2023. A 45-day formal comment period will then commence for further input and review before the final EA is submitted in summer 2023.

Mapping Sessions, Protection Committee Meetings, CEC Network, and Elder Gatherings

On January 18 and on March 6, 2023, the GLP Protection Committee conducted an early review of EA Sections shared by Hydro One's EA technicians. GLP's advisors, Encompass Environmental and Maawandoon collaborated to provide an independent review of the draft EA sections released early by Hydro One.

Ongoing community mapping sessions continue to collect feedback and knowledge of the land along the proposed route. Members of the Protection Committee, elders, and knowledge-keepers are GLP Partner Nations are encouraged to provide feedback to their Community Engagement Coordinators (CECs) on the proposed route.



CAREERS & APPLICATIONS

JOBS HYDRO ONE (GENERAL)

https://jobs.hydroone.com/

POWERLINE TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP

APPLY BEFORE APRIL 10 2023

https://hydroone.talentnest.com/en/posting/147636

JOBS WITH VALARD

https://www.valard.com/jobs/

STAGE 2 ARCHAEOLOGY TRAINING WITH WOODLAND HERITAGE NORTHWEST



Contact Dave Norris as soon as possible if you or anyone from your community wants to participate in the training and certification process led by Woodland Heritage Northwest. Hydro One has selected Woodland Heritage to oversee an archaeological assessment of the land along the proposed route that is in addition to the Environmental Assessment requirements. Community members will be able to learn directly from a real archaeologist and help conduct review of sites along the proposed route. Woodland Heritage is looking for First Nation community members interested in training to become a field technician for the Waasigan Transmission Line Archaeology program (summer/fall 2023).

Training will involve a tentative 2-day classroom course on the basics of archaeological techniques and possible one-day for field training in the methodology of archaeological investigations. Course will be offered at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, middle of May 2023. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate from the Ontario Archaeological Society and will be eligible to apply for employment on the archaeological work that will be completed over the coming months on the Waasigan Transmission Line.

Qualifications: No experience is required, however an interest in cultural heritage, the outdoors and archaeology is a plus.

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Call for First Nation Artists

Hydro One and the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP) are interested in purchasing creative works from Indigenous artists to be used on the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

The goal is to ensure that project materials, reports, and communications are representative of the people and culture of the First Nation territories where the project is located.

We are seeking creative people including artists, photographers, graphic designers, writers, translators and other visual creators.

Interested artists please contact:
Derek Mastin
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Chi Mino Ozhitoowin Career Fairs and Training Events



Potential Opportunities:

- Apprenticeships
- Equipment Operators
- Environmental Technicians & Monitors
- Linemen
- Campsite operations: Food and catering services
- Fencing and security services
- Forestry labour, equipment, and materials

About Chi Mino Ozhitoowin

Chi Mino Ozhitoowin is owned by the same 8 GLP First Nations as their "Sister Company". The governance and management between the Chi Mino Ozhitoowin and GLP have been separated.

Chi Mino Ozhitoowin was created to avoid any potential conflict of interest in First Nation subcontracting. Because GLP is a partner/owner in the Project and has access to confidential information Chi Mino Ozhitoowin, as a separate entity, will facilitate training, employment, and subcontracting on the Waasigan Project under a services contract with Valard.

Contact:

Jeff Robert, Human Resource Manager
jrobert@cmo-fn.ca



Community Engagement Coordinator Spotlight

Daniel Morriseau Eagle Lake First Nation

Daniel Morriseau, Niibawegaabo, ma'iingan dodem, is a proud member of Opwaaganasiniing (Red Rock Indian Band) and grew up on the north shore of Lake Superior. After high school he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in biology. Following that he completed his Master of Science Degree. Daniel has worked for Migisi Sahgaigan since 2019 in a number of lands and resources related roles and enjoys helping the Nation further its mandate to protect the lands and waters throughout its territory. Daniel has previous experience working for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in a number of roles, as well as the United Nations Environment Program. Daniel enjoys spending his spare time with family and friends, and as much time in the outdoors as possible, hunting, fishing, canoeing, and camping.

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 Eagle Lake First Nation, Lands and Resources
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Please contact us if you would like to set up a community engagement session.

