



WATAYNIKANEYAP

Monthly Project Newsletter

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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 2 – Transmission Lines

Activity	Detail
	<p align="center">Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickle Lake operational as of February 18, 2020 • Pipestone operational as of June 12, 2020 • North Caribou Camp Construction
	<p align="center">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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pickle Lake to Pipestone * Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation * Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation

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

Group 2 – 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 • Substations work area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * C (Ebane/Pipestone) * D (North Caribou Lake First Nation) * F (Bearskin Lake First Nation) * J (Kingfisher Lake First Nation)
	<p>Geotech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drill Boreholes at substation sites to determine soil properties, depth to rock • Substations work area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * D (North Caribou Lake First Nation)
	<p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil and Foundation Construction. • Substations Work Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * C (Ebane/Pipestone)

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
- * **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.**
- * 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

- * 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

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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