

MANITOBA-MINNESOTA TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Clean Environment Commission Hearing



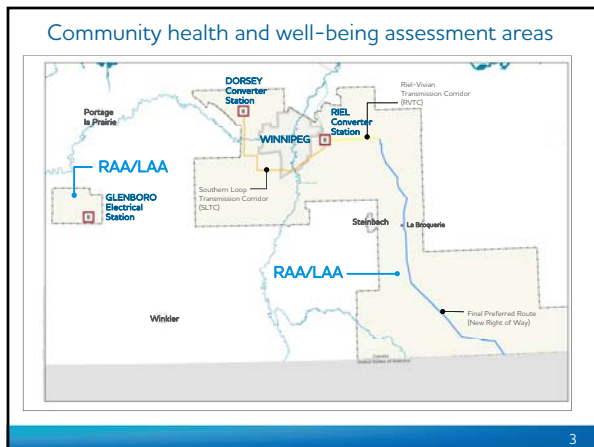
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Human environment

Heritage Resources	Infrastructure & Services	Employment & Economy	Agriculture
Land & Resource Use	Visual Quality	Human Health Risk	Community Health

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Community health and well-being assessment areas




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Overview What We Heard What We Assessed Key Issue Review Mitigation, Monitoring and Follow-up Findings and Conclusions

Why community health and well-being?

- Social and economic changes resulting from the project can have health effects
- First Nation/Metis individual health may be affected by the change in availability of traditional foods




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Lessons learned

- Scope of health effects broadened in response to feedback on Bipole III and Keeyask
- Identification of additional issues as appropriate from other large transmission line projects and linear developments (e.g., diet and nutrition)



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What we heard


- Stress and annoyance resulting from potential interference with current and planned land uses
- Proximity of work camp(s) to local communities
- Demands on health care system
- Traffic safety/ambulance access
- Human health

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Routing considerations

- Project routing avoided residences and communities
- Clearing on Crown lands limited
- 752 ha of Crown land traversed by ROW



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What we assessed

- Effects resulting from mobile workforce
- Stress and annoyance
- Effects resulting from socio-economic change
- Effects on health care services and infrastructure
- First Nation/Metis health related to traditional foods consumption and food security

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Methods

Data collection & analysis:


- Secondary research/baseline health statistics
- HIA methodology
- Key person interviews
- Workforce injury statistics
- Consideration of biophysical/ATK studies

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Mobile workforce

- Small workforce size (peak 175 persons), limited work duration
- Workers staying in local temporary accommodations or mobile camp
- Negligible effects on health services



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Stress and annoyance



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Socio-economic change

- Limited population change – small temporary workforce/short
- Negligible adverse effects on health related to changes in LAA communities
- Positive (small) health effects from employment

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First Nation/Metis health

- Concerns over loss of subsistence foods/medicines
- Project occurs within considerably disturbed area
- PDA in Crown land limited by routing
- Changes in harvested food availability in RAA due to project is negligible – no acute/chronic First Nation/Metis health outcomes predicted due to project
- Perception to change in experience of traditional land use may cause First Nations and Metis to avoid PDA, extending into the LAA

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Health care services and infrastructure

- Project may increase use of services by workers
 - expected to be within current system capabilities
- Negligible adverse effects during construction
- Low workforce numbers during operation and maintenance – negligible residual effects



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Summary of key mitigation measures


- Routing
- Engagement /information sharing
- Mitigation measures for visual quality, noise, vibration, dust, mud – to reduce nuisance effects
- Mitigations measures – plants, wildlife
- Environmentally sensitive areas, plant harvesting sites
- First aid supplies/trained First aid personnel
- Emergency response plan
- Coordinate with Southern Health RHA on primary care mobile clinic

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Ongoing engagement

- Manitoba Hydro continues to engage with First Nations, Metis, and public
- Manitoba Hydro continues discussions with potentially affected landowners
- Manitoba Hydro continues to share information on Project and topics of interest



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Summary of effects on community health and well-being

Mobile workforce

- Mobile workforce health effects negligible

Stress and annoyance

- Project will increase levels of stress and annoyance
- Increase in use of services will be within capacity of health system

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Summary of effects on community health and well-being

Socio-economic change

- Small, spread out workforce – negligible health effect on communities

First Nation/Metis health

- Limited project effects on traditional food harvesting (food security)

Health care services and infrastructure

- Incremental demands minimal and addressed by available capacity

Project residual effects are considered to be not significant

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Cumulative effects

- Contribution of multiple projects to stress and annoyance
- Cumulative loss or alteration of Crown lands available for traditional harvesting
- Changes to Crown land available for traditional harvesting
- With mitigation measures, cumulative effects are not significant

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