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Wataynikaneyap Power

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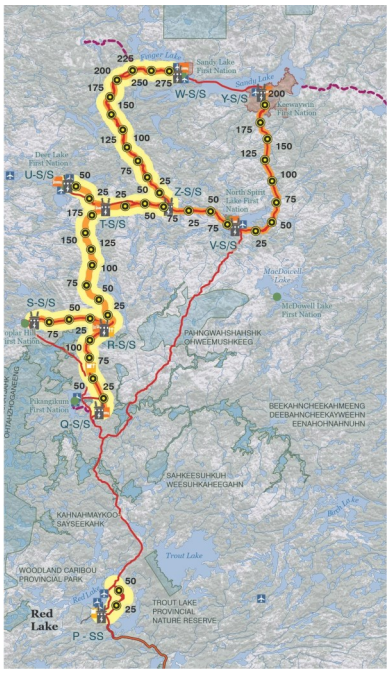
Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

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 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
Knox Camp	**Camp Mobilization and/or Installation**	• Junction operational as of January 2021 • North Spirit Lake and Deer Lake Camp open mid Oct 2021 to support substations • Poplar Hill Camp closed • Knox Lake Camp closed • Sandy Lake Camp closed
Survey worker	**Survey**	• 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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Activity		**Detail**
Cleared Right of Way near Knox	**Clearing and Access**	• Clearing and Access development ∗ Falling, raking, and piling of trees ∗ Burning of brush piles ∗ Removing water crossings ∗ Maintenance of roads
PQ Section Conventional Crane Erection	**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	**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 • 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**
 Construction Status of Substation R (Poplar Hill SS)	**Substation Survey/ Clearing**	• Civil and foundation construction • Substations Work Area: * 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)
 Steel Erection at Substation V (North Spirit Lake First Nation)	**Substation Construction**	• Steel erection • Electrical equipment installation • Substations Work Area: * 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!

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 make 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 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
Journeyperson 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
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