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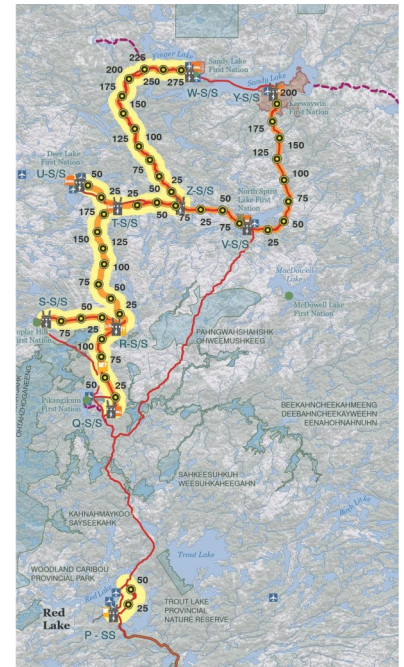
English Version



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 kilometres 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.

* Yellow outline indicates work areas.



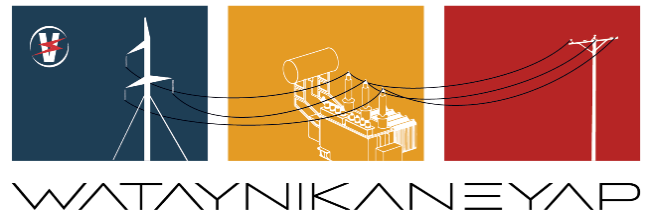
Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of June 15, 2022
Period: June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 Knox Camp	Camp Mobilization and/or Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junction operational as of January 2021 • North Spirit Lake and Deer Lake Camp open mid Oct 2021 to support substations • Poplar Hill Camp opened • Knox Lake Camp closed • Sandy Lake Camp closed
 Survey worker	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations) • Measure existing transmission line heights • Locate existing underground utilities • Work area * Red Lake, Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation and North Spirit Lake First Nation to Sandy Lake First Nation

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Group 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity

Detail



Cleared Right of Way near Knox Camp

Clearing and Access

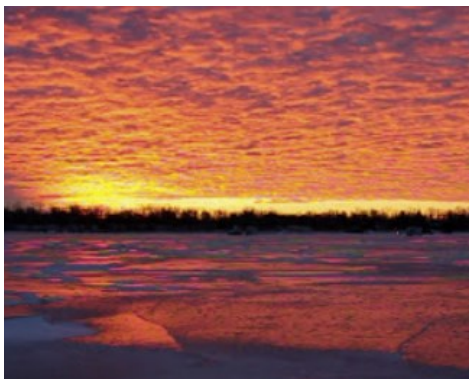
- Clearing and Access development
 - * Falling, raking, and piling of trees
 - * Burning of brush piles
 - * Removing water crossings
 - * Maintenance of roads



Excavating Work.

Construction

- Tower foundation and anchor installation
 - * Excavating
 - * Rock drilling
- Assembly of steel towers in assembly yards and on Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Work area
 - * Deer Lake
 - * North Spirit Lake



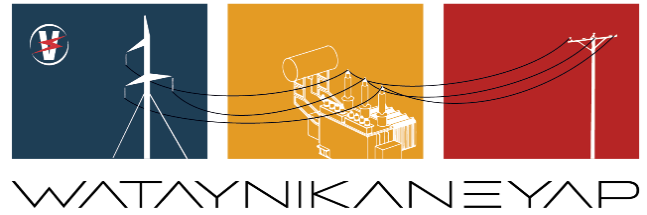
Lake near Knox Camp

Environment

- 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, access, assembly, erection and stringing crews to ensure commitments in environmental assessments are being followed
- Environmental Incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup
- Continued spill response and cleanup at the Substation P diesel spill (Red Lake) with TBT Environmental consultants
- Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program was established and surveyed with Giiwedini Environmental for June by helicopter crews and will continue monthly, until September 2022
- Work area
 - * Red Lake, Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation and North Spirit Lake First Nation to Sandy Lake First Nation

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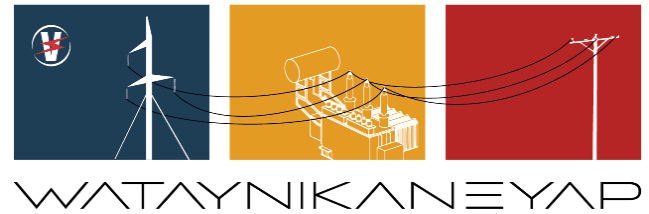
Group 3 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Construction Status of Substation R (Poplar Hill SS)</p>	Substation Civil Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil and foundation construction• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Substation R (Poplar Hill SS)* Substation S (Poplar Hill TS)* Substation U (Deer Lake TS)* Substation V (North Spirit Lake TS)* Substation W (Sandy Lake TS)
 <p>Construction Status of Substation V (North Spirit Lake First Nation)</p>	Substation Structural Steel and Electrical Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Steel erection• Electrical equipment installation• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Substation T (Deer Lake)* Substation V (North Spirit Lake)* Substation Z (Sandy 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'M BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR MYSELF

Asher Madame, Sachigo Lake First Nation



I learned about this job from a posting in my community (Sachigo). Working with Valard has been interesting. I get to work at different sites in remote parts of Northern Ontario. I also get to meet different people who have worked with Valard longer – I like hearing their stories about each place they've worked at.

At first, I didn't know much about building towers – it looked super intimidating but after building a couple of them you start to remember – then it gets easier. With this type of work and income, I can afford to go to college as well as work, since most college courses are online now.

I hope more people from northern communities take advantage of the opportunity.

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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
- * Work with communities 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 field work associated with monitoring caribou permanent survey plots throughout the project area
- * 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
- * **Blaine Paul**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- * **Amber McGrandle**—Indigenous Relations

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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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