

Appendix A Notification List

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Community/Stakeholder	Contact Person	Title
First Nation Communities		
Sagkeeng First Nation	Donavan Fontaine	Chief
Black River First Nation	Sheldon Kent	Chief
Hollow Water First Nation	Larry Barker	Chief
First Nation Advisory Committees – participation directed through Chief and Council		
Black River First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committee	Rene Barker	Chairperson
Hollow Water First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committee	Rene Barker	Chairperson
Community/Town/RM		
Powerview-Pine Falls	Gord Watson	Mayor
RM of Alexander	Ed Arnold	Reeve
Community of Manigotagan	Larry Wood	Mayor
Community of Seymourville	Burnell Helgason	Mayor
Community of Aghaming	Robert Bull	Mayor
Organization		
Brokenhead River Game & Fish Association	Paul Millan	
Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	Ron Thiessen	Executive Director
Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association	Gerry Arbez	President
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Eastern Region Integrated Resource Management Team	Mitch Walker	Regional Director
Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Protected Areas Initiative	Yvonne Beaubien	Manager
Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation-Manigotagan	Larry Wood	Yard Superintendent
Manitoba Métis Federation	David Chartrand CC:Marci Riel	President
Manitoba Model Forest, Board of Directors	Carl Smith	President
Manitoba Model Forest, Committee for Cooperative Moose Management	Bev Dube	Executive Assistant
Manitoba Model Forest, Eastern Manitoba Woodland Caribou Advisory Committee	Dennis Brannen	Chair
Manitoba Trappers Association	Stuart Jansson	Director of Marketing, Development and Promotion
Manitoba Wildlands	Gaile Whelan Enns	Executive Director
Manitoba Wildlife Federation	Reid Woods	President
Mining Association of Manitoba	Ed Huebert	Executive Vice President
Southeast Resource Development Council	George Boyd	Executive Director
Waabanong Anishinaabe Interpretive Learning Centre	Terry Welsh	Project Contact
Wilderness Committee	Eric Reder	Campaign Director

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Community/Stakeholder	Contact Person	Title
Private Land and Rights Holders		
	Albert Gross	Landowner
	Allan Actimichuk	Landowner
	Bella Malo	Landowner
	Clifford and Diane Houston	Landowner
	Colette Garand	Landowner
	Diane Bostrom	Landowner
	Howard May	Landowner
	Jim Chan Kwok and Ya Lee Wan	Landowner
	John Alix	Landowner
	Lionel and Linda Nobiss	Landowner
	Maurice and Kristin Coss	Landowner
	Peter Harder and Frieda James	Landowner
	Robert and Nancy Dufour	Landowner
	Roger Desmaris	Landowner
	Ronald and Sally Hutchison	Landowner
	Terry Gilmour	Landowner
3046534 Manitoba Ltd	Kim and Lori Wison	Principle Owner
Blue Water Lands Ltd.	Gail Young	Principle Owner
Cheverfil Farms Ltd.	Ronald Cheverfils	Principle Owner
English Brook Campground	Bissett Development Corporation	Representative
Harriet Simard Lease	c/o Morley Simard	Landowner
Hastings Bros. Outfitters	Tim Hastings	Principle Owner
Manigotagan/Hollow Water Dog Sled User Group	Gabriel Hall	Representative
Moosehorn Service	C/O Manigotagan Community Council	Landowner
Notre Dame du Laus Parish Cemetery	Fr. James Gray	Representative
P & A Contracting Ltd.	Paul Bourgeois	Principle Owner
Ray Ann Transport Ltd.	Raymond Garand	Principle Owner
Sandy River Outfitters	Harry Walker	Principle Owner

Appendix B Community and Stakeholder Meeting Notes

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Introductory Presentation to Manitoba Model Forest Board of Directors

Date of Meeting: June 20, 2012

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Winnipeg River Learning Centre, Pine Falls, MB

In Attendance: MBMF Board of Directors (13 people)
MBMF Staff (4 people)
MBMF Guests (8 people)
Manitoba Hydro (J. Matthewson)
Engagement Team (V. Keenan)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by J. Matthewson.	
2	Questions from the Powerview-Pine Falls Council: a) How many megawatts will be transmitted? b) What transmission line structures will be used? c) Break in MBMF meeting provided <ul style="list-style-type: none">o ANSI D map displayed for discussiono Comment sheet with map provided d) Project representatives stayed for dinner to allow for further discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No comments sheets returned▪ Discussions held with community/organization representatives, which had received an introductory letter, regarding pending contact to establish a meeting with their group.▪ No project comments/concerns were identified during one on one discussions. e) Ken MacMaster identified that the Manitoba Wildlife Federation would like to have meeting in conjunction with Manitoba Trappers Association. Ken suggested a town hall meeting with Mayor and Council and community not just an open house. f) Charles Norman from The Echo will do article on project and we should time it prior to open house if possible.	
3	The council thanked the team for informing them of the project. There is no need to meet again with council, given that there is an open house scheduled in Powerview.	

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Introductory Presentation to Rural Municipality of Alexander

Date of Meeting: June 26, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: RM of Alexander Council Chambers, St. Georges, MB

In Attendance: Reeve Ed Arnold
Councilor Alvin Yosik
Councilor Mack Kinghorn
Councilor Kim Robertson
Councilor Cheryl Corrie
Scott Spicer (CAO)
Michelle Stefaniuk (Assistant CAO)
Manitoba Hydro (D. Block)
Engagement Team (B. Kotak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. During the public involvement program portion of the presentation, B Kotak informed the RM that there is an open house scheduled for July 30 at the Paper Town Motor Inn.	
2	Questions from the RM of Alexander	
a)	Is this project related to Bipole? The RM was under the impression that there is to be no new transmission lines built on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Note: RM has no issue with a new transmission line, but did not understand the difference between Bipole and the LWESI project.	
b)	The RM clarified that the PF transmission station south of the Pine Falls GS is actually on RM of Alexander land (not on Powerview-Pine Falls land)	
c)	What is the total cost of the LWESI project? Can the team provide this?	c) D Block to provide estimate to B Kotak, to forward on to RM
d)	Councilor Robertson asked if there is a park or protected area in the vicinity of Manigotagan Corner for rare cactus plants. B Kotak advised that he is aware of cactuses growing along the Rice River to the north, but is not aware of any park or protected area. B Kotak to follow up with Jackie Krindle	d) B Kotak to contact J Krindle
e)	Will contracts for the construction work be tendered? Yes, there will also be a preference for Aboriginal companies.	
f)	What route does Hydro prefer for the transmission line? Final route will be based on a number of criteria, including public input. Hydro has no preference. All are options at this point in time.	

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 - g) Type of tower structures? Depends on the location and other factors.
 - h) Are there positive effects on wildlife? Yes, some species that prefer open/young habitat such as moose or deer, could benefit. It is much more complicated than that however.
 - i) How many years will the 115 kV line serve the region? Depends on the growth in demand. However, 115 kV is anticipated to serve for many years.
 - j) Comment from the RM: there are errors in Highway #s on the maps. Hwy 11 is incorrectly labeled Hwy 307, and one section of Hwy 59 is incorrectly labeled Hwy 307 as well.

