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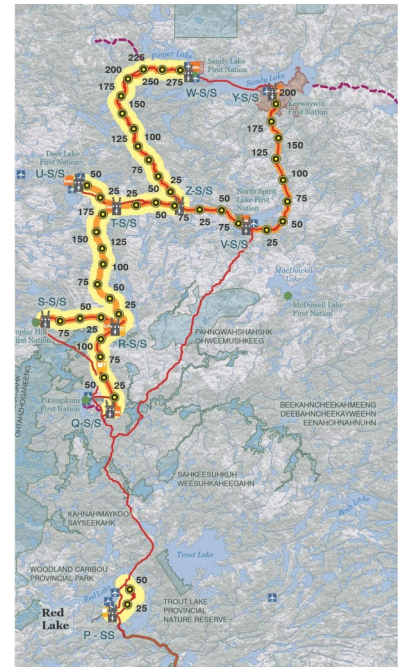
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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.



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



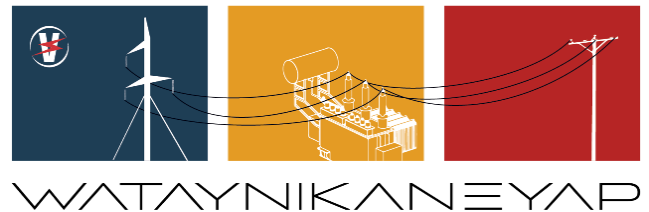
Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of September 15, 2022
Period: September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

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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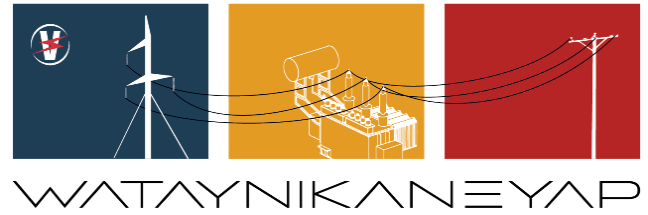
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| Activity | | Detail |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|  <p>Cleared Right of Way near Knox Camp</p> | <p>Clearing and Access</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing and Access development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Falling, raking, and piling of trees * Maintenance of roads |
|  <p>Excavating Work.</p> | <p>Construction</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower foundation and anchor installation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Excavating * Rock drilling • Assembly of steel towers in assembly yards and on Right-of-Way (ROW) • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deer Lake First Nation * North Spirit Lake First Nation |
|  <p>Lake near Knox</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, access, assembly, erection and stringing crews to ensure commitments in environmental assessments are being followed • Environmental Incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup • TBT Engineering ground water monitoring and sampling at Substation P for post remediation results • Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program with Giiwedini Environmental was postponed for September. Survey will be conducted in October and will continue starting December 2022 through March 2023 • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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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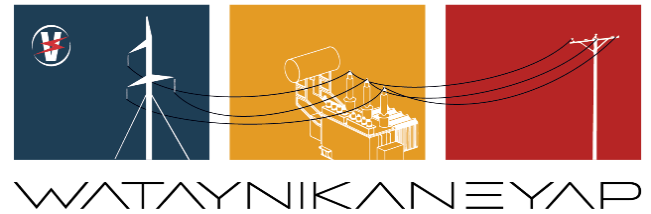
Group 3 – Substations

| Activity | | Detail |
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|  <p>Construction Status of Substation U (Deer Lake TS)</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)* Substation Z (Sandy Lake SS) |
|  <p>Construction Status of Substation T (Deer Lake SS)</p> | Substation Structural Steel and Electrical Construction | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural and Electrical construction• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Substation R (Poplar Hill SS)* Substation T (Deer Lake SS)* Substation U (Deer Lake TS)* Substation V (North Spirit Lake)* Substation W (Sandy Lake TS)* Substation Z (Sandy Lake SS) |

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!

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION—September 30th, 2022



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

This year marks the second time the Federal Government has acknowledged and honoured this day. Even though the residential school system is a thing of the past, Indigenous peoples continue to struggle with the effects of this dark time in Canadian history. At Valard, we recognize our responsibility to educate, support, and acknowledge the legacy of residential schools. This is the only path to move forward and thrive as a unified society. This day provides an opportunity for all Canadians to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools.

Valard continues to encourage all its employees, contractors, clients, business partners, and associates to show support for this day by wearing orange on September 30th.

We use the ribbon designed by our Indigenous staff and Elders' guidance to distribute orange shirts to help spread the word and acknowledge the Orange Shirt Day cause and the Every Child Matters movement.

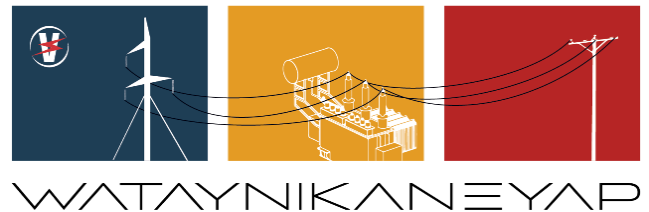
Valard Construction will work on this day but has scheduled stand-downs with our leadership across all the project sites and offices to have moments of silence, share testimonials of residential school survivors and reflect on the meaning of this day.

Our company's foundation lies in building strong partnerships and developing lasting relationships with Indigenous communities, groups, and individuals across the country. Our Indigenous relationships are based on a simple approach of respect, openness, and fairness. Reconciliation can't be achieved without acceptance and acknowledgement of the truth, a willingness to move forward, and facilitating resources to help the healing process. We will continue to support Indigenous causes and work towards strengthening their communities through our work. Valard will always look for ways to reflect our respect for Indigenous peoples, their history, and their culture.

Carey Kostyk
President

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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, Including: 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

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.valard-watay.com/upcoming-project-opportunities/>

<https://www.facebook.com/watayproject>

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