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Meeting 6

Little Grand Rapids First Nation

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LITTLE GRAND RAPIDS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: Sept 25, 2014

Time: 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

Location: Little Grand Rapids Band Halll

In Attendance: ESRA Project Team
Leanne Shewchuk, Jaime Clarke, Dan Kuenstler, Todd Martin, Bonita Lavallee, Vince Kuzdak (AMEC).

Registered LGR FN Community Attendees:
Melvin Bushie, Courtney Pascal, Ruby McKay, Richard Owen, Andrea Bushie, Henry Owen, Waylon Owen, Tanis Leveque (?), Sharky Eaglestick, Evan Bushie, Mary Leveque, Sandra Bushie, Ramsay Owen, B Eischer, Phillip Pascal, Lawrence Baptiste, Howie H (sp), Matthew Soenen, Aurillia Moar, Allison Green, S. Owen, Charles Duck, Julian Owens, Marvin Eagles, William Keeper, Robin Owen, Maurice Ealgstick, Nicholas Dunsford, Jason Eaglestick, Charmaine Keeper, Marlene Colbear. Plus 5, the names were illegible.

Translation: Clifton Keeper

Summary:

A Public Open House was held in Little Grand Rapids First Nation on September 25, 2014, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the P7a project, consisting of 36.4 km of All-Season Road (on provincial crown lands) and on-reserve access roads to connect to the All-Season Road (1.2 km on Pauingassi, 2.2 km on LGR).

The purpose of this public open house was to present a summary of the Environmental Assessment including, Valued Environmental Components identified by community and others, mitigation proposed, monitoring, follow-up, and next steps for the P7a All-Season Road Project connecting Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi First Nations to the Little Grand Rapids Airport; to identify the steps to select design and construct an all season road and the opportunities for community input to community members as well as receive feedback from community members.

Attendees

The event was attended by more than 40 local residents.

Advertising

The Public Open House was organized in cooperation with the Chief and Council and was advertised prior to the event through notices posted in prominent locations within the community. The event was also promoted on the local community radio station, leading up to and during the public open house**.**

Open House

The 15 storyboards were set up to show maps of the final proposed alignment showing the two Access Roads, one on Little Grand Rapids FN and one on Pauingassi First Nation, and the provincial All Season Road , history of proposed route changes, summary board of the channel between Fishing and Family Lakes crossing, a summary of ESRA Engagement activities, steps to select, design and construct an all-season road, the identification of VECs by community and others, how potential project effects will be minimized, mitigation, identification of monitoring and follow up activities, next steps leading up to construction, and a series of boards showing the steps/activities required to construct a road.

Handouts and information:

- ESRA newsletter (Summer 2014)
- Handout: "Steps to Select, Design, and Construct an All Season Road"
- ESRA job registration forms
- Handout: Maps with final preferred road alignment
- Handout: All-Season Road Construction Activities – What You Can Expect?
- Photo release form (signed by the majority in attendance)

Refreshments: Coffee, bottled water, fruit and vegetable snacks were provided by ESRA.

ESRA Presentations

Leanne presented an environmental works summary and update:

- Brief description of the 2009 Large Area Network Study.
- Construction will start once all approvals have been completed.
- Community assistants have worked with ESRA's consultants to collect baseline data.
- Activities that are underway include geo-technical works, road design and preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Next step is for the Project (EIS) to be submitted to Manitoba Conservation based information and findings from the Environmental Assessment. Additionally, ESRA will provide Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada with an EIS for proposed road work located on reserve lands. Once approval has been received for the Environment Act Licence, construction will commence. a band council resolution will need to be signed in November or December of 2014 to support further regulatory approvals.
- ESRA will come back to share the final road alignment with the community to be certain everything is correct.
- Training will begin in the near future in order for construction to start in January 2015. (Heavy Equipment, chainsaw)

Dan presented an engineering/preconstruction work update:

- The seventeen main steps to build an all-weather road were explained in detail.

- A brief description of each step was provided along with the potential for type of jobs that may be involved or required.
- More exploratory work is planned and there is a good potential for actual right of way clearing to be conducted on the reserve land portion (2.1km) this fall/winter, once ESRA received approval from AANDC, which may be done during training.