- 3 The RM of Alexander thanked the PIP team for giving the presentation. N/A

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Introductory Presentation to Seymourville Community Council

Date of Meeting: June 28, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Seymourville Council Chambers

In Attendance: Mayor- Burnell Helgason
Admin Officer – Vern Seymour
Manitoba Hydro (D. Block)
Engagement Team (V. Keenan & V. Kuzdak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	<p>PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. Seymourville representatives were informed that there is an open house scheduled for July 24 at the HWFN Band Hall. They were okay with this venue. MH indicated that comment sheets would be available for everyone at the open house.</p> <p>Seymourville representatives stated that they would deliver open house posters to each house (40) in the community.</p>	MH and PIP team to provide 40 + posters
2	<p>Questions from the Seymourville reps:</p> <p>a) What type of structure towers were planned for the transmission line? MH responded that it depends on terrain but a typical structure would be a steel lattice design. Stand-alone structure in agricultural settings and single pedestal guyed towers in forested areas.</p> <p>b) How wide will the Right of Way be? MH responded that the RoW will be approx. 60 metres wide.</p> <p>c) What type of employment opportunities will there be for local people? MH responded that every effort will be exercised to include local workers and that it was a good idea for the community to take an inventory of labour force and heavy equipment/trucks available. MH indicated that typically when a project of this nature is tendered, there is a focus on encouraging local Aboriginal involvement in the work proposed by successful bidders.</p> <p>Seymourville reps raised the concern that promises had been made in the past (not specifying MH) but they never followed through on.</p>	

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- 2 d) Seymourville reps asked what is done with the trees that are cleared. They indicated that they may be interested in salvaged wood for possible local use for either small scale sawmills or fuel wood purposes. MH indicated that they would look at these possibilities but typically trees and brush are piled and burned.
 - e) What is the long-term maintenance plan for the RoW? MH inspects twice a year by ground or air and vegetation management is required every 12 to 15 years. MH indicated that opportunities exist for contracts to clear the RoW.
 - f) Who controls access on the RoW? The RoW is on crown land and open to everyone. In other areas, organizations like Snowman have requested authorization to establish snowmobile trails in the RoW.
 - g) What is the size of the Manigotagan Station? Approximately 300 m X 250 m. It will be similar to other MH stations with a fenced perimeter, security lighting and a communication tower.
- 3 Seymourville reps thanked the PIP team for giving the presentation.

Recorded By: _____ V. Kuzdak/ V. Keenan

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Introductory Presentation to the MBMF Cooperative Committee for Moose Management
Date of Meeting:	June 28, 2012
Time:	6:00 PM
Location:	Winnipeg River Learning Centre
In Attendance:	Brian Kotak – MBMF Bob Austman – MBMF Kelly Leavesley – MC Regional Wildlife Biologist Earl Simmons – MC Chief NRO Dennis Brannen – MC Caribou Biologist Daniel Dupont – MC Wildlife Biologist Stuart Janssen – MTA Ken McMaster – Mb Wildlife Federation Gerry Arbez – LdB Wildlife Assoc. Cameron Nurenburg – LdB Wildlife Assoc. Ivan Lavoie – Sagkeeng trapper Jim Hoard – Pinawa Wildlife Assoc. Paul Millan – Brokenhead Game and Fish Assoc. Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by T Barker. Attendees informed that there is an open house scheduled for July 30 at the Papertown Motor Inn	
2	Questions from attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) What type of structures will be used? Structure types are still being finalized. Guyed steel structures will probably be used in the forested area and self-supporting steel or double pole wood structures will be used in the populated areas.b) Will trappers need to move their traps? MH will be working with the trappersc) Does clearing 2013 mean the winter of 2012/2013 or 2013/2014? Clearing will not start until 2013/2014.d) Will trappers be compensated like on Bipole III? The application of how the trapper compensation policy could be implemented is still being assessed because we are primarily dealing with community trap lines while the policy was developed for RTL's.e) Is MH going to decommission the Great Falls to Bissett transmission line? No firm decision has been made at this time.f) What is the value of the project? Approximately \$42-43 M	
3	Ken McMaster will confer with the wildlife associations and MTA to schedule a joint meeting at the MWF office in Winnipeg at 2:00 PM on July 11, 12 or 13.	Ken to confirm date with V. Keenan

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Recorded By: _____ V. Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Protected Area Initiative

Date of Meeting: July 3 and 4, 2012

Time:

Location: Phone Conversations

In Attendance:

Yvonne Beaubien – PAI
Elaine Fox – Mb wetland strategy

Item	Description	Action By
1	<p>Discussed the Project with Yvonne Beaubien on July 3. She requested a copy of the alternative route map and KLM files to determine if the PAI required a meeting with MH.</p> <p>Ms Beaubien responded by email that the PAI had no concern at this point. She copied five MCWS representatives on her email and recommended that we speak with Elaine Fox or Chloe Burgess who work with the Mb wetland strategy</p>	Keenan contact E. Fox or C. Burgess
2	<p>Keenan phoned Elaine Fox and discussed the project. Ms. Fox did not see a need to meet with MH at this time.</p> <p>Keenan replied to all on the email distribution and offered to provide any additional information or establish a meeting with MH if desired.</p>	

Recorded By: V. Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Mb Environmental Organizations
Date of Meeting:	July 5, 2012
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	3 – 303 Portage Ave.
In Attendance:	Peter Miller – Green Action Centre Kristine Koster – Mb Eco-Network Hydro - David Block Engagement Team – Vince Keenan

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. Meeting participants provided with comment sheets and open house schedule.	
2	<p>Questions from participants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does this line supply Bissett? Bissett is supplied by the transmission line that runs from Great Falls generating station to Bissett with an optional supply from the Pine Falls to Manigotagan transmission line. Are there plans to expand this line further? There are currently (over 10 years) no further system improvement plans beyond this project. Are there caribou in the area? The caribou in the area are east of the project area and their defined management zone is located 10 or 15 km from the alternative routes. Note: The closest GPS collar location for the Owl Lake herd is 15 km east of the alternative routes. What is the zone of influence that is used in the EIS to assess effects on wildlife? Not certain if a zone of influence is used in assessment? Note: Discussion with Rob Berger – Assessment zones of influence vary by species. In the case of Caribou, a zone of 3 to 5 km will be used. Studies that have been conducted in Manitoba (including one for the Owl Lake herd) identified a potential zone of influence of 2 to 3 km for caribou. Is the EIS available to the public? The EIS will be placed in the public registry once it has been submitted. Are any of the environmental assessment findings presented during later public involvement processes? No, the assessment of the preliminary preferred route will be on-going during the second round of public involvement. 	#4 - Keenan to check with Berger and reply to Miller. Reply sent July 7 to Miller and Koster

- 2** Concerns identified by participants:
 - 1. Concerned that RoW maintenance requires the removal of most of the vegetation. Would like to see a process that maintains low growing shrubs and other vegetation.
 - 2. Concerned over the creation of access routes along the RoW that allows human access and facilitates predator movement. This would be reduced by addressing #1.
 - 3. Concern over permanent habitat loss and the effect on the ecosystem
 - 4. Preference should be given to the alternate route closest to the road.

- 3** Mb Eco-Network is interested in coordinating an involvement process for round 2

V Keenan to discuss with Kristine in September when the preferred route has been selected

Recorded By: V Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Introductory Presentation to Powerview-Pine Falls Council

Date of Meeting: July 10, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Council Chambers, Powerview, MB

In Attendance: Gord Watson (Mayor)
Trish McLarnon (Councillor)
Don MacLellan (Councillor)
Margie Bonekamp (CAO)
Manitoba Hydro (D. Block)
Engagement Team (V. Keenan, B. Kotak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. V. Keenan passed around a newspaper advertisement for the open houses, indicating that there is an open house scheduled for July 30 at the Paper Town Motor Inn. The team also mentioned that a newsletter is being developed and will be mailed out within the next week.	
2	Questions from the Powerview-Pine Falls Council: a) Is this a brand new line? Yes. Will the old line remain in place? Yes, it will remain in place to serve existing communities (e.g., Black River) b) How long will construction take? Approx 2 years. Winter construction only for the transmission line and year-round work on the Manigotagan Corner station. c) What will be the size of the construction crew needed? Probably around 30 people. d) Is it possible to bury the line in Lake Winnipeg. The technology isn't available yet.	
3	The council thanked the team for informing them of the project. There is no need to meet again with council, given that there is an open house scheduled in Powerview.	

