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1.0 Introduction

This report provides a detailed accounting of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Consultation process designed and executed for the purposes of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Bipole III project. The Bipole III EA Consultation Program (EACP) was designed to:

- Provide timely and relevant information on the Bipole III project;
- Provide opportunities to receive feedback from stakeholders within the project Study Area; and
- Incorporate feedback into project decision-making.

The four round EA consultation process was carried out between October 2008 and December 2010 and involved over 4,000 participants. Additional consultation has continued since that time with various stakeholders.

2.0 Report Structure

This section outlines the structure of this report on a section by section basis.

Sections 3.0 and 4.0 provide a project description and an outline of Manitoba Hydro's Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process respectively.

One of the objectives of the EA Study team was to meet and exceed standards outlined in relevant legislation and regulation and to surpass the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) guidelines with respect to recommendations for effective EA consultation. The CEAA guidelines are referred to throughout this document. Section 5.0 of this report provides an overview of the relevant legislation, regulation and CEAA guidelines.

The Bipole III project represents a significant undertaking from an EA consultation perspective. Figure 1.0 illustrates the extent of the study area, which encompasses a substantial portion of Manitoba's land mass and populated areas. Within the study area itself, there exists a wide diversity of communities, individuals, stakeholder groups, political entities, geographies and particularly, perspectives. Providing an opportunity for all of these to participate in a project of required a structured approach. Section 6.0 references the EA Consultation methodology undertaken – a four round system, making use of multiple forms of communication and participation in each of the four rounds, adapting as required over the time span of the EA consultation process.

A key aspect to stakeholder participation is proper notification. Section 7.0 includes an overview of the notification procedures undertaken by the study team, which included 14 different methods for creating awareness of the various opportunities to participate in the process. An exhaustive Appendix is included to account for the extent of notification undertaken (Appendix A).

Over 300 stakeholder groups and thousands of individuals chose to participate in the EA consultation process. Managing the process of notifying and connecting with all of these groups over a large geographic study area, required the development of a stakeholder structure and corresponding tracking system. This system is described in Section 8.0 of this report and a summary of the participation opportunities is provided in Section 9.0.

The materials used throughout the EA consultation process included printed material in the form of a project newsletter for each stage of the project, detailed mapping of route options, PowerPoint presentation and ‘flyover’ animation imagery of the Preliminary Preferred Route set within ortho-imagery 3-Dimensional model. Over 35 unique communication materials were prepared and integrated into the EA consultation process. These materials are outlined in Section 10.0.

A summary review of the feedback received in each of the four rounds of EA Consultation is provided in Section 11.0 and a summary discussion of key issues is provided in Section 12.0. The study team response to feedback received is provided in Section 13.0 and an outline of anticipated on-going stakeholder communications is provided in Section 14.0.

3.0 Bipole III Project Description

The major components of the Bipole III Project are:

- A 500 kV HVdc transmission line;
- A new northern converter station, the Keewatinoow converter station, to be located near the proposed site of the Conawapa Generating Station including a construction camp and construction power;
- A new southern converter station located at the Riel site in the Rural Municipality of Springfield including construction power;
- New 230 kV transmission lines linking the Keewatinoow converter station to the northern collector system at the existing 230 kV switchyards at Henday Converter Station and Long Spruce Generating Stations; and
- New ground electrode sites for each converter station, connected to the station by a low voltage feeder line.

A detailed project description will be provided in Bipole III EIS Report.

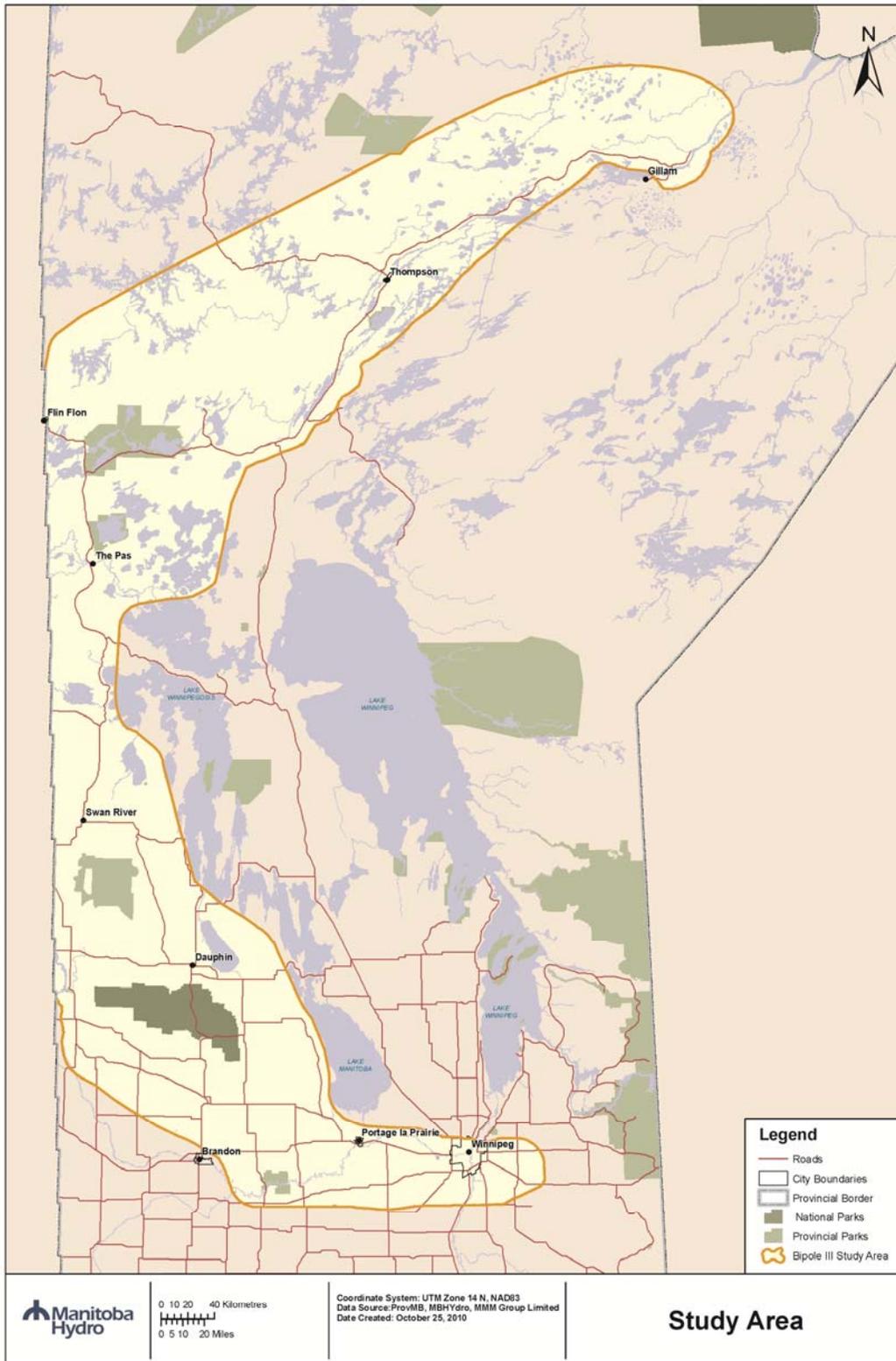
The EA Consultation was designed to include information and gain feedback on all project elements as described above.

4.0 Site Selection and Environmental Assessment Process

Manitoba Hydro transmission projects utilize a Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process to better understand the potential issues and concerns associated with the routing and siting of the transmission line and components, to assess the potential environmental effects and identify appropriate mitigation measures to manage those potential effects of the proposed project on the environment. This process was undertaken for the Bipole III transmission line project and is described in the EIS and related technical reports¹.

¹ See *Bipole III - Summary Alternative Route Evaluation Report (2010)* and *Bipole III - Final Preferred Route Report (2010)*

Figure 1.0 - Bipole III Study Area



The conclusion of the route evaluation and analysis process resulted in the selection of a Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR)² for the Bipole III transmission line.

5.0 Relevant Legislation, Regulation and Guidelines

The Bipole III Transmission Project (the “Project”) under The (Manitoba) *Environment Act* is a Class 3 development, as defined in the Classes of Development Regulation 164/88.

The scope of this EIS is intended to be consistent with the Class 3 (Manitoba) review requirements, the requirements outlined in Manitoba Conservation’s Information Bulletin “*Environment Act* Proposal Report Guidelines”, and the information outlined in the Environmental Assessment Scoping Document (June 2010) as approved by the environmental regulatory authorities for the Project.

The intent of *Environment Act* is to develop and maintain an environmental protection and management system in Manitoba, which will ensure that the environment is protected and maintained in such a manner as to sustain a high quality of life, including social and economic development, recreation and leisure for this and future generations, and in this regard, the Act provides for public consultation in environmental decision making while recognizing the responsibility of elected government including municipal governments as decision makers (Section 1(1)(d)).

For the purpose of assessing a proposed Class 3 development, the Act outlines that the minister, in consultation with the Interdepartmental Planning Board and other departments may:

- Issue guidelines and instructions for the assessment and require the proponent to carry out public consultation; and
- Cause to be conducted a public hearing by the commission (Section 12(5)(e)).

Under *Miscellaneous Provisions* section it is further noted that:

When considering a proposal, the director and the minister may take into account any public consultations on the proposed development conducted by the proponent (Section 12.0.1(1)).

It was intended that the Bipole III EA consultation program would meet or exceed minimum requirements of relevant legislation and also follow industry accepted principles and practices. Various sources of accepted public consultation regulation and practice were reviewed as a means of ensuring that the adopted EA Consultation approach would meet this goal. Sources reviewed included the *International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)*, the *International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA)* and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA)* guidelines for public participation.

The CEAA ministerial guidelines were selected as a means of providing a framework by which to generally assess the Bipole III EA consultation process efficacy and ensure that a high standard of public participation was achieved as appropriate for a project of this nature.

² As defined in Bipole III Newsletter 4 (July 2010)

The Ministerial publication *Public Participation: A Guide for Meaningful Participation in Environmental Assessments under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (the ‘CEAA Guide’)* identifies and describes eight key elements of meaningful public participation and states that public participation should exhibit all of the elements in order to be considered meaningful. The key elements are:

- Early notification
- Accessible information
- Shared knowledge
- Sensitivity to community values
- Reasonable timing
- Appropriate levels of participation
- Adaptive processes
- Transparent results

Table 1.0 cites the eight key elements of meaningful public participation as outlined in the CEAA Guide and provides high-level commentary concerning the Bipole III EA consultation process as relevant to each of the key elements. Each element is further described in the balance of this report.

Table 1.0 - Ministerial Guidelines for Public Consultation and Related Commentary for Bipole III

Item	Basic Principal	Commentary Concerning Bipole III Participation Process
1.0	Early Notification	Extensive notification procedures were undertaken for each Round of consultation (see Section 4.0 - Notification). Multiple methods of notification were utilized (14 unique methods). Notification was carried out early and often for each round.
2.0	Accessible Information	Extensive information was made available throughout each Round of consultation (see Section 7.0 – Materials). Information was made available through multiple venues/sources (Open Houses, Landowner Meetings, Website, etc.) and at all stages of the consultation process.
3.0	Shared Knowledge	Multiple forms of knowledge were accessed and utilized through the EA consultation process including technical knowledge and community knowledge, as well as an extensive Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge program ³ Substantial opportunities for lengthy face to face discussions were also provided for individual landowners and affected communities along the Preliminary Preferred Route. The knowledge, concerns, values and viewpoints were considered and where possible, integrated into project decision-making.
4.0	Sensitivity to Community Values	Diverse values were recognized through an extensive program of stakeholder and leadership meetings and community open houses, representing the variety of interests including municipal and community leaders,

³ see *Bipole III Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Technical Reports*

Item	Basic Principal	Commentary Concerning Bipole III Participation Process
		specific stakeholder interests, and individually held interests.
5.0	Reasonable Timing	Project feedback opportunities were provided over a period of approximately two years (2008 – 2010). During each Round, ample time and opportunity was provided for participants to provide both written and verbal feedback via multiple mechanisms. Feedback forms could be submitted at any time during the Round. Website feedback forms were also available at any time during Rounds 3 and 4. A project information feedback phone line was maintained throughout Round 4.
6.0	Appropriate Levels of Participation	Various opportunities to participate were provided in multiple modes to recognize a variety of levels of participation or interest. These included community leadership meetings, stakeholder group meetings, face to face landowner meetings, individual resource user meetings, regional and community open houses, project website information and feedback forms. Tens of thousands of Manitobans were invited to participate. Over 4,000 people participated in the Project in one form or another.
7.0	Adaptive Processes	The Project process was both flexible and adaptive. Process related feedback was requested and noted at various stages of the project and adjustments made accordingly. Information provided was adapted to respond to feedback from each preceding Round of consultation. Requests for Stakeholder Group and individual meetings were accommodated throughout the process.
8.0	Transparent Results	The feedback received from participants was summarized after each Round. A project newsletter was prepared for each Round, which included information about previous input and a general response to common topics of interest. Questions provided via feedback form, email, telephone or other means were responded to with appropriate, timely and relevant information. ‘What We Heard’ documents were prepared and posted on the project website following Rounds 3 and 4 of the EA consultation process.

As part of the legislative requirements associated with the Bipole III EA process, a project Scoping Document was submitted in December 2009. The scoping document provided a general outline of the planned EA consultation approach as follows (the section that follows is a quotation from the original scoping document):

Southern/Public Component

Four rounds of public consultation were planned for the Project. Rounds 1 and 2 focused on identifying potential stakeholders, providing an introduction to the Project, and identifying potential issues and concerns to assist in establishing potential route

alternatives. Round 3 concentrated on receiving and reviewing input on three potential route alternatives to assist in making a decision on a preferred right-of-way for the transmission line. The focus of Round 4 was to confirm the final route delineation and review and receive input concerning mitigation measures. The goals for the public consultation process were to:

- Provide timely, accurate and relevant project information to potentially affected stakeholders, interested parties and the general public;
- Provide meaningful and on-going opportunities for public and stakeholder input to the SSEA and the EIS;
- Obtain information and feedback from potentially affected stakeholders to assist in site selection, environmental assessment and development of appropriate mitigation measures; and
- Record what was heard and demonstrate how it was considered in the site selection and environmental assessment.

Aboriginal/Northern Component

Manitoba Hydro coordinated meetings and discussions with Aboriginal and northern communities. The goals of the Aboriginal/northern component are similar to those of the southern component but are directed toward First Nations and Northern Association of Community Council (NACC) communities in the conceptual study area. The approach involves meeting with the leadership and members of these communities as appropriate, explaining the proposed Project, and receiving comments and concerns for consideration in the SSEA and EIS. Consultation with the Manitoba Métis Federation was also undertaken.

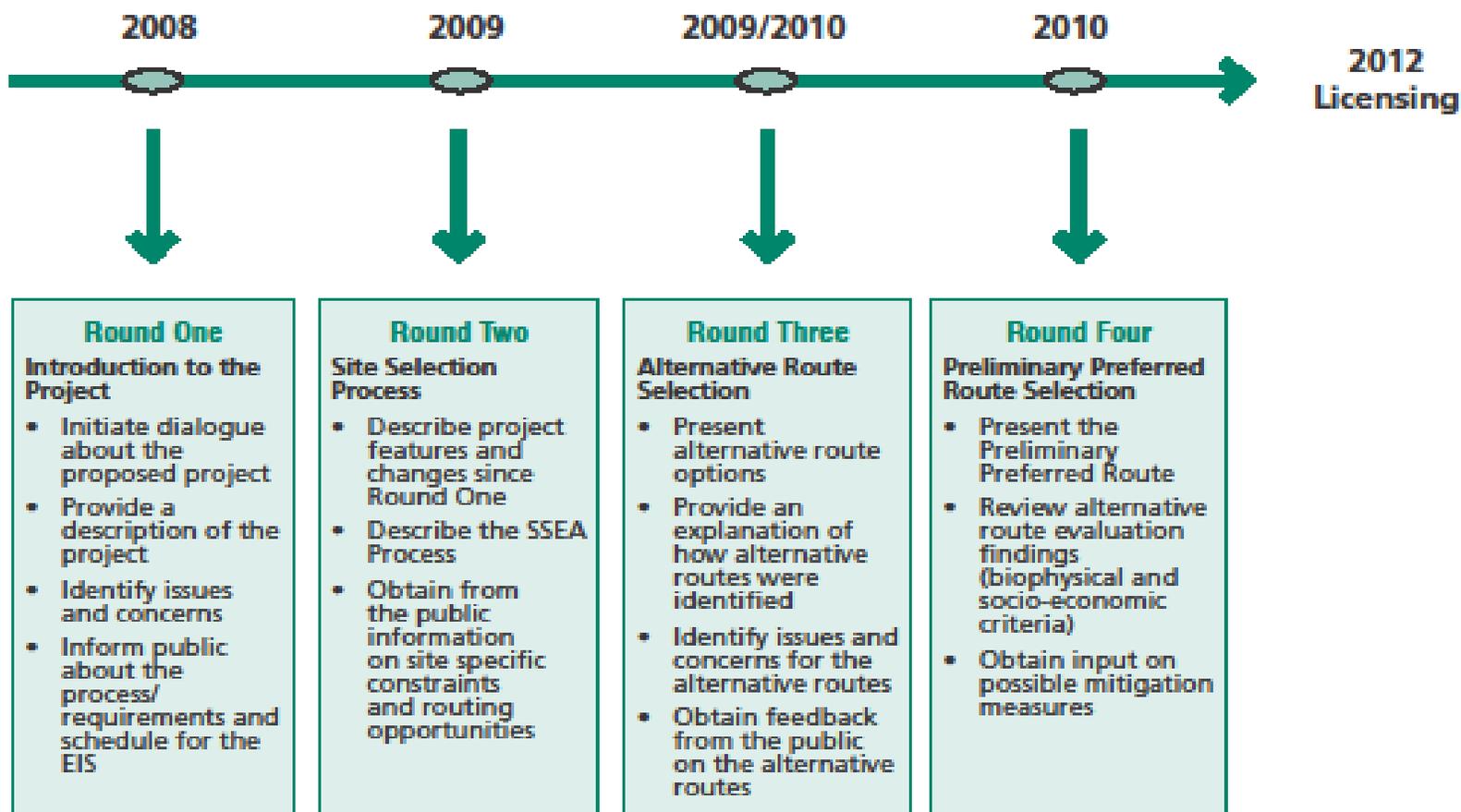
The EA consultation program has successfully satisfied the general approach as laid out in the Scoping document.

6.0 EA Consultation Methodology

The general approach for the EA consultation process was to create an integrated process, founded on timely and thorough communication early and throughout the process in keeping with the intent of the CEAA guidelines.

The EA consultation process was structured iteratively such that four successive rounds of EA consultation were undertaken with communities, community leaders, stakeholder groups and individuals throughout the study area. First Nations and NACC communities that were identified in the Bipole III conceptual Study Area were engaged. Figure 2.0 illustrates the four-round process and generalized timing of each round.

Figure 2.0 - Four Round Consultation Approach



The purpose of each Round of consultation is outlined in Table 2.0.

Table 2.0 - Purpose and Approach of Each Round of the Participation Process

Round	Purpose and Approach
Round 1 (Project Introduction)	Purpose: To introduce the project concept. Approach: Multiple stakeholder and leadership meetings in a presentation format followed by a question and answer period. Regional Open House events and Leadership Meetings throughout the project study area.
Round 2 (Project Introduction and Issues Scoping)	Purpose: To introduce the project concept, provide further project information, identify potential routing constraints and opportunities, and to gain feedback on potential issues, ideas or concerns raised during Round 1. Approach: Multiple stakeholder meetings in a presentation format followed by a question and answer period. Regional and Community Open House events throughout the project study area.
Round 3 (Alternative Routes)	Purpose: To respond to issues, ideas and concerns raised during Round 2, to present Alternative Routes for the project, and to gain feedback on the Alternative Routes and other project issues, ideas or concerns. Approach: Multiple stakeholder meetings in a presentation format followed by a question and answer period. Regional and Community Open House events in all areas near the Alternative Routes.
Round 4 (Preliminary Preferred Route)	Purpose: To respond to issues, ideas and concerns raised during Round 3, to present the Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR), and to gain feedback on the PPR. Approach: Multiple stakeholder meetings in a presentation format followed by a question and answer period. Regional and Community Open events and Leadership Meetings in all areas near the PPR. Landowner Information Centres and direct invitations for a one on one meeting with landowners in the vicinity of the PPR.

All aspects of the EA consultation process were carefully documented and assessed. CEAA Guidelines suggest that at minimum, documentation should include:

- A list of the interested parties who were provided with project-specific information;
- Copies of the information provided to the parties;
- How and when information was provided to the parties, including whether a translator was employed;
- All dates and locations of events or techniques used for the participation activity;
- Names of individuals and groups contacted;
- Lists of attendees at all meetings and events;
- A record of communication, such as written records of phone conversations and minutes of meetings, etc.;
- Records-of-decisions, action items or agreements; and
- A summary of public participation activities and outcomes.

Documentation for the project followed these guidelines. Due to the extensive number of stakeholders involved in the project and the resulting extensive set of participant feedback a

database system for the collection of information was required. Two key tools were employed: a Master Stakeholder List (MSL) and a Master Feedback Log (MFL). These two files (Excel databases) tracked all input from all sources at all stages of the project. The MSL and the MFL are further described in Sections 8.0 and 11.0 respectively in this report.

A series of EA consultation mechanisms were used including individual stakeholder meetings, presentations at organized stakeholder group meetings, open houses, landowner information centres, written feedback forms, a project website and a project information line.

The EA consultation process consisted of two study team groups to carry out each of the northern/aboriginal component and the southern/non-aboriginal component of the process. This approach was utilized as a means of recognizing the diversity and unique nature of various stakeholders from both a cultural and physical geographic perspective. The mechanisms and materials used in each setting, while substantially similar, were modified based on best practice principles and the expert knowledge of study team members leading each group.

Figure 3 describes the consultation approach by illustrating the various mechanisms used in the context of major project milestones. Each of the mechanisms is described below in terms of the rationale for the selection of that mechanism and the application of each. An inventory of all meetings and Open Houses undertaken throughout the project is provided in Appendix B.

Planning District Meetings

Meetings were held with Planning Districts within the Bipole III Study Area. Planning Districts include representatives from each of the partnering municipalities. As such, the Planning Districts represented an efficient way of introducing the project over a large geographic area. The meetings provided an opportunity for the study team to introduce the project to municipal council members during in Round 1 and to determine routing opportunities and constraints during Round 2, prior to the identification of alternative routes. A PowerPoint presentation was provided to each council outlining the project, the study area and the SSEA process. Each meeting attendee received a newsletter and a comment sheet. Meetings were held in the early stages of both Round 1 and Round 2 to ensure each council was aware of the status of the project and the upcoming Regional Open Houses. Meeting notes were prepared for each meeting.

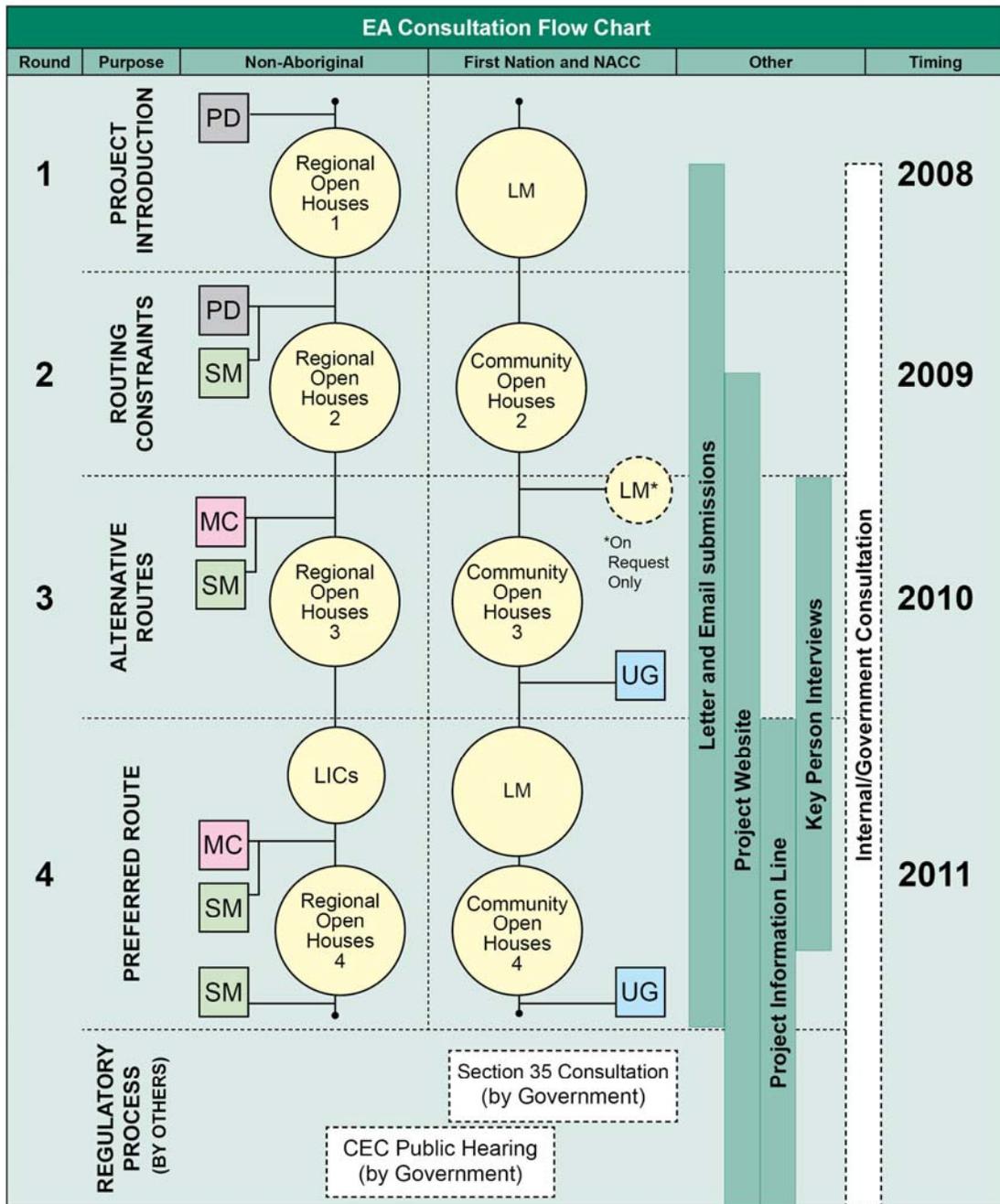
Leadership Meetings

During all rounds, the Study team aimed to meet with leadership of First Nation and NACC communities to provide project information, outline the current status of the project and to receive feedback on routing in later stages of the EA program. Leadership meetings were generally held prior to Community Open Houses, although in some cases leadership was invited to attend a Community Open House. Newsletters, comment sheets and a presentation were provided to participants in attendance.

Regional Open Houses

Regional Open Houses were conducted during each round of the EA consultation process. The Open Houses were generally held towards the end of each round following stakeholder

Figure 3.0 - EA Consultation General Approach, Mechanisms and Timing



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- PD Planning Districts
- SM Stakeholder Meetings
- LICs Landowner Information Centres
- CEC Clean Environment Commission
- MC Municipal Councils
- UG Aboriginal Umbrella Group Meetings
- LM Leadership Meetings

meetings with meetings with representative municipal councils. The open houses provided the Study team with an opportunity to speak with individuals interested in the project. Study team members from various disciplines were available to respond to questions or concerns raised by attendees. Due to the scale of the study area, the Regional Open House format provided an appropriate opportunity for reaching a large portion of the general public.

Venue locations were modified throughout the process to reflect the evolving phases of the project. For example during Rounds 1 and 2, the open house events were distributed across the study area and generally held in larger communities to reflect the general nature of the information available and the input sought during early stages of the project. During Round 3, open house locations were targeted for areas near the identified alternative routes. During Round 4, open house locations were focused on areas near the preliminary preferred route in order to maximize local feedback.

Extensive information was provided at each Regional Open House, including project display boards, a project newsletter, a project video and construction slideshow, localized mapping, and comment sheets (see Section 10.0 for an extensive description of materials used).

Community Open Houses

Community Open Houses were held across the study area in First Nation and NACC Communities. These events provided community members with an opportunity to gather project information and to provide feedback to Manitoba Hydro representatives. This method of communication was an effective means of providing opportunity for direct discussions with communities in remote locations.

Extensive information was provided at each Regional Open House, including project display boards, a project newsletter, a construction slideshow, localized mapping, and comment sheets (see Section 10.0 for an extensive description of materials used).

Municipal Council Meetings

Once alternative routes were determined, the study team arranged to speak with affected municipal councils in order to gather specific feedback regarding the alternative routes in each jurisdiction in Round 3, and to discuss the preliminary preferred route in Round 4.

Meetings were scheduled early during the each round where possible to help ensure municipal councils were aware of the project status to enable response to their respective constituencies.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided to each council, which outlined route alternatives in Round 3 and the preliminary preferred route in Round 4. Other information included details regarding the SSEA process, project timelines, and project decision-making processes. Each council was provided with project mapping and asked for feedback at each meeting or following each meeting. Attendees were provided with a newsletter and a comment sheet. Compensation brochures and a Community Development Initiative handout were also provided during Round 4. Meeting notes were recorded for each meeting. The meetings also served as an opportunity to identify other project stakeholders through recommendations or suggestions of council members.

Stakeholder Meetings

Throughout the project, the Study team identified specific stakeholder groups that may have an interest in the Bipole III project. The list of stakeholder groups evolved over the period of the project to include other interests as they arose. Stakeholder meetings were arranged and carried out as an effective tool to help ensure issues or concerns raised by an organization could be understood and addressed. Meetings with additional stakeholder groups provided an opportunity for the project team to gain a better understanding of both broad issues and specific concerns (e.g. agricultural interests raised by Keystone Agricultural Producers, mining concerns raised by Mining Association of Manitoba, Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters). Any stakeholder group that requested a meeting was accommodated. Generally these meetings included a PowerPoint presentation specific to the present round of EA Consultation. Newsletters and comment sheets were also provided to those in attendance.

Landowner Information Centres

Landowner Information Centres (LICs) were held in Round 4, concurrent with the identification of the preliminary preferred route (PPR). All landowners within a ½ mile of the PPR, were invited to speak one-on-one with a Manitoba Hydro representative at a venue in proximity to their potentially affected property. This process provided the study team with an opportunity to gain specific feedback and understand concerns regarding the location of the PPR in relation to each landowner's parcel of land. Meeting times were generally 15 to 45 minutes in length with comments and specific property information collected on a landowner information form. Landowners were provided an information package including an LIC invitation, a project newsletter, and a map illustrating the location of the PPR in relation to their land holding. Landowners were also provided the compensation brochure, a comment sheet and an EMF and/or CDI brochures upon request.

LICs were held in each Municipality that was crossed by the PPR and were scheduled to occur prior to the Regional Open Houses to ensure that those directly affected by the PPR received appropriate information prior to the general public or other project stakeholders.

Key Person Interviews

Key Person Interviews (KPIs) were conducted following the identification of the preliminary preferred route in Round 4. For purposes of the EIS, KPIs are considered primarily a socio-economic research tool, and secondarily a consultation mechanism. The Study team asked each council during municipal and stakeholder meetings to provide a representative who would be best to provide socio-economic information on the area around the PPR and the municipality as a whole. This method of data gathering provided a good understanding of the local community and further strengthened existing baseline data for socio-economic reporting. Mapping was carried-out at 1:50,000 scale and any sites of interest or areas of concern were identified.

Letter and Email Submissions

Throughout the EA consultation process, participants were encouraged to email or write to the Study team either as a substituted for or to supplement attendance at an EA Consultation event. During Round 4, a Bipole III email address was created to allow for one primary venue for email submissions rather than through individual Study team email accounts.

Project Information Line

The project information line was established as an additional tool during Round 4 to help ensure quick response to project participant questions and specifically to accommodate questions from landowners within a ½ mile of the PPR. All printed materials including the project newsletter, the project website, comment sheets, advertising and general correspondence included the project information phone line number. A local phone number (Winnipeg) and a toll free phone number were provided. The information line continued to remain operational until the EIS submission to allow for a continued and accessible venue for project information.

Project Website

The Bipole III website has been operational since Round 2 of the EA consultation process and has provided access to project information including maps of alternative routes and the preliminary preferred route, venue locations and times, comment sheets, caribou studies being undertaken, and consultation reporting. The Bipole III email address is provided to enable another means of providing project input.

Section 35 Consultation

Section 35 Consultation is the responsibility of government and is considered external to the EA consultation process for Bipole III.

Potential CEC Public Hearing

A CEC Public Hearing is the responsibility of government and is considered external to the EA consultation process for Bipole III. A CEC Public Hearing may or may not be required by the Minister.

7.0 Notification Procedures

Extensive stakeholder notification was undertaken through all four rounds of the process to help ensure adequate participation. The CEEA Guidelines for meaningful public participation outline a series of methods for effective notification for public participation. The Guide notes that:

“You may choose to provide information about the proposed activities using a combination of the following:

- Web sites (e.g., notices on the Registry and project Internet sites);
- Print advertising in community newspapers;
- Community postings;
- Radio announcements on local radio stations;
- News releases;
- Backgrounders, fact sheets, brochures or pamphlets;
- Information (educational) packages;
- Media advisories;
- Face-to-face meetings with, or presentations to, elected leaders or designated representatives; and

- Any other means that sufficiently informs interested parties about the proposed project and their possible involvement in the EA process.”

The Bipole III participation process included all of the notification methods provided for in the CEAA Guide plus additional methods beyond those listed in the CEAA guide, including:

- Direct mail letter notification to an established and evolving stakeholder group list;
- A project information phone line;
- Email communication and follow up notification emails to all addresses submitted to the project team;
- Telephone calls;
- Direct mail notification to all landowners located within a half mile of the preliminary preferred route;
- A mass mailing to all postal code addresses in the vicinity of the preliminary preferred route; and
- In many aboriginal communities, a Community Coordinator was utilized to help inform community residents of upcoming Community Open Houses.

Table 3.0 outlines the notification methods used for each Round. An exhaustive compendium of all notification undertaken for each round is provided in Appendix A.

Notification for Rounds 1 and 2 was relatively broad to reflect both the preliminary stage of the project and the extent of the study area. Since Rounds 1 and 2 were focused chiefly on project introduction and issues scoping, notification efforts were directed at setting up meetings with Rural Municipalities, First Nations and NACC communities, and Aboriginal organizations and extending invitation to all stakeholders and the general public to attend Regional and Community Open Houses.

Additional notification methods were employed for Rounds 3 and 4 to acknowledge the increasing level of specificity of the information (i.e. identification of alternative and preferred routes). For example, Round 4 included Landowner Information Centres (LICs) as an additional consultation vehicle to discuss the project directly with landowners affected by the Preferred Route. In this case notification was handled by direct mail to landowners and supplemented by newspaper advertising and community posters.

Similarly, as a result of the introductory and scoping efforts employed during Rounds 1 and 2 of the consultation process, the list of stakeholder groups that might have an interest in the project was kept current and expanded over time. On this basis, notification efforts increased to directly address the expanding list of project stakeholders.

With the selection of a Preliminary Preferred Route in Round 4, additional notification was undertaken to ensure that all parties in or near the PPR were aware of consultation opportunities. An exhaustive database was established to generate a list of all landowners within half a mile (one mile corridor) of the PPR, and each of these landowners received a direct mail invitation to attend one of 40 Landowner Information Centres offered as a part of Round 4 of the EA consultation process.

To help ensure a continuing broad awareness of the selection of a Preliminary Preferred Route, in Round 4 a mass-mailing was employed on a postal code basis to notify parties of Open House events in their respective areas. This notification was sent to approximately 20,000 addresses outside of the Winnipeg area (Figure 4.0).

Table 3.0 - Notification Methods

Round	Types of Notification Used
<p>Round 1 (Project Introduction)</p>	<p>Letters to RMs, Cities, LGDs, and Towns in the Study Area.</p> <p>Letters to First Nations, NACC communities and Aboriginal Umbrella Groups in the Study Area Regional Newspaper Advertising Community Newspaper Advertising Email/telephone follow up to specific stakeholders as required</p>
<p>Round 2 (Project Introduction and Issues Scoping)</p>	<p>Letters to RMs, Cities, LGDs, and Towns in the Study Area</p> <p>Letters to First Nations, NACC communities and Aboriginal Umbrella Groups in the Study Area Community Posters sent to First Nations and NACC Communities Regional Newspaper Advertising Community Newspaper Advertising Email/telephone follow up to specific stakeholders as required Use of community coordinators (in some aboriginal communities)</p>
<p>Round 3 (Alternative Routes)</p>	<p>Letters to RMs, Cities, LGDs, and Towns in proximity to all Alternative Routes</p> <p>Letters to First Nations, NACC communities and Aboriginal Umbrella Groups in the Study Area Letters to Identified Stakeholder Groups Regional Newspaper Advertising Community Newspaper Advertising Project Website Notice Community Website Notification Community Posters in areas affected by Alternative Routes Community Posters sent to First Nations and NACC Communities Radio Advertising in areas affected by Alternative Routes Email/telephone follow up to specific stakeholders as required Use of community coordinators (in some aboriginal communities)</p>
<p>Round 4 (Preliminary Preferred Route)</p>	<p>Letters to RMs, Cities, LGDs, and Towns in proximity to the Preliminary Preferred Route</p> <p>Letters to First Nations, NACC communities and Aboriginal Umbrella Groups in the Study Area Letters to identified Stakeholder Groups Letters to Landowners within half mile of Preferred Route Regional Newspaper Advertising Community Newspaper Advertising Project Website Notice Community Website Notification Community Posters in areas affected by Preferred Route Community Posters sent to First Nations and NACC Communities Radio Advertising in areas affected by the PPR Project Information Line Mass Postal Code Notice to areas in proximity to the PPR Email/telephone follow up to specific stakeholders as required Use of community coordinators (in some aboriginal communities)</p>

A project information line was established prior to the initiation of Round 4 consultation to allow the Study team to respond to information requests concerning either specific project components or information concerning participation opportunities. A project information line toll free telephone number was provided in public materials including advertisements, project newsletters, the project website, landowner compensation materials, and all invitations or direct correspondence with stakeholders. Figure 5.0 illustrates the volume of calls received through the project information line.

8.0 Stakeholder Tier Structure and Tracking

Due to the extensive scope and scale of both the project geography and the range of project interests, a framework for managing these multiple and varied project interests was required. The framework was developed to recognize various potential levels of interest or anticipated project affect. Table 4.0 describes the criteria used to establish a stakeholder tier structure.

The intent of the Tier structure was to allow for stakeholders that were likely to be directly affected by the project to be provided different opportunities for project participation, given a higher level of anticipated effect or concern. The Tier structure allowed the consultation study team to identify various methods by which to communicate with project stakeholders. It is critical to note that the Tier structure was employed to assist in project management purposes only. Any sorting of various stakeholders into this Tier structure was subjective in nature. For this reason the consultation study team determined that it would be important to allow any stakeholder to identify themselves as having a higher level of interest at any point in the process. In practical terms, this meant that any interested party would be provided an equal opportunity to meet with project representatives and an equal opportunity to access project information. All requests for information or to meet with project representatives by any stakeholder of all types throughout the consultation rounds were accommodated.

Table 4.0 - Stakeholder Tier Structure

Tier	Description	Primary Communication Modes	Round of Consultation
1	Potential <i>direct</i> impact to land owned, livelihood, quality of life, or governing jurisdiction.	Direct Correspondence, Invited Meetings, Leadership Meetings, Community Open Houses (First Nation and NACC communities)	Tier 1 stakeholders identified as part of Round 4 after selection of the PPR.
2	Potential <i>indirect</i> impact to land owned, livelihood or quality of life, or governing jurisdiction.	General Correspondence, Meetings on Request.	Tier 2 stakeholders identified as part of Round 4 after selection of the PPR.
3	Potential <i>direct</i> or <i>indirect</i> impact to land owned, livelihood or quality of life, or governing jurisdiction.	General Correspondence, Invited Meetings and Meetings on Request, Open Houses	Identified during Rounds 1 to 3.
4	<i>Little or no</i> potential impact to land owned, livelihood or quality of life, or governing jurisdiction.	Letters, Email, Open Houses, Advertising, Newsletters, Project Website, Project Phone Line.	Identified during Round 3 following alternative route selection.

Figure 4.0 - Canada Post Mail-out Locations (Round 4)

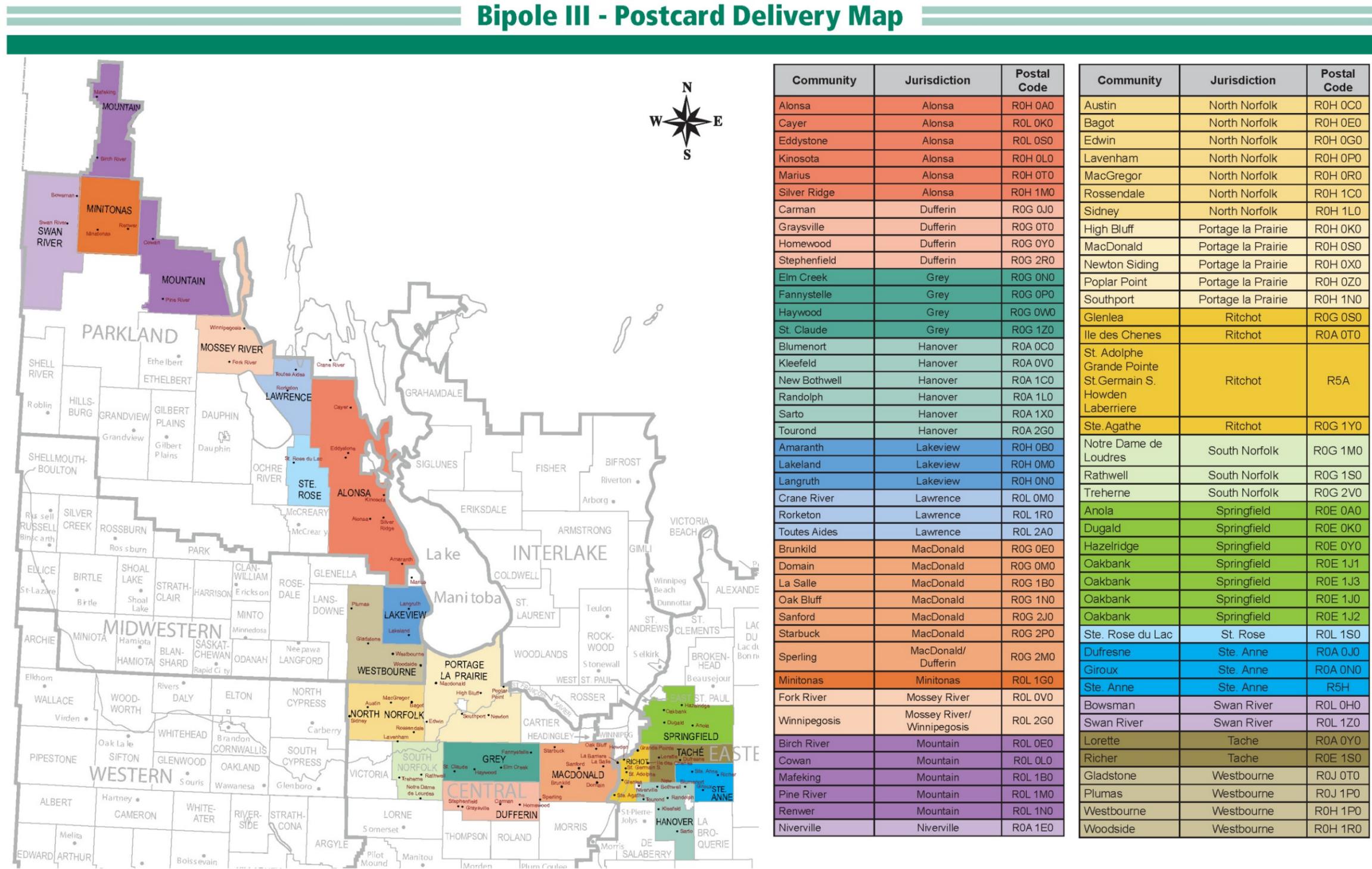
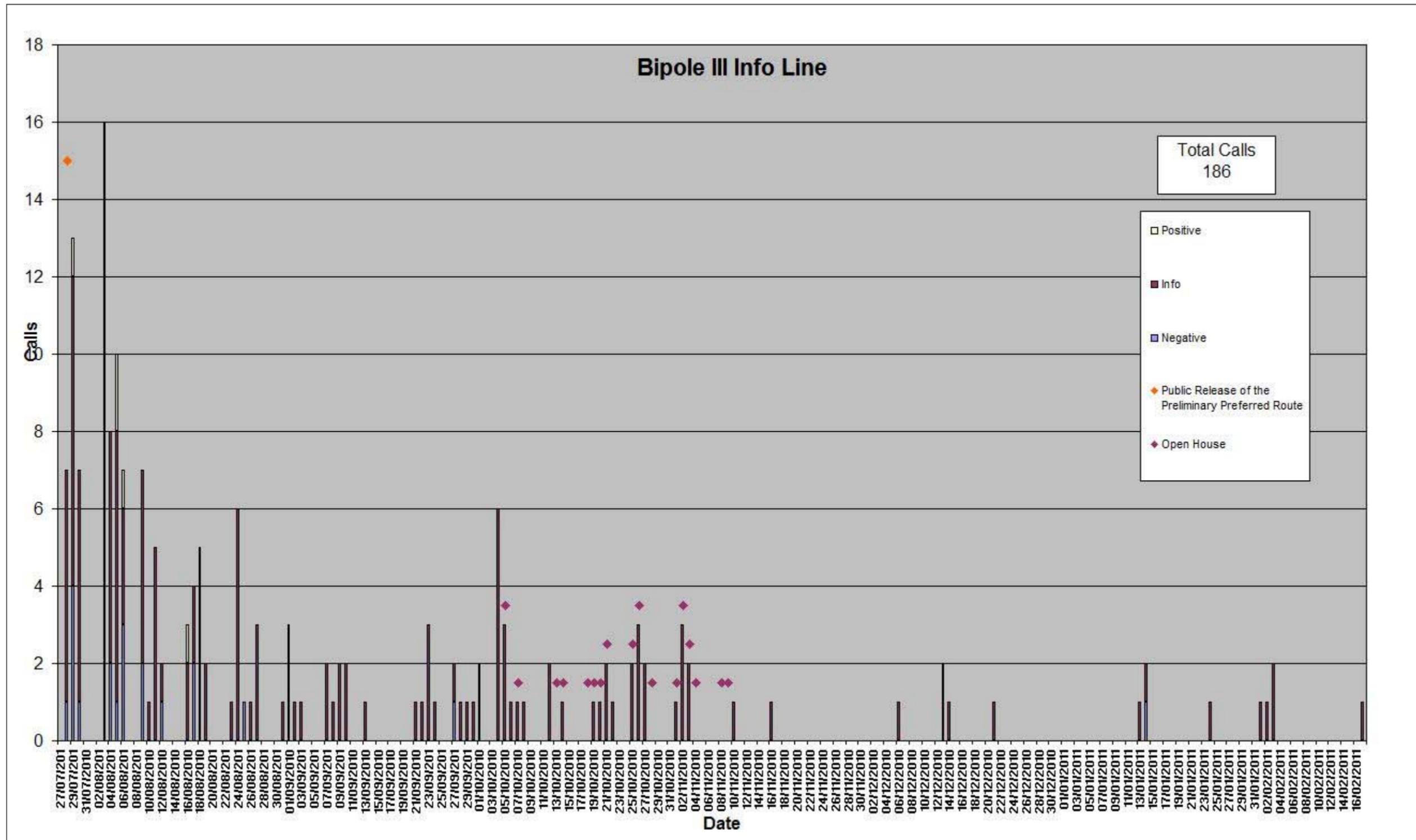


Figure 5.0 - Information Line Call Volumes



In order to track stakeholder participation throughout the consultation period a database and tracking mechanism was developed – called the Master Stakeholder List (MSL). The MSL served as the source for all communications on a stakeholder by stakeholder basis.

The MSL was sorted by stakeholder type and by point of contact. Stakeholder types included:

- Provincial Government Departments and Contacts
- Federal Government Departments and Contacts
- First Nations
- NACC Communities
- Aboriginal Umbrella Organizations
- Manitoba Planning Districts
- Rural Municipalities
- Incorporated Cities, Towns and Villages
- Conservation Districts
- Industries and Utilities
- Environmental and Non-Government Organizations
- Recreation Interests
- General Stakeholders

The last category – ‘General Stakeholders’ – was sorted initially on the basis of point of contact as follows:

- Open House Feedback Form submission
- Website Feedback Form submission
- Information Line caller
- EA Field Studies Landowner contact
- Landowner Information Centre contact
- General Email, Phone or Letter contact

Following Round 4, the series of general stakeholders lists noted above were amalgamated with the other stakeholder lists and compiled to form a single Master Stakeholder List in order to eliminate duplication. All information related to each participant was retained. For every stakeholder in the MSL the following information was tracked:

- Name
- Title, Organization/Association
- Consultation Tier (subject to adjustment)
- Participation in each round of consultation
- Correspondence type and date (based on a file naming protocol)
- Contact Information

Appendix C includes a copy of the Master Stakeholder List (contact information is removed for privacy reasons) sorted by individuals, businesses/organizations and identified stakeholder groups. There are approximately 350 stakeholder groups/entities and over 4,000 general stakeholders noted in the list.

