

BIPOLE III TRANSMISSION PROJECT: A MAJOR RELIABILITY INITIATIVE

ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CDI)

Aboriginal Engagement

- Environmental Assessment Consultation Process (EACP)
- Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK)
- Ongoing discussions
- Crown Consultation

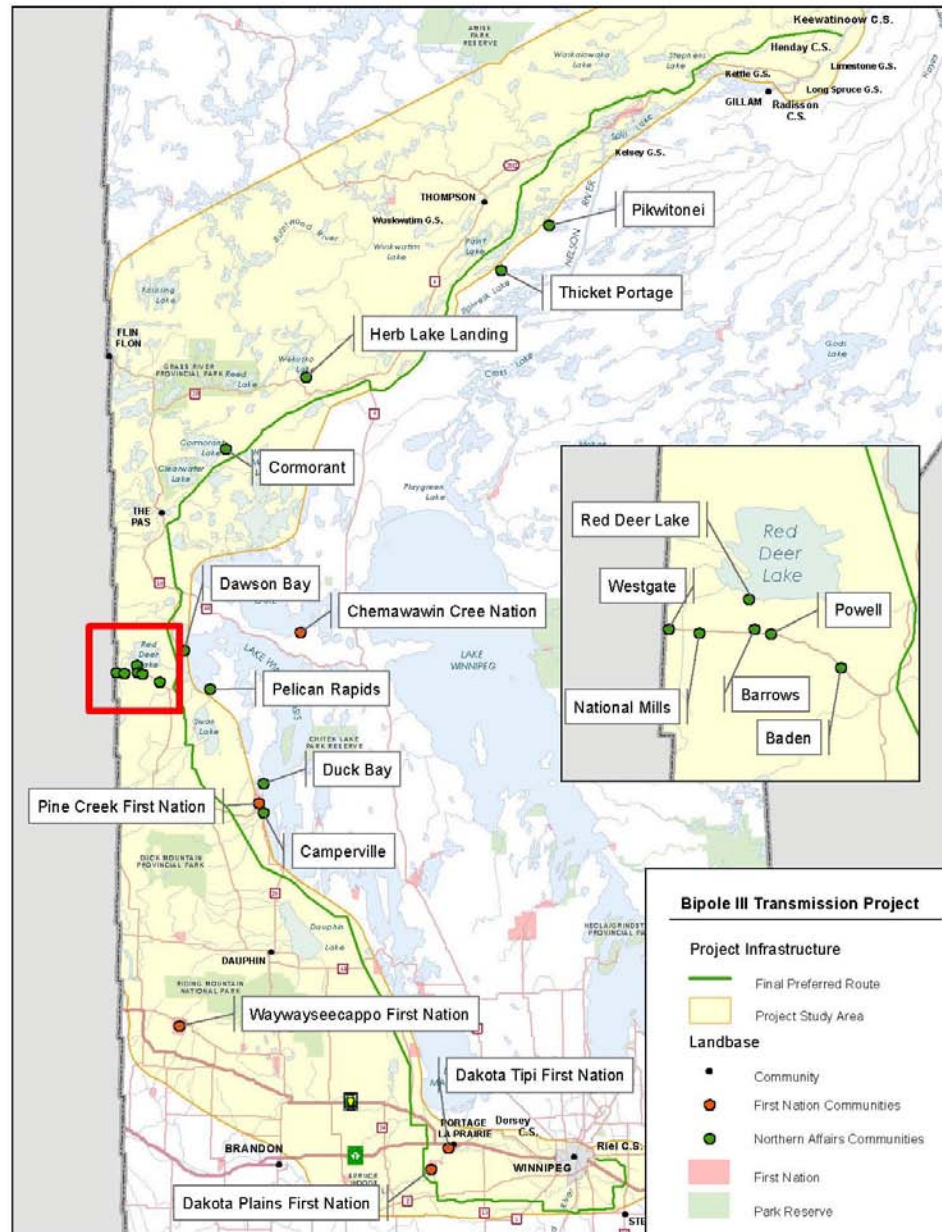
Aboriginal Engagement Meetings and Community Open Houses

- Twenty-six First Nations, the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF), and twenty-three Northern Affairs communities (NACs) participated over the 4 rounds
- 5 Aboriginal and regional organizations

