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Reference: Highway 11 Traffic Noise Assessment

1.0 PURPOSE AND STUDY OBJECTIVES

Premier Gold Mines Hardrock Inc. (Premier) proposes the establishment, construction, operation, and closure of the Hardrock Project, an open pit gold mine and ore processing facility, with ancillary facilities. As the ore body for the Hardrock Project is partially located beneath the current location of Highway 11, a highway realignment is required as well as modification to a small portion of Michael Power Blvd which intersects the highway. Premier will design and construct the realigned portion of Highway 11 in accordance with Ministry of Transportation (MTO) standards, whilst the operation of the highway will fall directly under the care and control of the MTO.

Premier has requested that Stantec Consulting Ltd (Stantec) conduct a traffic noise assessment for the proposed Highway 11 realignment, south of GERALTON, Ontario. The purpose of the traffic noise assessment is to determine the potential change in sound levels due to this undertaking at points of reception (PORs) due to traffic and to compare these sound levels against MTO's Environmental Guide for Noise (MTO, 2006). The results of this assessment will also be used in the determination of any noise mitigation requirements for the realignment.

1.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The proposed Highway 11 realignment is approximately 4.8 km in length and runs in an arc approximately 1.2 km north of the existing highway at its apex where it intersects with Michael Power Blvd. The realignment extends from the existing MTO Patrol Yard in the east and reconnects to the existing highway directly south of and slightly west of Mosher Lake (Figure 1). The proposed realignment of Highway 11 will also require construction of a new interchange between Michael Power Blvd and Highway 11 and potentially the relocation of the existing MTO yard. Noise from the new MTO yard is expected to be negligible and is therefore is not considered within this traffic noise assessment.

1.2 STUDY AREA

For the purposes of the traffic noise assessment for the Highway 11 realignment, the study area was selected considering the spatial extent to which a quantifiable acoustical effect could be expected to occur from the Highway 11 realignment (undertaking) considering future traffic volumes and alignments.

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Generally, the points of reception (PORs) for this assessment were considered within an area extending approximately 1 km in each direction from Highway 11 considering both the realignment and also the existing portion of Highway 11. The PORs used in this assessment are shown in Figure 2. This area is defined as Regional Assessment Area (RAA).

1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE DESCRIPTORS

Environmental noise deals with the propagation of sound in the outdoor environment and is subject to the effects of atmospheric conditions as well as the varying character and level of sounds that occur in nature. Environmental noise encompasses the effect of sound on the environment and the effect of the environment on sound.

The energy equivalent sound level (L_{eq}) is the parameter most often used to represent the time-varying aspects of environmental noise. It has been shown to be a good, single number descriptor of the annoyance of noise. The L_{eq} is the energy-averaged sound level for a specified time period. It is defined as the equivalent steady, continuous level that has the same acoustical energy as the actual time-varying sound levels for a specified period of time. The L_{eq} is commonly expressed in A-weighted decibels (dBA) which represents the response of the human ear to different frequencies of sound. A one-hour L_{eq} would be denoted as $L_{eq}(1)$ and would be expressed in dBA. For traffic noise assessments, guidelines and assessments are typically based on 16-hour (daytime 0700h-2300h) and 8-hour (night-time 2300h-0700h) L_{eq} .

At the federal level, Health Canada draft guidelines are based on a 24-hour L_{eq} or variant known as the day-night sound level (DNL or L_{dn}). The DNL is defined by L_d , or the L_{eq} during the 16 daytime hours from 07:00h to 23:00h, and by L_n , or the L_{eq} during the eight nighttime hours of 23:00h to 07:00h. Since noise is more disturbing to residents at night, a +10 dB penalty is applied to the L_n nighttime level. The two values are then combined as a weighted logarithmic average to give the L_{dn} . For the purposes of this assessment, as the highway is not federally managed, this descriptor will be used for comparison purposes only.

2.0 METHODOLOGY**2.1 ANALYSIS APPROACH**

This assessment evaluates the potential incremental change in noise with and without the Highway 11 realignment. In expansion or modification of road projects, the MTO requires comparison of future sound levels (10 years from the assessment period or start of operation), with and without the proposed highway. Therefore the following scenarios were considered as required by the MTO:

1. **Current (2014 baseline):** This refers to the existing traffic sound levels within the RAA for current conditions (i.e. 2014 traffic volumes and road alignments). This scenario is discussed in detail in the Environmental Baseline Data Report – Hardrock Project: Acoustics (Acoustics Baseline Data Report) (Stantec 2015)

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2. **Future Ambient/No Build (2018/2028):** In the no build scenario there is no Hardrock Project and no Highway realignment. In this scenario the existing Highway 11 road alignment remains unchanged and increases in traffic volumes are a function of population growth. This was considered for year 2018 (expected commencement of mine operation) and also for the year 2028 (as required by MTO a future case representing at least 10 years into the future must be evaluated).
3. **Future Build (2018 and 2028):** The future build scenario includes the Highway 11 realignment and the start of mining operations. Similar to the future ambient case, the future build case was considered for year 2018 (expected commencement of mine operation) and for the year 2028 (as required by MTO). This case considered the realigned Highway 11, and Project site access.

Among the scenarios considered, the year 2028 represents the worst case scenario as the Traffic Impact Study (Stantec 2014) for the Project forecasts year 2028 as having the greatest traffic volumes of the three studied years (2018, 2023, and 2028).

Acoustic modelling was completed for the three scenarios listed above using the worst case traffic volume on the roads. Predicted acoustic effects for each scenario were evaluated against the MTO noise guidelines to determine the need for noise mitigation measures.

2.2 REGULATORY GUIDELINES

Highway 11 forms a part of the Trans-Canada Highway, which is a transcontinental federal-provincial highway system that travels through all ten provinces of Canada. This highway is not primarily under federal jurisdiction, as decisions about highway and freeway construction are entirely under the jurisdiction of the individual provinces.