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Introductory Presentation to Eastern Region Integrated Resource Management Team
Date of Meeting:	July 10, 2012
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	Manitoba Conservation office, Lac du Bonnet
In Attendance:	Sue Atkin (Parks and Natural Areas) Diane Oertel (Environmental Compliance and Enforcement) Joann Hebert (Lands Branch) Cheryl Prosser (Lands Branch) Mitch Walker (Director – Eastern Region) Kelly Leavesley (Wildlife Branch) Ken Kansas (Fisheries Branch) Daniel Dupont (Wildlife Branch) Manitoba Hydro (D. Block) Engagement Team (V. Keenan, B. Kotak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. V. Keenan passed around a newspaper advertisement for the open houses.	
2	Questions from the IRMT: a) Will the existing line be removed? No, it will stay in service. b) What is the ATK process? We will ask Chief and Councils for the best approach for their community, but we suspect that Black River and Hollow Water will want us to work with their TAACs. Sagkeeng has a consultation department. c) There was a concern about the ROW for the new line removing all the forest between the line and HWY 304. This would create an open area. The IRMT suggested that it is perhaps better to keep the transmission line far enough away from HWY 304, so there is a good forested buffer left between the transmission line and the highway (less line of sight). d) The IRMT suggested that maybe it would be best to keep the transmission line on the west side of HWY 304, to avoid the 1999 burn area as much as possible (which is good moose habitat). Most of the moose is on the east side of the highway, whereas there are only small pockets of deer on the west side.	

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- e) The IRMT would like to see access road improvement/development minimized
 - f) The IRMT would prefer aerial maintenance of the line
 - g) The IRMT would like to see the planting/favouring low growing vegetation. Both f) and g) would reduce the establishment of travel corridors for predators.
 - h) There was a suggestion to show the ROW width on the map portfolio.
 - i) There was a question about whether Hydro has the updated ortho photos for the 1999 burn area. It would be important to overlay the alternative routes on these photos.
 - j) The IRMT would like to provide their comments in advance of the selection of the preferred route. To facilitate this, the PIP team provided the KLM (Google Earth) files for the 3 alternative routes.
 - k) The IRMT would like the PIP team to provide a summary of comments/concerns heard from the communities/public in mid August so that they can consider the information in their assessment of the alternative routes. MB Conservation will also have to undertake section 35 consultations with the FN communities. The timelines are tight.
 - l) The IRMT would like to meet again with the PIP team on August 20. The PIP will share any community/public feedback with the IRMT.
 - m) The IRMT can send any comments and concerns, mitigation measures, etc to D Block.
 - n) There was concern by the IRMT about vegetation management. This could provide easier access for the public. Can maintenance be done using a helicopter, thereby not promoting constant use of the ROW? The IRMT would not like to see a lot of new access created. The IRMT also asked whether certain shrubs or plants could be left on the ROW (to break up line of sight for example).
 - o) The IRMT suggested using rough terrain for the transmission route, to discourage snowmobile route. There isn't a lot of rough terrain over the length of the 3 alternative routes, and especially not on the west side of HWY 304.
 - p) There was a question of whether Hydro provides the ATK information that is collected during the SSEA back to the communities. D Block indicated that this information is given back to the communities. Does Hydro also keep this information? It would be good if they did, as sometimes this information is lost within the communities (e.g., band office burns, destroying all the information).

h) V Keenan to request Golder to add ROW on map portfolios

i) V Keenan to inquire if Golder has more recent ortho photos

k) PIP team to provide summary of public input to IRMT by mid August

p) D Block to determine if/how Hydro maintains ATK gathered as part of projects

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Hollow Water First Nation Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	July 11, 2012
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	Hollow Water First Nation Band Office
In Attendance:	Wayne Moneyas Ian Bushie Denelle Bushie Hydro: Trevor Barker Engagement Team: Vince Keenan

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by T Barker. Meeting participants provided with comment sheets and open house schedule. Ian Bushie requested a copy of the presentation	V Keenan to provide. Emailed to W. Moneyas July 11
2	<p>Questions from Hollow Water Council</p> <p>a) What is the budget for the project? \$43 million for all three components of the project</p> <p>b) Does RoW clearing start this winter or next winter? It starts the winter of 2013/2014.</p> <p>c) What employment opportunities exist for the community? The biggest opportunity exists in the RoW clearing. Discussions continued around sharing the clearing contracts with Black River and Sagkeeng and the principle seemed acceptable to council. Council indicated that any contracts should be through the band and they would hire their local harvesting contractors.</p> <p>d) What kind of poles will be used? Guyed steel towers are the preferred structure in the forest area but structures around developed areas are still under consideration.</p> <p>e) Are there employment opportunities during tower construction? The tower construction is a very specialized contract but there may be labour opportunities in assembling the towers on the ground.</p> <p>f) Council raised an issue regarding trees growing over powerlines in the community and that they need to be cleared. W. Moneyas was directed to call the MH office in Pine Falls and register a complaint.</p>	MH should develop some approximate clearing contract values for the Open Houses as that will be one of the main questions

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- g) Will this new line continue north? There are no plans in the next 5 to 10 year forecast.
 - h) How big is the Manigotagan Corner Station? Approximately 250 m X 300 m.
 - i) What happens to the old station? The current infrastructure will stay in place to service the communities. A portion of the Pine Falls to Black River or Black River to Manigotagan line may be removed.
 - j) What happens to the old infrastructure if it is decommissioned? MH must dispose of the material because of the hazards involved.
 - k) Are there any opportunities to bring high speed internet through fiber optic cable on the towers. W. Moneyas heard that this took place in western Mb. This would need to be negotiated through MTS.
 - l) Are the phone lines carried on the current poles? We are not sure but if it is, it would provide an opportunity to negotiate with MTS if a portion for Black River is removed.
 - m) What happens to the cleared material in the RoW. There is the potential to get firewood. The majority will be burnt in the winter.
 - n) Then we have to deal with smoke when the fires continue to smolder. MH scans all burning operations now to ensure they are out.

k) W Moneyas is to investigate fiber optic deal in the west and provide information to V Kuzdak

3 The Engagement Team asked if it was acceptable to request a meeting with the Hollow Water TAAC on the morning of the Open House to discuss processes to secure ATK. Council agreed to request

B Kotak to follow up with Rene Barker once he hears the outcome from the Black River C&C meeting on July 13

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Recorded By: _____ V Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Introductory Presentation to MB Wildlife Federation and MB Trappers Association

Date of Meeting: July 11, 2012

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: MB Wildlife Federation Office, 70 Stevenson Road, Winnipeg

In Attendance: Cherry White (MTA)
 Stu Jansson (MTA)
 Reid Woods (MWF)
 Ken MacMaster (MWF)
 Roger Venton (MWF)
 Carolyn Kosheluk (MWF)
 Wayne Ewasko (MLA for Lac du Bonnet)
 Manitoba Hydro (D. Block)
 Engagement Team (B. Kotak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. B Kotak passed around a newspaper advertisement for the open houses, indicating that there is an open house scheduled for July 30 at the Paper Town Motor Inn.	
2	<p>Questions/comments arising:</p> <p>a) Will the trapper compensation program apply? Yes, although we are dealing with community lines for this project. Bob Monkman and Duane Hatley will likely be the contacts. Stu Jansson indicated that there will be a major effect on the Manigotagan community trap line, particularly along Duncan Creek.</p> <p>b) Stu asked about why there was no compensation paid to him for the new transmission line to Long Lake? Because it is under 66 kV. Stu would like David to come out and tour his cottage property to see the effects of the Long Lake transmission line. There were changes to the pole location without notification to Stu and the contractor did not follow the veg clearing instructions. His cottage lot was affected. He also lost 2 years of access to part of his trap line, without any compensation from Hydro. Stu would like follow up on this.</p> <p>c) Would it be better in the long run just to follow the highway (less social concerns)? Very expensive to do this, also a large ROW would be required, as existing 66 kV line is staying in place.</p> <p>d) If there is a forested buffer between highway and new transmission line, this could act as a corridor for forest fires, or a sink for wildlife.</p>	<p>a) Hydro to determine compensation policy for community lines</p> <p>b) D Block to visit Stu's cottage lot at Long Lake</p>

