

Birtle Transmission Project

Appendix C

Self-directed Studies and Indigenous Engagement Information

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Appendix C1

Summary of engagement activities

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The following tables provide a summary of engagement activities with each Indigenous community and organization included in the Indigenous Engagement process.

Table C1-1 Summary of engagement activities with Anishinaabe Agowidiwinan (Treaty 2)

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
19-Sep-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro requesting a meeting to discuss engagement for the Birtle Transmission Project
Round 1		
16-Nov-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicated that Manitoba Hydro is moving forward with the transmission project and requesting a meeting
Round 2		
28-Jun-17	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating an interest in engaging community-based expertise to assist with the heritage fieldwork for the Birtle Transmission Project. The letter included a draft contribution agreement.

Table C1-2 Summary of Engagement Activities with Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
31-May-16	Meeting	Introductory meeting to discuss the proposed Birtle Transmission Project
21-Jul-16	Letter including meeting notes for review	Follow up letter from Manitoba Hydro to Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation including the notes from the last meeting and requesting another meeting to further discuss the community's engagement in the project self-directed study and engagement.
22-Jul-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the letter requesting a meeting to discuss the community's engagement in the project self-directed study and engagement.

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
13-Sep-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative confirming time for a meeting.
Round 1		
8-Nov-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative asking for values and interest workshop in community.
10-Nov-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including newsletter
10-Jan-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative trying to schedule values and interest workshop.
17-Feb-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative sharing the agenda for a potential values and interest workshop, and VP of Indigenous Relations contact card.
Round 2		
20-Mar-17	Letter and email	Letter and email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter introducing the preferred route and the newsletter
25-May-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative asking for meeting to discuss the Birtle Transmission Project with new Chief and Council
25-May-17	Email	Consultant wanting to set up a meeting with VP of Indigenous Relations to discuss the community's joint venture.
20-Jun-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative emailing information about self-directed study.
28-Jun-17	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating an interest in engaging community-based expertise to assist with the heritage fieldwork for the Birtle Transmission Project. The letter included a draft contribution agreement.
28-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
30-Jun-17	Email	Chief Chalmers indicated that community only wants a self-directed study.
30-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
19-Jul-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative trying to set up a call time with consultant.
9-Aug-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative discussing self-directed study

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		proposal.
3-Oct-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative requesting the contact info for the heritage field work.
3-Oct-17	Email	Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation letting Manitoba Hydro representative know that they are interested in heritage field worker.
10-Oct-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative discussion on self-directed study proposal.
20-Oct-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative discussion on self-directed study proposal.
28-Nov-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative discussion on self-directed study proposal.

Table C1-3 Summary of Engagement Activities with Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
25-May-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro confirming a meeting date
30-May-16	Meeting	Introductory meeting to discuss the proposed Birtle Transmission Project
22-Jul-16	Letter including meeting notes for review	Follow up letter from Manitoba Hydro to Canupawakpa Dakota Nation including the notes from the last meeting and requesting another meeting to further discuss the community's engagement in the project self-directed study and engagement
22-Jul-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the letter requesting a meeting to discuss the community's engagement in the project self-directed study and engagement.
21-Sep-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative confirming meeting time
4-Oct-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative confirmed date for values and interest workshop
5-Oct-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative shared draft survey questions for workshop. Manitoba Hydro representatives confirming the questionnaire for the values and interest workshop is fine with the

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
		community.
12-Oct-16	Values and interest survey	Values and interest survey
Round 1		
10-Nov-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including newsletter
15-Nov-16	Email	Canupawakpa Dakota Nation advised Manitoba Hydro representative that self-directed study Proposal is almost ready for review.
7-Dec-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative requesting verification meeting for the values and interest workshop report
14-Dec-16	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative confirming meeting with Canupawakpa Dakota Nation
9-Jan-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative sharing values and interest workshop verified report.
15-Feb-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative emailed to ask if the community required a large mammal expert to come out to their community.
Round 2		
20-Mar-17	Letter and email	Letter and email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter introducing the preferred route and the newsletter
28-Jun-17	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating an interest in engaging community-based expertise to assist with the heritage fieldwork for the Birtle Transmission Project. The letter included a draft contribution agreement.
28-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
30-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
30-Jun-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro staff sent an FYI email to Canupawakpa Dakota Nation representative letting them know that there is an opportunity for heritage field work. Also asked for an update on their self-directed study proposal.
30-Aug-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro received Canupawakpa Dakota Nation's self-