Within Ontario, requirements for noise assessment and mitigation relating to the construction of new, or expansion of existing, provincial highways are contained in *The Environmental Guide for Noise* published by the MTO (2006). Analysis presented in this noise assessment follows this document.

According to MTO Guide (MTO, 2006), in order to determine noise effects, the assessment should compare the future sound levels with and without the proposed improvements/undertakings, in this case the Highway 11 realignment. This comparison should consider the “most exposed side” of a receptor. If mitigation is required, sound levels are considered only for Outdoor Living Areas (OLAs). This limitation is a result of the fact that the only practical noise mitigation measures for traffic noise are retrofit noise barriers. Mitigation of noise in the form of alterations to existing residential buildings is not considered practically feasible. Therefore this road traffic noise assessment studies the potential noise levels outdoors at “the most exposed side” of the studied points of reception.

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The protocol further provides guidelines for determining noise mitigation requirements, which are summarized in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Guidelines for Determining Noise Mitigation Requirements (MTO)

| Change in Sound Level (SPL, Future Build sound level (i.e. with proposed undertaking) compared with Future Ambient)/Projected Sound levels with Proposed Undertaking | Determination of Mitigation Requirements |
|--|---|
| Changes in SPL < 5 dBA and project SPL < 65 dBA | None |
| Changes in SPL ≥ 5 dBA or Project SPL ≥ 65 dBA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate Noise control measures on right-of-way. Introduce noise control measures within right-of-way and mitigate to ambient if technically, economically and administratively feasible. Noise control measures, where introduced should achieve a minimum of 5dBA attenuation, over first row receivers. |

In Table 2-1, Future ambient refers to the future sound level without the proposed realignment (No Build case).

2.2.1 Human Perception of Loudness

In addition to the above noted criteria, the following may be used to assess the “significance” of a change or a difference in noise levels. MTO defines significance to mean “the level at which MTO begins determining whether or not the provision of noise mitigation requires investigation” (MTO, 2006). It should be noted that this is provided as additional background data for interpreting results and is not a regulation or criteria.

The published and peer reviewed literature suggests that humans do not linearly respond to a change in loudness in accordance with the loss of acoustical energy - typically a 3 dB change is imperceptible, yet represents a doubling of acoustical energy (H&K, 1981). Human perception to changes in loudness is presented in Table 2-2 (EPA, 1974).

Table 2-2: Human Perception of Changes in Sound Level

| Sound Level Change (dB) | Human Perception of Relative Loudness |
|-------------------------|--|
| 1 to 3 | Insignificant due to Imperceptibility |
| 4 to 5 | Just-noticeable |
| 6 to 9 | Marginally significant |
| 10 or more | Significant, perceived as a doubling of sound exposure |

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2.3 POINTS OF RECEPTION

Points of Reception (PORs) were identified as a part of the Acoustics Baseline Data Report and a list is included in the Acoustics Baseline Data Report) and in Attachment A. Table 2-3 lists the 15 PORs that are within a 1km setback from the existing and proposed Highway 11 realignment and were assessed in this report (as shown in Figure 2). These 15 PORs are all residential dwellings. As sound diminishes with distance, it can be concluded that if the potential effect on the assessed PORs is considered insignificant, then no significant adverse residual effect would be expected at PORs at greater distances from the roadways. Receptor IDs have been kept consistent with the Acoustics Baseline Data Report and Environmental Noise Assessment – Construction and Operation of the Hardrock Project Technical Data Report.

Table 2-3: Point of Reception Summary

| Point of Reception ID | Description |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| L_005 | Residence |
| L_008 | MacLeod Provincial Park |
| L_0030 | New subdivision vertex 11 |
| L_0031 | New subdivision vertex 12 |
| L_0040 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 2 |
| L_0041 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 3 |
| L_0042 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 1 |
| L_0043 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 4 |
| L_0044 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 5 |
| L_0045 | Rosedale Point Res 6 |
| L_0046 | Rosedale Point Res 4 |
| L_0047 | Rosedale Point Res 5 |
| L_0048 | Rosedale Point Res 3 |
| L_0049 | Rosedale Point Res 7 |
| L_0050 | Rosedale Point Res 1 |
| L_0051 | Rosedale Point Res 2 |

Each of the residential dwellings listed in the Table 2-3 were assumed to be occupied during daytime and night-time hours and were studied for both day and night time traffic noise. The locations of the PORs are presented in Figure 2.

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2.4 ACOUSTICAL MODELLING AND TRAFFIC DATA

In order to quantify the noise effects at the PORs for each of the three scenarios discussed in Section 2.1, acoustical modelling was performed. The MTO Protocol prescribes the use of the ORNAMENT assessment methodology where topography is considered to be non-complex, and the expected noise level increase is less than 5 dBA. Topography around the road alignment is fairly flat calculations with a natural traffic volume growth indicated an increase of less than 5 dBA. Therefore the use of the ORNAMENT assessment methodology was considered appropriate.

Forecasted Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) volumes for future years were calculated based on data provided in the Traffic Impact Study (Stantec 2014).

AADT data was provided for the Future Build scenario for the years 2028, 2023, and 2018. AADT data was also provided for Future Ambient scenario for the year 2028 based on Traffic Impact Study (Stantec 2014). Table 2-4 summarizes the AADTs used in this study.

Table 2-4: Forecasted AADT Volumes for Build Scenario

| Road Section | Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Future Build 2018 | Future Build 2023 | Future Build 2028 |
| Highway 11: West of Hardrock Project Site Access | 1951 | 2000 | 2025 |
| Highway 11: Between Hardrock Project Site Access and Michael Power Boulevard | 3617 | 3654 | 3679 |
| Highway 11: East of Michael Power Boulevard | 2679 | 2704 | 2741 |
| Michael Power Boulevard: North of Highway 11 | 2728 | 2778 | 3136 |

Table 2-5: Forecasted AADT Volumes for No Build Scenario

| Road Section | AADT |
|--|----------------------|
| | Future No-Build 2028 |
| Highway 11: West of Michael Power Boulevard | 1753 |
| Highway 11: East of Michael Power Boulevard | 1975 |
| Michael Power Boulevard: North of Highway 11 | 2210 |

Reference: Highway 11 Traffic Noise Assessment

2.5 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

In order to assess the significance of the predicted changes in sound levels, the MTO mitigation requirements (Table 2-1) and Human Perception of Changes in Sound Level (Table 2-2) were considered. The following table summarizes the criteria for assessment of significance as defined by MTO.