Station Boards

MFESRA brought 15 boards to discuss:

- What we heard over the EIA process and what we have done and what we will monitor.
- Next steps for the project to proceed.
- Water crossings between Family and Fishing Lakes and the crossing at Root Creek
- A board displaying what is important to the community which is fish, burial grounds, birds, hunting, cultural sites, medicinal plants and moose.
- A board displaying what is important from Manitoba Conservation and Environment Canada which are caribou, turtles, pristine of area, and how the animals moved on the land.
    - In order to protect things that are important to the community MFESRA will be placing drainage culverts in hoping to stop beavers from flooding the road and surrounding areas.
    - Erosion control and water crossings will be put in place to protect the fish.
    - The work will be carefully scheduled to not disturb the birds, caribou, etc.
    - Monitoring and follow up will occur to make sure the animals will come back.
    - Make sure water quality is pure.
    - Vegetation and seeding will occur after construction.
- Steps to design and construct a road.
- Map of the alternate routes and the chronology of how we got to the final preferred route.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

1. There was ample interest in employment and training.
2. There was a strong desire for a heavy equipment training course. ESRA indicated that a heavy equipment course would be held once approvals are granted.
3. It was noted that the crossing at Root Creek is very important to the community and that the portage and navigation be kept intact. ESRA ensured the community members that this is being planned for, either by designing the bridge longer leaving, or adding a large tunnel for to accommodate the portage.
4. A question was asked if ESRA and Manitoba Conservation were the same. ESRA explained that they are two different entities and that ESRA is the proponent and MB Conservation is the regulator.
5. There was discussion regarding exploratory clearing work conducted by the community last year and why ESRA was holding back funds from the community. It was explained that during the final inspection conducted by MB Conservation that they were not satisfied with the clearing work (especially with mechanical equipment) as trees were felled into standing timber and there was a trail cut without prior approval. ESRA was holding funds back until the work could be completed this winter. ESRA explained that they were very pleased with the community's hand clearing work but the quality of work fell short in the last week or so when dozers were brought in to help with poor production. ESRA suggested that timing and dense forest were factors working against the workers. Both ESRA and the community agreed that this should not have occurred in the first place and that lessons were learned so as to not have this happen again.

6. The plan is for ESRA and Conservation to conduct joint inspections in the future to identify and address any concerns Conservation has at the time when the work has been completed while construction equipment is still on site.
7. ESRA indicated to the community that there are some large diameter tress being cleared and will be cleared and that there is a good opportunity for sawmilling or similar use for the logs.
8. A discussion took place with regards to helipad clearing by the community. It was suggested that there was not enough money for the hand clearing as the bush was dense and the work was too labour intensive. ESRA indicated they are working on another contract this winter that will address the issue.
9. An attendee was disappointed with ESRA's plan to train only four heavy equipment operators. They also indicated that many community members are getting frustrated as jobs and training opportunities are taking too long. ESRA explained that they will work closely with the community in order to achieve all possible employment and training opportunities.

Attachments

- Poster advertising meeting
- Boards on display
- Sign-in Sheet

Meeting Notice

COMMUNITY MEETING

WHEN: ***Thursday, September 25, 2014***
11:00 am to 3:00 pm
WHERE: ***School Gym,***
Little Grand Rapids First Nation

The East Side Road Authority (ESRA) is hosting a community meeting to provide an update on the All-Season Road Project and the Environmental Impact Assessment.

Information at this meeting will discuss findings of the Environmental Assessment and next steps. ESRA will be looking for feedback from community members on the Project.

Everybody is invited to attend. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

For more information, please visit www.eastsideroadauthority.mb.ca or contact Bonita Lavallee, ESRA Aboriginal Relations and Economic Development Officer, at toll-free1-866-356-6355.

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Presentation

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Little Grand Rapids to Little Grand Rapids Airport to Pauingassi First Nation All Season Road Project (P7a)

Little Grand Rapids First Nation Open House Presentation

September 25, 2014

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EAST SIDE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

- Provide alternative transportation to the increasingly unreliable winter road network
- Reduce transportation costs for goods and services
- Improve linkages between isolated and remote communities
- Enhance access to emergency, health & social services
- Construction employment, training and economic opportunities
- Enhanced opportunities for local sustainable economic development

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OVERALL EAST SIDE ROAD FRAMEWORK

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Overview of P7a Project Description

- 37 km of All Season Road will join Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi First Nations providing year round access
- Two Major Water Crossings
  - Root Creek
  - Channel between Family and Fishing Lake
- Two Airport Accesses
  - 1.2 km
  - 541 m
- On Reserve Community Access Roads
  - 2.1 km on Little Grand Rapids FN
  - 1.2 km on Pauingassi FN

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What is Environmental Assessment?

