





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

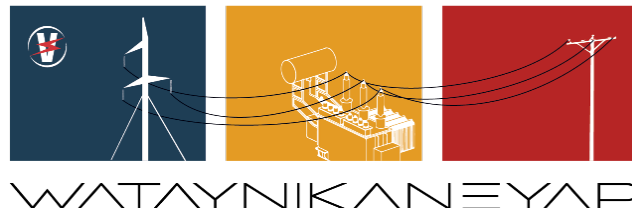
Proposed schedule as of January 15, 2021  
Period: January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021

### Group 2 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
	<p><b>Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</b></p>	<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> <li>• North Caribou Lake Camp operational as of January 15, 2021</li> <li>• King Fisher Camp under construction</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>• 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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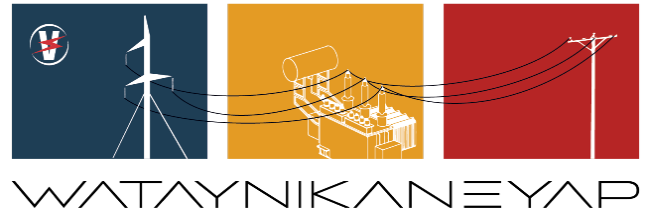
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Activity		Detail
	<b>Clearing and Access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing and Access development                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Falling, raking and piling of trees</li> <li>* Installing/removing 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>
	<b>Construction</b>	<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 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>• Stringing activities have commenced in Pickle Lake</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>
	<b>Environment</b>	<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>• Environmental monitoring of foundation, assembly, erection and stringing crews</li> <li>• Archaeological Assessments reports submitted to Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries for reroutes</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

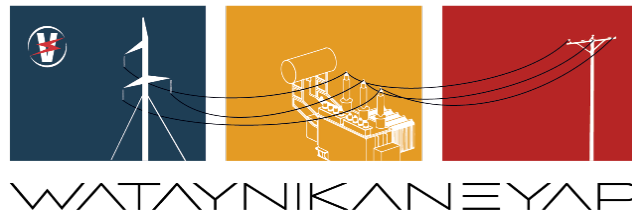
Activity	Detail
	<p><b>Substation Survey/Clearing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flagging and inserting stakes in the ground to outline work area</li><li>• Clearing of substation area and access road development</li><li>• Substations work area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* E (Muskrat Dam First Nation)</li><li>* I (Wunnumin Lake First Nation)</li></ul></li></ul>
	<p><b>Substation Geotech</b></p> <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>* E (Muskrat Dam First Nation)</li><li>* G (Sachigo Lake First Nation)</li><li>* I (Wunnumin Lake First Nation)</li><li>* K (Wawakapewin First Nation)</li><li>* L (Kasabonika First Nation)</li></ul></li></ul>
	<p><b>Substation Construction</b></p> <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><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>

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



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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.
- \* 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 Valard community-specific protocols such as Covid-19 protocols with Participating First Nations and sign off after alignment with community.
- \* Continue to keep open lines of communication with Participating First Nations for community COVID -19 updates with regards to travel and quarantine directives.
- \* Participate in face to face meetings with communities while ensuring 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.
- \* Facilitate and coordinate Indigenous participations in community businesses, equipment, services, work force, existing or potential joint ventures.
- \* 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 required permits such as: a Permit to Take Water, which is required for 2020/2021 winter road construction, to communities near the planned activities.
- \* Shared additional temporary work space packages for review and sign off.
- \* Request teleconference meetings to pick up the engagement and contract discussions with each of the communities, to share the return to the "bubble" testing program with each community directly.
- \* Actively looking to fill, hire and onboard Indigenous Relations Advisors to aid in Participating First Nations engagement and communications.
- \* Facilitate communication with communities regarding timber offerings and requirements.
- \* Utilize Construction Liaisons to coordinate ongoing communication between Project Management Team and Community Leadership and other duties such as: setting up job fairs, creating social media pages, updating current COVID-19 statuses, and participating in Community meetings.

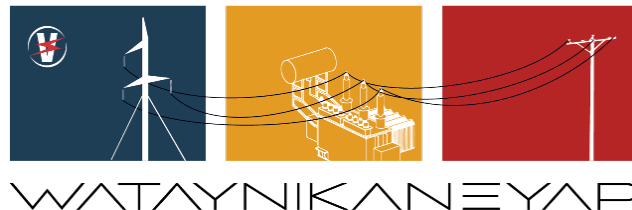
## Valard Indigenous Relations Team Introduction:

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 Alcohol & Drug policy, Maintenance Support Security Program and Employee Assistance Program
- \* 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:

**Administrative Assistant**

**Assemblers**

**Class A Driver**

**Community Support Partner**

**Drafting Technician**

**Emergency Medical Responder**

**Environmental Monitor**

**Excavator Operator**

**Foundations Labourer**

**Fuel Truck Driver**

**General Foreperson/Construction Supervisor**

**Heavy Duty Technician**

**Journeyman Automotive Service Technician**

**Prep/Ground Work Subforeperson**

**Primary Care Paramedic**

**Project Assistant**

**Project Field QC**

**Project Safety Admin**

**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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