



## Indigenous Knowledge Program Fact Sheet

### What is the Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Program?

The Program aims to collect Indigenous Knowledge (IK) relevant to the MFFN Community Access Road Project. This includes information on Indigenous land and resource use and important cultural values in and around the Project area. The information shared with the MFFN Project Team will be used in the assessment processes for the Project. The key objectives of the IK Program are to:

- Identify areas where Indigenous land uses (hunting, trapping, fishing, gathering), important resources (e.g., moose, water, etc.), and/or important values (e.g., sharing of your culture) could be impacted by the proposed Project (the road);
- Understand community views about the potential positive or negative impacts of the Project on land and resource use and important values;
- Work with communities to avoid or mitigate (reduce) the potential negative impacts of the Project; and
- Work with communities to maximize the potential positive impacts.



### How will information be collected and shared?

The Program involves two key ways for information gathering and sharing:

- Existing and relevant IK and land and resource use information previously collected by communities (e.g., for community-based land use planning) can be shared; and/or
- A Project-specific Study can be completed to collect relevant IK and information on Indigenous land and resource use in and around the Project area.





The MFFN Project Team has developed an IK Program Guidance Document that contains tools and resources to support communities in collecting and sharing this important information. It has been designed to meet the requirements of the assessment processes. The document was shared with communities in early November 2020.

### **How will the information we share be protected?**

The MFFN Project Team will work with communities to develop IK Sharing Agreements before any sensitive information is shared. The Agreement will outline how confidential or sensitive information will be stored, protected, accessed, and used in the assessment processes.

### **How will the information be used in the impact assessment process?**

The information collected will be used to:

- Support our understanding of existing environmental conditions in and around the Project area;
- Identify the impacts of the Project on lands, resources, and people;
- Guide how impacts on lands, resources, and people will be assessed;
- Help identify ways to avoid or reduce any negative impacts and improve any benefits; and
- Help identify monitoring programs.

### **Where can we get more information on the IK Program?**

Please see the MFFN Community Access Road Project website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca/> or contact the Project Team directly at **1-800-764-9114** or [info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca](mailto:info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca).