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		directed study proposal.
11-Sep-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro confirming a meeting date.
13-Sep-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative shared reimbursement policy with Canupawakpa Dakota Nation representative for their self-directed study proposal.
29-Sep-17	Email	Canupawakpa Dakota Nation asking questions about self-directed study.
29-Sep-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representatives emailed back the latest drafts of the proposal and budget to ensure we had the latest drafts.
2-Oct-17	Email	Canupawakpa Dakota Nation provided an update on when a proposal was going to be received from their consultant.
2-Oct-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative inquiring about self-directed study proposal update.
3-Oct-17	Email	Email from Canupawakpa regarding the proposal
6-Oct-17	Email	Canupawakpa Dakota Nation was requesting an update on their self-directed study approval process.
24-Oct-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative discussing self-directed study proposal.

Table C1-4 Summary of Engagement Activities with Gambler First Nation

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
24-May-16	Email	Email to Gambler First Nation from Manitoba Hydro regarding setting-up a coffee meeting to discuss an upcoming potential transmission project in the area
2-June-16	Meeting	Meeting to discuss the proposed Birtle Transmission Project
21-Jul-16	Letter including meeting notes for review and email	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including the notes from the last meeting and requesting another meeting to further discuss Gambler First Nation's engagement in the project

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
24-Aug-16	Email	Emails from Manitoba Hydro setting up the next meeting
25-Aug-16	Letter including meeting notes for review	The purpose of the meeting was to further discuss the community's interest in conducting a self-directed study
15-Sep-16	Letter and email including meeting notes for review	Letter and email from Manitoba Hydro including the notes from the last meeting
29-Sep-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro setting up the next meeting
3-Oct-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro regarding the upcoming meeting
6-Oct-16	Community Information Session	The purpose of the meeting was to present the Project to the broader community
18-Oct-16	Letter including meeting notes for review	Manitoba Hydro sent the notes from the last meeting for review
18-Oct-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the notes from the last meeting
31-Oct-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro trying to set up the values and interests workshop
Round 1		
10-Nov-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including newsletter
10-Nov-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro indicating the round 1 letter
29-Nov-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro trying to set up the values and interests workshop

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
13-Jan-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro trying to set up the values and interests workshop
1-Feb-17	Values and interest workshop	Values and interest workshop on February 1, 2017
10-Mar-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro offering to help with the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Study proposal
Round 2		
20-Mar-17	Email	Email and letter from Manitoba Hydro including a letter introducing the preferred route and the newsletter
7-Apr-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the draft Gambler First Nation values and interests Report and response email from Gambler First Nation representative acknowledging receipt of the draft report
28-Jun-17	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating an interest in engaging community-based expertise to assist with the heritage fieldwork for the Birtle Transmission Project. The letter included a draft contribution agreement.
28-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
12-Jul-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative received questionnaire for self-directed study.
19-Jul-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro re-sending the comments on the proposal
20-Jul-17	Email	Email from Gambler First Nation thanking Manitoba Hydro for the maps
20-Jul-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro regarding maps for the self-directed study work
24-Jul-17	Email	Manitoba Hydro representative discussing self-directed study and maps.
4-Aug-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the self-directed study draft contribution agreement
17-Aug-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a reformatted version of the agreement.
18-Aug-	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro re-sending the heritage assistant CA

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21-Aug-17	Email	Email from Gambler First Nation representative including signed copies of the contribution agreements
5-Sep-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro acknowledging receipt of the signed Contribution Agreements
13-Sep-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro following up to see if Gambler First Nation has any comments on the draft Gambler First Nation values and interests Report
20-Oct-17		Email from Manitoba Hydro providing update on self-directed study payment.