9.0 Meetings Held Summary

An extensive set of participation opportunities were provided in each round of the EA consultation process. These included meetings with municipal governments, planning districts, First Nations and NACC communities, Aboriginal organizations (such as Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (MKO); Swampy Cree Tribal Council; Keewatin Tribal Council), stakeholder group meetings, Regional and Community Open Houses, individual landowner meetings, ATK workshops and Key Person Interviews.

Each of these consultation mechanisms was utilized to varying degrees throughout each of the four Rounds of the EA consultation process. Overall the extent of participation in the EA consultation process was substantial (approximately 4,500 participants) and should be considered effective for a project of this scale.

Table 5.0 provides an inventory of the type of meetings undertaken as part of the EA consultation process. Approximately 500 meetings of various types were held throughout the process. A comprehensive listing of all meetings held by Round is provided In Appendix B. For each type of meeting, documentation was logged and a file reference placed in the Master Stakeholder List (Appendix C). Documentation included meeting notes, open house sign in sheets, comment sheets, landowner information forms, letters, emails and web forms submitted.



Table 5.0 - EA Consultation Meetings and Events Summary

Type	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Municipal Government or Planning District Meeting	41	27	44	27
First Nation Leadership Meeting ^[1]	21	-	-	10
Northern Affairs Community Council Meeting ¹	15	-	-	7
Stakeholder Group Meeting	2	7	18	13
Aboriginal Organization Meeting	4	5	1	2
Regional Open House	13	7	20	19 ^[2]
Community Open House ^[3]	-	29	28	21
Landowner Information Centres	-	-	-	42 ^[4]
Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Workshops	-	-	15 ^[5]	
Key Person Interviews ^[6]	-	-	53	

Figure 6.0 and Figure 7.0 illustrate meeting locations for non-aboriginal groups in each round of the EA consultation process in southern and northern Manitoba respectively. Figure 8.0 and Figure 9.0 illustrate meeting locations for aboriginal groups in each round of the EA consultation process in southern and northern Manitoba respectively. The figures also illustrate which round(s) of the EA consultation process each community participated in⁴.

Figure 6.0 illustrates the geographic narrowing of the EA consultation process that occurred from Round 1 through to Round 4. Prior to the selection of alternative routes the consultation area was extensive (see Figure 1.0); with the selection of alternative routes the extent of communities potentially affected by an alternative route was reduced and therefore the consultation focused more closely on communities near an alternative route. With the subsequent selection of a preliminary preferred route the consultation efforts were further focused on communities near the preliminary preferred route. This observation is more evident in southern areas and with non-aboriginal communities than in northern areas and with aboriginal communities due to generally broader geographic interest (not necessarily jurisdictional interest) associated with municipalities versus specific communities.

It is apparent in Figures 6.0 through 9.0 that many communities, particularly in the vicinity of the preliminary preferred route, participated in all four rounds of the public consultation process. Some communities as noted previously, did not participate in later rounds of the EA consultation process due to the fact that with the identification of the PPR, there would not be no direct effect of the project on a community and likely no indirect effect (due to geographic separation). Some

^[1] Community Open Houses in First Nation and NACC communities were coordinated through community leadership.

^[2] Includes one open house for the southern ground electrode.

^[3] Includes community open houses held at Fox Lake Cree Nation for the Keewatinooow Converter Station and northern collector lines.

^[4] Includes two Landowner Information Centres for the southern ground electrode.

^[5] One workshop included the communities of Powell, Westgate, Red Deer River, National Mills and Baden.

^[6] Conducted following the identification of the Preliminary Preferred Route.

⁴ Figures 6.0 and 7.0 differ from Figures 8.0 and 9.0 in the symbol types mainly to reflect the fact that rural municipalities have a large political boundary (hence the use of ‘fill’-type symbols) while aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities have a small political boundary (hence the use of ‘point’-type symbols).

communities in closer proximity to the PPR, though invited to participate, elected not to participate in one or more rounds of the EA consultation process.

Figure 10.0 illustrates the location of the Landowner Information Centres (LICs) offered during Round 4 of the EA consultation process. The LICs were located with a view to minimizing the travel distance for landowners to attend. Generally this resulted in a maximum driving time of about 20 minutes to the nearest LIC.

Figure 11.0 illustrates the extent of participation of landowners in the immediate vicinity of the proposed southern ground electrode site. The figure illustrates that most landowners chose to participate through attendance at a landowner information centre, attending a public open house or by arranging a private meeting with Manitoba Hydro representatives.

Figure 6.0 - Non-Aboriginal Meetings Held in Southern Manitoba

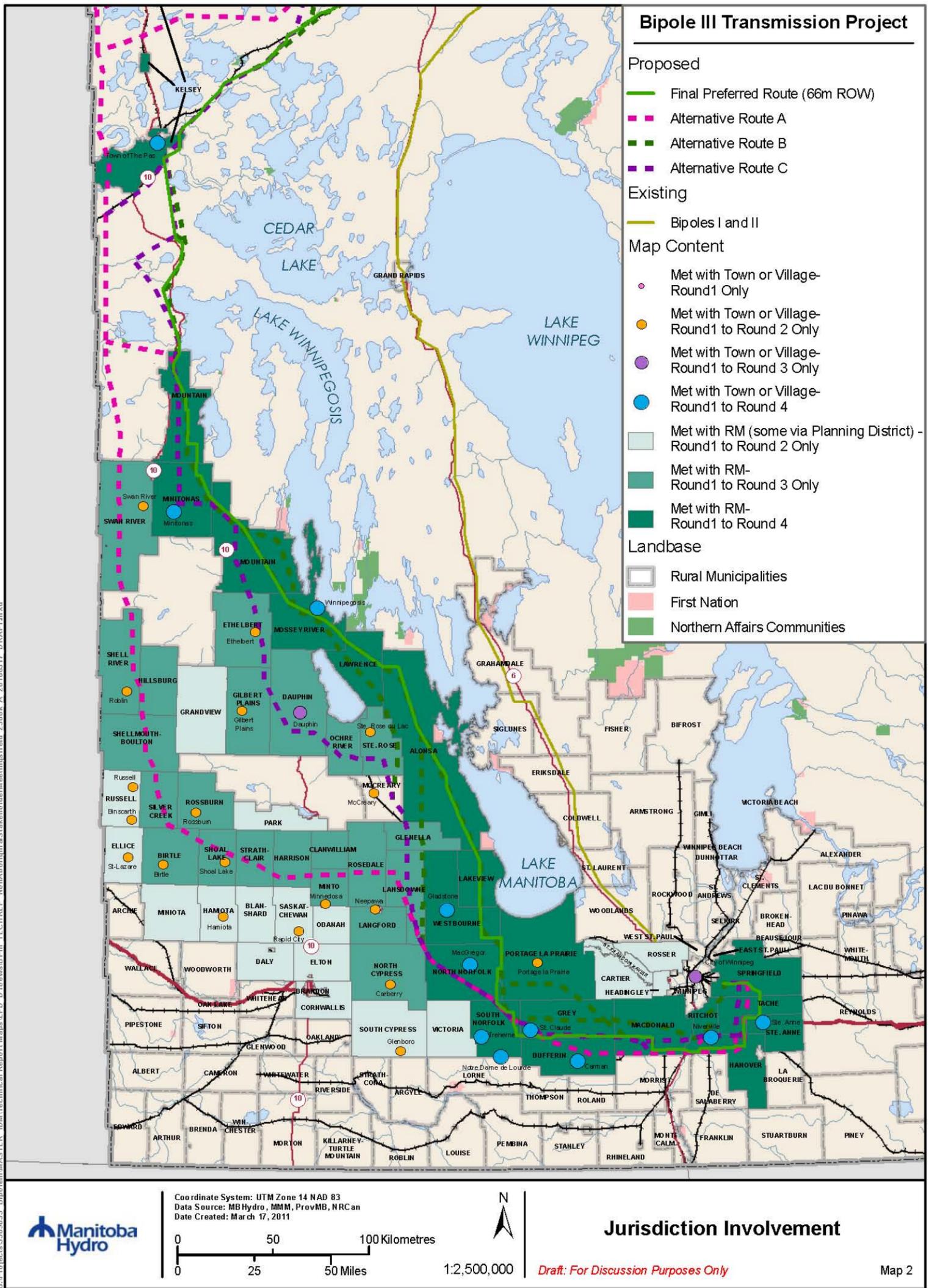


Figure 7.0 - Non-Aboriginal Meetings Held in Northern Manitoba

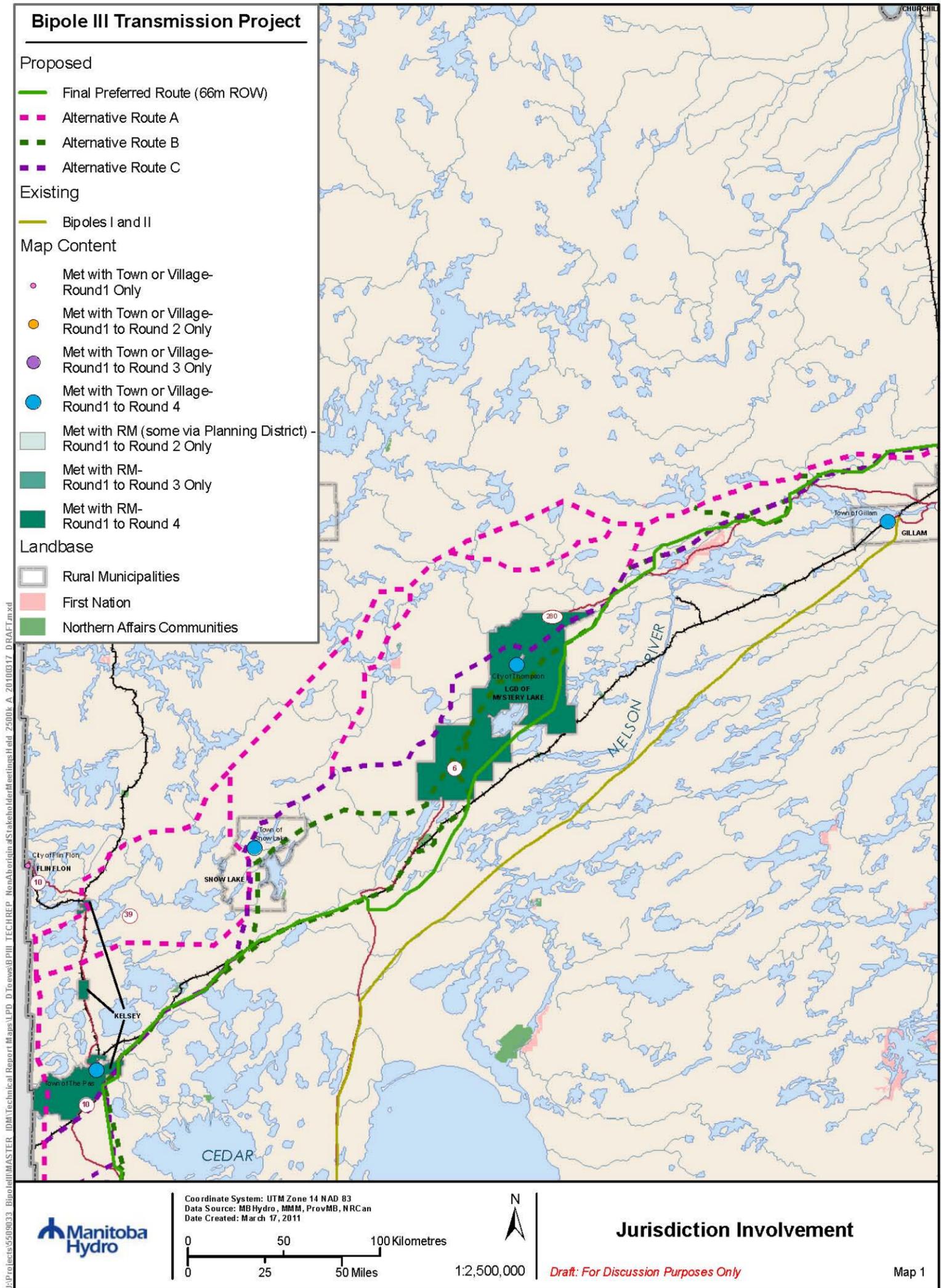


Figure 8.0 - Aboriginal Meetings Held in Southern Manitoba

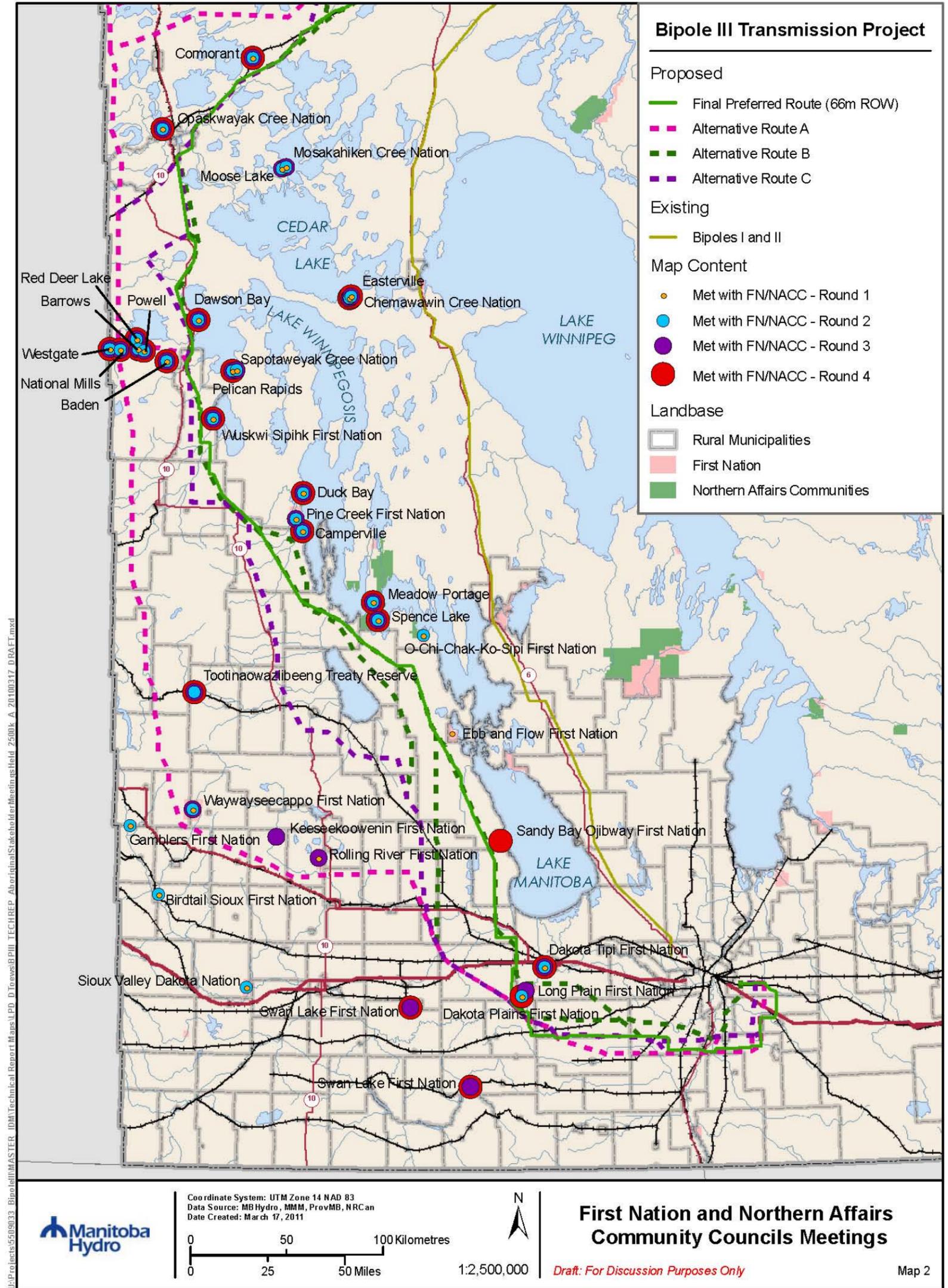


Figure 9.0 - Aboriginal Meetings Held in Northern Manitoba

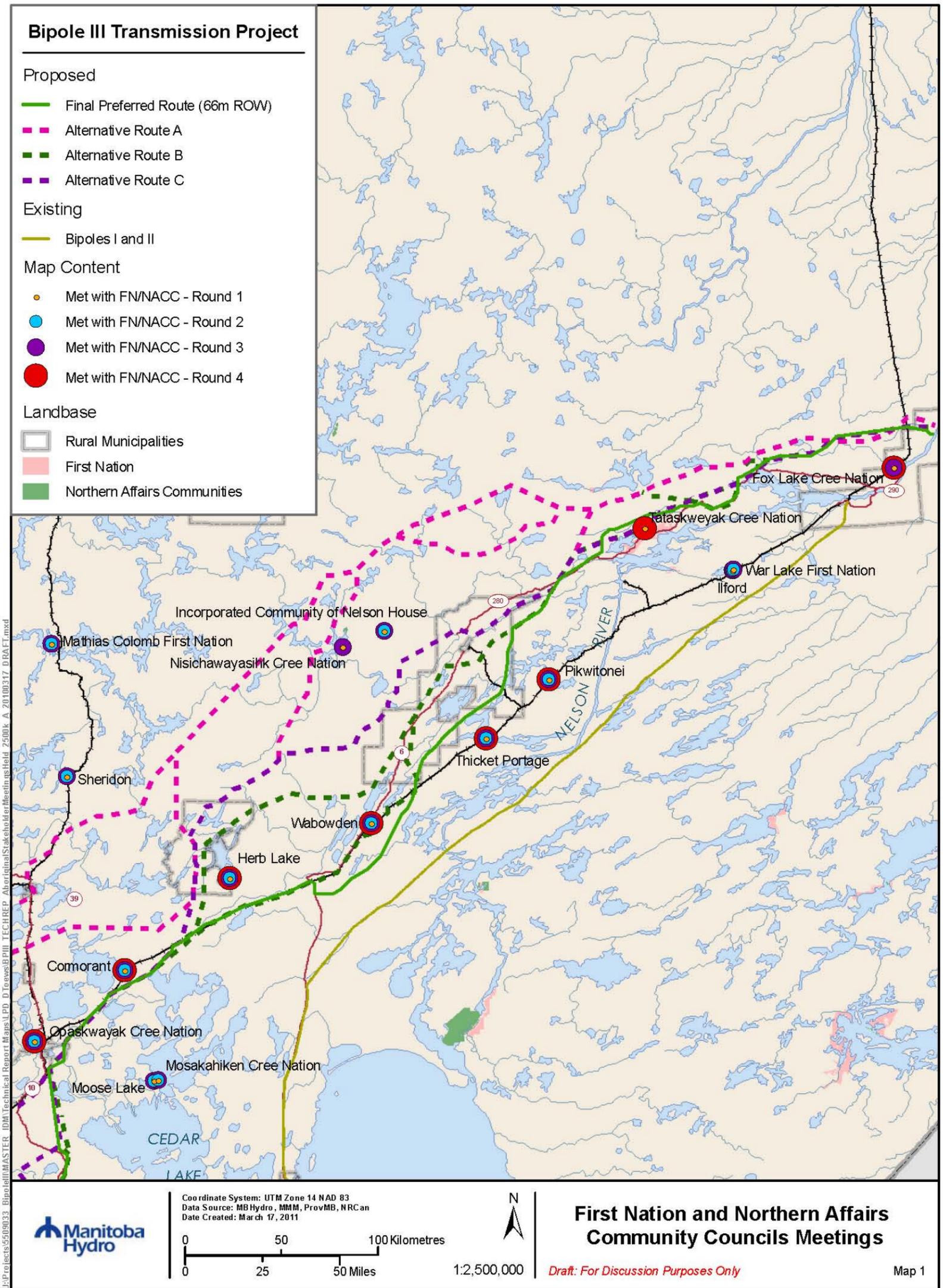
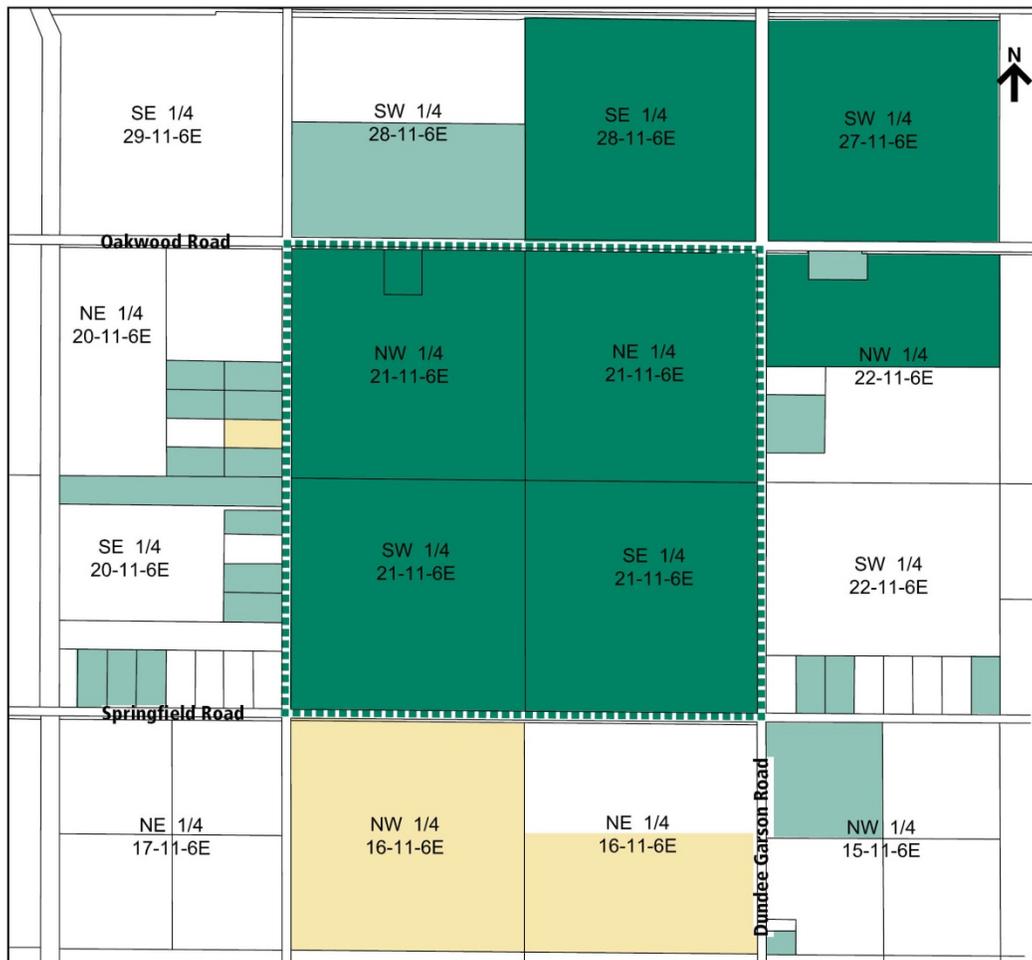


Figure 10.0 - Landowner Information Centre Locations



Figure 11.0 - Southern Ground Electrode Adjacent Landowner Participation (RM of Springfield)



- Ground Electrode Site
- Individual Landowner Meeting with Manitoba Hydro
- Attended Landowner Meeting (February 28, 2011 and March 1, 2011)
- Attended Open House March 15, 2011 (Total attendance: 40)
- Invited to LIC and Open House but did not attend

Figures 12.0 and 13.0 illustrate the extent of participation in Regional Open Houses and Community Open Houses respectively.

The number of meetings held throughout the EA consultation process is considered extensive. The number and location of meetings (as illustrated in the noted figures) was specifically tailored to accommodate the anticipated number of interested parties, and to accommodate those interested parties by locating the venues within a reasonable driving distance for a project of this magnitude.

Overall levels of participation should be viewed as satisfactory for a project of this scale. Although in some cases, individual venues experienced minimal attendance, this can be expected when an extensive set of participation opportunities are offered. Low attendance at any single event is of lesser concern, when viewed within the broader slate of public participation opportunities offered through the EA consultation process. When low attendance does occur, it can often be a result of inadequate notification. However the notification program was very extensive in each Round as outlined in Section 7.0, which is well beyond any legislated requirement and exceeds what might be considered typical for public consultation planning.

Participation rates also generally tend to increase as a result of two factors:

- Individuals see themselves as directly affected; and
- Project details become more specific

These factors help explain increasing levels of participation moving from Round 1 through to Round 4. Figure 9.0 helps illustrate the intentional narrowing of focus from a geographic perspective as the project moved through successive Rounds. For example during Rounds 1 and 2 the EA Consultation program was designed around gaining feedback from stakeholders with potential interests across the entire Study Area. In Round 3, some differentiation among stakeholders became evident with the selection of alternative routes (i.e. some geographies within the Study Area included no alternative routes).

With the identification of a Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR) in Round 4, the geographic focus of the EA consultation program was narrowed towards to focus on the PPR. That said, opportunities for participation continued to be offered across the entire Study Area (Open Houses in regional centres, website information and comment boxes, project email address, information line and on-going notification to all EA Consultation participants).

It should be noted that Figures 12.0 and 13.0 illustrate participation in Regional and Community Open Houses only. Other forms of participation included stakeholder meetings, leadership meetings, municipal council meetings, correspondence (letters and email), and comments provided via the project website, project email or project phone line.

Figure 12.0 - Regional Open House Attendance and Comment Sheet Summary by Round

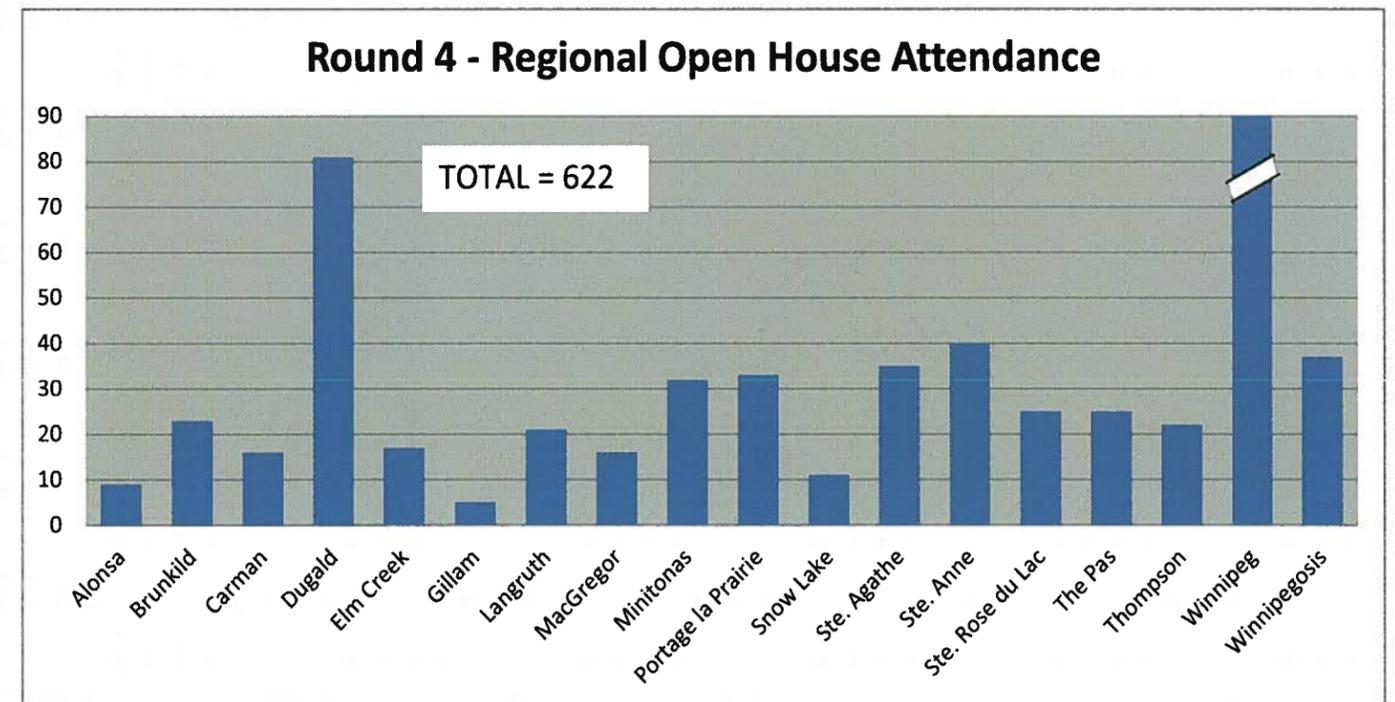
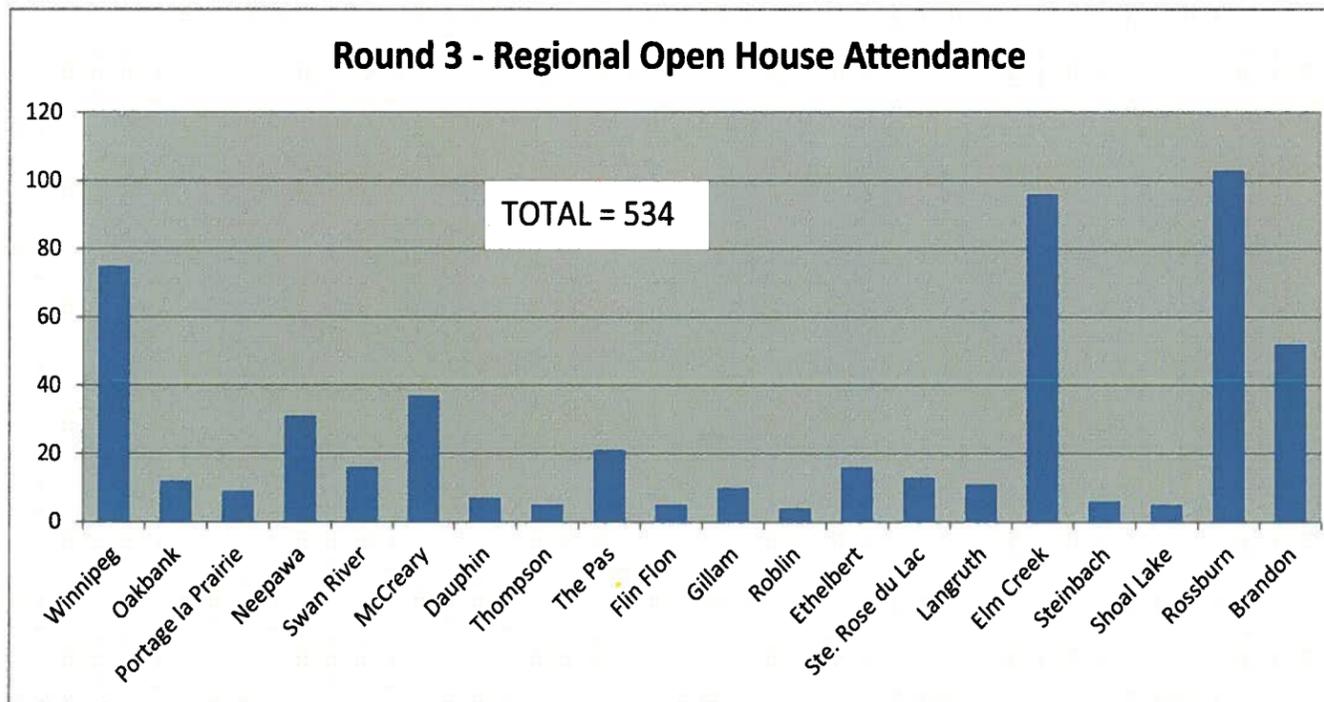
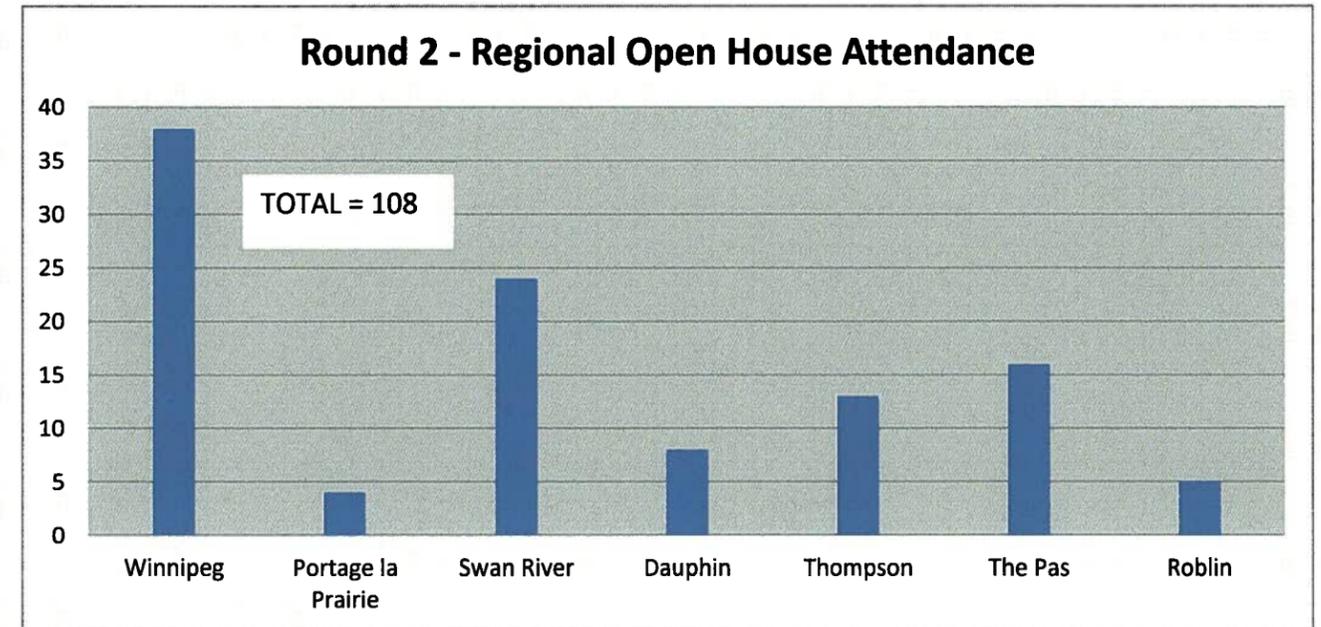
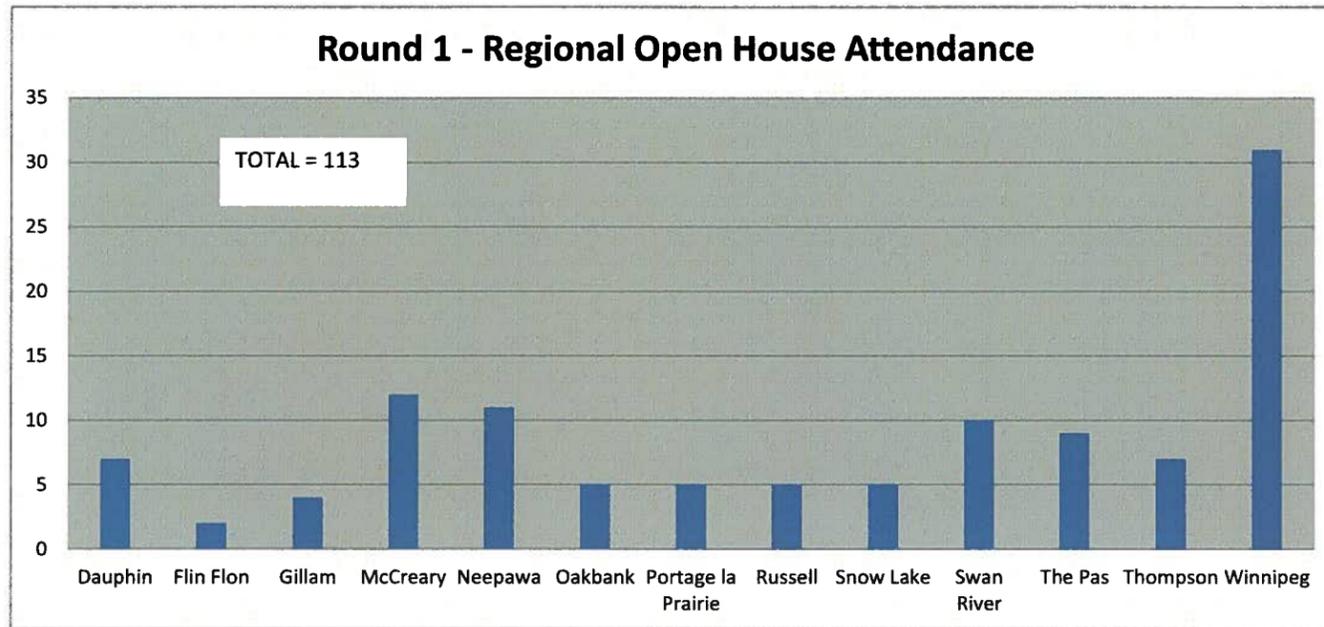
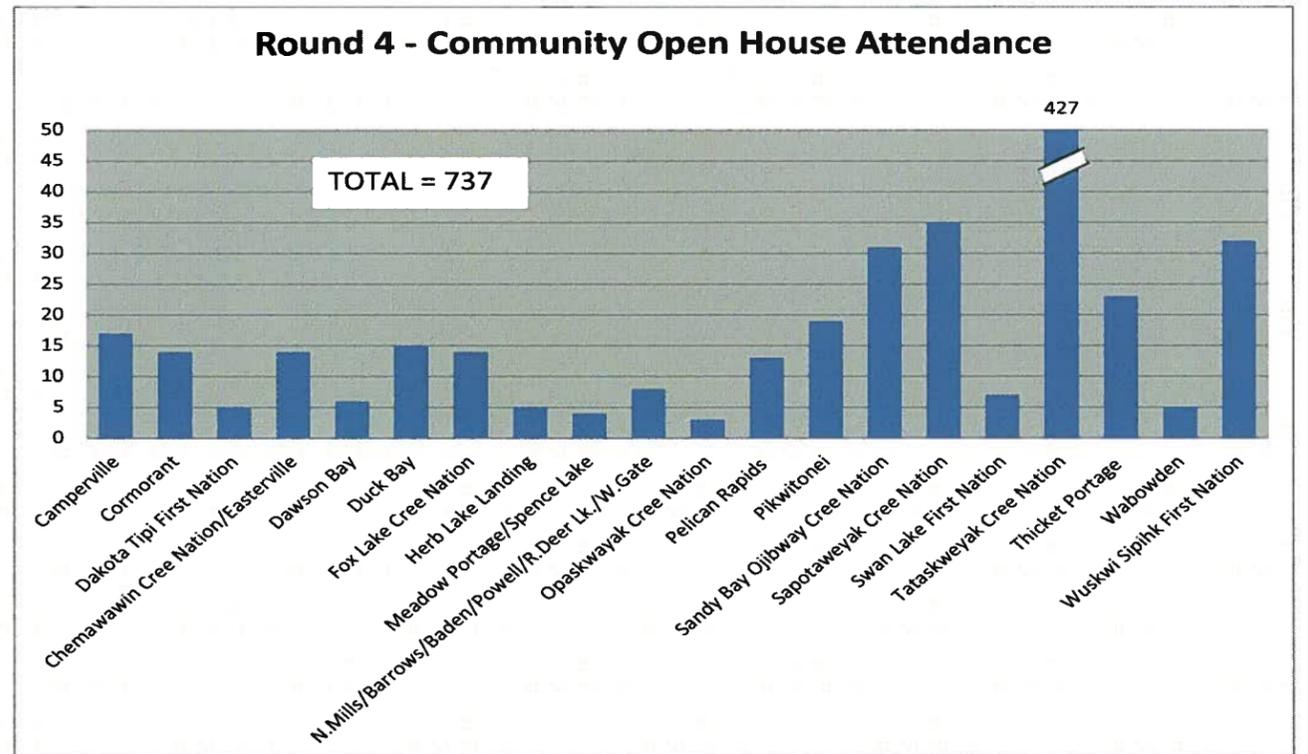
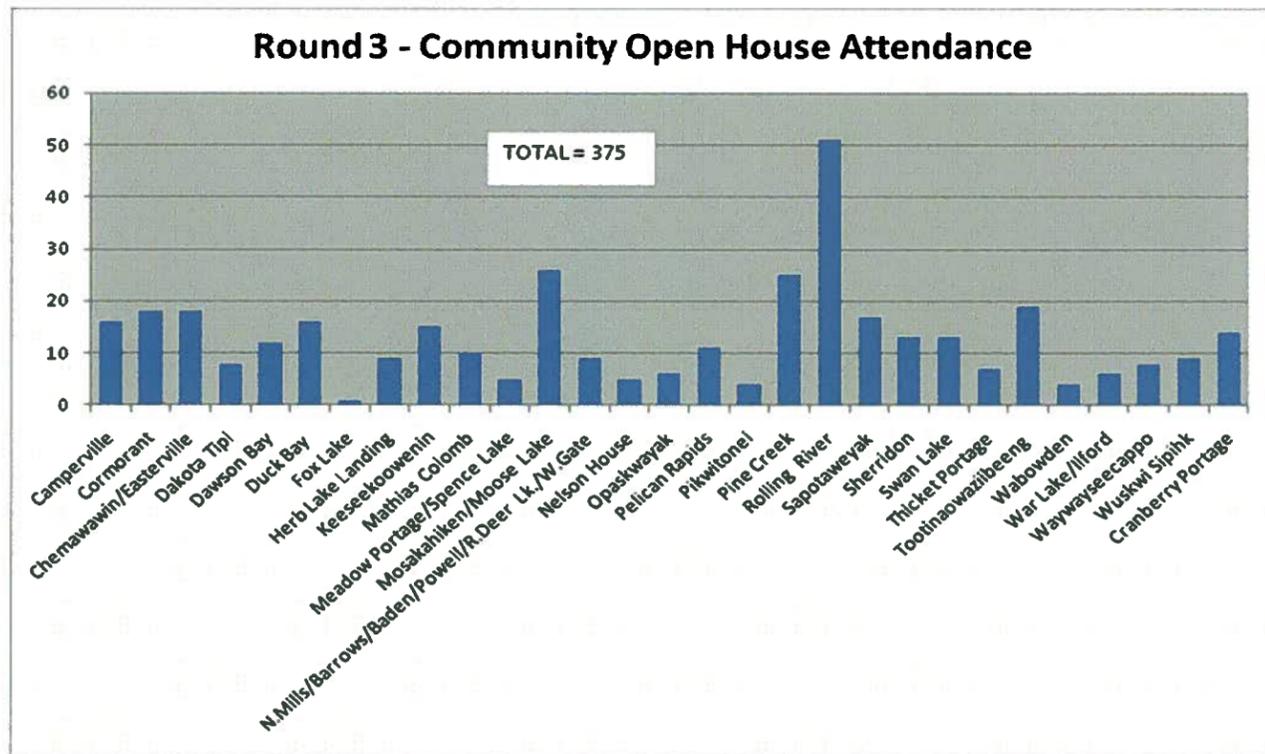
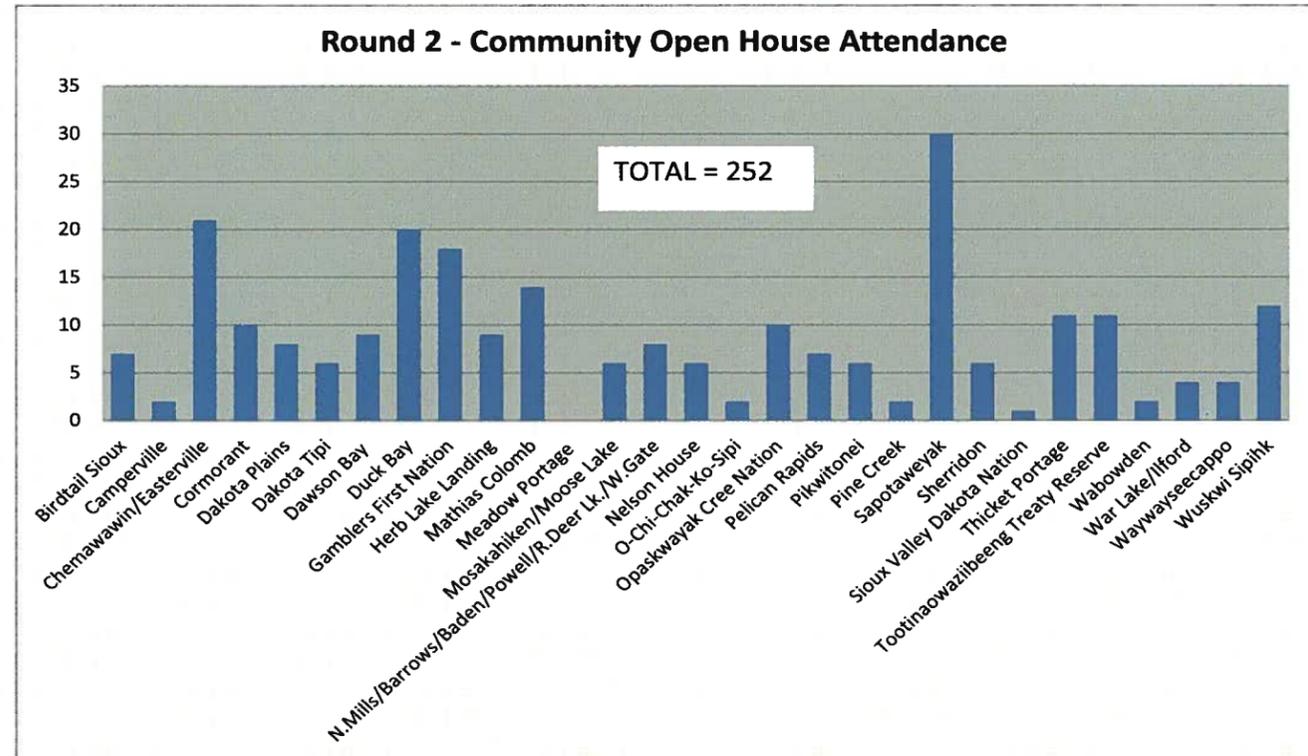


Figure 13.0 - Community Open House Attendance and Comment Sheet Summary

No Community Open Houses in Round 1, Leadership Meetings only



10.0 EA Consultation Materials

An extensive set of materials was developed for the purposes of communicating various aspects of the project to stakeholders throughout the EA consultation process. Materials evolved over the course of each round of consultation to reflect the increasing level of detailed information available as the project parameters evolved.

The CEAA Guide offers the following guidance for the type and extent of information that may be useful in an EA consultation process.

“The information available to interested parties should be relevant to the EA process, be balanced, objective and have an adequate level of detail so they are in a position to understand and respond to the issues at hand. For example, interested parties should be able to understand the project and the EA process, make educated decisions about how to participate in the process and provide informed input. Without adequate information, feedback and suggestions may not be well informed and the public participation process may not lead to informed decision making. It may be appropriate to provide information, such as:

- Contact information (i.e., to whom the interested parties should provide input and/or request further information);
- A non-technical, plain language description of the proposed project;
- Maps that clearly illustrate the location of the proposed project in relation to easily identifiable and/or commonly known landmarks;
- Enlarged aerial photos;
- A description of potential environmental effects, if available; and
- Details about the individual public participation activities, including the schedule of event.”

The Bipole III project considered and utilized all of the suggested guidelines offered in the CEAA guide. An extensive set of materials was prepared and shared throughout the consultation process.

Table 6.0 identifies the types of materials used in each Round of consultation. The actual material or samples of materials are included in Appendix D.

At the beginning and end of each Round of consultation the Project Team assessed the status of available project information, and the type of feedback received to date. This assessment helped determine the type of information that may be helpful to the various stakeholders at each stage of the project, and what mode would be most effective to provide that information. For example, between the end of Round 3 (Alternative Routes) and the beginning of Round 4 (Preliminary Preferred Route) it was felt that landowners and other stakeholders would benefit from a visualization of the actual Preferred Route in the context of land areas they would be familiar with. As a result both ortho-graphic mapping and an animated flyover of the route on ortho-graphic imagery were prepared as tools to help stakeholders appreciate how the project would appear on the ground. Landowners also received a topographic map illustrating the Preferred Route in the vicinity of their land holding(s).

