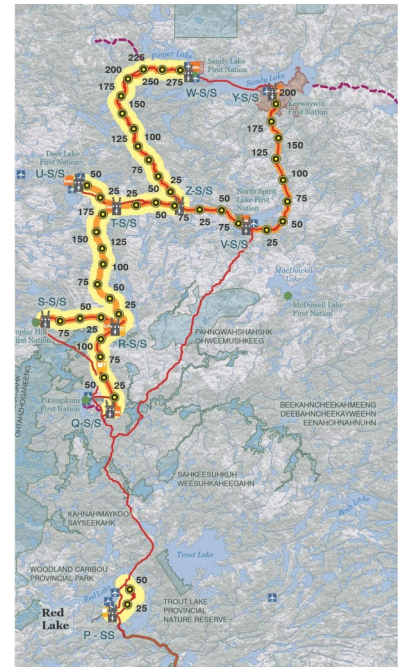




Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.



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 July 15, 2023
Period: July 1, 2023 to September 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, North Spirit Lake Camp, Sandy Lake Camp, Poplar Hill Camp & Keewaywin Camp active. |
|  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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Activity

Detail



Cleared Right of Way near Knox Camp

Clearing and Access

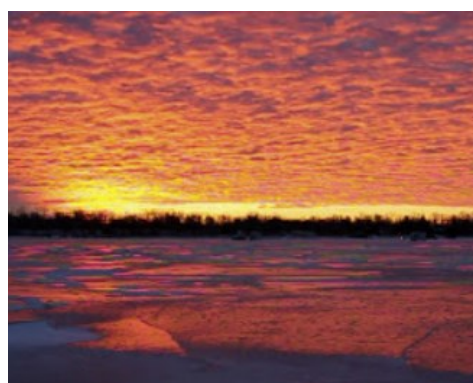
- Clearing and Access development.
 - * Falling, raking, and piling of trees.
 - * Maintenance of roads.



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.



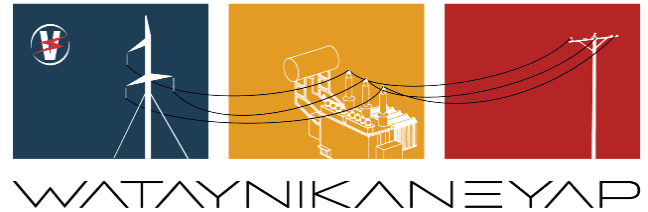
Lake near Knox Camp

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.
- Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program with Giiwedini Environmental was conducted between July 21st and July 24th.
- Work area
 - * Red Lake, Deer Lake First Nation to North Spirit Lake First Nation, North Spirit Lake First Nation to Sandy Lake First Nation, North Spirit Lake First Nation to Keewaywin First Nation, and Pikangikum First Nation to Poplar Hill First Nation.

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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">* Substation W (Sandy Lake).* Substation Y (Keewaywin). |
|  <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 R (Poplar Hill SS).* Substation S (Poplar Hill TS)* Substation V (North Spirit Lake).* Substation Z (Keewawyin) |
|  <p>Substation V (North Spirit Lake)</p> | Commissioning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioning<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Substation S (Poplar Hill TS)* Substation V (North Spirit 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.

MAJOR PROJECT MILESTONE - STATIONS E & F ENERGIZATION



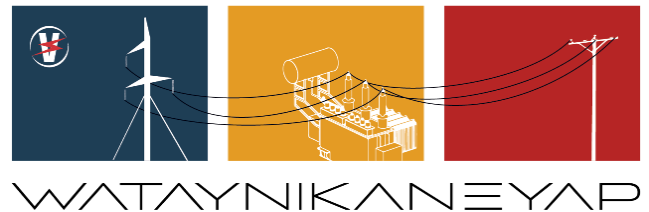
Substation E—Muskrat Dam Transformer Station

On July 6th, 2023, a major project milestone was achieved with the energization of Station E (Muskrat Dam Transformer Station) and Station F (Bearskin Lake Transformer Station). These facilitations and associated assets are now considered fully energized and under Wataynikaneyap Power's controlling authority.

Valard thanks each and every employee as well as all the Participating First Nations for all their hard work to achieve this milestone and looks forward to many more as the project proceeds.

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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
- * **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

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

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