

Bipole III Transmission Project

Clean Environment Commission Public
Hearings

*Environmental Assessment Consultation
Program (EACP) – Route Adjustments*

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Overview

1. Purpose and Objectives
2. Methods of Notification
3. Methods of Participation
4. Feedback
5. Incorporation of Feedback
6. Routing Suggestions
7. Continued Engagement

December 2012

**Bipole III Transmission Project
Final Preferred Route Adjustments**

What are your concerns regarding the Final Preferred Route Adjustments (check all that apply)?

Wabowden

Access	Employment	Vegetation
Aesthetics/Visual	Health/Safety	Wetlands
Agricultural	Location	Wildlife
Construction	Noise/Vibration	Other:
Economic	Property	Other:

What do you see as potential benefits to the Wabowden proposed route adjustment?

Do you recommend Manitoba Hydro make this route adjustment? Yes No

Moose Meadows

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What do you see as potential benefits to the Moose Meadows proposed route adjustment?

Do you recommend Manitoba Hydro make this route adjustment? Yes No

GHA 14A/19

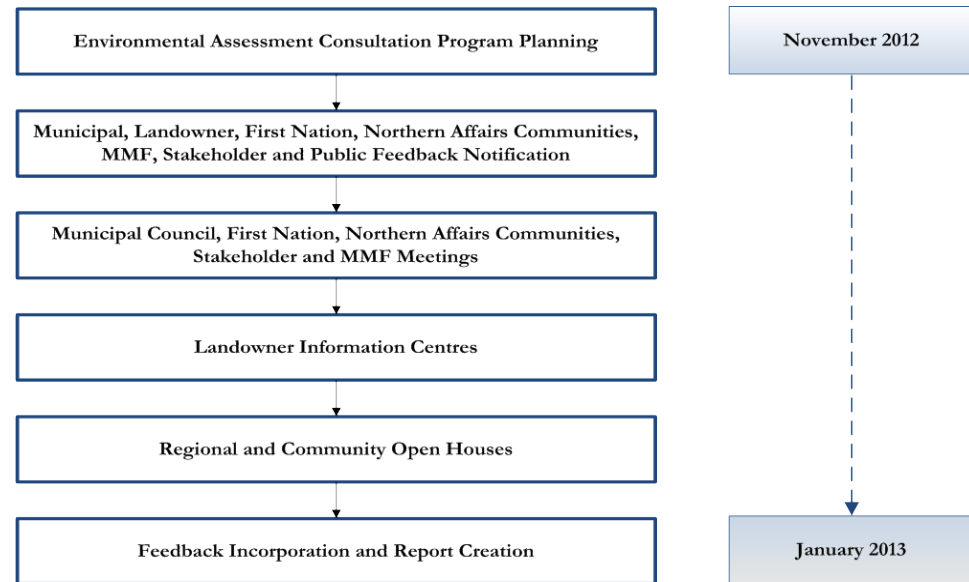
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What do you see as potential benefits to the GHA14A/19 proposed route adjustment?

