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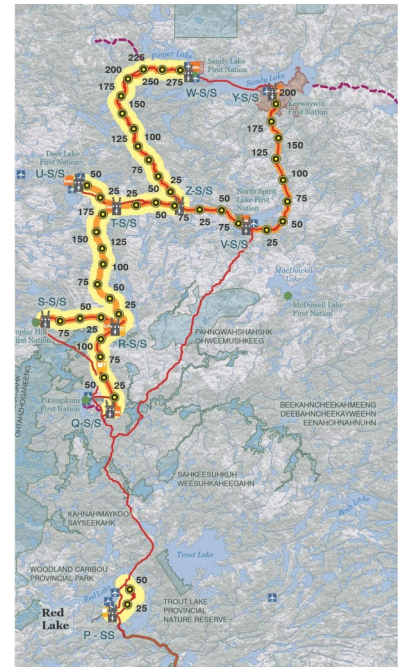
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Valard Construction was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.



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.



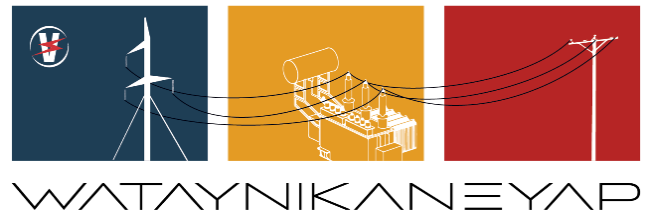
Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of September 15, 2023
Period: September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 3 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 Knox Camp	Camp Mobilization and/or Installation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandy Lake 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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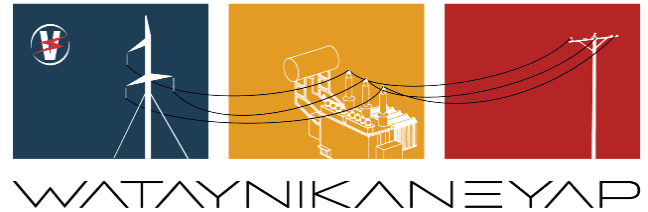
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Activity		Detail
 <p>Cleared Right of Way near Knox Camp</p>	<p>Clearing and Access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearing and Access development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Falling, raking, and piling of trees. * Maintenance of roads.
 <p>Excavating Work.</p>	<p>Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower foundation and anchor installation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Excavating. * Rock drilling. • Assembly of steel towers in assembly yards and on Right-of-Way (ROW). • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Deer Lake First Nation. * North Spirit Lake First Nation.
 <p>Lake near Knox Camp</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 erection and stringing crews to ensure Project and Regulatory commitments are being followed. • Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program with Giiwedini Environmental was conducted between September 18th and September 22nd. • Work area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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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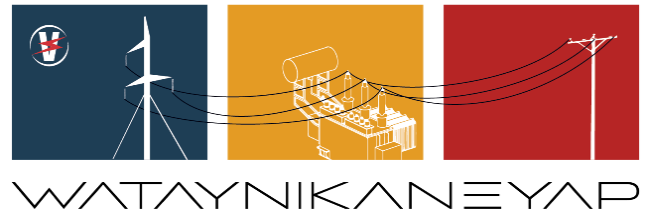
Group 3 – Substations

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">* N/A.
 <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 W (Sandy Lake).* Substation Y (Keewaywin).
 <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).* Substation T (Deer Lake).* 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.

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BOOTS ON THE GROUND - *DILLAN STRICKLAND*



Valard has met with multiple employees throughout the project and has heard their stories and perspectives about working on the Wataynikaneyap Power Line Project. Some of these Participating First Nations employees have since moved on to continue work on other projects, such as:

Dillon Strickland—Wunnumin Lake First Nation

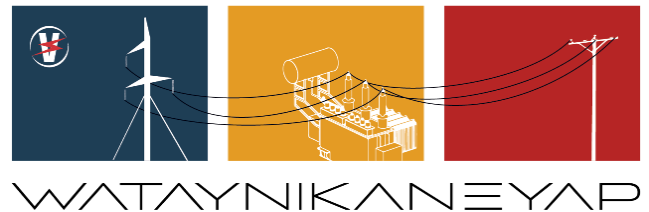
Hello, my name is Dillan Strickland, native name Makade Binesi (black thunderbird), and I am from Wunnumin Lake First Nation, Ontario, Canada.

I've worked with valard for 2 years and I am going on the 3rd year in December. I started working with Valard on the Wataynikaneyeyap Project. My job tasks on the Watay project were foundations, material yard, block truck/clean up sites, assembly, runner, deficiencies, and equipment operator.

I am currently on my first project in the USA with Valard as an assembler. The Gateway Project (Wyoming, USA) is a new experience for me as I've never worked or been this far west in the USA. There's lots of assembling towers in the red desert and close to the Rocky Mountains with the scorpions and rattlesnakes. Working as an assembler is a great experience in the USA, and I enjoy working safely with the crew I'm on. I am upgrading my career path with Valard in the near future.

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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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