Aboriginal and Public Engagement

ENVIRONMENT

Possible Effects

PROJECT

Mitigation & Follow Up

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Investigations Conducted for the Proposed P7a All Season Road Project

In support of Environmental Impact Assessment and Engineering Design

- Geotechnical conditions
- Traditional Knowledge (TK)
- Biophysical studies to augment TK
  - Vegetation surveys
  - Wildlife surveys
  - Archaeological studies
  - Fisheries and habitat

Engagement Framework

Stakeholder Input

Aboriginal Communities
Northern Affairs
Communities
Other Stakeholders
Public

Regulatory Input

CEA Agency
Fisheries & Oceans
Transport Canada
MCWS Licencing
Heritage

Technical Input

Geoscience
Terrestrial and Aquatic Biology
Archeology
Engineering Design

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Environmental Assessment (EA)

Ongoing Aboriginal, Stakeholder and Public Engagement

Project
- Route
- ROW
- Clearing
- Bridges
- Culverts
- Camps
- Staging

Environment
- Literature
- Site visits
- Studies
- Descriptions
- Analysis
- Conclusions

Focus
- Vegetation
- Soils
- Wildlife
- Fish
- Protected species
- Heritage Resources

Effects
- Changes due to project
- Adversity
- Mitigation
- Follow-up
- Significance

Environmental Assessment Report

Submission of Environmental Assessment to Regulatory Authorities

Avoid Effects

Minimize Effects

Offset Effects

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Steps to Select, Design & Construct an All Season Road

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Next Steps

1) Meet with local communities to share the feedback on the project and findings of the Environmental Impact Assessment

2) Prepare and submit the Environmental Assessment Report for approval by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship

3) Prepare and submit project and environmental information for approval by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the on-reserve community access roads

4) After regulatory approvals are received, proceed to construction including the employment opportunities and training for east side residents.

5) Construct the road adhering to licence requirements

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Construction of a Road

Step 1
60 meter ROW gets cleared

Step 2
Overburden of 60 meter ROW is stripped back and stored for use when shaping the ditches.

Step 3
Geotextile is placed in wet areas identified by the engineered drawings to strengthen the integrity of the road as construction begins

Step 4
Blast rock is used as the first layer of the road construction

Step 5
After the blast rock has been placed and shaped to grade a lift of 6 inch material is placed

Step 6
6 inch material is then graded to meet engineering specifications and packed down

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Construction of a Road Continued

Step 7
After the 6 inch material has been packed a lift of 4 inch material is placed and shaped to meet road specifications

Step 8
The construction of the All Season Road is constructed using engineered drawings and each lift is checked and re checked by professional surveyors

Step 9
Before the final two lifts of the road construction are placed, culverts are installed to allow for surface water drainage within the ditches

Step 10
Culverts are installed to minimize the risk of washouts and ensure the natural flow of the surface water remains intact which reduces impacts on the wildlife in the area

Step 11
2” material is then placed to grade and packed down and a compaction test is done to ensure it meets the specifications

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Construction of a Road Continued

Step 12
After the 2" lift has been checked for compaction and it has been brought up to proper grade a final lift of traffic gravel is placed and compacted

Step 13
The final lift of traffic gravel is the brought up to grade and once again packed down and tested

Step 14
An important step in the construction of the All Season Road is the shaping of ditches for safety and drainage

Step 15
Ditch checks are installed around all water bodies to reduce surface water flow and minimize erosion

Step 16
Erosion control around bridge crossings is minimized by the use of straw rolls on the slopes, ditch checks , rip rap on shorelines, silt fence and silt curtains are also installed to slow down surface water run off

Step 17
Complete All Season Road construction is then inspected jointly by multiple agencies and opened up for public use

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Boards

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Water Crossing – Channel between Family and Fishing Lakes

View (looking west) of the crossing site

Acrow panel bridge installation - Red Sucker River

In 25 years the bridge crossing will be similar to the bridge crossing at Wanipigow River (above)

Water Crossing – Root Creek

View (looking east) of the crossing site

Log rollers at Root Creek

Acrow panel bridge installation - Mainland River near Wasagamack First Nation

In 25 years the bridge crossing will be similar to the bridge crossing at Wanipigow River (above)

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ESRA ENGAGEMENT

WHO?