Do you recommend Manitoba Hydro make this route adjustment? Yes No

1. Purpose and Objectives

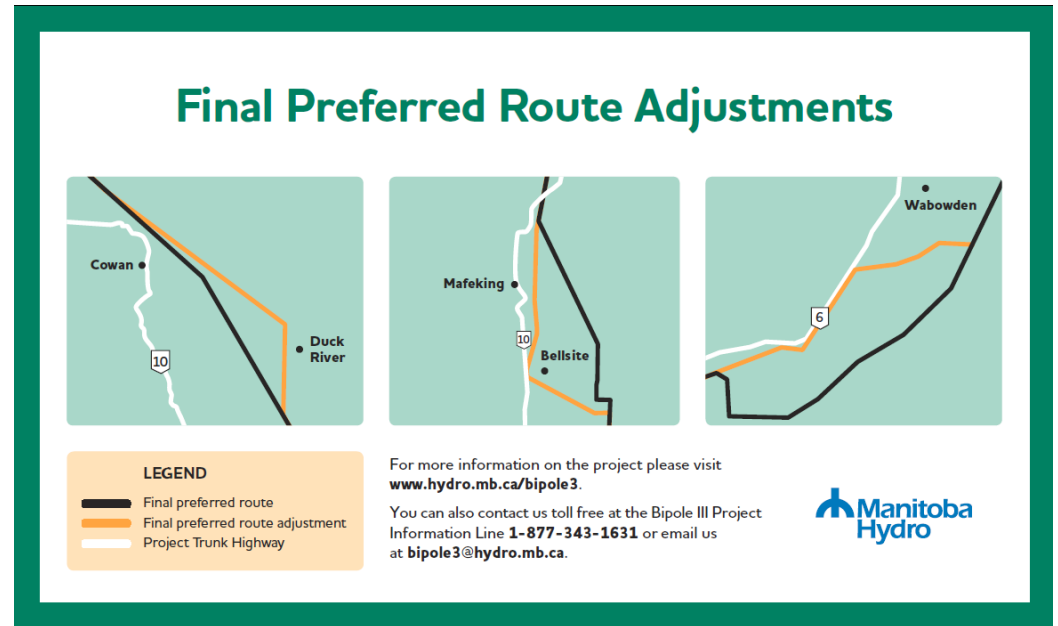
- Share Project information as it becomes available
- Obtain feedback into the assessment process
- Understand local issues pertinent to the proposed adjustments
- Integrate issues and concerns in to the assessment process
- Discuss appropriate mitigation measures



Section 3.1 and Figure 3.1-1

2. Methods of Notification

- Direct Mailings
- Postcards
- Posters
- Radio
- Newspaper
- Website



*Postcard (back side) – Route Adjustment
Postal Code Notification*

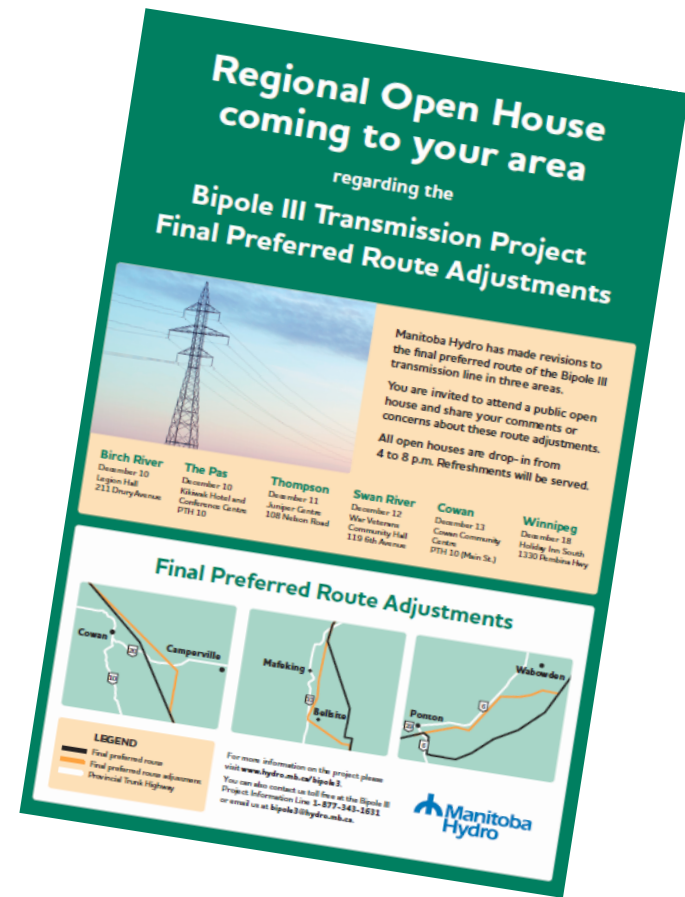
Section 3.2 of the Route Adjustment Report