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Preliminary Preferred Route for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

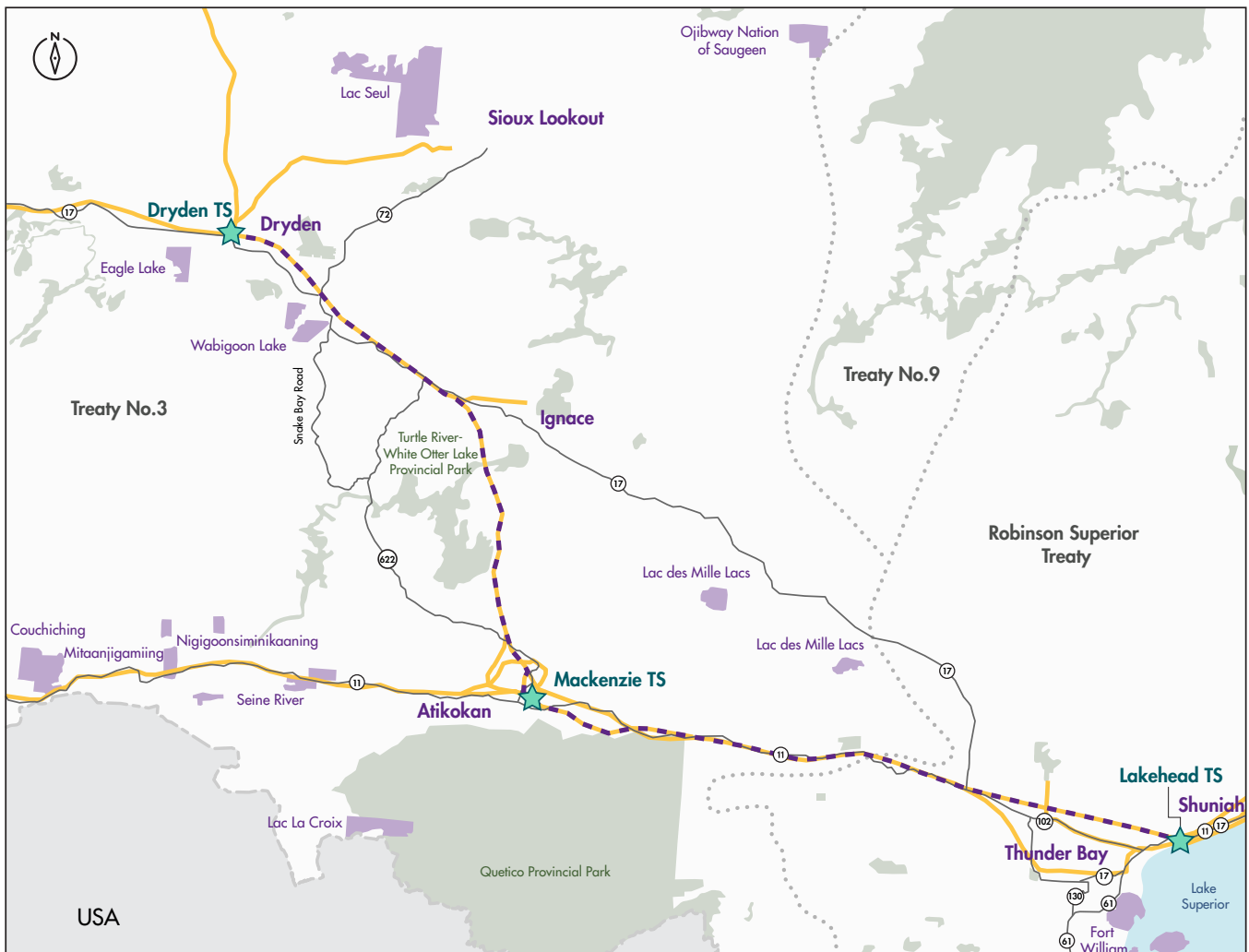
The Project team has been studying several alternative routes for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. This work has included significant research, studies, meetings, and input from Indigenous communities, including extensive environmental field studies on all the alternative routes. Thank you for the information your community has contributed to support the evaluation of these routes. The Project team has chosen the preliminary preferred route based on information collected from environmental studies and traditional knowledge of the land impacted along the route.

The route shown is subject to further changes and 'Limits of Work' as they are deemed necessary to protect the land, habitats and surrounding areas along the route corridor. The preliminary preferred route is expected to follow the existing transmission line corridor and is shown by the purple dashed line on the map.

The actual cleared "right of way" for the transmission line is expected to be up to **46 m (150 ft) wide**. The right of way will include towers and supporting wires to stabilize the structures.



Waasigan Transmission Line Project | Location of Impacted Communities and Preliminary Preferred Route



- Map Legend**
- Existing Transformer Station (TS)
 - Preliminary Preferred Route
 - Existing Transmission Line
 - Highway
 - International Border
 - Treaty Boundary
 - First Nation Reserve
 - Provincial Park



View our interactive map at HydroOne.com/Waasigan