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- 2 e) How close will the new 115 kV line come to the existing 66 kV line? The new line will likely cross the existing line in some locations. Hydro will adhere to CSA guidelines for adequate height.
 - f) Suggestion from MTA to hire trappers for the clearing, if they have the qualifications.
 - g) MTA indicated that fur production records for community lines are available from MB Conservation
 - h) The PowerPoint indicates clearing in the winter of 2013. Is this 2012/13 or 2013/14? Probably 2013/14, as the Environment Act licence is not anticipated until late winter or early spring of 2013.
 - i) Is Hydro engaging the Northern Affairs communities and MB Métis Federation? Yes.
 - j) Wayne Ewasko indicated that he would like a pdf of the map showing the trap lines. B Kotak to send.
 - k) Does the Model Forest Tembec trapper inventory database still exist? Can this info be used to help with planning for the project? B Kotak to see if the database still exists (may have been given to Conservation)
 - l) MTA would like to meet again with Hydro and their PIP team once they have a chance to talk to other trappers in the region.
 - m) MTA requested that, as part of the LWESI project, Hydro provide funding for trapper professional development workshops (Tembec used to do this annually). D Block to investigate. MTA indicated that this would go a long way with relationships between trappers and Hydro.
 - n) MWF suggested that their members and also trappers could provide on-the-ground field monitoring of wildlife before, during and after construction.
 - o) MTA could arrange a meeting between active trappers in the region and hydro regarding the project. David to investigate if Hydro could pay for such a meeting (food, mileage for trappers).
 - p) MWF will email their wildlife associations in the region, informing them of the open house in Powerview-Pine Falls
 - q) Suggestion that Hydro add a comment deadline to the Comment Sheet (for the open houses), so that people know when Hydro wants comments back. Brian to follow up with David on when we want comments back by.
 - 3 The participants thanked the team for informing them of the project.
- j) B Kotak to send W Ewasko pdf of map showing trap lines (done)
- k) B Kotak to check on status/availability of Trapper Inventory database (was a MBMF project)
- l) B Kotak to contact Stu about follow up meeting with trappers.
- m) D Block to investigate possibility of Hydro funding trapper prof. development workshops
- o) D Block to see if Hydro can pay for such a meeting

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Manitoba Wildlands Meeting
Date of Meeting:	July 12, 2012
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	565 – 167 Lombard Ave.
In Attendance:	Gaile Whelan Enns Jared Whelan Enns James Beddome Manitoba Hydro - David Block Engagement Team -Vince Keenan, Brian Kotak

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D Block. Meeting participants provided with comment sheets and open house schedule. Jared requested a copy of the presentation.	Copy of the presentation provided after the meeting
2	Questions from participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) What is the capacity (MW) of the Pine Falls Generating Station? We do not know. Kotak: Hydro website indicates 88 MW. BK has emailed MB Wildlands with info.b) What happened to the power that became available when the Pine Falls mill closed? It would probably have gone into the grid.c) Will the transmission line be 2 towers/km? Yes, approximately. 420 to 480 m between towers.d) What is the tower design? Tower design is still in the planning stage but there will probably be different towers used the forest area as opposed to the developed areas.e) Will the EA be a desktop exercise or will there be fieldwork? The assessment will be based on a combination of both.f) There was extensive fieldwork conducted, in 1997 to 2000, on 3 potential east side corridors as part of the Conawapa proposal. Is this data available? The MH team present did not know of the existence of the data. Note: In discussions with R. Rawluk after the meeting, he identified that the work was conducted around 1991 would no longer be applicable because of the vintage of the data	

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- g) Will helicopters be used for the wildlife studies? No, all field studies will be ground-based (except for instances when a helicopter would drop a field crew off)
- h) Are there Treaty Land Entitlement (TLE) lands in the area? We are not aware of any.
- i) Will there be consent forms used for the ATK participants? Yes
- j) Will there be specific EIS guidelines produced for this project? No, the EIS will be based on the requirements of the Act.
- k) Will you go back to the local communities with the EIS? No, we will involve the communities up to the point of finalizing the preferred route and deal with any issues related to route selection.
- l) Will Hydro meet/work with MB Métis Federation? Yes, Hydro has a separate process.
- m) Is there a prescribed set back distance from water bodies for tower placement? MH develops an Environmental Protection Plan for the construction of the transmission line.
- n) How many water crossings? 5 rivers, possibly 1 or 2 un-named streams/creeks (depends on route)
- o) What is MH policy on secondary use of the corridor? The RoW is placed on Crown Land and land use decisions are the responsibility of Manitoba.

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Comments/recommendations from participants:

- a) Consider displaying all of the existing supply lines (e.g., transmission lines to communities, existing Black River and Manigotagan transmission stations) in the study area on the maps.
- b) Maps should identify which the areas have been awarded protected area status.
- c) The more transparent and exclusive the maps and data can be, the better for the regulatory review process.

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- d) Manitoba Environmental Assessment has project specific EIS guidelines that relate to project types (i.e. peat mining) that are only available to the proponent. MH could promote that such guidelines be available publically.
 - MB Wildland stated that there is a risk to the proponent if there is a legal challenge and the guidelines for the development of the EIS is not publically available.
 - e) A concern was raised that the Open Houses and the notification process is only to the local communities and not advertised in the Wpg. Free Press to notify all Manitobans.
 - f) Recommend that the EIS includes reference to the East side road development.
 - g) MH should request a minimum of 30 days for the public review period of the EIS.
 - h) The EIS should display (map) and consider all of the cumulative infrastructure and tenure in the area in assessing significance.
 - i) What area will the significance of the effects be assessed against? The establishment of a large study area results in a very small area effected. There should be a much smaller project area established in order to assess significance. The project could be compared to the area of a highway RoW, so the public can compare with something they can relate to.

4 Mb Wildlands requested a PDF version of the map and comment sheet

B Kotak to provide a PDF version of the map and comment sheet (Done)

Recorded By: _____ V Keenan & B Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Introductory Presentation to Sagkeeng Leadership
Date of Meeting:	July 20, 2012
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	Sagkeeng Band Office, Fort Alexander, MB
In Attendance:	Roland Kirby Swampy (Councilor) John Courchene (Councilor) Lyle Morrissette (Councilor) Randy Twoheart (Board Member – Miikanaake) Niki Ashton (M.P. Churchill riding) Gordon Landriault (Office, MP Niki Ashton) Patrick O’Laney (Sagkeeng First Nation Hydro Accord) Manitoba Hydro (T. Barker) Engagement Team (B. Kotak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by T. Barker.	
2.	<p>Questions from Sagkeeng Council:</p> <p>a) Will the new transmission line and station help with future development (e.g., mining, cottages)? Yes, although the project is also needed to meet current demands.</p> <p>b) Is there a budget to engage Elders in Sagkeeng? The ATK process is not finalized yet.</p> <p>c) Who owns the land where the Manigotagan station will be located? The land will be purchase by Hydro. Sagkeeng indicated that the land is in their traditional territory and other First Nation communities.</p> <p>d) With a 115 kV line, will there be more EMF? More exposure of people to EMF? The increase will not be measurable and current levels have no health effects. Sagkeeng feels that there should be a physical barrier built (concrete wall) to shield from EMF</p> <p>e) Sagkeeng wanted to know specifically what the increase in EMF will be. T. Barker mentioned that there was an EMF study done as part of Wuskwatim. The report from this study can be provided to Sagkeeng.</p> <p>f) What kind of pesticides will be used for vegetation management? Sagkeeng prefers mechanical vegetation management.</p>	<p>e) Hydro to provide Wuskwatim EMF report to Lyle Morrissette</p>

