

Community Engagement Summary

Manitoba Metis Federation

Licensing and Environmental Assessment

Date	Methods of Engagement
January 14, 2009	On-going tripartite discussions are taking place – details below. Meeting to discuss Bipole III status
August 24, 2010	Round 4 Meeting to discuss the status of the Traditional Use, Values and Knowledge study (TLUKS)
May 1, 2010	Funding was provided for a Manitoba Metis Federation Traditional Use, Values and Knowledge of the Bipole III Project Study Area
November 23, 2011	Letter indicating that Manitoba Hydro (MH) has now selected a preferred route for the proposed Bipole III Transmission Project.
March 13, 15 and 20, 2013	Meetings between the MMF, the Province and MH to discuss how to move forward have occurred
April 16, 2013	Meeting with the MMF, MH and the Province. General discussion about the Bipole III Project was had; the MMF indicated that they are developing a work plan and budget for activities they would still like to undertake in relation to Bipole III
May 3, 2013	The MMF provided a document outlining their proposed negotiation process and draft budget
June 21, 2013	Tripartite meetings have continued at the executive level; a meeting which included MMF and MH technical staff was held
July 10, 2013	President Chartrand met with Minister Chomiak on July 3 to outline the MMF current position regarding Bipole III; a letter in response to the MMF position was sent by MH to the MMF. Efforts are underway to initiate a meeting of MMF and MH technical staff on the EPP.
July 26, 2013	A staff level tri-partite meeting was held and progress was made towards reaching agreement on how the MMF would be engaged in EPP discussions; follow-up meetings were agreed to, but dates could

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	not be confirmed
July 30, 2013	MH provided copies of MH reimbursement Policy and provided dates when Manitoba Hydro staff are available for Bipole III Agreement discussion and for EPP discussion, asked to know if tomorrow could work for conference call with the MMF EPP experts
August 2, 2013	<p>Sent EPP CDs to the MMF - including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Transmission Access Management Plan • Draft Construction Access Opportunities Mapbook • Draft Keewatinoow Converter Station Access Management Plan • Draft Bipole III Transmission AC Collectors and Construction Power Construction Environmental Protection Plan (CEnvPP) • Draft Cultural and Heritage Resource Protection Plan
August 12, 2013	MH continued to try to confirm EPP meetings indicating the need to have EPP experts meet ASAP to finalize EPP workplan and budget. MMF indicated that they are developing budgets and looking into attendance availability of experts. MMF to contact Hydro with options
September 6, 2013	MMF provided proposed budgets for engagement for further discussions around Economic Development and EPP - MH provided feedback to the proposal
October 9, 2013	MH met with MMF to discuss economic opportunities and the EPP and MMF proposed budgets. A jointly revised budget was developed to engage in next steps around both activities Meetings with technical experts re: the EPP are tentatively scheduled for November 1st , 2013
November 1, 2013	Meeting between the MMF, MH, and the MMF's and MH's technical experts regarding the EPP
November 8, 2013	MH responded to October 28, 2013 letter regarding TLUKS
November 21, 2013	Meeting between the MMF and MH to discuss EPP activities and EPP engagement process
December 10, 2013	Meeting between the MMF and MH to discuss EPP activities and EPP engagement process
January 8, 2014	MH sent the N1, N2, N3 and C1 Construction Environmental Protection Plans to the MMF.
January 10, 2014	Meeting between the MMF and MH to discuss EPP activities and EPP engagement process
February 5, 2014	MH sent a shapefile with line segments to the MMF

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April 14, 2014	Meeting between the MMF and MH to discuss EPP activities and EPP engagement process
April 23, 2014	Conference call regarding EPP activities and EPP engagement process
September 8, 2014	Manitoba Hydro continues to work with the MMF on the review of the Environmental Protection Program and identification of Environmentally Sensitive Sites with the most recent meetings having taken place on September 8th.