Table 6.0 - EA Consultation Materials Summary

Round	Materials Used
Round 1 (Project Introduction)	Project Study Area General Mapping Round 1-2 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) Round 1-2 Open House Display Boards Round 1 Project Newsletter Round 1 Comment Sheets (Regional Open Houses)
Round 2 (Project Introduction and Issues Scoping)	Project Study Area General Mapping Round 1-2 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) Round 2 Local Area Ortho-Imagery Route Feature Mapping Bipole III Video Presentation (Project Need) Round 1-2 Open House Display Boards Round 2 Project Newsletter Round 2 Comment Sheet Project Website <i>Fur, Feathers and Transmission Lines</i> Booklet <i>How Does Manitoba Hydro Protect the Environment</i> Brochure <i>The Hydro Province</i> Brochure <i>Trapper Notification / Compensation Policy</i> Brochure <i>Vegetation Management Practices</i> Brochure
Round 3 (Alternative Routes)	Project Study Area General Mapping Round 3 Alternative Routes Map Round 3-4 Local Area Ortho-Imagery Route Feature Mapping Bipole III Video Presentation (Project Need) Round 3 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) Round 3 Open House Display Boards Open House Tangibles (conductor, insulators, caribou collar, transmission tower models) Round 3 Project Newsletter Round 3 Comment Sheet <i>Fur, Feathers and Transmission Lines</i> Booklet <i>How Does Manitoba Hydro Protect the Environment</i> Brochure <i>The Hydro Province</i> Brochure <i>Trapper Notification / Compensation Policy</i> Brochure <i>Vegetation Management Practices</i> Brochure Project Website Text
Round 4 (Preliminary Preferred Route)	Project Study Area General Mapping Round 4 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) Round 3-4 Local Area Ortho-Imagery Route Feature Mapping Bipole III Video Presentation (Project Need) Round 4 Open House Display Boards Open House Objects (conductor, insulators, caribou GPS tracking collar, transmission tower models) Bipole III Video Presentation

	<p>Preliminary Preferred Route and Alternative Display Maps Preliminary Preferred Route Mapping – Landowner Booklet Construction Practices PowerPoint Presentation AC and DC Electric and Magnetic Fields Brochures Electronic Devices Brochure Landowner Compensation Brochure Community Development Initiative Brochure Preliminary Preferred Route Flyover Animation within ortho-imagery 3-Dimensional model Round 4 Project Newsletter Round 4 Comment Sheet Landowner Information Form <i>Fur, Feathers and Transmission Lines</i> Booklet <i>How Does Manitoba Hydro Protect the Environment</i> Brochure <i>The Hydro Province</i> Brochure <i>Trapper Notification / Compensation Policy</i> Brochure <i>Vegetation Management Practices</i> Brochure Project Website Text Southern Ground Electrode PowerPoint Presentation Southern Ground Electrode Display Boards Southern Ground Electrode Comment Sheet Southern Ground Electrode Brochure Southern Ground Landowner Documentation Form Southern Ground Electrode Mapping</p>
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Project Study Area General Mapping – A large scale (1:1,000,000) map of Manitoba outlining the extent of the total Study Area from the proposed convertor station in northern Manitoba, through Western Manitoba, to the Riel Station site east of Winnipeg. The Study Area map was used in presentations throughout the EA consultation process (see Figure 1.0 of this report).

Round 1-2 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) - This presentation outlined the project need, required components, consultation process, regulatory requirements and the SSEA process for determining the location of the Final Route.

Round 1-2 Open House Display Boards – The display boards were shown at all Open Houses during Rounds 1 and 2. Information addressed the need and justification for the project, regulatory requirements, public participation goals and the SSEA process.

Round 1 Project Newsletter – The Round 1 newsletter was used during Round 1 of the EA process. The newsletter outlined the need for the project, the concepts and components required, the consultation process, regulatory requirements and the SSEA process that would be followed to determine the final alignment of the Bipole III route.

Round 1 Comment Sheet - The comment sheet was designed to help the study team gain an understanding as to what extent the open house provided individuals with the information required for project understanding and to solicit specific comments, questions and concerns from participants.

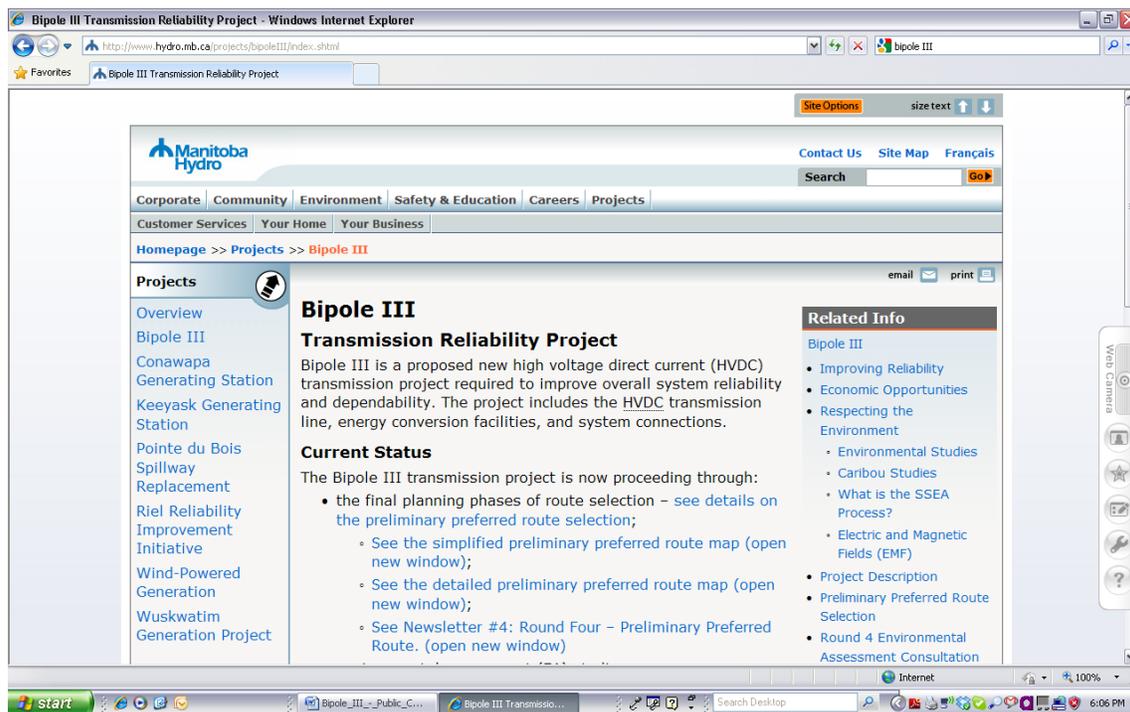
Bipole III Video Presentation (Project Need) – This video was presented throughout the first 3 rounds of the consultation process. The video described the need for the project, the components of the project the study area, and the importance of the EA consultation process for the project.

Round 2 Project Newsletter – The Round 2 newsletter outlined the necessity of the project, a summary of what was accomplished during Round 1, upcoming steps in the SSEA process including criteria for alternative route evaluation, and upcoming steps for the project.

Round 2 Comment Sheet – The Round 2 comment sheet aimed to understand the efficacy of the process and sought input concerning important criteria for consideration as part of alternative route selection, and any other information or comments that could be beneficial to the Study team and the EA process.

Project Website – The project website was used as part of the EA consultation program (Figure 14.0). The website included information concerning the basic project description, studies being undertaken, links to important public materials produced to date (newsletters, brochures, etc.), an online comment sheet, contact information and a link to send correspondence to the project team. Open House dates and locations were also regularly listed on the website.

Figure 14.0 Project Website (Sample Page)



Fur, Feathers and Transmission Lines Booklet - The booklet was available at Community Open Houses and contained answers to frequently asked questions regarding the effects of construction, operation and maintenance of transmission lines particularly related to animals and birds.

How Does Manitoba Hydro Protect the Environment Brochure - The brochure was available at Community Open Houses and provided an overview of how Manitoba Hydro protects the environment.

The Hydro Province Brochure – The brochure was available at Community Open Houses and provided an overview of Manitoba Hydro's generation and transmission facilities and infrastructure.

Trapper Notification / Compensation Policy Brochure - The brochure was available at Community Open Houses and provided information to trappers regarding notification practices and compensation programs for new transmission projects.

Vegetation Management Practices Brochure - The brochure was available at Community Open Houses and provided background information and a general understanding of Manitoba Hydro's transmission line system vegetation management practices.

Round 3 Alternative Routes Map – The Round 3 alternative routes map provided a high level location of the three main corridors together with sub-corridors under consideration for the Bipole III routing.

Round 3 Local Area Topo & Ortho - Imagery Route Feature Mapping – For Regional Open Houses, a large scale map was presented (1:1,000,000) outlining the alternative routes being presented as well as the Bipole III Study Area. With this map, 1:250,000 scale ortho-photo maps and 1:50,000 scale topographic maps were provided so that individuals could mark specific concerns on the map and be provided with an understanding of the alternative routes being considered in the area.



Round 3 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) - This presentation outlined the need for the project and the components involved. Key information included how the alternative routes would be assessed.

Round 3 Open House Display Boards – The display boards presented during Round 3 provided information regarding feedback received during the previous rounds of consultation, the project components, tower design, how the alternative routes were determined, basic route statistics, the SSEA process, regulatory requirements and the timelines for the project.

Open House Tangibles (conductor, insulators, caribou GPS tracking collar, transmission tower models) - These materials helped the public gain an appreciation of certain specific components of the project and generally served as a ‘general interest tool’ and conversation mechanism.



Round 3 Project Newsletter – This newsletter outlined the need for the the project, components of the project, the SSEA and route selection process, feedback from Round 2 EA Consultation, studies underway and timelines. An 11x17 double sided map insert was included with each newsletter outlining the location of the alternative routes.

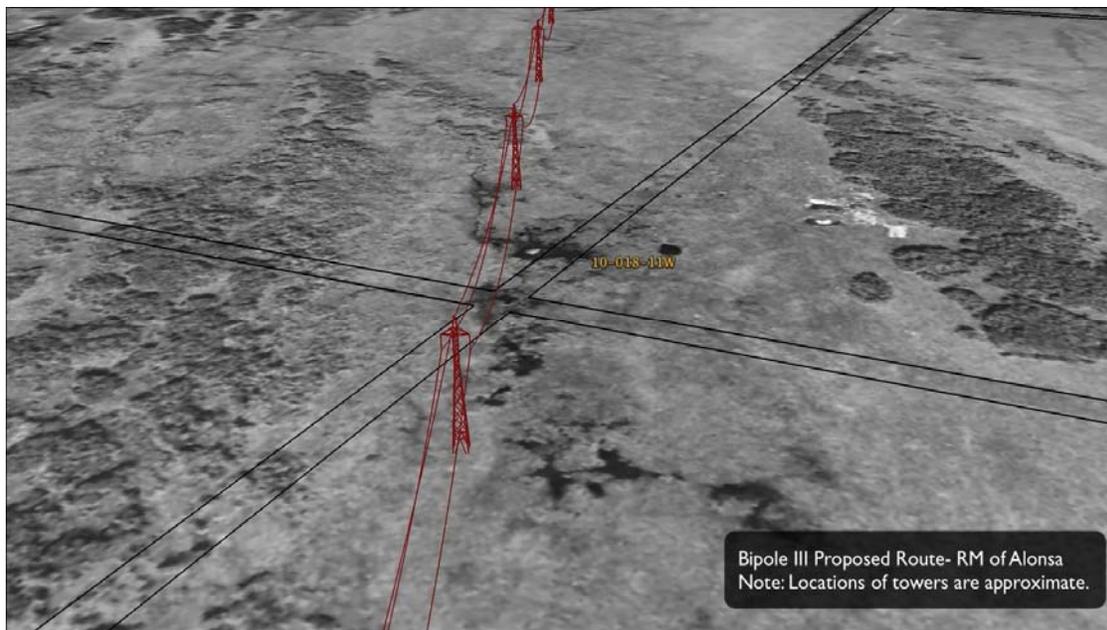
Round 3 Comment Sheet – The Round 3 comment sheet asked individuals to provide their comments, concerns and preferences regarding the 3 alternative routes presented. This comment sheet was open-ended and queried participants regarding efficacy of the open houses.

Round 4 PowerPoint Presentation (for RMs, First Nation and NACC Communities and Other Stakeholders) – The Round 4 presentation outlined processes undertaken in defining the Preliminary Preferred Route, and provided information regarding the CDI, landowner compensation and the timelines for the project. A copy was left with each group presented to.



Round 4 Local Ortho – Imagery with Tower Animation (Sample) - The flyover video was shown at all open houses and was related to the area in question. The video demonstrated where potential tower placement could be and showed orthographic imagery and legal description so individuals could understand the location and the landscape of the PPR (Figure 15.0).

Figure 15.0 Ortho-Imagery with Tower Animation

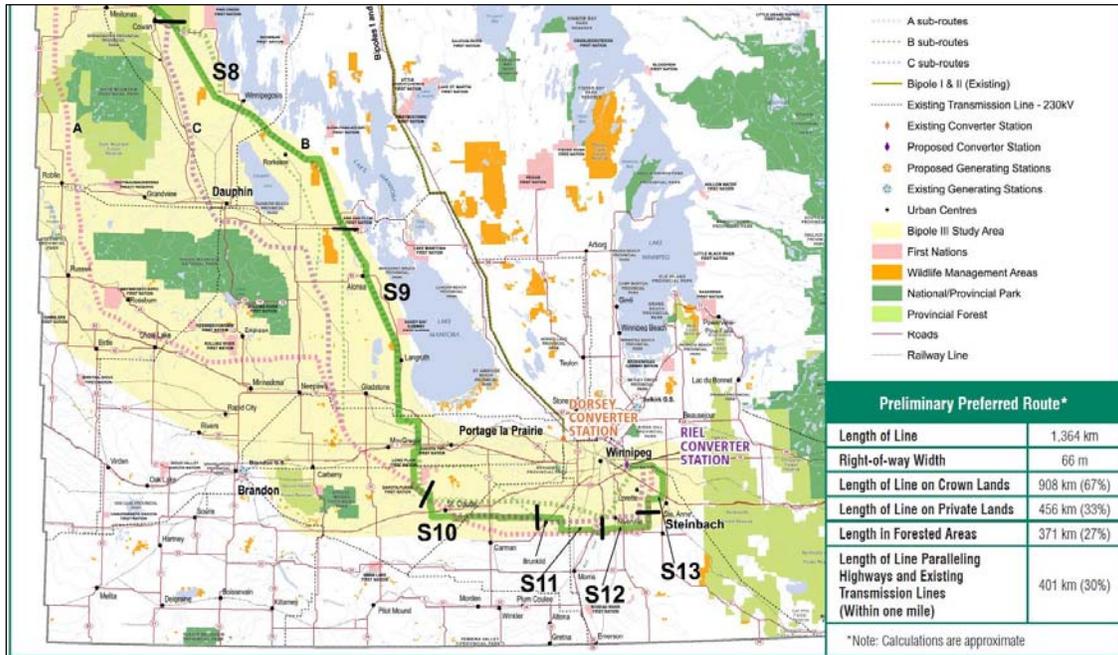


Round 4 Open House Display Boards – The display boards were developed to aid individuals in understanding the process and to gain information regarding the project at public open houses. The boards were arranged by project description, determination of the PPR, compensation and the CDI, and upcoming timelines.

Round Four Municipal Orthographic Mapping – During Round 4, each Open House offered a 1:1,000,000 scale map of the preliminary preferred route and 1:100,000 ortho-photo maps of the municipality in which the Open House was being held including adjacent municipalities.

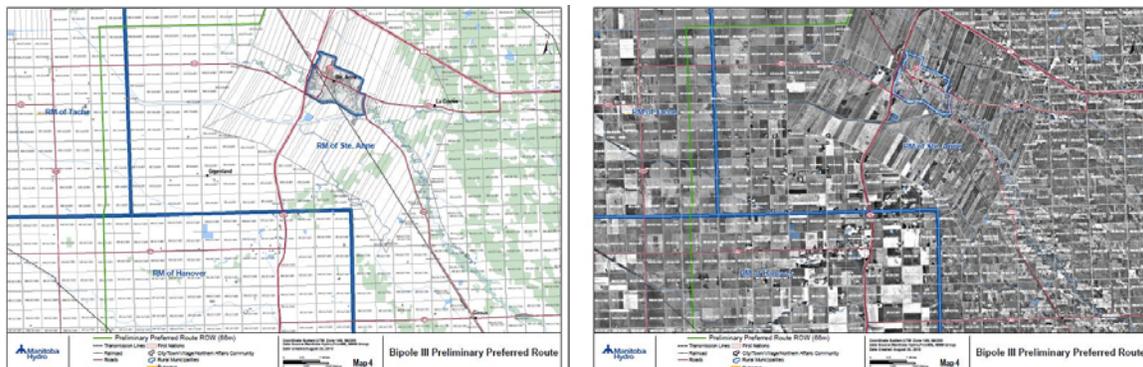
Preliminary Preferred Route and Alternative Display Map Insert (sample) - This map was provided with the Newsletter and outlined the PPR in a solid green but still demonstrated what other alternatives were considered during Round 3 (Figure 16.0). This map was split into 13 sections (ex. S1) to aid the project team in receiving specific feedback on certain portions of the PPR. Route statistics were also provided on this map.

Figure 16.0 Preliminary Preferred Route Map (Sample Section)



Preliminary Preferred Route Mapping – Landowner Booklet (sample) – This map booklet was on hand at Landowner Information Centres and Regional and Community Open Houses. This map consisted of 130 individual maps with orthographic imagery, topographic imagery and recent flyover imagery within 2.5 miles on either side of the PPR at a 1:50,000 scale (Figure 17.0).

Figure 17.0 Landowner Route Mapping (Samples)



Construction Practices PowerPoint Presentation – This slide show included photos of actual transmission line construction techniques and assisted participants in understanding the processes for establishing a transmission line (clearing, foundation construction, tower assembly, etc.).

AC and DC Electric and Magnetic Fields Brochures – These brochures described the differences between Direct and Alternating Current especially concerning electric and magnetic fields (EMF), EMF guidelines, human and plant health, and links that could be used to gain a better understanding of typical issues of concern with respect to EMF.

DC Lines and Electronic Devices Brochure – This brochure was developed in response to numerous concerns regarding potential interference with electronic devices, primarily GPS systems and internet services.

Landowner Compensation Brochure – This brochure outlined Manitoba Hydro compensation policies for acquiring easements for the placement of transmission lines on private lands. This was provided to all landowners within a ½ mile of the PPR

Community Development Initiative (CDI) Brochure – This brochure was provided to community representatives eligible to receive a CDI payment. The brochure explained the purpose of the CDI and qualification criteria.

Round 4 Project Newsletter – The Round 4 newsletter outlined project feedback from Round 3 of the EA consultation as well as information concerning project need, project timelines and current Round 4 activities.

Round 4 Comment Sheet – The Round 4 comment sheet was structured to gain feedback concerning specific sections of the PPR and to document any concerns or comments regarding the project from the general public. Check boxes and open-ended questions were used to allow various forms of feedback.

Landowner Information Form – This form was used to record site specific information for all participating landowners located within a half mile of the Preliminary Preferred Route. The form allowed the project team to graphically record specific site information and became a source for documenting specific landowner concerns.

Ground Electrode Landowner Documentation Form – This form aided the Study team in documenting specific landowner concerns and comments regarding the location of the ground electrode. This form was used for landowners within a ½ mile of the Riel ground electrode site.

Ground Electrode PowerPoint Presentation – The presentation outlined the process of site determination, the location of the ground electrode and the criteria for selection and the upcoming steps in the process. This presentation was given to the RM of Springfield Council.

Ground Electrode Comment Sheet – This form provided attendees who attended the Ground Electrode Open House with an opportunity to share any concerns or comments regarding the selection of the ground electrode site.

Ground Electrode Newsletter – This newsletter was designed to give a brief overview of the Bipole III Project, denote the process of ground electrode site determination, a map of the selected site, criteria for selection, and construction/operation/maintenance necessary for the site.

Ground Electrode Display Boards – These boards were used at the Open House in Dugald to inform individuals in the vicinity of the site for the ground electrode, the process for site determination including a map of alternatives, present the ground electrode line study area and to outline the upcoming steps in the process.

A sample of each of the presentation materials used is contained in a binder held by Manitoba Hydro and referenced as Appendix D.

11.0 Feedback Summary

A substantial volume of participant feedback was gained throughout the EA consultation process. This section provides an overview of all feedback received from Rounds 1 through Round 4. Section 12.0 provides a brief synopsis of feedback themes for the entire EA consultation process. All feedback was tracked in a Master Feedback Log (MFL) which is provided in APPENDIX E.

Various methods of gathering feedback were used including the following^[1]:

- Meeting notes taken at each stakeholder meeting (all rounds - 394 meeting notes);
- Comment forms provided at each public open house (all rounds - 393 comment forms);
- Project email address (Rounds 3 and 4 - 135 emails received) ;
- Project information line (Round 4 - 212 calls received); and
- Landowner information forms (Round 4 - 319 forms submitted).

The nature of the project feedback evolved over the period of four rounds, effectively moving from more general in nature to more specific in nature. Since the project information provided in early rounds of the EA consultation process (i.e. Rounds 1 and 2) was general in nature (project need, project goals, general study area, etc.) the type of feedback received was also quite general with an emphasis on questions. With the presentation of specific Alternative Routes in Round 3 and a Preliminary Preferred Route in Round 4, feedback was increasingly route-related and site specific, though more general project questions were still provided throughout.

11.1 EA Consultation Process Feedback

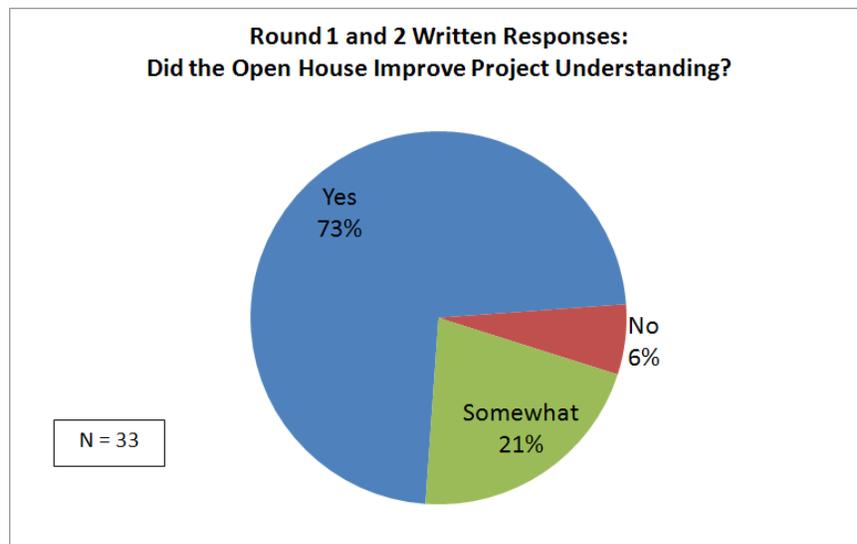
Feedback on the overall EA consultation process was generally very positive. While many participants may have indicated dissatisfaction with various aspects of the project itself (e.g., eastern routing), the vast majority of participants indicated that they were pleased with the opportunities for interaction throughout the process, the selected methods of EA Consultation and the information provided. In each of the first three rounds of EA Consultation written

^[1] See also Section 10.0.

feedback was collected concerning the effectiveness/helpfulness of the consultation program⁵. This feedback was used to refine process and information as required. For example, as a result of occasional commentary provided in Round 3 that suggested notification should be increased, the study team refined and expanded the notification process for Round 4.

In Rounds 1 and 2, though relatively few responses were received, a significant majority of respondents indicated that the Regional Open House improved the respondent's understanding of the Bipole III project, while only two respondents indicated that it did not (Figure 18.0).

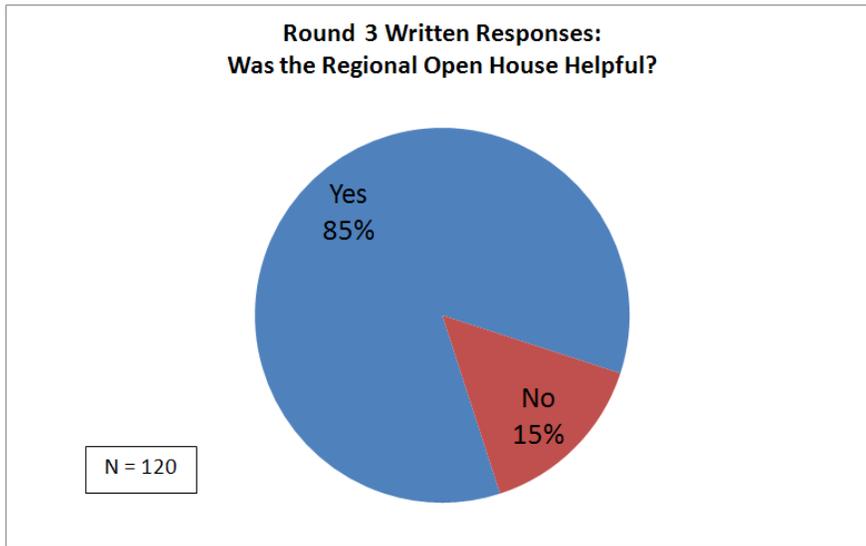
Figure 18.0 Participant Response to Process (Rounds 1 and 2)



Of the Round 3 participants that submitted a Regional Open House comment sheet and responded to the question, a significant majority (85%) found Round 3 Open Houses helpful (Figure 19.0). Those who indicated they did not find the Open House helpful generally indicated they would have liked to see an 'East side' alternative comparison and more detailed mapping of the west side options.

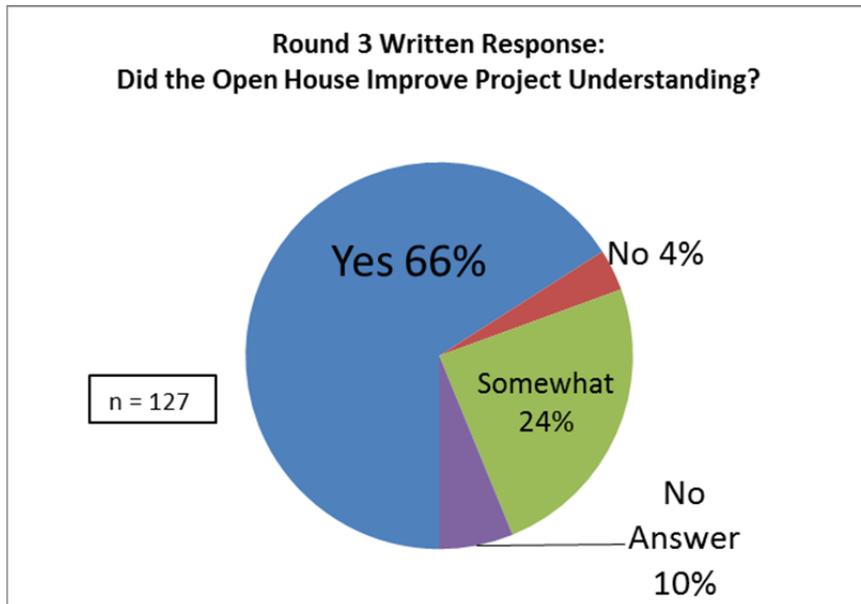
⁵ Since the primary goal of requesting process related feedback was to make refinements to the process, comment sheets prepared for Round 4 (the final round) did not include a question related to process efficacy.

Figure 19.0 Participant Response to Process (Round 3 Regional Open Houses)



Similarly, a substantial majority of participants in Round 3 Community Open Houses that responded to the question, also found that the Open House ‘improved’ or ‘somewhat’ improved their understanding of the Bipole 3 project (Figure 20.0).

Figure 20.0 Participant Response to Process (Round 3 Community Open Houses)



100% of the respondents to the southern ground electrode public open house comment sheet (n=12) indicated that the materials presented provided them with a better understanding of the project.

The following sections provide highlights of each the feedback received in each of the Rounds 1 through Round 4, followed by an overview of issues raised over the full EA consultation process.

11.2 Round One Overview

The purpose of Round 1 consultation was to introduce Manitoba Hydro's plans for the Bipole III Project and to address any initial questions or concerns regarding the project or the proposed consultation process. During Round 1 the following questions were raised and were noted as stakeholder interest areas. This list was used to inform discussions and preparations for subsequent rounds of consultation in order to match stakeholder interests or concerns with information provided. The questions also assisted in the identification of issues, which were communicated to other members of the Study team to include in the various elements of research contributing to the preparation of the overall Bipole III EIS.

- Where will the Bipole III line be located?
- Why is Bipole III being built – is it strictly for the US export market?
- Why is Bipole III being located on the western side of Manitoba instead of the east side of Lake Winnipeg?
- Because of the decision to use a westerly route, how much longer will Bipole III be and what are the added costs?
- Is Bipole III associated with the Wuskwatim project?
- Is an underground or underwater option available/possible?
- Will Manitoba Hydro provide financial support to communities so that they may become more involved in the environmental assessment for Bipole III?
- Will electric and magnetic fields around the line cause cancer?
- Is agriculture or construction of buildings allowed on the transmission line ROW?
- How are trees maintained or cleared within the ROW?
- How will communities benefit from Bipole III?
- Can communities become owners of part of the Bipole III project?
- Could the enduring benefit from Bipole III include reduced power rates to the community?
- Will pre-project or on-the-job training be provided to community residents?
- How will contracts be awarded for Bipole III?
- How will Manitoba Hydro deal with provincial and national Parks?
- How will Manitoba Hydro deal with First Nation reserve land?
- Will property values be affected due to the implementation of this transmission line?
- Who will be determining the final route for Bipole III?
- Are possible effects on aerial spraying being considered in the planning process?
- What distance can be expected between Bipole III and the current Bipoles I and II lines?
- Who will continue to pay taxes on the properties where the line will be constructed?

The most consistent feedback offered was from respondents who indicated that they felt the Bipole III project should be located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Some respondents indicated support for the project and an appreciation for the information provided. Several respondents provided specific route constraints and/or opportunities.

11.3 Round Two Overview

The feedback gained from Round 2 stakeholder meetings and Open House responses focused on four main themes as follows:

Alternatives to the Project

Many stakeholders questioned the geographic location for Bipole III (eastern Manitoba versus west Manitoba), citing distance and cost as key reasons for locating the project on the east side of the province. The concept of constructing Bipole III either underground or under Lake Winnipeg was noted on several occasions.

Potential Impacts

The following items were identified as concerns or potential impacts that transmission lines may have on local communities, including:

- Potential impact on agricultural lands and agricultural producers;
- Potential impact of electric and magnetic fields on the health of people, wildlife and vegetation;
- Potential impact on local water, land, wildlife, migratory birds, plants, and soil;
- Potential impact on caribou migration and populations; and
- Potential impact on local trappers and adequacy of compensation.

Community Involvement Processes in First Nation and NACC Communities

Stakeholders generally appreciated the opportunity to be provided with project information and asked that they would have the opportunity to share ideas very early in the Bipole III transmission line planning process and throughout the environmental assessment.

Some stakeholders noted that, as the location of the project becomes clearer, a special effort should be made to involve local resource users whose activities might be affected by the project (e.g. trappers). A number of First Nation stakeholders were concerned that the community open houses might be construed as legislated 'consultation', which has legal ramifications that they felt could impinge on the rights of the First Nation. Community members requested that the open houses not be considered formal consultation. Manitoba Hydro noted the concern and informed stakeholders that Manitoba and Canada have the responsibility to consult with Aboriginal peoples based on Section 35 of the *Canadian Constitution Act* (1982).

A number of stakeholders felt that the low participation at many of the Open Houses could be attributed to local community members feeling that their input will have little impact in the project. In the past, community members had been invited and encouraged to participate at many open houses and had experienced the proponents proceeding with their already planned development. To increase the community involvement at the open houses, many attendees recommended advertising the Bipole III Transmission Project and the Open Houses on local radio stations. Manitoba Hydro subsequently adjusted the notification plan to include, where possible a brief overview of the Bipole III Transmission Project broadcast on the local radio station. Manitoba Hydro found that community open houses that were advertised on the local radio stations had greater community participation and therefore adopted this practice where possible for subsequent rounds of consultation.

Local approval and negotiation

Some stakeholders indicated that Manitoba Hydro should be obtaining the approval of local people whose territory is being crossed by a new line before securing provincial and federal approvals. Some favoured having a negotiated agreement with Manitoba Hydro that clarified how their community would be involved and benefit from transmission projects passing through their traditional areas. A few First Nations noted that they have outstanding Treaty Land Entitlements with Manitoba and Canada.

Mitigation Opportunities

Several suggestions were made for alleviating and managing project impacts, including:

- Locate the line adjacent to existing roads, transmission lines and other already cleared and developed areas to minimize disturbance;
- Involve local resource users and their associations to create mitigation and compensation measures for impacted trap lines and other resource uses; and
- Provide financial support to the communities for meaningful engagement.

Community Benefits

Many stakeholders noted that job and business benefits from the transmission line project would be of great significance to their community, while understanding that these opportunities would be modest and of short duration. Some expressed concern that a new transmission line would pass through their traditional areas without ongoing benefits to their communities, particularly in the case of an HVdc project such as Bipole III, where power could not be tapped for local use. Similarly, some felt that the benefits of a project like Bipole III would only accrue to southern and export customers. A number of stakeholders expressed an interest in the concept of enduring financial benefits from transmission lines that pass through traditional areas as a means of income to remote communities.

Considerable interest was shown in how sustainable financial benefits could be established and how communities could provide input on any potential benefits. A number of suggestions were provided including:

- Reducing electricity rates or providing exemptions;
- Revenue and profit sharing on an annual basis (rather than on a 'one-time' basis); and
- Introduction of a development fund (such as the one created for Wuskwatim).

A few communities expressed a desire to be partners in the transmission line project, similar to what was taking place with new generating stations. They felt an annual financial payment through a development fund or trust was insufficient compensation for the use of local lands and potential depletion of resources. They also wished to have a direct role in project decision-making.

Other Aspects of Manitoba Hydro Activities

Some stakeholders provided commentary on other topics not directly related to the Bipole III project. Topics included:

- Electricity billing;
- A desire to see more training and employment opportunities for full time Manitoba Hydro jobs for Aboriginal peoples;

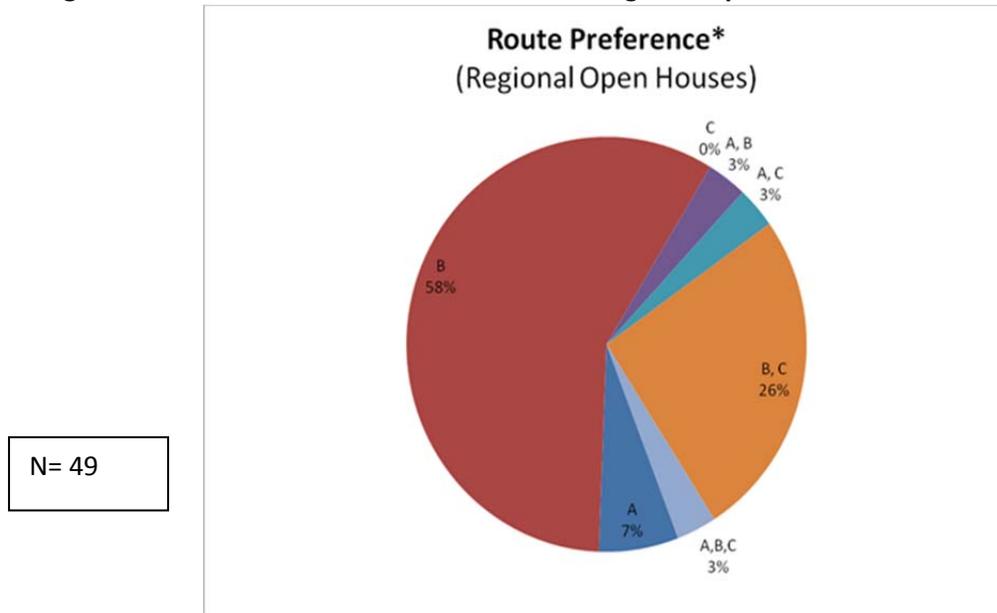
- Information needs regarding the educational and upgrading requirements needed to qualify for full time Manitoba Hydro jobs;
- Compensation for past impacts from Manitoba Hydro developments; and
- Alternative energy issues such as wind energy.

11.4 Round Three Overview

The focus of the Round 3 of the EA consultation process was primarily to gain feedback on Route Alternatives.

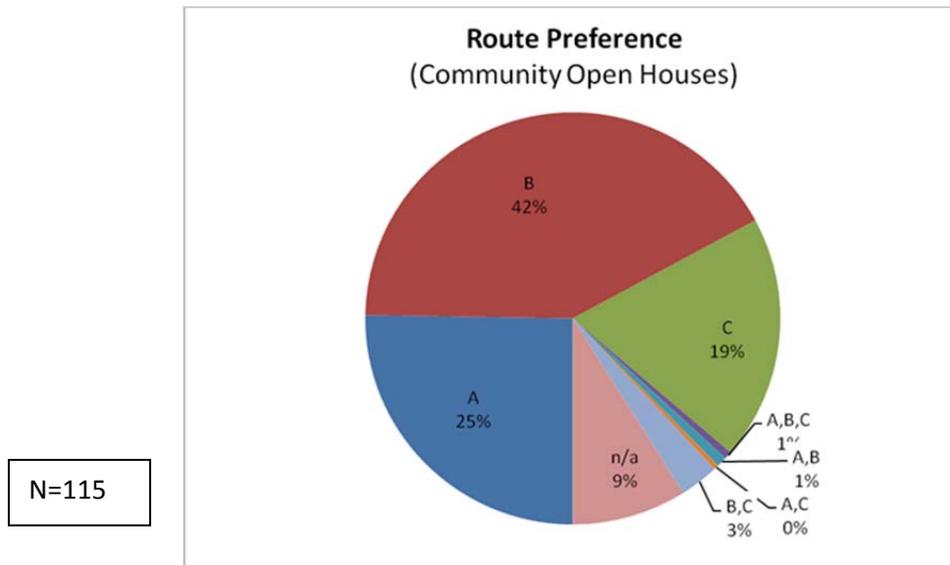
Many participants did not offer a preference for the alternatives presented. Among those who did offer a preference, the majority indicated a preference for Route B (Figures 21.0 and 22.0). For the Regional Open Houses, the main reasons cited for Route B preference were: shortest line length, least disruption to agricultural lands, and least disruption to populated areas. In the southern cultivated agricultural areas, there was a general preference for Route A, which generally crossed the least populated areas of the three options presented. For the Community Open Houses, the main reasons cited for Route B preference were: closer to their community, less environmental concerns and further from their community.

Figure 21.0 – Route Preference Derived From Regional Open House General Feedback



* Route Preference data derived from explicit route preference opinions offered by participants as well as qualitative responses to general questions or comments provided.

Figure 22.0 - Route Preference Derived from Community Open House General Feedback



Route-related feedback received through Round 3 was incorporated into the alternative route analysis process and preferred route selection. These processes involved a detailed multistage analysis that incorporated both qualitative and quantitative data, and expert assessment. .

The selected preliminary preferred route responded to many comments including: minimizing line length, minimizing the amount of cultivated land crossed, elimination of diagonal crossing of cultivated land, and maximizing avoidance of residences.

A significant number of the comment themes had been reflected in Rounds 1 and 2 commentary as well. The comments provided helpful material for preparation of Round 4 materials. The following section summarizes the breadth of comments provided during Round 3 on a topic-by-topic basis.

Reliability

- Participants indicated a clear understanding that the Bipole III project is required in order to address issues of system reliability, and were supportive of Manitoba Hydro pursuing a project to address the reliability concern; and
- The need for the project was generally not challenged during the EA consultation process.

East versus West

- A significant portion of participants questioned the rationale for locating the Bipole III project on the west side of Manitoba rather than on the east side;
- Key concerns regarding a west side routing included: additional construction cost additional line losses, impact to agricultural lands, and impact to residential properties; and
- Some participants cited the planned east side all-weather road as a routing opportunity for Bipole III in eastern Manitoba.

Length and Cost of Line

- Participants expressed concern that the alternative routes were lengthy and therefore more costly than a route on the east side of the province; and
- Many participants suggested that the shortest route possible should be selected not only to reduce cost, but also to reduce risk exposure (e.g., weather events), as well as to reduce impact to forestry, wildlife and people.

Effects on Agriculture

- Numerous participants were concerned about the potential effects of the Bipole III project on agricultural operations in the southern portions of the study area;
- Participants expressed concerns regarding diagonal alignment of the transmission line across agricultural lands, which they felt would be disruptive to agricultural operations;
- The effects of transmission towers and lines on aerial spraying operations, pivot irrigation systems, and GPS systems were noted as concerns;
- Potential loss of prime agricultural lands due to placement of transmission towers in farming areas were concerns of participants;
- A few participants expressed concerns regarding potential effect of transmission towers on the ability to conduct organic farming operations on or near proposed transmission lines; and
- Participants expressed concerns regarding potential effects of DC lines on livestock.

Effect on Residences and Property

- Participants expressed concerns regarding possible effects that the Bipole III transmission lines may have on properties and residences near the line (e.g. property values, aesthetics);
- Participants noted that the transmission line should be routed to avoid residences and commercial operations; and
- A number of participants offered perspectives about the proximity of proposed alternative routes to treaty land entitlement (TLE) selections, which they perceived might limit the potential to expand existing reserve boundaries.

Health Effects

- Numerous participants had questions concerning the potential health effects on humans and animals as a result of proximity to the proposed Bipole III transmission line (i.e., Electromagnetic Fields).

Effect on Vegetation and Wildlife

- Some participants expressed a general interest in potential effects that Bipole III may have on wildlife, particularly large mammals (e.g., caribou, wolves, etc);
- A number of participants expressed concerns regarding the close proximity of certain alternative route options to National and Provincial Parks;
- Specific feedback was provided regarding the potential negative effect Route A would have on the natural aesthetic value of the Little Saskatchewan River Valley;
- Some participants felt that transmission corridors would provide opportunities for increased access for recreation and hunting; this was viewed both positively and negatively;

- Some participants shared concerns about vegetation management and stated that they do not want chemicals used for vegetation management for Bipole III. Participants mentioned that they thought chemical management was problematic for flora and fauna; and
- Community members emphasized the importance of blueberries as well as other medicinal plants to their community and their health.

Effects on Forestry and Mining

- A number of participants felt that the transmission route should not bisect Provincial Forest Reserve areas; and
- Some participants expressed specific concerns about impeding access to mineral deposits in various areas on or near the alternative routes and affects on mineral exploration capabilities.

Weather

- A number of participants expressed concerns that the alternatives presented were all subject to increased risks from weather events in comparison to an eastern Manitoba routing.

Employment, Training and Business Opportunities

- Participants frequently asked questions about potential employment, training and business opportunities at the community open houses;
- Participants asked questions about the process of securing employment such as when and what types of jobs would be available for Bipole III; and
- Participants asked how Manitoba Hydro engages Aboriginal communities in terms of employment and business opportunities.

Trapping

- Many of the trappers who attended community open houses were interested in what types of compensation Manitoba Hydro would be considering for impacts to their traplines; and
- Some participants shared their concern that snowmobile groups would groom and use the Bipole III corridor, which might affect local trappers. A few participants stated that they have no problems with new transmission lines as they provide new access for trapping.

Enduring Benefits

- Participants frequently mentioned a desire to have sustainable (enduring) financial benefits resulting from the Bipole III transmission project.

11.5 Round Four Overview

The following section summarizes the breadth of comments provided during Round 4 on a topic-by-topic basis. A substantial portion of the commentary provided during Round 4 echoes the commentary provided during preceding rounds. In some cases, the input received resulted in specific route adjustments and/or identification of the need for potential mitigation efforts to address concerns, in keeping with the intended purpose of Round 4 consultation. These responses are provided in Section 13.0 of this report.

Reliability

- Participants continued to indicate a clear understanding that the Bipole III project is required in order to address issues of system reliability, and were supportive of Manitoba Hydro pursuing a project to address the reliability concern.

Eastern Routing

- A significant portion of participants continued to question the rationale for locating the Bipole III project on the west side of Manitoba rather than on the east side; and
- Key concerns regarding a west side routing included: additional construction cost (and provincial economics), additional line losses, impact to agricultural lands, and impact to residential properties.

Line Location, Routing and Cost

- Participants expressed concern that the preliminary preferred route was lengthy and therefore more costly than a route on the east side of the province; and
- A number of participants recognized that the preliminary preferred route was the generally the shortest route of the alternatives identified.

Agriculture

- Participants continued to express concern about the potential effects of the Bipole III Project on agricultural operations in the southern portions of the study area;
- The effects of transmission towers and lines on aerial spraying operations, pivot irrigation systems, and GPS systems were again noted as specific concerns; and
- Potential loss of prime agricultural lands due to placement of transmission towers in farming areas were noted as concerns.

Health Effects

- Numerous participants had questions concerning the potential health effects on humans and animals as a result of proximity to the proposed Bipole III transmission line (i.e., Electric and Magnetic Fields).

Government

- A number of participants expressed the perception that the government was too involved with Manitoba Hydro's operations and were unsupportive of the decision of government to select a western route.

Property and Compensation

- Participants expressed concerns regarding possible effects that the Bipole III transmission lines may have on properties and residences near the line (e.g., property values, aesthetics); and
- A substantial portion of landowners in prime agricultural areas indicated that the compensation offered would not sufficiently address the true lifetime cost of locating the transmission lines on their property.

Wildlife

- Some participants expressed a general interest in potential effects that Bipole III may have on wildlife, particularly large mammals (e.g., caribou, wolves, etc).

Forestry/Vegetation Management

- Participants shared concerns about vegetation management and stated that they do not want chemicals used for vegetation management for Bipole III. Participants mentioned that they thought chemical management was problematic for the animals and berries; and
- Community members emphasized the importance of blueberries as well as other medicinal plants to their community and their health.

Employment, Training and Business Opportunities

- Participants frequently asked questions about potential employment, training and business opportunities at the community open houses;
- Participants asked questions about the process of securing employment such as when and what types of jobs would be available for Bipole III; and
- Participants asked how Manitoba Hydro engages Aboriginal communities in terms of employment and business opportunities.

Resource Use

- The mining industry indicated substantial concerns about the possibility that current and future exploration technologies would be hampered by the Bipole III project in the Thompson Nickel Belt area;
- Participants frequently asked noted effects on trapping at many of the community open houses;
- Some participants shared their concern that snowmobile groups would groom and use the Bipole III corridor, which might affect local trappers. A few participants stated that they have no problems with new transmission lines as they provide new access for trapping; and
- A small number of outfitters expressed concern regarding the potential effect on bait sites, wildlife, forestry and access.⁶

Community Development Initiative (CDI)

- Participants expressed mixed opinion regarding the overall benefit of the CDI to communities. Generally, smaller communities more commonly noted that the CDI would be significantly beneficial, while larger communities did not;
- Many participants expressed concern that the CDI would only being offered initially for a ten year period; and
- Other concerns expressed included questions regarding how population would be determined, why the CDI would be calculated based in part on the proximity to where the home community is located, why the CDI is not based on traditional territories and/or treaty areas, and why the CDI is including various stakeholder groups including rural municipalities, incorporated towns and villages and First Nations and NACC communities.

⁶ Outfitters and Quarry leaseholders in the vicinity of the PPR were directly notified during Round 4 of the EA Consultation program. Specific comments from outfitters are outlined in Appendix E.

11.6 Landowner Information Centres

Manitoba Hydro representatives met with each landowner that attended a Landowner Information Centre in order to answer questions and gather relevant property information. Discussions generally lasted between 15 and 45 minutes, however landowners were invited to speak as long as they wished. An information form was administered by Manitoba Hydro representatives and included the following questions:

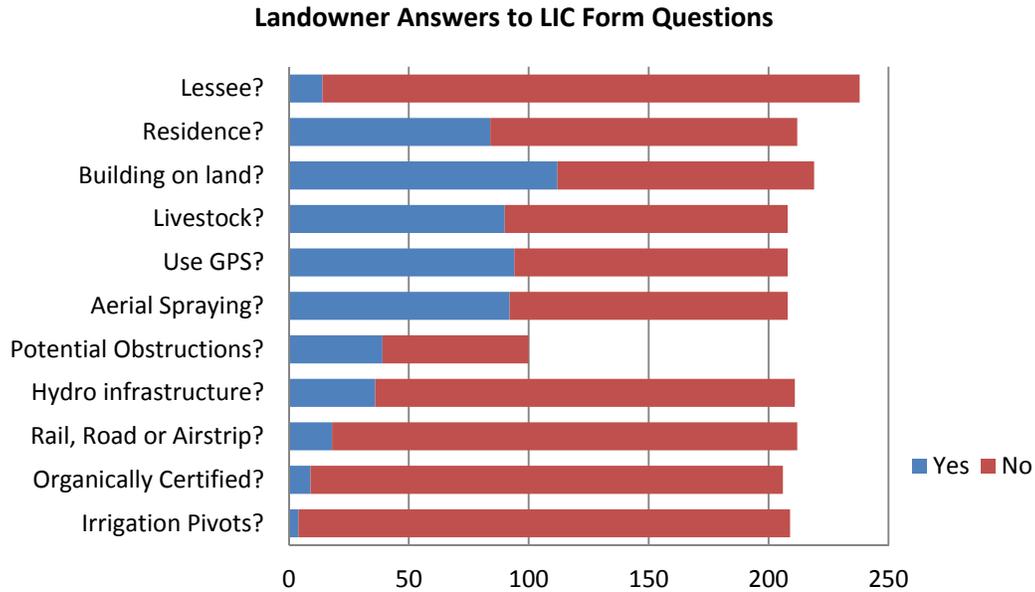
- What is the current use of the land?
- Are you the owner of the land or a lessee?
- Are there buildings or structures on the property?
- Do you use GPS for farming practices?
- Are crops dependant on aerial application?
- Are there irrigation pivots used on the land?
- Are the lands associated with an organically certified operation?
- Are there any livestock facilities or livestock on the lands?
- Is there a residence on the land?
- Are there any potential obstructions on the land?
- Are there any rail lines, gas lines, roads, airstrips or other electrical facilities on the lands?

Figure 23.0 provides a synopsis of the responses to these questions. The vast majority of LIC attendees were land owners (versus lessees). About half indicated there were buildings located on the land, and slightly fewer indicated there were residences located on the land⁷. About half also indicated there was livestock on the lands, they used GPS and they occasionally made use of aerial spraying services. Only a small fraction of participating landowners indicated they used irrigation pivots or had organically certified operations.

Generally, about two thirds of those who filled out an LIC Form indicated their land was used as cultivated agricultural land, while about a quarter indicate the land was used as pasture land (Figure 24.0).