Table 2-6: Summary of Impact Significance¹

| Significance | Determined Noise Impact / Projected Noise Level | Rationale |
|---------------|---|---|
| Insignificant | 0 to 3 dBA Change in SPL and Project SPL projected <65 dBA | Noise impact is imperceptible and less than 5 dBA. Projected noise level is less than 65 dBA. No mitigation is required. |
| Marginal | 3 to 5 dBA Change in SPL and Project SPL projected <65dBA | Noise impact is just barely perceptible, and less than 5 dBA. Projected noise level is less than 65 dBA. No mitigation is required. |
| Significant | Change in SPL \geq 5 dBA and/or Project SPL projected \geq 65 dBA | Noise impact is perceptible and/or projected noise level is greater than 65 dBA. Mitigation is required. |

Note:

1. MTO defines significance to mean "the level at which MTO begins determining whether or not the provision of noise mitigation requires investigation" (MTO 2006)

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3.0 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

Predicted noise levels for each of the assessment scenarios are presented in the following sections. A summary of the results is presented in Section 3.4.

3.1 CURRENT (BASELINE) TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT

The results of the Current (baseline) sound level assessment are presented below in Table 3-1, and Figure 3 (for details refer to: Acoustics Baseline Data Report (Stantec 2015)).

Table 3-1: Summary of Ambient Sound Level Predictions

| POR ID | Description | Day-Night Sound Level (Ldn) [dBA] | Daytime (16-Hr) L_{eq} , 07:00 - 23:00 [dBA] | Night-time (8-Hr) L_{eq} , 23:00 - 07:00 [dBA] |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| L_005 | Residence | 40 | 38 | 32 |
| L_008 | MacLeod Provincial Park | 55 | 53 | 47 |
| L_0030 | New subdivision vertex 11 | 26 | 25 | 18 |
| L_0031 | New subdivision vertex 12 | 27 | 25 | 19 |
| L_0040 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 2 | 58 | 57 | 50 |
| L_0041 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 3 | 56 | 55 | 48 |
| L_0042 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 1 | 57 | 55 | 49 |
| L_0043 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 4 | 58 | 57 | 50 |
| L_0044 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 5 | 53 | 52 | 45 |
| L_0045 | Rosedale Point Res 6 | 44 | 43 | 36 |
| L_0046 | Rosedale Point Res 4 | 42 | 41 | 34 |
| L_0047 | Rosedale Point Res 5 | 40 | 38 | 32 |
| L_0048 | Rosedale Point Res 3 | 41 | 39 | 33 |
| L_0049 | Rosedale Point Res 7 | 39 | 38 | 31 |
| L_0050 | Rosedale Point Res 1 | 44 | 42 | 36 |
| L_0051 | Rosedale Point Res 2 | 41 | 39 | 33 |

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3.2 FUTURE (2028) AMBIENT ASSESSMENT (FUTURE NO BUILD)

The results of the Future (2028) ambient conditions are presented below in Table 3-2, and Figure 4.

Table 3-2: Future (2028) Ambient Assessment Summary

| POR ID | Description | Day-Night Sound Level (Ldn) [dBA] | Daytime (16-Hr) L_{eq} , 07:00 - 23:00 [dBA] | Night-time (8-Hr) L_{eq} , 23:00 - 07:00 [dBA] |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| L_005 | Residence | 41 | 39 | 33 |
| L_008 | MacLeod Provincial Park | 56 | 54 | 48 |
| L_0030 | New subdivision vertex 11 | 27 | 25 | 19 |
| L_0031 | New subdivision vertex 12 | 27 | 26 | 19 |
| L_0040 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 2 | 59 | 57 | 51 |
| L_0041 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 3 | 56 | 55 | 48 |
| L_0042 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 1 | 57 | 56 | 49 |
| L_0043 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 4 | 58 | 57 | 50 |
| L_0044 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 5 | 53 | 52 | 45 |
| L_0045 | Rosedale Point Res 6 | 45 | 43 | 37 |
| L_0046 | Rosedale Point Res 4 | 42 | 41 | 34 |
| L_0047 | Rosedale Point Res 5 | 40 | 38 | 32 |
| L_0048 | Rosedale Point Res 3 | 41 | 40 | 33 |
| L_0049 | Rosedale Point Res 7 | 39 | 38 | 31 |
| L_0050 | Rosedale Point Res 1 | 44 | 43 | 36 |
| L_0051 | Rosedale Point Res 2 | 41 | 39 | 33 |

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3.3 FUTURE (2028) BUILD ASSESSMENT

The results of the Future (2028) Build assessment are presented below in Table 3-3, and Figure 5.

Table 3-6: Future (2028) Build Assessment Summary

| POR ID | Description | Day-Night Sound Level (Ldn) [dBA] | Daytime (16-Hr) L _{eq} , 07:00 - 23:00 [dBA] | Night-time (8-Hr) L _{eq} , 23:00 - 07:00 [dBA] |
|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| L_005 | Residence | 42 | 40 | 34 |
| L_008 | MacLeod Provincial Park | 57 | 55 | 49 |
| L_0030 | New subdivision vertex 11 | 30 | 29 | 22 |
| L_0031 | New subdivision vertex 12 | 31 | 29 | 23 |
| L_0040 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 2 | 60 | 59 | 52 |
| L_0041 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 3 | 58 | 56 | 50 |
| L_0042 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 1 | 59 | 57 | 51 |
| L_0043 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 4 | 60 | 58 | 52 |
| L_0044 | Michael Power Boulevard Res 5 | 55 | 53 | 47 |
| L_0045 | Rosedale Point Res 6 | 46 | 45 | 38 |
| L_0046 | Rosedale Point Res 4 | 44 | 42 | 36 |
| L_0047 | Rosedale Point Res 5 | 42 | 40 | 34 |
| L_0048 | Rosedale Point Res 3 | 43 | 41 | 35 |
| L_0049 | Rosedale Point Res 7 | 41 | 40 | 33 |
| L_0050 | Rosedale Point Res 1 | 45 | 44 | 37 |
| L_0051 | Rosedale Point Res 2 | 42 | 41 | 34 |

Reference: Highway 11 Traffic Noise Assessment

3.4 RESULTS SUMMARY

Table 3-4 presents the predicted sound levels due to traffic at the PORs with and without the Highway 11 realignment for each of the assessment scenarios.

