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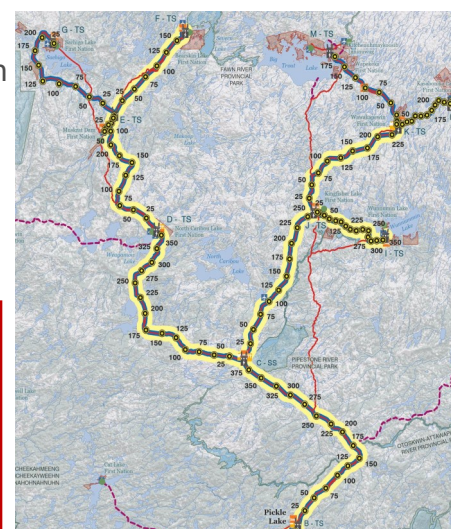
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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.



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 March 15, 2023
Period: March 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 2 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 Materials to construct camps being moved by heavy machinery	Camp Mobilization and/or Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickle Lake, Pipestone, North Caribou Lake, Muskrat Dam, Sachigo Lake, Kingfisher Lake, Wunnumin Lake, Wapekeka and Wawakapewin camps all operational
 Heavy machinery for geotechnical investigations	Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measure existing transmission line heights Locate existing underground utilities Set survey control points (starting activity of all survey operations) Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pipestone, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, Kasabonika Lake First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Bearskin Lake First Nation & Sachigo Lake First Nation

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 <p>Cleared Right of Way near Pipestone</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. * Installing/removing watercourse crossings. Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pickle Lake to Pipestone, Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation to Muskrat Dam First Nation, and Muskrat Dam First Nation to Bearskin Lake First Nation.
 <p>Helicopter pulling rope near North Caribou Lake on the CD line</p>	<p>Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geotechnical (soil analysis) investigation by test pitting and drilling of boreholes. Tower foundation installation ongoing in unenergized segments. Assembly of steel towers in assembly yards and on ROW (Right-of-Way). Erection of assembled towers by crane and helicopter. Installing grounding rods and wires that equipment will be connected to. Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pickle Lake to Pipestone, Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation to Muskrat Dam First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation to Bearskin Lake First Nation & Kingfisher Lake First Nation to Wawakapewin First Nation. Stringing of wire conductor and fibre-optic wire between towers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Work Area: North Caribou First Lake First Nation to Muskrat Dam First Nation & Kingfisher First Lake Nation to Wawakapewin First Nation.
 <p>Pipestone River</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 Project and Regulatory commitments are being followed. Environmental incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup as needed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EIN 444 was a spill of approximately 150L of Jet A Fuel at North Caribou Yard. Samples were sent to ALS Labs and confirmed the excavation has reached clean extents. Backfill activities and removal of stockpiled soil will be completed in April. Ontario Spill Action Center Reference #1-2AR91Z. * EIN 541 is an overflow of a sewage compartment in the Wapekeka Camp Sewage Treatment Seacan resulting in approximately 550L being released. Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program with Giiwedind Environmental was conducted between March 22nd and March 25th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Pickle Lake to Pipestone, Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Pipestone to North Caribou Lake First Nation, North Caribou Lake First Nation to Muskrat Dam First Nation, Muskrat Dam First Nation to Bearskin Lake First Nation & Kingfisher Lake First Nation to Wawakapewin First Nation.

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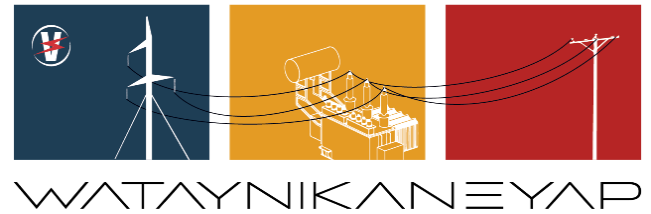
Group 2 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Transformer Station G (Sachigo Lake First Nation)</p>	Substation Civil Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Civil and foundation construction.• Substations work area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* No Civil Work occurred in March.
 <p>Substation E (Muskrat Dam First Nation)</p>	Substation Structural and Electrical Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Structural and Electrical construction.• Substations work area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* E (Muskrat Dam First Nation).* F (Bearskin Lake First Nation).* G (Sachigo Lake First Nation).* K (Wawakapewin First Nation).* L (Kasabonika Lake First Nation).* I (Wunnumin Lake First Nation)
 <p>Substation K (Wawakapewin First Nation)</p>	Substation Commissioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioning.• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* E (Muskrat Dam First Nation).* K (Wawakapewin First Nation).* L (Kasabonika Lake First Nation).

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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PROJECT MILESTONE! - HEAVY EQUIPMENT HAULING



Valard celebrated another major project milestone on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project in the month of March 2023! Pictured above is the delivery of the last reactor and control building to the Poplar Hill Substation (Station R) on March 21st, 2023. With this delivery, Valard has completed all heavy equipment hauling for the Wataynikaneyap Project substations.

Valard thanks each and every employee; subcontractor; and the Project's 24 First Nation owners who worked hard to make this milestone happen and looks forward to achieving many more major accomplishments as the project continues to progress.

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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



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.

Please forward resumes to: watay-resumes@valard.com and projectjobs@oslp.ca

Construction Liaison—Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig

Construction Liaison—Kingfisher Lake

Construction Liaison—Muskrat Dam

For more updates please visit the Valard project website (www.valard-watay.com) or:

Call: 807-345-2395

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<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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