

Join us for the Marten Falls First Nation All-Season Community Access Road Public Information Centre #3: Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Introduction

The Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road Project Team will be hosting the first Public Information Centre during the provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) / federal Impact Statement (IS) phase of the Project. Join us to learn more about the EA / Impact Assessment (IA) processes and the progress made to-date. Importantly, it's also an opportunity to share your feedback, ideas and values related to the proposed all-season access road.

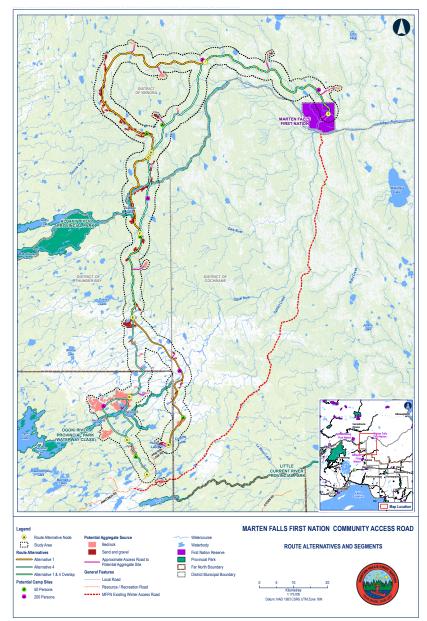
About the Project

MFFN is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario.

MFFN has a winter access road but it is not reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting MFFN to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community. The EA / IA will assess the potential impacts and benefits related to the proposed Community Access Road.

What is the Process

MFFN is preparing an Individual EA / IS for the proposed Community Access Road. On October 8, 2021, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) with amendments, and MFFN published a Notice of Commencement of the EA October 29, 2021. The ToR serves as a framework for the preparation and review of the EA for the proposed Project, and the Project is now in the EA phase of the provincial process. The federal



Government published a Notice of Commencement of the IA on February 24, 2020 and the Project is now in the Impact Statement phase. This is the first Public Information Centre held after ToR approval to support the EA processes; both EA and IA.



About the Public Information Centre

Join us to learn about and provide feedback on:

- The Community Access Road's history and updates since the ToR and latest virtual meetings;
- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests;
- The EA / IA Indigenous Knowledge Program and Community Coordinator Program;
- The EA processes, study areas and schedules, including Project phases and milestones;
- Approach to consultation and engagement;
- How we're assessing impacts and comparing route alternatives; and
- Preliminary results of field studies, and information on upcoming field studies.

Information panels will be available for review, along with maps, fact sheets, including information on the Indigenous Knowledge and Community Coordinator Programs, and feedback forms. Project Team members will be available to answer questions and receive comments.

If you cannot make the in-person session, you can find the information posted on our website (<u>www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca</u>). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.

Contact

For information on the EA / IA process and progress related to this Project, please visit <u>https://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca</u>

If you are unable to attend the event, or have any comments or questions regarding the Project, you are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time during the process at 1-800-764-9114 or info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca

When and Where?

- Monday, June 27, 2022 Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre
- Room: Regency A 555 Arthur Street West Thunder Bay, Ontario 5:00* – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 Geraldton Community Centre 200 Wardrope Avenue Geraldton, Ontario 4:00* – 7:00 p.m.

*Indigenous community members are invited to join for the first hour of each meeting and the public is invited to join beginning one hour following.

Light refreshments will be served.

Thank you for your participation.

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