Table 3-4: Results Summary Table

| POR ID | Current Ambient (dBA) | | | Future No-Build (dBA) | | | Future Build (dBA) | | |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Day (L _d) | Night (L _n) | Day/Night (L _{dn}) | Day (L _d) | Night (L _n) | Day/Night (L _{dn}) | Day (L _d) | Night (L _n) | Day/Night (L _{dn}) |
| L_005 | 38 | 32 | 40 | 39 | 33 | 41 | 40 | 34 | 42 |
| L_008 | 53 | 47 | 55 | 54 | 48 | 56 | 55 | 49 | 57 |
| L_0030 | 25 | 18 | 26 | 25 | 19 | 27 | 29 | 22 | 30 |
| L_0031 | 25 | 19 | 27 | 26 | 19 | 27 | 29 | 23 | 31 |
| L_0040 | 57 | 50 | 58 | 57 | 51 | 59 | 59 | 52 | 60 |
| L_0041 | 55 | 48 | 56 | 55 | 48 | 56 | 56 | 50 | 58 |
| L_0042 | 55 | 49 | 57 | 56 | 49 | 57 | 57 | 51 | 59 |
| L_0043 | 57 | 50 | 58 | 57 | 50 | 58 | 58 | 52 | 60 |
| L_0044 | 52 | 45 | 53 | 52 | 45 | 53 | 53 | 47 | 55 |
| L_0045 | 43 | 36 | 44 | 43 | 37 | 45 | 45 | 38 | 46 |
| L_0046 | 41 | 34 | 42 | 41 | 34 | 42 | 42 | 36 | 44 |
| L_0047 | 38 | 32 | 40 | 38 | 32 | 40 | 40 | 34 | 42 |
| L_0048 | 39 | 33 | 41 | 40 | 33 | 41 | 41 | 35 | 43 |
| L_0049 | 38 | 31 | 39 | 38 | 31 | 39 | 40 | 33 | 41 |
| L_0050 | 42 | 36 | 44 | 43 | 36 | 44 | 44 | 37 | 45 |
| L_0051 | 39 | 33 | 41 | 39 | 33 | 41 | 41 | 34 | 42 |

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Table 3-5 below summarizes the significance (as per Table 2-2) of the predicted sound levels at each POR assessed. This change is determined by subtracting the predicted future ambient no-build values (in year 2028) from the predicted future 2028 build values. This quantity is compared to the assessment criteria (as outlined in Section 2) to determine significance and the mitigation effort required.

Table 3-5: Significance of Predicted Changes in Sound Levels

| POR ID | Change in Sound Level - Future No-Build to Future Build [dB] | | | Significance | Mitigation Effort Required |
|--------|--|-------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------|
| | Day | Night | Day/Night | | |
| L_005 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |
| L_008 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0030 | 3 | 3 | 3 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0031 | 4 | 4 | 4 | Marginal | None |
| L_0040 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0041 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0042 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0043 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0044 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0045 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0046 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0047 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0048 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0049 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0050 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |
| L_0051 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Insignificant | None |

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4.0 CONCLUSION AND CLOSURE

Stantec Consulting Limited (Stantec) was retained by Premier Gold Mines Hardrock Inc. (Premier) to prepare a traffic noise assessment for the proposed Highway 11 realignment, south of GERALTON, Ontario. Stantec's assessment predicted that the potential change in background noise levels due to traffic from the proposed realignment of Highway 11 would be 3 dB or less at most (13) of the 15 PORs. Two PORs were predicted to experience a marginal change in background noise levels due to traffic (4 dB) as a result of the proposed Highway 11 realignment. At each of the 15 PORs, a noise level of less than 65 dBA was predicted for daytime, night-time and 24-hour periods. Based on the predicted noise levels presented in this report and the defined assessment criteria, no mitigation is expected to be required for the proposed Highway 11 realignment.

This memo has been prepared on behalf of Premier Gold Mines Hardrock Inc. The acoustic analysis highlighted in this report is based on information obtained from Premier, its consultants and field observations. The assessment represents the conditions of the road alignment proposed at the time of the assessment, and the conclusions are the best judgment of the assessor based on current environmental standards. Stantec Consulting Limited attests that to the best of our knowledge, the information presented in this report is accurate

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Attachments: A - Points of Reception (PORs)
B - Figures

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Attachment A Points of Reception (PORs)

