

Altona to Winkler gas transmission project

Engagement feedback summary

Key engagement themes



Agriculture

Engaged audiences shared concerns about the project affecting existing or future landscape drainage, including tile drainage. They also shared uncertainty over the depth of cover not being adequate for current or future farming and drainage practices. Concerns were raised about crop damage during construction, and how landowners may be compensated for such damages.



Gas service

Engaged audiences shared concerns that they have been told in the past they could not tap off the existing line because there was not enough available gas. Landowners and residents in the area expressed an interest in connecting to the proposed natural gas transmission line and shared that they anticipate many requests for customer hook-ups.



Economic opportunities

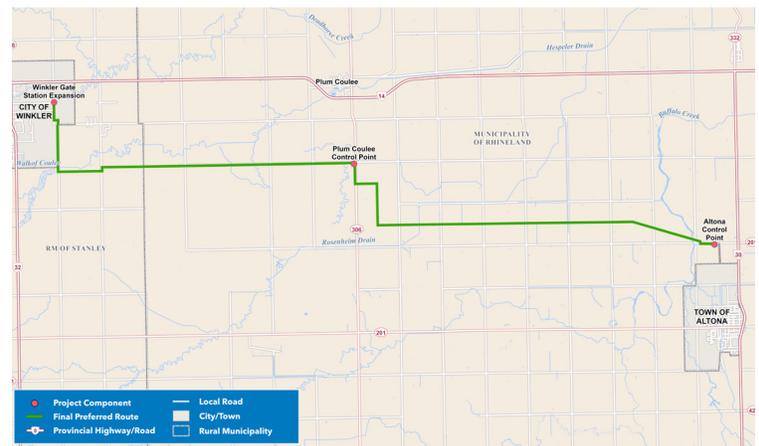
Engaged audiences shared concerns about how the project may impact future development opportunities. Participants at the open house in Winkler expressed a general sense of support for natural gas expansion in the area, noting that the project aligns well with their current development efforts and shared interest in how it could support or enhance future plans. Many landowners expressed interest in connections for agricultural use and the potential for the project to provide long-term cost savings.

Engagement activities

The Altona to Winkler Gas Transmission Project is a proposed 30-kilometre, 8-inch steel natural gas transmission line to improve the capacity of the regional gas transmission system in southern Manitoba. The line will extend from a site north of Altona to a connection point on the east side of Winkler, where it will connect to existing infrastructure owned and operated by TransCanada (TC) Energy Corporation.

Through our engagement process, we reached out to First Nations, the Manitoba Métis Federation, rural municipalities, property owners, and interested parties, to share project information and seek feedback about the project, inform the environmental assessment and routing adjustments, identify mitigation measures, and influence construction decisions for the project. We offered several different methods for engagement, which included:

- One in-person public open house
- Two virtual information sessions
- Meetings with specific engaged audiences
- Site visit for First Nations and the Manitoba Métis Federation
- Project email address and hotline phone number



Map of the final route for Altona to Winkler gas transmission project.

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What we heard

Table 1 below summarizes what participants shared and how Manitoba Hydro has considered these inputs in project planning and decision-making.

Table 1. Summary of engagement feedback and associated project outcomes.

Feedback	Outcomes
Landowners shared concerns over the depth of coverage intended for the gas transmission line due to agricultural and drainage practices and future development plans on their land.	Manitoba Hydro will continue to discuss individual concerns with property owners directly impacted by the project to determine the appropriate depth of coverage for the gas transmission line on their land.
Peguis First Nation and Swan Lake First Nation requested to participate in heritage work including heritage monitoring, and receive more information on the heritage methodologies for this project.	Manitoba Hydro will continue discussions on project specific heritage opportunities with Peguis First Nation and Swan Lake First Nation. Manitoba Hydro hosted a heritage workshop on September 11, 2025 where engaged First Nations and the Manitoba Métis Federation were invited to accompany the project archaeologist to view anticipated areas of interest, discuss concerns, and share information on heritage methodologies.
Concerns about biosecurity risks, including anthrax and weed management, and requests for engagement with Manitoba Agriculture and adherence to best practices.	Manitoba Hydro will implement the Manitoba Hydro biosecurity policy and procedures to mitigate biosecurity risks..
Requests to minimize disruption to cattle operations and protect agricultural infrastructure (corrals, barns, watering systems, pivots) during construction.	Manitoba Hydro will work with landowners to minimize disruption to farming operations where possible and confirm locations of in-ground infrastructure to prevent damage.

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A participant shared concerns in July 2025 with the proposed location of the gas transmission line where it crosses their property, as it is located where they undertake construction activities and would impact operations. They also shared that the site is prone to frost boils in the winter, so staff often auger the property and will need to be made aware of pipe location to avoid potentially auguring over the line.	Manitoba Hydro staff investigated routing options and developed an alternate alignment for the gas transmission line to be closer to the edge of the property, along the road, to address the concerns shared through engagement.
Participants shared concerns regarding a proposed subdivision along the preferred route that was identified during project engagement in July 2025. Based on the proposed plans, the gas transmission line would be within the backyard of proposed residences and may pose future safety risks.	Manitoba Hydro staff met with the participants to further discuss the development plans and identified an alternate alignment for the gas transmission line that avoids the proposed subdivision. The alternate alignment places the gas transmission line on properties owned by different landowners that had not been previously engaged. As of January 2026, these landowners did not share any concerns with the alternate alignment

Timeline

- Engagement: July – November 2025
- File environmental assessment report for regulatory review: January 2026
- Licensing decision: Spring 2027
- If licence approved, construction to start: Spring 2027
- Target in-service date: Fall 2028

The schedule is tentative and subject to change.

Next steps

An environmental assessment report for this project has been developed, and was submitted in January 2026. Following Manitoba Environment and Climate Change's decision, we will notify the engaged First Nations, the Manitoba Métis Federation, affected landowners, the RMs and interested parties of the outcome of the decision. If we are granted a licence, we will keep our engagement audiences informed of construction schedules and activities, and plan to engage in further discussions about culture and heritage monitoring, and other project monitoring opportunities.

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