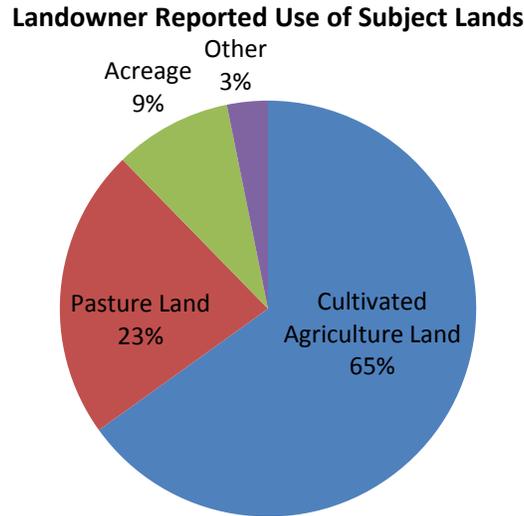
⁷ In this section, “the land” refers to the entire parcel of land under the same title as land that would be required to accommodate the proposed right-of-way. In most cases the land holding was 160 acres (a quarter section), though near an river lot subdivisions the size would decrease. In no cases was the proposed 66m right-of-way located atop (or within 50m) of any homes or barns.

Figure 23.0- Landowner Answers to LIC Form Questions



General comments from landowners were also recorded (see Appendix E for raw data). Generally speaking, landowners with holdings in pasture land viewed the project more favourably than landowners with holdings in prime cultivated agricultural land. This is likely a reflection of a number of factors including land values, type of farming equipment used, frequency of use of equipment and landowners' economic demographic.

Figure 24.0 - Landowner Reported Use of Subject Lands



Concerns of landowners focused on interference with agricultural operations, loss of property value, compensation amounts, taxation, liability, aesthetics and the potential for EMF effects. These issues are discussed in Section 13.0 of this report and responses to these concerns are noted in Table 6.0 Section 13.1 of this report.

11.7 Southern Ground Electrode

Specific components of the EA consultation process were targeted towards landowners and residents in the vicinity of the proposed southern ground electrode, located a mile south of Hazelridge, Manitoba and three miles northwest of Anola, Manitoba.

Basic ground electrode information (construction types, study location, etc.) was included in the public open house display boards shown during Round 3 of the EA consultation process (Dugald location). Following Round 4, a presentation was provided to the RM of Springfield Council outlining the relevant information associated with this project component. Landowners with holdings located within a half mile of the proposed southern ground electrode site were invited to attend a landowner information event on one of two evenings, or to attend a public open house event on a third evening. Members of the general public were invited to attend the public open house⁸. The materials presented at all southern ground electrode events are provided in Appendix D.

Landowner attendance was high (see Figure 11.0, Section 9.0 of this report) and general public attendance at the Public Open House was moderate.

⁸ Notification was carried out by direct invitation to proximal landowners, advertising in local papers, and a Canada Post mail-out to specific postal codes within the RM of Springfield.

The written feedback received from landowners within a half-mile of the proposed site indicated that about half had some concern with the site while half indicated they had ‘no concern’ (multiple choice selection). In many cases the information provided to participants through discussions or through written/display materials, resulted in many of the noted concerns being alleviated. Specific concerns noted by participants at both the public open house and the landowner information meetings included a concern about the potential impacts of EMF, property values and safety. A complete listing of the written responses is provided in Appendix E.

12.0 Key Issues

A key objective of the EA consultation process was to identify stakeholders’ issues and concerns, with a view to identifying opportunities to minimize or eliminate those concerns. This section provides a summary of the issues and concerns raised throughout the consultation process. In some cases, stakeholders made suggestions as to how issues could be addressed, in which case the suggestions are outlined here for information only. Table 7.0 (see Section 13.2 of this report), identifies specific routing adjustment suggestions as offered by stakeholders as a means of mitigating their concerns, or satisfying opportunities in cases where stakeholders wished for the transmission line to be located near their land or interest area.

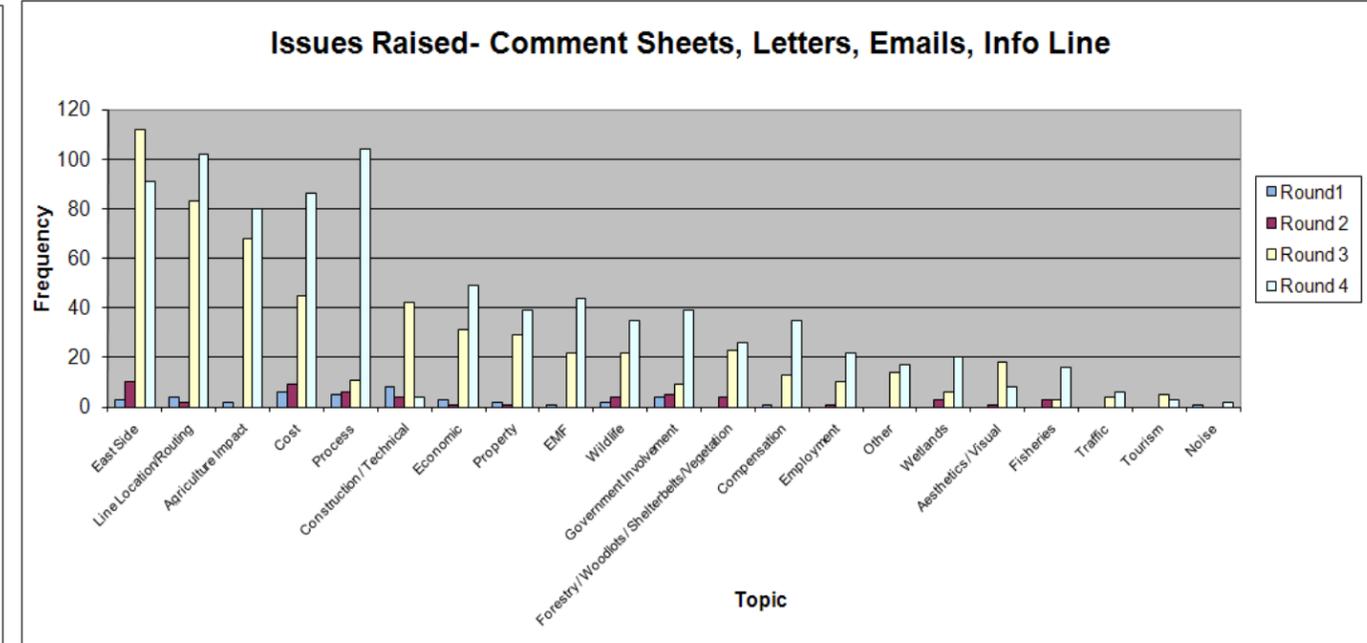
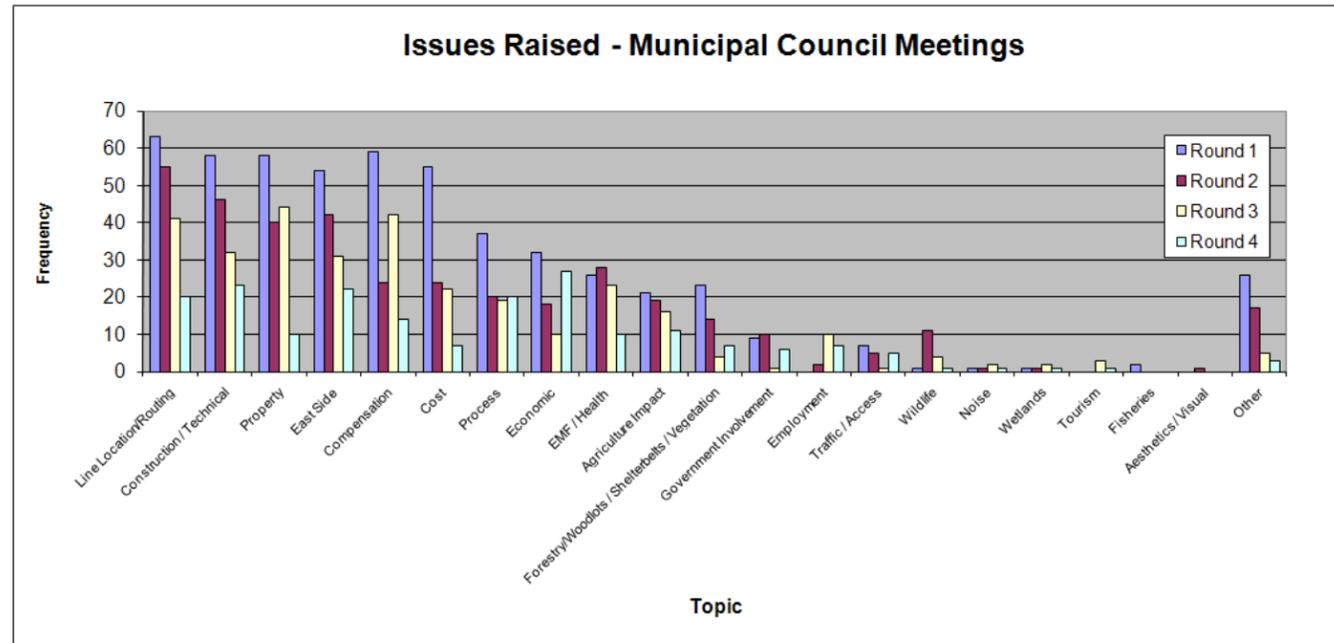
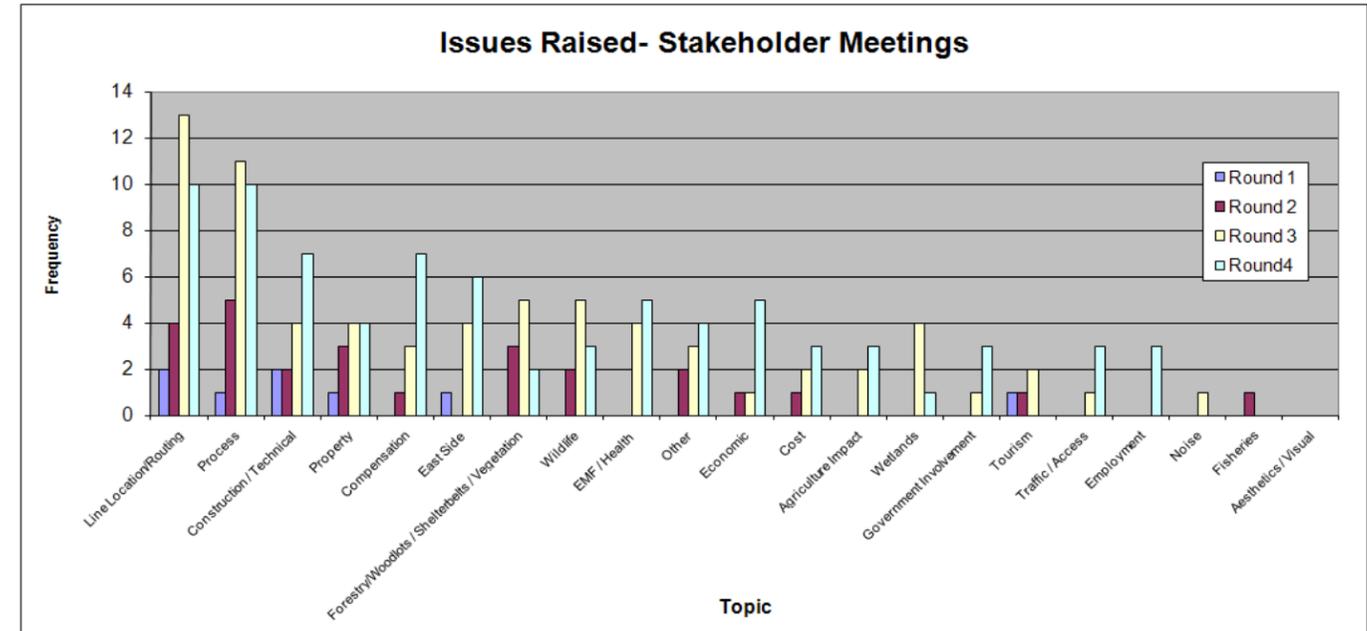
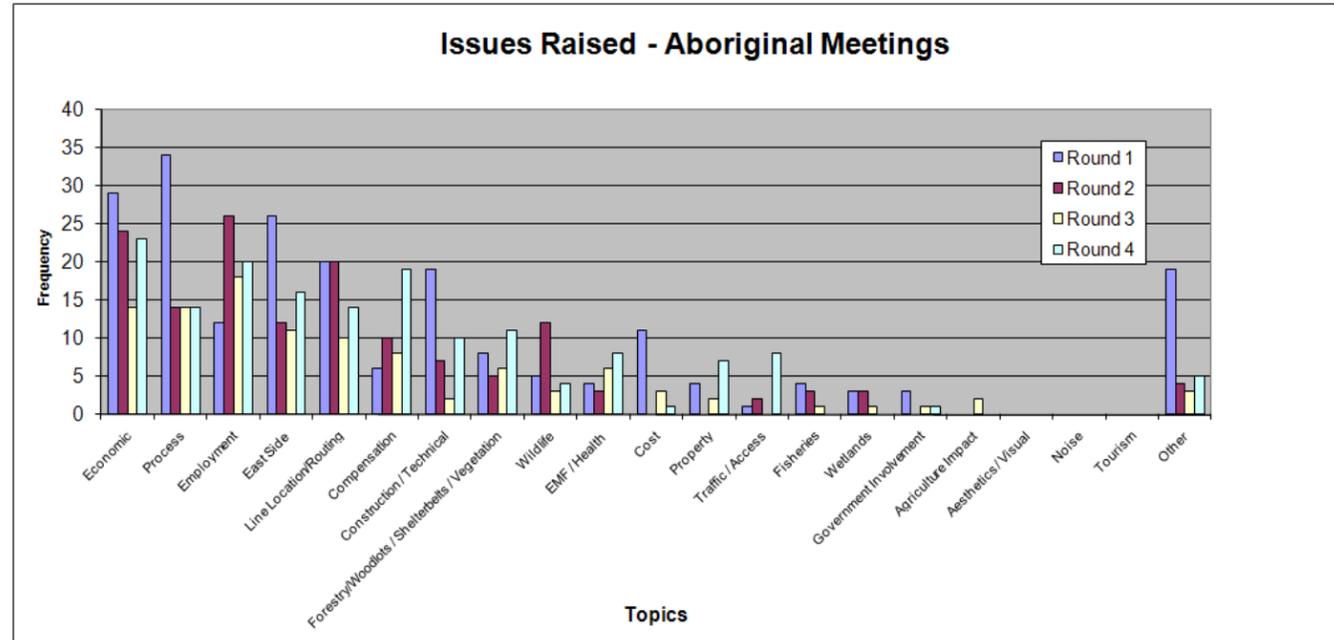
12.1 Topics of Interest

Figure 25.0 highlights topics of interest based on participants’ written comments provided in each of the four rounds of the EA consultation process. The comment frequencies were derived from a an overall inventory of comments provided through all consultation mechanisms (i.e., comment sheets, meeting notes, letters, emails, etc.).

The following major topics formed the basis for the documentation of issues:

- Eastern Manitoba Routing
- Line Location/Routing
- Agriculture Impact
- Cost of Project
- Construction/Technical
- Economic
- Property
- Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)
- Wildlife
- Government Involvement
- Forestry/Woodlots/Shelterbelts/Vegetation
- Compensation
- Employment
- Wetlands
- Aesthetics/Visual
- Fisheries
- Traffic
- Tourism
- Noise
- Other

Figure 25.0 - Topics of Interest (Round 1 to Round 4)



12.2 Key Issues Discussion

The following sections outline key issues raised by participants during the EA consultation process.

Eastern Routing

A significant majority of participants providing written feedback indicated a wish for an alternative route outside of the study area, namely on the eastern side of Manitoba. While all feedback was recorded and considered, the eastern side of Manitoba falls outside the Study Area. Many of the comments provided in support of consideration of an ‘east side’ alternative included supporting rationale for this alternative; these included variables such as line length, impact to agriculture, cost and environmental impact. The study team gave consideration to these variables while assessing west side alternatives. For example, in the case where numerous respondents cited line length as an important consideration for selecting an east side alternative, the study team considered line length to be an important variable in deciding among west side alternatives.

A few participants offered an opposing position on this topic – namely that greater length (when comparing an eastern alternative to the western alternatives) was justified in order to protect the eastern Manitoba boreal forest. The study team response to this topic was to provide participants with the rationale for selection of a western corridor option. Participants were also referred to the report *Bipole III Transmission Routing Study: Review of Environmental Considerations and Potential Role of Environmental Organizations* (CMC Consultants Inc., 2007), which presents rationale for the selection of the western routing for Bipole III. This study was made available on the project website.

Line Length and Cost

Many participants felt that the western routes were too lengthy (compared to the possibility of a route in eastern Manitoba). In some cases participants also indicated that among the western alternatives identified, specific segments were not preferred because of their relative length when compared to other segments. Numerous participants felt that a longer route would be more costly and less efficient, would have greater exposure to weather risks, would have generally greater environmental impact and would require more maintenance.

As with comments concerning an eastern Manitoba routing, participants were provided with the rationale for selection of a western corridor option. Participants were also referred to the report *Bipole III Transmission Routing Study: Review of Environmental Considerations and Potential Role of Environmental Organizations* (CMC Consultants Inc. 2007).

Agriculture

Many participants felt that the impact of Bipole III to agricultural operations would be significant. Primary among these concerns was the placement of diagonal routing across cultivated agricultural lands and the impact they felt this would have on efficiency of farm operations to negotiate farm equipment around transmission towers and lines. This issue was specifically raised during Round 3 when the Alternative Routes were communicated to participants. This feedback resulted in a negative rating during the alternative route evaluation process, of any alternative route segment that had a diagonal routing through cultivated agricultural lands.

Participants noted a general concern over the loss of agricultural lands due to tower placement as well as the general nuisance they felt would be caused by the transmission equipment.

Participants were advised that there would be one to two towers on each quarter section and that tower placement would typically be placed in a linear fashion in order to minimize disruption. One of the key concerns raised by many farmers was concerning the offset distance between the proposed transmission towers and the edge of property line, which in many cases would be less than 100ft. This distance was seen as insufficient to allow certain modern farm implements (e.g. many sprayers are 120' wide) to navigate between the tower and the property line, thus rendering all the lands in between less productive.

A significant issue raised during Rounds 3 and 4 of the EA consultation process was the potential effects that Bipole III may have on the ability to conduct aerial spraying operations in and around the proposed transmission line right-of-way. Both aerial sprayers and farmers utilizing aerial spraying services raised the concern of lost productivity due to the encumbrance the Project would have on the manoeuvrability of aerial spraying plans to navigate around the facility.

One of the specific concerns raised was the inability to spray within the right-of-way itself. However a second and perhaps more significant concern involves the potential reduction in land productivity due to the fragmentation of management units. Since many of the management units that currently benefit from aerial spraying applications are less than a quarter section in size, wherever those management units would be bisected by the transmission right-of-way, participants suggested that the entire management unit would no longer be viable for aerial spraying applications, since the remaining two unit fragments of the management unit would be too small to be economically efficient for spraying. While there may be merit to this position, it is important to note that further investigation and research is required to validate whether this is the case. Participants that raised this concern were advised that if there is a demonstrable loss, that mitigation would come in the form of compensation for loss of land productivity.

Numerous participants also expressed concern as to whether the electro-magnetic frequencies (EMF) would have an impact to modern satellite GPS farm equipment operations or the potential effect of EMFs on dairy cattle. Manitoba Hydro had undertaken independent testing and consulted respected experts on this topic, all of which confirm that the proposed project would not cause any significant interference with GPS systems.

Many participants who owned land in the vicinity of the identified routing alternatives wanted to understand the compensation policies that Manitoba Hydro would have for the Bipole III project and whether compensation would be fair in offsetting the potential impact to farm operations. A substantial number of participants, particularly north of Provincial Highway 16, indicated that the compensation amounts seemed reasonable. However in agro-Manitoba areas many participants indicated that the compensations package would have to be substantially improved to offset the lifetime impact of locating a transmission line through prime agricultural farm land.

Other specific responses to many of these concerns were provided as part of the information and dialogue during Round 4 as well as direct responses to individuals stakeholders that communicated to the Study team outside of the structured meetings associated with each Round.

Effects on Mining Industry

Representatives of the mining industry expressed concerns regarding potential impact to mining operations and/or mining claims due to the proposed/potential location of Bipole III in mineral interest areas. Concerns were primarily focused on the potential for a transmission line to affect electromagnetic and other geo-physical surveys used in mineral exploration. Most concerns focused on existing mining claims and mining operations along the Thompson Nickel belt and Flin Flon Greenstone Belt in northern Manitoba. The study team conducted numerous meetings with representatives of the mining industry aimed at resolving these concerns. After extensive discussions and further assessment of alternatives in the area, an alternative route was identified outside of the Thompson Nickel Belt area.

A few participants also expressed specific concerns about impeding access to smaller mineral deposits in various areas on or near the alternative routes during Round 3 (focused on Alternative Routes). For example, one of the alternative routes was situated along a mineral deposit in the area of the Town of Arden. This information was then considered in the alternative route selection process and contributed in part to the selection of another alternative route.

Effect on Health, Residences and Property

Numerous participants had questions concerning the potential health effects on humans and animals as a result of proximity to the proposed Bipole III transmission line (i.e., EMF) as well as possible effects on properties and residences near the line (e.g., property values, aesthetics, etc.).

Many participants made the suggestion that the transmission line should be routed to avoid residences and commercial operations. Proximity to residences and built-up areas was considered as one of the variables in the rating of Alternative Routes and selection of the PPR. The PPR maximizes separation to existing residences and farm operations to the greatest extent possible, in balance with the other established routing criteria (see *Bipole III Transmission Line Project: Preferred Route Selection Process. June 2011*). Participants were provided with extensive information concerning EMFs associated with transmission lines, which included suggestions for consulting further independent research on the topic. New information brochures with further information on the topic were provided to participants and an independent EMF expert attended a number of open houses and was available for inquiries throughout the EA consultation process. Further information is available in a report titled *Bipole III – Environmental Assessment: Summary and Outline on DC and AC fields and Corona Phenomena. (June 2011)* submitted as a part of the EIS for the project.

A number of participants offered perspectives about the proximity of proposed alternative routes to their treaty land entitlement (TLE) selections, which they perceived might limit the potential to expand existing reserve boundaries.

Participants were advised of studies that demonstrate that the presence of transmission lines have not been shown to effect property values.

Effect on Wildlife

Some participants expressed a general interest in potential effects that Bipole III may have on wildlife, particularly large mammals (e.g., caribou, moose, wolves, etc) and migratory birds.

Parks, Recreation and Natural Aesthetics

A number of participants expressed concerns regarding the close proximity of certain alternative route options to National and Provincial Parks, Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and Areas of Special Interest (ASI). Certain specific feedback was provided regarding the potential negative effect Route A would have on the natural aesthetic value of the Saskatchewan River Valley.

With the identification of the Preferred Route many of these concerns were addressed (primarily through avoidance). Where the Preferred Route passes near WMAs or ASIs, those cases have been noted and will be part of on-going communications as is highlighted in Section 14.0 of this report.

Employment, Training and Business Opportunities

At the Community Open Houses, a number of participants expressed an interest in potential employment, training and business opportunities, including when and what types of jobs would be available in association with the Bipole III project.

Participants also referred to the need for ‘set asides’ and negotiated contracts rather than an open tendering process for procurement of materials and for construction activities. There was interest in a regional approach to construction activities either through Treaty territories or Tribal Council regions. Some groups expressed an interest in ownership and revenue sharing for new Manitoba Hydro developments.

Trapping and Outfitters

Participants frequently asked or shared concerns about trapping at many of the Community Open Houses and leadership meetings. Some participants shared their concern that snowmobile groups would develop trails on the new right-of-way, which might affect trappers. A few participants stated that they have no problems with new transmission lines as they provide new access for trapping.

As part of Round 4 of the EA consultation process the study team invited direct conversations and correspondence with both trappers and outfitters with operations in the vicinity of the Preferred Route. A number of outfitters noted specific concerns with respect to the potential impact to existing bait sites or to operations in general. Specific written/recorded comments from outfitters are provided in Appendix E.

Vegetation Management

Some participants shared concerns about vegetation management both in terms of the responsibility for vegetation management under the transmission towers (in agricultural areas) and a desire to avoid the use of chemicals typically used for vegetation management for Bipole III (in non-agricultural areas) due to a concern for the potential impact on wildlife and natural vegetation. A minimal number of participants identified organic farming as a concern, specifically that the presence of the line could affect the status of the organic farm certification.

Gathering, Fishing and Hunting

In northern areas there were concerns expressed about the potential effects that the project may have on traditional activities including gathering, fishing and hunting. The importance of blueberries as well as other medicinal plants to community and health was emphasized. Some participants questioned why Manitoba Hydro does not have compensation policies for gathering, fishing and hunting similar to the Trapper Notification and Compensation Policy.

Enduring Benefits and the Community Development Initiative (CDI)

Participants frequently mentioned a desire to have sustainable (enduring) financial benefits resulting from the Bipole III transmission project. There was mixed opinion regarding the overall benefit of the CDI to communities in its current proposed form. Generally, smaller communities more commonly noted that the CDI would be significantly beneficial, while larger communities did not, most likely due to the fact that the potential CDI payment appeared either smaller or larger when compared to the overall community budget.

Numerous participants had questions concerning CDI parameters including the period of offering (10 years), determination of eligibility variables (population and proximity). Some participants questioned why the CDI would not be based on traditional territories and/or treaty areas, and why the CDI is including various stakeholder groups including rural municipalities, incorporated towns and villages, or First Nations and NACC communities.

13.0 Responses to Feedback

Throughout each round of the EA consultation process, the study team recorded participant input. During each round, the design of the EA Consultation program allowed study team members to respond to questions and issues of concern by providing both written materials and verbal responses. In many cases during each round, follow-up information was requested and provided to participants (e.g. additional mapping, information brochures on specific topics, verbal explanations etc.). At the close of each round the study team worked to tailor information for the upcoming round of consultation to address the information/queries received in preceding rounds and to incorporate new information as project planning advanced.

Three types of responses to feedback are cited here:

- Response to specific issues, concerns or information requests by provision of information, dialogue, and/or communication;
- Response to concerns or opportunities by alternative route evaluation and selection; and
- Response to concerns or opportunities by preliminary preferred route or tower location adjustment.

Each response type is described in this section.

13.1 Response to Specific Issues

Throughout study team provided relevant project information at each stage of the project during each round of the EA Consultation program. This information was provided as described earlier in this report through presentations at meetings and presentation of materials at open houses (display boards, mapping, brochures, verbal explanations etc.) The study team also responded to follow up information requests and issues raised through the presentation of materials during each round. Table 6.0 summarizes study team responses to specific issues raised. In most cases, participants indicated satisfaction with the information provided⁹.

13.2 Response through Alternative Route Evaluation and Selection

During Round 3, participants were asked to provide commentary concerning alternative routes. By way of response, the feedback received was incorporated as described in Section 11.4 of this report, namely that route segment alternatives were evaluated through the lens of particular feedback trends (e.g. use of shorter route segments, more marginal land, specific ATK avoidances, PAI/WMA/ASI avoidances, diagonal crossings, avoidance of developed areas, linear opportunities (drainage canals), river crossings, mining interests, etc.).

⁹ A key exception to this statement is participant’s common complaint regarding the lack of information provided for an eastern routing option or comparison, which was considered beyond the scope of the project.

Table 7.0 - Response to Key Issues

#	Description	Input Source	Concern	Response
1	Agriculture – Placement of Towers in Field	Individual landowners (Farmers)	The space between property lines and the proposed tower placement within the 66m easements would provide insufficient space to allow for larger equipment to pass through this space, rendering extensive lands inaccessible for farming.	Manitoba Hydro will examine the precise location of the towers and the alignment of the 66m ROW to help address this issue.
2	Agriculture – Aerial Spraying	Individual landowners (Farmers) and Aerial Spraying Operations/Association	The proposed 66m ROW will in some cases bisect management units <160acres. Where these units are oriented perpendicular to the line, the efficiency of any required aerial spraying is seen to become substantially compromised, such that the cost of aerial spraying outweighs the benefit. Inability to aerial spray may also limit the options for crops that can be grown.	Any devaluation of land as a result of the inability to make efficient use of aerial spraying will be identified as a factor in the landowner compensation agreements. Manitoba Hydro held on-site meetings with an aerial sprayer and with the MB Aerial Applicators Association to better understand the issue, and is reviewing the potential negative effect to aerial spraying operations.
3	Agriculture - Compensation	Individual landowners (prime agricultural land areas mainly)	Some farmers indicated that the proposed compensation policy is insufficient to reflect the long term true cost of accommodating the transmission towers, including maintenance around the towers.	Manitoba Hydro provided opportunity for face to face meetings with all potentially affected landowners in order to explain and review the policies. A compensation information brochure was produced and shared with any interested participant. Manitoba Hydro is reviewing its compensation policies for major transmission lines and may make adjustments accordingly.
4	Agriculture – Splitting of Management Units	Individual landowners (farmers)	In a few cases, the 66m ROW will split a management unit (rather than following an existing property line/linear feature), which results in smaller, less efficient farming practices or interferes with existing or planned operations (e.g. irrigation).	Manitoba Hydro has attempted to avoid all such cases, though in some instances an alignment that splits a management unit represented the least impact option when considering all variables. In these cases, where the ROW is not on a property line and interferes with the farm operation, this will be identified as a factor in the landowner mitigation options and compensation agreements.

#	Description	Input Source	Concern	Response
5	Agriculture – Taxation	Landowners	Farmers expressed concern as to whether compensation payment components would be attributable as income and therefore taxable – this would reduce the attractiveness of the proposed payments.	Manitoba Hydro indicated it would review this matter with Revenue Canada and advise landowners as part of any future land acquisition process. Any tax implications would be considered as a part of these discussions.
6	Agriculture – Liability for Damage	Landowners	Farmers expressed concern as to whether they would accrue liability for any damage to transmission towers located on their land.	Manitoba Hydro advised farmers that the tower structure payment was calculated to account for any additional insurance coverage a landowner might wish to acquire.
7	Mining – Exploration and Impediment	MAMI Crowflight Minerals Anglo-American Vale Other Mining Companies	The Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR) crossed through the Thompson Nickel Belt. Mining industry representatives were concerned that current and future explorations and future mining operations would be severely impeded by the presence of the proposed transmission line, which would result in substantial negative economic impacts.	Manitoba Hydro offered mitigation measures to address the concerns and adjusted the PPR to avoid the Thompson Nickel Belt.
8	Outfitters – Effect on Licensed Area	Wekusko Falls Simon Nabess River Country	A few outfitters indicated concern with the proximity of the transmission line to their operations (access, aesthetics), causing a general perceived negative effect.	Manitoba Hydro reviewed all individual concerns received and evaluated precise locations of outfitter values/investments relative to the proposed infrastructure and conclude that considerable separation exists.
9	EMF – Pacemaker Effects	Individual landowner with Pacemaker	Landowner was concerned about any potential negative affect the transmission line might have on a pacemaker.	Manitoba Hydro consulted an external EMF expert, who advised of potential issues and solutions. These were provided to the landowner.
10	EMF – Cochlear Implant Effects	Individual landowner with spouse with cochlear implant	Landowner was concerned about any potential negative affect the transmission line might have on a cochlear implant.	Manitoba Hydro consulted an external EMF expert, who advised of potential issues and solutions. These were provided to the landowner.

#	Description	Input Source	Concern	Response
11	EMF – Induction in Dairy Cattle	Dairy Cattle Farmer	Farmer was concerned about potential for current induction from the DC line to dairy cattle, potentially affecting productivity.	Manitoba Hydro consulted an external EMF expert, who advised of potential issues and solutions. This information was provided to the landowner.
12	EMF – Electronic Devices Effects	Individual Landowners (prime agricultural land areas mainly)	Landowners/farmers expressed concerns about potential for the DC line to affect electronic devices, particularly precision GPS units used to guide agricultural machinery.	Manitoba Hydro retained two independent companies to review and conduct field tests with GPS devices to determine the potential for malfunction/interference in proximity to a hvDC line A brochure was produced with the relevant information and provided to participants during Round 4 Consultation.
13	EMF – Effect on Schizophrenia	Individual	An individual wished to know if there was any potential effect that the DC line may have on a person with schizophrenia.	Manitoba Hydro consulted an external EMF expert, who advised of potential issues and solutions. Manitoba Hydro informed the individual of this opinion.
14	CDI Program	Community Leaders	Questions concerning the calculation, eligibility, and terms of the CDI.	Manitoba Hydro will be providing further information to eligible communities.
15	Vegetation Management	Farmers	Individual farmers also indicated concern that they would be responsible for control of weeds beneath transmission towers.	Landowner compensation associated with the Bipole III project is intended to recognize the additional responsibilities associated with vegetation management beneath the transmission tower structures.
16	Vegetation Management	Individuals	Concerns from individuals regarding the potential effect of chemicals used to keep trees and shrubs from interfering with the transmission line on natural vegetation and wildlife.	Manitoba Hydro will follow the guidelines and conditions set out in the environmental license for Bipole III related to vegetation management under the transmission line.
17	Gathering, Fishing and Hunting	Individuals	Individuals were concerned that the transmission line may affect these activities.	Concerns regarding gathering, fishing and hunting were considered during the routing process.
18	Employment	Individuals	Individuals expressed an interest in employment opportunities associated with the project.	There will be employment opportunities during the construction of the transmission line. The Transmission Line and Civil Construction Department will be providing employment related information to communities throughout the project area.

#	Description	Input Source	Concern	Response
19	Trappers – Effect on Traplins	Trappers	A few trappers indicated concern with the proximity of the transmission line to their operations (access, disturbance), potentially causing a general negative effect.	The Trapper Notification/Compensation Policy will be used for the Bipole III project.
20	Access	First Nations	Some participants felt that transmission lines would provide opportunities for increased access for recreation and hunting. This was viewed both positively and negatively.	Where this is a concern, Access Management Plans will be developed and shared with local communities.
21	Wind Farm	St.Claude Wind Energy Co-op	The SCWEC was concerned about the potential effect property value and investment impacts for landowners that had existing agreements with SCWEC to allow for the construction of wind turbines on the land. They felt that the presence of transmission towers may negate the value of their investment, since wind turbines and transmission towers may not be able to be constructed on the same piece of land.	Manitoba Hydro met with the SCWEC and agreed to exchange mapping of the PPR and the wind farm market area (no wind farm had been established on the ground). Manitoba Hydro advised that within the market area for the wind farm, numerous types of infrastructure would need to co-exist. If a landowner were to experience a financial loss as a direct result of a Manitoba Hydro easement requirement that would need to be considered within the negotiation for easement.
22	East vs. West	Numerous	Many EA Consultation participants indicated that an eastern Manitoba route would be preferred over a western Manitoba route. Participants were concerned that the western route would be more costly and disruptive to landowners, and would likely have an equal impact on other variables considered (environmental).	Participants were advised that an eastern routing was beyond the study area for the Bipole III EA consultation process.

13.3 Response through Preliminary Preferred Route and Tower Adjustment

The Preliminary Preferred Route was presented as a part of Round 4 of the EA consultation process. Stakeholders were advised that minor route adjustments would be considered as part of the finalization of a Preferred Route. An extensive set of suggestions or requests for route adjustment or tower relocation were submitted to the study team. Each of these adjustment requests were carefully considered in a series of multi-disciplinary analysis sessions in order to determine whether it was feasible to make the adjustment.

The route adjustment process involved a case-by-case analysis of possible route adjustments in a multi-disciplinary setting to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of possible adjustments.

Variables considered during the route adjustment process included:

- EA Consultation Input;
- Biophysical variables;
- Socio-economic variables;
- Land use variables; and
- Technical variables.

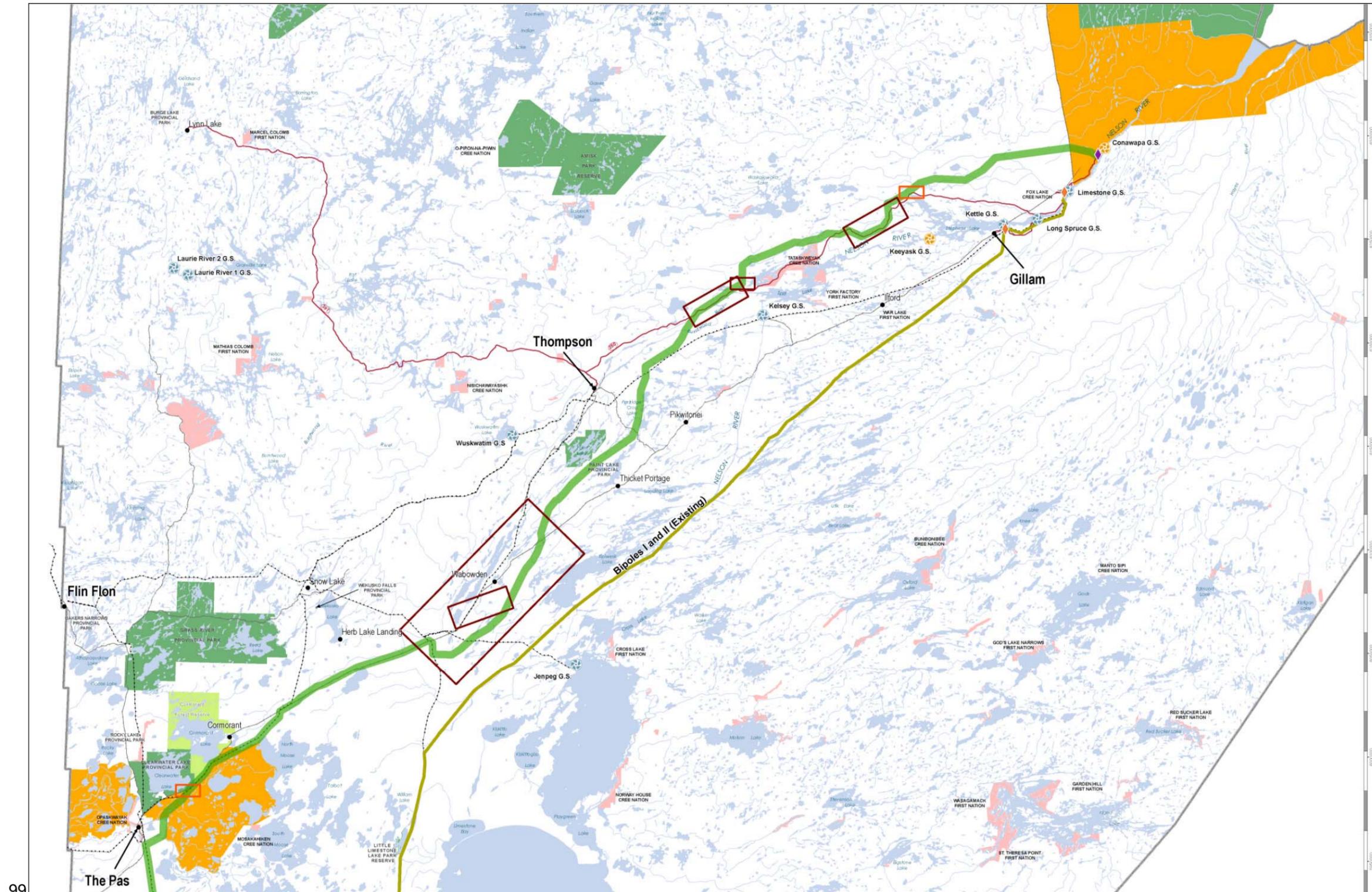
Figures 26.0 and 27.0 illustrate the approximate location of each route adjustment that was considered by the study team, as well as an indication of whether the adjustment considered resulted in an actual change to the route. These figures are cross referenced in Table 7.0, which presents an inventory of the route adjustments considered, including the rationale supporting the decision as to whether to make a route adjustment or not.

14.0 On-Going Stakeholder Communications

The EA Consultation program for the Bipole III project concluded at the close of Round 4 and the submission of this report represents the closure of documentation of participant input. If a license for the project is granted, on-going stakeholder communications will be required. Table 8.0 outlines the anticipated on-going communications requirements associated with the project. The anticipated follow-up column of information is included for illustrative purposes only and does not necessarily prescribe a specific response or obligate any party to carry out the actions noted.

Manitoba Hydro recognizes the unique relationship Aboriginal communities have with their areas of use and is appreciative to all the communities who took time to share their valued knowledge and perspectives with regards to the Bipole III study area and Project. Aboriginal communities shared information about their history, culture, areas of use, as well as the current issues facing their communities. Manitoba Hydro understands the importance of continuing to engage with Aboriginal communities and work to address outstanding concerns. Discussions regarding culturally appropriate and site-specific mitigation measures as well as Access Management Plans will be ongoing with Aboriginal communities who have identified concerns. In addition, Manitoba Hydro will continue to provide Project updates and encourage ongoing communication with all Aboriginal communities.

Figure 26.0 - Route Adjustment Map (Northern)



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Figure 27.0 - Route Adjustment Map (Southern)

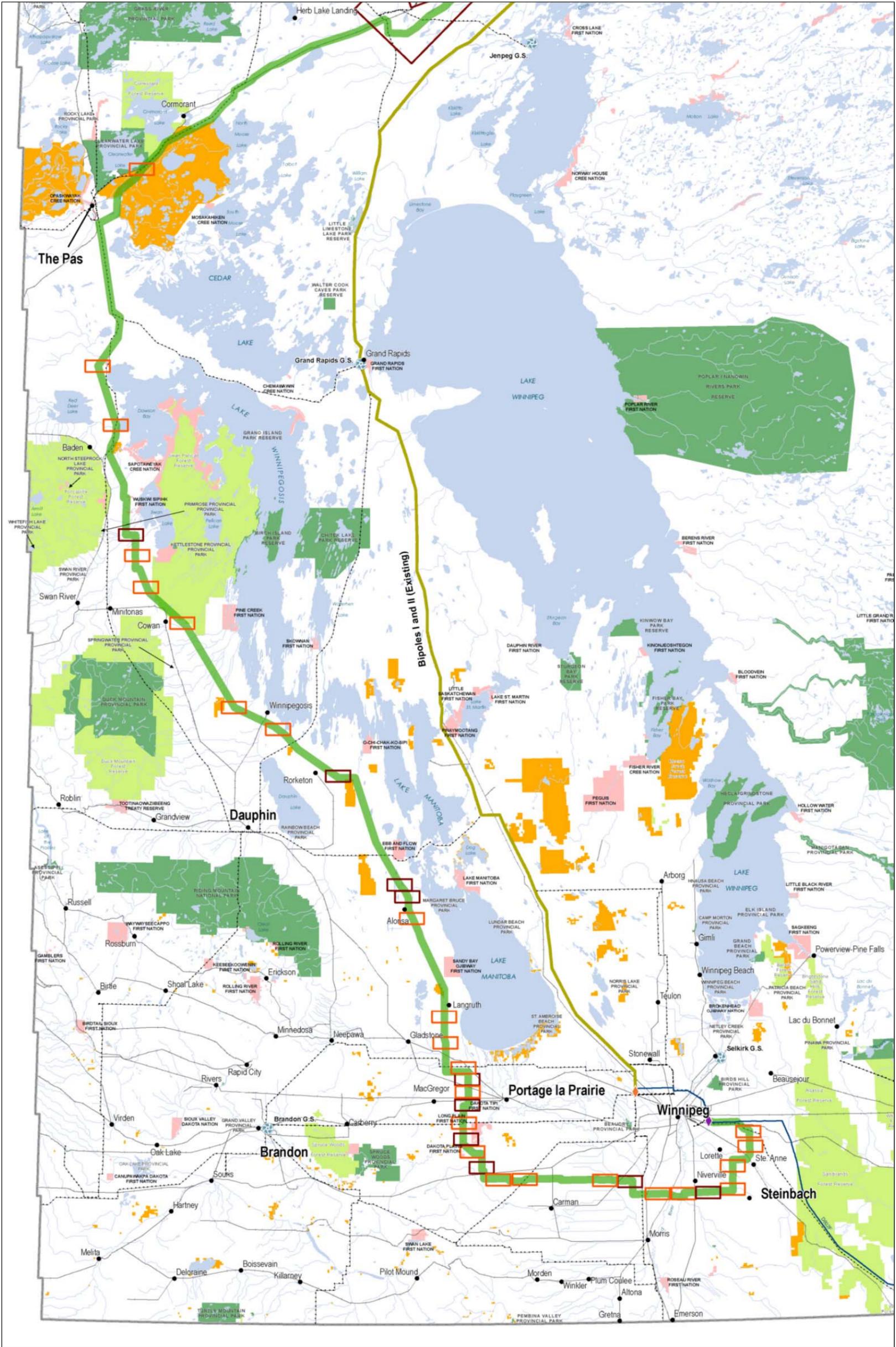


Table 8.0 - Route Adjustment Inventory

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
1	Churchill WMA	Protected Areas Initiative	Suggested that the PPR should follow the Water Reserve boundary.	Terrain/conditions are not favourable for the adjustment and an ecological rationale is not clear.	PPR Selection Remains
2	PR 280	Tataskweyak Cree Nation	Suggested the PPR should follow PR 280 as much as possible.	PPR adjusted in several locations to generally follow PR 280 in this area.	PPR Adjusted
3	Assean Lake	Tataskweyak Cree Nation	Suggested maximizing separation from Assean Lake and Assean Reserve Lands.	PPR adjusted northerly to maximize separation as noted.	PPR Adjusted
4	Thompson Nickel Belt	Mining Industry, Town of Wabowden, Caribou Research, Recreation Interests, Study team	Multiple competing rationale for adjustments including concern for caribou habitat, concern for potential restriction to mining exploration techniques, impact to recreational areas, and proximity to Bipole III.	Four alternatives to the PPR were identified	PPR Adjusted (major route adjustment)
5	Forestry Seed Orchard	Manitoba Conservation, Forestry Branch	PPR runs near an existing seed orchard considered a high value site.	PPR relocated approximately 125 metres away from the site.	PPR Adjusted (major incidental route adjustment)
6	Finger Lake Camping Area	IRMT	Suggested that the PPR should avoid a campground parking area north of The Pas.	Separation distance deemed acceptable.	PPR Selection Remains
7	Proposed Red Deer Wildlife Management Area	Protected Areas Initiative	Suggestion to avoid a local Salt Spring.	Current routing option is the most viable. Tower placement adjustment will avoid identified areas of concern.	PPR Selection Remains to PPR
8	Red Deer Lake Quarry Area	Project Team	Concern that the PPR would negatively impact future quarrying activity.	Quarry leaseholder notification letter sent out providing opportunity for feedback. No other viable options available in area. Impact to operations unlikely.	PPR Selection Remains

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
9	Birch River Area - Private Land	Landowners	A PPR corner tower is located on the highest point of the landowner's field where grain bins are currently located.	Corner tower location can be adjusted to the north side of the road allowance to avoid the concern. Change will be accommodated by adjacent landowners.	PPR Adjusted
10	RM of Mountain - East of Birch River (LIC Form 13)	Landowner	Would like to see the PPR adjusted north of the road allowance.	Request can be accommodated.	PPR Adjusted
11	RM of Mountain - East of Birch River (LIC Form 14)	Landowner	Landowner willing to accommodate an angle tower (see adjustment 10) if PPR adjusted northerly to these lands.	Adjustment accommodates the PPR and does not affect grain bins on adjacent property.	PPR Adjusted
12	RM of Mountain - East of Birch River (LIC Form 15)	Landowner	Would like to see the PPR adjusted line north of the road allowance.	Request can be accommodated.	PPR Adjusted
13	Lenswood Community Pasture	Rural Municipality of Mountain	Numerous suggestions to re-route the PPR to take advantage of the Lenswood Community Pasture marginal land. Adjustment will avoid substantial private land holdings.	Adjustment was considered. Correspondence with AESB suggests crossing of Community Pasture not preferred and may cause federal approval triggers which jeopardize project timing..	PPR Selection Remains
14	RM of Mountain - Lenswood Area (LIC Form 21)	Landowner	Would like to see the PPR adjusted one mile east or to the municipal boundary.	Crossing of Community Pasture strongly discouraged by AESB and may cause federal approval triggers which jeopardize project timing.	PPR Selection Remains

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
15	RM of Mountain - Lenswood Area (LIC Form 24 & 25)	Landowner	Would like to see the line moved to the municipal boundary.	Crossing of Community Pasture strongly discouraged by AESB and may cause federal approval triggers which jeopardize project timing.	PPR Selection Remains
16	RM of Mountain - Lenswood Area (LIC Form 65)	Landowner	Would like to see the PPR go through the Lenswood Community Pasture	Crossing of Community Pasture strongly discouraged by AESB and may cause federal approval triggers which jeopardize project timing.	PPR Selection Remains
17	RM of Lakeview - North of PTH 50 and PR 567 (LIC Form 111)	Landowner	Suggestion to adjust PPR through the Langruth Community Pasture.	Adjustment was considered. Correspondence with AESB suggests crossing of Community Pasture not preferred and may cause federal approval triggers which jeopardize project timing.	PPR Selection Remains
18	RM of Mountain - East of Cowan (LIC Form 1)	Landowner	Would like tower placement adjusted to avoid view from residence.	Due to location of parcel, 2 to 3 towers could be expected, which may limit ability to eliminate viewshed concerns. Design team will consider adjustment.	PPR Selection Remains to PPR. Tower adjustment will be considered.
19	Portia Area - Wetlands concern	Ducks Unlimited Canada	Suggested to move the PPR further westerly due to concentration of wetlands and DU projects.	Adjustment is not preferred from multiple other variables including high value agriculture lands at alternative site and substantial change at late stage of route selection process. Other mitigation measures available.	PPR Selection Remains
20	Winnipegosis - Quarry Area	Municipal Councillor and Project Team	Concern that the PPR would negatively impact future quarrying activity.	Quarry Holder Notification Letter sent out.	PPR Selection Remains