ROUND	MEETINGS	COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
1	39	*
2	5	29
3	*	28
4	19	21

Aboriginal Engagement ATK Workshops

- Participation invitation letter sent to 49 communities
- Participation by 5 First Nation communities and 14 NACs



Aboriginal Engagement Self-Directed ATK Studies

- Desire to conduct their own Traditional Knowledge studies
- Funded by Manitoba Hydro
- Eight self-directed ATK studies undertaken



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Fox Lake Cree Nation

- Keewatinoow Converter Station & Bipole III Traditional Knowledge Interim Report (May 2011)
- Keewatinoow Converter Station & Bipole III Aski Keskentamowin Report (December 2011)
- Communicate the perspectives of elders and resource users regarding the impacts of the project

Long Plain First Nation

- Long Plain First Nation Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Study (April 2011)
- Documents traditional and current land use within the Project Study Area
- Changes in land use over time

Manitoba Metis Federation

- Manitoba Metis Federation Traditional Use, Values and Knowledge of the Bipole III Project Study Area (September 2011)
- Screening survey used to identify MMF members who use the study area; Key Person Interviews undertaken
- Traditional use in the Project study Area, particularly in the Porcupine and Duck Mountain areas of the province

Opaskwayak Cree Nation

- Aboriginal Ecological Knowledge Project (July 2011)
- Discussion on trapping, sites of cultural importance, and the extent of industrial land use

Swan Lake First Nation

- Swan Lake First Nation Traditional Knowledge Project Report (July 2011)
- Identify the community's traditional use in the project study area as well as identify the potential impacts of the Project on the First Nation.
- Additional Botanical work and Archeological work

Tataskweyak Cree Nation

- TCN Bipole III Preferred Route Selection Report (submitted June 2010)
- TCN Report on Bipole III Right-of-way and Expected impacts (submitted March 2011)
- Route amendment suggestions
- Perspectives regarding route selection and potential project impacts

Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation

- Interviewed community Elders and resource users
- Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation Bipole III Maps

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Bilateral Discussions - Fox Lake Cree Nation

- Components of the Bipole III Project are located within both the Fox Lake Resource Management Area (RMA) and Fox Lake Traditional Territory as defined in the 2004 Impact Settlement Agreement (ISA)
- Pursuant to section 8.5 of the 2004 Fox Lake Impact Settlement Agreement (ISA), Manitoba Hydro is undertaking a consultation process with Fox Lake Cree Nation regarding the Keewatinoow Converter Station

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Bilateral Discussions – Tataskweyak Cree Nation (TCN)

- The Split Lake Resource Management Area has a number of major Manitoba Hydro operations and planned projects
- Bipole III facilities are located in the Split Lake Resource Management Area and the Split Lake Resource Area as defined in the 1992 Agreement.
- Manitoba Hydro and Tataskweyak Cree Nation continue to engage in discussions with respect to addressing training, employment, business opportunities and project impacts

Aboriginal Engagement Resource Users

- Manitoba Hydro's "Trappers Notification/Compensation Policy"
- Engagement with trappers, trapping associations, and other stakeholders whose trapping activities may be affected by Bipole III

What we heard

- Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK):
 - Sites of importance to communities;
 - Traditional and contemporary land use;
 - Heritage resources
 - Hunting , trapping, fishing, harvesting

What we heard

- Project benefits
 - Training and employment opportunities
 - Business opportunities
 - Financial benefits

What we heard

- Other issues and concerns:
 - Access
 - Electromagnetic fields (EMF)
 - Protection of heritage and cultural resources
 - Vegetation management
 - Impacts on hunting, trapping, fishing and harvesting

ONGOING ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT

- Environmental Protection Plan
- Employment and Business Opportunities
- Other discussions

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (CDI)

- A program developed by Manitoba Hydro specifically for Bipole III
- CDI payments are to be used to support community development projects that benefit a broad segment of the community
- Will provide annual disbursements to communities in the vicinity of Bipole III facilities

CDI

- Eligibility: approximately 60 communities based on the Final Preferred Route, including:
 - First Nations;
 - Northern Affairs Community Councils;
 - Rural municipalities; and
 - Incorporated towns and villages
- Total cost: approximately \$4-5 million annually over 10 years

CDI

- Subject to receiving regulatory approvals
- Further information will be provided to eligible communities once regulatory approvals are received.