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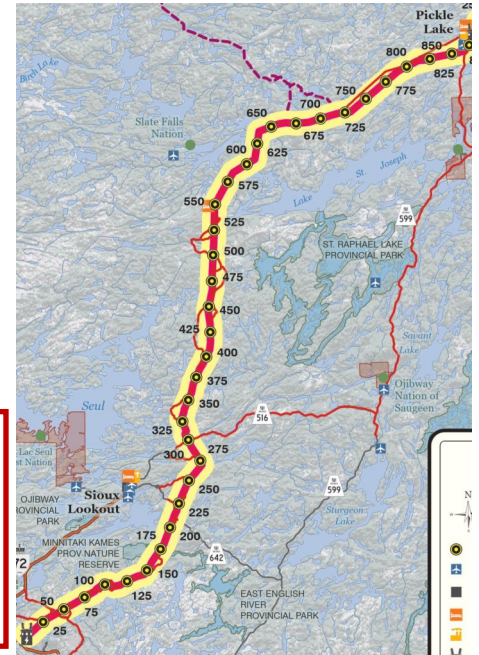
English Version



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


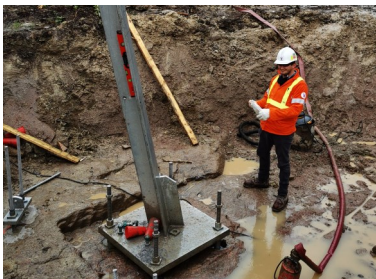
The scope of work on the Project consists of EPC services for more than 1,600 kilometres of transmission and distribution infrastructure ranging in voltage from 25 kV to 230 kV and 22 substations. Valard created this newsletter to provide regular updates on construction activities for the 24 First Nation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

* Yellow outline indicates work areas.



Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of January 15, 2023
Period: January 1, 2023 to March 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 camp locations finalized, active camps currently open: Pickle Lake Camp
 <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.



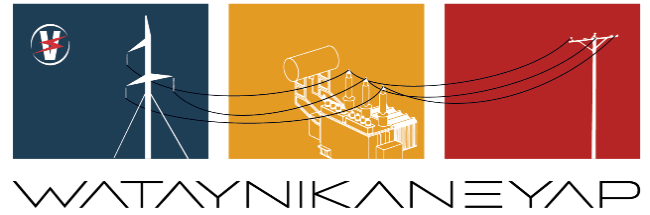
Lake view North G1

Environment

- Environmental incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup, as needed
- Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program with Giiwedini Environmental was conducted between November 29th and December 5th, and will be conducted monthly through March 2023.
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

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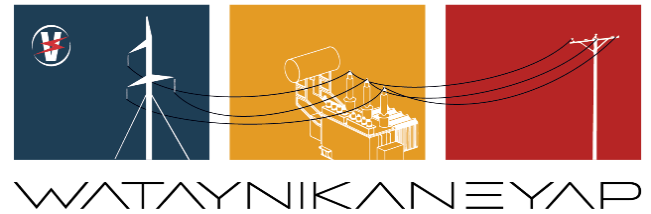
Group 1 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>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>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.

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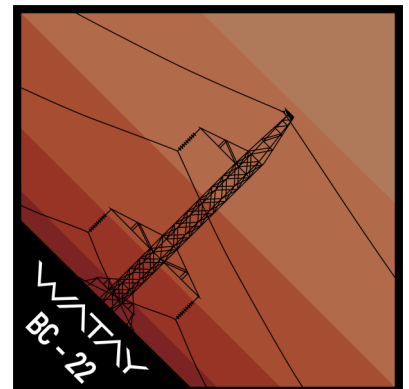
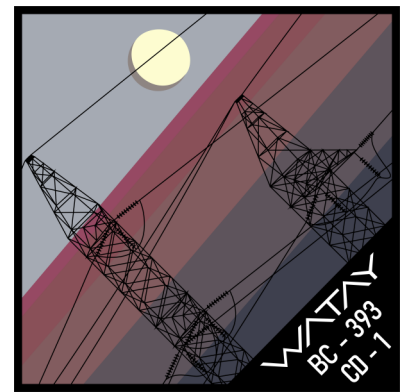
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BOOTS ON THE GROUND—Locally hired crew members tell us what working on the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project means to them!

I USE MY CAMERA TO SHARE OUR PROJECT WE WORK ON

Sage Mamakeesick, Lac Seul First Nation



Sage in front of a piece of machinery on the Wataynikaneyap Project along with two stickers he designed for the project.

My name is Sage Mamakeesick. I am from Lac Seul First Nation. I have been on the Watay project for two years now, currently on my third winter.

More recently I have been taking up photography and sharing what I see on a daily basis and sharing what others outside see within. High school exposed me to photography, videography and media. Finding ways to convey information through these methods, I use my camera to share our project we work on.

Photos are usually taken when it presents itself, a sunset, tower angles, helicopters lifting material. I rarely have to go out and get a specific photo. More recently I've started to create designs for stickers, printed and sharing them with coworkers and friends.

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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
- * **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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