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
21	RM of Alonsa - At boundary between the RM of Alonsa and the RM of Lawrence (Towers 79 - 80)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	There are existing fences on the half mile line. Adjust PPR to fall north of the half mile line.	PPR Adjusted
22	RM of Alonsa	Landowner	Requested that the PPR be relocated out of “front yard”.	Adjusted PPR to be further from yard and within forest cover to minimize visibility.	PPR Adjusted
23	RM of Alonsa	Landowner	Indicated concern regarding the proximity of the PPR to Robertson Lake (concern for waterfowl).	Adjusted PPR slightly west to avoid open water and wetlands. Mitigation may include bird diverters. No additional landowners affected.	PPR Adjusted
24	RM of Alonsa - South of Alonsa (LIC Form 83)	Landowner	Would like the PPR to be adjusted easterly, further the residence.	No viable adjustment options exist. Distance from residences maximized in area. Current location of the PPR is 640 meters from the residence.	PPR Selection Remains
25	Navigation Canada Radar Site	Landowner and Project Team	PPR is located relatively near to the RAMP project radar site. Concern regarding potential for negative effects on radar functionality.	No objections received as a result of follow up with Navigation Canada.	PPR Selection Remains
26	RM of Westbourne - Northeast of Woodside (LIC Form 110)	Landowner	Would like tower placement adjusted to avoid the trail/access road.	Current tower location is south of the trail noted. Design team will consider adjustment.	PPR Selection Remains to PPR. Tower adjustment will be considered.
27	RM of Portage la Prairie - West of MacDonald (Towers 62 - 63)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	PPR should remain on half mile line to maximize separation distance to residences and reduce management unit splits.	PPR Selection Remains

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
28	RM of Portage la Prairie - North of PTH 1 (LIC Form 279)	Landowner	Would like to see the PPR placed directly on the half mile line to split compensation with two landowners and limit impact.	Request can be accommodated.	PPR Adjusted
29	RM of Portage la Prairie - North of Junction of PTH 1 and the PPR (LIC Form 254)	Landowner	Would like towers located close to the roadway and directly north of the railway tracks.	Possible issue regarding overlap with PTH 1 right-of-way. Design team will consider adjustment.	PPR Selection Remains to PPR. Tower adjustment will be considered.
30	RM of North Norfolk - West of Edwin (Towers 56 - 59)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	There are existing fences on the half mile line. Adjust PPR to fall east of the half mile line.	PPR Adjusted
31	RM of Portage la Prairie - North of PTH 1 (LIC Form 280)	Landowner	Would like to see the PPR placed directly on the half mile line to split compensation with two landowners and limit impact.	Request can be accommodated.	PPR Adjusted
32	RM of North Norfolk - Rossendale area (LIC Form 175)	Landowner	Concern that the PPR would interfere with the management parcel and future irrigation. Suggested moving the PPR 1 mile east of property.	Adjustment could negatively impact other existing residential properties and First Nation lands. Other mitigation measures available.	PPR Selection Remains
33	RM of South Norfolk - North of Assiniboine River Crossing (LIC Form 167)	Landowner	Would like the PPR adjusted to avoid impact to existing irrigation pivot and splitting the management unit.	PPR can be adjusted slightly northerly to reduce impacts noted. A further adjustment to eliminate impact is not preferred due to impact to Wildlife Management Area and the constraints of the Assiniboine River crossing.	PPR Adjusted
34	RM of North Norfolk - Rossendale area (Towers 50 - 51)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	There are fences located on the half mile line. Adjust PPR to fall east of the half mile line. Land uses (grazing and forage) are compatible.	PPR Adjusted

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
35	RM of North Norfolk - Rossendale area (LIC Form 276)	Landowner	Would like to see the line moved east a half mile to avoid splitting the management parcel.	Adjustment could negatively impact other existing residential properties and First Nation lands. Other mitigation measures available.	PPR Selection Remains
36	St. Claude West (LIC Form 28 & 50)	Landowner - Hetzel	Landowner has a 'natural park' on the property and would like to see the PPR moved off their property. There are fences located on half mile line.	Adjustment was done to move the PPR to the east of the 1/2 mile line, which will also avoid winter cattle shelterbelt.	PPR Adjusted
37	RM of Grey - South of St. Claude (Towers 40 - 44)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	PPR should remain on half mile line to maximize separation distance to residences and reduce management unit splits.	PPR Selection Remains
38	RM of Grey - South of Haywood (LIC Form 169)	Landowner	Would like the PPR to be adjusted to the mile road north of this quarter section.	Adjustment likely to create additional concerns for other existing residences.	PPR Selection Remains
39	RM of MacDonald - East of Brunkild (Towers 30 - 31)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	PPR should remain on half mile line to maximize separation distance to residences and reduce management unit splits.	PPR Selection Remains
40	RM of MacDonald - West of Brunkild (LIC Form 292)	Landowner	Would like tower placement adjusted to eliminate view from residence.	Design team will consider adjustment.	PPR Selection Remains to PPR. Tower adjustment will be considered.
41	RM of MacDonald - West of Brunkild (LIC Form 292)	Landowner - Fehr Lenz	Would like to see the line adjusted further away from the residence and off their property.	A re-routing option was considered, however it would have generated identical or greater concern from a greater number of other landowners.	PPR Selection Remains
42	RM of MacDonald - East of Brunkild (LIC Form 252)	Landowner	Would like to see the line fall directly on the half mile line as opposed to north of the half mile line.	The PPR was originally aligned on the ½ mile line.	PPR Adjusted

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
43	RM of MacDonald - East of Brunkild (LIC Form 168)	Landowner	Would like the PPR adjusted to be located onto the subject property.	Discussions with neighbours suggest placement on half mile line to be the most accommodating.	PPR Adjusted
44	RM of MacDonald - East of Brunkild (LIC Form 296)	Landowner	Would like the PPR adjusted southerly to the half mile line.	Adjustment can be accommodated.	PPR Adjusted
45	RM of MacDonald - West of Ste. Agathe (LIC Form 286)	Landowner	Would like tower placed closer to the half mile line and east of the drainage ditch to reduce concern.	Design team will consider adjustment.	PPR Selection Remains to PPR. Tower adjustment will be considered.
46	RM of MacDonald - West of Red River Crossing (Towers 24 - 29)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	PPR should remain on half mile line to maximize separation distance to residences and reduce management unit splits.	PPR Selection Remains
47	RM of Ritchot - East of Ste. Agathe (LIC Form 278)	Landowner	Would like to see the line moved to the western portion of the section then follow the northern portion.	Accommodating the re-routing request would require significant additional cost for angle tower structures.	PPR Selection Remains
48	RM of Ritchot - East of Red River Crossing (Towers 20 - 21)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	PPR should remain on half mile line to maximize separation distance to residences.	PPR Selection Remains
49	RM of Hanover - East of PTH59	Landowner/Project Team	Landowner would like the PPR relocated away from the property.	PPR can be slightly adjusted to increase separation to residence, but remains on property.	PPR Adjusted
50	RM of Hanover - Junction of PR 305 and PR 622 (LIC Form 184)	Landowner	Would like the PPR to be adjusted to the mile road north of this quarter section.	Adjustment likely to create additional concerns for other existing residences.	PPR Selection Remains
51	RM of Hanover - North of Randolph (LIC Form 121)	Landowner	Would like the PPR adjusted to the half mile line as opposed to the quarter mile line.	Adjustment likely to create additional concerns for other existing residences.	PPR Selection Remains

#	Description	Input Source	Adjustment Consideration	Response	Outcome
52	RM of Hanover - North of Randolph (LIC Form 117)	Landowner	Would like the PPR adjusted to the half mile line as opposed to the quarter mile line.	Adjustment likely to create additional concerns for other existing residences.	PPR Selection Remains
53	RM of Tache - East of Landmark (LIC Form 131)	Landowner	Would like the PPR adjusted to the half mile line as opposed to the quarter mile line.	Adjustment likely to create additional concerns for other existing residences.	PPR Selection Remains
54	RM of Ste. Anne - Crossing at PTH 1 (LIC Form 272)	Landowner	Would like any adjustment that moves the PPR further west to avoid residence.	A routing change in this location would require an alternate PTH 1 crossing option, none of which were seen as satisfactory to the PPR alignment.	PPR Selection Remains
55	RM of Springfield - North of PTH 1 (Towers 7 - 8)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Consider precise tower placements to half mile alignments to minimize potential impacts.	PPR should remain on half mile line to maximize separation distance to residences.	PPR Selection Remains
56*	All PPR route sections that parallel road allowances or are off-sets from the half mile line (south of PTH 16)	General Stakeholder Feedback	Numerous farmers suggested that the distance between the proposed tower locations and the edge of many farm properties may be insufficient to allow certain wide farm equipment (e.g. sprayers) to pass between the towers and the property line, thus reducing their ability to farm that land effectively.	Where the PPR runs parallel to a road allowance it will be adjusted to be offset an additional 9m (30 ft) to allow for a total separation of 39m (130 ft) between the property line and the tower footing. This will be implemented south of PTH 16 only where farming practices use such large equipment.	PPR Adjusted
57*	All PPR segments that parallel existing transmission rights-of-way in forested areas.	General Stakeholder Feedback and Study team	To address a general concern regarding wildlife habitat, consideration should be given to establishing a habitat buffer/refuge area between the PPR and any existing transmission ROW in a forested area.	Consideration was given to maintaining a buffer between the ROWs, Technical review indicates that this change would subject the buffer to unacceptable blow-down potential and that the buffer width would need to be substantial to create a habitat benefit.	PPR Selection Remains (paralleling lines will share one double wide ROW)

*Not mapped

Table 9.0 - Anticipated On-going Stakeholder Communications Subsequent to Project Licensing for Specific Crossing locations

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
Agricultural Environment Services Board (AESB) Land Managers	Lakeview Community Pasture (CP)	Crosses to the east adjacent to Lakeview Community Pasture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disturbance of adjacent community pasture lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify AESB Land Manager of clearing and construction schedules; note boundaries of CP and avoid any disturbance of CP lands from work activities
	Lenswood Community Pasture	Crosses near Lenswood Community Pasture		
Crown Lands Operating Agency	Campground	Crosses in proximity to a campground (SW33-25-13WPM) in RM of Alonsa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disruption to recreational use activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify Manitoba Conservation (MC) and operator with respect to clearing and construction schedules and Manitoba Hydro's standard environmental protection practices
	Campground	Crosses in proximity to a campground (SW34-20-11WPM) in RM of Alonsa		
	Campground	Crosses in proximity to a campground (SW3-38-24WPM) in RM of Minitonas		
	Campground	Crosses in proximity to a campground (SW34-33-21WPM) in RM of Mountain		
Gas Pipeline	Manitoba Hydro (Centra Gas)	Crosses underground natural gas pipeline southeast of Niverville, south of Elm Creek, and southeast of Dugald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference and disturbance to underground natural gas pipeline; safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss further at the detailed design stage, including tower placement and grounding procedures; and notify MB Hydro (Centra Gas) of clearing and construction schedules, and design crossing criteria and standard environmental protection practices
Railways	CNR	Crosses existing CNR lines east of Katrime, east of Bagot, southwest of St. Agathe, and northwest of Ste. Anne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference with railway; safety issues for equipment and conductor crossings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss further with each operator at the detailed design stage; notify operators as to

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
	CPR	Crosses CPR line east of Woodside, east of Bagot, west of St.Claude, north of Osborne, and south of Niverville		clearing, and construction schedules, and during operation activities to minimize disruption
	Omni-Trax	Active railway crossings:- edge of Churchill WMA- railway spur line to Thompson- active railway line between Tooth Lake and Monty Lake, east of Halfway Lake- active railway line south of Ponton- railway north of Dyce Lake		
Cottages, Fish Camps, Recreational Lands (all crown land encumbrances)	Remote Cottage	Crosses east in proximity to a remote cottage (SE14-33-21WPM) in R.M. of Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disruption to recreational use activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify MC and permittee with respect to clearing and construction schedules, Manitoba Hydro's standard environmental protection practices
	Remote Cottage	Crosses east in proximity to a remote cottage (SE1-31-19WPM) in R.M. of Mossey River		
	Fish Camp	Crosses east in proximity to a fish camp (SW6-31-18WPM) in R.M. of Mossey River		
	Recreational Development	Crosses in proximity recreational lot (SE13-24-13WPM) in R.M. of Alonsa		
Forestry Branch & stakeholders	Provincial Forest	Crosses through Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest Reserve north of Cowan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disruption to resource use activities and recreational users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with the Forestry Branch and stakeholder regarding best timber utilization options, and tower placement options to minimize visual / aesthetic effects
Greater Winnipeg Water District (GWWD)	Railway and Aqueduct	Crosses GWWD railway and existing underground water aqueduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference and disturbance to underground water pipeline; safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss further with GWWD at the detailed design stage; notify GWWD of construction schedule

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
Industry Canada	Communication Tower	Crosses in proximity to existing communication tower northeast of Brunkild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential disturbance to operations of communication tower 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review transmission line design criteria with Industry Canada and operator at detailed design stage; notify the owner of construction schedule
Aggregate Pit Operators and Aggregate Deposits	Aggregate Pit	Crosses in proximity to existing aggregate pit (to west)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential interference and disruption of known aggregate pit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review with Manitoba Science Technology Energy and Mines (STEM) at detailed design stage; notify operator of clearing and construction schedules;
	Aggregate Pit	Crosses in proximity to existing aggregate pit north of the junction of PTH 10 & 60		
	Aggregate Deposit	Crosses low level aggregate deposit east of Birch River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential interference and disruption of known deposit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review with Manitoba Science Technology Energy and Mines (STEM) at detailed design stage;
	Aggregate Deposit	Crosses low level aggregate deposit at Wekusko Siding		
	Aggregate Deposit	Crosses low level aggregate deposit at Pedro Lake, Jarvies Lake, west of Langruth, and east of Lakeview CP		
Mineral Exploration Licensee or Mining Claim Holder	Mineral Exploration License	Registered mineral exploration license west of Partridge Crop Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for interference with initial mining exploration activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with Mines Branch during easement negotiation phase; notify MEL holder as to schedule of clearing and construction activities to minimize disruption
	Mineral Exploration Licenses	Crosses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> north of Hunting Lake along PR 280 and northwest between Pukatawakan and Orr Lakes four mineral exploration license areas between Ponton and Dyce Lakes southwest of Dyce Lake west of Partridge Crop Lake 		

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
	Mineral Exploration License	Crosses mineral exploration license southwest of Dyce Lake		
	Mineral Exploration Licenses	Crosses four mineral exploration license areas between Ponton and Dyce Lake		
	Mineral Exploration License	Registered mineral exploration licenses along PR 280 and northwest between Pukatawakan and Orr Lakes		
	Mining Claim	Crosses one mining claim east of Halfway River and PTH 6		
	Mining Claim	Crosses mining claim at Dyce Lake		
	Mining Claims	Crosses two mining claims along existing railway line south of Mitishto River between PTH 6 and PR 596		
	Mining Claims	Crosses two mining claims along existing railway line south of Mitishto River between PTH 6 and PR 596		
	Mining Claim	Crosses mining claim at Dyce Lake	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for interference with initial mining exploration activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with Mines Branch during easement negotiation phase PM – comment re: “Crown Land Reserve Phase” requires further MB Hydro Input here
Quarry Operators	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease at Red Deer River	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference with quarry operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with Mines Branch during easement negotiation phase for ROW acquisition; notify operator as to schedule of clearing and construction activities to minimize disruption
	Quarry lease	Active quarry lease south of the Moswakot River		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease east of PTH 10 north of Steeprock WMA		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease east of Mafeking		

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease at Pulp River		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease west of Winnipegosis		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses alongside an active quarry lease south of Winnipegosis		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease at Lytwyns Lake southeast of Winnipegosis		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease at McCann Lake south of PR 269		
	Quarry Lease	Crosses active quarry lease north of Langruth WMA		
Manitoba Conservation	Canoe Route	Crosses Designated Canoe Routes: - Grass River designated canoe route - Along Little Frog Creek between Little Cormorant Lake and North Moose Lake - Saskatchewan River crossing - Mossey River - Rat River southeast of Ste. Agathe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential aesthetic concerns with the presence of canoe route traffic; disruption from operational activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and discuss transmission line crossing, tower placement and construction activities with MC at detailed design stage to minimize visual/aesthetic effects from presence of crossing towers
	Heritage River	Crosses the designated Heritage Red River (Recreational/Historic themes) south of Ste. Agathe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential aesthetic concerns with presence to canoe route traffic; disruption from operational activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and discuss transmission line crossing, tower placement and construction activities with MC at detailed design stage to minimize visual/aesthetic effects from presence of towers

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
	Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)	Crosses through Tom Lamb WMA from Little Frog Creek to the Saskatchewan River, along the east side of the Langruth WMA, and adjacent to two parcels of the Whitemud Watershed WMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disturbance of adjacent WMA lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify MC of clearing and construction schedules
	Provincial Forest	Crosses through Swan-Pelican Provincial Forest Reserve north of Cowan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disruption to resource use activities and recreational users 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify MC and local resource users of clearing and construction schedules; consult with the Forestry Branch and stakeholder regarding best timber utilization options;
Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation (MIT)	Provincial Road/ Highway Crossing	Numerous crossings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference with road traffic; safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review transmission line crossing with MIT at the detailed design stage; notify MIT of clearing and construction schedules
	Winter Road/Access trail	Crosses winter road/access trail between Rock Island Lake and Greenway Lake southeast of Wabowden		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review transmission line design crossing with MIT at the detailed design stage; notify operator as to clearing and construction schedules to minimize disruption
Municipalities	RM of Westbourne	Crosses municipal drain to the Whitemud River south of Westbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential disturbance to noted infrastructure from clearing and construction activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the municipality of clearing and construction schedules and Manitoba Hydro's standard environmental protection practices, including adherence of local by-laws
	RM of Portage la Prairie	Crosses municipal drain to Lake Manitoba east of PR 276		
	RM of Macdonald	Crosses municipal drain (11-A) northwest of Brunkild		

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
		Crosses municipal drain to Morris River north of Brunkild		
		Crosses municipal drain to Morris River northeast of Brunkild		
		Crosses two branches of the Robertson municipal drain south of Sanford		
		Crosses a branch of the Robertson municipal drain west of Osborne		
		Crosses three branches of the Robertson municipal drain north and northeast of Osborne		
	RM of Tache	Crosses municipal drains west of Ste. Agathe		
	RM of Springfield	Crosses Seine River Diversion east of Landmark		
	RM of Hanover	Crosses three branches of the Manning Canal municipal drain at Randolph and east of New Bothwell		
	RM of Springfield	Crosses branch of Seine River Diversion south of Landmark		
	RM of Springfield	Parallels existing Cooks Creek Drain for approx. 6 km southwest of Anola		
RM of Mountain	Crosses in proximity to a waste disposal site operated by the R.M. of Mountain (NW16-45-25WPM)			

Stakeholder(s)	Site Name/Type of Interest	Crossing Description	Stakeholder Concern	On-going Communication
	RM of Tache	Crosses adjacent to existing rural residential area northeast of Dufresne		
Oil Pipeline Operators	TCPL Gas Pipeline	Crosses main TCPL natural gas pipeline south of Bagot and east of Landmark and underground oil pipeline west of Ste. Agathe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference and disturbance to underground natural gas pipeline; safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss further with operator at detailed design stage, including design crossing criteria and standard environmental protection practices; notify Operator of clearing and construction schedules
Snowmobile Clubs	Sno-Man	Crosses the following designated snowmobile trails: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - south of Plummer’s Marsh and north of Overflowing River - south of Elm Creek - southeast of Niverville - east of Landmark - southwest of Ponton to the north of an existing railway - west of PTH 10 at Dawson Bay - north of Assiniboine River crossing - south and west of St. Claude - southeast and west of Ste. Agathe - northwest of Ste. Anne 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential interference with snowmobilers; safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify snowmobile club/users of clearing and construction schedules; post information signs and warning markers to identify project activities and right-of-way limits

APPENDIX A

NOTIFICATION LOG

**[PLEASE REFERENCE EA CONSULTATION
NOTIFICATION BINDER – ORIGINALS HELD BY
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APPENDIX B

MEETINGS HELD

Table 1

Round 1 Stakeholder Meetings		
Number	Date	Stakeholder
1	5/31/2008	Baden, Barrows, National Mills, Powell, Red Deer Lake, Westgate Community Councils
2	6/18/2008	Birdtail Sioux Nation
3	4/2/2008	Camperville Community Council
4	6/23/2008	Chemawawin Cree Nation
5	4/17/2008	Cormorant Community Council
6	6/25/2008	Dakota Plains First Nation
7	6/25/2008	Dakota Tipi First Nation
8	4/16/2008	Dawson Bay Community Council
9	5/15/2008	Duck Bay Community Council
10	5/14/2008	Ebb And Flow First Nation
11	11/6/2007	Fox Lake Cree Nation
12	6/10/2008	Fox Lake Cree Nation - Resource Management Board
13	6/18/2008	Gamblers First Nation
14	4/23/2008	Herb Lake Landing Community Council
15	5/8/2008	Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation
16	5/23/2008	Keewatin Tribal Council (KTC)
17	3/11/2008	Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin (MKO)
18	5/13/2008	Mathias Colomb First Nation
19	5/15/2008	Meadow Portage Community Council
20	4/17/2008	Moose Lake Community Council
21	4/17/2008	Mosakahiken Cree Nation
22	5/22/2008	Nelson House Community Council
23	3/17/2008	Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation
24	5/16/2008	Northern Association of Community Councils (executive)
25	5/6/2008	O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation
26	4/24/2008	Opaskwayak Cree Nation
27	4/14/2008	Pelican Rapids Community Council
28	3/11/2008	Pikwitonei Community Council
29	6/19/2008	Pine Creek Anishinabe Nation
30	6/4/2008	Rolling River Anishinabe First Nation
31	4/14/2008	Sapotayweyak Cree Nation
32	4/24/2008	Sherridon Community Council
33	6/5/2008	Sioux Valley Dakota Nation
34	4/10/2008	Spence Lake Community Council
35	6/12/2008	Tataskweyak Cree Nation

36	5/22/2008	Thicket Portage Community Council
37	4/22/2008	Wabowden Community Council
38	5/12/2008	War Lake First Nation and Ilford Community Council
39	5/8/2008	Waywayseecappo First Nation
40	5/7/2008	Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation
41	5/1/2008	Agassiz Planning District
42	5/1/2008	Big Grass Planning District
43	5/8/2008	Carlton Trail Planning District
44	4/30/2008	Cypress Planning District
45	5/12/2008	Grey St. Claude Planning District
46	5/6/2008	Lakeshore Planning District
47	5/26/2008	MacDonald- Ritchot Planning District
48	3/18/2008	Mid-West Planning District
49	4/7/2008	Mountainview Planning District
50	4/22/2008	Neepawa & Area Planning District
51	5/15/2008	Nor-Mac Planning District
52	5/16/2008	Portage la Prairie Planning District
53	4/7/2008	Roblin Planning District
54	3/19/2008	Rossburn Planning District
55	3/19/2008	Shoal Lake Planning District
56	5/7/2008	South Central Planning District
57	3/17/2008	South Riding Mountain Planning District
58	5/6/2008	Ste. Rose Planning District
59	5/5/2008	Swan Valley Planning District
60	3/17/2008	Tanner's Crossing Planning District
61	3/18/2008	Tri-Roads Planning District
62	5/21/2008	Whitehorse Plains Planning District
63	5/1/2008	RM of Alonsa
64	3/18/2008	RM of Daly
65	4/15/2008	RM of Dufferin
66	3/17/2008	RM of Elton
67	4/23/2008	RM of Hanover
68	5/13/2008	RM of Headingley
69	4/24/2008	RM of Kelsey
70	3/18/2008	RM of Park
71	5/13/2008	RM of Rosser
72	5/14/2008	RM of Springfield
73	5/13/2008	RM of Tache
74	4/14/2008	City of Dauphin
75	4/15/2008	City of Flin Flon
76	4/29/2008	City of Thompson
77	5/15/2008	City of Winnipeg

78	4/29/2008	LGD of Mystery Lake
79	3/27/2008	Town of Gillam
80	4/23/2008	Town of Snow Lake
81	4/14/2008	Town of The Pas
82	4/28/2008	Association of Manitoba Municipalities
83	11/13/2007	Manitoba Floodway Authority

Table 2

Round 2 Stakeholder Meetings/Presentations *		
Number	Date	Stakeholder
1	7/16/2009	Opaskwayak Cree Nation Natural Resource Council
2	1/14/2009	Manitoba Metis Federation representatives
3	2/23/2009	Treaty One representatives
4	4/14/2009	Treaty One representatives
5	5/28/2009	Swampy Cree Tribal Council representatives
6	2/19/2009	Agassiz Planning District
7	3/5/2009	Big Grass Planning District
8	2/20/2009	Cypress Planning District
9	3/18/2009	Grey- St. Claude Planning District
10	5/11/2009	MacDonald - Ritchot Planning District
11	2/26/2009	Mid West Planning District
12	2/17/2009	Mountainview Planning District
13	4/23/2009	Neepawa and Area Planning District
14	2/13/2009	Nor-Mac Planning District
15	2/20/2009	Portage la Prairie Planning District
16	2/2/2009	Roblin Planning District
17	3/23/2009	Shoal Lake Planning District
18	2/26/2009	South Riding Mountain Planning District
19	3/9/2009	Swan Valley Planning District
20	4/7/2009	Tanner's Crossing Planning District
21	2/17/2009	Tri-Roads Planning District
22	5/20/2009	RM of Alonsa
23	4/21/2009	RM of Cornwallis
24	2/27/2009	RM of Daly
25	3/17/2009	RM of Dufferin
26	2/25/2009	RM of Park
27	4/14/2009	RM of Rosser
28	3/11/2009	RM of Springfield
29	3/30/2009	RM of Ste. Anne
30	5/12/2009	RM of Tache
31	2/3/2009	City of Dauphin
32	3/2/2009	City of Winnipeg
33	4/17/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Northeast Integrated Resource Management Team (IRMT)
34	4/16/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Northwest IRMT

Round 2 Stakeholder Meetings/Presentations *

Number	Date	Stakeholder
35	02/17/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Northwest IRMT
36	4/22/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Western IRMT
37	1/8/2009	Manitoba Conservation -Protected Areas Initiative (PAI) Branch
38	4/24/2009	Manitoba Conservation -PAI Branch
39	11/10/2008	Manitoba Naturalists Society

Note: All Aboriginal Community Open Houses with First Nations and NACCs were coordinated through the leadership of each community.

Table 3

Round 3 Stakeholder Meetings *		
Number	Date	Stakeholders
1	1/13/2010	Cranberry Portage Planning District
2	11/12/2009	RM of Alonsa
3	10/14/2009	RM of Birtle
4	10/27/2009	RM of Dauphin
5	1/19/2010	RM of Dufferin
6	10/8/2009	RM of Ethelbert
7	10/27/2009	RM of Gilbert Plains
8	11/12/2009	RM of Glenella
9	10/21/2009	RM of Grey
10	10/14/2009	RM of Hanover
11	10/7/2009	RM of Harrison
12	10/13/2009	RM of Hillsburg
13	10/13/2009	RM of Lakeview
14	11/10/2009	RM of Langford
15	10/9/2009	RM of Lansdowne
16	10/27/2009	RM of Lawrence
17	10/27/2009	RM of Macdonald
18	11/18/2009	RM of McCreary
19	10/5/2009	RM of Minitonas
20	11/10/2009	RM of Minto
21	11/4/2009	RM of Mossey River
22	11/4/2009	RM of Mossey River
23	10/5/2009	RM of Mountain
24	10/15/2009	RM of North Cypress
25	1/11/2010	RM of North Norfolk
26	11/10/2009	RM of Ochre River
27	10/27/2009	RM of Portage la Prairie
28	10/6/2009	RM of Ritchot
29	10/9/2009	RM of Rosedale
30	11/9/2009	RM of Rossburn
31	10/13/2009	RM of Shell River
32	10/14/2009	RM of Shellmouth-Boulton
33	10/28/2009	RM of Shoal Lake
34	12/8/2009	RM of Silver Creek
35	10/13/2009	RM of South Norfolk

Round 3 Stakeholder Meetings *

Number	Date	Stakeholders
36	10/14/2009	RM of Springfield
37	10/14/2009	RM of Ste. Anne
38	10/27/2009	RM of Ste. Rose
39	10/7/2009	RM of Strathclair
40	10/5/2009	RM of Swan River
41	10/20/2009	RM of Tache
42	11/10/2009	RM of Westbourne
43	10/27/2009	City of Dauphin
44	10/22/2009	City of Winnipeg
45	1/29/2010	Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)
46	2/2/2010	City of Winnipeg – Councillors
47	10/20/2009	Ducks Unlimited Canada
48	1/26/2010	Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company (HBM&S)
49	2/9/2010	Keystone Agricultural Producers
50	4/15/2010	Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association (MAAA)
51	11/2/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Eastern IRMT
52	7/21/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Forestry Branch
53	10/22/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Land Programs Branch and Remote Sensing Centre
54	10/19/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Northwest IRMT
55	10/16/2009	Manitoba Conservation – PAI Branch
56	9/9/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Western IRMT
57	6/1/2009	Manitoba Conservation - Wildlife Branch
58	9/2/2010	Manitoba Conservation and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
59	1/15/2010	Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association (MLOA)
60	11/19/2009	Mining Associations of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI)
61	1/27/2010	Province of Manitoba - Innovation, Energy and Mines
62	12/18/2009	The Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation
63	1/27/2010	Vale-Inco Limited

Note: All Aboriginal Community Open Houses with First Nations and NACCs were coordinated through the leadership of each community.

Table 4

Round 4 Stakeholder Meetings		
Number	Date	Stakeholder
1	9/13/2010	Camperville Community Council
2	11/9/2010	Cormorant Community Council
3	8/2/2011	Dakota Tipi First Nation
4	9/14/2010	Duck Bay Community Council
5	10/15/2010	Dakota Plains First Nation
6	1/24/2011	Ebb and Flow First Nation
7	9/13/2010	Long Plain First Nation
8	8/24/2010	Manitoba Metis Federation
9	4/7/2011	Crane River Community Council
10	12/6/2010	O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation
11	11/10/2010	Opaskwayak Cree Nation
12	9/9/2010	Pelican Rapids Community Council
13	10/5/2010	Pikwitonei Community Council
14	10/29/2010	Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
15	1/25/2011	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
16	11/1/2010	Swampy Cree Tribal Council
17	12/15/2010	Swan Lake First Nation
18	10/6/2010	Wabowden Community Council
19	10/27/2010	Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation
20	9/20/2010	Manitoba Conservation – Lands Program Branch – Treaty Land Entitlement
21	9/22/2010	RM of Alonsa
22	9/21/2010	RM of Dufferin
23	9/15/2010	RM of Grey
24	9/22/2010	RM of Hanover
25	9/14/2010	RM of Lakeview
26	9/13/2010	RM of Lawrence
27	8/24/2010	RM of Macdonald
28	9/2/2010	RM of Minitonas
29	9/9/2010	RM of Mossey River
30	8/25/2010	RM of Mountain
31	9/20/2010	RM of North Norfolk
32	9/28/2010	RM of Portage la Prairie
33	9/7/2010	RM of Ritchot
34	9/14/2010	RM of South Norfolk
35	9/27/2010	RM of Springfield
36	9/8/2010	RM of Ste. Anne
37	10/12/2010	RM of Tache

Round 4 Stakeholder Meetings		
Number	Date	Stakeholder
38	8/26/2010	RM of Westbourne
39	9/22/2010	LGD of Mystery Lake
40	9/15/2010	Town of Carman
41	10/6/2010	Town of MacGregor
42	9/7/2010	Town of Niverville
43	9/8/2010	Town of Notre Dame de Lourdes
44	9/28/2010	Town of Ste. Anne
45	9/30/2010	Town of Treherne
46	9/16/2010	Village of Winnipegosis
47	11/16/2010	Village of Saint-Claude
48	11/19/2010	Crowflight Minerals Inc.
49	12/3/2010	Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP)
50	11/18/2010	Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association (MAAA)
51	9/9/2010	Manitoba Conservation – PAI Branch
52	10/29/2010	Manitoba Conservation – PAI Branch
53	11/17/2010	Manitoba Conservation – PAI Branch
54	12/12/2010	Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association (MLOA)
55	10/21/2010	Manitoba Health
56	9/10/2010	Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI)
57	11/17/2010	Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI)
58	9/24/2010	OmniTRAX Canada
59	10/26/2010	St. Claude Wind Energy Co-Op and the Economic Development Council for Manitoba Bilingual Municipalities (CDEM)

Table 5

Round 1 Regional Open Houses *			
Number	Community	Location	Date
1	Town Swan River	The Westwood Inn	09/03/2008
2	City of Dauphin	Ukrainian Orthodox Auditorium	09/04/2008
3	Town of Russell	The Russell Inn	09/10/2008
4	Town of Neepawa	The Neepawa Legion	09/11/2008
5	Village of McCreary	Community Centre	09/16/2008
6	City of Portage la Prairie	Canad Inns	09/18/2008
7	UUC of Oakbank	Oakbank Baptist Church	09/29/2008
8	City of Winnipeg	St. Norbert Community Centre	10/02/2008
9	The Pas	The Kikiwak Inn	09/15/2008
10	Town of Flin Flon	Victoria Inn	09/16/2008
11	Town of Snow Lake	Elk's Hall	09/17/2008
12	City of Thompson	St. Lawrence Hall	09/23/2008
13	Town of Gillam	Gillam Rec Centre	09/24/2008

*No Community Open Houses were held during Round 1.

Table 6

Round 2 Regional and Community Open Houses *			
Number	Community	Location	Date
Round 2 Regional Open Houses			
1	Town of Swan River	Veterans Community Hall	05/26/2009
2	Town of The Pas	Wescana Inn - Banquet Room	05/28/2009
3	City of Portage la Prairie	Army & Navy Hall	06/02/2009
4	City of Dauphin	Watson Art Centre	06/04/2009
5	City of Thompson	St. Lawrence Hall	06/10/2009
6	Town of Roblin	Community Centre	06/16/2009
7	City of Winnipeg	Holiday Inn South	06/18/2009
Round 2 Community Open Houses			
8	Gamblers First Nation	Community Hall	10/21/2008
9	Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve	Community Hall	10/22/2008
10	Meadow Portage and Spence Lake	Community Hall	10/27/2008
	Dawson Bay	Community Hall	10/28/2008
11	O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation	Community Hall	10/29/2008
12	Barrows, National Mills, Powell, Westgate, Baden	Community Hall	11/03/2008
13	Birdtail Sioux First Nation	Band Office	11/13/2008
14	Waywayseecappo	Community Hall	11/14/2008
15	Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation	Band Office	11/17/2008
16	Pelican Rapids	Community Hall	11/18/2008
17	Sioux Valley Dakota Nation	Community Hall	11/19/2008
18	Duck Bay	Community Hall	11/24/2008
19	Dakota Plains First Nation	Community Hall	11/26/2008
20	Camperville	Community Hall	12/11/2008
21	Pine Creek First Nation	Community Hall	12/11/2008
22	Sherridon	Community Hall	01/20/2009
23	Thicket Portage	Community Hall	01/21/2009
24	Pikwitonei	Community Hall	01/22/2009
25	Wabowden	Recreation Centre	01/27/2009
26	Cormorant	Community Centre	01/29/2009
27	Mosakahiken Cree Nation and Moose Lake	Community Hall	02/03/2009

Round 2 Regional and Community Open Houses *			
Number	Community	Location	Date
	Community I		
28	Opaskwayak Cree Nation	Kikiwak Inn	02/04/2009
29	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation	Arena	02/19/2009
30	Nelson House	Community Council Office	02/24/2009
31	Mathias Colomb First Nation	Youth Centre	02/25/2009
32	War Lake and Ilford Community	Band Office	02/26/2009
33	Dakota Tipi First Nation	Community Hall	04/02/2009
34	Chemawawin First Nation and Easterville	Community Hall	05/13/2009
35	Herb Lake Landing	Community Hall	07/14/2009

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Table 7

Round 3 Regional and Community Open Houses *			
Number	Community	Location	Date
Round 3 Regional Open Houses			
1	Town of Swan River	Veterans Community Hall	11/16/2009
2	Town of Roblin	Arts and Life Centre	11/17/2009
3	Town of Ethelbert	Drop in Centre	11/18/2009
4	Town of Ste. Rose du Lac	Community Hall	11/19/2009
5	City of Dauphin	Watson Art Centre	11/23/2009
6	Town of McCreary	Legion Hall	11/24/2009
7	Town of Neepawa	Legion Hall	11/30/2009
8	Town of Langruth	Langruth Hall	12/01/2009
9	Town of Shoal Lake	Community Hall	12/02/2009
10	City of Flin Flon	Victoria Inn	12/02/2009
11	City of Portage la Prairie	Army & Navy Hall	12/03/2009
12	Town of The Pas	Wescana Inn	12/03/2009
13	Town of Elm Creek	Community Hall	12/07/2009
14	Town of Oakbank	Oakbank Baptist Church	12/08/2009
15	City of Steinbach	Legion Community Hall	12/09/2009
16	City of Winnipeg	Holiday Inn South	12/10/2009
17	City of Thompson	St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church	12/15/2009
18	Town of Gillam	Recreation Centre	12/16/2009
19	Town of Rosburn	Ukrainian Peoples Home	02/24/2010
20	City of Brandon	Trails West Inn	03/09/2010
Round 3 Community Open Houses			
1	Baden, Barrows Powell, Red Deer Lake, National Mills, West Gate	Community Hall	09/15/2009
2	Herb Lake Landing	Community Hall	10/06/2009
3	Sherridon	Community Hall	10/08/2009
4	Dawson Bay	Community Hall	10/13/2009
5	Easterville	Community Hall	10/14/2009
6	Wabowden	Arena	10/19/2009
7	Pikwitonei	Community Hall	10/21/2009
8	Nelson House	Community Hall	10/28/2009
9	Cormorant	Community Hall	11/03/2009
10	Pine Creek First Nation	Council Office	11/05/2009
11	Mosakahiken Cree Nation and	Community Hall	11/12/2009

Moose Lake Community			
12	Meadow Portage and Spence Lake	Community Hall	11/16/2009
13	Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve	Community Hall	11/17/2009
14	Camperville	Community Hall	11/18/2009
15	Opaskwayak Cree Nation	Community Hall	11/19/2009
16	Waywayseecappo First Nation	Community Hall	11/20/2009
17	Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation	Administrative Office	11/24/2009
18	Pelican Rapids	Administrative Office	11/26/2009
19	Chemawawin Cree Nation and Easterville	Community Hall	01/14/2010
20	Thicket Portage	Community Hall	01/27/2010
21	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation	Community Centre	01/28/2010
22	Rolling River First Nation	Southquill Hall	02/02/2010
23	Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation (KOFN)	Boardroom	02/04/2010
24	Mathias Colomb Cree Nation	Youth Centre	02/18/2010
25	Fox Lake Cree Nation	Gillam Rec Centre	02/22/2010
26	War Lake First Nation / Ilford	Community Hall	02/23/2010
27	Dakota Tipi First Nation	Band Office	03/04/2010
28	Swan Lake First Nation	Community Hall	04/27/2010

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Table 8

Round 4 Regional and Community Open Houses *			
Number	Community	Location	Date
Round 4 Regional Open Houses			
1	Winnipegosis	Elks Hall	10/05/2010
2	Minitonas	Community Hall	10/07/2010
3	Ste. Rose du Lac	Community Hall	10/12/2010
4	Alonsa	Community Hall	10/13/2010
5	Langruth	Community Hall	10/14/2010
6	MacGregor	Community Hall	10/18/2010
7	Elm Creek	Community Hall	10/19/2010
8	Carman	Carman & District Hall	10/20/2010
9	Brunkild	Memorial Recreation Centre	10/21/2010
10	Ste. Agathe	Community Hall	10/25/2010
11	Ste. Anne	Seine River Banquet Centre	10/26/2010
12	Dugald	Community Centre	10/28/2010
13	The Pas	Wescana Inn	11/01/2010
14	Snow Lake	Community Hall	11/02/2010
15	Thompson	St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church	11/03/2010
16	Gillam	Rec Centre	11/04/2010
17	Winnipeg	Holiday Inn South – Main Ballroom	11/08/2010
18	Portage la Prairie	Army Navy & Air Force Hall	11/09/2010
19	Dugald (southern ground electrode)	Community Centre	03/15/2011
Round 4 Community Open Houses			
20	Barrows, Baden, Powell, Red Deer Lake, National Mills and Westgate Community Councils	Community Hall	11/24/2010
21	Chemawawin Cree Nation / Easterville Community Council	Community Hall	10/26/2010
22	Cormorant Community Council	Community Hall	11/9/2010
23	Dakota Tipi First Nation	School	10/14/2010
24	Dawson Bay	Community Hall	10/28/2010
25	Duck Bay	Community Hall	09/15/2010
26	Fox Lake Cree Nation	Community Hall	10/7/2010
27	Herb Lake Landing	Community Hall	11/8/2010

Round 4 Regional and Community Open Houses *			
Number	Community	Location	Date
Round 4 Regional Open Houses			
	Community Council		
28	Meadow Portage and Spence Lake Community Councils	Meadow Portage Community Hall	9/30/2010
29	Opaskwayak Cree Nation	Kikiwak Inn, The Pas	11/10/2010
30	Pelican Rapids Community Council	Community Hall	9/9/2010
31	Pikwitonei Community Council	Community Hall	10/5/2010
32	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation	Community Centre	12/15/2010
33	Swan Lake First Nation	Community Hall	10/19/2010
34	Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation	Health Boardroom	11/25/2010
35		Community Hall	12/7/2010
36	Tataskweyak Cree Nation	Band Hall	01/19/2011
37	Thicket Portage	Community Hall	09/23/2010
38	Camperville	Community Hall	09/16/2010
39	Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation	Community Hall	11/17/2010
40	Wabowden	Arena	10/21/2010

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Table 9

Landowner Information Centres (LICs)			
Number	Community	Location	Date
1	The Pas	Wescana Inn – Banquet Hall	08/30/2010
2	Birch River	Legion Hall	08/31/2010
3	Cowan	Community Centre	09/01/2010
4	Minitonas	Community Hall	09/02/2010
5	Winnipegosis	Elks Hall	09/03/2010
6	Carman	United Church	09/07/2010
7	Carman	United Church	09/08/2010
8	St. Claude	Recreation Centre	09/09/2010
9	St. Claude	Recreation Centre	09/10/2010
10	Rorketon	Drop In Centre	09/13/2010
11	Ste. Rose du Lac	Curling Rink	09/14/2010
12	Alonsa	Community Centre	09/15/2010
13	Langruth	Community Hall	09/16/2010
14	Gladstone	Gladstone District Community Centre	09/17/2010
15	MacGregor	Community Hall	09/20/2010
16	Treherm	Legion Hall	09/21/2010
17	Elm Creek	Community Hall	09/22/2010
18	Brunkild	Memorial Recreation Centre	09/23/2010
19	Niverville	Curling Rink	09/24/2010
20	Steinbach	Community Hall	09/27/2010
21	Dugald	Community Centre	09/28/2010
22	Ste. Anne	Banquet Centre	09/29/2010
23	Ste. Anne	Banquet Centre	09/30/2010
24	Ste. Agathe	Community Hall	10/01/2010
25	Winnipeg	Holiday Inn South	10/04/2010
26	Winnipegosis	Elks Hall	10/05/2010
27	Minitonas	Community Hall	10/07/2010
28	Ste. Rose du Lac	Community Hall	10/12/2010
29	Alonsa	Community Hall	10/13/2010
30	Langruth	Community Hall	10/14/2010
31	MacGregor	Community Hall	10/18/2010
32	Elm Creek	Community Hall	10/19/2010
33	Carman	Carman & District Hall	10/20/2010
34	Brunkild	Memorial Recreation Centre	10/21/2010
35	Ste. Agathe	Community Hall	10/25/2010
36	Ste. Anne	Seine River Banquet Centre	10/26/2010
37	Dugald	Community Centre	10/28/2010

Landowner Information Centres (LICs)			
Number	Community	Location	Date
38	The Pas	Wescana Inn	11/01/2010
39	Winnipeg	Holiday Inn	11/08/2010
40	Portage la Prairie	Army Navy & Air Force Hall	11/09/2010
41	Dugald (southern ground electrode)	Community Center	02/28/2011
42	Dugald (southern ground electrode)	Community Centre	03/01/2011

APPENDIX C

MASTER STAKEHOLDER LIST (MSL)

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Stakeholder Number	Forename	First Name	Last Name	Title	Department/Region	Group/Company	Correspondence Log				
							Letters	Meeting Notes	Emails	Phone Notes	Other
S3	Ms.	Tammy	Gibson	Director	Sustainable Resource and Policy Management	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S4	Mr.	Jack	Dubois	Director	Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	01/06/09 20/01/09			
S5	Mr.	John	Dojack	Director	Forestry Branch	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S6	Mr.	Craig	Asselstine	Regional Director	Regional Operations Division - Northwest Region	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	19/10/09 17/02/09 16/04/09			
S7	Mr.	Luke	Peloquin	Regional Director	Regional Operations Division - Western Region	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	22/04/09 18/01/11			
S8	Mr.	Steve	Kearney	Regional Director	Regional Operations Division - Northeast Region	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L9 R3-L24	17/04/2009			
S9	Mr.	Brian	Gillespie	Regional Director	Regional Operations Division - Central Region	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	12/01/2011			
S10	Mr.	John	Irwin	Regional Director	Regional Operations Division - Eastern Region	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	02/11/2009	15/10/2009		
S11	Dr.	James	Duncan	Manager	Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch - Biodiversity Conservation Section	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09				
S12	Ms.	Lori	Stevenson	Manager	Crown Land and Treaty Land Entitlement	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 (012)L110117	22/10/2009			

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							Letters	Meeting Notes	Emails	Phone Notes	Other
S13	Mr.	Kent	Whaley		Regional Wildlife Manager - NW Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S14	Mr.	Dale	Cross		Regional Wildlife Biologist - NW Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S15	Mr.	Troy	Werstroh		Regional Forestry Manager - NW Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S16	Mr.	Rod	MacCharles		Regional Parks Manager - NW Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S17	Mr.	Dan	Chranowski		Regional Wildlife Manager - W Region	Manitoba Conservation		09/09/09 09/09/09(2)			
S18	Mr.	Daryll	Hedman		Regional Wildlife Manager - NE Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S19	Mr.	Brian	Barton		Regional Lands Manager - NE Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S20	Mr.	Bruce	Holmes		Regional Forester - NE Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S21	Mr.	John	Thorpe		Regional Forester - W Region Sub-District Office	Manitoba Conservation	10/11/2009		21/10/2009		
S22	Mr.	Richard	Tease		Regional Lands Manager - E Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S23	Mr.	Brian	Joynt		Regional Wildlife Manager - Central Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S24	Mr.	Lyle	Campbell		Regional Lands Manager - Central Region	Manitoba Conservation					
S25	Mr.	Ken	Schykulski	Head	Parks & Natural Areas Branch - Management Planning	Manitoba Conservation	21/05/09 19/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S414	Mr.	Serge	Scrafield	Assistant Deputy Minister	Manitoba Conservation	Conservation Programs Division		16/09/2010			
S393	Mrs.	Yvonne	Beaubien	Protected Areas Initiative		Manitoba Conservation	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	16/10/09 08/01/09 24/04/09 29/10/10 09/09/10 17/11/10 24/01/11	08/10/09 07/05/09 07/05/09(2) 23/07/09 09/10/09 12/11/09 17/02/10		

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							Letters	Meeting Notes	Emails	Phone Notes	Other
S392	Mr.	Greg	Carlson	Forestry Branch		Manitoba Conservation	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	12/12/08 21/07/09	13/10/09 11/12/08 08/04/09 07/07/09 21/07/09 10/08/09 11/08/09 12/08/09 12/08/09(2) 13/08/09 04/10/09 30/09/09 19/05/09		
S396	Mr.	Jason	Greenall	Coordinator/Ecologist		Manitoba Conservation Data Centre	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		09/11/09 06/05/09 27/05/09 02/06/09		
S26	Ms.	Jacqueline	East	Director	Provincial Planning Services	Intergovernmental Affairs	21/05/09 19/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S27	Mr.	Gary	Ceppetelli	Acting Manager	Community Planning Services - Brandon	Intergovernmental Affairs	21/05/09 19/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S28	Mr.	Derm	English	Manager	Community Planning Services - Dauphin	Intergovernmental Affairs	21/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S29	Ms.	Terry	Pearse	Manager	Community Planning Services - Portage	Intergovernmental Affairs	27/07/10 12/08/10				
S30	Mr.	Don	Malinowski	Manager	Community Planning Services - Beausejour	Intergovernmental Affairs	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S31	Mr.	Chris	Leach	Manager	Community Planning Services - Morden	Intergovernmental Affairs	27/07/10 12/08/10				
S32	Mr.	Dave	Hicks	Director	Development Agreements	Manitoba Aboriginal & Northern Affairs	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				

