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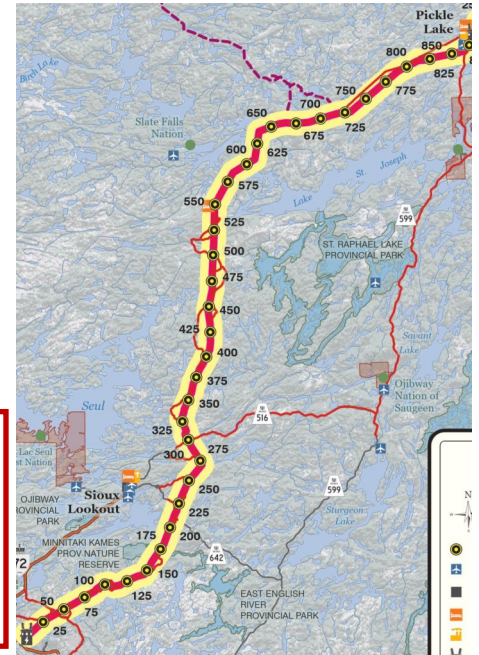
English Version



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.


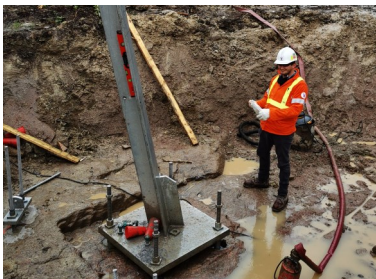
The scope of work on the Project consists of EPC services for more than 1,600 kilometres of transmission and distribution infrastructure ranging in voltage from 25 kV to 230 kV and 22 substations. Valard created this newsletter to provide regular updates on construction activities for the 24 First Nation owner communities.

* Yellow outline indicates work areas.



Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of November 15, 2022
Period: November 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 1 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 <p>Worker camp site in Pickle Lake</p>	<p>Camp Operation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All camps locations finalized, active camps' currently open: Pickle Lake
 <p>Surveyor checking Foundation</p>	<p>Survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey work complete. Restoration efforts underway. 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

- Clearing and Access work for construction completed.
- Restoration efforts underway.
- 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
- Restoration efforts underway.
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



Lake view North G1

Environment

- Environmental incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup, as needed
- Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program with Giiwedini was not conducted between October 2nd—6th and will continue starting December 2022 through March 2023.
- 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>	Substation A Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substation Energized• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* A (Dinorwic)
 <p>Construction status of Substation B (Pickle Lake)</p>	Substation B Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substation Energized• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* B (Pickle 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.

ENERGIZATION MILESTONES—NOVEMBER 2022



Aerial views of Station J (Kingfisher Lake). On November 8th, 2022, this station and other associated assets were energized and came under Wataynikaneyap Power's controlling authority.

Valard looks forward to the completion of the next phases on the Wataynikaneyap Project. The ongoing completion and energization of transmission lines will continue to bring reliable power to First Nations in Northern Ontario.

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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, 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>

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<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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