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Sent by email

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Dear Chief Michael Sugarhead:

Subject: Notification of Time Limit Extension Request for the Federal Impact Assessment Process of the Webequie Supply Road Project

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) received a request for a time limit extension, for the federal impact assessment process of the Webequie Supply Road Project (the Project). A copy of the request is enclosed with this letter and is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Agency Registry internet site: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80183>

Webequie First Nation has requested an extension to the time limit of the impact statement phase until January 6, 2027, in order to provide the required information or studies described in the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines issued for the Project. The request (Enclosure 1) describes Webequie First Nation's progress in developing their Impact Statement, and includes a work plan that illustrates when outstanding work would be completed. Enclosure 2 provides useful links to Webequie First Nation's project website where plain-language documents such as study plans are available.

Participation

The Agency invites Nibinamik First Nation to provide input to inform the Agency's consideration by November 25, 2022. The Agency in its preliminary review of the extension request notes Webequie First Nation's information related to:

- timelines to engage with Indigenous communities;
- future engagement activities with Indigenous communities to share information and hear community views on key topics, such as
 - how comments and Indigenous knowledge were incorporated;
 - baseline conditions and data collection, including selection of valued components and indicators, and approach to fieldwork;
 - the effects assessment, including mitigation measures, follow-up programs and cumulative effects assessment; and
 - potential impacts on the exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights.

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Context

In accordance with subsection 19(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, Webequie First Nation must provide the Agency the information or studies that are set out in the Notice of the Commencement for the Project by February 24, 2023.

Under subsection 19(2) of the *Impact Assessment Act*, upon request from Webequie First Nation, the Agency may extend the time limit by any period that is necessary for Webequie First Nation to provide the Agency with the information or studies. Further, subsection 20(1) indicates that the federal impact assessment for the Project would be terminated, if Webequie First Nation does not provide the information or studies by February 24, 2023, or within any granted time limit extension.

Next Steps

Once the Agency decides whether to grant the request to extend the time limit of the impact statement phase, the Agency will post a notice on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry internet site for the Project and will notify your community in writing.

Input or questions can be sent by email to me, Caitlin Cafaro, Crown Consultation Coordinator, at webequie@iaac-aeic.gc.ca. The Agency appreciates the time and effort dedicated by Nibinamik First Nation to participate in the federal impact assessment for the Project.

Sincerely,

Cafaro, <Original signed by>
Caitlin

Caitlin Cafaro
Crown Consultation Coordinator

Enclosures: Enclosure 1 – Request of a Time Limit Extension for the Federal Impact Assessment Process – Webequie Supply Road Project

Enclosure 2 – Additional Information from Webequie First Nation's Project Website

c.c.: Walter Oskineegish, Band Manager, Nibinamik First Nation

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Enclosure 2 – Additional Information from Webequie First Nation’s Project Website

For more information about the Project, please refer to the following links from Webequie First Nation’s project website:

Fact Sheets:

<https://www.supplyroad.ca/factsheetsupdate/>

Study Plan Summaries:

<https://www.supplyroad.ca/factsheets2/>

- Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and Interests
- Acoustic Environment
- Aquatic Habitat
- Caribou and Wolverine
- Climate Change and Air Quality
- Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Resources
- Cumulative Effects
- Geology, Terrain and Soils
- Groundwater and Surface Water
- Human Health
- Migratory Birds
- Socio-economic
- Species At Risk
- Vegetation
- Visual Environment
- Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

Socio-Economic Program:

<https://www.supplyroad.ca/ik-and-socio-economic/>

Indigenous Knowledge / Indigenous Land and Resource Use Program:

<https://www.supplyroad.ca/ik/>

Videos and Tutorials:

<https://www.supplyroad.ca/video-and-tutorials-w-translations/>