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							Letters	Meeting Notes	Emails	Phone Notes	Other
S33	Mr.	Cory	Young	Regional Director	Local Government Development Division	Manitoba Aboriginal & Northern Affairs	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S34	Ms.	Mona	Cornock	Director	Economy & Rural Development Knowledge Centre	Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S35	Mr.	Robert	Fleming	A/Director	Land Use Planning Knowledge Centre	Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S36	Mr.	Gillis	Tyson	Acting Manager	Agriculture Crown Lands - Land Use Planning Knowledge Centre	Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives	20/05/09 10/11/09				
S391	Mr.	Shane	Tornblom	Agro Woodlots Manager		Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		13/10/09 02/09/09 12/08/09		
S37	Mr.	Gord	Hill	Impact Assessment Archaeologist	Historic Resources Branch - Archaeological Assessment Unit	Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S38	Dr.	Michael	Routledge	Medical Officer of Health	Water/Environment	Manitoba Health	20/05/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S395	Mr.	Joel	Kettner	Chief Public Health Officer		Manitoba Health	11/10/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S39	Mr.	Barry	Rempel	A/Director	Regional Operations	Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S40	Mr.	Amar	Chadha	Director	Transportation Systems Planning & Development Branch	Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S41	Mr.	Joe	Romeo	Senior Environment Engineer		Manitoba Infrastructure & Transportation					
S42	Mr.	Charles	Jones	Resource Management Geologist		Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy & Mines	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				

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S43	Mr.	Ernie	Armitt	Director		Manitoba Science, Technology, Energy & Mines	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	20/01/2010			
S44	Mr.	William	Weaver	Environmental Review Officer	Planning and Coordination Branch	Manitoba Water Stewardship	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S45	Mr.	Grant	McVittie	Regional Fisheries Manager	Northwest Region	Manitoba Water Stewardship	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S46	Mr.	Rob	Cann	Manager	Fisheries Branch - Sport and Commercial Fishing	Manitoba Water Stewardship	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S246	Ms.	Lisa	Tack	Fisheries Enhancement Fund Administrator	Manitoba Fisheries Enhancement Fund	Manitoba Water Stewardship	27/07/10 12/08/10				
S47	Mr.	Don	Macdonald	Regional Fisheries Manager	Northeast Region	Manitoba Water Stewardship	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S48	Mr.	Dan	McNaughton	Director	Regional Liaison	Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency	20/05/09 10/11/09 05/11/09 28/07/10 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S49	Ms.	Michelle	Wheatley	Division Manager	Freshwater Institute	Department of Fisheries & Oceans	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S50	Ms.	Liz	Chopik	NWP Officer	Navigable Waters Protection	Transport Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S51	Mr.	Chuck	Frankard		Prairie and Northern Region (Aerodrome Safety)	Transport Canada	27/07/10 12/08/10				
S52	Mr.	Reg	Ejecfcm	Environmental Assessment Coordinator		Environment Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				

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S53	Mr.	Jim	Tokarchuk	Technical Director	Manitoba Regional Office	Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S54	Mr.	Peter	Garrett			Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S55	Mr.	John	Fox	Environmental Specialist		National Energy Board	20/05/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S56	Mr.	Jim	Williams			Nav Canada, Winnipeg Area Control Centre	20/05/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S57	Mr.	Chris	Gartner	Publication Specialist	Aeronautical Information Services	Nav Canada, Winnipeg Area Control Centre	20/05/2009				
S316	Mr.	Gordon	Lund	Head	Manitoba Land Claims Unit	Natural Resources Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S317	Mr.	Dewey	Hoplock	Head	Manitoba Client Liason Unit	Natural Resources Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S58	Ms.	Suzanne	Therrien-Richards		Western Canada Service Centre	Parks Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S59	Ms.	Lynn	Taylor	City Manager		Thompson Planning District	27/07/2010				
S60	Ms.	Carolyn	Gordon	Secretary-Treasurer		Swan Valley Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 19/05/09 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	05/05/08 09/03/09			

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S61	Mr.	Tammy	Leflar	Secretary-Treasurer		Roblin Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	07/04/08 02/02/09			
S62	Ms.	Susan	Boyachek	Secretary-Treasurer		Mountainview Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	07/04/08 17/02/09		04/05/2009	
S63	Mr.	John	Pascal	Secretary-Treasurer		Lakeshore Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S64	Ms.	Marlene	Bouchard	Secretary-Treasurer		Ste. Rose Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	06/05/2008			
S65	Ms.	Wendy	Turko	Secretary		Agassiz Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	19/02/09 01/05/08			
S66	Mr.	Wally R.	Melnyk	Secretary-Treasurer		Tri-Roads Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	18/03/08 17/02/09			

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S67	Mr.	Andrea	Doerksen	Secretary-Treasurer		Rosburn Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	19/03/2008			
S68	Mr.	Richard	Fouillard	Secretary-Treasurer		Carlton Trail Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	08/05/2008		24/04/2009	
S69	Ms.	Shirley	Wowryk	Secretary-Treasurer		Shoal Lake Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	19/03/08 23/03/09	31/03/2009		
S70	Mr.	Brian	Skatch	Development Officer		South Riding Mountain Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	17/03/08 26/02/09			
S71	Mr.	Wayne	Poppel	Development Officer		Mid-West Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	18/03/08 26/02/09			
S72	Mr.	Brian	Skatch	Development Officer		Tanner's Crossing Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	17/03/08 07/04/09			

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S73	Mr.	Merv	Martin	Development Officer		Neepawa & Area Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	22/04/08 23/04/09			
S74	Mr.	Ron	Brown	Secretary-Treasurer		Big Grass Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	01/05/08 05/03/09			
S75	Mr.	Ted	Snure	General Manager		Brandon & Area Planning District					
S76	Mr.	John	McEntee	Development Officer		Cypress Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	30/04/08 20/02/09			
S77	Mr.	Ivan	Bruneau	Secretary-Treasurer		Nor-Mac Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	15/05/08 13/02/09			
S78	Ms.	Corinne	North	Secretary-Treasurer		South Central Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	07/05/2008		27/01/2009	

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S79	Mr.	Kinelm	Brookes	Development Officer		Portage la Prairie Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 24/04/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	16/05/08 20/02/09	30/03/2009		
S80	Ms.	Kim	Gibson	Secretary-Treasurer		Grey-St. Claude Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	12/05/08 18/03/09			
S81	Ms.	Lynne	Chappellaz-Krantz	Secretary-Treasurer		White Horse Plains Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	21/05/2008			
S82	Mr.	W.T.	Raine	Secretary-Treasurer		Macdonald-Ritchot Planning District	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	26/05/08 11/05/09			
S101	Mayor	Greg	Fehr	Mayor		Town of Niverville	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	07/09/2010	07/10/09 23/10/09 23/08/10 R3-E63	07/03/08 14/01/08	
S405	Mr.	Denis	Bibault	Mayor		Village of Notre Dame de Loudres	27/07/10 12/08/10	08/09/2010			

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S86	Mayor	Tim	Johnston	Mayor		City of Thompson	17/12/08 15/08/08 21/02/08 19/05/09 30/10/09 27/07/10	29/04/08 03/11/10	11/04/08 15/04/08 08/04/08 02/11/10 01/09/10 08/09/10 27/09/10		
S87 LO1035	Mayor	Sam	Katz	Mayor		City of Winnipeg	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 16/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 26/07/10 12/08/10	15/05/08 02/03/09 22/10/09 02/02/10	23/09/2009		
S90	Mayor	Robert J.	Mitchell	Mayor		Town of Carman	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	15/09/2010	04/08/2010		
S98	Mayor	Henry	Barkowski	Mayor		Town of Minitonas	21/02/08 15/08/08 19/05/09 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	02/09/2010			
S112	Mayor	Herb	Jacques	Mayor		Town of The Pas	17/12/08N 15/08/08 21/02/08 19/05/09 30/10/09 27/07/10	14/04/08 21/09/10 01/11/10			

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S119 FS1076	Mayor	Steve	Kiefer	Mayor		Village of St. Claude	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 03/12/10 27/05/10	16/11/2010			
S121	Mayor	Gloria	Kostelnyk	Mayor		Village of Winnipegosis	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	16/09/2010			
S93	Mayor	Albert	McTavish	Mayor		Town of Gillam	21/02/08 19/05/09 30/10/09 27/07/10	27/03/08 04/11/10			
S94	Mayor	Eillean G.	Clarke	Mayor		Town of Gladstone	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	21/09/2010			
S97	Mayor	Doris	Moore	Mayor		Town of MacGregor	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	06/10/2010	30/09/2010		
S108	Mayor	Garry	Zamzow	Mayor		Town of Snow Lake	21/02/08 19/05/09 19/05/09 27/07/10	23/04/08 21/09/10 02/11/10 R3-L7			
S109	Mayor	Bernard	Vermette	Mayor		Town of Ste. Anne	19/05/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	28/09/2010			

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S113	Mayor	James	Knockaert	Mayor		Town of Treherne	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	30/09/2010			
S122	Mr.	Joe	Masi	Executive Director		Association of Manitoba Municipalities	21/02/08 15/08/08 27/07/10 12/08/10	28/04/08 29/01/10	27/01/2010		
S123	Ms.	John	Burden	Resident Administrator		LGD of Mystery Lake	18/12/08 15/08/08 21/02/08 19/05/09 30/10/09 27/07/10	29/04/08 22/09/10			08/04/2008
S125 LO0497	Reeve	Stan	Asham	Reeve		RM of Alonsa	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 26/07/10 12/08/10	01/05/08 20/05/09 12/11/09 22/09/10			
S133 FS1033	Reeve	Shawn	McCutcheon	Reeve		RM of Dufferin	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 27/05/10	15/04/08 17/03/09 19/01/10 21/09/10 R3-L12			

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S140 LO0732 FS0619	Reeve	Ted	Tkachyk	Reeve		RM of Grey	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 08/06/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 26/07/10 12/08/10 27/05/10	21/10/09 15/09/10 R3-L1 R3-L28	07/07/10 07/04/10 08/08/10 05/10/10 R4-E44		
S142 FS0650 FS0620	Reeve	Stan	Toews	Reeve		RM of Hanover	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 01/11/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 27/05/10	23/04/08 14/10/09 22/09/10		21/01/2009	
S146 FS0986 LO0540	Reeve	Philip	Thordarson	Reeve		RM of Lakeview	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 27/05/10 26/07/10 12/08/10	13/10/09 14/09/10			
S149 LO0729	Reeve	Fred	Taylor	Reeve		RM of Lawrence	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 20/07/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	27/10/09 13/09/10	08/08/2010		

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S150 LO0883	Reeve	Rodney	Burns	Reeve		RM of MacDonald	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 26/07/10 12/08/10	27/10/09 24/08/10	12/10/10 04/08/10		
S153 LO0541	Reeve	Michael	McIntosh	Reeve		RM of Minitonas	19/05/09 21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	05/10/09 02/09/10	20/05/09 01/04/09 23/08/10		
S155 LO0730 LO0771	Reeve	Ron	Kostyshyn	Reeve		RM of Mossey River	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	04/11/09 09/09/10			28/07/10 06/07/10 R3-114
S156 CL072 LO0793 LO0884 LO0772	Reeve	Marvin	Kovachik	Reeve		RM of Mountain	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	05/10/09 25/08/10			

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S158 FS0651	Reeve	Neil	Christoffersen	Reeve		RM of North Norfolk	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 18/06/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 27/05/10	11/01/10 20/09/10 R3-L11	30/09/2010		
S162 LO0885	Reeve	J.T. (Toby)	Trimble	Reeve		RM of Portage la Prairie	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	27/10/09 28/09/10			
S163 LO0794	Reeve	Robert	Stefaniuk	Reeve		RM of Ritchot	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 (163)L16/09/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 26/07/10 12/08/10LO	06/10/09 07/09/10			
S174 LO0542 LO0731	Reeve	Dave	Marginet	Reeve		RM of South Norfolk	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	13/10/09 14/09/10		22/10/2009	

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S175 LO0731 FS0752 FS0676	Reeve	Peter	Skrupski	Reeve		RM of Springfield	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 04/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10 27/05/10	14/05/08 11/03/09 14/10/09 27/09/10 15/02/11	12/03/09 01/04/09 23/02/11 25/02/11 23/02/11 25/02/11	R3-P6	
S177	Reeve	Art	Bergmann	Reeve		RM of Ste. Anne	23/01/09 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	30/03/09 14/10/09 08/09/10			
S181	Reeve	William	Danylchuk	Reeve		RM of Tache	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	13/05/08 12/05/09 20/10/09 12/10/10	19/05/2009		
S183 LO0543	Reeve	David	Single	Reeve		RM of Westbourne	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 17/08/09 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	10/11/09 26/08/10			
S184	Reeve	Rod	Berezowecki	Reeve		RM of Kelsey	19/05/09 17/12/08 15/08/08 21/02/08 19/05/09 27/07/10	24/04/08 21/09/10			

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S104	Mayor	Doug	Hazlitt	Mayor		Town of Roblin	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S107	Mayor	Mike J.	Blahy	Mayor		Town of Shoal Lake	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S114	Mayor	Bill	Schneider	Mayor		Village of Benito	29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S83	Mayor	Alex	Paul	Mayor		City of Dauphin	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	14/04/08 03/02/09 27/10/09			
S84	Mayor	Tom	Therien	Mayor		City of Flin Flon	19/05/09 17/12/08 15/08/08 21/02/08 19/05/09 30/10/09 27/07/10	15/04/2008			
S85	Mayor	Ken	Brennan	Mayor		City of Portage la Prairie	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S88	Mayor	Rob	Bell	Mayor		Town of Birtle	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				

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S89	Mayor	Wayne	Blair	Mayor		Town of Carberry	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S91	Mayor	Cate	Watrous	Mayor		Town of Erickson	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S92	Mayor	Lyle	Smith	Mayor		Town of Gilbert Plains	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S95	Mayor	Ernie	Gurica	Mayor		Town of Grandview	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S96	Mayor	Larry	Oakden	Mayor		Town of Hamiota	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S99	Mayor	Duane	LaCoste	Mayor		Town of Minnedosa	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S100	Mayor	Bob	Durston	Mayor		Town of Neepawa	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				

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S102	Mayor	Terry	Christie	Mayor		Town of Rapid City	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S103	Mayor	Al	Morken	Mayor		Town of Rivers	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S105	Mayor	Shirley	Kalyniuk	Mayor		Town of Rosburn	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S106	Mayor	Mr. Merril	Kiliwnik	Mayor		Town of Russell	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S110	Mayor	Rene L.	Maillard	Mayor		Town of Ste. Rose du Lac	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S111	Mayor	Glen	McKenzie	Mayor		Town of Swan River	21/02/08 15/08/08 19/05/09 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S115	Mayor	Peggy	Bradshaw	Mayor		Village of Binscarth	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				

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S116	Mayor	Theresa	Rehaluk	Mayor		Village of Bowsman	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S118	Mayor	W.D. (Bill)	Schakel	Mayor		Village of Glenboro	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S120	Mayor	Martin	Dupont	Mayor		Village of St-Lazare	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S380		Carrie	Walker			Village of McCreary	29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S124	Mr.	Larry	Johnson	Chairperson		LUD of Cranberry Portage					
S126	Reeve	Roger	Wilson	Reeve		RM of Birtle	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	14/10/2009			
S129	Reeve	Victor	Baraniuk	Reeve		RM of Clanwilliam	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S132	Reeve	Dennis	Forbes	Reeve		RM of Dauphin	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	27/10/2009			

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S136	Reeve	Art	Potoroka	Reeve		RM of Ethelbert	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	08/10/2009			R3-93
S137	Reeve	Larry	Malowski	Reeve		RM of Gilbert Plains	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	27/10/2009			
S138	Reeve	Tony	Kushner	Reeve		RM of Glenella	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	12/11/2009			
S143	Reeve	Anthony	Kowalchuk	Reeve		RM of Harrison	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	07/10/2009	16/10/09 R3 - E23		
S145	Reeve	Robert	Misko	Reeve		RM of Hillsburg	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	13/10/2009			
S147	Reeve	Kathy	Jasienczyk	Reeve		RM of Langford	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	10/11/2009	15/09/2009		

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S148	Reeve	Richard	Funk	Reeve		RM of Lansdowne	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	09/10/2009			
S151	Reeve	Larry	McLauchlan	Reeve		RM of McCreary	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	18/11/2009			
S154	Reeve	Keith	Syslak	Reeve		RM of Minto	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	10/11/2009			
S157	Reeve	Brad	Wells	Reeve		RM of North Cypress	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	15/10/2009			
S159	Reeve	Raymond	Janssen	Reeve		RM of Ochre River	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	10/11/2009			
S164	Reeve	Edward	Levandoski	Reeve		RM of Rosedale	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	09/10/2009			

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S165	Reeve	Brain	Brown	Reeve		RM of Rossburn	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	09/11/2009			
S168	Reeve	Robert	Sharpe	Reeve		RM of Saskatchewan	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S169	Reeve	Albert	Nabe	Reeve		RM of Shell River	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	13/10/2009	R3-L26		
S170	Reeve	Alvin	Zimmer	Reeve		RM of Shellmouth-Boulton	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	14/10/2009			04/03/2010
S171	Reeve	Don	Yanick	Reeve		RM of Shoal Lake	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	28/10/2009	08/08/2010		
S172	Reeve	Fred	Dunn	Reeve		RM of Silver Creek	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	08/12/2009			

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S178	Reeve	Maurice	Maguet	Reeve		RM of Ste. Rose	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	27/10/2009			
S179	Reeve	Ken	Wozney	Reeve		RM of Strathclair	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	07/10/2009			
S180	Reeve	Earl K.	Fullerton	Reeve		RM of Swan River	19/05/09 21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 09/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10	05/10/2009			
S127	Reeve	Richard	Heapy	Reeve		RM of Blanshard	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S128	Reeve	Roland	Rasmussen	Reeve		RM of Cartier	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10		08/08/2010		
S130	Reeve	Reg	Atkinson	Reeve		RM of Cornwallis	14/01/09 01/05/09 22/04/09 21/02/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	21/04/2009			
S131	Reeve	Evan	Smith	Reeve		RM of Daly	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	18/03/08 27/02/09			

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S134	Reeve	Guy	Huberdeau	Reeve		RM of Ellice	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S135	Reeve	Jon B.	Burton	Reeve		RM of Elton	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	17/03/2008		04/02/2009	
S139	Reeve	Clifford	Kutzan	Reeve		RM of Grandview	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S141	Reeve	Randy	Lints	Reeve		RM of Hamiota	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S144	Reeve	Wilfred R.	Taillieu	Reeve		RM of Headingley	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	13/05/2008			
S152	Reeve	William	Clark	Reeve		RM of Miniota	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S160	Reeve	Jim	Andersen	Reeve		RM of Odanah	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S161	Reeve	Craig	Atkinson	Reeve		RM of Park	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	18/03/08 25/02/09			

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S166	Reeve	Alice	Bourgouin	Reeve		RM of Rosser	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 21/10/09 27/07/10	13/05/08 14/04/09			
S167	Reeve	Robert W.	Muir	Reeve		RM of Russell	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S173	Reeve	Earl E.	Malyon	Reeve		RM of South Cypress	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S176	Reeve	Roger	Postras	Reeve		RM of St. Francois Xavier	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S182	Reeve	Allan H.	Steinke	Reeve		RM of Victoria	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 27/07/10				
S117	Mayor	Mercil	Michaluk	Mayor		Village of Ethelbert	21/02/08 15/08/08 17/12/08 19/05/09 29/09/09 05/11/09 27/07/10				
S404	Reeve	W. Ross	Tycoles	Reeve		RM of Pipestone	R3-L27				
S185	Mr.	Sir or Madam				MB Conservation Districts Association					
S390	Mrs.	Wendy	Bulloch	Executive Director		MB Conservation Districts Association	10/11/09 27/07/10				
S411	Mr.	Wayne	Hildebrand		Planning and Coordination Branch	Conservation Districts Program	12/08/10 27/07/10				
S186	Mr.	Harry	Harris	Manager		Alonsa Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S187	Ms.	Barb	Kingdon	Manager		Assiniboine Hills Conservation District	20/05/2009				

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S188	Mr.	Jake	Buhler	Manager		Cooks Creek Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S189	Mr.	Steven	Carylyle	Manager		East Interlake Conservation District					
S190	Mr.	Bruce	Stratuliak	Manager		Intermountain Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S191	Mr.	Shawn	Sexsmith	Manager		Kelsey Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S192	Mr.	Ron	Turetsky	Chairperson		Lake of the Prairies Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S193	Mr.	Keith	Wallcraft	Manager		LaSalle Redboine Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S194	Mr.	Rod	Veitch	Chairman		Little Saskatchewan River Conservation District	20/05/09 31/03/10				
S195	Ms.	Kristy-Layne	Carr	Manager		Seine – Rat River Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S196	Mr.	Brent	Erlendson	Manager		Swan Lake Watershed Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S197	Mr.	Paul	Brunel	Chairperson		Turtle River Watershed Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S198	Mr.	Ryan	Canart	Manager		Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S199	Mr.	Rick	Baker	Manager		Whitemud Watershed Conservation District	20/05/2009				
S200	Mr.	Kevin	Teneycke	Habitat Field Manager		Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation					
S415	Mr.	Dani	Pokornik			Lyncrest Airfield		03/03/2011			
S201	Ms.	Maria	Neuman	Habitat Stewardship Coordinator		Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation			13/10/2009		
S389 FS491 FS995	Mr.	Tim	Sopuck	Manager of Operations		Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation	20/05/09 20/05/09 10/11/09 10/11/09 02/02/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3 -L2 27/05/10	18/12/2009			

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S412	Mr.	Chad	Khatter		Corrosion Prevention/Engineering	TransCanada Pipelines Limited	04/12/2009		04/12/09 10/11/09 15/07/09 09/07/09 09/07/09a 09/07/09b 09/07/09c		
S202	Mr.	Ryan	Suffron	Executive Director		Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association	20/05/09 10/11/09 29/01/10 27/07/10 12/08/10	15/01/2010	18/12/2009		
S203	Mr.	Rob	Brunel	President		Keystone Agricultural Producers	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	09/02/10 03/12/10	03/11/2010		
S204	Mr.	Richard	Hay	Manager		Manitoba Floodway Authority	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	13/11/2007			
S205	Mr.	Edward	Huebert	Executive Vice-President		Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.	20/05/09 10/11/09 22/10/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L6 R3-L19	19/11/09 20/01/10 27/01/10 17/11/10 21/01/11 23/02/11	04/03/10 03/02/10 26/04/10 09/12/10		
S206	Mr.	Graham	Starmer	President		Manitoba Chamber of Commerce	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S207	Mr.	Ron	Peters		Northern Region Engineering	Manitoba Telecom Services	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S208	Mr.	James	Robertson	Regional Exploration Manager		Falconbridge Ltd.	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				

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S209	Mr.	W.	Burbridge	Chief Administration Geologist		Hudson Bay Exploration & Development Co. Ltd.	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S210	Mr.	Bob	Doak	General Superintendent		Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co.	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	26/01/2010	04/12/09 18/12/09 18/12/09(2) 18/12/09(3) 18/12/09(4) 18/12/09(5) 18/12/09(6) 18/12/09(7)		
S211	Mr.	Tim	Keefe	Superintendent	Track Division	Hudson Bay Railway Company	27/07/10 12/08/10				
S212	Mr.	Greg	Sullivan	Superintendent	Operations Division	Hudson Bay Railway Company	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		11/08/2010		
S409 PL077	Mr.	Adam	Hess			Omnitrax (Hudson Bay Railway Co.)		24/09/2010	17/09/2010		
S410 PL090 LO0397 LO0398	Mr.	Neil	Duboff			Duboff Edwards Haight & Schachter Law Corp. representing Omnitrax	26/07/10 12/08/10				
S213	Mr.	Mel	Wyshynski	President		INCO Ltd., Manitoba Division	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L8	20/01/2010	08/01/10 22/12/09		
S407	Mr.	David	McPherson	President & CEO		Pure Nickel	23/06/10 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S214	Mr.	Sir or Madam				Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.	20/05/2009				
S387	Mr.	Wade	Cable	Operations Supervisor		Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		13/10/09 03/06/09		

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S388	Mr.	Barry	Waito	President and Forest Resource Manager/ Canadian Region		Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S215	Mr.	Mike	Kelly	General Manager		New Britannia Mine	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S216	Mr.	Doug	Hunt	Superintendent	Forestry & Planning	Tolko Industries Ltd.	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		28/05/2009		
S406	Mr.	Mark	Trevisol			Crowflight Minerals Inc.	21/06/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L29	19/11/2010			
S408	Ms.	Andrea	Kraj	Renewable Energy and Community Power Specialist		St. Claude Wind Energy Co-Op and CDEM		26/10/2010			
S217	Mr.	Fred	Johnson			Via Rail	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S403 G344 PL061 PL059	Mr.	Jack	Hoeppner	National Director of Engineering		Corus Entertainment	27/07/10 12/08/10	06/04/2010	06/08/10 15/12/10 R3-E27 R4-E17 R4-E43		
S218	Ms.	Cherry	White	Chairperson		Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10				
S219	Mr.	Larry	Friesen	Vice President	Zone 2	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S220	Mr.	Grant	Armstrong	Director	Zone 3	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S221	Mr.	Glen	Roberts	Director	Zone 4	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S222	Mr.	Bryan	Lundie	Interim Director	Zone 5	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S223	Mr.	Angus	Linklater	Director	Zone 6	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S224	Mr.	Fred	Fitzner	Director	Zone 7	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/09 27/07/10				
S225	Mr.	Ron	Spence	President	Zone 10	Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				

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S226	Mr.	Barry	Jahn	Director at Large (South)		Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S227	Mr.	Archie	Cinq-Mars	Director at Large (South)		Manitoba Trappers Association	20/05/2009				
S228	Mr.	Nelson	Scribe Sr.	Elder		Manitoba Trappers Association					
S229	Mr.	Chris	Smith		Provincial Office	Ducks Unlimited Canada	20/05/09 20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3L10	20/10/2009	13/10/09 26/04/09 26/05/09 26/05/09(2) 22/10/09 22/10/09(2) 22/10/09(3) 30/07/10		06/01/2010
S230	Ms.	Valerie	Pankratz	Executive Director		Riding Mountain Biosphere Reserve	20/05/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L15				
S231	Ms.	Ursula	Goeres	Regional Vice President	Manitoba Region	Nature Conservancy of Canada	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	01/06/2009	05/01/10 13/10/09 10/12/09 02/01/10 04/01/10 05/01/10 19/05/10		
S232	Mr.	Don	Sullivan	Director		Boreal Forest Network	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S233	Mr.	Ron	Thiessen	Executive Director	Manitoba Chapter	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S234	Ms.	Anne	Lindsey	Executive Director		Manitoba Eco-Network	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S235	Mr.	Les	McCann	President		Manitoba Naturalists Society	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10	10/11/2008			

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S236	Ms.	Gaile	Whelan-Enns	Director		Manitoba Wildlands	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S237	Mr.	Dale	Garnham	President		Manitoba Wildlife Federation	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S397	Mrs.	Darlene	Garnham			Manitoba Wildlife Federation	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		13/10/09 19/05/09		
S238	Ms.	Valerie	Pankratz	CAO		Riding Mountain Regional Liaison Committee	10/11/2009				
S239	Prof.	Peter	Miller			TREE - University of Winnipeg	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S378	Mr.	Glen	Eckhert	President		Organic Producers Association of Manitoba Co-Operative Inc.	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L14				
S379	Mr.	Trevor	Tuttosì	General Manager		Organic Producers Association of Manitoba Co-Operative Inc.					
S399 G1243		Nelson	Almey			Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association	27/07/10 12/08/10	15/04/10 18/11/10	02/02/10 R3-E54		
S394	Ms.	Patricia	Pohrebniuk			Manitoba Forestry Association	10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10		13/10/09 16/10/09 13/07/09 20/07/09 20/07/09(2) 16/10/09(2)		
S240 CL097	Mr.	Duncan	Stokes	Executive Director		Sno-Man Inc	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10 12/08/10 26/07/10				
S241	Mr.	Hubert	Mesman	President and CEO		Travel Manitoba	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				

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S242	Mr.	Dave	Crabb	President		Manitoba Association of Cottage Owners	20/05/09 10/11/09 27/07/10 12/08/10				
S243		Sir or Madam				Manitoba ATV Association	20/05/09 10/11/09				
S244	Mr.	Chris	Fox-Decent			All Terrain Vehicles of Manitoba Inc.	27/07/10 12/08/10				
S400						Rosburn Game & Fish Association	R3-L13				
S401	MR.	Terry	Rolfe	Chairperson		Assessippi Parkland	27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L20				
S402						Shellmouth-Assiniboine Valley Economic Development	27/07/10 12/08/10 R3-L22				
S247	Chief	Clarence	Easter	Chief		Chemawawin Cree Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	23/06/08 11/05/09 14/01/10 26/10/10	16/03/09 14/10/10 31/08/10		
S398						Treaty One	24/08/09 11/01/08 15/01/10 05/02/10	23/02/09 14/04/09 08/12/09 08/02/10	19/03/2009		
S248	Chief	George	Neepin	Chief		Fox Lake Cree Nation	25/06/07 21/02/08 15/08/08 08/05/09 24/08/09 27/07/10	06/11/07 22/02/10 18/05/10 07/10/10	16/04/08 26/06/08		
S249	Chief	Arlen	Dumas	Chief		Mathias Colomb First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 02/11/09 09/01/10 09/11/02 27/07/10	13/05/08 25/02/09 18/02/10			30/04/2008
S250	Chief	Jim	Tobacco	Chief		Mosakahiken Cree Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10 04/01/11	17/04/08 03/02/09 12/11/09	21/10/2010		

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							Letters	Meeting Notes	Emails	Phone Notes	Other
S251	Mr.	Harold	Smith	Co-Chairman		Nelson House Resource Management Board		26/05/2010			
S252	Mr.	Charlie Joe	Hart	Co-Chairman		Nelson House Resource Management Board c/o NCN					
S253	Chief	Jim	Moore	Chief		Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/05/09 24/08/09 24/03/10 27/07/10	17/03/08 01/06/10	31/08/2010		
S254	Chief	Michael	Constant	Chief		Opaskwayak Cree Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 17/03/10 29/03/10 27/07/10 R3-L23	24/04/08 03/11/09 03/12/09 04/02/09 19/11/09 10/11/10a 10/11/10	23/09/2010		
S255	Chief	Duke	Beardy	Chief		Tataskweyak Cree Nation	21/02/08 28/02/08 20/04/09 08/05/09 21/06/10 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	12/06/08 15/12/10 19/01/11			04/03/2008
S256	Chief	Betsy	Kennedy	Chief		War Lake First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	09/04/08 12/05/08 26/02/09 23/02/10			
S257	Chief	Louisa	Constant	Chief		York Factory Cree Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/05/09 24/08/09 29/04/10 27/07/10				
S258	Mr.	Rick	Ducharme	Chairman		Cormorant Resource Management Board					
S259	Mayor	Ken	Ducharme	Mayor		Cormorant Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10 08/03/11	17/04/08 29/01/09 03/11/09 09/11/10a 09/11/10			

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S260	Mayor	Ethel	McKay	Mayor		Easterville Community Council	21/02/08 24/06/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	11/05/09 14/01/10 26/10/10			
S261	Mr.	Jim	Corman			Herb Lake Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	23/04/08 14/07/09 06/10/09 08/11/10			
S262	Mayor	James	Chornoby	Mayor		Ilford Community Council	21/02/08 28/04/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	23/02/2010			
S263	Mayor	Bella	Leonard	Mayor		Incorporated Community of Nelson House	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	080522 090224 28/10/09			01/05/2008
S264	Mayor	Sandra	Lambert	Mayor		Moose Lake Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10 04/01/11	17/04/08 03/02/09 12/11/09			
S265	Mayor	Martha	Chartrand	Mayor		Pikwitonei Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 02/03/10 27/07/10	11/03/08 22/01/09 21/10/09 05/10/10a 05/10/10	28/03/2008		
S266	Mayor	Nick	Benyk	Mayor		Sherridon Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	24/04/08 20/01/09 08/10/09	06/10/08 18/12/08 18/12/08a 16/01/09		
S267	Mayor	Donald	Parenteau	Mayor		Thicket Portage Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	080522 21/01/09 27/01/10 23/09/10	31/08/2010		
S268	Mayor	Reg	Meade	Mayor		Wabowden Community Council	20/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	22/04/08 27/01/09 19/10/09 06/10/10 21/10/10 06/04/11			

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S269	Ms.	Clair	Pilgrim	Secretary-Treasurer		Snow Lake Resources Enhancement Group					
S270	Chief	Kenneth	Chalmers	Chief		Birdtail Sioux First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 18/09/09 27/07/10	18/06/08 13/11/08	15/04/08 18/08/10		15/04/08(
S271	Chief	Orville	Smoke	Chief		Dakota Plains First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/03/11 24/08/09 05/02/10 24/03/10 27/07/10	25/06/08 26/11/08 15/10/10	12/10/10 18/10/10		04/01/2010
S272	Chief	Cornell	Pashe	Chief		Dakota Tipi First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/03/11 24/08/09 27/07/10	25/06/08 02/04/09 04/03/10 14/10/10 08/02/11	06/10/10 03/02/10		
S273	Chief	Ralph	Beaulieu	Chief		Ebb & Flow First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/05/09 24/08/09 24/03/10 23/11/10 27/07/10 04/01/11 18/02/11	14/05/08 24/01/11			
S274	Chief	Gordon	Ledoux	Chief		Gamblers First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 18/09/09 27/07/10	18/06/08 21/10/08			
S275	Chief	Norman	Bone	Chief		Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/05/09 24/08/09 27/07/10	08/05/08 04/01/10	09/11/08 18/11/08 23/10/09 06/01/10 08/01/10		
S276	Chief	Hazel	Moar	Chief		O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 24/03/10 30/08/10 27/07/10	06/05/08 29/10/08 09/12/10	27/05/2008		06/03/2008

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S277	Chief	Derek	Nepinak	Chief		Pine Creek First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10 24/01/11	19/06/08 05/11/09 11/12/08	27/10/09 27/10/09a		24/01/2011
S278	Chief	Wilford	McKay	Chief		Rolling River First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 08/05/09 24/08/09 02/02/10 08/03/10 27/07/10	04/06/08 08/02/10	05/02/2010		04/01/2010
S279	Chief	Alphaeus George	Brass	Chief		Sapotaweyak Cree Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10 21/01/11	14/04/08 19/02/09 28/01/10 15/12/10 26/01/11	03/12/08 09/12/08 13/01/09 02/02/09 23/01/09 29/07/09 08/01/10 10/11/10 23/11/10 27/10/10 25/08/10 25/08/10 03/09/10 08/09/10 02/12/10 21/01/11		
S280	Chief	Vincent	Tacan	Chief		Sioux Valley Dakota Nation	21/02/08 31/03/08 15/08/08 18/09/09 27/07/10	05/06/08 19/11/08			
S281	Chief	Lloyd	McKay	Chief		Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve	21/02/08 24/06/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	22/10/08 17/11/09 17/11/10			06/03/2008
S282	Chief	Murray	Clearsky	Chief		Waywayseecappo First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	08/05/08 14/11/08 20/11/09	26/10/2008		

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S283 LO1031	Chief	Michael (Joe)	Flett	Chief		Wuskwi Siphk First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 18/10/10 26/07/10 27/07/10 12/08/10 26/07/10	07/05/08 17/11/08 24/11/09 27/10/10 25/11/10 07/12/10	19/08/10 08/09/10 10/11/10 26/11/10 26/11/10a 26/11/10b 30/11/10		
S284	Mr.	Nestor	Chartrand			Camperville Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10 04/01/11 23/11/10	02/04/08 11/12/08 18/11/09 13/09/10 16/09/10 16/02/11	30/10/2008		11/09/2009
S285	Mr.	Alfred	Morrisseau			Crane River Community Council	21/02/08 24/06/08 15/08/08 10/02/09 24/08/09 24/03/10 27/07/10 04/01/11	07/04/2011			
S286	Mr.	Les	Burrell			Dawson Bay Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	16/04/08 28/10/08 13/10/09 28/10/10	14/10/2010		
S287	Mr.	Matthew	Parenteau			Duck Bay Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	15/05/08 24/11/08 14/10/09 15/09/10			
S288	Mr.	Ernest	Michalot			Meadow Portage Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	15/05/08 27/10/08 16/11/09 30/09/10			02/11/2010
S289	Ms.	Lorna Hilda	Holmstrom			Pelican Rapids Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	14/04/08 08/11/08 26/11/09 09/09/10 09/09/10a	19/08/10 23/08/10		
S290	Mr.	Carl	Sabiston	Mayor		Spence Lake Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	10/04/08 27/10/08 16/11/09 30/09/10	31/08/10 01/09/10		27/03/2008

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S291	Ms.	Lorraine	Chartrand			Baden Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	31/05/08 03/11/08 15/09/09 24/11/10			
S292	Ms.	Brenda	Hather			Barrows Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	31/05/08 03/11/08 15/09/09 24/11/10			
S293	Ms.	Virginia	Chartrand	Councillor		National Mills Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	31/05/08 03/11/08 15/09/09 24/11/10			
S294	Mr.	Sean	Hummerston			Powell Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	31/05/08 03/11/08 15/09/09 24/11/10			
S295	Ms.	Irene	Chamberlain	Councillor		Red Deer Lake Community Council	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	31/05/08 03/11/08 15/09/09 24/11/10			
S296	Mr.	Harley	Williamson			Westgate Community Council	15/08/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	31/05/08 03/11/08 15/09/09 24/11/10			
S297	Mr.	Don	Wilson	Executive Director		Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce	24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10				
S298	Grand Chief	Ron	Evans	Grand Chief		Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs	24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10				
S299	Chief	Terry	Nelson	Chairperson		Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council	27/02/08 24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10				
S300						Fox Lake Resource Management Board		10/06/08 18/05/10	06/05/2008		
S301	Grand Chief	Arnold	Ouskan	Executive Director		Keewatin Tribal Council	27/02/08 24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10 14/02/11	23/05/2008			

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S302	Grand Chief	David	Harper	Grand Chief		Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak (MKO)	08/01/08 24/04/09 21/02/08 24/08/09 27/07/10	11/03/2008			
S303	Mr.	Michael	Anderson	Research Director		Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak (MKO)	27/07/2010				
S304	Mr.	David	Chartrand	President		Manitoba Metis Federation	24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10	24/08/2010	25/08/10 02/09/10 02/09/10a 23/01/09		
S305	Ms.	Julyda	Lagimodiere	Vice-President	Thompson Region	Manitoba Metis Federation					
S306	Ms.	Judy	Mayer	Vice-President	The Pas Region	Manitoba Metis Federation					
S307	Mr.	Elbert	Chartrand	Vice-President	Northwest Metis Council Inc.	Manitoba Metis Federation					
S308	Ms.	Leah	LaPlante	Vice-President	Southwest Region	Manitoba Metis Federation					
S309	Mr.	Reg	Meade	President		Northern Association of Community Councils	24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10	16/05/2008			
S310	Ms.	Anne	Lacquette	Chairperson	Western	Northern Association of Community Councils					
S311	Ms.	Francis	Mclvor	Chairperson	Northern	Northern Association of Community Councils					
S312	Grand Chief	Morris	Swan Shannacappo	Grand Chief		Southern Chiefs Organization	24/04/09 24/08/09 27/07/10				
S313	Ms.	Janet	Moore	Grand Chief		Swampy Cree Tribal Council	08/01/08 27/02/08 14/04/08 24/08/09 24/04/09 27/07/10 22/11/10	28/05/09 21/09/10 01/11/10 07/02/11			
S314	Chief	David	Meeches	Chief		Long Plain First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 05/02/10 24/03/10 30/08/10 27/07/10 27/05/11	13/09/2009	17/08/10 01/09/10 01/09/10a 25/08/10a 25/08/10		09/07/2010

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S381	Mr.	Russell	Beaulieu			Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation	15/08/08 21/02/08 24/08/09 05/02/10 24/03/10 04/11/10 18/10/10 27/07/10	29/10/2010	26/11/10 30/11/10		
S382	Mrs.	Francine	Meeches			Swan Lake First Nation	21/02/08 15/08/08 24/08/09 20/05/10 30/08/10 27/07/10 08/03/11	02/03/10 27/04/10 19/10/10 22/11/10 15/12/10 05/01/11	17/11/10 17/11/10a 18/11/10 24/11/10 20/10/10 17/05/10 24/09/10 27/09/10 24/08/10 04/10/10 05/10/10		
S409						Roseau River			25/01/2011		
S315	Ms.	Lori	Nepinak	Executive Director		West Region Tribal Council	27/02/08 24/08/09 24/04/09 27/07/10				
S383	Mr.	Doug	Mackenzie			Frontier School Division					
G836	Mr.	Reg	Friesen			Prairie Sky Aviation	23/11/2010	22/09/2010	R4-E3		
G585 LO0909 LO0274	Mr. & Mrs.	Karen and Larry	Friesen			Tourond Farms Ltd	26/07/10 12/08/10	02/09/2010	R4-E29		OH Attendee LIC 142

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							Letters	Meeting Notes	Emails	Open House/ LIC Form	Phone Notes
FS1						0721042 Manitoba Ltd.	27/05/2010				
LO0001						1025197 Ontario Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU012					6A, 8, 11 Northwest Region	21 Bear Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0002						2501872 Manitoba Ltd C/O Mona or Gordon Brown	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS2						2738750 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS3						2940711 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS4						3102432 Manitoba Limited	27/05/2010				
FS5						3104714 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
GE001						3215580 Manitoba Ltd.	18/02/2011				
FS854						3471561 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0003						3529941 Manitoba Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0004						3646093 Manitoba Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS6						3658831 Manitoba Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS855						3662153 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU001					3, 9 Northeast Region	4242483 Manitoba Ltd. ACE Wilderness	23/12/2010				
FS7						4467508 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS8						4603487 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS9						4907141 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS10						5026202 Manitoba Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS11						5027624 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS856						5225826 Manitoba Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0005						5225826 Manitoba Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS12						5569401 Manitoba Inc.	27/05/2010				
LO0006						5669198 Manitoba Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS13						5710821 Manitoba Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS14						5858217 Manitoba Inc	27/05/2010				
LO0007						60707 Manitoba Ltd, Awatson & Son Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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LO0008						A & D Kroeker Farms Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS15						A & H Dairy Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS16						A.A. Khan Enterprises	27/05/2010				
FS17						Abbott Cattle Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU004	Mr.	Russ	Mehling		9A Northeast Region	Adrenaline Outfitters	23/12/2010				
FS21 FS22 LO0011						Airport Holding Co. Ltd.	27/05/2010				
OU035	Mr.	Allan	MacCarthy		24 Western Region	Al MacCarthy's Outfitting	23/12/2010				
LO0013						Aletta Holsteins Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0014	Mr.	Gordon	Vadnais			Alex Groot Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS25						Alfa Briquets Ltd	27/05/2010				
G1619 OU003	Mr.	Cory	Grant		9, 9A Northeast Region	All Terrain Bear Hunts / Johnson Road Outfitters	23/12/2010		R4-E51 R4-E59	OH Attendee	
FS31						All-In Security Ventures Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0018						Am Poultry Farm Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G612 FS309 LO0019	Mr.	Raymond	Gitzel			Amber Waves Limited	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 169	
FS41						Anola & District	27/05/2010				
FS40						Anola & District Over 50	27/05/2010				
G680 LO0029	Mr.	Raymond	Arksey			Arksey Ranch Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 237	
FS45						Artel Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS48						Aubin Nurseries Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0038						B.K.Wieler Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS54						Baes Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS864						Baronier Ltd.	27/05/2010				
OU018	Mr. & Mrs	Michael & Geraldine	Bator		19A Western Region	Bator Boy Outfitting	23/12/2010				
FS63						Bay View Farms Ltd.	27/05/2010				
OU015					7A, 10 Northwest Region	Bear Claw Outfitters	23/12/2010		R4-E55		
OU063	Ms.	Jeannine	Dare		33 Central Region	Bear Track Outfitters	23/12/2010				

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FS867						Beatrice Foods Inc	27/05/2010				
FS64						Beaver Creek Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS65 FS869						Beaver Creek Holding Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
G470 G723 LO0456 PL016	Mr.	Robert Monty & Lori	Kerr			Bicket Farm Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO		R4-E9	LIC 27 LIC 280 OH Attendee	
OU068 FS349	Mr.	Alan Alfred	Henderson		30, 31, 32 Central Region	Big Al's Buck Stop Outfitting	27/05/10 23/12/10				
OU019	Mr.	Ron	Chekosky		19B Western Region	Big Antler Lodge	23/12/2010				
FS78						Big Boulder Creek Farms Ltd.	27/05/2010				
OU023	Mr.	John	Eisner		14, 14A Western Region	Big Northern Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0067						Big Sky Land & Cattle Co Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0069						Bill Vaags Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU021 OU064 CL029	Mr.	Blaine	Debeuckelaere		19B Western Region 30 Central Region	Birdina Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0070						Bison Conservation Ranch Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0072						Black Pearl Holdings Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G456 LO0961 LO0073	Mr. & Mrs.	Scott Murray & Krystle Lynne	Walmsley			Blackland Farms Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 13	
FS85 LO0077						Bloomfield Holding Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS86						Blooming Prairie Holding Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0081						Bohm Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU074	Mr.	Rod	McGrath		33 Central Region	Bow Zone Adventures	23/12/2010				
FS99 LO0097						Braunsdale Holsteins Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS109						Bronson Dairy Inc	27/05/2010				
OU007	Mr.	Mike	Scaddan		9A Northeast Region	Burntwood River Outfitters	23/12/2010				

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OU044 CL087 LO0738	Mr.	James Michael	Rath		19B Western Region	Bushman's Paradise Outfitter	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO (000)L101223		R4-E56		
LO0110						C & G Mourant Co Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G837						Canadian Infrastructure Corporation	(G837)L101128				
LO0120						Canadian National Railways Attn: Supervisor Contracts&Tax	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS130						Canadian Pacific Railway	27/05/2010				
OU053	Mr. & Mrs.	Scott & Michelle	Smith		14, 14A Western Region	Canadian Wilderness Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0119 LO121 LO122	Mr.	Philippe	Bonnet			Can-Ama Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS131						Carman Radio & Tv Ltd.	27/05/2010				
LO0124						CBC , Canadian Broadcasting Corp	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0125						CBC , Canadian Broadcasting Corp	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G838						CBR Cement Canada Ltd. Con-Force Structures Ltd.	(G838)L101128				
LO0126						Centra Gas Manitoba Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0127						Central Manitoba Railway Co	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS876						Central Manitoba Railway Inc	27/05/2010				
LO0129						Chellett Holsteins Inc.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS143						City Of Steinbach	27/05/2010				
G322	Mr.	Sam	Gross			Clearview Colony LTD.	R3-L4				
FS148						Clover Spring Farms Inc.	27/05/2010				
LO0162						Cms Farms Ltd, C/O Ams Account Managment	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS880						Congregation Of St Paul's United Church	27/05/2010				
LO0147						Congregation Of The Ascension, Greek Catholic Church Of Zelicia	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS160 LO0149						Coolidge Swine Inc.	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU034	Mr.	Sharon	Lytwyn		19B Western Region	Cork Cliff Outfitters	23/12/2010				

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OU013					7, 10 Northwest Region	Cormorant Lake Lodge	23/12/2010				
FS172						Crikside Enterprises Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0161						Crystal Spring Holding Co	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0165						Culrose Farms Ltd, C/O Ca Farm Property Management	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G360 OU054	Ms.	Debbie	Soloway		18B, 19A Western Region	D & O Soloway Outfitters	23/12/2010		R3-E37		
FS175 LO0173						D.P.Wiebe & Sons Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU024	Mr.	Dale	Gaudry		14, 14A Western Region	Dale's Outfitting Service	23/12/2010				
LO0178						Davy Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS183						Delf Farms Ltd.	27/05/2010				
LO0190						Delmera Holsteins Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G038 FS890						Dion Brothers Ltd	29/05/09			R3-55	
LO0196						Divorne Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0203						Doerksen Poultry Farm Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0205						Don Friesen Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU030	Mr. & Mr.	Stan & Darryl	Langlois		19A Western Region	Double L-L Outfitters	23/12/2010				
OU060	Ms.	Sara	Walanus		14, 14A Western Region	Duck Mountain Outfitters	23/12/2010				
CL033						Ducks Unlimited (Canada), (Portia Project File 12-97)	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
CL034						Ducks Unlimited (Canada), Robertson Project File #62j-204)	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS216						Dunn-Rite Holdings Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU029	Mr.	Earle	Krunek		24 Western Region	Earle Krunek Outfitting	23/12/2010				
OU078	Mr.	Christopher	Stasiuk		25B, 34A Central Region	East-Man Outfitting	23/12/2010				
LO0223						Edie Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
CL035						Environment Canada Wsc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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FS243 LO0240						Fairholm Holding Co Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS245						Falkdale Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS72			Bergsma			Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS292			Gaultier			Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS247						Fast Brothers (1978) Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0246 G508	Mr.	Ian	McKay			Favel River Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 65	
LO0252						Fellmack Enterprises	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS255 LO253						Ferme Roger Durot Inc	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS256 LO0254						Fermes De Rocquigny Farms Inc	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS271						Friecrest Holsteins Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU071	Mr.	Robert	Karpiak		30 Central Region	G-5 Outfitting	23/12/2010				
G839						Gagen Gravel Co. Ltd.	(G839)L101128				
LO0300						Gem-Stone Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0302						Genx Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS310						Glenlea Greenhouses Inc	27/05/2010				
OU048	Mr.	George	Saunders		24 Western Region	God's Country Taxidermy, Guiding	23/12/2010				
FS313 FS314 FS315 FS931 LO0312						Golden Wheat Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
G840						Goldsource Mines Inc.	(G840)L101128				
FS317 LO313						Good Hope Holding Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
G841						Graymont Western Canada Inc. - Faulkner Lime Plant	(G841)L101128				
LO0329						Green Vale Pork Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS335						Guy Saurette Farms Ltd.	27/05/2010				

