

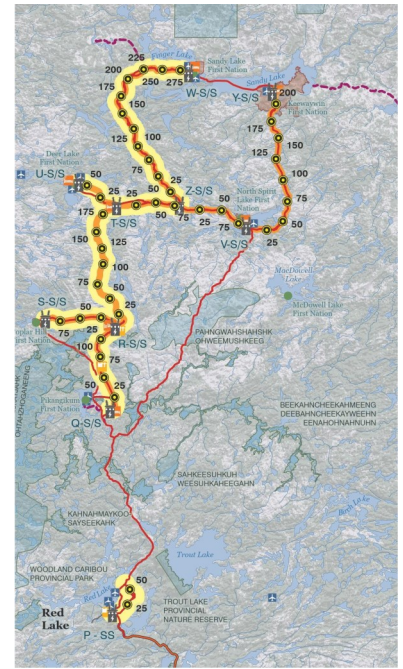
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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

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 owner communities.



Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of August 15, 2021
Period: August 1, 2021 to October 31, 2021
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 Worker camp site.	Camp Mobilization and/or Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junction operational as of January 2021 • Station R, Poplar Hill, Deer Lake, Keewaywin, Knox Lake and North Spirit Lake operational as of January 2021 • Sandy Lake operational as of September, 2021.
 Survey worker.	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations) • Measure existing powerline heights • Locate existing underground utilities • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Red Lake, Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation and North to Sandy Lake First Nation

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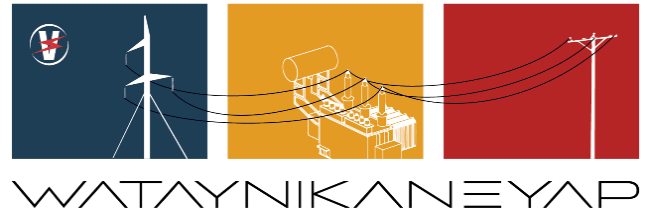
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Activity		Detail
 <p>Trees from clearing process</p>	<p>Clearing and Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing and Access development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Falling, raking, and piling of trees * Burning of brush piles have finished for the season
 <p>Excavating Work.</p>	<p>Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower foundation and anchor installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Excavating * Rock drilling • Assembly of steel towers in assembly yards and on Right-of-Way (ROW) • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Knox Lake
 <p>Watercourse.</p>	<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 Incident reporting and associated cleanup • Conducting bird nest sweeps ahead of clearing activities (The area is checked for bird nests. If found, area will be flagged and monitored until the nest is no longer in use) • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Red Lake, Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation and North to Sandy Lake First Nation

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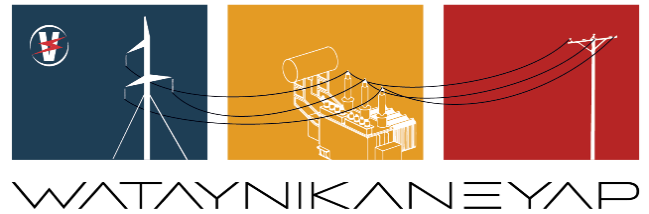
Group 3 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Aerial view of substation</p>	Substation Survey/ Clearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting control points to start surveying• Flagging and inserting stakes in the ground to outline work area• Clearing of substation area and access road development• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Poplar Hill, Deer Lake, Sandy Lake and North Spirit Lake
 <p>Construction status of Substation Z</p>	Substation Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil and foundation construction• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Red Lake, Poplar Hill, Deer Lake, Sandy Lake and North Spirit 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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BOOTS ON THE GROUND—Locally hired crew members tell us what working on the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project means to them!

I AM HAVING FUN AND ENJOYING MY TIME HERE EVERY DAY

Darcy Meekis, Deer Lake First Nation



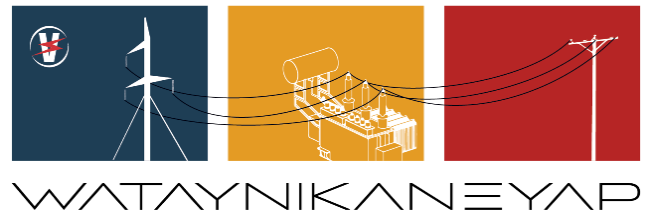
I have been with Valard since September of 2020. Throughout the months, I have realized that the work we do is very important.

As an Assembler, I am having fun and enjoying my time here every day, building towers. We also get the opportunity to operate different machinery, which I wasn't expecting to do. Every day we learn and, most of all, meet new friends and get to travel to different places.

Despite the hard work, safety plays a very important role and the hospitality is always excellent, making sure we are well taken care of. I am glad to be part of the team.

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Valard is engaging with Participating First Nations to:

- * Work with community and working groups for open lines of communication for COVID-19 updates with regards to travel and Community access directives
- * 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 participation opportunities for employment and procurement of goods and services.
- * Provide notification of encounters with sensitive wildlife such as Caribou sightings to communities near the encounter
- * Provide notification of caribou Permanent Survey Plots within the Communities
- * Work with Communities during the fires to ensure they are safe and their employees get to a safe location (in the case of evacuation)
- * Provide the Chief and Council with any additional temporary work packages and maps in their Homeland area, includes: Permit to Take Water, Helicopter Pads and any additional camp locations if required

Valard would like to Congratulate the following new Apprentices! We look forward to working with you and wish you all the best on this exciting new journey!

Jonathan Mamakeesick from Keewaywin First Nation, indentured into the Powerline Technician trade

Brett Beam from Pikangikum First Nation, indentured into the Powerline Technician trade.

Russell Peters from Pikangikum First Nation, indentured into the Construction Electrician trade.

Valard Indigenous Relations Team

The Valard Indigenous Relations Team consists of the following members for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project and can be contacted at: IndigenousRelations@valard.com

- * **Blaine Collett**—Sr. Director Indigenous Relations
- * **Terrance Bob**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- * **Randal Courchene**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- * **Sherice Paizen**—Indigenous Relations Project Coordinator

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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 and Valard COVID-19 Vaccination program for eligible employees
- * 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 and projectjobs@oslp.ca

For more updates please visit the Valard project website (www.valard-watay.com) or:

Call: 807-345-2395

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