#### **Round two – preferred route** Brandon–Portage la Prairie (BP6/BP7) transmission line replacement



### Outline

- Project description
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- How we consider routing feedback
- Preferred route
- Next steps





# Why is this project needed?

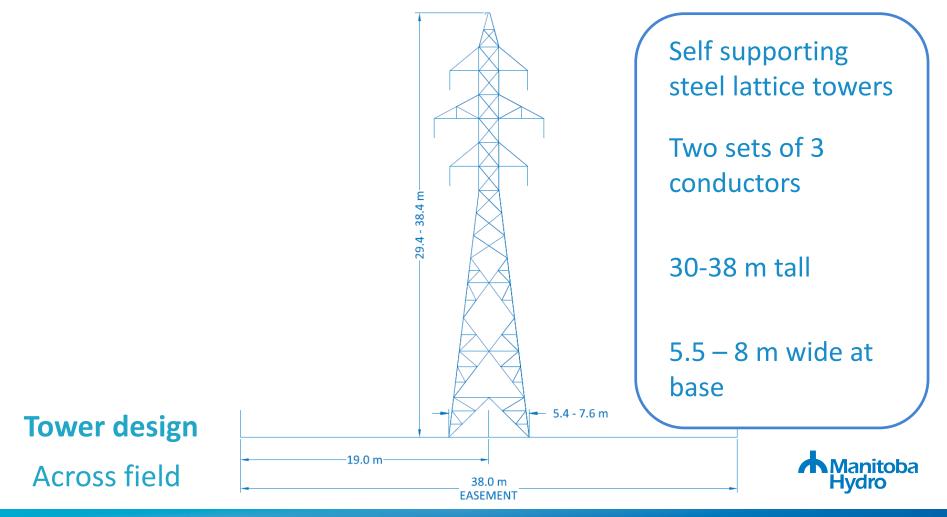
The October 2019 brought freezing rain, wet snow, and high winds that caused extensive damage to our system. Due to the extent of the damage, some sections of BP6/BP7 in Portage la Prairie need to be entirely rebuilt with permanent replacements to ensure it can continue to reliably serve the area's growing electricity needs into the future.

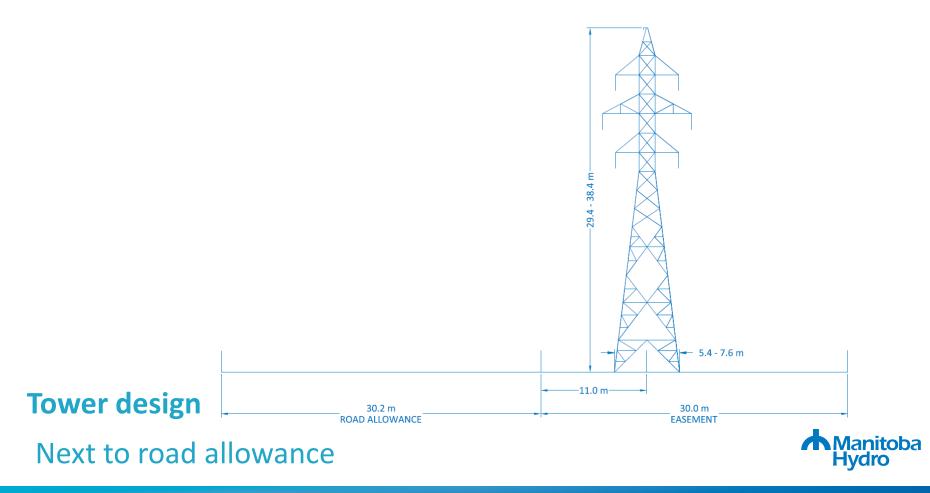
Manitoba Hydro has considered different routes for these rebuilt sections as development beside the line has grown and requirements for right of-way widths have increased since it was first built over half a century ago.



**Damaged tower in Portage la Prairie** 







# Round one engagement

#### Engagement activities

Online survey & feedback portal

- virtual information sessions
- **o** virtual meetings with interested parties
- 11 virtual meetings with four Indigenous communities and one organization



## What we heard

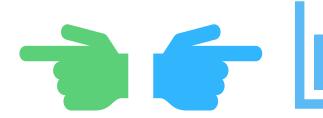
Key concerns:

- Proximity to homes
- Health and safety
- Culture and heritage
- Traditional land and harvesting
- Recreational activities

