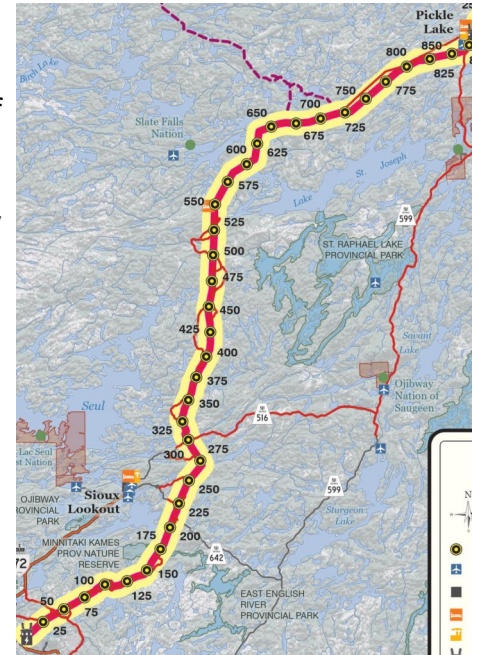






Valard Construction, was selected by Wataynikaneyap Power to provide engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) solutions for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project in Northwestern Ontario, Canada.

The scope of work on the project consists of EPC services for more than 1,600 kilometers of transmission and distribution infrastructure ranging in voltage from 25 kV to 230 kV and 22 substations. Valard created this newsletter to provide regular updates on construction activities for the 24 First Nation communities.



**Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities**  
**Proposed schedule as of June 15, 2021**  
**Period: June 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021**  
**Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.**

## Group 1 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 <p>Worker camp site.</p>	<p><b>Camp Mobilization and/or Installation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sioux Lookout operational as of June 1, 2020</li> <li>Slate Falls Nation operational as of July 24, 2020, expected closure in early August, 2021</li> <li>Pickle Lake operational as of February 18, 2020</li> <li>Cat Lake Camp on standby until Winter 2022</li> </ul>
 <p>Tower construction site.</p>	<p><b>Survey</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set survey control points (Starting activity of all survey operations)</li> <li>Flagging Right-of-Way (ROW) clearing limits</li> <li>Measure existing powerline heights</li> <li>Staking, as-building and support of construction activities</li> <li>Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake</li> </ul>

## Group 1 – Transmission Lines

### Activity

### Detail



Cleared ROW (Right of Way) area.

### Clearing and Access

- Clearing and Access development
  - \* Access matting and trail building
  - \* Installing/removing watercourse crossings
  - \* Restoration of lands after completed construction activities
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



Tower erection progress.

### Construction

- Geotechnical (soil analysis) investigation by test pitting and drilling of boreholes
- Tower foundation/anchor installation
  - \* Excavating, rock drilling
  - \* Micropile, drilled pipe, pile, helical pile
- Assembly of steel towers, assembly yards and ROW
- Erection of assembled towers by crane and helicopter
- Stringing of wire conductor and fibre-optic wire
- Installing grounding rods and wires
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake





Watercourse.

### Environment

- Watercourses and environmental sensitive areas are flagged and monitored; focused on erosion, sediment control and spill responses
- Environmental monitoring of foundation, assembly, erection and stringing crews to ensure commitments in environmental assessments are being followed
- First Nations Environmental Monitors have worked with the Project Manager and conducted several site visits
- Spill response and cleanup as needed
- Overnight surveys to listen for singing Eastern-Whip-Poor-Whill near footprint of the project.
- Completion of Caribou Survey Plots by Giiwedín Environmental Services
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

## Group 1 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Cleared work area.</p>	<b>Substation Survey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flagging and inserting stakes in the ground to outline work area</li><li>• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* B (Pickle Lake)</li></ul></li></ul>
 <p>Substation construction area.</p>	<b>Substation Construction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil and foundation construction</li><li>• Ground Grid</li><li>• Steel erection</li><li>• Electrical Equipment Install</li><li>• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* B (Pickle Lake)</li></ul></li></ul>

**For more activity details visit the website at [www.valard-watay.com](http://www.valard-watay.com), or if you have any general inquiries about this newsletter, please contact Wataynikaneyap Power at [WatayInquiries@wataypower.ca](mailto:WatayInquiries@wataypower.ca).**

**BOOTS ON THE GROUND**—Locally hired crew members tell us what working on the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project means to them!