Aboriginal Leadership
First Nation Communities
Little Grand Rapids NAC
Other Aboriginal Groups
Trappers
Regulators,
Lodges and Outfitters,
General Public,
Other Stakeholders

HOW?

Meetings
Open Houses
Mailings
Media
ESRA Website

WHEN?

2009
East Side Large Area Transportation Network Study

→

2010
Finding of Preferred Route Network Alignments / TEK Studies

→

2012
Presentation and Confirmation of Alignment of the P7a Project

→

2013
Baseline Studies for the P7a Project and Traditional Knowledge Design Workshops

→

2014
Environmental Assessment of P7a Project

WHY?

Gather community and public input for project planning, design and inclusion in the Environmental Assessment

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Mitigation

Mitigation means taking actions to:

Steps to Select, Design & Construct an All Season Road

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STATION #1

Here's What You Told Us Was Important

Walleye, northern pike, whitefish, lake trout, sucker, mariah

Hunting and Trapping

Sensitive sites

Moose

Birds

Portages and Trails

Medicinal and Food Plants

Loss of Traditional Areas

See Station #2
What we are going to do

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STATION #1

Here's What Others Told Us Was Important

Caribou

Loss of pristine areas

Changes to animal movements

Turtles

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What We Are Going To Do

Culvert for wildlife crossing and good land drainage

Beaver Cone

Avoid Sensitive Sites

Ski-doo Ramp

Equalization Culvert

Erosion Control

Traditional Seasonal Use Calendar

See Station #3
Monitoring and Follow-up

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Trail Cameras

Re-vegetation
(before and after)

Safety Officer

Water Quality
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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Tansi, Boozhoo, Greetings,

This year marks a historic milestone for Bloodvein First Nation. This fall, once the Bloodvein River Bridge is completed, the community of 1,800 people that has relied on winter roads, air transportation and ferry service, will have year-round access to the rest of the province for the first time.

Having year-round access to the provincial road network will help to improve the quality of life for local people. It will mean goods can be delivered to the community by truck on a year-round basis, lowering the costs for these goods. All-season road access will also increase job opportunities for local residents and allow them to drive to other communities such as Hollow Water, Lac du Bonnet and Winnipeg to visit friends and family and have access to health, social and recreational services. These are all things that many of us in the rest of the province take for granted.

Providing year-round access to Bloodvein is a good example of how the all-season road project is benefitting local residents. However, it is not the only benefit. Other improvements are also being made to the winter road network. For example, three new Acrow panel bridges have been opened on the east-west all-season road. These bridges are helping to extend the length of time that local residents and commercial truckers can use the winter road network. Over time, other improvements will be made as the all-season road project moves forward.

The project is also providing much-needed jobs, training and economic development opportunities throughout the entire region. Along the PR 304 to Berens River all-season road, more than two hundred jobs have been provided for local residents. At the same time, First Nations, through community-owned construction companies, have created over three hundred jobs for preconstruction work such as exploration, clearing, blasting and gravel crushing, under Community Benefits Agreements. In addition, over 250 construction-related training opportunities have also been provided to local residents.

As I have mentioned, the all-season road project is more than just a construction project. It is one of the largest economic development initiatives in the history of the region and it will provide a long-lasting legacy for the communities in the region. I look forward to working with all of you to move forward with this all-season road project.

Ekosani, Miegwetch, Thank you

ERIC ROBINSON
Minister responsible for East Side Road Authority

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ESRA Newsletter

See Station #4
Next Steps

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STATION #4

Next Steps

Band Council Resolutions from Leadership

Regulatory Approval of the Environmental Assessment

Training and Employment

Construction Schedule

You are an important part of the success of the project.

Thank you for your participation!

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Other Comments / Questions?

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PAUINGASSI FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: July 7, 2014

Time: 11:30 am – 3:30 pm

Location: Pauingassi Tent near the Omiishosh Memorial School

In Attendance: ESRA Project Team

Leanne Shewchuk, Jaime Clarke, Ronuk Modha, Dan Kuenstler, Cindy McKay, Lee Rosenberg, Shalaine Mondor, Vince Kuzdak (AMEC).

