





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 September 15, 2020
Period: September 1, 2020 to November 31, 2020
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 1 – Transmission Lines

| Activity | | Detail |
|--|---|---|
|  | <p>Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sioux Lookout operational as of June 1, 2020 • Slate Falls Nation operational as of July 24, 2020 • Pickle Lake operational as of February 18, 2020 |
|  | <p>Survey</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations) • Flagging Right-of-Way (ROW) clearing limits • Measure existing powerline heights • Locate existing underground utilities • Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake |

Group 1 – Transmission Lines

Activity

Detail



Clearing and Access

- Clearing and Access development
 - * Falling trees
 - * Raking and piling of trees
 - * Installing/removing watercourse crossings
 - * Access matting and trail building
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



Construction



- Geotechnical (soil analysis) investigation by test pitting and drilling of boreholes
- Tower foundation installation
 - * Excavating
 - * Rock drilling
- Assembly of steel towers
- Erection of assembled towers
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



Environment

- In advance of and during construction activities watercourses and environmentally sensitive areas are flagged and monitored; focusing on erosion, sediment control and spill responses
- Migratory bird nest sweeps ahead of clearing and construction activities
- Archeological assessments
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

Group 1 – Substations

| Activity | Detail |
|---|---|
|  | <p>Survey/Clearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting Control points to start surveying• Flagging and inserting stakes in the ground to outline work area• Clearing and access development• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* A (Dinorwic)* B (Pickle Lake) |
|  | <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil and foundation construction• Ground Grid• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* A (Dinorwic)* B (Pickle Lake) |

For more activity details visit the website at www.valard-watay.com, or if you have any general inquiries about this newsletter, please contact Wataynikaneyap Power at 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.
- * Continued to 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.
- * Review Covid-19 protocols with Participating First Nations and sign off after alignment with community.
- * Participate in face to face meetings with communities while ensure that all attendees are following Valard, Community, and Ontario Health Service guidelines/protocols.
- * Continue to meet with Participating First Nation communities to advance engagement, contract, and employment discussions.
- * Participate in seasonal feasts with elders from Participating First Nations.
- * 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:

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

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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 and projectjobs@oslp.ca

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

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