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This page of the NextBridge web site will provide you with access to key information as the project unfolds.

Project Details:

The project will consist of an approximately 400 km double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line generally paralleling the existing double-circuit 230 kV transmission corridor connecting the Wawa Transformer Station (TS) to the Lakehead TS near Thunder Bay. The project will also require new and improved access roads and temporary laydown and work areas. The targeted in-service date is the first half of 2018.

A Reference Route has been identified along with possible alternatives to avoid potentially sensitive features. NextBridge will endeavour to select the route with the least overall impacts. To identify the final route, we will be considering the valuable feedback from all potentially affected community members, stakeholders, landowners, tenants, First Nations and Métis communities along all proposed routes. During the route selection process, we will consider factors such as hunting, trap lines, gathering activities, bird nesting sites, waterways, tourism, agricultural operations, environmental features, and impacts to residents and businesses. It is important to note that all routes are considered viable options at this time; however, only one transmission line will be built.

The Environmental Assessment Process:

NextBridge has initiated the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. During the EA, NextBridge will conduct environmental studies, and meet with agencies, community representatives, First Nations and Métis communities, and members of the public to determine the potential positive and negative impacts of the project on the people, places, businesses, economy and natural environment in the study area.

The first step in the environmental assessment process is the preparation of a Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference outlines the work plan NextBridge will follow to address the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved by the Minister of the Environment, the Terms of Reference will provide the framework for the second step in the process, the preparation of the Environmental Assessment document.

Members of the community, public, landowners, stakeholder groups, government agencies, and other interested persons are encouraged to participate in the planning process.

Looking for Your Input on the Terms of Reference:

Notification of this project is currently being distributed and includes a [notice in the newspaper \(version française\)](#) and a [project newsletter \(version française\)](#).

The first round of Open Houses will be held to obtain input to the Terms of Reference. You can [download presentation panels from the Open Houses here](#). Open Houses will be held from 4pm to 8pm in the following locations:

THUNDER BAY – December 2

Current River Community Centre, 450 Dewe Avenue, Thunder Bay, 4 pm to 8 pm

NIPIGON – December 3

Nipigon Legion Branch #32, 102 Fifth Street, Nipigon, 4 pm to 8 pm

MARATHON – December 4

Marathon High School, 14 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, 4 pm to 8 pm

WAWA – December 5

Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre, 3 Chris Simon Drive, Wawa, 4 pm to 8 pm

WHITE RIVER - December 10

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #169, 108 Winnipeg Street, 4 pm to 8 pm

TERRACE BAY - December 11

Terrace Bay Cultural Centre, 13 Selkirk Avenue, 4 pm to 8 pm

Input is always welcome:

Your input is important to us. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you require further information please send an email or call the hot line.

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