Registered PG FN Community Attendees:

Shortie Owens, Edna Keeper, Hartling Owens, Emma Owens, Hubert Crow, Mike Keeper, Maggie Owen, Mary Anne Owen, Riddie Owen, Elsie Crow, Janet Pascal, Mary Pascal, Lorne Owens, William J. Owens, Ivan Owen, Mary Ann Suggashe, Jacob Owen, Darren Crow, Cornelius Scott, L. Owens, Margaret Owens, Albert Pascal, Pauline Owens, Sandra Keeper, Hilda Pascal, Mike Owen, Geronomo Moose, Norman Pascal

Translation: Albert Pascal

Summary:

A Public Open House was held in Pauingassi First Nation on July 7, 2014, as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process for the P7a project, consisting of 36.4 km of pioneer road (on provincial crown lands) and on-reserve access roads to connect to the pioneer road (1.2 km on Pauingassi, 2.2 km on LGR).

The purpose of this public open house was to present a summary of the Environmental Assessment including, VEC's identified by community and others, mitigation proposed, monitoring, follow-up, and next steps for the P7a Pioneer Road Project connecting Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi First Nations to the Little Grand Rapids Airport; to identify the steps to select design and construct an all season road and the opportunities for community input to community members as well as receive feedback from community members.

Attendees

The event was attended by approximately 30 local residents.

Advertising

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Open House

The 15 boards showed maps of the proposed alignment on Pauingassi FN, proposed route changes (near Little Grand Rapids and the Little Grand Rapids Airport), summary boards of the two major watercrossings (Root Creek and the channel between Fishing and Family Lakes),, a summary of ESRA Engagement activities, the identification of VECs by community and others, how potential project effects will be minimized, identification of monitoring and follow up activities, next steps leading up to construction, and a series of boards showing the steps/activities required to construct a road.

Handouts and information:

- ESRA 2014 Calendar
- ESRA newsletter (Summer 2014)
- Handout: "Steps to Select, Design, and Construct an All Season Road"
- ESRA job registration forms
- Handout: Map with alignment

Refreshments: Coffee, bottled water, fruit and vegetable snacks were provided by ESRA and a fish fry in the afternoon.

ESRA Presentations

ESRA PowerPoint presentation was not viewed as the tent was too light.

Dan presented an engineering/preconstruction work update:

- The yellow route on our station board is the old alignment; based on the information received in the last meeting the red alignment is the chosen route. This is 35 to 40 kilometres from Pauingassi to the main river to connect to the airport as well as Little Grand Rapids to the airport.
- To date ESRA have started exploratory clearing and will complete the work this year.
- The crew is currently assisting with helipad clearing in order to access the site to test soils with equipment.
- The backhoe is being rented from the community for soil investigations.
- The road from Pauingassi to the airport will be 8.4 metres wide. The acrow bridge will be placed on the north side and will have a pier on the east side providing boat access.
- The construction timeframe is time sensitive. MFESRA will start with "Right of Way" clearing, followed by building the grade.
- Quarry sites will be verified after the investigation is complete. It will be a benefit to the community to have a quarry by the current dump site, as it is close.

Leanne presented an environmental works summary and update:

- Brief description of the 2009 Large Area Network Study.
- Over the next six months construction will start once all approvals have been completed.
- We have made a lot of progress with the community assistance.
- Next step is for the Project Description to be submitted to Manitoba Conservation based on comments from the Environmental Assessment. Once approval has been received for the licence

to start construction a band council resolution will need to be signed in November or December of 2014 to support further regulatory approvals.

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    - Make sure water quality is pure.
    - Vegetation and seeding will occur after construction.
- If there are any ramps or other trails that MFESRA has not addressed, we will need to know in today's meeting. Leanne stated any of the representatives' attending could assist with the information. No further information was provided from community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

No comments or questions were asked during the open house.