Direct Mailings

- Used to notify municipalities, landowners, NACCs, First Nations, MMF, and stakeholder groups
- 216 packages delivered by Canada Post
 - Letter outlining current engagement process
 - Landowner letter contained affected parcels and associated 1:50,000 scale maps
 - Localized and study area mapping
 - Regional Open Houses and/or Landowner Information Centre Schedule
 - Website and toll free information line/contact information included

Posters & Postcards

- Posters placed in 23 locations
 - Post Offices
 - Grocery/Convenience Stores
 - Community Billboards
 - Restaurants
- 2,712 postcards distributed
 - Irregular 10" X 6" shape



Sections 3.2.4 & 3.2.5

Radio and Newspaper

Regional Open Houses

Bipole III Transmission Project Final Preferred Route Adjustments

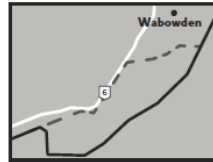
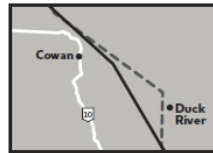
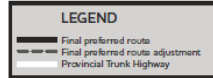
Manitoba Hydro has made revisions to the final preferred route of the Bipole III transmission line in three areas. You are invited to attend a public open house and share your comments or concerns about these route adjustments. Please see the schedule below for locations, times and dates. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Birch River
December 10
4 to 8 p.m.
Legion Hall
211 Drury Avenue

Swan River
December 12
4 to 8 p.m.
War Veterans Community Hall
119 6th Avenue

Cowan
December 13
4 to 8 p.m.
Cowan Community Centre
PTH 10 (Main St)

For more information on the project please visit www.hydro.mb.ca/bipole3. You can also contact us toll free on the Bipole III Project Information Line at 1-877-343-1631, in Winnipeg at 204-360-7888, or email us at bipole3@hydro.mb.ca.