*MY WORK WILL AFFECT GENERATIONS TO COME, LONG AFTER I'M GONE*

**Adam Peters**, Pikangikum First Nation



My father always used to tell me 'Go to school my son, get an education, so you can make a difference for your people.' His words still resonate with me as strongly in my adulthood, as they did in my adolescence. I have now been employed with Valard for 10 months, and my father's words have never had more significance than they have in the last ten months.

**Working for Valard has been a remarkable experience as it has taught me many things about my character – perseverance, endurance, resilience,** just to name a few. It has also brought me much reward and satisfaction. I know that, by tapping into my full potential, I will not only contribute to the growth and prosperity of First Nations people, but to society as a whole.

Connecting our neighbouring communities to the grid not only brings me satisfaction, as I see each tower I helped assemble erected, but it brings me purpose. My work will affect generations to come, long after I'm gone. Valard has brought such a wonderful opportunity and I am grateful to be a part of this project.

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## Valard is engaging with Participating First Nations to:

- \* Learn more about community expectations and interests; as well as identify training, employment, procurement and business opportunities
- \* Engage with Indigenous Relations and Group Project Management to work with community and working groups to identify camp locations and services available to support work camps
- \* Facilitate and coordinate Indigenous participations in community businesses, equipment, services, work force, and existing or potential joint ventures
- \* Work with the communities for open lines of communication for COVID-19 updates with regards to travel and quarantine directives
- \* Provide notification of encounters with sensitive wildlife such as Caribou sightings to communities near the encounter
- \* Provide the Chief and Council of any additional temporary work packages with Homeland area maps included: Permit to Take Water, Helicopter Pads and any additional camp locations if required
- \* Construction Liaisons to help coordinate ongoing communication between Project Management and Community Leadership and other duties such as: setting up job fairs, social media upkeep, coordinating employment and business opportunities and acting as a direct link to the Chief and/or Council of various communities

## Valard Group 1 Construction Liaisons:

- ◇ Mishkeegogamang First Nation— Michaela Bottle
- ◇ Slate Falls Nation—Clarence Auger
- ◇ Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation—Tanisha Currier
- ◇ Lac Seul First Nation—Carrie Quoquat
- ◇ Cat Lake First Nation—Star Quequish
- ◇ Ojibway Nation of Saugeen—Jonah Belmore
- ◇ Lac des Mille Lac First Nation—Sabrina Boucher

## Valard Indigenous Relations Team:

The Valard Indigenous Relations Team consists of the following members for the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Project and can be contacted at: [IndigenousRelations@valard.com](mailto:IndigenousRelations@valard.com):

- \* **Blaine Collett**-Sr. Director Indigenous Relations
- \* **Alex McGillivray**-Sr. Manager Stakeholder Engagements
- \* **Terrance Bob**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- \* **Randal Courchene**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- \* **Sherice Paizen**—Indigenous Relations Project Assistant

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## Health and Safety

- \* **Valard is following the most up to date medical advice provided by federal and provincial government in its own measures to help limit the spread of Covid-19.**
- \* Ongoing Covid-19 screening program, camp inspections, program audits and response drills
- \* Hazard analysis and control planning every day
- \* Development, implementation and monitoring of safe work procedures including preparation for upcoming helicopter work activities
- \* Project onboarding, orientation and training/development of workers
- \* Emergency preparedness and planning, mock emergency drills completed
- \* Joint Health and Safety Committee Involvement
- \* Promotion of project's Alcohol & Drug policy, Maintenance Support Security Program and Employee Assistance Program.
- \* Security Protocols implementation and monitoring
- \* Fall Protection and Rescue Planning for tower climbing Best Practices
- \* Subcontractor safety support, onboarding, compliance observations, and audits
- \* COVID-19 Vaccination program for eligible employees



## Employment Opportunities

- \* Valard Construction invites members of the Participating First Nations to apply for the following positions.

**Administrative Assistant**

**Assemblers**

**Class A Driver**

**Community Support Partner**

**Drafting Technician**

**Emergency Medical Responder**

**Environmental Monitor**

**Excavator Operator**

**Foundations Labourer**

**Fuel Truck Driver**

**General Foreperson/Construction Supervisor**

**Heavy Duty Technician**

**Journeyman Automotive Service Technician**

**Prep/Ground Work Subforeperson**

**Primary Care Paramedic**

**Project Assistant**

**Project Field QC**

**Project Safety Admin**

**Please forward resumes to: [watay-resumes@valard.com](mailto:watay-resumes@valard.com) and [projectjobs@oslp.ca](mailto:projectjobs@oslp.ca)**

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