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FS336 LO0335						H.Baudry & Sons Farm Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0346						Hanson Holsteins Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS344						Harder Farm Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0349		D'arcy & Deacon Llp Barristers & Solicitors				Hardwood Enterprises	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS347						Harrison Homestead Ltd	27/05/2010				
G628 LO0351	Mr.	Wes	Wieler			Harry Wieler Farms Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 185	
FS941						Haywood Feed Lot Cleaners Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS351 LO0364						Henervic Farms Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G580 FS356 LO0368	Mr.	Sig	Peters			Herbsigwil Limited	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 137	
LO0407 LO0386						Homewood Holding Co Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS953						Horizon Agro	27/05/2010				
FS380						Horizon Insurance Inc.	27/05/2010				
LO0394						Hsieber Corp	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0395						Hsieber Corp C/O Pelee Island Winery	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0396						Hudson Bay Railway Co. C/O Omnitrax Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS955						Hummer Enterprises Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS383						Hutterite Colonies	27/05/2010				
FS385 LO0410						HYTEK Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0412						Integrity Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0418						Jakaloma Farms Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0420						James Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0426						Jardins Vert Holdings Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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FS403						J-D Enterprises Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS960						Jondor Enterprises Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0437						K.R.K. Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS415						Kehler Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU022	Mr.	Darlene	Dushanek		14, 14A Western Region	Kettle Hills Outfitters	23/12/2010				
OU033	Mr.	Larry	Leschyshyn		12 Western Region	King Buck Safaris	23/12/2010				
LO0472						Kohmar Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0473						Koho Pork Inc C/O Pro Vista	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0498						L.W.N. Holdings Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS452						La Corp Archiepiscopal	27/05/2010				
OU040	Mr.	Blair	Olafson		19B, 24 Western Region	Lake Manitoba Narrows Lodge	23/12/2010				
G844						Lakeside Excavating (4571683 MB. Ltd)	(G844)L101128				
OU059	Mr.	Garry	Vermette		19A Western Region	Lakeside Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0515						Lau-Rence Liquids Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU073	Mr.	Lyle	MacMillan		25B Central Region	Lea Meadow Outfitters	23/12/2010				
OU031	Mr.	Travis	Ledoux		19B, 24 Western Region	Ledoux's T'n'T Outfitting & Guiding	23/12/2010				
LO0518	Mr.	Taylor	Mccaffrey			Lehigh Portland Cement Limited	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS977						Lehmann Farm Ltd.	27/05/2010				
LO0524						Lepp Enterprises Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU070	Mr.	Joey	Jefferies		30 Central Region	Little Horn Ranch & Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0981	Mr. & Mrs.	Johannes Heinrich & Felicitas	Wery			Loewen Martens & Rempel	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU045	Mr.	Michael	Romaniuk		19A Western Region	Loon Lake Guides & Outfitters	23/12/2010				
OU028	Mr.	Ken	Klyne		12 Western Region	Lost River Outfitters	23/12/2010				
FS481						LPFNT Landholding Inc	27/05/2010				
LO0584 FS1066	Ms.	Eva	Bostock			M.H.R.C	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO (000)L100527				
FS494						Manitoba Hydro	27/05/2010				
LO0554						Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board	27/05/2010				
FS996						Manitoba Hydro-Electric Board Property	27/05/2010				

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FS498 LO0559						Marlatt Farms Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS141			Chortitz			Mennonite Church	27/05/2010				
G567 LO0377 FS519	Mr. & Mrs.	Orlando & Donna Lorraine	Hiebert			Mennonite Landing Site Assn	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 124	
LO0583						Metro Corp Of Greater Wpg C/O Water & Waste	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU079	Mr.	Miles	Ward		25B Central Region	Miles Ward Outfitting	23/12/2010				
OU036	Mr.	Ron	Missyabit		19B Western Region	Missyabit Outfitting Ventures	23/12/2010		R4-E56		
FS530						Mitchell Community Fellowship	27/05/2010				
LO0594						Mollard Road Farm Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS533 LO0596						Moran Farms Inc	27/05/2010				
FS541						Mts Allstream Inc.	27/05/2010				
LO0604						Mts Allstream Inc.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0603						Mts Allstream Inc. Attn: Property Taxation	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
CL074						MTS Allstream Inc., Property Services Dept (Er627)	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU075					25B Central Region	Muddy Waters Taxidermy & Outfitters	(000)L101223				
FS542 LO0606						Munro Farms Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0607						Mwj Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS547						Nat-Al Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0611						Navigation Canada	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU005					9A Northeast Region	NDS Enterprises Ltd Sasagui Rapids Lodge Ltd.	23/12/2010				
CL077						Nelson River Logging Ltd,	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU062	Mr.	Dennis	Branfield		31 Central Region	Nelsonville Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0618						New Rosedale Holding Co Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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LO0620						Newton Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0625						Niverville Swine Breeders Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G598 LO0626 LO0667	Mr. & Mrs.	Calvin William & Gloria Joyce	Penner			NoHill Farms Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 155 R4-163	
OU072	Ms.	Tara Dawn	Lewis		25B Central Region	North Road Outfitters	23/12/2010				
OU076	Mr.	Bruce	Oughton		25B Central Region	North Trail Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0629						Northland Pork Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0632						O Wolf Grain Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU066	Mr.	Harvey	Friesen		30 Central Region	Oak Creek Outfitters	23/12/2010				
FS559						Oakmont Agri Inc	27/05/2010				
FS560						Oakview Turkey Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU020	Mr.	Armand	Cote		12 Western Region	Old Mossy Outfitters	23/12/2010				
FS562						Optimist Holdings Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0641						P L Friesen Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS1019 LO0651						Parmalat Canada Inc	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU006					9A Northeast Region	Partridge Crop Outfitters	(000)L101223				
G835	Ms.	Patricia	Allan			Pelee Island Winery	(G835)L100928				
LO0696						Peyton Farms Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0697						P-Four Management Group Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0699						Philippot Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU039	Mr.	Anthony	Nepinak		14, 14A,19A Western Region	Pine Creek Outfitting & Guide Services	23/12/2010				
OU049	Mr.	Kelly	Schmidt		19A Western Region	Pine River Outfitters & Adventures	23/12/2010				
CL084	Mr.	Thomas	Olson			Pine River Ranches Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0701						Pine River Ranches Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G597 LO0702	Mr.	Cal	Pitura			Pitura Seed Farm Limited	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 154	

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FS608						Poplar Lane Livestock Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS611						Poschenrieder Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS614 LO0718						Prairie Oak Farms Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS1032						Prairie Rose School Division/Graysville School	27/05/2010				
LO0719						Prairie Vista Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0720						Primrose Farm Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS618						Quinfield Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS621 LO0733 LO0734						R.L. Wolfe Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU032	Mr.	Terry	Leochko		19B Western Region	Rainbow Outfitters	23/12/2010				
OU061	Mr.	Greg	Bosch		33 Central Region	Rattlin Rack	23/12/2010				
LO0739						Ray Man Farms Ltd, Rm Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0740						Redekop Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0743						Reimark Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0764						Rempelco Acres Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS1039						Residence St Claude Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0406 LO0769						Ridgeland Holding Co Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS1043						Rinn Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0770						Rising Hope Dairy Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU010					8 Northwest Region	River Country Outfitters	23/12/2010		R4-E62		
FS1044						River Trail Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS647						River Valley Construction Inc	27/05/2010				
FS648						Riverpride Farms Inc	27/05/2010				
OU041	Mr.	Gildas	Paradis		14, 14A Western Region	Riverside Lodge	23/12/2010		R4-E57		
FS649						RM Farms Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS660						Rockland Ventures Ltd.	27/05/2010				
FS661						Rockrose Dairy Ltd	27/05/2010				

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LO0775						Rodgers Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS663						Roeland Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0249						Rogers AT&T	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G582 LO0529 LO0777	Mr.	Lorne John	Loepky			Rolling Prairie Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 139	
LO0779						Roman Catholic Episcopal, Corporation Of Keewatin	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0780						Romaniuk Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS1047						Rose Valley Holding Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS1048						Rose Valley Holding Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0781						Rosegrove Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
GE031						Roznik Bros. Seed Farm Ltd.	18/02/2011				
LO0790						Rpm Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G390	Mr.	Alf	Kennedy	President		R-R Environmental Services				R3-129	
G358 OU042	Mr.	James	Paziuk		19A Western Region	Rutting Buck Outfitters	23/12/2010		R3-E35		
OU052	Mr.	Sigurdur	Sigurdson		12 Western Region	S/S Outfitting & Eco-Tourism	23/12/2010				
LO0796						Sainte-Agathe Community	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU047		Sapotaweyak Cree Nation	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation		14 Western Region	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation	23/12/2010				
FS678 LO0800 PL078						Sawatzky Enterprises Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS683						Schellenberg Foods Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS685						Schellenberg's Hardware Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0803						Scheurer Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU027	Mr.	Brian	Keen		14, 14A, 19A Western Region	Sclater River Outfitters	23/12/2010		R4-60		
FS700						Shady Lane Holding Co Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0820						Shanawan Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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FS1056 LO0823						Shawn Anderson Demolition	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU077	Mr.	C. Blair	Sigfusson		31 Central Region	Sigfusson's Bucks and Ducks Outfitting	23/12/2010				
OU016	Mr.	Bob	Balak		14, 14A Western Region	Silver Creek Outfitting	23/12/2010				
LO0827						Silver Pine Swine Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0828						Silver Willow Farms Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU011					8 Northwest Region	Simon Nabess Campground	23/12/2010		R4-E61		
FS707						Sioux Plains Development	27/05/2010				
FS711						Skyline Harvest Corporation	27/05/2010				
FS713						Smith Potato Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS715 LO0844						Smiths Honey And Seed Farms Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G663 OU043 LO0722	Mr. & Mr.	John Wayne & Stephen M	Procyshyn		19A, 19B Western Region	South Shore Lodge	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO (000)L101223			LIC 220	
OU025	Mr.	Dale	Goran		19A, 19B, 18B Western Region	Sportsman's Hunting & Fishing Lodge	23/12/2010				
OU069	Mr.	Darren	Hendry		30 Central Region	Spruce Woods Outfitters	23/12/2010				
FS723						Sprucewood Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
G357 OU017 LO0050	Mr. & Mrs.	Garry Don & Lynn Jean	Bass		12, 14, 14A Western Region	Steeprock River Outfitting	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO (000)L101223		R3-E34		
G432 G1181	Mr.	Wayne	Bass		12, 14, 14A Western Region	Steeprock River Outfitting	R3-L25 23/12/10				
OU065	Mr.	Ryan	Derlago		25B Central Region	Stickflingers (Manitoba Bowhunts)	23/12/2010				
FS733						Stott Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS734						Stottco Investments Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO0872						Suderman Bros (1981) Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS740						Sunrise Lodge Inc	27/05/2010				
LO0873						Sunset Lane Farm Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G842						Sunterra Horticulture Canada Inc.	(G842)L101128				
CL102						Surveys Branch	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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LO0874						Sweet & Sour Pork Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
CL103	Mr.	Hyrum	Olson			Sweet Grass Ranch Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0875						Sweet Grass Ranch Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0877						Synod Of The Diocese Of Rupertsland	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0880						Tache Christian Fellowship Church Inc.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU026	Mr. & Mrs.	Kevin & Candrin	Hammel		19B Western Region	Tamarack Lake Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0225 FS744 PL055	Mr.	Dwayne	Taylor			Taylor Brothers Farms Ltd.	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0882						Terraflex Ag Services Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU038	Mr.	Terry	Neely		14, 14A, 18B Western Region	Terry Neely Outfitting	23/12/2010				
FS747						The Metropolitan Corporation	27/05/2010				
FS748						The Pentecostal Assemblies Of	27/05/2010				
LO0886						The Ruthenian Greek Catholic	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS749						The Sunrise School Division	27/05/2010				
LO0887						The Tjaden Group Inc	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
LO0888						The Ukrainian Catholic Parish Of The Nativity Of The Blessed Virgin Mary C/O Peter Procyshy	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS750						The United Church Of Canada	27/05/2010				
FS751						The University Of Manitoba	27/05/2010				
FS757 LO0891						Thomas Robinson Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU057	Mr.	Glen	Thompson		19A Western Region	Thompson's Guiding & Outfitting	23/12/2010				
OU046	Ms.	Randine	Salamanowicz		14, 14A Western Region	Timberline Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0910						Transcanada Keystone Pipeline Gp Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU051	Ms.	Sharlene	Shirliff		14, 14A Western Region	Trapper Don's Lodge and Outfitting	23/12/2010				
OU037	Mr. & Mrs.	Tom & Darlene	Nakonechny		19A Western Region	Trapper Tom Outfitting	23/12/2010				

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LO0911						Tri-Star Farms (2004) Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU008					7 Northwest Region	True North Outfitters	23/12/2010				
FS765						Trustees Of Anola	27/05/2010				
FS766						Trustees Of The Church Of God In Christ	27/05/2010				
FS769						Twin Creek Broiler Farms	27/05/2010				
FS770						Twin Oak Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
OU055	Mr.	Royden	Spence		12, 14, 14A Western Region	Twisted Oak Outfitters	23/12/2010				
LO0927						Unger Poultry Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS777 LO0939 GE037						Van Ryssel Enterprises Inc.	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO (000)L110218			GE-21	
CL110	Mr.	Paul	Jones			Victory Nickel Inc.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
OU009					7 Northwest Region	Viking Lodge	23/12/2010				
FS1078						Viterra Inc	27/05/2010				
FS792 LO0956 FS1082						W F Farms Ltd	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
G692 LO0960	Mr.	Alexander	Wallace			Wallace Holdings Ltd.	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO			LIC 249	
FS853						Warkentin Farms Ltd	27/05/2010				
FS793						Waterfield Marlene Gail	27/05/2010				
OU014 G359	Mr.	Tony	Brew		7A Northwest Region	Wekusko Falls Lodge	23/12/2010		R3-E36 R4-E58	OH Attendee	
LO0982						Wesden Broilers Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS801 LO0983						Western Gypsum	(000)L100527 (000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS802						Westlake Veterinary	27/05/2010				
LO0984						Westroc Holding Co Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				
FS803						Westroc Industries Ltd	27/05/2010				
LO1002						Wigwam Farms Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO				

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LO1003						Wigwam Farms Ltd, C/O Ams Accucount Management Services	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO					
OU002	Mr. & Mr.	Tim and Allan	Collette		9A, 10 Northeast Region	Wilderness Bear Guides	23/12/2010					
FS826						Willowbend Farms Ltd	27/05/2010					
FS827						Wilpark Farms Ltd	27/05/2010					
LO1030						Wp & Farm Ltd	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO					
FS19					Agric Crown Lands Leased	Agric Crown Lands Leased	27/05/2010					
FS20					Agriculture Crown Lands	Agriculture Crown Lands	27/05/2010					
FS353					Her Majesty The Queen - Man	Her Majesty The Queen - Man	27/05/2010					
FS354					Her Majesty The Queen - Man	Her Majesty The Queen - Man	27/05/2010					
FS355					Her Majesty The Queen - Man	Her Majesty The Queen - Man	27/05/2010					
LO0251							(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO					
CL001						Agriculture Crown Lands - Forg	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO					
CL002						Agriculture Crown Lands - Forg	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO					
LO0010						Agriland Holdings Limited C/O Smith Neufeld Jodojn Lp	(000)L100726 (000)L100812LO					
G1023 PL037	Mr.	Bob	Anderson			Anderson Logging Cranberry Portage						Phone Line Caller
G438	Mr.	Don	McCrea			Trapper Don's Lodge and Outfitting						31/08/2009
G1051	Mr.	Matt	Bestland			Bestland Agro					R4-200	
G1547 G1759	Mr.	Dan	Soprovich			Blue Stem Wildlife					OH Attendee	
G1019	Ms.	Kathy	Sangster			Carpenter's Clearwater Lodge / Kelsey Trail Sno-Riders					R4-201	
G1538	Mr.	Roy	Friedlander			Case Foundation Co.			R4-E49			
G1070 G823	Mr.	Mark	Trevisol			Crowflight Minerals Inc.					R4-160	
G1071	Mr.	Rick	Sproul			Crowflight Minerals Inc.					OH Attendee	
G1609	Ms.	Linda	Morin			Crow Wing Trials Association					R1-14	
G596	Mr.	Eric	Peters			Eric Henervic Farms					LIC 153	
G1722	Mr.	Donald	Greves			ERS Inc					OH Attendee	
G1721	Mr.	Terry	Halligan			ERS Inc					OH Attendee	

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G383	Mr.	Rick	Mostert			F.C. WoodWorks Inc.			R3-E58		
G1460	Mr.	Dennis	Woodford			Electranix Corp.				OH Attendee	
G898	Mr.	Rick	Pieper	Vice President		Electric T&S Services Henkels & McCoy, Inc			R4-E32		
G719 PL058	Mr.	Lincoln	Wolfe			EL Wolfe Ltd.				LIC 276	Phone Line Caller
G584	Mr.	Rich	Friesen			Friesen Riconny Farms				LIC 141	
G009 G1587	Mr.	Doug	Chorney			Keystone Agricultural Producers			01/12/2009	R3-1	
G1020	Mr.	Doug	Sangster			Kelsey Trail Sno-Riders / Carpenter's Clearwater Lodge				R4-203	
G1776	Mr.	Brad	Barr			Kelsey Trail SnoRides				OH Attendee	
G112 PL053 G1397	Mr.	Bryan	Dion			Jonair Ltd.				R3-106	Phone Line Caller
G184 G906 G1743	Mr.	Wade	Cable			Louisiana Pacific Canada Ltd.			R4-E45		
G1662	Mr.	Keith J	Dickson			Opaskwayak Business Development Corp				OH Attendee	
G566	Mr.	Orville	Doerksen			Orville Doerksen Poultry Farm Ltd.				LIC 123	
G002	Ms.	Dana	Jevremovic			Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP			R3-E40		
G1775	Mr.	Paul	Chapman			Tolko				OH Attendee	
G1777	Mr.	Doug	Hunt			Tolko				OH Attendee	
G1033	Mr.	Mike	Poddock			Tolko				OH Attendee	
G1770	Mr.	Gaird	Tomalty			Victory Nickel				OH Attendee	
PL172	Mr.	Marcel	Brissett			VP of Black & MacDondald					Phone Line Caller
G361	Mr. & Mrs.	Wes & Diane	Usick			Usick Land & Cattle Ltd.			R3-E38		
G732	Mr.	Wayne, Ken and Jon	Kaminski			WPJ Farm Ltd.				LIC 289	
G2346	Mr.	Dani	Pokornik	President		Springfield Flying Club - Lyncrest Airfield			R4-E53		

APPENDIX D

PRESENTATION MATERIALS

**[REFERENCE PRESENTATION MATERIALS BINDER FOR
MATERIALS HELD BY MANITOBA HYDRO]**

APPENDIX E

MASTER FEEDBACK LOG (MFL)

#	Location	Good Understanding of the BPIII Project?			Comments	Comments	Additional Information MH Should Consider
		Yes	No	Somewhat			
R1-1	Swan River	O			Johnson and Dyck were very helpful in giving information to everyone on a one-on-one dialogue. Made it a very personable experience		No - they seem to be covering all the bases.
R1-2	Swan River					Resident caribou herd between Swan Lake and Lake Winnipegosis; other herd south of Cedar, north of Porcupine Mountain and west of Lake Winnipegosis; crop dusters; crop irrigation	
R1-3	Dauphin	O				I think the current Provincial Government should simply state that the line routing for Bipole III has been chosen purely for political reasons. There is no economic or technical justification for the westerly route. If it is political, say so.	
R1-4	Russell	O				I don't think that our Provincial Government should be forcing Hydro to go on the West Side when it is so obviously faster, cheaper and less hassle to go on the East side.	
R1-5	Russell					Very negative feelings on the western route 1. Cost factors, 2. Less Power, 3. All weather road for First Nations. Too many reasons to forgo the Eastern Route.	
R1-6	Neepawa	O			Excellent information. Clearly outlined and explained! Resource personnel were very helpful!	We were very pleased to have the group come to Neepawa to share their vision, plans, organizational strategy with us! Thank you!	Very well laid out! Easy for us to see the planning for the project!
R1-7	Neepawa	O			The public does not understand its huge cost of its proposed west side line.	The cost of west side outweighs, cost of east side. Farm land on west side being used. Number of high voltage lines being crossed is a concern. Line losses over the west route would be higher than east route. All in all its cost of west side would put hydro in debt reflect on our hydro bill. Show poor planning on the part of the government, show little respect for spending public money by Gary Doer and his party. The open house was well laid out. Hydro employees were well informed and very helpful. Radio and TV could have been used to inform the public of open house.	People do not realize the possibility of huge power outage how wide spread.
R1-8	Neepawa	O			Public consultations an excellent idea. Good presenters.	It's an interesting project - Spin offs should benefit Manitobans. I would like additional info as to where the West line may be located.	Cost comparison East side versus West.
R1-9	Neepawa	O			The project was well defined. Hydro staff were very helpful in answering questions.	Radio and TV should be used to advertise these meetings as well as the local newspapers.	It would be beneficial to the general public if the consequences of poor reliability were more vividly depicted.
R1-10	Neepawa			O		Coming down west side is there opportunity for converter station on west side to supply power to Western Manitoba, Eastern SK if Dorsey/Riel runs into difficulties. When will route be chosen as then easier to comment? What economic benefits are there to landowners and municipal government to having the line through their property? What are drawbacks to lines on an individual's property?	

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R1-11	Neepawa		O		I am thoroughly convinced that this Bipole III is being planned in the wrong place. The increased power losses on the much longer line do not justify going the western route. Neither does the increased cost. It is a stupid stupid stupid idea.	I don't see much improvement in reliability adding approximately 600 kms to their line.	No. I do not believe this route should even be considered. Just think of the good farmland that will be destroyed with a 60 metre right of way through the Swan Valley and on by Neepawa here.
R1-12	Oak Bank	O			This new line should be built on the East Side of Lake Winnipeg.		More information on why the line is not being built on the East side. Extra costs for building on the West side (construction & line losses)
R1-13	Oak Bank	O			I now see why the West side vs. East	Very interesting display and very knowledgeable people. It's nice to see my utility keeping the people of Manitoba informed. I would like to better understand the actual transmission technology of Bipole III and DS transmission in general.	
R1-14	St. Norbert	O			Did not integrate local environment with potential site selection in immediate area. I.e. how will the line location potentially affect the newly declared Duff Roblin Park?	Hindsight is always 20/20, do you really want to locate a major reliability project on a structure that can be seen from space? Where will the ground electrode facility be located? Security issues. During the 1997 flood of the century bomb threats were made as the forebay of the floodway is Richot and due to design faults the water backs up. Despite the alteration being made to the floodway, there has been no solution offered to mitigate the backwater effect. Suggestion to put the line along the south perimeter - huge right-of-way. The Crow Wing trail is the section of Trans Canada Trail connecting Emerson to Winnipeg. At 191 km it is the longest section of TCT in Manitoba. The location of the Crow Wing is on the floodway pilot channel crossing the lip to the floodway gates. There is no other location for this important recreational infrastructure unless modifications to the floodway are made - according to the MFA no likely to happen. There is plenty of crown land buffering the physical structure of the floodway please consider locating the line there.	The Red River is a huge migratory flyway. Over 100 species use this flyway each spring and fall as their migration route. Crossing the Red River at the floodway will have an adverse effect on the bird population (rare species). There have been 6 public consultations on the development of a trail on the floodway. We do not need to put the transmission lines over the trail.
R1-15	St. Norbert	O					Why not attach Bipole III to Dorsey and transfer Bipole II to Riel?
R1-16	McCreary	O			I understand the impact of the reliability aspect.		As more information becomes available, cost comparisons of the proposed western route versus a submerged line through Lake Winnipeg would be interesting.

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		Yes	No	Somewhat			
R1-17	McCreary			O	Did not say the route which is most imperative	West side of Highway 5, the assessments are three times as high as the east side of the highway. Reason is because of soil type and topography, so the assessment branch explains. We disagree because you can farm just as good on either side but that's our assessment. You have less expenses on the east side but they know best!!!In the immediate area it's to your advantage to go from Eddystone south between Alonsa and McCreary on the east side of highway 5 as the land values are considerably less. You have 72,000 plus acres of community pasture between McCreary's, Alonsa and Langruth's pastures, which is government owned. There is mostly pasture and grassing land all through that area. Another reason for our land values to go down if you put towers on good farm land would be if we sell. You have to try to take large farming equipment around them and you leave pie shapes at both ends and it's hard to do. You will also have a caveat which involves access to your property at all times which could mean tampering with your crops. There are a lot of large operations on the west side than the east side of McCreary. Our main farm and chemical operation is one mile from McCreary and 3 miles from Riding Mountain National Park so there is not much room to spare. All land on the west side of the highway 5 is higher priced land. 3 times more than on the east side of the highway. Therefore you pay one time shot but it devalues the price you can sell your land for in the future. The new owner gets nothing. Why! See additional comments. These are some reasons we are concerned about your route. The McCreary Rural Council did not advertise your coming at all so people were busy combining and not aware you had come which doesn't say much for our council. Sorry I never sent this sooner but we have been busy farming. Thanking you in advance!	If you go West of Highway 5 you will be going to (sic) close to a lot of farm homes on the west side and we know there is loss of electricity thru (sic) those lines and what affect it has on humans in the form of health and noise factor is not fully known.
R1-18	St. Norbert	O			Well told - focused on the need not the E/W debate	Manitoba Hydro should make its own choices. Stop the micro managing by the Board.	

#	Location	Good understanding of the BPIII Project?			Comments	Comments	Most important elements to be considering in route selection
		Yes	No	Somewhat			
R2-1	Swan River	0			Excellent story boards		Environment
R2-2	Swan River	0			Project is too constrained - Bipole III study area. Open consultation and project wider (despite current government's inordinate influence by environmental groups)		1. Length - longer length = greater risk 2. Cost - I'm not willing to pay the capital cost and maintenance cost for an additional 400 km of T-line 3. Revisit a more direct route - Ont/Man border etc..
R2-3	Swan River	0				A study of all the land owners in the study area should be conducted	Impact on existing development, impact on the land and cost. To me it seems that looping across the province and back creates a much higher foot print and cost
R2-4	Swan River			0	I'm not convinced that the separation on a west route will significantly mitigate concerns for interruption due to weather events. Increased line length and proximity to escarpment features on the west side increases risk of interruption	I don't think that Manitoba and Hydro have put enough effort into mitigating concerns on an east side route. I think community interests have been traded off under political pressure and this is no longer a business decision. If the west side is realistically the only option the line should be routed with existing infrastructure corridors to mitigate impacts to undisturbed areas as they are a lesser amount of those landscapes on the west side than the east	Opportunities for communities. Impacts to landscapes. Costs to Manitoba rate payers
R2-5	The Pas	0					Keeping the public informed on why decisions were made
R2-6	The Pas	0				It should be going down the east side of Lake Winnipeg! (I am fully aware at the political reasons being given for the west side route)	Cost
R2-7	Dauphin	0					Go the shortest, cheapest route which is on the east side, as a highway is now proposed to go up the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Have the Bipole III line follow the road.
R2-8	Dauphin			0		Aboriginal consultation prior to construction, on reserve consultation	Traditional land use, environmental habitat and how it is affected. What is to be displaced and how is it to be mitigated?
R2-9	Winnipeg			0	There has never been a complete power outage in Manitoba and one incident of a near power outage does not warrant construction on the west side. Landowner and Aboriginal issues on west side as well	Manitoba government should not be designating the route. Represent all people in the province. Allow Manitoba Hydro to do its job and not interfere in the decision making. Possible east side road - have Bipole III beside it. The Bipole III would be on the east side of Lake Winnipeg - that is separate from I & II. Majority of Aboriginal on east side are in for it. East side democratic society should rule	Shortest distance, least power loss, water transport to haul in heavy material

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R2-10	Winnipeg			<input type="radio"/>	There are always more questions than answers when dealing with complex subjects.	In hindsight one can always say we should have done this or we should have done that. With that in mind we might ask ourselves " are we now doing our homework sufficiently?"Some more accurate information is needed about the difference in cost between east side versus west side lines. Example west 1350 km east 860 km. West is 60% longer. Is the cost 60% greater?	The environment is very important. Since we need a first rate highway on the east side and it is already in the planning stages. The environmental subject has been seriously distorted. A highway and a power line should not hinder a rating as a world heritage park. It will increase its rating as such.
R2-11	Winnipeg			<input type="radio"/>	The cost benefits of the western route do not appear to outweigh those for development of the eastern route. This information was not clearly spelled out	An eastern route would be a starting point and basis for opening the area and providing a number of benefits to the communities on the east side of the province. How realistic are the concerns re: American environmentalists, heritage wilderness and impact on woodland caribou. These should be manageable challenges	The shortest distance between 2 points is a straight line! What are the benefits for Aboriginal communities if the east route is chosen? This would be an opportunity of a lifetime missed if the eastern route is not chosen
R2-12	Winnipeg	<input type="radio"/>				There appears to be considerable benefit to some of the Aboriginal communities on the east side due to the road development	Cost and economic benefit to affected communities
R2-13	Winnipeg	<input type="radio"/>			Running Bipole III on the west side is sheer madness!!!		
R2-14	Winnipeg	<input type="radio"/>					Traditional/historic areas of importance (Aboriginal traditional knowledge), development constraints (physical issues - permafrost etc), limiting footprint of line / easement, critical habitats, avoiding high value forestry lands (routing through lower value stands for commercial forestry purposes)
R2-15	Winnipeg	<input type="radio"/>				Why a route along the east side cannot be found that still protects the boreal forest?	Using the shortest route to reduce continuous line losses. The stated figure of six million per year is enormous and could be used to help the Aboriginal communities on the east side
R2-16	Winnipeg			<input type="radio"/>	The east side provides a more reliable route, it should be evaluated. Presently it is known the east side is shorter, provides more separation.	The reasons to go on the east side are compelling and I am not repeating them. The regulators and permitting bodies must have all alternatives to make an informed decision. This means presenting the east side comparison. The people of Manitoba are being denied the information and are being saddled with an environmentally inferior, less reliable and more costly project. The proposed route information is no more detailed that the wide band shown last year. It is impossible to comment since no actual route is presented	The comparison with the east side route
R2-17	Winnipeg	<input type="radio"/>				The government needs to explain how it rational for choosing the west side is still valid if they build a road on the east side	Environmental protection, maximum efficiency, value for money

#	Location	Open House Helpful ?			Other Comments	Environmental, Social or Economic Issues Noted	Benefits Noted	
		Y	N	n/a				Comment
R3-1	Oakbank			O		Best Route for Agriculture		
R3-2	Oakbank	O			Questions answered and concerns heard.	Additional cost going West "huge". Political "scene" won't allow discussion on that option.	Route A - cost, length, access	Job Creation in Northern Communities, System Reliability Improved
R3-3	Oakbank			O		Please take east side.		
R3-4	Oakbank	O				Look at east side seriously		
R3-5	Oakbank	O				Should run through Lake or east side	Impact value of property	More Reliable Power
R3-6	Shoal Lake	O			Understand process much clearer now.	Who will make final decision? Will Hydro make choice that will best serve us? Will hydro costs be less than export markets pay?	A - More farm land impact B - Closer to Bipole I and II Any route will have environmental issues.	Reliability. Alternate Route is Forward Thinking
R3-7	Langruth	O					A - too much good farm land (southern) B - Good economic gain for low income area	Economic benefit. Less interruption of service. Hopefully sell some power and keep costs down
R3-8	Langruth	O			No problem with this project.			
R3-9	Langruth	O				Would like more info on payment and EMF.	Getting paid for less productive land	Constant power with less outages
R3-10	Langruth	O				We need the money 26-13-10		
R3-11	Langruth			O			Go For It	
R3-12	Steinbach	O					A - Avoid coming through Residential Areas	Separate BPIII from I & II
R3-13	Steinbach	O				East side should have been considered as an alternative - maintenance and power losses	All routes are inefficient	
R3-14	Steinbach		O		No info provided on east side alternative.	Comparison to an east side option needed - biased information. West is longer, affects more people, agriculture, and nature.	Opposed to all	Reliable power and keep usage costs down
R3-15	Steinbach	O				Should be on east side - political decision.	Route B east of Red River is preferred	
R3-16	Steinbach		O		No info provided on east side alternative.	East route could provide possible access for East side First Nations, should reconsider funds - health care & winter roads.	None are preferred - no information for eastern route.	
R3-17	Swan River	O				Still consider east side.	A - Too long C - Through forested land	Short term construction money
R3-18	Ethelbert	O					Shortest route the best route	
R3-19	Ethelbert	O			Very good informative open house		Prefer B	Reduce dependence on single Interlake route
R3-20	Dauphin	O				East side makes more sense than all west routes.	A - High construction and long term costs. Shortest/lowest cost is the route to be followed	
R3-21	Dauphin	O					Prefer B - Range & Pasture	
R3-22	Dauphin	O				East side better - would avoid agriculture and people's livelihoods.	B Makes the most sense agriculturally. C may impact farmers and health/happiness of those in the area	
R3-23	Dauphin	O					C- through too much farm land, yard sites A- too long	More power for Manitoba and export sales. Route C would bring money and jobs to the Dauphin area.
R3-24	McCreary	O				Lacks objective east side information	All routes impact agriculture and towns/dwellings.	
R3-25	McCreary		O			Go on the east side		

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		Y	N	n/a				Comment
R3-26	Portage la Prairie			O		Attendee provided aerial Sprayer contact names		
R3-27	Portage la Prairie			O			B - Less risk of icing	
R3-28	Portage la Prairie	O					Continue to supply dependable energy	
R3-29	Portage la Prairie	O			Interesting to know how line will be selected based on all the info.			
R3-30	Portage la Prairie			O		Letter submitted by R. Smith.	Promoting the 2nd ridge of the Arden Ridge	
R3-31	Elm Creek			O	No consideration of east side alternative.	Build it on the east side - job creation needed there, access to other resources.	Build in the least populated area.	
R3-32	Elm Creek	O				Stay close to lake edge on east side of Province to avoid Boreal impact, roads, transmission lines already exist there.		
R3-33	Elm Creek			O		Prefers east side as approved by PC government.		
R3-34	Elm Creek			O		Go on the east side	Take the shortest route	
R3-35	Elm Creek	O				Do not like the west side idea		
R3-36	Elm Creek	O				East side- better access and roads also increase jobs on east side of province	Select the cheapest and shortest route, effect the least people.	No benefits to the west side.
R3-37	Elm Creek	O			East side option not presented.	East side winter road route. Long term energy benefits. Agricultural land is impacted, line separation important. Economic, employment, sociological impact to people living along the route.		
R3-38	Elm Creek	O					Too much agricultural land crossed. Route A is too costly. Tornado damage risk on west routes.	Long term employment.
R3-39	Elm Creek	O				Use most direct route - east of Lake Winnipeg.	No part of any route is acceptable.	Future sales, financial spin off and construction contracts
R3-40	Elm Creek	O				Stay east of Lake Winnipeg - shorter and cheaper.	Could increase provincial income	
R3-41	Elm Creek			O		Does not make sense to go west		
R3-42	Elm Creek	O			Good forum for information, very helpful.	Line on east better. Access to parks and lands.	A - Cost, property disruption B - Better than A but costly BC3 best choice	
R3-43	Elm Creek	O			Revealed that decision to go west already made.		Error in our ways - move away from the political decision	
R3-44	Elm Creek			O	Open house was not focused on east option- no feedback would be listened to.	Line should go on the east side.	Compensation will not cover ongoing damage	Increase in exports

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		Y	N	n/a				Comment
R3-45	Elm Creek	O			Would have liked to have been consulted when the West side route decision	Concerned with highly populated areas		
R3-46	Elm Creek	O			Less valuable land on the east side.	Heavily populated area along Route B in the RM of MacDonald as well as agricultural land. EMF concerns		
R3-47	Elm Creek	O			Line should be east - unsettled non-agricultural land. Line should be reconsidered - it is expensive and destructive.	Prime farm land destruction		
R3-48	Elm Creek	O						
R3-49	Elm Creek	O			Would have preferred a mail out notification of OH.	Prefers B6 in the area - avoids his land.		
R3-50	Elm Creek		O		Needed east side information.	Line should go east. East side would provide employment and development.	Should not cross the Porcupine Hills, Duck Mountain or Riding Mountain buffer areas. Saving swamp and trees instead of prime age land.	None on west side.
R3-51	Elm Creek	O				Need to see proposed Route D - East of the lake	All routes cross agriculture land and not enough crown land.	Future power export
R3-52	Elm Creek		O		Government not answering questions, not present.		People before animals, farm land should be protected as well.	Export sales to the US
R3-53	Elm Creek	O					East side cheaper and shorter.	
R3-54	Elm Creek	O				Reconsider the eastern option.		Reliable power
R3-55	Elm Creek	O				Line should go on the east, with station east of Winnipeg.	East side or prefers B6 or BC4. Has the H-line on his land already.	Job creation
R3-56	Elm Creek	O					Social reasons should not be evaluated. Health Concerns more important. None of A B or C routes should be considered.	
R3-57	Elm Creek	O			Would like to have seen comparisons to an east route.	Does the controversy really matter? Where ever Bipole III goes Bipole IV will be on the opposite side of the province.		Employment and greater hydro exports
R3-58	Elm Creek	O				Government should reconsider east side - world heritage park won't be affected.	640 million is too much. Hospitals & doctors, roads. West side only has negative benefits.	
R3-59	Elm Creek			O		Americans will buy power if it is cheaper. Call their bluff. Go on the East side		
R3-60	Elm Creek			O		East side - in the bush on the eastern border		No benefits to the west side options
R3-61	Elm Creek	O						More power when needed
R3-62	Elm Creek	O			Wanted mapping to show homes, not just roads and sections.		Concerned with Route A - 4 page letter attached. SW 35-7-6W	
R3-63	Elm Creek	O			Mapping and staff very helpful. Food good. Should have provided hydro pens and pads.		Route A - migration patterns & Agricultural Nuisance Route BC - Nuisance	Increase in jobs as well as off shoot employment, compensation to landowners if fair, secure hydro, increased hydro income, may keep power affordable

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R3-64	Elm Creek	O			East side should be the only route considered.	Common sense route is the east; compensation package should be annual, eyesore. Agricultural impact will be unending.	no benefits on a west side line
R3-65	Elm Creek	O				3-5 miles from communities would be more acceptable	no benefits on a west side line
R3-66	Neepawa	O			Reps very helpful	A - Waterfowl and Feeding Routes, pot-hole country; west and north of Neepawa	Extra power, sales
R3-67	Neepawa			O		A - Gravel Deposits near Arden	
R3-68	Neepawa	O					
R3-69	Neepawa	O			Not consult on full range of options.	Any route acceptable if avoidance used. B, C - Mineral Deposits on Lake Agassiz Shoreline	
R3-70	Neepawa	O				Keep 1 mile away from respondents building site.	
R3-71	Neepawa	O			Believes preferred routing already selected.		Guaranteed power, sales
R3-72	Neepawa	O			Easement sketch, tower models and maps very helpful.	Project scope should be extended to SK and GTA. B -Valuable farmland near Portage la Prairie A - Easy access to SK industrial users.	Export sales
R3-73	Neepawa	O			Pictures and video very informative.	Severe weather could affect all three.	Farm land. Reliable transmission of additional power.
R3-74	Neepawa	O				Row of tree planting just east of Neepawa.	
R3-75	Neepawa	O				Would like their existing yard site distribution underground. A - Line Length B - Populated Areas Prefers BB3, BC3 and C22 routing.	
R3-76	Neepawa	O				C - 33-13-13 SW 1/2 Move westward 2 miles away from farms and people. Airstrip on second ridge road.	No local benefits.
R3-77	Neepawa	O			Keep information coming.	Info request on EMF (specific to animal reproduction) A, C - Close to natural park areas and resources. Effect on agriculture.	Ability to sell power reduces local costs. Reliability.
R3-78	Neepawa	O				Relocate 3 miles west to Sand Hills. NE 5-14-13 Building and Airstrip, 4 miles S of Hwy16.	Better power supply.
R3-79	Winnipeg		O		Nothing on east side	East Side! West Side crazy on economic, environmental, performance and social counts. The hydro board should stand up to protect both public and environmental interests.	
R3-80	Winnipeg			O		At this stage, you have already removed the best route from the selection process	Line should be on east side of lakes. Almost all environmental issues support this.
R3-81	Winnipeg		O		No information regarding cost difference between east and west. I hope the NDP government loses the next election.	Putting the line on the east side would benefit building a road for the native reserves-badly needed. Loss power loss in a shorter line. The environmental impact is highly overblown.	Main benefit would be to the manufacturers and suppliers of the extra material for the longer length of line on the west side of the province.

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R3-82	Winnipeg	O			Good open house. Good content and support team. Bad choices and options for consideration. Need to be upfront on the incremental costs of alternatives that are not being considered.	Even though you are not planning to go down the east side I believe some information should be shown about the rationale for excluding the option. The selection criteria does not show a benefit or goal to minimize life cycle costs.	Would like East side comparison. Route A is too long and through too many parks. Route B - Shortest route which would minimize cost and uses less valuable land. Follow road allowances as much as possible. Route C - Like route in the North along Wuskwatim - Herblet Lake RoW	Reliability. Paralleling benefits. Posters/Storyboards could summarize some of the benefits of each route.
R3-83	Winnipeg	O				The east side option still seems to be the most logical route.	Route A appears to have the highest impact in terms of affecting remote areas. Route C appears to be the most preferential route in terms of following existing infrastructure.	
R3-84	Winnipeg	O				Obvious one - wrong side of lake. Requires more depth than an hour "open house"	Pick the shortest route. Pick a route that has the least East-West alignment.	
R3-85	Winnipeg	O				I firmly believe that Route A/B/C is wasteful of resources and counterproductive. Longer than the east side of Lake Winnipeg leads to excess line loss, more cost per km, and generally a poor political decision.		Economic growth, low hydro rates for citizens.
R3-86	Winnipeg	O			Well detailed and simple to the point. No technical mumbo jumbo that only (illegible) would understand.	Go Ahead. (NOTE FROM TJ - Please refer to Comment sheet directly. Very difficult to read comment sheet. Legibility not there at times)	Route A: Possible wind lash, keep away from habitat areas even small centres but encroaches on Forest Reserves and some First Nation reserves. Route B: closest to Interlake. Less visible from main highways. Route C: I much prefer this route because it provides security, bypasses federal lands, More direct route, less turns and twists, much of the land is escarpment.	More preparedness for power outages, reassurance of Manitoba Stakeholders.
R3-87	Winnipeg	O			3 check marks. Best take home handouts for further thought. Contact info and web address are included.	A/B/C all avoid the potentially disastrous (time delay, money) consequences of aboriginal incursions, through non reserve land may have aboriginal "significance".	Route A seems to cross more WMAs as compared to B & C. B7C seem to effectively avoid sensitive areas as compared to A. Private land crossing - B is the least invasive.	Increased capacity from BP I & II. Backup power in case of catastrophic outages.
R3-88	Winnipeg	O			Still not as impressed as I would be if it was down the East Side.	Why has the government not been honest about not considering the East route?	Route A: too close to Saskatchewan. Vulnerable to prairie storms. Route B & C: storm danger, too much loss, twice as expensive as east side. A/B/C too much Farmland affected.	One more Bipole Good. Build Bipole 4 on Route D down the East side of the Province.
R3-89	Winnipeg		O		Not enough detail on the vegetation and wildlife aspects of each route.	The people at the open house should be better informed of the environmental information.	Route A: Issues with Porcupine and Duck Mountain forest reserves. Route B: Bird Fly area near B4-B5 areas. Route C: seems to be the best with the limited information provided.	

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R3-90	Shellmouth Boulton	O			Why not down the East side of Lake Winnipeg?	Potential Loss of Ag. Land for all routes. Suggests the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Cost to purchase land.	None where you have proposed it. Prohibitive extra costs as opposed to a route on the east side of Lake Winnipeg	
R3-91	Minitonas	O				Route A: Least desirable through the Swan Valley. Passing through Prime farmland. Numerous rural and farm residential property. Route B: Most desirable. Lowest value farmland with fewest residences.	Job Creation, System Redundancy	
R3-92	Minitonas	O			Good Presentation. Your staff handled the info well and answered good questions.	None of the west side routes are acceptable. The 2-3 billion extra going on the west side could be spent on health care or reducing deficits.	There would be more if not on west side.	
R3-93	Ethelbert	O			Well presented and answered a lot of councils questions	Loss of Land use. Financial compensation. Health Issues	Economic benefit. Hydro security in even of major storms	
R3-94	Web	O			The information was very good and interesting. The presenters were friendly and great to talk to.	If we truly want to discuss options, the East side must be presented. The presentation deflects east side discussion. Alternative route map legend covers the most obvious route corridor	One route being presented. Least suitable land for Agra business. Most populated routes. Minimal and temporary economic gain during construction. Aesthetics and working around a tower.	Necessary for security of energy supply and economical gain. Improve position to draw manufacturing and stimulate growth.
R3-95	Web		O		The maps I accessed did not clarify whether or not routes A of C would be following PR 352.	I live on PR 352. I have chosen the inconvenience of living 20 miles from Neepawa for the peace, quiet, and natural beauty of the environment I call home. Part of the beauty of where I live is the fact there are no visible hydro lines in the view from my front room window and that is how I wish the environment I live in to remain. I have no desire for the place I call home to be altered by the presence of massive hydro poles and wires.	A: Disruption of large tracts of Ag. Land and natural habitat. Social psychological impact of disrupting the environment - people's homes. Scarring the land and ruining the natural beauty of the rural landscape. B: Possible impact on Lake Manitoba. C: Disruption of large tracts of Ag. Land and natural habitat.	I am presently satisfied with the delivery of my hydro - I am not seeking new and improved at the cost of scarring the natural world and rural landscape.
R3-96	Web	O				Everyone knows that the line should have gone down the east side of the province, but it is too late to correct that now.	Option B6 is not acceptable, as running such a line diagonally through prime agricultural land would cause extreme disruption to crop production. Placing towers in the middle of farmers' fields also increase the chances of collisions and tower damage. Totally Unacceptable.	We know we need it.
R3-97	RM of Lawrence	O				No.	Route A: added unnecessary costs Route B: Preferred except BC3 due to agricultural crop land. B will cross mostly crown lands. Route C: No concerns	Future energy costs and export of excess energy.
R3-98	Rosburn	O				I still think that the east route makes more sense, saves money, cuts down on line loss and should be a decision based on fact and logic and not the fears of the minority whom are not Manitoban.		

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R3-99	RM of Grey		O		I was unable to make an informed decision on the previous page due to lack of information.	[Staff contacted participant and provided him with the information that he requested.]		
R3-100			O			I recommend that Route B is the option chosen excluding sub route B. Less Farm Land will be impacted by this route and it follows a more direct path than the other two options.	Route B: Fewer people live along this path - less residual health complications. Sub route B will again bring the lines closer to residents. Don't feel that cutting across quality farm land is the best route to take. B is more direct than the other options (excluding sub route)	
R3-101	Silver Creek	O				The lines should be placed in the shortest route, being more cost effective, affecting the least amount of people and the least amount of hydro loss which would save money every year.	Route A: Not favourable as it goes through 2 provincial parks and covers more land area than any other proposed routes. Too much valuable farm land. This will cause the property value to decrease substantially as well as lower production because of acreage lost.	
R3-102	Elm Creek	O				Please ask yourself, would I want this pole and this electricity going over my land and home? If you are honest you would make the right decision and build it east of Lake Winnipeg where the fewest people will be affected. Ludicrous to go all the way to the west side to come back to Winnipeg. You avoid first nation land why not avoid farm land. What about health issues regarding living close to the line. Again, people are treated worse than trees or animals. Could power be brought to all first nation reserves on the east side instead of relying on diesel?	Animals will adapt to the east side of Lake Winnipeg where there is little population quite easily. Farmers will be affected. People living near the line. Will telecommunication be affected by this? A lot more population will be affected on the proposed route than if you went east of Lake Winnipeg. Why not build it on the shortest route, save millions on power loss.	
R3-103	Ste. Rose	O			Staffing at the open house was very helpful	It would have been nice to go east side in order to give improved road access to some remote areas and also the considerable reduced cost. But I understand the idea of security etc. as to Bipole I & II.	Route B: Distance kept away from residential areas as much as possible. Health Issues along lake Manitoba. Route B: Employment opportunities during construction for local people.	Separating the Bipole III from I and II for security etc. Future of Manitoba Hydro- sale of power. 2nd converter site.
R3-104	Elm Creek	O				1) How do we spray sunflowers on wet years with plane? 2) GPS inconvenience and interference also with GPS tower. 3) Weeds spreading to field 4) Irrigation impossible. We had an H line burn because of the 7 foot weeds.	All routes heavily populated. Health issues. Weeds. Extra fuel and chemicals needed to farm. No economic benefits. It is not possible to farm properly with towers on field.	Benefits only if kept on East side of Lakes.
R3-105	Elm Creek		O		Still doesn't seem logical to go on the west side of the lakes.	Nobody wants to build a business or home under or close to a giant hydro line. Will not be able to spray fields by plane, will not be able to efficiently irrigate fields, and may cause GPS interference.	A/B/C: Causes damage to agricultural land. Extra fuel and fertilizer cost. Heavily populated. Health issues. Harm further development and cause economic problems.	No benefits.

