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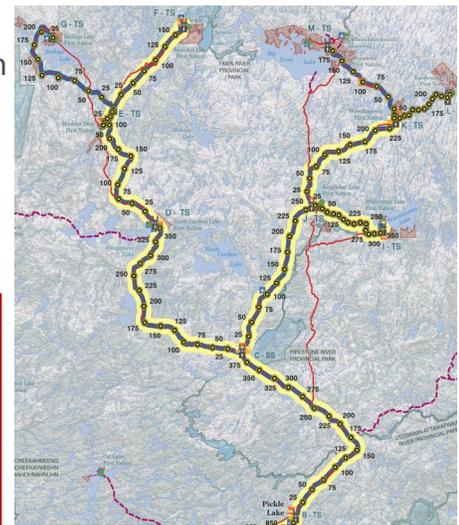
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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

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 owner communities.



Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of September 15, 2021
Period: September 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 2 – Transmission Lines

Activity	Detail
 <p>Materials to construct camps being moved by heavy machinery.</p>	<p>Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickle Lake operational as of Winter 2020 • North Caribou Lake Camp operational as of Fall 2021 • Kingfisher Lake Camp operational as of Winter 2021 • Muskrat Dam operational • Bearskin Lake under construction
 <p>Heavy machinery for geotechnical investigations</p>	<p>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>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 * 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, North Caribou Lake First Nation to Muskrat Dam First Nation, and Muskrat Dam First Nation to Bearskin Lake First Nation
 <p>Helicopter during tower erection.</p>	<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 in assembly yards and on ROW (Right-of-Way) • Erection of assembled towers by crane and helicopter • Installing grounding rods and wires that equipment will connect to • Stringing activities have commenced in Pickle Lake • 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, North Caribou to Muskrat Dam, & Muskrat Dam to Bearskin 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 monitoring of foundation, assembly, erection and stringing crews • Environmental incident reporting and associated cleanup • Archaeological Stage 3 assessments planned for October • 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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Group 2 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Cleared work area.</p>	<p>Substation Survey/Clearing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flagging and inserting stakes in the ground to outline work area • Substations work area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * D (North Caribou Lake First Nation) * E (Muskrat Dam First Nation) * F (Bearskin Lake First Nation) * I (Wunnumin Lake First Nation) * J (Kingfisher Lake First Nation)
 <p>Construction status of a substation D</p>	<p>Substation Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil and foundation construction • Substations work area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * E (Muskrat Dam First Nation) * F (Bearskin Lake First Nation) * J (Kingfisher Lake First Nation)
 <p>Construction status of substation J</p>	<p>Substation Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structural and Electrical Construction • Substations Work Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * C (Ebane/Pipestone) * D (North Caribou Lake First Nation) * J (Kingfisher Lake First Nation)

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'M PROUD TO BE PART OF A PROJECT THAT WILL IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES

Graham Garrow, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation



My Name is Graham Garrow and I have strong family ties to the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.

I feel very fortunate to be working for Valard as an Engineering Technologist on the Watay Power Project. It gives me a great sense of pride knowing just how this project will change our North for the better and to be part of that is amazing.

The opportunities and working experiences that I have been granted have not only been exciting and educational, but they give me the means to provide for my family, which at the end of the day is most important.

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
- * Work with community and working groups to identify camp locations and services available to support work camps
- * Facilitate and coordinate opportunities for employment and procurement of goods and services with communities and working groups
- * 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
- * Provide the Chief and Council with any additional work packages and maps in their Homeland area, includes: Permit to Take Water, Helicopter Pads and any additional camp locations if required
- * Provided Power Mobile Equipment (PME) training for employees



Project employees during a work presentation



A piece of heavy machinery used on the project

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, 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
- * Project onboarding, orientation and training/development of workers and subcontractors
- * 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



Employment Opportunities

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

Administrative Assistant

Assemblers

Burn Crews

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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