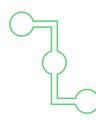




### How do we consider routing feedback?



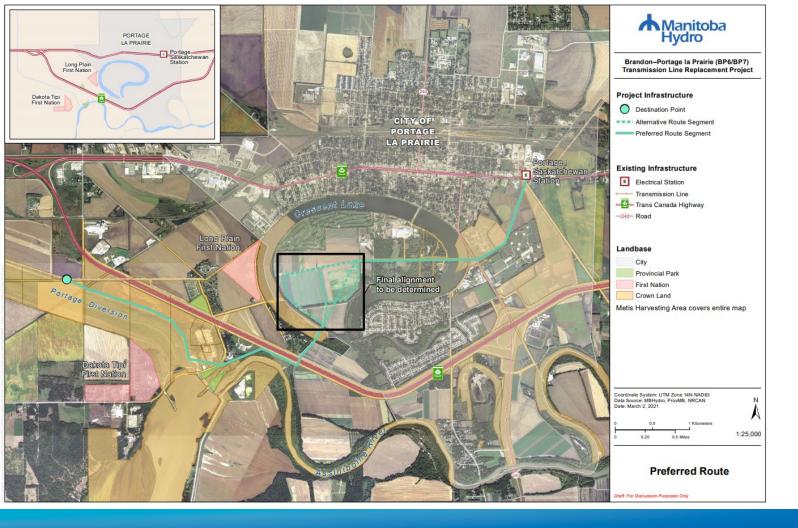




We sometimes hear opposing preferences

Dozens of routing options are considered by experts with different specialties. The community ranking was determined by representatives from Indigenous communities and representatives from the rural municipality, city and planning district

The preferred route is routed in a manner that aims to limit overall effects. Those effects are considered in detail.





How did concerns influence what is assessed for the project?

We assess matters considered important to those affected by a project:

- Agriculture
- Economic opportunities
- Fish and fish habitat
- Human health
- Parks and recreation
- Property value and future planned development and visual quality
- Traditional practices, heritage and culture
- Vegetation
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat



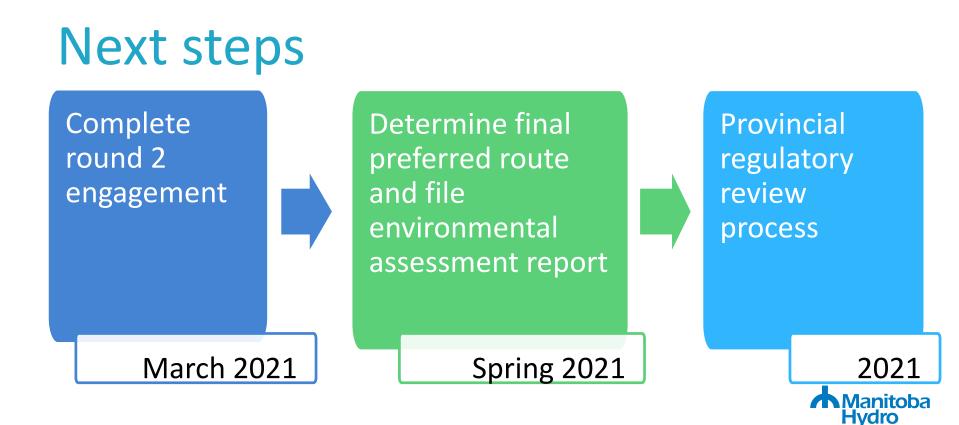
# We want to hear from you

# Online survey and feedback portal

Tell us what you think about the preferred route. The survey closes on March 18. Feedback portal

www.hydro.mb.ca/bp67





## Discussion

- General questions and concerns?
- Location specifics segments

- Resources
  - <u>online feedback portal</u>

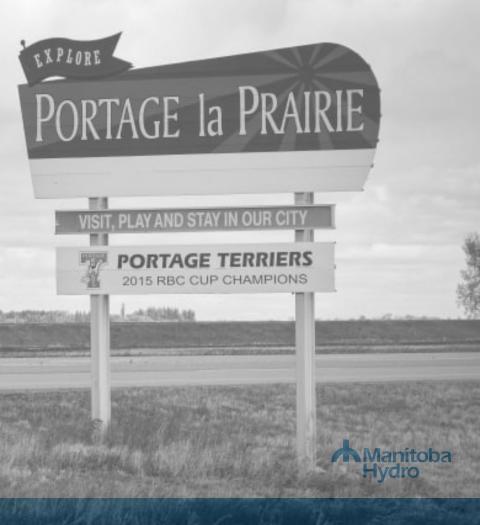




### Thank you

The project team wants to hear from you.

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