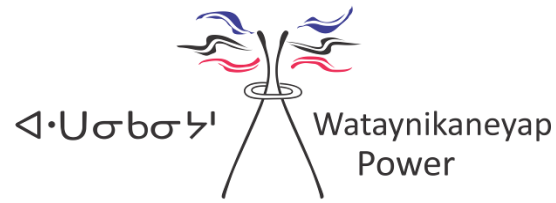




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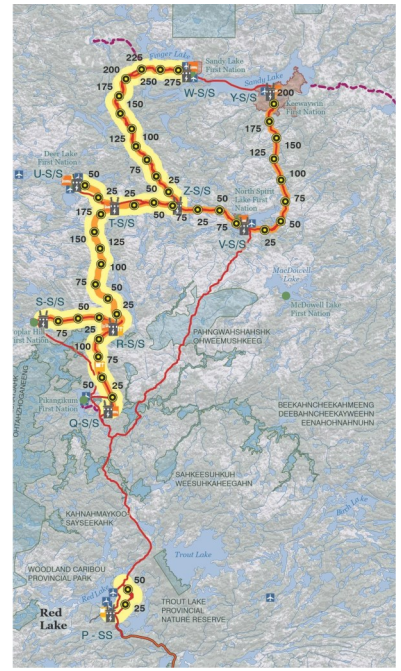
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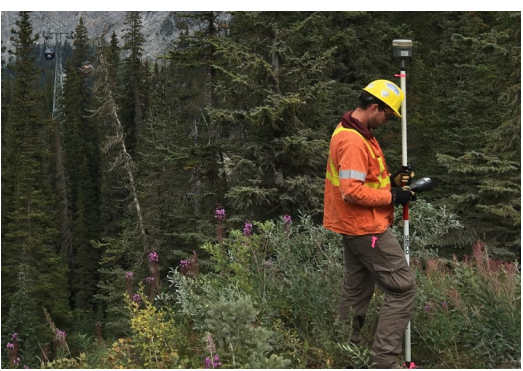
Valard Construction, was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

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 May 15, 2021**  
**Period: May 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021**  
**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>• Junction Camp (near Berens River) camp completed</li> <li>• Sandy Lake and Poplar Hills camps mobilized</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 and north to Sandy Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Group 3 – Transmission Lines

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 have finished for the season</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>• Work area                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Knox 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>• Archaeology Program conducted by Woodland Heritage accessing approved access plan</li> <li>• Environmental Incident reporting and associated cleanup</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 and north to Sandy Lake First Nation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Group 3 – Substations

Activity		Detail
	<p><b>Substation Survey/ Clearing</b></p>	<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>* Poplar Hill, Deer Lake, Sandy Lake and North Spirit Lake</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>* Red Lake, Poplar Hill, Deer Lake, Sandy Lake and North Spirit 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).**



### Valard is engaging with Participating First Nations to:

- \* Learn more about community expectations and interests; as well as identify training, employment, procurement and business opportunities.
- \* Engage with Indigenous Relations and Group Project Management to work with Community and Working groups to identify camp locations and services available to support work camps.
- \* Facilitate and coordinate Indigenous participations in community businesses, equipment, services, work force, and existing or potential joint ventures.
- \* Working with the Communities for open lines of communication for COVID-19 updates with regards to travel and quarantine directives.
- \* Provide notification of encounters with sensitive wildlife such as Caribou sightings to communities near the encounter.
- \* Provide the Chief and Council of any additional temporary work packages with Territorial area maps included: Permit to Take Water, Helicopter Pads and any additional camp locations if required.
- \* Utilizing the Construction Liaisons to help coordinate ongoing communication between Project Management and Community Leadership and other duties such as: setting up job fairs, social media upkeep, coordinating employment and business opportunities and acting as a direct link to the Chief and/or Council of various communities.

### Indigenous Relations Advisor for Group 3

- ◇ Sandy Lake First Nation—Bart Meekis

### Valard Group 3 Construction Liaisons:

- ◇ Pikangikum First Nation—Tracy Black
- ◇ North Spirit Lake First Nation—Donald Campbell
- ◇ McDowell Lake First Nation—Charles Lawson
- ◇ Sandy Lake First Nation—Robert Keith Linklater
- ◇ Keewaywin First Nation—Kieran Sakakeep
- ◇ Poplar Hill First Nation—Georgina Suggashie
- ◇ Deer Lake First Nation—Vacant

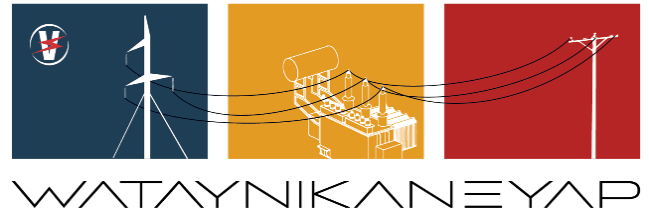
### Valard Indigenous Relations Team Introduction:

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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