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- g) Can the transmission right of way be used for snowmobile access and to promote winter tourism? This is up to the province.
 - h) Are there trap lines that will be crossed by the transmission line? Yes, 3 community lines, including the Sagkeeng community line.
 - i) Sagkeeng has concerns about shoreline erosion on the Winnipeg River
 - j) Sagkeeng would like to apply to the PowerSmart program. They want their houses to be energy efficient.
 - k) Sagkeeng indicated that they expect jobs from the project. They don't want outside contractors getting all the good contracts. They want directly negotiated contracts. T. Barker suggested that Sagkeeng provide Hydro with a list of qualified contractors.
 - l) When asked about ATK, Sagkeeng indicated that they just finished an ATK process with Hydro for Pointe du Bois. They would like a similar process in place for this new project. T. Barker indicated that the process will likely be a 1-day workshop in the community.
 - m) Lyle Morrisseau asked if part of the July 26 open house in Sagkeeng can be held on the north shore, in the high school. B Kotak was provided with a contact name/number. (B Kotak contacted the school, but it is closed for cleaning during this time period).
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- n) Sagkeeng stated that they would like Hydro to provide training to their people, in preparation for the project. They also want their members to help with tower construction.
 - o) Sagkeeng would like to know if there will be public hearings. B Kotak indicated that this decision is up to the province, but the LWESI project would likely be considered too small a project to warrant public hearings
 - p) How will the project affect wildlife? B Kotak indicated that the 3 proposed alternate routes are located close to the highway to avoid effects on caribou (which are located more to the east of the project).
 - q) What is the total cost of the project? Approx. \$43 million.
 - r) How much of the \$43 million will Sagkeeng get? There will be contract employment, but a large part of the cost of the project is materials.
 - s) Sagkeeng indicated that they feel that they did not benefit much from the Pointe du Bois project.
 - t) Patrick O'Laney indicated that he would be interested in meeting to discuss the ATK process.
 - u) Are there future lines planned for the north? Any future lines north of Manigotagan would need input from Sagkeeng. T Barker responded that there is nothing planned yet for new lines further north.
 - v) Sagkeeng would like the ability to sell power back to the grid, as they are interested in renewable energy projects.

Recorded By:

Brian Kotak

Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Black River First Nation Leadership meeting

Date of Meeting: July 27, 2012

Time: 9:00 am

Location: BRFN Band Hall

In Attendance: Trevor Barker – MB Hydro
Vince Kuzdak – Engagement team
Two BRFN Councilors: Jonas Peebles, Rhonda Abraham

Item	Description	Action By
1	Trevor Barker review the PowerPoint presentation with the BRFN Councillors	
2	One councilor mentioned that the community was interested in revenue sharing with MB Hydro.	
3	BRFN wanted to know if the Manigotagan Station would be located on private or crown land. MH reps explained that MB Hydro would be located on crown land and that it would be under the authority of MB Hydro.	
4	BRFN explained that most cultural or heritage resources located within their traditional area are typically located near water bodies.	
5	BRFN indicated that they are very interested in conducting the necessary project work in their traditional area. Employment and training was of high priority.	
6	BRFN indicated that they have a community inventory of machinery and labour force. This will be supplied to MB Hydro as soon as practical.	
7	MB Hydro indicated that they will be conducting a local knowledge workshop with the community and will be coordinating through the Traditional Area Advisory Committee.	
8	The Councillors welcomed that approach.	

Recorded By: Vince Kuzdak

Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Waabanong Anishinaabe Interpretive Learning Centre Board of Directors Meeting
Date of Meeting:	July 27, 2012
Time:	3:00 PM
Location:	422-213 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg
In Attendance:	Don Sullivan – Government of Manitoba Flora J. Ruck – WAILC Inc. Shaunna Morgan Siegers – WAILC Inc. Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	<p>D. Sullivan indicated that they did not have a quorum and asked if we wanted to proceed with the presentation. He did request that we return in September, when their attendance should improve, to discuss the preliminary preferred route and project status.</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation delivered by Trevor Barker. WAILC Inc. had been mailed copies of the newsletter and meeting participants were provided with comment sheets (additional copies left with D. Sullivan) and the remaining Open Houses were discussed.</p> <p>Questions from participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A concern was raised regarding the potential to disturb medicinal plants. F. Ruck will probably lead WAILC medicinal plant workshops once the centre is opened. She indicated that she has begun investigating sites in the region and has identified many medicinal plants along the old airstrip. Participants were informed that the Project terminates before the airstrip and that there will be no disturbance in that area. F. Rusk was asked if she would be willing to participate in a KPI interview and site visit in the project area to identify sensitive areas. She indicated that she would if she had the time available.	<p>V. Keenan to schedule a meeting for September</p> <p>a) V. Keenan to follow up with F. Ruck</p>

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- b. D. Sullivan indicated that there is a gathering planned for Ravens Creek in August where WAILC is presenting and that a presentation from LWESI Project would probably be appreciated. F. Ruck would probably be present and the KPI interview could take place at the same time.
- c. A concern was raised about the use of herbicides for RoW maintenance. T. Barker indicated that the use of herbicides has been identified as an issue by all three First Nation communities and that manual clearing will be employed.
- d. Who will be conducting Section 35 Consultations and how will it affect proposed project timelines? Manitoba Conservation will be responsible to conduct Government-to-Government consultations. They are aware of the proposed project timelines and will be working to complete consultations within the proposed timelines.
- e. How large is the Manigotagan Corner Station and will it affect the aesthetic view from the WALIC site? The Station is approximately 250 X 300 meters in size and will be located west of the airstrip, so aesthetics from the WALIC site should not be an issue. The 1:10,000 orthophoto was displayed, in order to discuss the relationship of the 2 sites, and WALIC felt that there should not be any aesthetic issues.
- f. How much forest area will the RoW affect? The forest assessment will not be conducted until the preliminary preferred route is selected. Not all of the RoW will be forested, so the effect cannot be determined until that time.
- g. What happens with the trees that are cleared? Firewood will be offered to the communities but a good portion will be piled and burned in the winter if a market does not exist.

b) D. Sullivan to discuss a LEWSI presentation with the Ravens Creek organizers and provide V. Keenan with information for the gathering

g) WALIC Inc. Indicated that they would appreciate receiving firewood from the RoW clearing operation

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The WALIC Inc. members were appreciative of the presentation and the extent of the involvement that was taking place for the Project. They indicated that they would appreciate another presentation, as indicated in Item #1.

Recorded By:

V. Keenan

Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Introductory Presentation to Black River First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committee (TAAC)

Date of Meeting: August 8, 2012

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Black River First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Rene Barker - TAAC Chairperson
Frances Wood – TAAC Member
Olga Wood – TAAC Member
Laverne Henderson – TAAC Member
Myrtle Abraham – TAAC Member
Rev. Ernest McPherson – TAAC Member
Orton Ramsey – TAAC Member
Hector Daniels – TAAC Member
Trevor Barker - Manitoba Hydro
Vince Keenan - Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	Rene Barker explained that the TAAC would prepare their comments, at a subsequent meeting, to be submitted to BRFN Chief and Council for their consideration. BRFN Chief and Council would then provide their position to MB Hydro	
2	PowerPoint presentation delivered by T. Barker.	
3	Questions and concerns from BRFN TAAC members: a) Concerned over clearing of trees. MB Hydro should have planned for future requirements when the original transmission line was established. We are trying to heal the land and do not want more trees removed. b) Will there be chemicals used on the ROW? All three communities have raised the concern over herbicide use. There will be no herbicides used for ROW maintenance. All ROW maintenance will be mechanical. c) Will the trees being cleared be used? There will be an opportunity for the trees to go to the communities for firewood. d) Will there be employment opportunities for the ROW clearing? All three communities have identified a desire to participate in the ROW clearing operation. The communities are requested to develop a list of equipment and manpower available in the community in preparation to participate in the clearing operation.	

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e) Concerned that the community was not notified regarding the last 66 kV line maintenance project along PR 304. We want to be involved, like this project, and have the opportunity to work. Line maintenance projects used to be cleared by hand and community members had the opportunity to work. We would like the community involved in future maintenance projects and have the opportunity to do the work.