Attachments

- Poster advertising meeting
- Boards on display
- Sign-in Sheet

Meeting Notice

COMMUNITY MEETING

WHEN: ***July 7, 2014***
11:00 am to 4:00 pm
WHERE: ***Tent near Omiishosh Memorial School***
Pauingassi First Nation

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Birds

Portages and Trails

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Beaver Cone

Avoid Sensitive Sites

Ski-doo Ramp

Equalization Culvert

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Monitoring and Follow-up

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Tansi, Boozhoo, Greetings,

This year marks a historic milestone for Bloodvein First Nation. This fall, once the Bloodvein River Bridge is completed, the community of 1,800 people that has relied on winter roads, air transportation and ferry service, will have year-round access to the rest of the province for the first time.

Having year-round access to the provincial road network will help to improve the quality of life for local people. It will mean goods can be delivered to the community by truck on a year-round basis, lowering the costs for these goods. All-season road access will also increase job opportunities for local residents and allow them to drive to other communities such as Hollow Water, Lac du Bonnet and Winnipeg to visit friends and family and have access to health, social and recreational services. These are all things that many of us in the rest of the province take for granted.

Providing year-round access to Bloodvein is a good example of how the all-season road project is benefitting local residents. However, it is not the only benefit. Other improvements are also being made to the winter road network. For example, three new Acrow panel bridges have been opened on the east-west all-season road. These bridges are helping to extend the length of time that local residents and commercial truckers can use the winter road network. Over time, other improvements will be made as the all-season road project moves forward.

The project is also providing much-needed jobs, training and economic development opportunities throughout the entire region. Along the PR 304 to Berens River all-season road, more than two hundred jobs have been provided for local residents. At the same time, First Nations, through community-owned construction companies, have created over three hundred jobs for preconstruction work such as exploration, clearing, blasting and gravel crushing, under Community Benefits Agreements. In addition, over 250 construction-related training opportunities have also been provided to local residents.

As I have mentioned, the all-season road project is more than just a construction project. It is one of the largest economic development initiatives in the history of the region and it will provide a long-lasting legacy for the communities in the region. I look forward to working with all of you to move forward with this all-season road project.

Ekosani, Miegwetch, Thank you

ERIC ROBINSON
Minister responsible for East Side Road Authority

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ESRA Newsletter

See Station #4
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STATION #4

Next Steps

Band Council Resolutions from Leadership

Regulatory Approval of the Environmental Assessment

Training and Employment

Construction Schedule

You are an important part of the success of the project.

Thank you for your participation!

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Other Comments / Questions?

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Water Crossing – Channel between Family and Fishing Lakes

View (looking west) of the crossing site

Acrow panel bridge installation - Red Sucker River

In 25 years the bridge crossing will be similar to the bridge crossing at Wanipigow River (above)

Water Crossing – Root Creek

View (looking east) of the crossing site

Log rollers at Root Creek

Acrow panel bridge installation - Mainland River near Wasagamack First Nation

In 25 years the bridge crossing will be similar to the bridge crossing at Wanipigow River (above)

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ESRA ENGAGEMENT

WHO?

Aboriginal Leadership
First Nation Communities
Little Grand Rapids NAC
Other Aboriginal Groups
Trappers
Regulators,
Lodges and Outfitters,
General Public,
Other Stakeholders

HOW?

Meetings
Open Houses
Mailings
Media
ESRA Website

WHEN?

2009
East Side Large Area Transportation Network Study

→

2010
Finding of Preferred Route Network Alignments / TEK Studies

→

2012
Presentation and Confirmation of Alignment of the P7a Project

→

2013
Baseline Studies for the P7a Project and Traditional Knowledge Design Workshops

→

2014
Environmental Assessment of P7a Project

WHY?

Gather community and public input for project planning, design and inclusion in the Environmental Assessment

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Mitigation

Mitigation means taking actions to:

Steps to Select, Design & Construct an All Season Road

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PAUINGASSI FIRST NATION COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: October 20, 2015

Time: 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: Pauingassi Band Hall

In Attendance: ESRA Project Team
Glenn Fempel, Dan Kuenstler, Jodee Mason, James Fraser, Jaime Clarke, Lee Rosenberg

Twenty-two (22) PAU FN Community Attendees

Opening Prayer: Charlie (GM)

Summary:

A community meeting was held in Pauingassi First Nation on October 20, 2015, as part of the Aboriginal and Public Engagement Program (APEP) for the P7a project, consisting of 36.4 km of all-season road (on provincial crown lands) and on-reserve access roads to connect to the all-season road (1.2 km on Pauingassi, 2.2 km on LGR).