Table C1-5 Summary of Engagement Activities with the Manitoba Metis Federation

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
13-Sep-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro requesting a meeting to discuss engagement for the Birtle Transmission Project
Round 1		
16-Nov-16	Letter	Letter and email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter and newsletter to provide an update on the status of the Birtle Transmission Project and requesting a meeting
18-Nov-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Metis Federation setting up a meeting to discuss the Birtle Transmission Project
29-Nov-16	Meeting	Notes from the meeting with the MMF to discuss the Birtle Transmission Project
13-Dec-16	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project following up on discussion regarding the project and noting the MMF is prepping a proposal.
14-Dec-16	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, thanking Manitoba Hydro for confirmation of information provided.
14-Dec-16	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, asking when we will file the EA.

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14-Dec-16	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, asking when the EIS will be filed.
14-Dec-16	Email	Email from MMF regarding the Birtle Transmission Project
19-Dec-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Metis Federation including a letter, proposal and budget
11-Jan-17	Email	Email from the MMF following up on the December 19th submission with regard to the Birtle Transmission Project
12-Jan-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter in response to the MMF's December 19, 2016 letter, proposal and budget regarding the Birtle Transmission Project.
14-Feb-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, and providing the Birtle Work plan.
22-Feb-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project requesting we connect with Evan.
28-Feb-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, thanking Manitoba Hydro for confirmation regarding CA preparation.
1-Mar-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project
6-Mar-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project
7-Mar-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, providing budget breakdown of allocation by vendors.
Round 2		
20-Mar-17	Letter and email	Letter and email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter introducing the preferred route and the newsletter
23-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the agreements for MMF Engagement on the Birtle Transmission Project and heritage field work assistant.
11-Jul-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, questioning the purpose of the heritage work request.
20-Jul-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro indicating that if the MMF is interested in sending someone along with our heritage consultant, we welcome participation
27-Jul-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project, asking

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		about deliverable date (on a Sunday).
31-Jul-17	Other	interview questions
31-Jul-17	Other	interview survey
31-Jul-17	Other	focus group
31-Jul-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project with interview questions and draft survey attached.
3-Aug-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project requesting spatial parameters used to develop EA, including all LAA, RAA and PDA areas.
8-Aug-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project apologizing for delay in response and questions regarding heritage work.
16-Aug-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project responding to questions and comments from Manitoba Hydro.
2-Oct-17	Email	Email from the MMF including their draft self-directed study
2-Oct-17	Email	Email from the MMF regarding Birtle Transmission Project and submission of the draft MLOUS.
2-Oct-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro acknowledging receipt of the report

Table C1-6 Summary of Engagement Activities with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
18-May-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro to Sioux Valley
17-Jun-16	Letter	Letter to let Sioux Valley Dakota Nation that Manitoba Hydro is available to facilitate information.
17-Jun-16	Letter	Letter to let kick off round 1 to Sioux Valley Dakota Nation and to let them know to change in routing workshop
8-Jul-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro attempting to set up meeting
19-Sep-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro to follow up after four cancelled meetings.

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Round 1		
10-Nov-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including newsletter
Round 2		
20-Mar-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter introducing the preferred route and the newsletter
28-Jun-17	Letter and email	Letter and email from Manitoba Hydro indicating an interest in engaging community-based expertise to assist with the heritage fieldwork for the Birtle Transmission Project. The letter included a draft contribution agreement.
28-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement

Table C1-7 Summary of Engagement Activities with Waywayseecappo First Nation

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
Pre-engagement		
27-May-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the draft notes for review from the meeting
10-Jun-16	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro following-up on the questions from the meeting
21-Jul-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro to Waywayseecappo First Nation requesting a meeting to discuss the community's engagement in the project
7-Oct-16	Email	MH representative asking if community would be interested in a values and interest workshop
19-Oct-16	Email	MH representative scheduling meeting date.
Round 1		
10-Nov-16	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including newsletter
5-Dec-16	Email	Community emailed to cancel meeting due to bad weather.
20-Dec-16	Email	Community offering a date for the values and interest workshop.
11-Jan-17	Values and	Values and interest workshop