- 4 The BRFN TAAC was requested to participate in a Traditional Knowledge workshop for the LWESI Transmission Project. The following workshop was established:

V. Keenan to notify V. Petch – Done Aug 8, 2012

BRFN TAAC Traditional Knowledge Workshop
Wednesday Aug 15, 2012
Black River First Nation Band Office
Noon: Lunch (to be arranged by Rene Barker)
1:00 – 5:00 PM: TK Workshop

T. Barker and V. Keenan to attend workshop.

- 5 Rene Barker had arranged for a community member to prepare lunch for the TAAC. MB Hydro paid for lunch, the open house hall rental and honorariums to the TAAC participants. The TAAC members were invited to stay for the Open House following lunch.

Recorded By: Vince Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Hollow Water First Nation TAAC Presentation

Date of Meeting: August 21, 2012

Time: 12pm – 4pm

Location: HWFN Band Office

In Attendance: Trevor Barker – MB Hydro
Vince Kuzdak – Engagement team
8 Traditional Area Advisory Committee (TAAC) members.

Item	Description	Action By
1	A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to the TAAC members. A digital copy of the presentation was provided to the TAAC Chairman.	
2	There was a lot of interest in jobs and training opportunities. One TAAC member wanted “first right of refusal” to conduct work in the traditional area. He wanted guarantees for work opportunities in writing from MB Hydro. It was also stated that any contract work should be with local contractors and not through Chief and Council.	
3	MB Hydro recommended that HWFN compile an equipment inventory as well as a workforce inventory to get prepared for work opportunities.	
4	There were some concerns and opposition about the use of herbicides to control vegetation (natural foods and medicinal plant concerns).	
5	The TAAC agreed to have a local knowledge workshop the following day. It was explained that the information gathered would be used in confidential fashion and the info would belong to the community.	
6	A question was asked to see if MB Hydro had an archeologist working on the EIA team. MB Hydro said yes and that it was a big part of the assessment.	
7	One member wanted to know if there would be work available for project managers and such as they felt that they are only offered labour type jobs. MB Hydro explained the need for community environmental monitors and that was of interest to the TAAC.	
8	One TAAC member asked if MB Hydro could share career opportunities with the local school. MB Hydro explained that this could be arranged through their recruitment department.	
9	There was discussion about “nuisance” beaver problems on the existing 66kV line along Hwy 304. MB Hydro explained that MB Highways typically hire trappers to control the beaver problems.	

Recorded By: Vince Kuzdak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Introductory Presentation to Eastern Region Integrated Resource Management Team
Date of Meeting:	September 10, 2012
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	Manitoba Conservation office, Lac du Bonnet
In Attendance:	Sue Atkin (Parks and Natural Areas) Morgan Hallett (Parks Branch) Mitch Walker (Director – Eastern Region) Kelly Leavesley (Wildlife Branch) Derek Kroeker (Fisheries Branch) Greg Crawford (Parks Branch) Jason Laswik (Environment) Manitoba Hydro (D. Block) Engagement Team (B. Kotak)

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. B Kotak passed around copies of the Round 1 Newsletter. A pdf copy of the presentation was left with the IRMT.	
2	Questions from the IRMT: a) What are residential forest values? Trees and shelter belts that people have planted on their properties. b) When deciding on the final route, can Hydro combine different segments from the 3 alternative routes? To a certain extent. We don't want to create a large number of heavy angles. c) What does Hydro mean by "a balanced approach to deciding the final route"? Are each criteria weighted? People could challenge Hydro on their definition of a "balanced" approach. No, there is no weighting scheme. However, considerations such as people (private property), endangered species are very important. d) Does Hydro want the IRMT to identify what their preferred route would be? Yes, but this would need to be done this week due to the timing of the project (the preliminary preferred route will be selected in the next week). The IRMT could also provide ideas for mitigation as well. e) Has there been any community feedback on a preferred route? No. Other than in the vicinity of Powerview-Pine Falls, no one has indicated a preference for a route. Black River FN has identified a community cabin that would be 150 m from the Route B crossing on the Black River. f) How far is Manigotagan River Park from the closest alternate route? B Kotak indicated 1.2 to 1.5 km, but was not sure. (subsequently checked: approx 660 m from park boundary – email send to IRMT to inform them).	

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- 2 g) Are maintenance costs factored in to the alternative route assessment? One would expect maintenance on lines farther from the highway to be more expensive. Yes, construction and maintenance is part of the technical assessment. Distance from road access however does not always mean higher maintenance costs.
- h) How much does each bend in the transmission line add to the project cost? The angle towers are about 50% more expensive, and more bends may mean more towers are needed.
- i) Has Hydro heard any community feedback on resources such as moose? Just that it is an important resource to communities and they are worried about increased hunting pressure.
- j) Is there annual maintenance required on the line? Yes, both aerial and ground-based.
- k) The IRMT asked about how this project fits in with other hydro transmission projects with respect to Fire Smart and developing wider ROWs. We were not aware of such a Hydro initiative.
- l) Will there be supplementary access roads for construction? This could provide more access for hunting. Hydro wants to minimize new access.
- m) Will the existing distribution line remain? Yes. In areas where the new transmission line comes close to HWY 304, how will this affect the total ROW distance? Would be site-specific, but it would require a wider ROW than is currently there.

k) Hydro to investigate if there is a "Fire Smart" initiative within other transmission projects.

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Presentation to the MBMF Cooperative Committee for Moose Management (CCMM)

Date of Meeting: September 13, 2012

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Winnipeg River Learning Centre

In Attendance: Brian Kotak – MBMF
Bob Austman – MBMF
Kelly Leavesley – MCWS Regional Wildlife Biologist
Chris Atkin – MCWS NRO
Daniel Dupont – MCWS Wildlife Biologist
Sandi Faber Routley – Mb Métis Federation
Stuart Janssen – MTA
Ken MacMaster – Mb Wildlife Federation
John Williams – Mb Wildlife Federation
Gerry Arbez – LdB Wildlife Assoc.
Cameron Nurenborg – LdB Wildlife Assoc.
Jim Hoard – Pinawa Wildlife Assoc.
Eugene Bear – Hollow Water First Nation
Hilda Bjork – Hollow Water First Nation
Alex Bjork – Hollow Water First Nation
Ernest McPherson – Black River First Nation
Orton Ramsey - – Black River First Nation
Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro
Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by Trevor Barker. Preliminary Preferred Route map was not available but Trevor described the approximate locations. Attendees were informed of the dates and locations of the four scheduled Open House meetings.	
2	Comments from attendees <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The decision to run the transmission line close to PR 304 was a good choiceb) The MTA expressed appreciation for keeping the transmission line close to PR 304c) Participants expressed appreciation for the extensive involvement processes used for the Project and for addressing concerns that were raised	
3	As the Preliminary Preferred Route map was not available, participants requested that a PDF version of the map and round 2 comment sheet be emailed to MBMF CCMM members.	B. Kotak to email comment sheet and PPR map, once completed

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RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Round 2 Presentation to Black River First Nation Chief & Council

Date of Meeting: September 19, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Black River First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Trevor Barker - Manitoba Hydro
Nelson Bird – Councilor
Rhonda Abraham-Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1	Trevor Barker presented LWESI preferred route to Councilors of BRFN for their consideration.	
2	Presentation delivered by T. Barker in form of printed copies of PowerPoint presentation.	
3	Questions and concerns from BRFN Council members: a) Thanked Manitoba Hydro for taking into consideration information heard at public information sessions and picked a route closest to the road. b) What is next? Black River Councilors were told that the presentation will then be made to the TAAC and another open house will be held in the community scheduled for October 10, 2012 c) Trevor Barker asked Councilors if the Gravel Pit along PR 304 just to the north of the community road turn off was going to be used in the future for the cottage development? Both replied that they did not think so. d) Community still talking to other companies and are exploring the possibility of a direct negotiated contract with Manitoba Hydro e) Councilors would like to have a presentation made to the school about employment opportunities within Manitoba Hydro	
4	Set up Manitoba Hydro presentation to the school about Hydro employment:	T.Barker to notify C.Hebert to set up–
5	Trevor Barker Thanked Councilors for meeting with Manitoba Hydro	

Recorded By: Trevor Barker
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Manitoba Eco Network

Date of Meeting: Sept 26, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: 3 – 303 Portage Ave.

