





Valard Construction, was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

The scope of work on the project consists of EPC services for more than 1,600 kilometers of transmission and distribution infrastructure ranging in voltage from 25 kV to 230 kV and 22 substations. Valard created this newsletter to provide regular updates on construction activities for the 24 First Nation communities.

**Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities**  
**Proposed schedule as of July 15, 2020**  
**Period: August 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020**  
**Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.**

## Group 2 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
	<b>Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pickle Lake operational as of February 18, 2020</li> <li>Pipestone operational as of June 12, 2020</li> </ul>
	<b>Survey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations)</li> <li>Flagging Right-of-Way (ROW) clearing limits</li> <li>Measure existing powerline heights</li> <li>Locate existing underground utilities</li> <li>Work area               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Pickle Lake to Pipestone</li> <li>* Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation</li> <li>* Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p><b>Clearing and Access</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing and Access development                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Falling, raking and piling of trees</li> <li>* Installing/removing watercourse crossings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Work area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Pickle Lake to Pipestone</li> <li>* Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation</li> <li>* Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geotechnical (soil analysis) investigation by test pitting and drilling of boreholes</li> <li>• Tower foundation installation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Excavating</li> <li>* Rock drilling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assembly of steel towers</li> <li>• Erection of assembled towers</li> <li>• Work area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Pickle Lake to Pipestone</li> <li>* Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation</li> <li>* Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In advance of and during construction activities watercourses and environmentally sensitive areas are flagged and monitored; focusing on erosion, sediment control and spill responses.</li> <li>• Migratory bird nest sweeps ahead of clearing and construction activities</li> <li>• Archeological assessments</li> <li>• Work area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Pickle Lake to Pipestone</li> <li>* Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation</li> <li>* Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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## Group 2 – Substations

Activity		Detail
	<b>Survey/Clearing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting Control points to start surveying</li><li>• Flagging and inserting stakes in the ground to outline work area</li><li>• Substations work area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* C (Ebane/Pipestone)</li><li>* D (North Caribou Lake First Nation)</li><li>* F (Bearskin Lake First Nation)</li><li>* J (Kingfisher Lake First Nation)</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>Geotech</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drill Boreholes at substation sites to determine soil properties, depth to rock</li><li>• Substations work area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* D (North Caribou Lake First Nation)</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>Construction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil and Foundation Construction.</li><li>• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* C (Ebane/Pipestone)</li></ul></li></ul>

For more activity details visit the website at [www.valard-watay.com](http://www.valard-watay.com), or if you have any general inquiries about this newsletter, please contact Wataynikaneyap Power at [WatayInquiries@wataypower.ca](mailto:WatayInquiries@wataypower.ca).

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## Valard is engaging with Participating First Nations to:

- \* Introduce Valard and their team; to learn more about community expectations and interests; as well as identify training, employment, and procurement and business opportunities.
- \* Share a community engagement questionnaire to better inform Valard's approach to engaging and working with communities.
- \* Discuss the access to cut trees along the Right-of-Way.
- \* Identify camp locations and services available to support work camps.
- \* Provide notification of upcoming employment opportunities, such as assembly positions.
- \* Provide notification of the restart of engagement activities, which had been on hold due to limitations with COVID-19 safety measures, to understand each community's position regarding employment opportunities and associated travel.
- \* Provide notification of upcoming work activities near each community.
- \* Provide notification of encounters with sensitive wildlife, such as Caribou sightings, to communities near the encounter.
- \* Provide notification of a Permit to Take Water, which is required for 2020/2021 winter road construction, to communities near the planned activities.
- \* Recruit and hire community members for assembly activities.

## Valard Indigenous Relations Team Introduction:

The Valard Indigenous Relations Team consists of the following members for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project and can be contacted at [Watay-IndigenousRelations@valard.com](mailto:Watay-IndigenousRelations@valard.com):

- \* **Marc Ouimet** - Director Indigenous Relations
- \* **Darrell Wawia** - Indigenous Relations Manager
- \* **Blaine Paul** - Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- \* **Maureen Budzinski** - Manager Indigenous Training & Apprenticeship

## Valard Indigenous Relations Team Roles:

- \* The team has been involved from the early stages of the project to study and engage impacted Indigenous peoples in the project area.
- \* Introduces Valard as the selected EPC contractor and initiating and maintaining working relationships with the Participating First Nations on the project.
- \* Support introductions and engagement of Valard's Project Managers and Procurement Managers related to development of business relationships and will monitor the functioning of employment, participation, contractual, and obligatory agreements.
- \* Follow up with communities and members throughout the progression of the project to collect feedback on project engagement, expectations and communications.
- \* Be the main point of contact for project concerns regarding participating First Nation communications and engagement.

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## Health and Safety

- \* **Valard is following the most up to date medical advice provided by federal and provincial government in its own measures to help limit the spread of Covid-19.**
- \* Hazard analysis and control planning every day
- \* Fire Preparedness and Response — Field Compliance Monitoring
- \* Development, implementation and monitoring of safe work procedures including preparation for upcoming helicopter work activities
- \* Project onboarding, orientation and training/development
- \* Emergency preparedness and planning
- \* Joint Health and Safety Committee Involvement
- \* Security Protocols implementation and monitoring
- \* Fall Protection and Rescue Planning for tower climbing Best Practices
- \* ZERO medical aids or lost time injuries



## Employment Opportunities

### ASSEMBLERS

- \* Work at ground level in open excavations or at heights around heavy operating equipment and machinery
- \* Load/unload construction materials both mechanically and by hand
- \* Physically fit with the ability to lift a minimum of 50 lbs.
- \* Assist in the layout, assembly and fastening of components of powerline structures
- \* Operate all hand tools required to assemble towers which includes torque wrenches and saws
- \* Assist heavy equipment operators
- \* Able to work a minimum 20 days on with 8 days off in remote locations (Potential to working longer shifts may be required)
- \* Direct traffic at or near construction sites
- \* Ability to work in a team
- \* Ability to work in all weather conditions
- \* Camp accommodations will be provided by Valard
- \* Transportation will be provided from your home community to the camp accommodations and then at the end of your shift transportation will be provided back to your community by Valard

**Please forward resumes to: [watay-resumes@valard.com](mailto:watay-resumes@valard.com) and [projectjobs@oslp.ca](mailto:projectjobs@oslp.ca)**

**For more updates please visit the Valard project website ([www.valard-watay.com](http://www.valard-watay.com)) or Valard/OSLP/Wataynikaneyap Facebook page:**

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