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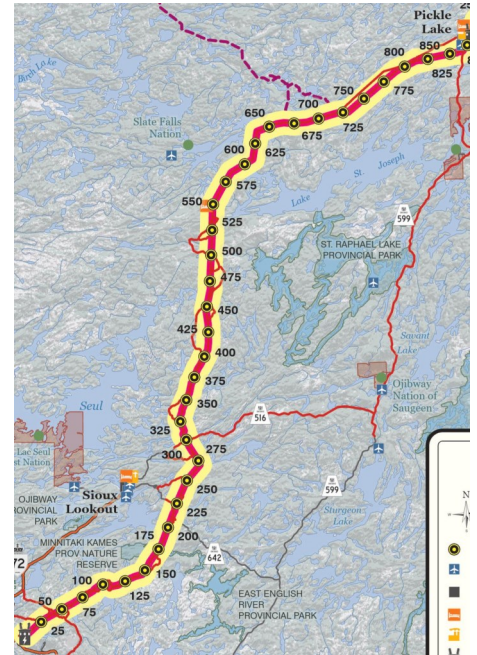
English Version



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.


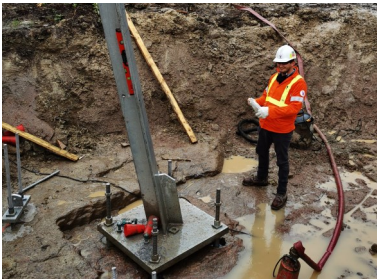
The scope of work on the Project consists of EPC services for more than 1,600 kilometres of transmission and distribution infrastructure ranging in voltage from 25 kV to 230 kV and 22 substations. Valard created this newsletter to provide regular updates on construction activities for the 24 First Nation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

* Yellow outline indicates work areas.



Three-Month Lookahead – Field Activities
Proposed schedule as of June 15, 2022
Period: June 1, 2022 to August 31, 2022
Note: Subject to change based on field conditions.

Group 1 – Transmission Lines

Activity		Detail
 <p data-bbox="136 1619 521 1646">Worker camp site in Pickle Lake</p>	<p data-bbox="651 1482 940 1518">Camp Operation</p>	<ul data-bbox="992 1461 1552 1549" style="list-style-type: none"> • All camps locations finalized, active camp currently open: Pickle Lake
 <p data-bbox="152 2028 518 2055">Surveyor checking Foundation</p>	<p data-bbox="732 1860 859 1896">Survey</p>	<ul data-bbox="992 1793 1552 1969" style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey work complete. • Preparations are being made for future restoration efforts. • Work area: Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

Group 1 – Transmission Lines

Activity

Detail



Erected towers along Right of Way between Dinorwic and Pickle Lake

Clearing and Access

- Clearing and Access work for construction completed.
- Preparations are being made for future restoration efforts.
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake



Setting the final Tower

Construction

- Tower foundation/anchor installation complete
- Assembly of steel towers complete
- Erection of assembled towers complete
- Preparations are being made for future restoration efforts.
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake





Lake view North G1

Environment

- Environmental monitoring of demobilization and access to ensure commitments in environmental assessments are being followed
- Environmental incident reporting, spill response and associated cleanup, as needed
- Permanent Wildlife Survey Plot program was implemented with Giiwedini Environmental for June and will continue monthly, until September 2022.
- Work area Dinorwic to Pickle Lake

Group 1 – Substations

Activity		Detail
 <p>Construction status of Substation A (Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation)</p>	<p>Substation A Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substation wiring• Commissioning• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* A (Dinorwic)
 <p>Construction status of Substation B (Pickle Lake)</p>	<p>Substation B Construction</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Substation wiring• Commissioning• Substations Work Area:<ul style="list-style-type: none">* B (Pickle Lake)

For more activity details visit the website at www.valard-watay.com, or if you have any general inquiries about this newsletter, please contact Wataynikaneyap Power at WatayInquiries@wataypower.ca.

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

I'M BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR MYSELF

Asher Madame, Sachigo Lake First Nation



I learned about this job from a posting in my community (Sachigo). Working with Valard has been interesting. I get to work at different sites in remote parts of Northern Ontario. I also get to meet different people who have worked with Valard longer – I like hearing their stories about each place they've worked at.

At first, I didn't know much about building towers – it looked super intimidating but after building a couple of them you start to remember – then it gets easier. With this type of work and income, I can afford to go to college as well as work, since most college courses are online now.

I hope more people from northern communities take advantage of the opportunity.

Valard is engaging with Participating First Nations to:

- * Work with community and working groups for open lines of communication for COVID-19 updates with regards to travel and Community access directives
- * Work with communities to identify services available to support work camps
- * Facilitate and coordinate opportunities for employment and procurement of goods and services with communities and working groups
- * Provide notification of encounters with sensitive wildlife such as caribou sightings to communities near the encounter
- * Provide notification of field work associated with monitoring caribou permanent survey plots throughout the project area
- * Provide the Chief and Council with any additional work packages and maps in their Homeland area, includes: Permit to Take Water, Helicopter Pads and any additional camp locations if required
- * Provided Power Mobile Equipment (PME) training for employees



Project employees during a work presentation



A piece of heavy machinery used on the project

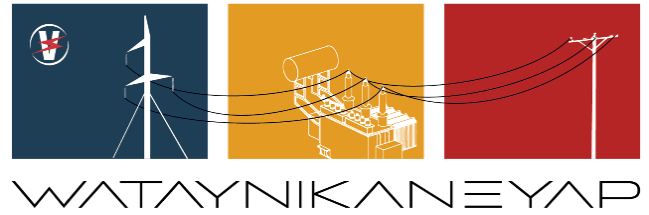
Valard Indigenous Relations Team:

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

- * **Blaine Collett**—Sr. Director Indigenous Relations
- * **Terrance Bob**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- * **Randal Courchene**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- * **Blaine Paul**—Indigenous and Stakeholders Relations Liaison
- * **Amber McGrandle**—Indigenous Relations

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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, response drills and Valard Covid-19 Vaccination program for eligible employees
- * Hazard analysis and control planning every day
- * Development, implementation and monitoring of safe work procedures
- * Project onboarding, orientation and training/development of workers and subcontractors
- * 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



Employment Opportunities

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

Administrative Assistant

Assemblers

Burn Crews

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 and projectjobs@oslp.ca
For more updates please visit the Valard project website (www.valard-watay.com) or:
Call: 807-345-2395

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