Date	Activity	Key Outcome
	interest workshop	
Round 2		
20-Mar-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter introducing the preferred route and the newsletter
31-Mar-17	Email	MH representative forwarding values and interest workshop draft report.
28-Jun-17	Letter	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating an interest in engaging community-based expertise to assist with the heritage fieldwork for the Birtle Transmission Project. The letter included a draft contribution agreement.
28-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
30-Jun-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including a letter regarding the heritage fieldwork position and draft contribution agreement
11-Jul-17	Email	MH representative discussing community's future self-directed study proposal.
24-Jul-17	Email	MH representative discussing self-directed study proposal.
3-Aug-17	Email	MH representative sharing a letter about heritage field work.
4-Aug-17	Email	Email from Manitoba Hydro including the draft Traditional Knowledge contribution agreement for the Birtle Transmission Project
15-Aug-17	Email	MH representative confirming that signed self-directed study contribution agreement received.
18-Aug-17	Email	MH representative following up heritage field work and BCR for contribution agreement.
18-Aug-17	Email	MH representative asking community if they are interested in heritage field work
20-Oct-17	Email	MH representative discussing self-directed study.
31-Oct-17	Email	MH representative discussing self-directed study payment.
6-Dec -17	Email	MH representative discussing self-directed study final report.

Appendix C2
Summary of concerns and comments

Table C2-1 Summary of concerns and comments from Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation

Category	Summary of Concern and Comments from Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation	Summary of Manitoba Hydro Response	Chapter(s) or Section(s) of Environmental Assessment Report Pertaining to Key Topic of Feedback
Employment and economy	Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation looking for new partnership and joint ventures. A new policy on procurement would really be welcomed.	MH will take note of procurement advice from community.	
Employment and economy	Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation noted that the Birtle Transmission Project is going through their territory and they are looking to be the general contractor for the transmission line.	Manitoba Hydro representatives noted the community's interest and will provide more information in the coming months. Manitoba Hydro would suggest the community start working with MERX and get some experience in the bidding process.	
Employment and economy	The community is interested in tenders and contracts available. Any contract helps build our portfolio.	MH representatives indicated that it is early in the process but that they will note this interest.	
	Birdtail Sioux wanted clarification on what consultation vs engagement.	MH representatives indicated that the crown (government) conducts crown consultations. MH meets with communities, shares project information and asks about concerns. MH indicated that it uses the term 'engagement' for the process of sharing and listening to	

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		concerns conducted. The province has not delegated consultation duties to MH.	
Engagement	The word 'Dakota' means ally. We would like to be allies. Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation is not against the Birtle Transmission Project but would like to have an opportunity to bid on projects.	Manitoba Hydro representatives noted the interest	
Heritage	Dakota artifacts have been found in the Forks, Minnetona (south of Souris). Dakotas are not refugees, we have always been here.	MH has worked with Dakota Nations in the past and looks forward to learning more about the Dakota people's history.	
Heritage	We have a lot of interest in the area. We have Fort Ellice which are burial grounds for our people. Previously, this has suffered from abuse and objects have been removed from the site. There are a lot of items of archeological significance. This is all registered as Dakota territory. How do you deal with archeological	MH would like to offer more information on our archeological protocol.	

Category	Summary of Concern and Comments from Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation	Summary of Manitoba Hydro Response	Chapter(s) or Section(s) of Environmental Assessment Report Pertaining to Key Topic of Feedback
	finds?		
Heritage	Fort Ellice (St Lazare) is on top of our gravesites where they signed the treaties.	Manitoba Hydro noted the gravesite and it will be considered during the transmission line routing process	
Indigenous rights	Birdtail Sioux indicated that any companies within 80 miles of their un-ceded territory will have to give Birdtail exclusivity over economic development. The community is getting a letter ready to send.	MH representatives asked to be copied in this letter.	
Other	Currently there are no relationships with Treaty 2.	Manitoba Hydro representatives noted this.	
Project description	How much will the Birtle Transmission Line cost?	MH representatives indicated that without a route it is hard to have an estimate. However, as soon as MH has the estimated cost the number will be shared with the community.	

