



### Video 3: Next Steps and Future Consultation

The Terms of Reference is the roadmap for planning and decision-making for the environmental assessment of the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road's environmental assessment. So, where is the Community Access Road headed next?

Once Marten Falls First Nation approves the public release of the Terms of Reference, the Proposed Terms of Reference document will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and a decision by the Minister; we expect this to happen in the summer or early fall of 2020. The Minister's decision is typically made within 12 weeks and if approved or approved with conditions, an environmental assessment for the Community Access Road can begin. During this time, Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons can review and provide comments on the Terms of Reference.

If an environmental assessment starts, route alternatives and the Ogoki river crossing option will continue to be evaluated with the goal of identifying a preferred route and temporary infrastructure such as access roads, camps and aggregate source areas. Meetings with the Marten Falls First Nation community and 22 neighbouring Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons will continue. Consultation and engagement will adapt to the evolving needs of the study and will consider the interests and needs of those being consulted. A variety of communication, engagement and consultation activities are planned to help build positive and respectful relationships, share information and obtain input.

Marten Falls First Nation will continue to work towards creating a Community Access Road that benefits their community and sets up new opportunities for the region and the wider province. There is a balance the community hopes to strike; Marten Falls First Nation will strive to realize benefit from the economic potentials of the land they have inhabited since time immemorial, while also protecting the land and water that has enabled their traditional way of life. This breaks new ground in Canada...where a First Nation is not only involved in a major project but is also leading it as the Proponent; or owner of the Project. This is the path to economic reconciliation and, in collaboration with the province, Marten Falls First Nation is paving it for their community and the region.

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