| POR ID | Name | X coordinate (m) | Y Coordinate (m) |
|--------|---|------------------|------------------|
| L_001 | Lahtis Road 1 | 500982 | 5502146 |
| L_002 | Lahtis Road 2 | 501154 | 5502006 |
| A_003 | Golf Club 6 | 503616 | 5503616 |
| A_004 | Golf Club 1 | 503783 | 5503605 |
| L_005 | Residence | 506119 | 5503782 |
| L_006 | Dwelling - Kenogamisis Lake Southwest Arm 1 | 501562 | 5498999 |
| L_007 | Dwelling - Kenogamisis Lake Southwest Arm 2 | 500332 | 5497975 |
| L_008 | Macleod Provincial Park | 506211 | 5503947 |
| R_009 | Goldfield Road 1 | 498285 | 5502693 |
| L_0010 | New Dev PL5 | 501632 | 5504181 |
| L_0011 | New Dev PL 4 | 501703 | 5504226 |
| L_0012 | New Dev PL 6 | 501632 | 5504104 |
| L_0013 | New subdivision vertex 16 | 501686 | 5504179 |
| L_0014 | New subdivision vertex 17 | 501739 | 5504214 |
| L_0015 | New Dev PL 8 | 501895 | 5504292 |
| L_0016 | New subdivision vertex 15 | 501707 | 5504081 |
| L_0017 | New subdivision vertex 14 | 501751 | 5503994 |
| L_0018 | New subdivision vertex 13 | 501887 | 5504089 |
| L_0019 | New subdivision vertex 18 | 501993 | 5504555 |
| L_0020 | New subdivision vertex 19 | 502070 | 5504616 |
| L_0021 | New Dev PL 3 | 502125 | 5504770 |
| L_0022 | New subdivision vertex 1 | 502191 | 5504820 |
| L_0023 | New Deve PL2 | 502217 | 5504845 |
| L_0024 | New subdivision vertex 20 | 502155 | 5504756 |
| L_0025 | New subdivision vertex 21 | 502200 | 5504791 |
| L_0026 | New subdivision vertex 2 | 502241 | 5504841 |
| L_0027 | New Dev PL 9 | 502211 | 5504747 |
| L_0028 | New subdivision vertex 9 | 502186 | 5504675 |
| L_0029 | New subdivision vertex 10 | 502170 | 5504608 |
| L_0030 | New subdivision vertex 11 | 502368 | 5504522 |
| L_0031 | New subdivision vertex 12 | 502442 | 5504406 |
| L_0032 | New subdivision vertex 3 | 502289 | 5504817 |
| L_0033 | New Dev PL 1 | 502316 | 5504845 |
| L_0034 | New subdivision vertex 5 | 502343 | 5504843 |
| L_0035 | New subdivision vertex 4 | 502298 | 5504804 |
| L_0036 | New subdivision vertex 8 | 502318 | 5504797 |
| L_0037 | New subdivision vertex 6 | 502370 | 5504812 |
| L_0038 | New subdivision vertex 7 | 502352 | 5504793 |
| L_0039 | New Dev PL 10 | 502316 | 5504756 |
| L_0040 | Michael Power Blvd Res 2 | 503206 | 5505037 |
| L_0041 | Michael Power Blvd Res 3 | 503196 | 5504957 |
| L_0042 | Michael Power Blvd Res 1 | 503263 | 5504995 |
| L_0043 | Michael Power Blvd Res 4 | 503260 | 5504949 |
| L_0044 | Michael Power Blvd Res 5 | 503283 | 5504961 |
| L_0045 | Rosedale Point Res 6 | 503353 | 5505049 |
| L_0046 | Rosedale Point Res 4 | 503383 | 5505090 |
| L_0047 | Rosedale Point Res 5 | 503421 | 5505115 |
| L_0048 | Rosedale Point Res 3 | 503400 | 5505038 |

| POR ID | Name | X coordinate (m) | Y Coordinate (m) |
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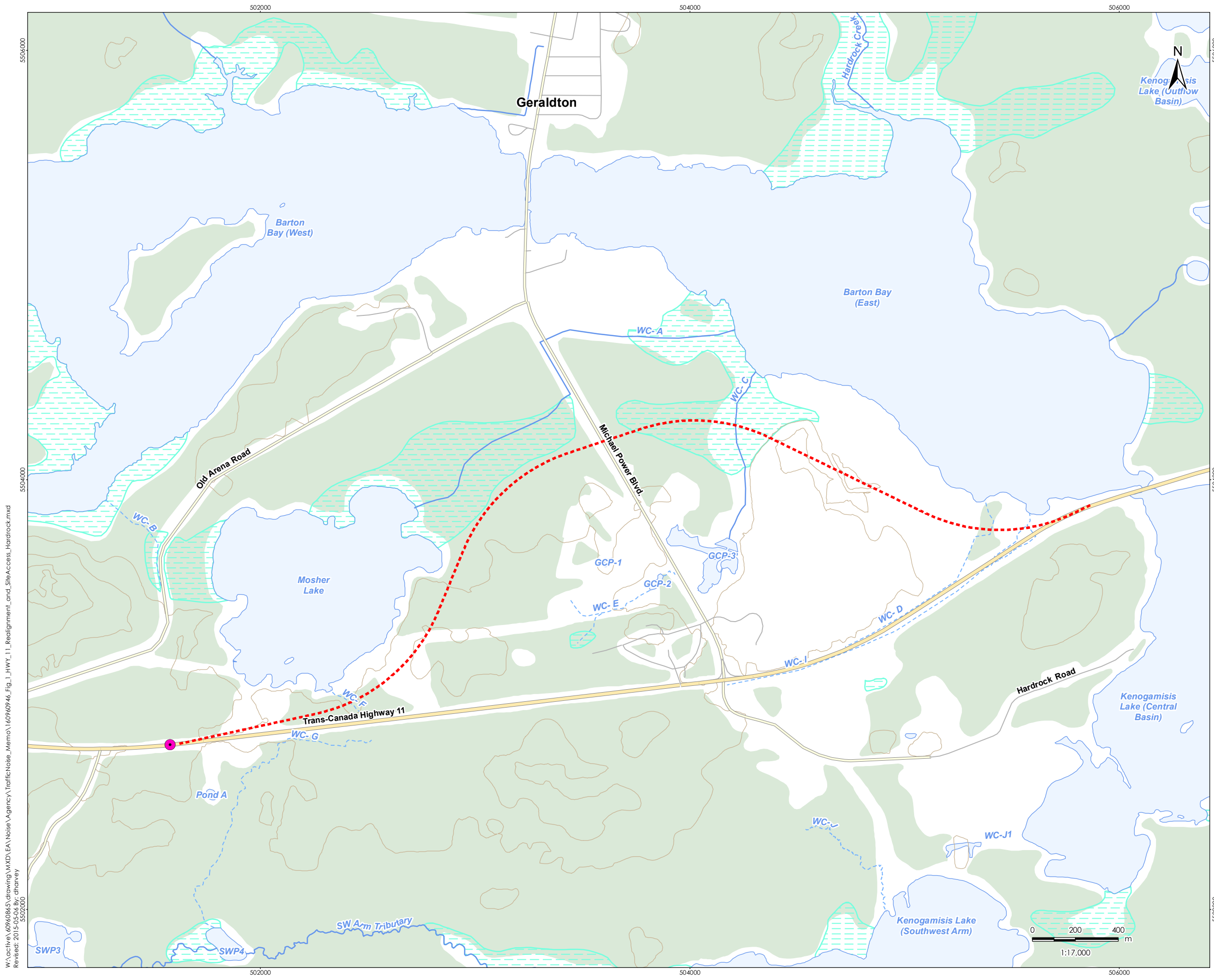
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Reference: Highway 11 Traffic Noise Assessment