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Traditional land use	North of Binscarth and close to Russell is within Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation's traditional territory		
Traditional land use	Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation has submitted application for Additions to Reserve (ATR) for crown land and community pastures.	Manitoba Hydro noted the community's ATR application and that it will be considered during the transmission line routing process.	
Traditional land use	Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation is applying through the province to the federal government for the community pastures. The community has been involved in discussions about helping with conservation of the pasture. Chief Chalmers indicated that the community does not have issues with the line going through crown land.	The preferred route for the project traverses the community pasture.	
Traditional land use	The community is interested in a Traditional Knowledge Study.	Manitoba Hydro representatives are looking forward to receiving Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation's proposal for the Traditional Knowledge study. Manitoba Hydro staff also	

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		offered to hold a values and interests workshop with the community.	
Traditional knowledge study	In a former study with another company they conducted the traditional land use study. They trained hunters to do the study. The community is interested in doing their own study. The community wants to add to their traditional knowledge.	MH encourages the community to work with an independent consultant or conduct the study with community members.	

Table C2-2 Summary of concerns and comments from Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

Category	Summary of Concern and Comments from Canupawakpa Dakota Nation	Summary of Manitoba Hydro Response	Chapter(s) or Section(s) of Environmental Assessment Report Pertaining to Key Topic of Feedback

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Aboriginal Rights	The RM of Pipestone wants to limit hunting on crown lands.	MH representatives noted that hunting rights are protected under the Constitution.	Aboriginal Rights
Aquatics	The community is concerned about clean water. The Birdtail goes through the oil grounds.	Manitoba Hydro noted the community's concerns.	Aquatics
Engagement	The community expressed interest in the workshop and noted that what works best for them is a door to door survey. The community has had successes with surveys so people do not feel like they are on the spot.	MH representatives asked the community if they would be interested in hosting a workshop to identify their needs and interests.	Engagement
Engagement	Community expressed a dislike how engagement with oil companies was done. There were a number of knowledge gaps that were not addressed and certain elder were missed.	MH is committed to engaging the best way possible with First Nations communities. If at any point during the engagement there are suggestions on how to improve the process please let us know. MH requested that if Canupawakpa is interested in proceeding with a study, if they would please:	Engagement

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Engagement	Canupawakpa would want their environmental engineer to go out and visit the route. There are concerns about potential effects on medicinal plants. The Elders indicated that they would like to also do a field visit.	<p>1) develop a work plan for developing or adding to existing traditional knowledge. Monica Dominguez has materials that can help with preparation if needed.</p> <p>2) provide a budget for hosting a workshop and conduct an afternoon of door to door surveys.</p> <p>3) identify a person who can act as Manitoba Hydro's main contact, help to coordinate meetings, review documents and convey information, questions or concerns to MH.</p>	Engagement
Environment	How will Manitoba Hydro address the environmental effects of the project?	Manitoba Hydro develops mitigation measures to reduce potential effects on people and the environment. Examples of mitigation measures include the use of riparian buffers at	Environment

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		stream crossings or for clearly identified plant harvesting areas; Manitoba Hydro may use selective clearing methods. Manitoba Hydro also uses adaptive management to verify the effectiveness of mitigation measures.	
Other	A community representative said that the community has defined that there is historical use in Pipestone Creek.	MH showed the study area map to the community and noted that the BTP is north west of Pipestone Creek, and this area appears outside of the study area.	Other
Other	Can you outline the stages for project approval?	MH provided high-level timeliness and indicated that the project is classified as a Class 2 development under the Environment Act (Manitoba), the environmental assessment would begin development in approximately 2017, and the project has a planned in-service date of approximately 2020-21.	Other
Other	CDFN will be seeking ATR and self-government.	Noted.	Other