The purpose of this community meeting was to provide community members with an update on the project, respond to any questions and to record community feedback received This included a summary of where the project is at today, what is included in P7a project and a recount of the steps to develop an all-season road. A summary of past Pauingassi community meetings, water channel crossings, on reserve road work and the project schedule were also discussed.

Attendees

The event was attended by approximately 22 local residents.

Advertising

The Community meeting was advertised prior to the event through posters provided by ESRA and local radio announcements.

Handouts and information:

- Handout: "Steps to Select, Design, Construct an All-Season Road"
- Job Training
- Safety Material

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- 2015 ESRA Calendars
- ESRA Presentation Poster advertisement
- ESRA Welcoming Banners

ESRA Presentations

A PowerPoint presentation was shown by ESRA as well as a P7a "drive through" video allowing people to see what the road will look like on the landscape.. The PowerPoint presentation to Pauingassi First Nation described the status of the P7a All-Season road (ASR) project, steps towards an ASR, summarization of past community meetings and the water crossings. The PowerPoint presentation concluded with On-Reserve road work and the proposed upcoming schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

Q: Do you need a drivers licence to operate some of the heavy equipment, or is a learner's licence?

A: ESRA will have to look further into that, and will provide answer to Chief and Council and the company's General Manager.

Attachments

- Poster advertising meeting
- Welcoming banner on display
- PowerPoint presentation
- Community sign-in sheet

Meeting Notice

ESRA PRESENTATION

WHEN: ***Tuesday, October 20, 2015***
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

WHERE: ***Band Hall***
Pauingassi First Nation

The Manitoba East Side Road Authority (ESRA) invites you to attend this upcoming presentation. The goal is to provide community members with an update on the initiative and gather feedback on the proposed all-season road alignment.

ESRA staff will be on hand to deliver the update and take any questions you may have on the initiative.

The agenda is as follows:

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm – Project update by ESRA staff

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm – Display and questions

Light refreshments will be provided. ESRA invites everyone to attend.

For more information, please visit www.eastsideroadauthority.mb.ca or contact Jeremy Daniels ESRA Aboriginal Relations and Economic Development Officer, toll-free at 1-866-356-6355.

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Welcome Banner

WELCOME

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EAST SIDE TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE ROAD NETWORK

LEGEND

- Project 1 All-Season Road from PR 304 to Berens River First Nation Including Upgrades to The Rice River Road (under construction)
- Proposed Project 4 All-Season Road Between Berens River and Poplar River First Nations
- Potential Project 7 All-Season Road Connecting Little Grand Rapids and Pauingassi First Nations to Project 1 All-Season Road
- Project 7a All-Season Road Connecting Pauingassi and Little Grand Rapids First Nations to Little Grand Rapids Airport
- Potential East-West All-Season Road Network
- First Nation Reserve Lands

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STEPS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ALL-SEASON ROAD

Planning & Design

Soil Studies

Sensitive Site Identification

Traditional Knowledge

Community and Stakeholder Meetings

Environmental Studies

Road and Bridge Design

Construction

Right-of-Way Clearing

Aggregate Production and Quarries

Roadbed Construction

Culvert Installation

Bridge Construction

Erosion Control & Re-Vegetation

Maintenance

Mowing

Surface Maintenance

Snow Plowing

Drainage Management

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Presentation

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Presentation to Pauingassi First Nation

Pauingassi and Little Grand Rapids to Little Grand Rapids Airport All-Season Road Project 7a

October 20, 2015

What Is The All-Season Road?

- In 2000, the communities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg delivered a report to the Manitoba government called “Promises to Keep”.
- The report provided recommendations on where government should focus their long-range planning activities for an all-season road on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
- The construction of the all-season road has been guided through the East Side Transportation Initiative.
- The Final Report of the Large Area Transportation Network Study was completed in June 2011 and recommended an all-season road network for the region that is estimated at approximately 1028 km in length costing $3billion. (2011$)

East Side Transportation Initiative

Key objectives:

- Provide alternative transportation to the increasingly unreliable winter road network due to unpredictable weather
- Reduce transportation costs for goods and services
- Improve linkages between isolated and remote communities
- Enhance access to emergency, health & social services
- Construction employment, training & economic opportunities
- Enhanced opportunities for local sustainable economic development

40,000 people in the region

Over 90% are First Nation

Where Is The Project At Today?