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Access	Concerns regarding improved human access (hunting and recreational travel), increased predation and/or species avoidance of landscape, and safety risk from harvesters harvesting in few remaining areas open to moose hunting in combination with new access created by the HVDC right-of-way.	Manitoba Hydro will continue to work with MMF regarding the EPP. A copy of the draft Access Management Plan was sent to the MMF on August 2, 2013	Access Management Plan
ATK	Concerns that the ethnography used for the ATK workshops did not specifically address Metis issues or involve the Metis nation.	The MMF completed a Traditional Knowledge and Land Use Study for the Bipole III Project. The purpose was to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • document traditional and contemporary uses of lands and waters, traditional knowledge about plants and animal species of interest, focusing additional research on those species and their traditional Metis uses in the Bipole III study area, and • to identify potential positive and negative effects of the project on Metis land use and way of life, including Metis spiritual, cultural, socioeconomic, harvesting, and other traditional and contemporary practices in the project study area. 	Site specific concerns will be addressed through the Environmental Protection Plans
Fragmentation	Concerns regarding well-known and documented impacts of linear features	To address concerns regarding the potential impacts of linear features, linear access and sight lines will be taken into	Access Management Plan

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		<p>account when siting any new access routes. Vegetation and terrain features will be used to break up line of sight along the access points to the ROW. Manitoba Hydro plans to address concerns by confirming sensitive sites and ensuring limited access to sensitive sites through the Access Management Plan</p>	
Harvesting	<p>Concern regarding harvesters potentially avoiding harvesting of plants and medicines for the long term within the footprint and adjacent areas of the HVdc right-of-way due to concerns about herbicide contaminants. Concern regarding the interruption of traditional use during the project construction phase due to noise and general disturbance. Concern that Manitoba Metis harvesters may travel long distances to engage in traditional use and find the area they wish to utilize is subject to activity and disturbance. Concern regarding the interruption of traditional use during the Project construction phase due to access management restrictions. Concern regarding the interruption of traditional use during the Project operational phase associated with Provincial</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro plans to further discussions with the MMF to further review concerns regarding vegetation management . Manitoba Hydro would consider non-chemical vegetation management in clearly identified sensitive sites. Manitoba Hydro will not impose access restrictions on any existing access roads/trails to traditional users, except as may be required temporarily for safety purposes. Manitoba Hydro will restrict non-project related traffic at the construction site for reasons of safety. Manitoba Hydro will not restrict traditional use/harvest of resources (e.g. trapping) except as it may pertain to access on the project footprint for reasons of worker and resource user safety. All project workers will not be allowed to</p>	Environmental Protection Plans

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	<p>restrictions on hunting in the vicinity of permanent Project-related infrastructure (e.g. repeater stations, converter stations)</p>	<p>hunt or fish at the construction site. For reasons of safety, the construction site and approaches to it may be posted with no hunting signs. Clear communication of restrictions and safety measures, included in the construction access management plan, to workers, resource harvesters, stakeholders and local Aboriginal communities will contribute to safe work practices and the prevention of conflicts. Community liaison positions will be the primary contact for disseminating information regarding the project to their community, including access restrictions and protocols. Manitoba Hydro is continuing engagement with the MMF to see if there are other opportunities to facilitate communication to MMF membership</p>	
Moose	<p>Concern regarding additional closures of Game Hunting Areas (GHA) and/or longer term closure of GHAs already closed to moose harvesting for conservation reasons, due to Project-related effects. Concerns regarding changes in harvesting focus from moose to elk due to diminished moose populations and/or harvest success rate, resulting in increase pressure on elk</p>	<p>Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship (MCWS) is the resource manager for wildlife and is responsible for developing harvest management strategies for moose, deer and elk. Manitoba Hydro is currently discussing mitigation and monitoring strategies with MCWS and will participate in any future stakeholder meetings as and when</p>	Monitoring Plans

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	populations	requested. As such, MCWS is kept aware of the Bipole III Transmission Project and continues to provide input on mitigation and monitoring.	

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