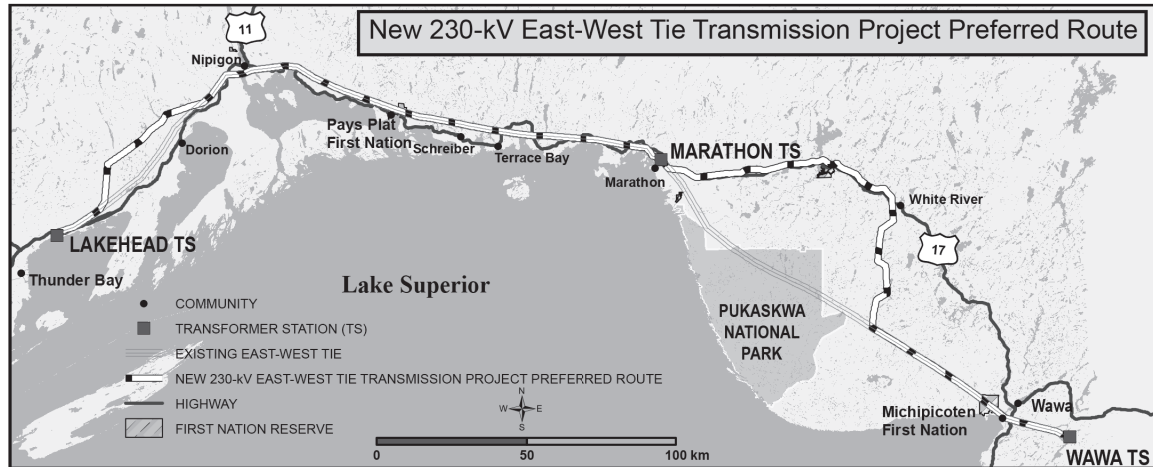


Notice of Submission of the Environmental Assessment Report NextBridge Infrastructure - East-West Tie Transmission Project

NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) has completed the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) for the East-West Tie Transmission Project. As required under section 6.2 (1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act (Act)* and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of Environment on August 28, 2014, NextBridge has submitted the EA Report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for review and approval.

The Project

The proposed East-West Tie Transmission Project (the Project) is an approximately 450-kilometre double circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the Wawa Transformer Station (TS) to the Lakehead TS in the Municipality of Shuniah near Thunder Bay, with a connection at the Marathon TS. The Project generally parallels an existing double-circuit 230-kV transmission line corridor (the existing East-West Tie) but avoids some sensitive features crossed by the existing line, including Pukaskwa National Park. The preferred route is depicted on the map below.



The Project is required to ensure the long-term reliability of the electricity supply in northwestern Ontario (the Northwest). Industrial activities in the Northwest, particularly in the mining sector, are expected to drive electricity demand growth in the coming decades. Based on this growth, coupled with changes to the electricity supply in the area, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified a need for new electricity supply to the Northwest. The IESO analyzed alternatives and recommended expansion of the existing East-West Tie based on technical, economic and other considerations.

Environmental Assessment Report Review Process

NextBridge is committed to consulting with all interested stakeholders and communities to receive feedback on the proposed Project. A Draft Environmental Assessment Report was submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment from December 19, 2016 to February 28, 2017. NextBridge has updated the EA Report based on feedback received during the Draft EA review and comment period.

As required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) will be made available for public review and comment from July 25, 2017 to September 12, 2017.

The EA Report can be accessed from the NextBridge website: www.NextBridge.ca

A hard copy will also be available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

Municipal Offices

- Township of Dorion – 170 Dorion Loop Rd., Dorion
- Township of Nipigon – 52 Front St., Nipigon
- Town of Marathon – 4 Hemlo Dr., Marathon
- Township of Red Rock – 42 Salls St., Red Rock
- Township of Schreiber – 204 Alberta St., Schreiber
- Municipality of Shuniah – 420 Leslie Ave., Thunder Bay
- Township of Terrace Bay – 1 Selkirk Ave., Terrace Bay
- City of Thunder Bay – 500 Donald St. E., Thunder Bay
- Municipality of Wawa – 40 Broadway Ave., Wawa
- Township of White River – 102 Durham St., White River

MOECC Offices

- Address Update - Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch – 135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1st Floor, Toronto
- Thunder Bay District Office – 435 James St. S., Suite 331, Thunder Bay

Public Libraries

- Brodie Resource Library (TBPL), 216 Brodie St. S., Thunder Bay
- County Park Branch (TBPL), 1020 Dawson Rd., Thunder Bay
- Dorion Public Library, 170 Dorion Loop Rd., Dorion
- Nipigon Public Library, 52 Front St., Nipigon
- Red Rock Public Library, 42 Salls St., Red Rock
- Schreiber Public Library, 314 Scotia St., Schreiber
- Terrace Bay Public Library, 13 Selkirk Ave., Terrace Bay
- Marathon Public Library, 22 Peninsula Rd., Marathon
- Wawa Public Library, 40 Broadway Ave., Wawa
- White River Public Library, 123 Superior St., White River

Proponent's Office

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Submitting Your Comments

Comments on the EA Report must be submitted in writing and/or by fax to the MOECC Project Officer by September 12, 2017:

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Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
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A copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponent for consideration.

For further information on the proposed Project, please contact:

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