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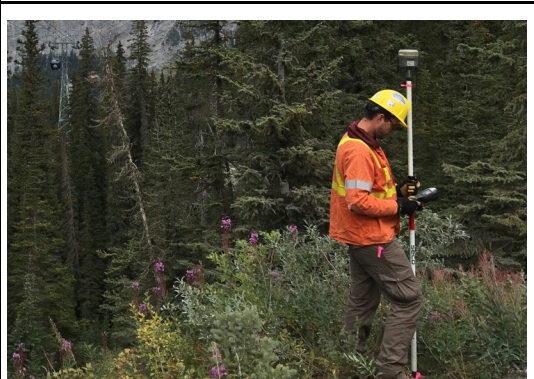


Valard Construction, was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

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 October 15, 2020**  
**Period: October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**  
**Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.**

## Group 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
	<p><b>Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constructed camp at Knox Lake, North Spirit Lake, Deer Lake</li> <li>Deer Lake, Popular Hills, Red Lake to come</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Survey</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations)</li> <li>Measure existing powerline heights</li> <li>Locate existing underground utilities</li> <li>Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Red Lake</li> <li>* Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Activity		Detail
	<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>* Burning of brush piles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Work area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Red Lake, Sandy Lake, North Spirit Lake, Keewawin , and Deer Lake</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Construction</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tower foundation and anchor installation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Excavating</li> <li>* Rock drilling</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assembly of steel towers in assembly yards and on ROW</li> <li>• Erection of assembled towers by crane and helicopter</li> <li>• Installing grounding rods and wires that equipment will connect to</li> <li>• Work area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Red Lake</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>* Red Lake</li> <li>* Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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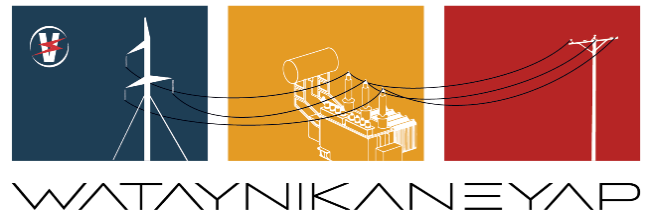
## Group 3 – Substations

Activity		Detail
	<b>Substation 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>• Clearing of substation area and access road development</li><li>• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Red Lake</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>Substation Geotech</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geotechnical testing at ZW, ZV, VY, and TU</li><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>* Red Lake</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>Substation 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>* Red Lake</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:

- \* To learn more about community expectations and interests; as well as identify training, employment, and procurement and business opportunities.
- \* Identify camp locations and services available to support work camps.
- \* Provide notification of upcoming employment opportunities, such as assembly positions.
- \* Continuing 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](mailto:Watay-IndigenousRelations@valard.com):

- \* **Marc Ouimet** - Director Indigenous Relations
- \* **Darrell Wawia** - Indigenous Relations Manager
- \* **Terrance Bob** - Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- \* **Maureen Budzinski** - Manager Indigenous Training & Apprenticeship
- \* **Randal Courchene** - Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison

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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.**
- \* Ongoing Covid-19 screening program, camp inspections, program audits and response drills
- \* Hazard analysis and control planning every day
- \* Development, implementation and monitoring of safe work procedures including preparation for upcoming helicopter work activities
- \* Project onboarding, orientation and training/development of workers
- \* Emergency preparedness and planning, mock emergency drills completed
- \* Joint Health and Safety Committee Involvement
- \* Promotion of project's A&D policy, MSSP and EAP
- \* Security Protocols implementation and monitoring
- \* Fall Protection and Rescue Planning for tower climbing Best Practices
- \* Subcontractor safety support, onboarding, compliance observations, and audits



## Employment Opportunities

- \* Valard Construction invites members of the Participating First Nations to apply for the following positions:

**Class - A Drivers**  
**Foundations Labourers**  
**Fuel Truck Drivers**  
**Primary Care Paramedics**  
**Project Field QC**  
**Assemblers**  
**Welding Helper**  
**Survey Helper**  
**Office Assistant**  
**Material Management Assistant**

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