



Video 2: Changes between Draft and Proposed

Consulting with the right people at key milestones in the planning process is important. Feedback received during consultation informs the design and location of the Community Access Road. The Draft Terms of Reference was available for review and comment and feedback was received from Indigenous communities, government agencies and the public. This feedback allowed Marten Falls First Nation to gain a better understanding of peoples' concerns and interests in the potential benefits and effects of the Community Access Road. The Terms of Reference has been shaped to reflect the input received.

Input provided has been reviewed and comments have been responded to. And, where applicable, changes have been made to the Terms of Reference. Some of the issues raised will be addressed in the future environmental assessment phase. Key concerns most frequently raised during preparation of the Terms of Reference included consultation, Indigenous Knowledge in the planning and design process, purpose and description of the Community Access Road, and methods to assess the effects of alternatives.

Here's a highlight of key feedback themes and how they've been incorporated:

New Alternative Route Option

- The Terms of Reference identifies two alternative routes, Alternative 1 and Alternative 4, for consideration in the environmental assessment. A newly identified Ogoki River crossing option for Alternative 4 has also been added in response to new information.
- This new Ogoki River crossing is routed further west at a location that would provide a shorter bridge crossing of this Provincial Park waterway. A shorter river crossing may result in fewer effects to the environment, and savings in schedule and budget.
- The alternative routes and the Ogoki River crossing option may be refined as more information becomes available.

Indigenous communities and Indigenous Knowledge

- A critical component of the environmental assessment is integrating Indigenous Knowledge into the planning and design process. Indigenous Knowledge and information on Indigenous land and resource use will: inform the proposed criteria and factors to consider when evaluating issues; inform the existing environment conditions; identify and predict potential effects; and help determine appropriate ways to monitor and manage potential effects of the Community Access Road.





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- The Terms of Reference now includes more information on the importance of Indigenous Knowledge in all parts of the environmental assessment process. More information on how Marten Falls First Nation plans to collaborate with Indigenous communities on Indigenous Knowledge and land and resource use has also been clarified.

Sensitive wildlife and habitats

- Central to the environmental assessment process is figuring out how the environment could be directly or indirectly affected by the Community Access Road. We have been and will continue to conduct field studies to better understand potential environmental effects.
- To properly examine the potential effects on sensitive wildlife in the area, like bats and birds, a preliminary review of background information and an assessment of suitable habitats was completed and is now available in more detail within the Terms of Reference.

Consultation activities

- Marten Falls First Nation is committed to creating and sustaining constructive dialogue and relationships with those who are being consulted. Consultation during the environmental assessment is key to decision-making.
- The result of consultation activities that have taken place since the Draft Terms of Reference was released have been documented in the updated Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference more clearly summarizes consultation during development of the Terms of Reference by identifying issues raised, responses given and how these issues may have been considered in the Terms of Reference or will be addressed in the environmental assessment.
- The Consultation Plan now reflects a coordinated federal and provincial assessment process. Considering the comments received, consultation milestones were also revised to include more information on the planned activities, targeted input and anticipated timing of planned consultation. Additional details were also added to assess the effectiveness of the consultation and engagement efforts.

Community benefits and road details

- The potential benefits the road may provide, and the needs of the community have been focused and emphasized. More clarity around the multi-purpose nature of the Community Access Road has also been added. Details on the development of the alternative routes and the rationale for not assessing alternatives other than #1, #4 and the Ogoki River crossing has been expanded upon and adjusted.





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Projects of this size, with the potential to affect the environment, achieve true success through inclusive planning. Your feedback is important so it can inform the alignment and design of the Community Access Road, including how to best avoid and / or minimize effects. We want to hear from you at every step of the way.

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