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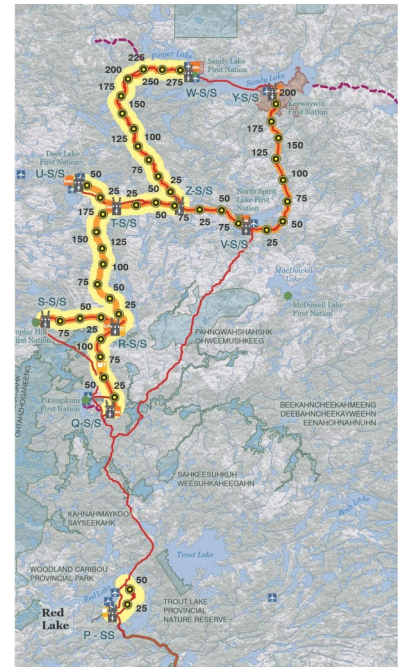
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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.



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.



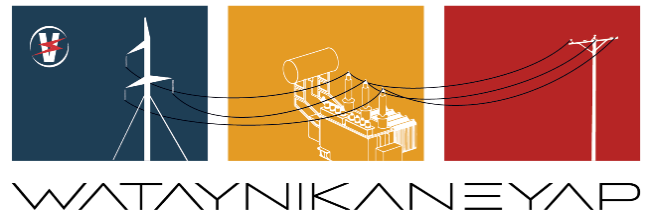
Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of April 15, 2023
Period: April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 Knox Camp	Camp Mobilization and/or Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deer Lake Camp, Sandy Lake Camp, Poplar Hill Camp & Keewaywin Camp active. Branchwood Camp inactive and scheduled to reopen in May 2023
 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 <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 – Transmission Lines

Activity

Detail



Cleared Right of Way near Knox Camp

Clearing and Access

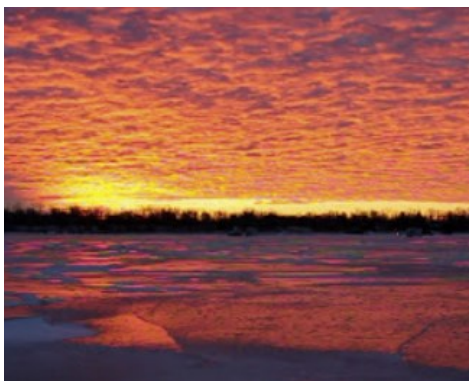
- Clearing and Access development.
 - * Falling, raking, and piling of trees.
 - * Maintenance of roads.



Excavating Work.

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 First Nation.
 - * North Spirit Lake First Nation.



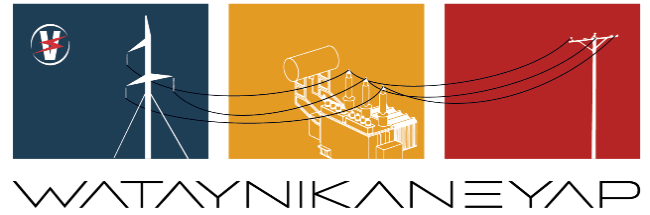
Lake near Knox

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 Project and Regulatory commitments are being followed.
- Environmental Incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup.
 - * EIN 528 was a spill of approximately 120L of Diesel released onto the ground at Branchwood Camp. Clean up is now complete and has been closed out with Ontario Spill Action Center, Reference #1 -33WPM7 .
- 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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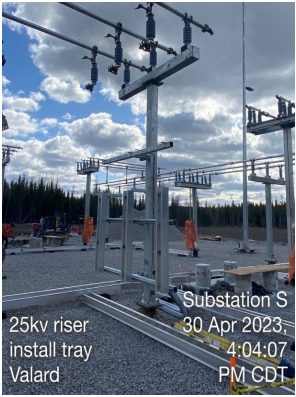

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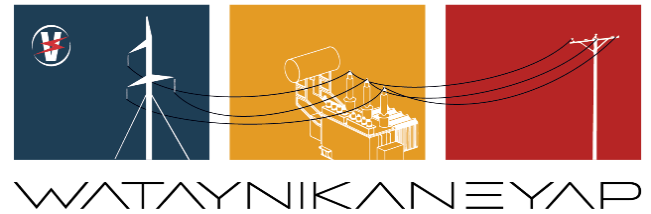
Group 3 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Substation W (Sandy 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">* Civil crews mobilized in May.
 <p>Substation S (Poplar Hill TS)</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 S (Poplar Hill TS).* Substation T (Deer Lake SS).* Substation U (Deer Lake TS).* Substation V (North Spirit Lake).* Substation Z (Sandy Lake).
 <p>Substation V (North Spirit Lake)</p>	Substation Commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioning<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 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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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING - APRIL 28, 2023

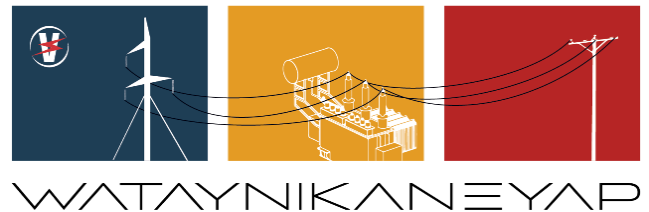


Crew members and employees on the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project work through challenging terrain and weather conditions through different scopes of construction on the project. Maintaining proper safety protocols and procedures is a top priority and concern to ensure that all employees are safe and following best practices on the project.

April 28th, 2023 was the National Day of Mourning, dedicated to all those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job, or a work-related tragedy. It is a day to remember the lives lost or injured, and renew Valard's continued commitment to prevention and safety. Every worker has the right to return home safe and sound at the end of each workday.

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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
- * Provide notification of encounters with sensitive wildlife such as caribou sightings to communities near the encounter
- * 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



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
- * **Amber McGrandle**—Indigenous Relations Coordinator

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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.**
- * Continuing to monitor and comply with individual Community Covid-19 protocols, as applicable.
- * 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:

Construction Liaison—Deer Lake

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>

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

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

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