In Attendance: Kalyn Murdock – Wilderness Committee

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by D. Block. Meeting participant provided with comment sheets. Additional comment sheets left with Reception at Mb Eco Network	
2	Questions from participants: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who will the transmission line service? The 115 kV transmission line will be converted to 66 kV at the Manigotagan Corner Station and will then feed the existing 66 kV line in the area.2. What are the plans for local employment opportunities? Manitoba Hydro has met with Black River and Hollow Water First Nations Chief and Council. Manitoba Hydro provided a list of contractors that may be interested in bidding on such a project. Bids are scored on a point system, which includes points for local hiring. First Nations were encouraged to contact the contractors to express their interest and provide their manpower and equipment capabilities. It was also suggested that a partnership between the two communities might be advantageous.	

Recorded By: _____ V Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Waabanong Anishinaabe Interpretive Learning Centre Board of Directors Meeting
Date of Meeting:	September 28, 2012
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	422-213 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg
In Attendance:	Don Sullivan – Government of Manitoba Darryl Villeneuve – Government of Manitoba Flora J. Ruck – WAILC Inc. Shaunna Morgan Siegers – WAILC Inc. Janet Fontaine – WAILC Inc. Dawn Sutherland – WAILC Inc. Richard Magleo – WAILC Inc. Bernalda Robinson – WAILC Inc. Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	PowerPoint presentation delivered by Trevor Barker. Meeting participants were provided with Round 2 Newsletters and Comment Sheets (additional copies left with D. Sullivan).	
2	Questions from participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is the entire area closed for the hunting of moose? The entire area is closed to licensed moose hunters but there are only portions of the area closed to rights based hunters. This rights based closure area includes a 300 m area adjacent to both sides of PR 304 that extends from the Black River to the Manigotagan Riverb. Will the “Vegetation Management Protocol” be a written protocol? Yes, Manitoba Hydro will work with the local communities to develop a written “Vegetation Management Protocol”.c. Is the “Vegetation Management Protocol” new or has Manitoba Hydro done this before? The idea of a Protocol results from the input we have received on this Project and it will be the first time such a protocol has been developed.	a) D Sullivan requested a copy of the hunting closure map. T. Barker to email a copy of the map

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- d. Why could you not use the existing transmission line right of way? The new transmission line will use towers that are spaced over 400 metres apart which will not technically allow the transmission line to follow the winding highway. Also, the existing 66 kV line will remain in place to service the communities and people did not want an additional area cleared directly beside the highway for moose conservation purposes.
- e. What will the Manigotagan Corner Station look like? It will have a fenced area of 104 X 104 metres and a cleared area of approximately 100 to 150 metres around it. It will also use a new style of transformer.
- f. How much noise will the Manigotagan Corner Station generate? Will it be more than under a transmission line? The new station designs are quieter than the older designs. There will be a noticeable noise if you are beside the fence but it will not be very noticeable as you move away from the fence.
- g. Will an environmental assessment be conducted on the Manigotagan Corner Station as well as the transmission line? Yes, the Technical Reports and the Environmental Assessment Report will include the Manigotagan Corner Station and the transmission line.
- h. Will the environmental assessment reports be publically available? Yes, all the documents will be available on the Manitoba Hydro website as well as in the Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, Environmental Assessment Branch public registries.

f) T. Barker to send D. Sullivan the location of a similar type station, located in Winnipeg, for people to visit, if desired.

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A meeting with F. Ruck, to discuss her knowledge regarding medicinal plants in the Project area, was discussed.

V. Keenan to contact F. Ruck to schedule a meeting in Winnipeg

Recorded By: V. Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: LWESI Presentation to Mining Association of Manitoba

Date of Meeting: October 2, 2012

Time: 10 AM

Location: Mining Association Office, Winnipeg

In Attendance: Ed Huebert, Executive Director
Rene Campbell, Secretary
David Block, MB Hydro
Brian Kotak, Engagement team

Item	Description	Action By
1	D Block gave a PowerPoint presentation, including introductory information and results of the alternative route assessment. An electronic copy of the presentation was left with Ed Huebert. He indicated that he would forward it on to San Gold.	
2	Questions included: Are there moose in the area, and how did you accommodate for them? Moose is an important species, particularly to First Nations, for sustenance. The preliminary preferred route was designed as close as possible to PTH304, to minimize effects on moose through hunting and access. A forested buffer will exist between PTH304 and the transmission ROW, minimizing line of sight. Did you meet with the Community of Seymourville? Yes, and there will be an open house in the community next week.	
3	Bipole III could have a significant effect on mineral exploration in the north because transmission lines interfere with geophysical techniques for minerals in volcanic-origin rock. While the east side of Lake Winnipeg is granite, has Hydro discussed the potential effects of the transmission line on geophysical techniques in eastern Manitoba? MB Hydro responded that they have not, and Ed Huebert provided the contact information for the Director of Geology for the Province of Manitoba. David Block will contact him.	D. Block to contact the Director of Geology
4	Ed Huebert commented that lack of adequate power availability is a constraint for the mining industry. The LWESI project could help provide additional power to the Bissett area, particularly considering San Gold's plans to double production over the next few years.	
5	Ed Huebert thanked MB Hydro for providing the presentation	

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Key Person Interview – anonymity requested

Date of Meeting: October 3, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Manitoba Hydro, 820 Taylor Ave, Winnipeg Mb

In Attendance: Interviewee - anonymity requested
Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro
Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	Two original “Consent to Interview” forms were completed. One original form was provided to the interviewee. The second original form remained with the Engagement Team.	
2	General locations where medicinal plants have been collected were identified on maps. Specific trails used were identified and the plants collected at the different sites were identified.	
	The interviewee agreed that the general map locations could be displayed on maps in the LWESI Transmission Project Technical Reports or the Environmental Assessment Report, as required; however, trails should not be displayed on the publically available maps. The plant list was also to be maintained as a confidential document for use by the Environmental Assessment team	V. Keenan to provide the plant list to the Environmental Assessment Team

Recorded By: V. Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Hollow Water First Nation Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 4, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Hollow Water First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Wayne Moneyas
Denelle Bushie
Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro
Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	<p>Chief and most of the Councilors were away at a conference. The PowerPoint presentation was not delivered but printed copies were left for each council member. Copies of the Round 2 Newsletter and Comment Sheet were also left for council members.</p> <p>There were no specific questions posed related to the LWESI Transmission Project at this time. Councilor Moneyas remained for the Hollow Water First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committee meeting that followed and did pose questions at that time.</p>	
2	<p>Questions form Councilors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Who do we contact for brushing on the distribution line in the community? Contact the Manitoba Hydro, Pine Falls office and register a formal complaint about trees growing into the lines.b) The community has the manpower and equipment to conduct the distribution line clearing. How do we secure the work? Indicate you desires when you register the complaint and Manitoba Hydro will need to assess the potential hazards related to the project and potentially negotiate a contract with the community.	

