

Brandon–Portage la Prairie (BP6/BP7) transmission line replacement project

Engagement summary

Portage la Prairie and surrounding communities were some of the hardest hit by the powerful storm that struck southern Manitoba in October 2019. Now, work is continuing on some of the large-scale repairs and rebuilds in the area, including a double circuit transmission line between Brandon and Portage la Prairie (referred to as BP6/BP7). To learn more, visit www.hydro.mb.ca/bp67

This fall, landowners, Indigenous communities, local residents, and interested parties were invited to participate in an engagement process for the project. This feedback, along with input from other studies, will help inform final routing and design, which we expect to share more details on in the coming months. The following are some key insights from our engagement.

Key engagement themes

Proximity to homes

Participants shared concerns about impacts to their homes and neighbourhoods, such as decreased property values and loss of natural habitat.

Health and safety

Participants shared concerns about living near high voltage transmission lines and traffic collision risks with routing near the Trans-Canada Highway.

Culture and heritage

Participants shared concerns about potential cultural and archaeological sites on Crescent Island and near Fort la Reine and the Yellowquill Trail.

Key survey findings

Personal property

50% said impacts to their personal property is a top priority for them.

Project need

47% said the project being planned because of the October 2019 storm is a top consideration for them.

Environmental assessment underway

An environmental assessment report, including the final preferred route for the rebuilt sections of BP6/BP7, will be submitted to Manitoba Conservation and Climate for approval before construction work can begin.

Engagement activities

Online survey & feedback portal

4 virtual information sessions

10 virtual meetings with interested parties

11 virtual meetings with four Indigenous communities and one organization



Traditional land and harvesting

Participants suggested measures be taken to protect medicinal vegetation in the area and wildlife populations that are sources of food and for traditional practices.

Recreational activities

Participants shared concerns about potential impacts to recreational areas and activities, such as the local dog park and fishing areas.

Reliability

38% agree the project is necessary to improve reliability of electricity to customers in the area.

The view

31% said impacts to the view from their home or look of their community is a top priority for them.

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