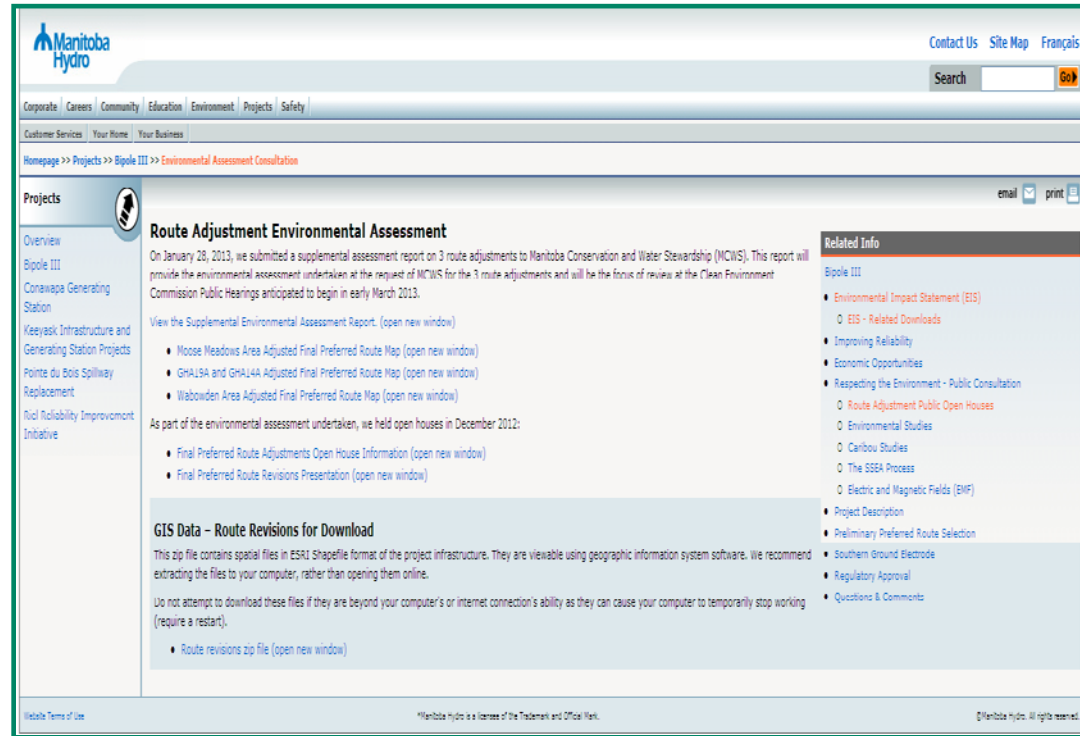


*Swan Valley Times Newspaper
Advertisement*

- Local and Regional Newspapers and Radio Stations
- Posted/Announced over a two (2) week period prior to the Open Houses
- 12 newspapers
- 216 radio spots

Project Website

- Project Description
- Process & Status
- Materials
 - Reports
 - Mapping of each adjustment
 - Past Newsletters
- Location of Regional Open Houses
- Complete EIS Filing



*Bipole III Website – Route Adjustments
(2013)*

Information Line and Email

- Remains operational
- Listed on materials and notifications
- Listed on contact sheet take away created for Open Houses
- 23 calls and 7 emails received since November 14 2012
- Calls/emails responded to in a timely manner
- Staffed & voicemail

Section 3.2.7

3. Methods of Participation

- Stakeholder Meetings/Council Meetings
- Regional Open Houses
- Landowner Information Centres
- Leadership Meetings
- Community Open Houses
- Toll Free Project Information Line
- Email Address

Sections 3.2.7 & 3.3

Stakeholder Meetings

- 9 meetings held with 13 entities
 - Municipal Leadership
 - Stakeholders
- Presentation of Route Adjustments
- Q & A sessions
- Materials left
 - ✓ *Manitoba Lodge and Outfitters Association*
 - ✓ *Protected Areas Initiative*
 - ✓ *RM & Town of Minitonas*
 - ✓ *RM of Mountain*
 - ✓ *Ducks Unlimited*
 - ✓ *IRMT Northeast*
 - ✓ *IRMT Western*
 - ✓ *Moose Management Committee*
 - ✓ *G7 (7 municipal/town councils)*

Meeting Summaries - Appendix 3C

Landowner Information Centres and Regional Open Houses

- 5 LIC days and 6 Regional Open Houses
- Minimize travel distance from the Adjustment Areas but included Winnipeg for interested individuals/resource users
- 107 total attendees (exc. Community Open Houses)
- Held in 6 communities
 - Cowan, Birch River, Swan River, Winnipeg, Thompson and The Pas



Birch River Venue – "Moose Meadows" Station

Section 3.3.3

Landowner Information Centres and Regional Open Houses

- Station set-up for each adjustment
 - Justification for the adjustment
 - 1:50,000 scale mapping & map books
 - Larger scale mapping
- Mapping, storyboards & tangibles
- Construction slideshow
- Google Earth[®] utilized