Recorded By: V Keenan
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Hollow Water First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committee (TAAC) Meeting
Date of Meeting:	October 4, 2012
Time:	12:00 PM
Location:	Hollow Water First Nation Band Office
In Attendance:	Rene Barker (Chairperson) Kristin Raven, Daisy Raven, Alex Bjork, Jason Summers, Charles Simard, Wayne Moneyas, Deborah Williams, Cyril Williams, Neal Bushie, Eugene Bear, Dennis Sinclair, Wesley Moneyas, Melvin Barker, Hilda Bjork, John Stoney, Nolan Moneyas, Ralph Cowley, Myrtle Williams, Jennifer Williams, Sherri Moneyas, Edward Kennedy, Ruby Bird, Harold Hardisty, Leslie Scott, Claude Bushie and Rick Bushie. Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to the TAAC members. Copies of the Round 2 Newsletter and Comment Sheet were handed out to each participant.	
2	Questions from the meeting participants: a) How wide will the transmission line be? 60 metres. b) What will happen to the wood from the transmission line clearing? Will it be available for firewood? Yes, firewood will be made available to the communities. c) Will all clearing be done mechanically? The transmission line clearing will need to be completed in the winter of 2013/2014, which will require mechanical clearing in order to be completed on time. d) What is the potential for the transmission line to carry a fiber optic line to supply the community with high speed internet and digital phone service? Manitoba Hydro would need to set up a joint venture agreement with the community, which would probably involve Manitoba Telephone System. Further discussions will be required between Manitoba Hydro and Chief and Council. e) The distribution line in the community needs to be brushed out. How do we get this work done? Councilor D. Bushie was provided the contact information in the meeting that was just held with the councilors. f) Does Manitoba Hydro construct the transmission line? No, a contract would be awarded to a contractor.	

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- g) Does Manitoba Hydro have any say in who the contractor hires? Yes, the contract would specify a requirement for a percentage of local hires.
- h) Will you discuss training opportunities that may be available with the contractor? Many of the contractors that work on contracts like this one will provide training that results in a certificate. This would enable successful trainees to work on other projects with this contractor in other parts of Manitoba or even across the country.
- i) Will our hydro bills go up because of this project? No, the cost of this project needs to be budgeted and approved within Manitoba Hydro and does not affect your hydro bills.
- j) Will there be a Manitoba Hydro office with the new Manigotagan Corner Station? No, the local Manitoba Hydro office will remain in Powerview-Pine Falls.
- k) Will there be less power outages once the project is finished? Yes, the project will improve reliability.
- l) Will the First Nations have the first option for the transmission line clearing? Discussions have started with Hollow Water and Black River Chiefs and Councils on the potential to form a joint venture company that could participate with a contractor on the clearing and construction of the transmission line.

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Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Black River First Nation Traditional Area Advisory Committee (TAAC) Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 10, 2012

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Black River First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Rene Barker (Chairperson), Raymond Ramsay (TAAC member), Orton Ramsay (TAAC member), Hector Daniels (TAAC member), Ernest McPhearson (TAAC member), Olgal Wood (TAAC member), Myrtle Abraham (TAAC member), Bill Abraham (TAAC member), Frances Wood (TAAC member), Jonas Peebles (Councillor)
Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro
Brian Kotak – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	A PowerPoint presentation was delivered to the TAAC members. Copies of the Round 2 Newsletter and Comment Sheet were handed out to each participant.	
2	Questions from the meeting participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Some of the forest was historically harvested behind a buffer on along the highway. Will these areas be large (tall) enough now to act as a buffer for the transmission line? Yes, those areas were harvested in the 1960s and 1970s and the trees are now tall.b) There was a desire to have all of the ROW clearing done by hand, in order to maximize the number of community members working on the project. This may be difficult given the short time window (3 months in winter) to clear the entire 75 km.c) Black River would like part ownership of the line, just as is being done in the north for dams.d) If Hydro will compensate private land owners for the transmission line and towers going across their property, why doesn't Hydro to this for First Nations?e) Will the project increase Hydro rates (to pay for the project)? No, this project is already budgeted for.f) Could Trevor Barker come out to another TAAC meeting and give a presentation on the results of the environmental assessment for the different disciplines? Yes, this can be done, once all the environmental assessment information is compiled and written up.g) The TAAC was very appreciative of being kept informed of the project.	

Recorded By: Brian Kotak
Name of recorder

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Hollow Water First Nation Elders meeting
Date of Meeting:	October 18, 2012
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Hollow Water First Nation Band Office
In Attendance:	Oliver Sinclair, Eugene Bear, Rosie Sinclair, Dora Moneyas, Cyril Williams, Aurelia Williams, Myrtle Williams, Edna Hardisty, Martha Bushie, Henry Hardisty, Alex Bjork, Theresa Bushie, Flora Williams, Ralph Cowley, Joe Moneyas, John Moneyas, Katherine Courchene, Ruby Bird, Leonard Johnston, Norman Moneyas, Priscilla Hardisty, Elmer Williams, Carolyn Jounot, Chris Bear, Freda Bear and Wilson Scott Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro Rene Barker – Facilitator/Translator

Item	Description	Action By
1	Meeting opened at noon with an opening prayer and a meal. R. Barker addressed the Elders in their language regarding the proposed Project and the purpose for meeting and presentation. T. Barker delivered the presentation with translation from R. Barker, where needed. The presentation and discussion resulted in a better understanding of the LWESI Project and its purpose. The Elders were appreciative to have a first hand discussion about the Project.	
2	Questions from the Elders: a) Will our hydro rates go up? No, the cost of this project needs to be budgeted and approved within Manitoba Hydro and does not affect your hydro bills. b) Why are our rates so high? Manitoba Hydro has a standard rate that is applied equally across the Province. The amount of electricity used, and therefore the Mb Hydro bill, increases if houses are not energy efficient. Adding insulation and new doors and windows to houses has shown to greatly reduce hydro bills.	

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bissett Community Council and San Gold Corp.

Date of Meeting: October 30, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Bissett Community Council office

In Attendance: Doug McPherson (Mayor), Jonathan Friesen, Byron Grapentine, Gordon Arndt, Patti Grapentine, Gail Wynne (Administrator)
Ted Hamrie – San Gold Corp.
Glen Erickson – Manitoba Hydro
Trevor Barker – Manitoba Hydro
Vince Keenan – Engagement Team

Item	Description	Action By
1	T Barker gave a PowerPoint presentation, including introductory information and results of the alternative route assessment. Copies of the September 2012 newsletter and Round 2 Comment Sheet were distributed.	

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2 Questions from participants:

- a) A concern was expressed that Bissett was left out of the engagement process until the end of the process. It was explained that Bissett is outside of the Project Study Area but Manitoba Hydro wanted to provide information on the Project status. T Hamrie stated that San Gold meets regularly with Manitoba Hydro and that they have been kept informed of the Project.
- b) Will the Project create any interference with traffic on PR # 304? There should be no interference because established access roads will be used to move vehicles and equipment onto the Project right-of-way.
- c) Will there be the opportunity to hire Bissett contractors for the Project? Manitoba Hydro will put a requirement in the construction contract to hire locally. Bissett Council should prepare a list of equipment and labour available for the Project. c) G Wynne to prepare a list and email it to T Barker
- d) What are the requirements or standards of training required to be eligible to work on the Project? T. Barker to provide the training requirements/standards to Bissett Council. d) T Barker to email training requirements to G Wynne
- e) A concern was raised that Manitoba Hydro had promised work for local contractors in the past but the work always seems to go to outside contractors. We have consistently heard a desire for local participation on this Project and we will attempt to make that happen.
- f) Firewood may be available to local communities. How do we find out when firewood is available? Manitoba Hydro will contact the community when firewood is made available.
- g) Will Bissett continue to be serviced by the two existing transmission lines? No decision has been made but there is a potential for the Great Falls transmission line to be decommissioned in the future. T Hamrie indicated that San Gold is in discussion to maintain both transmission lines. G Erickson indicated that there is a potential to cost share the maintenance of the Great Falls line with San Gold.
- h) Are the towers vulnerable to wind and falling tree damage? The towers will be all steel and are manufactured to current standards. The right-of way will be cleared to reduce the potential of trees falling on the towers or lines.
- i) Is there any further discussion on moving Bipole III to the east side? No

Recorded By: Vince Keenan
Name of recorder