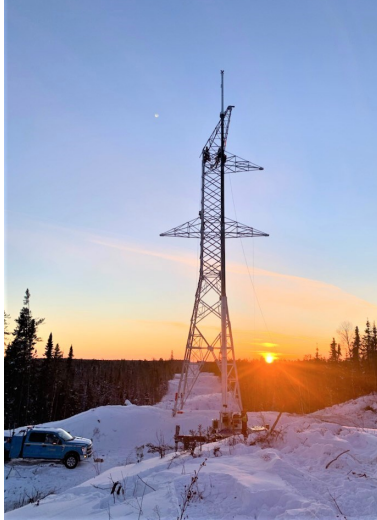


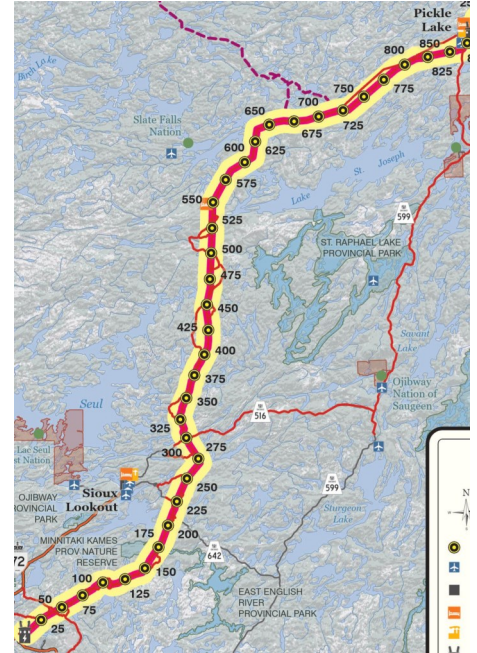
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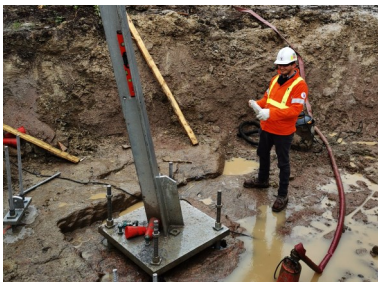
Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

The scope of work on the Project consists of EPC services for more than 1,600 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.



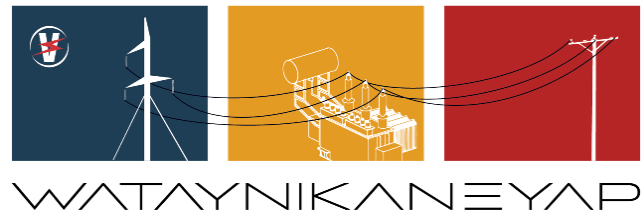
**Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities**  
**Proposed schedule as of May 15, 2022**  
**Period: May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022**  
**Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.**

## Group 1 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 <p>Worker camp site in Pickle Lake</p>	<p><b>Camp Operation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All camps locations finalized, active camps currently open—Pickle Lake and Cat Lake</li> </ul>
 <p>Surveyor checking Foundation</p>	<p><b>Survey</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations)</li> <li>Flag Right-of-Way (ROW) clearing boundaries</li> <li>Measure existing transmission line heights</li> <li>Staking, as-building (drawings that record what the final product looks like) and support of construction activities</li> <li>Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake</li> </ul>

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## Group 1 – Transmission Lines

### Activity

### Detail



Erected towers along Right of Way between Dinorwic and Pickle Lake

### Clearing and Access

- Clearing and Access development
  - \* Access matting and trail building
  - \* Installing/removing watercourse crossings
  - \* Restoration of lands after completed construction activities
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



Setting the final Tower

### Construction

- Tower foundation/anchor installation complete
- Assembly of steel towers complete
- Erection of assembled towers complete
- Stringing of wire conductor and fibre-optic wire
- Installing grounding rods and wires and testing
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



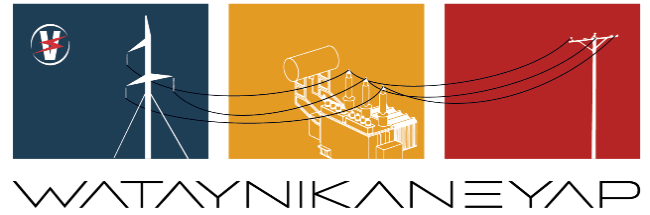
Lake view North G1

### Environment

- Environmental monitoring of demobilization and access to ensure commitments in environmental assessments are being followed
- First Nation Environmental Monitors have worked with the Project Manager and conducted several site visits
- Environmental incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup, as needed
- Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program will be finalized with First Nation community input and implemented with Giiwedini Environmental throughout summer 2022
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

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## Group 1 – Substations

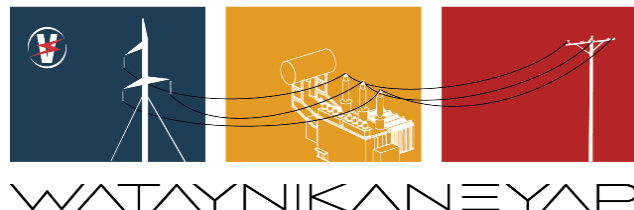
Activity		Detail
 <p>Construction status of Substation A (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation)</p>	<b>Substation Survey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Substation wiring</li><li>• Commissioning</li><li>• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* A (Dinorwic)</li></ul></li></ul>
 <p>Construction status of Substation B (Pickle Lake)</p>	<b>Substation Construction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Substation wiring</li><li>• Commissioning</li><li>• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* B (Pickle 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).



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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!

*THIS JOB HELPS ME REACH MY GOALS*

**Samantha Keesic**, North Spirit Lake



I am proud of my work as it makes me feel good about myself and the people I work with. I am a woman who is succeeding in reaching my goals.

We are young Native women working as a team within an all Indigenous Assembly Crew! The work is very satisfying, and Valard treats you very good here; they encourage me in a positive way. Working in such a great environment makes it more enjoyable.

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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 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](mailto: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](mailto:watay-resumes@valard.com) and [projectjobs@oslp.ca](mailto:projectjobs@oslp.ca)  
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