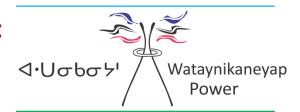


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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

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 June 15, 2022 Period: June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022 Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

\* Yellow outline indicates work areas.



# Activity Camp Operation All camps locations finalized, active camp(s) currently open: Pickle Lake

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**Group 1 – Transmission Lines** 

#### Surveyor checking Foundation

#### Survey

- Survey work complete.
- Preparations are being made for future reclamation efforts.
- Work area: Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

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Group 1 - Transmission Lines				
Activity		Detail		
Erected towers along Right of Way between Dinorwic and Pickle Lake	Clearing and Access	<ul> <li>Clearing and Access work for construction completed.</li> <li>Preparations are being made for future reclamation efforts.</li> <li>Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake</li> </ul>		
Setting the final Tower	Construction	<ul> <li>Tower foundation/anchor installation complete</li> <li>Assembly of steel towers complete</li> <li>Erection of assembled towers complete</li> <li>Preparations are being made for future reclamation efforts.</li> <li>Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake</li> </ul>		
Lake view North G1	Environment	<ul> <li>Environmental incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup, as needed</li> <li>Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program continued with Giiwedin Environmental in July by ground crews and will occur monthly until September 2022</li> <li>Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake</li> </ul>		

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Group 1 – Substations				
Activity		Detail		
Construction status of Substation A (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation)	Substation A Construction	<ul> <li>Substation Access Road Upgrading</li> <li>Substation Ready for Energization</li> <li>Substations Work Area:</li> <li>* A (Dinorwic)</li> </ul>		
Construction status of Substation B (Pickle Lake)	Substation B Construction	<ul> <li>Substation Ready for Energization</li> <li>Substations Work Area:         <ul> <li>B (Pickle Lake)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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 MAKING MY FAMILY PROUD **Evan Suggashie,** Deer Lake First Nation



This project makes me feel proud to be a part of it! I'm also proud of my own work and my family has pride in me. Valard supervisors have always supported me and have given me a chance to succeed; I have a great crew to work for and also joke around with – it's a great work environment.

My long-term career goals are with Valard as I plan to keep on advancing in the company.

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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: <a href="mailto:IndigenousRelations@valard.com">IndigenousRelations@valard.com</a>:

- \* 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.

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

https://www.facebook.com/watayproject

https://www.facebook.com/OpiikapawiinServicesLP

https://www.facebook.com/Wataynikaneyap-Power

https://www.oslp.ca/careers—Please visit OSLP's site for a full list of available positions

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