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Other	CDFN thanked MH for coming out to the community.	MH thanked the community for hosting the meeting and appreciates the community tour that followed.	Other
Route Preference	<p>The community pasture is a touchy area for the communities in the area. There are 2 TLE communities in the area and they anticipate that they would want the area. The government tries to settle claims as quickly as possible and most of the nearby land is private.</p> <p>Canupawakpa representatives clarified that centennial farms are important to the community as some grandparents worked there in their youth. Some of the centennial farms used to be used for farm horses.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro staff noted the community's concerns about routing on the community pasture. Manitoba Hydro thanked the community for sharing their preferences and concerns. Manitoba Hydro tries to balance perspectives when routing the transmission line and feedback from the community helps inform the process. Manitoba Hydro staff indicated that during the routing exercise they learned that the community most wanted Manitoba Hydro to avoid Crown lands and heritage sites. Manitoba Hydro staff asked whether the heritage sites would include centennial farms.</p>	Route Preference
Routing	<p>A Canupawakpa representative recommended combining governance and local infrastructure and adding lack of services and decent new grader / tractor.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro staff noted revisions and will update the draft workshop report to reflect the revisions.</p>	Routing

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	<p>Language was also moved under tradition and customs. When translating from Dakota to English, the meaning and value of the message is lost. Communities are trying to teach younger their language in the schools but Canupawakpa does not have a school large enough and INAC prioritizes funding for schools for the larger communities.</p>		
Self-directed study	<p>The community mentioned that their previous self-directed study work was thorough and approx. 12 Elders were interviewed. The study was able to identify environmental trends.</p>		Self-directed study
Self-directed study	<p>CDFN has been working on 7-8 interviews with Elders for another project. We have identified Pipestone Creek as an important site.</p>	MH noted this information.	Self-directed study

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Vegetation	The community is interested in having a plant species assessment. We know that there are plants that are medicinal but we don't know that name. For example, there is this purple cedar that grows in light soil and is extremely important to Dakotas but we don't know the name in Dakota.	Manitoba Hydro representative indicated that Canupawakpa has indicated an interest in conducting an Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. Manitoba Hydro also offered to bring community members for a field visit.	Vegetation
Wildlife	Community noted interest in moose.	MH representatives will provide a contact regarding moose knowledge.	Wildlife
Wildlife	Canupawakpa Dakota Nation is interested in knowing the animal count for the area. There are concerns about the wildlife population and hunting is still practiced in the community. The community is interested because members hunt to their families and communities.	Manitoba Hydro representatives will look into whether MH has animal counts. Update: Manitoba Hydro has not conducted animal counts in the area. The community may be able to request information from Manitoba Sustainable Development.	Wildlife

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	Community requested a map of the study area.	MH representatives will send a map. Traditional knowledge expertise is highly valued when seeking consultant support.	

Table C2-3 Summary of concerns and comments from Gambler First Nation

Category	Summary of Concern and Comments from Gambler First Nation	Summary of Manitoba Hydro Response	Chapter(s) or Section(s) of Environmental Assessment Report Pertaining to Key Topic of Feedback
Employment and Economy	How many jobs will this create? When will you know about jobs?	Manitoba Hydro does not yet know the number of jobs. We will know more if we receive a licence for the project.	
Employment and Economy	Does Manitoba Hydro hire First Nations for construction?	Hiring for the transmission is typically done by the contractor(s). As this project is still in the early planning phase, employment details for construction have not yet been decided. On jobs similar to the Birtle Project, there were provisions included in contract documents to encourage	

Category	Summary of Concern and Comments from Gambler First Nation	Summary of Manitoba Hydro Response	Chapter(s) or Section(s) of Environmental Assessment Report Pertaining to Key Topic of Feedback
		Indigenous recruitment.	
Engagement	Does coming out this early to the community help?	Coming out this early helps Manitoba Hydro better understand local concerns and interests.	
Engagement	What is the overall benefit to Gambler First Nation? Are there no benefits to the community? Manitoba Hydro wants something for nothing.	The income from export sales help keep Manitoba Hydro's electricity rates among the lowest in North America. Supporting a Gambler First Nation self-directed study will document and potentially build upon existing knowledge held by the community and help inform Manitoba Hydro as it plans the transmission line. This information, combined with information received from other groups, will help Manitoba Hydro build a transmission line that balances concerns.	
Engagement	When will Manitoba Hydro be back in the community?	Manitoba Hydro would like to be back in the community later this month to conduct a values and interest.	
Engagement	Gambler First Nation representatives indicated that the community is interested in the project. Treaty 4 is not a	Manitoba Hydro representatives look forward to continuing to share information and meet with the community	

