

Neepawa gas transmission project

Engagement feedback summary

Key engagement themes

Socioeconomic

Participants shared themes around cultural heritage considerations, workforce development opportunities, and economic impacts such as compensation for easements, crop damage, and pasture loss. Participants also expressed interest in local employment and training opportunities, highlighting the potential for workforce development and community benefits.

Environment

Participants shared concerns about environmental impacts, including timing around migratory birds, water crossings, and wetland protection, as well as biosecurity risks, weed management, soil handling, and leak detection.

Business and Operations

Participants shared concerns about construction methods, timing, and disruption to agriculture, along with questions about contractor selection, staging areas, property impacts, and coordination with irrigation and future water lines.

Planning and Process

Participants shared questions about route selection, regulatory approvals, and implications for future land development, including building restrictions and subdivision plans.

Engagement activities

Our engagement process for the project ran from September through December 2025. During this time, we shared project information and gathered feedback on the preferred route for the natural gas pipeline.

For this project we engaged with:

- First Nation and Métis audiences
- Affected and adjacent landowners
- Communities and Rural Municipalities
- Local businesses, and the public

3

Virtual
information
sessions

1

In-person
open house

1

In-person
field tour

3

Meetings with
landowners

Feedback gathered helped us better understand concerns, interests, and potential impacts, as well as identify mitigation measures to inform the environmental assessment and route alignment decisions.

Next steps

We submitted the Environment Act Proposal with Manitoba Environment and Climate Change for regulatory review in December 2025 and are awaiting a licensing decision. Following Manitoba Environment and Climate Change's decision, we will notify the engaged audiences of the outcome.

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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.

Feedback	Outcomes
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.
Questions about pipeline specifications, construction methods, and restoration practices.	Manitoba Hydro will provide detailed project specifications (length, diameter, right-of-way width, depth) and confirm that construction methods will be used appropriately, with topsoil segregation and restoration after construction.
Concerns about land acquisition, compensation for crop damage, and long-term forage loss.	Manitoba Hydro will continue direct discussions with property owners regarding easements and compensation.
Interest in cultural heritage protection and concerns about heritage methodology.	Manitoba Hydro will consider input into heritage fieldwork planning and continue discussions with interested nations.
Requests for workforce development opportunities and early communication of job requirements.	Contract measures will promote opportunities for Indigenous people and businesses including employment and training opportunities.

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

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