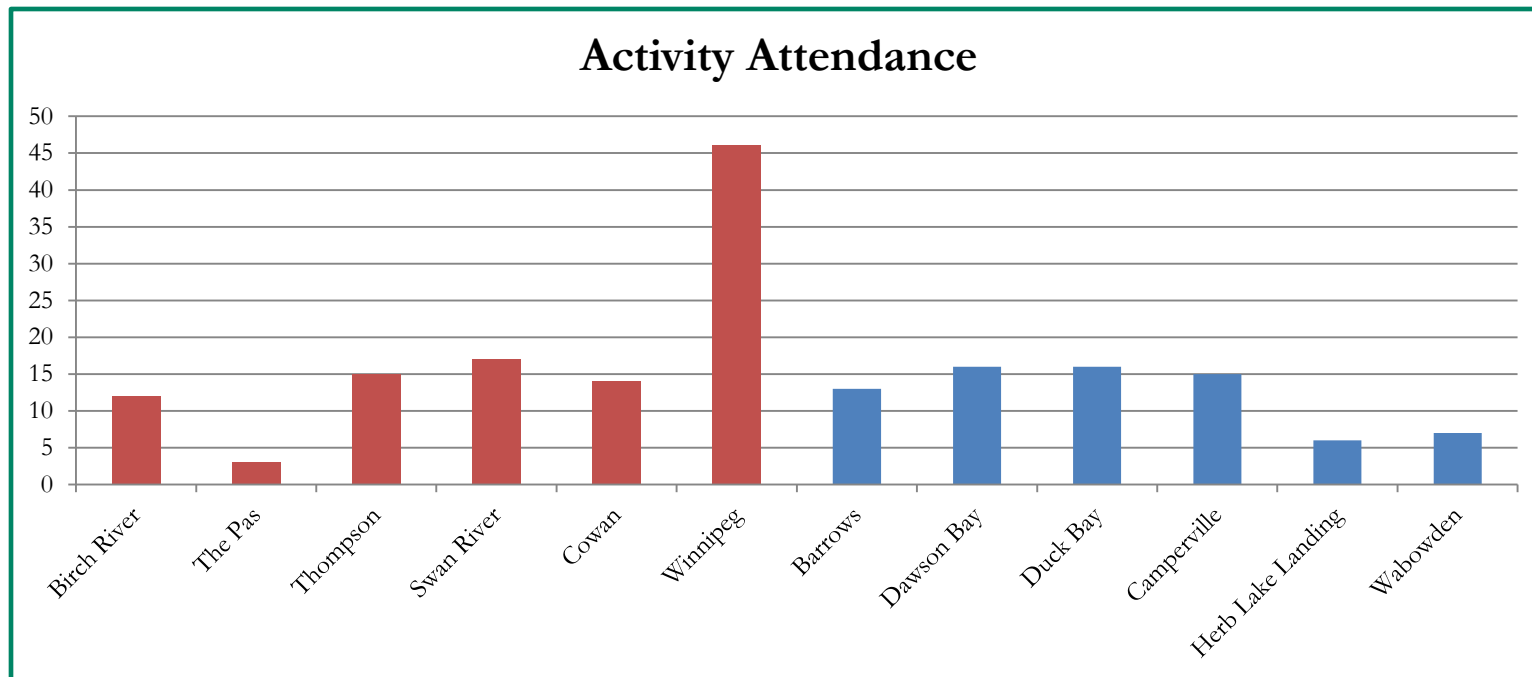
Google Earth[®]

Community Open Houses and Leadership Meetings

- First Nations
 - Leadership meetings & a community open house held
- NACCs
 - Leadership meetings held with four communities
 - Community open houses held with 11 communities
- Same format as stakeholder meetings and Regional Open Houses
- Ongoing and Outstanding Engagement