Attachment B Figures



- Legend**
- Proposed Site Access for the Hardrock Project
 - - - Proposed Highway 11 Realignment
- Existing Features**
- Contour Line (10m intervals)
 - Highway
 - Major Road
 - Local Road
 - Watercourse- Permanent
 - - - Watercourse- Intermittent
 - ▨ Wetland, Unevaluated
 - ▨ Waterbody
 - ▨ Wooded Area

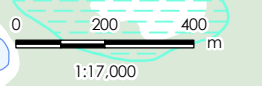
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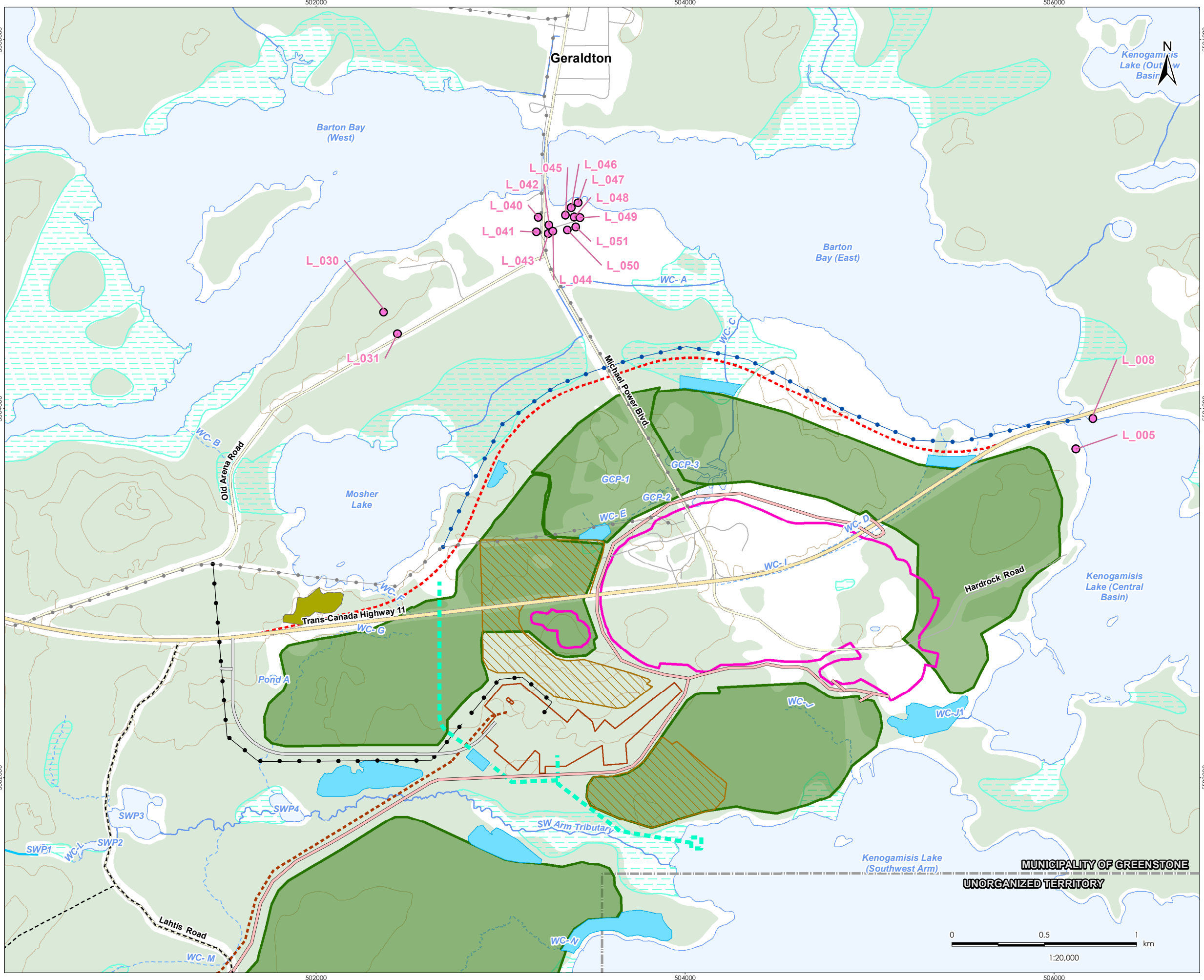
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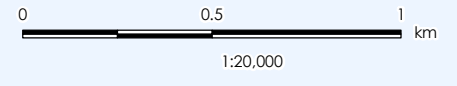