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	very active organization		
Engagement	Gambler First Nation is having a band meeting on October 6, 2016. Manitoba Hydro could present the project to the broader community at 11 am.	Manitoba Hydro is happy to present to the community at the meeting. Manitoba Hydro can fund the rental for the venue and a light lunch for the meeting.	
Engagement	Gambler First Nation has an advisory committee. There are 9 members including each family head. The community will see if anyone from the committee wants to help coordinate scheduling meetings.		
Environment	The community is interested in employment opportunities	Manitoba Hydro representatives noted the interest	
Other	Will Gambler First Nation get free hydro from this Project?	No. Gambler First Nation will not receive free hydro from this project.	
Other	Gambler First Nation asked whether Manitoba Hydro still has a program where you can purchase bulk power at a certain rate and then sell it back later.	Manitoba Hydro staff are unaware of a similar ongoing program.	

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Project Description	What is Manitoba Hydro building?	Manitoba Hydro is proposing to build a new 230kV transmission line from Birtle Station to the Manitoba-Saskatchewan border.	
Project Description	When will the Project be built?	This transmission line is needed for a 20-year agreement to sell electricity to SaskPower, beginning in 2020–2021. Manitoba Hydro still needs a licence prior to building the Project.	
Project Description	Will the existing lines be replaced?	The existing lines will not be replaced as part of this project.	
Project Description	What is the cost of this transmission line?	Manitoba Hydro does not yet have a total cost for the project and the cost of the line will depend on the route that is selected.	
Route Preference	Wouldn't a route through the pasture be the best?	Manitoba Hydro has not selected a preferred route yet.	
Routing	Does Manitoba Hydro have an ideal route?	No, Manitoba Hydro does not have an ideal route. Input received through the engagement and environmental assessment processes will assist in determining a final preferred route for the project.	
Routing	Gambler First Nation is interested in participating in a routing workshop. There are 3	Manitoba Hydro can pay transportation costs (within reason) for the Elders to travel to the community to attend the workshop.	

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	Elders in Winnipeg that they would like to participate.		
Safety	Can you build houses under the ROW?	Residences and all permanent structures cannot be built in the ROW.	
Self-directed study	Gambler First Nation is interested in conducting a self-directed study for the project. The community indicated that the amount presented by Manitoba Hydro should be reasonable for them to conduct the study.	Manitoba Hydro has a template for a traditional knowledge proposal that they will send to Gambler First Nation. The community can feel free to use parts of the template if they want.	
Traditional Land Use	The community has done traditional land use work in the past. The community is interested in conducting more detailed self-directed study work. Gambler First Nation has land in the Fort Qu'Appelle area.	Manitoba Hydro representatives noted the interest	
Vegetation	Will Manitoba Hydro cut down trees that are too tall under a distribution line near a home?	If there are concerns about vegetation management for distribution lines, please contact 204-480-5900. If trees are growing too tall under transmission lines, Manitoba	

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		Hydro may remove the trees for safety reasons.	

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Employment and economy	The MMF staff talked to a Manitoba Hydro representative in purchasing and have been providing input on an Indigenous procurement policy. The MMF has an interest in the tender for this project.	Manitoba Hydro staff noted the MMF's interest and will let construction know about their interest.	
Engagement	A MMF representative indicated that the MMF is currently working on a shapefile that includes MMF Locals. Once the file is ready, they will share with Manitoba Hydro. The MMF	Manitoba Hydro staff asked if the correct terminology for the locals on the map would be Manitoba Metis Federation locals. The MMF representative indicated that they would check. Manitoba Hydro staff noted the	