Sections 3.4 & 3.4.4

Activity Attendance



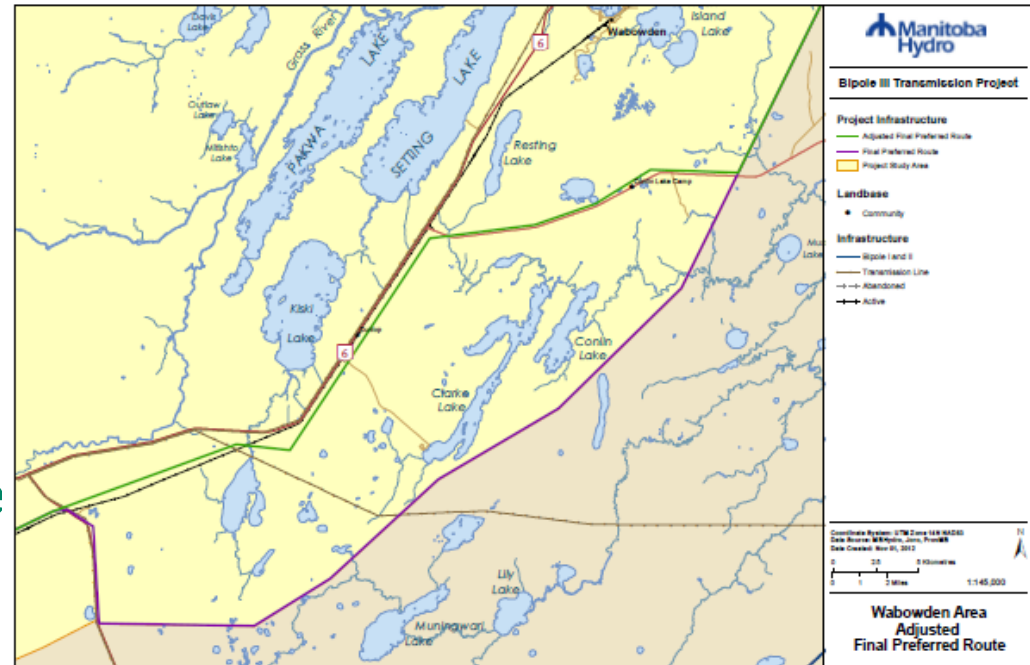
197 EACP participants signed in – 180 listed above and 17 individuals from the Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation Community Open House

4. Feedback

- Comment Sheets
- Landowner Information Centre Forms
- Email address
- Toll Free Project Information Line
- Discussions with Open House attendees
- Stakeholder Meetings

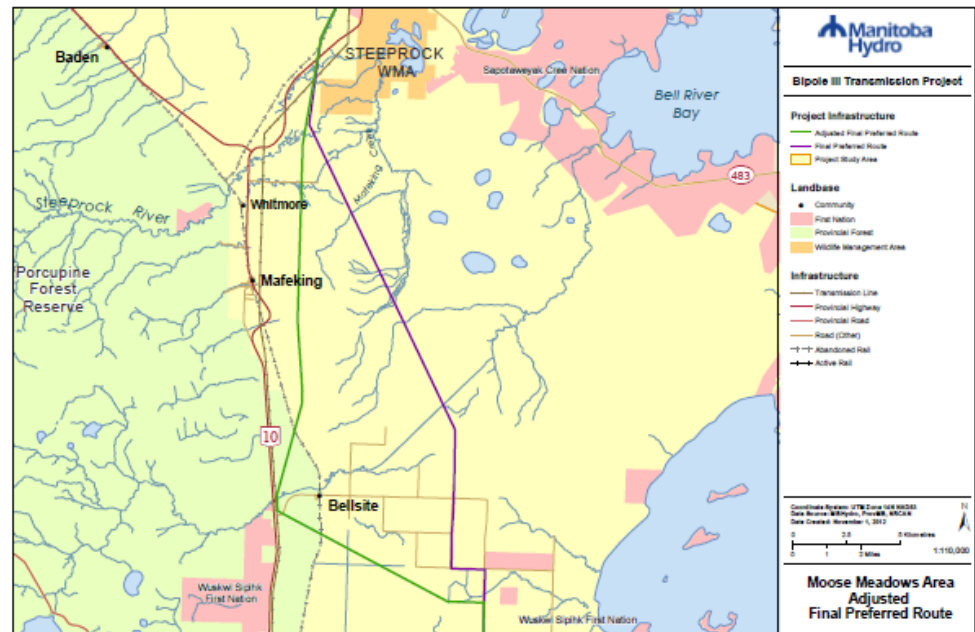
Feedback – Wabowden

- General acceptance for the proposed route adjustments
 - Limits new access into areas previously undisturbed
 - AFPR follows existing infrastructure, which is seen as positive
 - Staging site/camp/storage area offered at Ponton
- General concern with access to the RoW by all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles



Feedback – GHA 14 “Moose Meadows”