- Legend**
- Point of Reception Location
 - Preliminary Site Plan**
 - Access Road
 - - - Construction Access Road
 - ➔ Diversion Channel
 - Fresh Water Pipeline
 - Haul Road
 - New Power Line 115kV
 - Power Line Realignment 44kV
 - Tailings Pipeline and Overhead Powerline
 - Open Pit- Full Extent
 - ▨ Ore Pile
 - Process Plant Area
 - Collection Pond
 - Tailings Management Facility
 - Moshier Pit
 - Waste Rock Area
 - Highway Realignment**
 - - - Proposed Highway 11 Realignment
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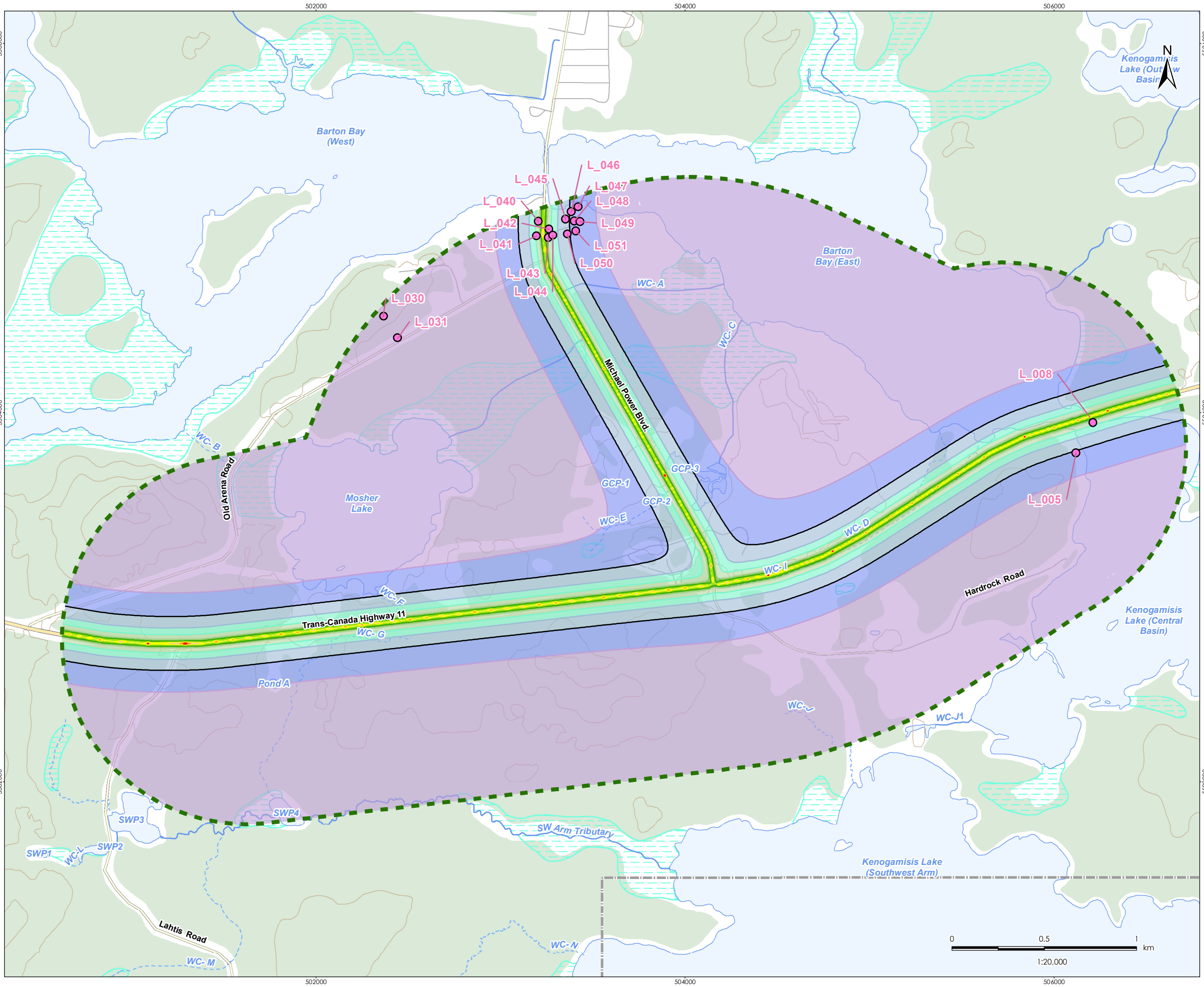
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Acoustic

- 1km Setback
- Point of Reception Location

Sound Level Contours (dBA)