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	<p>representative indicated that they would like Manitoba Hydro to add the recognized harvesting area layer to project maps as it is confusing for their users. The MMF representative mentioned that the layer should be pink to match the First Nation reserve layer. The layer is available with other provincial data.</p>	<p>request to include a harvesting layer.</p>	
Heritage	<p>The MMF representatives recommended that Manitoba Hydro staff watch the Norm Fleury video regarding Ste. Madeline.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro staff have not found the video yet. Could the MMF please send a link?</p>	
Project description	<p>Is the physical size of the tubular steel structure larger than the self-supporting tower?</p>	<p>The foundations are slightly larger for the tubular steel structure. Correction: The tubular steel structure would have 2 slightly larger foundations while the self-supporting would have 4 foundations so it would have a larger footprint.</p>	

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Project description	Is there a preferred border crossing?	No, not yet. There are currently 2 options.	
Project description	Is Manitoba Hydro building to the border?	Yes, Manitoba Hydro is building to the border.	
Routing	The community pastures are very important to the MMF. Ste. Madeleine is a huge tipping point for the MMF. For this project, at first glance the MMF might also be concerned with impacts on harvesting.	Manitoba Hydro staff encouraged the MMF staff to share any concerns or preferences that they might have as soon as possible. Manitoba Hydro asked if they could have a community meeting at the beginning of January. Manitoba Hydro staff also mentioned that the MMF can add new segments to the map.	
Traditional land use	A MMF representative recommended that the MMF look at the Birtle overlay with their current catalogue of TLUKS from all projects including gas and electric and then conduct a gap analysis. Once the gaps have been identified, further	Manitoba Hydro shared that they do not have a large budget for this project as this is a smaller project.	

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	<p>discussion would be required. It was also noted that the catalogue of TLUKS may have relevant information from Bipole III. The MMF has been trying to find citizens that were previously interviewed for other projects and follow up with them. Their process for interviewing has changed over time. The MMF staff thought that 2 community meetings might work: in Winnipeg and St. Lazare but they need to look into it further.</p>		
Traditional land use	<p>The locals in the area are very grounded in the local area and province wide culture as well.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro staff said that they would be happy to take local members and MMF staff out on a field visit.</p>	
Wildlife and wildlife habitat	<p>The MMF staff noted that they have concerns about moose in the area.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro staff noted the MMF's concerns.</p>	

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Employment and Economy	Waywayseecappo First Nation is interested in employment and training opportunities for the project	Manitoba Hydro noted the community's interest	Employment and Economy
Engagement	Community indicated that they are interested in hosting a workshop.	MH representative will work with leadership to set a date and format.	Engagement
Engagement	Community also indicated an interest in having a community coordinator	MH will follow up with the community.	Engagement
Engagement	Waywayseecappo First Nation is interested in participating in the engagement process for the project and recommend that Manitoba Hydro continue to keep Chief and Council informed of the status.	Manitoba Hydro will continue to share information with Chief and Council about the project.	Engagement
Other	Chief said that he was upset that he had never been asked for permission to put all the transmission lines in the community. MH should consider compensating the community.	MH noted the comment. The line in the community brings electricity to the whole community.	Other
Other	Waywayseecappo First Nation representatives expressed concerns that Manitoba Hydro had incorrectly identified	This data is from the Canada Lands Survey	Other

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	some parcels on the map as Gambler First Nation.	System	
Other	Does Manitoba Hydro consider flooding when routing the transmission line?	Flood prone areas are considered during the transmission line routing process.	Other
Other	Is the line going to Tantallon because Manitoba Hydro is planning a new generating station for the Qu'Appelle Valley?	Manitoba Hydro does not have any future generating stations planned for the Qu'Appelle Valley	Other
Route Preference	There are burial sites near St. Lazare on the hill. [A Manitoba Hydro representative drew the sites on a map.] Some of the sites are fenced; some are not. Some are in the pasture, on the hill and some are on the west side of the river. The community has not conducted a self-directed study.	Manitoba Hydro noted the burial sites and that they will be considered during the transmission line routing process.	Route Preference
Self-directed study	Community indicated that they are interested in conducting a self-directed study.	MH representative will forward self-directed study work plan template.	Self-directed study