- Positive and negative views on the proposed adjusted route
- Wildlife concerns exist along both proposed routes
 - Migration corridor
 - Population decline
 - Presence of moose on both routes



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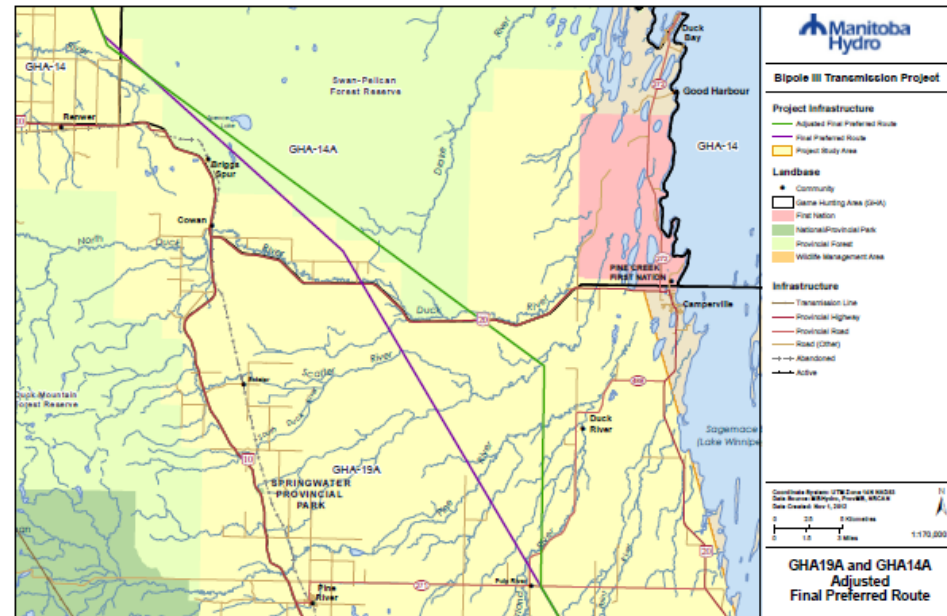
- Access increased for hunting and snowmobiling
- Private land concerns regarding use and increased access
- Treaty Land Entitlement Concerns (WSFN)
- Vegetation Management
- Protected Areas – Steeprock Canyon

Feedback – GHA 14A/19A

- “Berry Capital” of the area
 - AFPR viewed both positively and negatively
- Moose hunting effects with the AFPR over the FPR (crown vs. private access)
- Heritage concerns east of Briggs Spur and in the Pine River Area
- Line of sight

Feedback – GHA 14A/19A

- Vegetation Management
- Moose hunting – past success
 - Very little moose located along the FPR
 - “Better” habitat viewed as being crossed with the AFPR



General Project Commentary

- Project discussions occurred that were outside of the focus of the three route adjustments
 - East side
 - Construction
 - Training & employment opportunities
 - Electric and Magnetic Fields
 - Noise
 - Outfitting concerns

5. Incorporation of Feedback

- Discipline specific commentary (i.e., wildlife, vegetation, aquatics, etc.) provided by attendees was shared with discipline specialists for their individual assessments
- Notification methods and efficacy
- Mitigation measures and ongoing community engagement (EPP meetings)

6. Route Suggestions

- Bell-Steeprock Canyon Protected Area buffer
- Combination of the FPR and AFPR in GHA 14A/19A
- Slight modifications for private landownership suggested
- Avoidance of the Bison Ranch in GHA 14A/19A

Section 3.5.5

7. Ongoing Engagement

- Engagement for the Environmental Protection Plans and Access Management Plans
- Continued willingness to meet with interested parties
- Email address and Project phone line remains operational
- Website updated as new information becomes available to the public

Summary

- Utilized a variety of notification methods to inform the public of Manitoba Hydro activities
- A variety of engagement mechanisms used to provide information and to receive feedback
- Provided ample opportunity to participate
- Materials provided were well received by participants
- Continued engagement processes

Thank you