- 35
- 40
- 45
- 50
- 55
- 60
- 65
- 70
- 75
- 80
- 85

Existing Features

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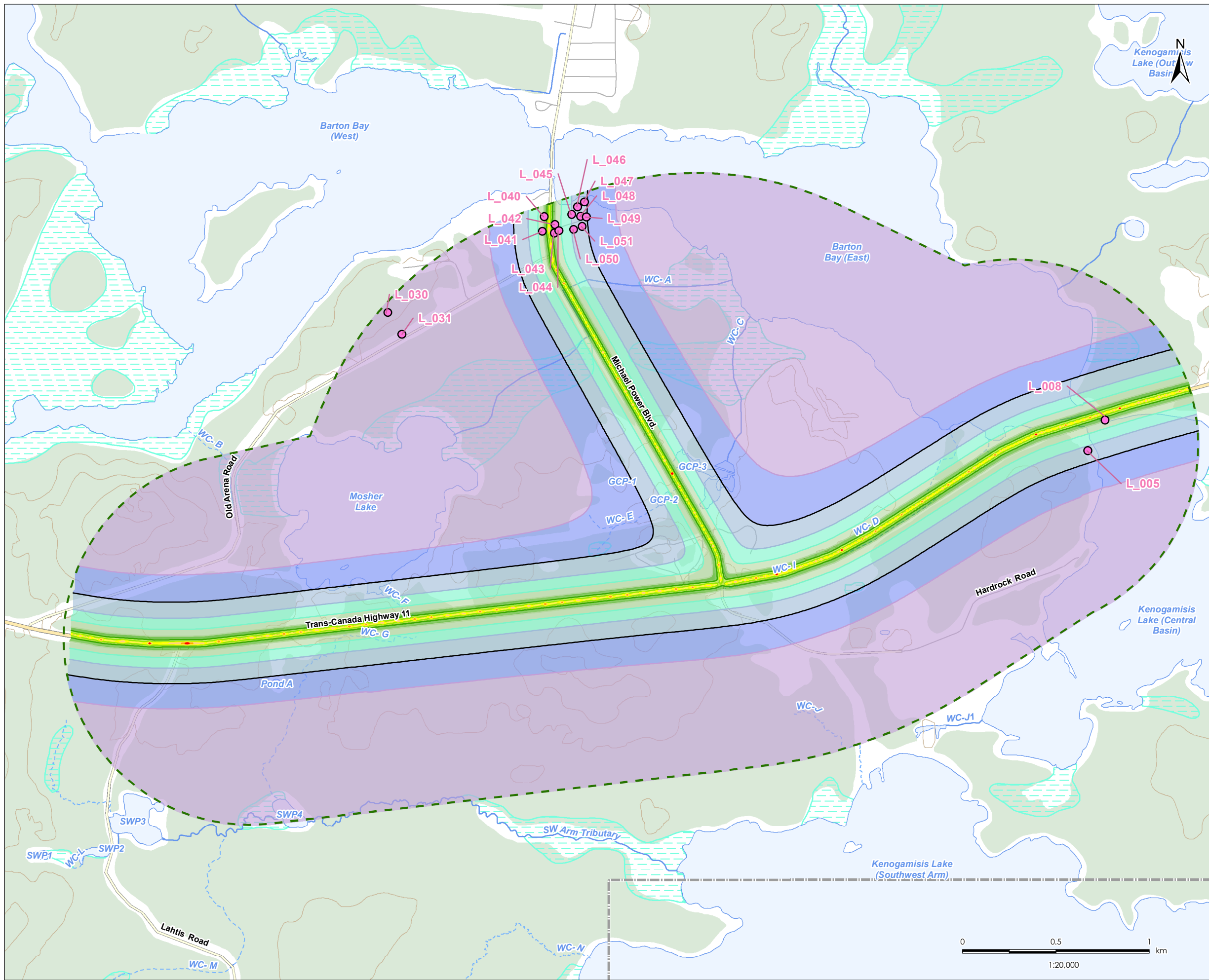
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Legend

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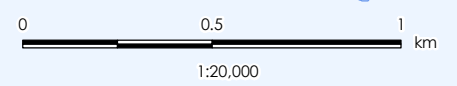
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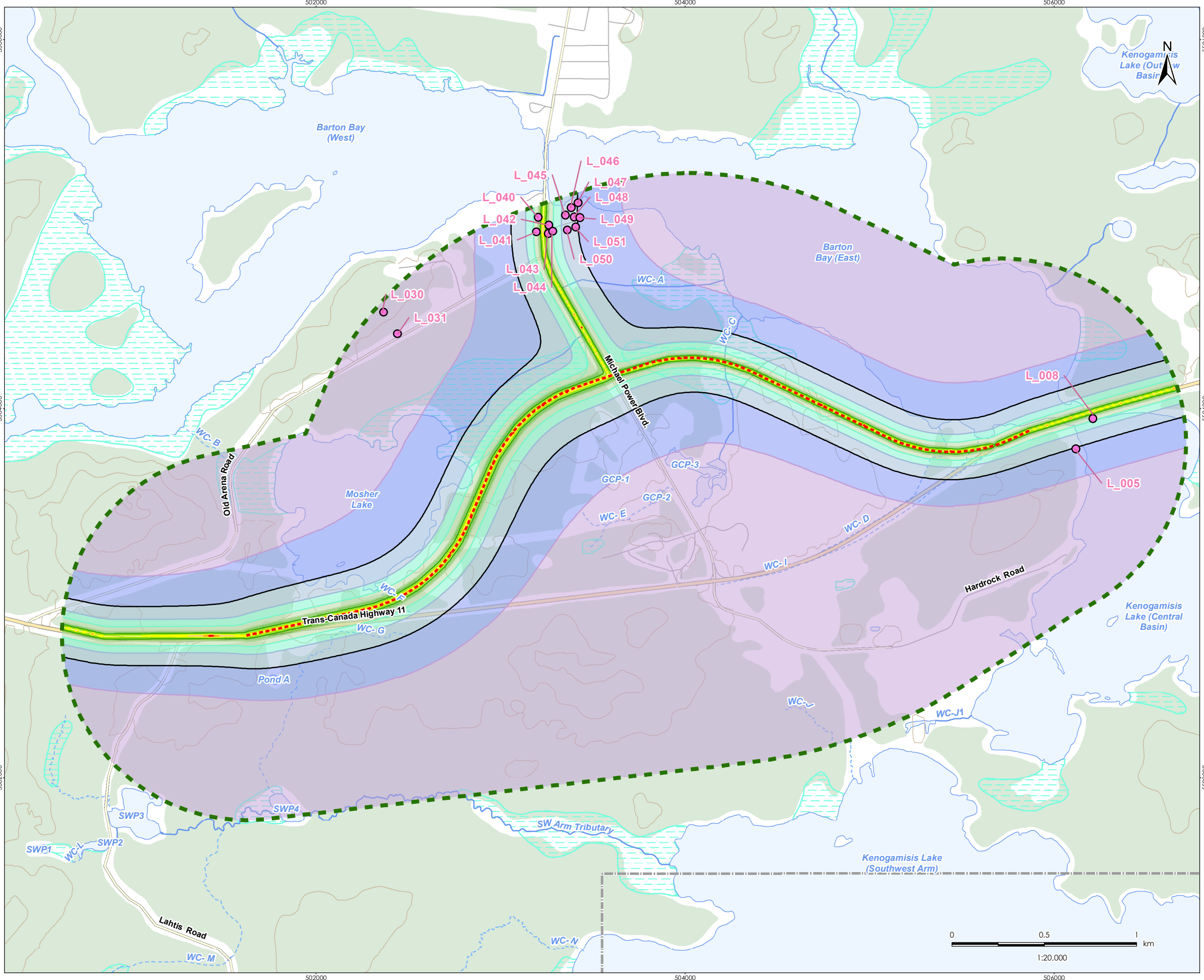
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- Proposed Highway 11 Realignment

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