- To date, 50 kilometers of all-season road has been built between PR304 to Berens River.
- 4 permanent bridges have been built.
- 92 kilometers of right-of-way clearing has been done.
- 233 kilometers of exploratory clearing has been completed.
- 3 Acrow bridges have been installed.
- Over 300 First Nation residents living on the east side of Lake Winnipeg have received job training.
- The all-season road network has created over 1000 jobs.

What's Included In Project P7a?

- A 29km all-season road will be built joining Little Grand Rapids First Nation to the airport and to the Pauingassi First Nation.
  - Road will provide year-round access.
  - Over time the pioneer Road will be improved to all-season Road standards
- Two major water crossings
  - Root Creek
  - Channel between Family and Fishing lake (requires a *Manitoba Environment Act* license before construction can occur)
- Community Access Roads
  - 2.2 km on Little Grand Rapids First Nation
  - 1.2 km access road on Pauingassi First Nation

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Steps to Select, Design and Construct an All-Season Road

We Are Here

Community Meetings

ESRA has meet with Pauingassi 9 times:

- To discuss the route – 3 times
- To collect traditional knowledge on the project areas – 3 times
- To discuss the environmental impact assessment – 3 time

We have talked about:

- The Project
- What environmental and other features are important to the Community
- Possible effects of the project
- Measures to address those effects

What We Have Heard From You…..

- You've told us what's important to you:
  - Trails & portages
  - Moose
  - Furbearers
  - Fish species for food
  - Medicinal and Food Plants
  - Birds and waterfowl
  - Cultural sites and traditional practices

- To address the possible effects:
  - Trails & portages are being incorporated into the design
  - Cultural sites are being avoided
  - Sensitive environmental sites are being avoided
  - Measures to protect the water, land and air are being incorporated into construction plans and specifications

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Is there anything else we should know?

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Channel Crossing Between Family and Fishing Lakes

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On Reserve Road Work

January → Right of Way Clearing

February/March → Drilling & Blasting

April/May → Load, Haul and Place Rockfill

June/July → Crushing Aggregates & Depositing

August → Trimming & Completion of Works

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On Reserve Road Work

Objectives

- PFNCI will retain an experienced subcontractor (of their choosing and with the approval of ESRA) who will take the lead in training key local identified personnel in the following:
  - Operators of equipment (excavators, loaders, graders, rock drills, crusher, semi trailers, rock trucks, and dozers)
  - Project superintendant
  - Safety/Environment
  - Finance

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P7a BASELINE UTM COORDINATES			
POINT ID	DES / STATION	NORTHING	EASTING

SUPERELEVATION LAYOUT TABLE CURVE #		
STATION	SUPERELEVATION FROM ℄	
	L-EOP	R-EOP

TYPICAL SECTION STATIONS	
ROADWAY SECTION	STATION RANGE

BOREHOLE LEGEND

ORGANIC
SAND & SILT
CLAY & SILT
BEDROCK
SAND & GRAVEL

APEGM
Certificate of Authorization
Dillon Consulting Limited (MB)
No. 1789 Date: _____

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PROFILE LEGEND	EXISTING	PROPOSED
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C.S.C. OR P.C.C. THRU CROSSING		
CROSSING		

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EDGE OF GRAVEL LANES		
HYDRO POLE		
CULVERTS		
FLOW DIRECTION		
BORE HOLES		
FISH BEARING STREAM		

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CONSULTANT: DILLON CONSULTING

CONSULTANT DWG NO:

RELEASED FOR CONSTRUCTION BY:

VP. OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION .....

DESIGNED BY: DRAWN BY: HORIZ SCALE: VERT SCALE:
CHECKED BY: APPROVED BY: DATE:

TITLE: TENDER No. P7a - ROADWORKS KM ?? TO KM ??

STATION 0+700 TO STATION 1+600

SITE NO. P7a

OWNER: East Side Road Authority

PROJECT: P7a - ALL SEASON ROAD PROJECT

PHASE: ISSUED FOR REVIEW

OWNER DWG NO: SHT REV

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Schedule for the All-Season Road

Moving Forward – What's next?

- Submit the Environmental Impact Assessment for off reserve work (November 2015)
- Finish detailed design
- Start construction of off reserve work September 2016 (dependant on environmental approvals)

What Do You Think?

- Questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?

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