

# Open House

## **Neepawa Gas Transmission Project**

# What is the project?

A new 6-inch steel natural gas transmission line will run approximately 19 kilometres (km), starting from an existing valve site located about 22.5 km south of Neepawa and ending at a control structure approximately 3.5 km south of the town.

## Why are we doing this?

The Neepawa region is experiencing ongoing growth, which is increasing demand for natural gas. The existing infrastructure is nearing capacity, necessitating expansion to support ongoing regional development. Key drivers of this demand include urban growth, the expansion of cereal crop production, and a shift by some users from alternative energy sources to natural gas.

## When is it happening?

- **December 2025**  
File environmental assessment for regulatory review
- **December 2026**  
Licensing decision (Anticipated)
- **Spring 2027**  
Construction (If licence is approved)
- **Fall 2027**  
Estimated in-service date

# Construction Methods



**Trenching** involves digging a long narrow hole in the ground and placing the pipeline within it.

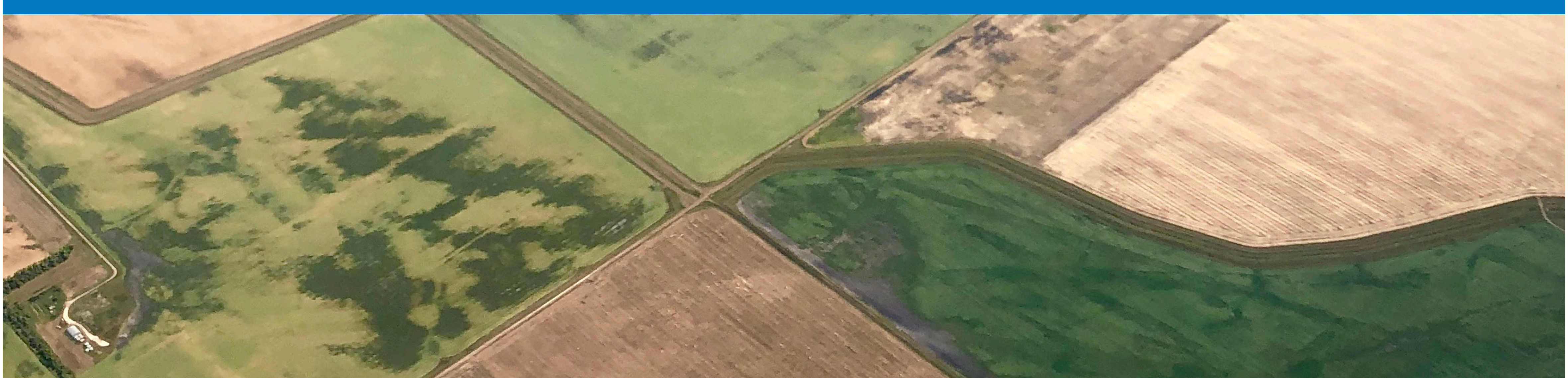
- **Typically the trench is 1.3 meters deep with the top of the pipe lying 1 meter below the surface.**

**Horizontal Directional Drilling** is a method used to install underground utilities, like pipelines. A tunnel that follows an arc shape is drilled under the designated area, and the pipeline is pulled through this tunnel, coming out on the opposite side.

- **Horizontal directional drilling is used to install the pipeline where it crosses drains, railways and roadways.**






# Environmental Assessment

An **environmental assessment** is a multi-disciplinary evaluation of a project that examines what potential effects the project might have on the human and natural environment and how to minimize potential effects.



This project is classified as a Class 2 development under *The Environment Act*. An Environment Act Proposal will be developed and submitted to the Environmental Approvals Branch of Manitoba Environment and Climate Change for review.

The steps in the environmental assessment process include:

-  **Defining the project scope**
-  **Describing the existing conditions**
-  **Assessing project effects**
-  **Assessing cumulative effects**
-  **Monitoring and follow-up commitments**

# Environmental Assessment

Some of the valued components that will likely be considered in the environmental assessment include:

-  **Important sites**
-  **Vegetation**
-  **Wildlife and wildlife habitat**
-  **Commercial agriculture**
-  **Health and well-being**
-  **Economic opportunities**
-  **Infrastructure and community services**

The environmental assessment will evaluate the potential impacts of the project on these valued components and identify ways to reduce or prevent potential negative impacts.

# Compensation

**For this project, Manitoba Hydro is looking to secure easements along the preferred route. Easements allow for landowners to maintain ownership and continue farming practices. Compensation for easements is based on current market value of the land.**

Affected property owners are compensated for:

- Easement for below-ground gas infrastructure
- Easement for above-ground gas infrastructure, if applicable
- Crop damages during construction
- Ancillary damage during construction, if applicable

**Our goal is to make every reasonable effort to develop a mutually acceptable agreement for compensation on privately owned land.**

# Project Details



**The anticipated length of the gas transmission line is approximately 19 km.**

Where the proposed gas transmission line runs parallel to existing gas transmission lines, a 25-metre right-of-way will be required.

The right-of-way width for the project will be 30 metres where the gas transmission line does not parallel other lines.

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