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R3-106	Portage la Prairie	O			Happy that Hydro is not using the towers with the guy wire on Ag. Land	Should go on the East side of Province!!!	Try to minimize going across farmland on angles, re. St. Claude area for A/B/C	
R3-107	Shoal Lake	O					Route A: Travels through the Porcupine Forest Reserve and the fringe of the Duck Mountain Provincial Park. Both present concern for damage to wildlife habitat and forest. Route C: All First Nation Communities - careful and considerate building to ensure minimal damage to their way of life.	If building Plan A it keeps good separation from Bipole I and II. The possibility of an E-W grid may be able to use the Plan A Better.
R3-108	Thompson	O				Our company is concerned that the proposed Bipole III route locations are contiguous with our mineral tenure in Northern Manitoba and we believe that MH must continue to have dialogue not only with firms that operate mines in Manitoba but also with junior exploration companies that have registered mineral tenure with the Manitoba Mines Branch.	Route A: Less potential to impact other resource activities.	
R3-109	Elm Creek	O			It turned a concern into a nightmare.	Why would you ever consider the west side over the east? There is probably as much or more forest and wildlife on the west side route.	Agricultural interference, too expensive and long. It seems natives' wildlife and certain forests are more important than rural people. Weather problems related on west side.	This project done properly could supply power for local and export purposes.
R3-110	Neepawa	O			The contact person provided us with a very informative tour	Route C: Follows Highway 10 and would make servicing handy. These lines are aesthetically unpleasing but a necessary evil so it is important to place them where they do the least long term environmental damage not where they do the least political damage.	Route A: Invasive species on cut line, bird strikes, negatively affect tourism, most environmentally damaging. Route B: Species diversity high along shore, moisture off the lake and ice, too close to Bipole I and II. Route C: best route because it is through agricultural land and is already degraded and not a major migration corridor. Good distance from parks and lakes.	Reliability of Supply and short term employment.
R3-111	McCreary	O			It was a very good display of information and comments received were clear and knowledgeable.	We feel that the east side is the best route to go (i.e. east side of Lake Winnipeg).	Route A: much longer, SW Ag. zone, Forest reserve destruction, first nation concerns Route B: Better route, land is marginal except southern portions Route C: Forest Reserve concerns, close to parks, lots of good agricultural land, heavily populated.	Another line is needed in case something happens to the other lines.

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R3-112	Elm Creek	O			<p>Yes. This project is running completely on the wrong side of the province. "Go West" was the direction of a century ago. Today is "go east" poor man. All I hear that our hydro costs are rising. Is this to begin paying for these new lines? What benefit, if any, do we get from this line?</p> <p>Information on Bipole III selection process, your concern is Parks, wildlife, First nation Lands, habitat, species risk, security risks, is separated from Bipole I and II. TransCanada Pipeline runs many lines side by side for 60 years (security risks?). Prime Ag farmers not as important as species, parks or brush land. Run the line by farm yards that's OK we're only farmers.</p>	<p>Route A: Prime farm land, people and homes, unaffordable route. Route B: lot less miles and less prime Ag. Land. Start saving Manitoba millions. Route B6 is even shorter but is still prime farm land. Route C: more farm animals than wildlife, still unaffordable.</p>	Adequate amount of Hydro for years to come but completely unaffordable to the Province of Manitoba.
R3-113	Dauphin		O		<p>I need a more detailed view online to see where exactly Route C will be going South East of Dauphin along Riding Mountain National Park.</p> <p>Build it in unpopulated areas where people don't have to look at it. Route C will ruin the view of the park and affect hunting and tourism north of the park. What a stupid idea to build it along a national Park. Ask Inky Mark what he thinks. NW 33-23-18</p>	<p>Route A: Too much money, too much line loss - you will never make it back with the additional cost of a longer route. Route B: Build this one it wont affect the populated areas. Route C: Why ruin the view from Hwy 5 to RMNP - will ruin entry to Dauphin. Tourism affected - Hunting will occur on the corridor and increase poaching in the RMNP Biosphere reserve.</p>	
R3-114	Mossey River	O				<p>Route A: Through the Porcupine Forest Reserve and Duck Mountain Provincial Park and Reserve. Encompasses vast areas of prime agricultural lands. Route B: Less prime Ag. Land and more marginal agriculture. Route C: encompasses much marginal Ag. Lands.</p>	A secure alternative to the Bipole I & II in the sense that there is sufficient distance between them.
R3-115					<p>The Bipole III project presumes the general public (taxpayer) is ignorant of the possibility and economic feasibility of using the currently EXISTING route for the 230 kV line on eh east side of Lake Winnipeg.</p> <p>It excludes the existing Manitoba Hydro 230 kV Transmission Line on the east side of Lake Winnipeg (the most economical one). Fewer the 500 First Nations Persons would be affected and the World Wild Life Assn. of NEW YORK should have NO Interference WITH CANADIAN JURISDICTIONS.</p>	<p>All routes: Too costly when a less costly route is available on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.</p>	It becomes a "make-work" project for some
R3-116		O			<p>After reviewing the map, I believe Route A would be the best route. Running the line down the west side of the province would give hydro easy access into Saskatchewan and the formation of a prairie province electrical grid.</p>		

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R3-117					<p>It was a huge surprise for most residents south/southwest of Winnipeg. As all the media thus far has been about the exporting potential that this provides to the province, so it was assumed it would go directly south to the border for export to the US. The open house nor the website addressed the safety issues that John Roschuk referenced in his Winnipeg Free press article dated September 19th 2009 - stray ground currents and flashovers etc. I would like more information on these issues and how the govt/hydro are addressing these issues in their plans.</p>	<p>Question: Why is the new converter site east of Winnipeg? If you must go down the west side, why not go straight to the border and construct the converter site on the southern border? It would shorten the distance and thus the cost. Comment: Shame on you Manitoba Hydro for allowing such an illogical idea (in other words - Stupid idea) as this to get this far - I would think that the top manager at Hydro would have the integrity to withstand the pressure of government - that is what he is getting paid to do - to make "power smart" decisions in the best interests of all taxpayers and Manitobans.</p>	<p>Route A/B/C: Agriculture, flashovers, lightning. Wrong side of the Flood Dike - subject to flooding, erosion and accessibility east of PTH #3. Loss of Acreage, GPS intrusion, no profit sharing agreements, weeds infested poles, added farming cost. 650M extra for all lines. Radiation issues to bird and wildlife.</p>	<p>Unless the farmer/landowner in a 5-10 mile radius of the line are included in a profit sharing model with Hydro, I see absolutely no benefit for the local citizens - only negatives.</p>
R3-118						<p>The only logical route is down the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Any other choice would result in the persons making that decision being guilty of gross dereliction of its duties and responsibilities to the people of Manitoba.</p>		
R3-119					<p>Understand need for more energy production. What happened to the Environment and Going Green? Heard it called a make work project so that Hydro can do more tax grabs and cost customers more money once again screwing the people who are just trying to get along so that we can pay all the costs we have already. In this economical environment let's look after who will be left to pay for these projects. Perhaps we should all just abandon our homes farms businesses and go on welfare. This would really help the economy municipally, provincially and federally.</p>	<p>Route A: This is prime farm land that helps feed this and other provinces. Farmers have been working hard to make the land and crop, animal production more and more environmentally friendly. The costs for these improvements have been wholeheartedly embraced and assisted by my provincial and federal taxes. Get a grip people. The Swan Valley is one of the most productive farm and ecotourism and scenic areas around and you would consider destroying all of this for what? Route C: Seems most viable route and a straighter route to sub stations near Winnipeg.</p>	<p>None Really.</p>	

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R3-120	Rosburn	O					West side A/B/C are not an option. I feel all routes being west side with no option of east side is out of the question. All are redundant	
R3-121	Rosburn	O					All three western routes are longer than an east side route. Therefore the risk is greater than an earlier route would be.	An additional route to transmit power is needed to guarantee that power would be available in case of an emergency caused by nature or terrorism.
R3-122	Rosburn	O					Social and Economic benefits are greater if you go east side of Lake Winnipeg and save 600M\$. This is a debt of \$600 dollars for every man woman and child in Manitoba. Use it to build a road up the east side.	Use east side!
R3-123	Rosburn	O			No mention is given of the line size (MW) capacity. No mention if it will be in reality 2 separate lines for each Bipole I & II (i.e. 460 kV and 500kV)	First Nations continually ask for access to the outside world to improve their station in life. The east route would vastly give them the chance.	(A/B/C) From Herb's Landing right down to Riding Mountain the route will impact on pristine useable land rich in tourism, resources and recreation. For B & C more agri. Land affected. All routes are totally uneconomic, too many line losses and extra cost.	Bipole III is all about reliability and profit. Losing 25% of all power converted is idiotic. Doer is gone but this idea could be permanent.
R3-124	Rosburn			O		1.5 miles from home. Why not go through unpopulated areas?	1)Health Effects 2)Agricultural Effects 3)Aesthetics	
R3-125	Brandon	O			Now I know I think they are nuts.	Shortest route please and cheapest. Hydro is Green Power.		
R3-126	Rosburn	O				East side makes the most economical since and the least environmental impact.	No issues with route B. Too much Ag. Land crossed on A and C. Should not route through the Duck Mountain Provincial Park.	More Hydro Electric power to sell to USA. Another line in place other than Bipole I & II
R3-127	Rosburn	O				If Route A is chosen, I for one will take the Manitoba Government and Manitoba Hydro to arbitration on land easements and know all my neighbours will too. We will tie this project up indefinitely. A wise person would choose a route on the east side of the lakes.	Should not be allowed to cross either the Porcupine or Duck Mountain forest reserves. It would have a direct effect on prime agricultural land. There would be a negative effect on land values. There is, despite your so called studies, a negative health effect from living in close proximity to this line.	
R3-128	Rosburn	O			I think more public information meetings will be required to inform all rate payers on the proposal and their costs both short and long term	I believe that the most economically efficient route is the only choice that works. For initial cost and greatest long term return on investment. It should be a clear decision.	A) Most productive agricultural lands, greater population, negative economic and social impact B) Least amount of land owners and their livelihood, most economical choice for the establishment C) Land owner livelihood, diverse and variable lands. Falls in-between A & B for choice	I fail to see a benefit that is great enough to offset the additional construction costs and increased revenue losses to the added length of Route A.

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R3-129	Brandon	O			The information laid out at the meeting and Gerry Neufeld's explanation provided sufficient knowledge to me a comfort level knowing that Manitoba Hydro is being sensitive to all issues regardless of where Bipole III is eventually built.	The OH was helpful and provided helpful information.	Prefers east side routing option. Added cost and more towers needed. Concerned with the 5 caribou herds on the west side corridor, more boreal forest on the west side and loss of 40 Mw.	The benefits become very obvious when you see the diagrams and hear Mr. Neufeld speak; a reliable and sustainable source of power and the opportunity to be able to export the excess to the USA. A Win Win situation.
R3-130	Elm Creek	O			Many of us in the St. Claude, Elm Creek area were more interested in how they might be affected by the Bipole Routing. For sure I did because I do not want the Bipole near me or even to see it. Our area is forested and has natural prairie grass, marshes, creeks and streams. Further North and south there is cultivated farm land	A western route isn't environmentally friendly either comparing to the east. Line losses mean more generation to compensate - another environmental negative. A western route affects more population who would rather not see the line on or near their land or in a protected area. I do not want to have the Bipole near or on my land.	Route A: through Porcupine Forest reserve, not environmentally sound to sacrifice for towers. Elm Creek to St. Claude, prairie grasses, marshes, streams and creeks (home to virgin land), Would be disruptive to wildlife, migratory bird concerns. Removal of trees and vegetation will permit erosion and affect streams and drainage. Route B & C would disrupt farmers but would be minimal as compared to route A.	Power from Northern Manitoba to southern customers, work for contractors, local economic boost during construction, economic boost to land owners.
R3-131	Rosburn	O				I feel that where ever the line will be built a onetime payout is not satisfactory. This is a long term deal and I feel that there should be annual royalties paid and they should be ties directly to inflation.	I am referring to the area near Inglis which is in between the Asessippi Provincial Park and the Riding Mountain National Park. There has been significant work done to the tourism industry in this area and I feel this line would be detrimental to the industry. Cropable land - I feel it will make working the land more difficult and dangerous and more expensive.	Having a third line would increase the reliability of the service Hydro Could Provide
R3-132	Portage la Prairie - MAAA Meeting	O				Have the new Hydro Line built on the east side of Lake Winnipeg to help the native people with the new road being built	Yes this line maybe in my back yard (Carman - Homewood). East side of Lake Winnipeg.	
R3-133		O				I have never heard a good reason why we should not lay the line under L. Winnipeg	B2 looks like a good alternative. I do not like the fact that the Porcupine Forest would be cut through.	Redundancy to the grid

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R3-134						I have travelled on the eastern side of the lake as well as up Number 6. It would make absolutely no sense to take the west route now that Selinger is wanting to spend 75 million to develop an all weather road up through Berens River and beyond. Having travelled through the area the economic impact for the communities on the east side would be immense.		
R3-135	Inglis				I now know how this project was going to be pushed ahead without most people having the correct knowledge of how it will impact our lives, the lives of our animals, the lives of our children and grandchildren in the future	Why would you do a project like this down the west side of the province when it is going to cost so much more money than it would going down the east side. If farmers or business people ran their operation that way, they would soon be broke.	I do not feel there will be any good issues with this line down the west side of the province, there is already an issue with decreased with rates for the caribou in the north, so what about the cattle and sheep farmers that pasture near or under this proposed line or do they not matter? It is the farmers that feed you, so I think it would be a good idea if they had some consideration as to how their livestock are going to be impacted by a project such as this.	The only benefit to another line is to be able to get sell power to the US but it is a shame that the farmers of Manitoba have to suffer in order to benefit the US. They never do anything to benefit Canada much less Manitoba.
R3-136							I'm assuming that the Dufresne route is C, I can't find a detailed map to locate where exactly the line will be going. I don't want to live anywhere near it. I'm worried I won't be bought out and will not be able to sell my property. I know I would not buy anything so close to the Bipole lines. I'm sure it does in the rest of our community after closing hwy 1 for 2 summers has had its effect.	Money for Hydro.
R3-137							St. Claude - there is a community co-op trying to start a Wind Farm. Some of the land used for the Bipole 3 is already promised to the Wind Farm for towers. This would interfere with the co-op and a Green Energy Initiative. St. Claude region - the town has the opportunity to boost their economy and to start Green projects for themselves. The Bipole 3 would negatively impact land dedicated to towers.	None, this line is going to cost more to build, and be less effective, since there is more power lost in longer lines. More people will be affected.

#	Location	Open House Helpful ?				Other Comments	Environmental, Social or Economic Issues Noted	Benefits Noted
		Y	N	n/a	Comment			
R3-138				O		I am livid, that I just this week received notice that my land is affected by one of the routes for Bipole III. It makes no sense to route the transmission lines through our area, only to turn back towards Winnipeg. My land is affected by route B, as far as I can tell, although the package I received from Manitoba Hydro did not specify. I am in the process of building a house on this property, and now I find within a year, my land may be expropriated for this project. Am I supposed to put my life on hold with Hydro decides who's home they are going to destroy? I will do everything in my power to work against this project. It is not in the best interest of anyone but your corporation	Social issues - waste of agricultural land and forcing people from their homes. Eyesore and health concerns due to EMF pollution.	none

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R4-1	Flin Flon	I am interested in Bipole III transmission line being completed	Positive Impact only		
R4-2	Birch River	Agree with the development as proposed	Very positive for Manitoba, gives an opportunity to export (near the Pas) west to Saskatchewan and Alberta. The farther north you are, the less distance to the west provinces (say Fort McMurry). The only negative - it should have happened years ago.	The jobs created, and the potential for cheap, renewable power, and the possible export of Hydro Power (Green) to whoever offsets any possible negative impact.	Very informative, answered any questions we had
3	Cowan	Shorter and less costly on East Side	Create jobs in area. Poles in way of Ag practices.	Probably very hard to do more.	
4	Langruth	I strongly prefer a route on the east side of Lake Winnipeg			
5	Ste. Rose	Looks good - Hydro has done a great job at accommodating interest groups, as I see it	No doubt some people "could" be negatively impacted but one must consider the overall benefits to MB.		
6		No I do not			
7	Ste. Rose	I like the preferred route	Positive - employment. Negative - nature effects	Be very conscience when constructing the line in the bush	
8	Ste. Rose				
9	Ste. Rose				Good food.
10	Ste. Rose	No			The line is needed, I'm on board
11	Ste. Rose	Probably should be built on the east side of Lake Winnipeg	Cost to build and operate will be higher on west side. Will be a pain in the butt for grain farmers	Build on the east side in conjunction with an all weather road would be a cost benefit for both Hydro and freight cost to eastern First Nations.	
12		The proposed route through the municipality that have farm land in looks like it passes through very marginal agricultural lands - will not adversely affect much of anything.			
13	Minitonas	When it comes to Agricultural land - you must look at the farmer and understand that the magnetic field does not affect the land owner.	Be cautious with "Health" and property.	Done with caring for the landowner and the related magnetic affect while farming that particular area.	For us this route is the preferred one and we are grateful that the porcupine forest does not need to be disturbed.
14	Winnipegosis	I believe this is the best route.	Positive for the economy of the Village of Winnipegosis.		This route mitigates most concerns and is the least expensive. It has the least amount of population (towns, farms) therefore less in compensation.

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15	Treherne, Portage la Prairie, Haywood	No comment on entire route. S9, S10 - as RM councillor, I have heard no negative responses to the line	Positive - route follows existing access by road for the most part. Negative - aerial crop spraying	Just keep communicating. Eventually people will get used to it. We have a road named after a transmission line. Everyone knows it as: "The H line"	Having attended numerous meetings over the last few months, most of the critics' questions have been answered. I commend you for that. I live 3/4 of a mile from the proposed line.
16	Minitonas	Good to see it moved to low use land.	Support and construction is positive.		
17	Minitonas	No	Economic development for communities		
18			Employment (positive). Wildlife habitat (negative).	I would like to see minimum impact on the environment. My concern is to allow the species to continue to thrive in habitats.	
19	Winnipegosis		Positive - Employment. Negative - Impact on forest and wildlife	Employment - smaller contracts - more contractors. Wildlife - basic land use only, cleanup of job sites, replacement of soil etc.	Good Job advertising
20	Winnipegosis	None	I am concerned about how construction will affect my operation, time of year, length of construction.	I can minimize the effects if I am well informed of the time when construction will begin and how long it will last.	
21	Minitonas	Makes sense where you are going.	Very little.	same	Keep up your good work.
22	Minitonas	Choose the route that stay off agricultural land as much as possible	Really makes it awkward for farming machinery to get around - weed control is bad.		Would like maps 44 - 47
23	Minitonas	Will this line service Alberta and Saskatchewan market?	Extra cost is a concern to many - but I believe it is well spent.	Public education.	
24	Minitonas				
25	Minitonas			What about chemical for around poles H-Line - broad leafs	Mail map (completed)
26	Minitonas	Glad it's not "C" through agricultural land.			Thank you for keeping us informed. Too bad more people weren't here to learn more.
27	Winnipegosis		None		See the reasons why the west side was selected.
28	Winnipegosis	Good idea.	Positive - financial aid and possible jobs.		
29	Winnipegosis		Local jobs, community development	pay well	good presentation, listened to all concerns
30					

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31		The line should not cross Ralls Island (east of the Pas). It should be on the east side of the river impacting virtually no one.	Wildlife populations will be negatively impacted because of increased poaching. Areas that were difficult to access in the past will be available to anyone with an ATV. This destroys solitude and the reward of wilderness once felt when accessing remote areas.	These impacts cannot be mitigated - the line will destroy wilderness - absolutely.	Though I don't own any private land impacted by the line, I like all taxpayers "own" the crown land. In that regard you are planning to cross 908 km of my land. Like all taxpayers, I deserve to be compensated.
32	Steinbach	When I heard what the difference in cost to bring it west of the lake instead of the shorter route east of the lake, I needed to find out why it seemed to me it was one more political decision.		It seems that Manitoba Hydro has included most of them as they planned the project, (according to your reps I met today).	Manitoba Hydro reps provided us with a lot of information we needed to know since the new transmission line will cross our property line.
33	Brunkild	I feel the whole line should be on the east side of Lake Winnipeg because it is shorter, more economical, much less interference in people's lives, agricultural land is the wrong place and the yearly power loss would be less.	All towers have a negative impact on agricultural land - a big nuisance for machinery during seeding, spraying, harvest and field work operations. Who will control the weeds under and around the towers?	N/A	The west route appears to be a 100% political decision can't agree with it at all.
34					Strongly opposed to West side. Not interested in compensation.
35	Carman		Will make farming very difficult. Same land at Brunkild having dikes on them - too much to go around - significantly reduces the value of the farmland. Will farmland ownership let foreign clients buy more food with proceeds paid?		People manage for a # of foreign clients. Significant # of other clients will be detrimentally affected. What are the income tax implications of the compensation? What are the approx damages for tower disturbance of use? Why are we going on the west side instead of the east at a great deal less, cost and disturbance? Foreign clients need to be allowed to purchase additional land with proceeds - will decrease rental income - Farmland Ownership Act.
36	Ste. Anne				Initial route would have gone through our property, which has wet land habitat. Also affected our building plans, now route is going around our property.
37	Dufresne	Use the proper east route			Stay off my land.
38	Ste. Anne	West side provides little opportunity to east side residents. West side increases resources required for construction. West side significantly increases emissions.	Less opportunity for development of native communities on east side. To develop economies, roads and cheap sources of energy are required. To deny these two services to these communities is tantamount to keeping them in abject poverty.	East side route will provide (potentially) access to communities not currently serviced. Build it on the East side.	

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39	Ste. Anne	Line should be on the east side of the lakes.	I think the line could benefit communities on the east side by bringing employment and roads to the area.	The economic impact would be reduced if the line went down the east side of the lake because the distance of the line would be greatly reduced.	
40	Ste. Anne				Health concerns in the years to come. No one will ever know
41		You need to prepare an in-depth study of the health effects of living near a power line. This needs to be informative enough that people totally understand the effects and be HONEST.			
42	Ste. Anne	Looks good	Employment. Good to have extra line for power to supply Manitoba.		
43	Ste. Anne	Serious concerns about added costs of west side; especially since east side people should, sooner or later, get an east side road.	Costs higher than need be, so more coal will burn in USA. Because of wasted energy on west side. Will there be a need for Bipole IV? If yes, where will it go?		
44		I think that an East side route is preferable; Much cheaper - fewer people being disturbed.			Very thorough information provided. Very good informer (Trevor)
45					B/c wildlife
46	Ste. Agathe	Can the lines handle climate change? Ice must - to live through 12 days of no power on the south shore of Montreal. We are getting warmer with wet snow. Don't want whole like to go down.	Very concerned about water quality for the lakes and all the damming. Water should be slowed down going into the lakes as it is killing the water energy itself. Too many diversions.	Like it on the west side. You are only a VIRGIN once, SVP, stay out of the east side. Somewhere has to stay WILD for our great grandchildren. Staying on property road lines already and not of nesting of migrating paths.	Make hydro poles tops and sides that could accumulate snow - since to it slips off like a metal roof for solar powered knobs. Stops, so whole lines do not go down. Likes the RM payments - should benefit the whole length of time that the line is being used.
47	Ste. Agathe	Political interference / will driving the overall costs up.		Would prefer to have seen the route go the most direct/shortest/cheapest route possible - East of lakes.	Would have preferred to see the line go down the east side to utilize/maximize the fact that millions of dollars are being spent there already. Also to minimize impacts on farmlands and reducing the overall length of the line. (less costs to be recovered by Hydro customers)

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48	Ste. Agathe	As a tax payer, I cannot support idea of the additional cost. I find that you put a very low value (not monetary) on farmland. We lose on possibility of developing eastern Manitoba and help first nations with highways etc. I cannot agree with the argument that the Americans are concerned on how we treat the environment. Their ways simply have no concern for the environment.		By going east of the lakes.	I feel that the NDP Gov't has to represent the people, their tax dollars properly.
49	Carman	Impact on agricultural land. It's effect on wildlife habitats.	Lack of habitats for wildlife. Destruction of farmland.		
50	Carman	The overall cost is a concern. When millions of dollars can be saved it is hard to understand the logic of the government. As a standalone corporation - they (hydro) should be allowed to have mono influence in the decision.			
51	Carman				It would be shorter and cheaper to go on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
52	Elm Creek	I wish to see it east of Lake Winnipeg for economic reasons.			Height of the combine unloading auger (Gleaner make) when it swings out may be close to bottom of the line during worst possible situation. May need to have higher lines. Distance of tower from right of way is too narrow for my sprayers - 108'.
53	Elm Creek				The cost of the proposed route is a waste of tax payer's dollars; the east side route would be cheaper. If the rural people in Manitoba could have voted on it, they would oppose it and they are most in tune to nature. More people are affected then that 1/2 m from route.
54	Elm Creek		It will take away from value of farm land it crosses.		
55	Elm Creek	Route is too long and too expensive on the west side so go to the east please. The line is coming too close by our home.		If you go east, not so many people have to suffer.	

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56	Elm Creek	The eastern route would cost less, be shorter and more direct to the converter station.	Human health is a concern near the power lines. GPS and operation of large agricultural machinery will be negative. Cost is too high compared to the eastern route - good economic impact.	Health impacts can be avoided by eastern route. Agriculture concerns minimized by eastern route. Cost can be reduced by eastern route.	
57	Brunkild	Should go on the east side of the lakes. Shorter route cost less. Doesn't interfere with prime agriculture land.	Devalue lower resale value of agricultural land.	Go on the east side of the lakes.	
58	Brunkild	Only about 1/4; the SW corner, of our province is fertile farm land. (1/4 is generous) every year more and more farm land is taken out of production. It will not sustain the world's population. Since when is wooded, uninhabited swamp land more important than feeding the world?		Change to the eastern route. They are proud to say it is some of the most "natural/undisturbed land" in North America. Well time to disturb it. There are acres and acres of undisturbed land around Northern Manitoba and the lakes, why disturb farm land?!	Is an insult to farmers - comments by Hydro "Cash-strapped farmers will welcome settlement". If farmers were in it for the cash - it would no longer exist in MB. Farming is a pride in working the land and feeding the world.
59		It should be on the east side.			We better not be taxed on the payment. Do not say we are getting a lump sum and probably will not be taxed, if we get taxed, we will not be happy.
60	Carman				Why have there not been a pros and cons of Bipole III and an East Side route for a new transmission line. All we are having is the decided route chosen by the NDP government and what is the best option. This is unacceptable. Common sense has just been dropped. I know somehow, I and all Manitobans are going to pay for this in the future.
61	Portage la Prairie	Not at this time	Ecosystem, environment.		
62	Portage la Prairie	Good job in selecting route B.	Increasing reliability of line and potential revenue for the province, especially for west side of Manitoba developments and sales to Saskatchewan, Alberta and Midwest States.	The Province has attempted to mitigate any negative impacts. One suggestion would be to emphasize that cost on the B (west) route are on balance less than building on east side of lake Winnipeg (highway costs, maintenance costs, etc).	Excellent presentation. Exceptionally knowledgeable presenters. Good research. This has totally changed my analysis and converted me (pardon the electrical joke!) to supporting the preferred "B" route.
63	Portage la Prairie	Health effects. No considerations to the east side of Lake Winnipeg as you were concerned that you did not want to be close to Bipole 1 and 2. And it looks like you are closer than if you were on the east side.	Positive construction, negative affect agriculture land. They don't make it anymore. Unknown health affects, cost to Manitoba people.	Use non-agricultural land. Reduce the cost/shorter route.	Why did you not look at alternatives? The cost is huge and should be a concern (not your money) should look at all options not what someone says. Seem to have an agenda?

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64	Portage la Prairie		Why put it through populated areas when it would be possible to put it through forest. Animals/birds move around areas. Not staying within the yard. A certain amount of Breaks in forested area helps to control fires.	Eastern route could avoid populated areas more easily.	
65	Portage la Prairie	Too costly, save the money, and give us Manitobans a better deal on home services	I know a few farmers who will not prefer to have a route near or through their land.	By constructing the shortest route east of Lake Winnipeg, roughly 500 km difference and lower expenses.	
66	Portage la Prairie	Why would we cover a larger area of land with power lines (agricultural vs. an area that does not produce as much revenue for the province? Also why are we creating a large debt for Manitoba Hydro to pay interest? Other money could be used to do other projects.	Short term employment - positive. Economics for areas affect short term - positive. Cost to Hydro for west route - negative - higher cost to consumer. Environmental impact (wildlife, wetlands, fisheries, forestry) - both positive and negative.	Environmental impacts - avoided no; minimized - by using common sense and respect for land, water and clean air. Cost to hydro - look at what is consumer friendly lower cost.	This should be a business decision not a political game. Manitoba Hydro is owned by the taxpayers not the political parties. Let the politicians do their required jobs and stay out of the boardrooms of crown corps. If they want to run hydro then get out of politics.
67	Portage la Prairie	500 - 650 million \$ more than a more direct route.	Agriculture - all obstacles complicate production mechanical operations. Property - reduces value. Length - cost of development.	A route east of Lake Winnipeg. Canadian Shield offers a nice solid foundation at ground surface.	I am very disappointed with provincial directive to make an east of Lake Manitoba route unavailable. I have flown over the power supply to bisect and noted and commented to another that you can only see it from the air or if you are on the right of way. If on the ground your line of sight is very short because of the trees.
68	Portage la Prairie	The line will be ~ 750m west of my residence. Just concerned about EMF and will I see or hear the line from my deck?	Will generate economic impacts during construction and during main. Activities via brushing, veg. control etc. Please try to hire locals in each section.	Please hire locals in each section.	My family and I are open to receiving token gestures of hats, t-shirts, and any other swag whenever Hydro land agents are in the area.
69	Portage la Prairie	The whole line needs to go where the fewest people possible have to look at it and work around it. Farming is a tough occupation - why make it tougher??	Why have something so ugly run down the centre of the province? There are no positive impacts for the west side of Lake MB route.	The line needs to be run along the east side of the province away from agricultural land. Far too costly to run this expensive version.	My husband and I are retired and are very aware of these additional costs associated with running this line hundreds of miles further than necessary. Times are tough and the MB Gov't needs to realize this and act accordingly.
70	Portage la Prairie	You're on the wrong side of the province.			The rate payers of Manitoba should be respected. We require on assessment of the line on the East side of Lake Winnipeg.
71	Portage la Prairie	Concerned with the extra cost of line location as difference of Eastern Manitoba route.			

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72	Portage la Prairie	The entire route has been chosen against the common sense approach of cost and where it has the least impact on the greatest population.	Cost is well known to be a lot higher at this proposed route. Peoples land and houses are more impacted than in the other route since when should individuals be sacrificed for wildlife.	Use the route originally proposed.	If I had not heard it on the 6 pm news broadcast from Winnipeg I would have missed this completely and two have been waiting for this meeting for months. The only ad I saw was a small two ad on the 3 or 4 page of our newspaper which was delivered at 4 pm today, after most of the meeting was over. Just someone who pays hydro and knows this decision is wrong on all and the government levels can be sure my vote at election will reflect it.
73	Portage la Prairie	West route - too expensive, longer than east route, affects many more people than east line, affects my property value, as difficult to work land with presence of the towers.			
74	Winnipeg	10 years with 60 communities eligible for CDI	Some economic concerns - keeping the workforce in the community, agricultural land being used to provide route and subsequent compensation.	Use above ground or minimal less towers. Height will influence the boundary but not any more than TV towers or government parks	Re: Request Open House. St. Agathe on 75 highway would require you to provide a town meeting with translation Some postings of meeting in French would be required
75	Winnipeg	I think the East vs. West debate is misunderstood. The real issue is Manitoba's energy future; the lack of diversity from power sources besides hydro; the amount of debt hydro is taking on Manitoba's behalf; and the under pricing of energy both inside and outside of Manitoba	Firstly I question the genuine need for Bipole III. That said, I think the choice of the route on the west side of Lake Winnipeg was the right one. Protecting intact ecosystems is a worthy endeavour (The East Side Road should not proceed either)	The best way to minimize ecological impact would be to cease Manitoba Hydro's foolish expansionary building program (not just of Bipole III but of new dams as well). However I recognize Bipole III is a fait accompli, so I prefer the A route if it was planned in such a way as to connect to the more than 1000 MW of planned wind energy in MB.	Energy conservation should be priority #1. Expanding wind energy capacity would enable us to produce energy closer to its point of consumption in Southern Manitoba. Quit building new dams, damning rivers also effects ecosystems, and burdens Manitobans with needless debt.
76	Winnipeg	Entire preliminary preferred route - too \$. Section of preferred route - very disruptive to farming, health hazards to populated at people and animals.		Find a shorter route. Bury the line.	
77	Winnipeg			Bury the line and find a shorter, less expensive route.	

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78	Winnipeg	Greater human impact - economic and health on west side. Compensation proposition seems to be unclear and unfair.	Losses in revenue in the long term for land owners. Negative health impact, visual, sensory, hearing.	Compensation - not calculated according to the land value and assessment, but rather calculated by a standard rate per tower. EX: \$25000 per acre, regardless of where the towers will be. Also we should be compensated annually, so as to assure that future landowners are compensated as well. This will help maintain land value. We are affected annually by these power lines not once. Also, revenue must be tax-free. Alternative compensation: free hydro every year for landowner.	
79	Winnipeg	Find a shorter route	Radio, GPS, communication, 2 way radio etc.	Avoid agriculture land as much as possible.	People are not listened to, no say in the matter.
80	Winnipeg	Would like to ensure avoids woodland caribou ranges as much as possible. Sensitive species with not much data available on MB herds - Particularly the NAOSAP in the Grass river Park.		Consult with MB Conservation to avoid threatened species habitat and monitor whilst building - similar to the East side road authority. Caribou monitoring program during construction.	I support a western route over an east -side route. Pleased to see the route bypassing protected areas. Classic not in my backyard syndrome occurring with the farmers, they are being paid fairly for their land and will have to accept this. It is not affecting ecological integrity as an east-side route would. The land is already manufactured.
81	Winnipeg	Concerned that final converter station and ground pole location not be too close to the final expansion developments of Saint Boniface and Transcona. The minimum distance from these cities would best be nearer to 10 km to reassure residents.	Unknown health impacts would cause concern and worry to when and rural residents alike if dangers or lack of are not clarified.	See # 3	Has Saskatoon and Saskatchewan demonstrated strong interest in purchasing power from Bipole sources in Bipole III or Bipole IV.
82	Winnipeg	Yes, lower the level on Lake Winnipeg to 713 ft.	Keep out of the east side.	If and only if Lake Winnipeg regulation lowers to generation level below 715 ft.	Hydro needs to make a compelling argument that the East side is not an option and the only viable long term option is the preferred alignment on the west side
83		Who says or designates this preliminary route is the preferred route? Preferred by who other than Manitoba Hydro and the NDP			
84	Winnipeg	Seems odd that all of the line comes around Winnipeg. If our worry is to avoid a Quebec Ice storm this isn't the solution.		Run Bipole 3 through Brandon.	
85	Winnipeg		Employment		

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86	Winnipeg				How are rates determined? What are the rates for commercial residents and does it depend on location? IE first nations, rural
87	Winnipeg	Bipole III: A made in Manitoba product, not from China, not from elsewhere, bought and fabricated here by Canadians.	Canadian Made, including the cables "MADE IN CANADA"		And insist the Bipole towers be made in Manitoba of Manitoba material: i.e. steel rolled @ MB Rolling Hills and Selkirk. Tower angles cut, punched and galvanized in Manitoba by Manitobans, bolted together and hoisted and erected by Manitoba workers from Manitoba. I'm a Winnipegger and a Manitoba Hydro customer in very good standing.
88	Winnipeg	I approve of the route.	I'm concerned there could be negative impacts on all checked areas.	Continue to consult with stakeholder groups you've made good progress on that, so far.	I approve of the process you've followed and the route chosen
89	Winnipeg				
90	Winnipeg		Positive - limiting environmental damage due to alternative (East side lake Winnipeg). Negative - would prefer if it followed the highway right of way.	Enhanced by adding a bicycle path and the same time.	
91	Winnipeg	Would have been good to see comparison for both east and west routes.	Support the construction of the line but important to minimize imposition on stakeholders.	Consultation. Research open to everyone.	Good that open house available.
92	Winnipeg	My wife and I are pensioners: I will I need to sell our house and acreage soon to move into a retirement home.	Our house and acreage will lose half its value because the line is going directly over our house.	Hydro needs to reimburse us the value lost due to the immediate proximity of the power line. Who would want to live in a 24/7 electric field.	
93	Winnipeg	Both western and eastern routes are fundamentally flawed, as you continue to place source of energy far from use. Hydro ought to diversify the grid towards locally produced energy and charge made for use beyond +6 first amount used. More Wind!!	Continued ecological destruction. 1960s till today - dispossession of First nations. From now on: settler - population farmers.	Stop the Bipole project and undergo a massive Winnipeg renovation project to approach 100% efficiency. Build more Wind and solar. Stop depending on export. Control Hydro's debt.	
94	Winnipeg	The cost of the line if installed on the west side.			
95	Winnipeg	What would compensation be for trees on property? I do not want any hunters driving down the power lines - and we all know who does the night hunting.	Why is Hydro not going on the east side? Are you violation their land and too expensive? (Are you violating the west side's land)	Please e-mail me with answers.	
96	Winnipeg	Cost of line being done. Line on the west side.		If financially it makes sense - then consider being line on east side.	

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97		It seems most logical to go down the east side in terms of construction cost, power loss and human exposure electromagnetic fields.	Lower costs, lower power loss and more profit. Less exposure overall to electromagnetic fields.	Go down the east side.	
98	Winnipeg	I believe there are compelling economic and environmental / agricultural reasons for selecting an east route rather than a west route.	many more negative impact with western route than eastern	change route to eastern	I hold Manitoba hydro almost blameless in this fiasco - they were instructed by the Doer NDP Government to investigate routes within a western corridor only, even though hydro had earlier explored an eastern route and many hydro engineers and retirees advocate an eastern route. Hopefully the NDP government will be voted out before line construction begins.
99	Winnipeg	The NDP are history in the next Prov. Election. Entire route is wrong. East side is more economical.	The East side will provide a permanent road from the communities between the lakes.		East side is the educated logical solution.
100	Winnipeg	It has been very difficult to gather objective information in order to understand the west route vs. east route debate. It is apparent that the decision to proceed with the west route was made without publicizing all criteria and consideration. Greater transparency is vital before construction proceeds.	It appears that the decision was a political one - however even the political considerations are unclear - could be related to first nation politics; Enesco designation (really doubt it!); engineering consideration (Don't think so).	Start with a transparent, unbiased, public debate. Hard to believe that the issue is as old as it is, with so little objective information being shared by Manitoba Hydro and others.	If this is to be a political decision, at least come clean as to what the decision - criteria were. It's pretty clear that hydro engineers did not recommend the western route - or did they? The lack of empirical evidence is frustrating
101	Winnipeg	Highest line losses. Energy loss is energy not sold.	Primarily Economic - Over powering factor	Pick east side - no brainer	Come to your senses. Don't listen to the government of the day.
102	Winnipeg	The PPR should be changed to the "east" side. There has been much written about why by very learned individuals that I agree with so I'll say no more.	The most negative impact for me is the monetary cost for each Manitoban the "west" side will present over the "east" side route.	Go "east" Mb. Hydro.	
103	Winnipeg South - St. Agathe	This is not the best route.	Not environmentally friendly, too expensive, I don't want to pay for this; my children do not want to pay for this.	Look at the best possible way, EAST.	Response was not satisfactory. There are other routes that make more sense, please, please educate yourself. I need to talk to people that make the decision.

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104	Winnipeg	On every count, Bipole 3 is wrong. Line losses will increase coal burning in the US for electrical. Who is being green here?	Bipole 3 will reduce future "dividends" available to Manitoba Hydro. A road is being built to 1st Nations along the east side. There will be little effect on wildlife.	Build on the east side.	A long term Manitoba Hydro employee has told me many senior people have retired, quit in disgust over this and there is a gag order to involved Hydro employees. This is a political decision; however no Gov't employees/ decision makers are here. The Hydro employee I talked to allowed that this was not Hydro's 1st choice.
105	Winnipeg	Route should not run through prime agriculture land.	Aerial applicators will not be passable - GPS affected. Good land taken out of production. The added cost is irresponsible of the NDP Gov't/	Take the cheaper shorter most direct route on the east side. Land has already been purchased on east side.	Bipole III will impact negatively every place of land I farm. GDP will be affected; the line will run 800 - 1000 ft from residence. Hydro officials admit to noise from lines. Air applicators will not be passable. The added cost to Manitobans. Every tax payer in Manitoba should revolt.
106	Winnipeg	The preliminary preferred route covers new ground. The east of the lake route would cover less ground, be in an area where there is less farmland and be near an area where residents are accustomed to the effects of Bipole I and Bipole II.	More objections from landowners, because the western route goes through more farmland.	By reverting to the eastern route.	
107	Winnipeg	Economics, engineering and environment would all favour the alternative east route. There is only a 60 km gap in transmission (distribution) on the east.	The west route will have a harmful impact on the provinces' economy (\$600 m). It will not be able to operate in parallel (3500 MW) should there be a problem with the Interlake line. The environment on the East side has already been used for over 50 years for winter roads. Fly Pine falls to Island Lakes (in the winter to see).	Build East after thorough consultation with the 13 aboriginal communities. Involved them in the process as was planned in 2003.	Hopefully the citizens of the Province of Manitoba are concerned about paying a huge premium for an inferior route.
108	Winnipeg	The entire line.	It is a totally irresponsible decision that is for political reasons only and carried out on the back of the farmers and great disturbance with big farm equipment forever.	Relocated to the east side of lake Winnipeg.	
109	Winnipeg	The entire preliminary preferred route.	It is irresponsible political decision that will cost \$7000.00 for each Manitoban family and a major hindrance for each affected farmer along hundreds of miles of productive farmland.	By changing the proposed line from the west side of Lake Manitoba to the east side of Lake Winnipeg.	
110		480 km longer and huge cost to MB farmers.	Will affect my business (farming)	Go east side.	Wrong side (east side) please reconsider.

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111	Winnipeg	The line should be built on the east side of the province.	The east side provides greater reliability, the east side is lower cost - construction,	Adopt the east side route	
112	Winnipeg	Since the original preferred route was in a corridor on the East side of Lake Winnipeg, this is a route example and tester by MH engineers (Planner & Designers) from the mid 70s (approx) I consider it environmentally unacceptable	The entire length of line component. East side plan is a big impact on the both route from all of the above items.	By money is 1st nation, by skills and experience negotiators will all issues - i.e.: no different original MH route except less in the shorter route.	There is too much misinformation of what 1st nations thought and think- let's be honest. Since I had great deal of involvement with the MH design I from friends is to be objective with the new proposals. The way that I was dictated by politicians without general consultation with the experienced public is a travesty. The extra cost with zero benefit is not acceptable. The MH consultant should be able to access the east side routes.
113	Winnipeg	The entire preferred route is located on the wrong side of the lake.	The costs associated with the western route in compression with the eastern are horrendously more. Cost of the line, cost of the line loss, for the like of Bipole III, cost of construction all costs are more to the west. Absolute foolishness.	Build on the west side of the lake, eliminates all problems.	I could not care less about any UNESCO designation. Those that believe the forgoing will be a boom to tourism are living in a dream world. Build a power line (BPIII) on the west side of lake plus a decent road.
114	Winnipeg	Cost estimate for western route are much higher than east side route. Line losses are higher. I am opposed to west side of line.	West side will put Manitoba hydro into debt by \$2 billion more dollars. Line loss will cost Manitoba Hydro for years.	Change to the east side route to reduce costs.	As a professional engineer I am 100% opposed to west side option. Please start studying the east side
115	Winnipeg	This line should be east of Lake Winnipeg.	A waste of valuable developed property and farmland	Build it east of Lake Winnipeg. The reserves need hydro power not diesel generators to pollute the air. Winter road are disappearing	Hydro should not be compelled to build on the west route. I hope the NDP are defeated on the plan.
116	Winnipeg	Opposed to the entire route for all of the above reasons.	The impact this line has on so many people, land owners, the cost, health issues on its location versus the east side of the lakes - the wrong location for so many reasons.	You already have the consent of the aboriginal people and the easement rights to go the east side, change your route. Get the politics out of this issue and start thinking practically and logically.	Manitoba Hydro needs to start listening to the concerns of the land owners whose good agricultural land and health are at jeopardy.
117	Winnipeg	East side offers many benefits that west side does not. West side is an awful decision from technical, social, economic and environmental points of view.		Go east young man.	Keep politics and politicians out.
118	Winnipeg	The additional cost of the western route is so substantial that the citizens of Manitoba deserve a more complete analysis of all pros and cons to be made public where is Bipole to go now that Winnipeg is surrounded.	Carbon footprint of all the additional steel required by the west route?	Use the east of Lake Winnipeg route.	I believe that Manitoba Hydro has a great deal of its integrity in their way that it and its employees have (not) participated in the public debate. i.e.: lines before the single focus on the western route.

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119	Winnipeg	Waste of hydro customers' money (residents). Coming within 600 ft of farm house. Impact on farming. Decrease value of farm land and yards.	Weed control under and around structure. Interfere with aerial spraying. Waste of seed, fertilizer, and chemical to try to farm around structure.	Put the line on the east side of lake Winnipeg. Would impact a lot less people. And just affect a small segment of the forest you are going through more forest going west than the whole eastern route.	You are also going right at the west side of the Winnipeg floodway west dike. Good luck trying to free any problems when we are in a major spring flood.
120	Winnipeg	100% opposed to the western route. 1.5 billion more dollars. Very high transmission losses. 95% aboriginal on the east side are in favour of east side	Negative - western route will cost 1.5 billion - long term on Manitobans. Hydro rates will rise.	All negative impacts of western route can be avoided without changing route to the east side route.	Let us have a real public open house. So all questions are answered. So far we have not had a Public open house.
121		Build on East side.			West side is much too costly. East side route will not damage area any more than road which already too costly. East side will prove economic opportunity to FN
122	Winnipeg	Entire route. There is absolutely no reason to not go down the east side. UNESCO will still designate a WHS if it has transmission lines.	I have hundreds of pages of information as to the negative effects the project will have on both the east and west but far more on the west	Build on the east side. Avoid agricultural land.	There is absolutely no possible way you can justify taking the west route. Any reason you give is easily destroyed with evidence. Do what you KNOW is best for Manitoba and its people. The government is acting in its own interest, not ours. Stand up to them with us. It has to change
123		Yes. It is complete nonsense. There are hundreds of reasons not to take the west route and non against the east	Visual: they are ugly. Agriculture: the towers will get in the way of farming practices. Economic: it's costing over 1.5 billion more to build. Line Location: can it possibly be worse? A 3 year old would have drawn a better route. Property: values will decrease.	Take the east route. Many first nations support it. It will make such a small dent in the boreal forest you won't even see it.	Do the right and responsible thing. Take the east route. Surely you, the people, engineers and other professionals know better than the government who has no knowledge about this area.
124		All of it.	It will destroy our way of living. In the east it will not destroy lives.	Build on the east side.	I can't believe that this is how a democratic society works.
125		Yes, it is complete bull	Everything. There is nothing good about this project.	Don't build it.	Don't be stupid. Avoid the west route.
126	Winnipeg	Comment on entire route - east side route makes much more sense for Manitobans as a whole. This political decision for a UNESCO designation will saddle taxpayers with a large unnecessary cost.	It seems to be two sided of the government to disallow Bipole III down the east side, but at the same time, pursue the East side roads projects! The road and activity it will bring will do more damage than a power line! Ridiculous to suggest the government is protecting the forest while encouraging road and community access.	Put Bipole III down the east side of the province with east side road sharing the right of way	Bipole III west route and east side roads are being pushed forward by the same government, yet they could share the same general route. The road would act as a service corridor, provide economic growth, and connect communities. The idea that Bipole III is environmentally deadly to the boreal forest but an all access road is OK makes no sense.
127		Risk from storms too great on west side. Two other lines are at risk. Run other line on east side of lake Winnipeg	risk avoidance - 2 lines west and 1 line east	Route of east side of Lake Winnipeg	

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128	Winnipeg	I have a problem with west side routing, the longer line, the greater cost, the capital cost, and the cost to the taxpayer of Manitoba.	The longer line the more impacts on the environment	The impacts can be minimized by taking the shortest route.	The travesty of building a longer line than needed, at more cost to the Manitoba taxpayer is unforgivable
129		Manitoba Hydro needs to clearly say to the people of Manitoba, that the decision to route the line west of the lakes is a political decision.	Environmental impacts comparisons between east and west routes have not to my knowledge been presented and hence, the cost differential is not justified	Route the TL east of Lake Winnipeg	
130	Winnipeg	I think the western route is one of the worst decisions hydro has made. In almost all considerations, the eastern route is the better choice	Higher initial and ongoing costs. Mono disruption to establish communities and	Eastern route.	
131	Winnipeg	Yes, I think the current proposed route is a bad idea. It is based on political rather than economic consideration and it should not be.	Economic disruption of landowners along the route. Waste of \$400-500 million. Possibly reduced available electricity due to longer transmission distance. Increased debt incurred by Hydro has to be required.	Build the line east of Lake Winnipeg	I haven't heard any economic reasons that justify the proposed route. It seems to be strictly a political decision by premier Doer. It's a huge additional cost with no reasonable return. Despite Hydro's inability to justify the economics of the proposed route, it seems to be going ahead. This is no way to run a corporation.
132		Save the money, go east side of lakes, it only makes sense.			
133		Build the **** thing on the east side, where the road is.			
134	Winnipeg	There was not enough input into decisions re-route by people that would be affected adversely	Totally negative impacts on all topics impact	Impacts would be minimized if the eastern route was chosen.	This issue is creating very hard feelings with many, many voters. The government, NDP, has not been fair in regard to allowing free speech
135		Hydro line to west 1.7 bill more, loss of power. Hydro line to East more economic. World population exploding. Productive land more and more valuable. Hydro east can include proper highway to First Nation communities		Farming, spraying, weed control, irrigation. Impact on food production, where most time First Nation don't take part in.	
136	Winnipeg	The east side of Lake Winnipeg would impact many fewer people, reduce the total length of the route and thereby reduce the amount of power loss forever (\$80,000/ day - terrible)	The cost to farmers with regard to farming around the towers will be huge... increased weed problem, reduced options for applying crop protection products, incontinence and interruption of GPS systems etc.	By choosing an east side route	

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137	Winnipeg	The preliminary preferred route is much more than the eastern route and much more costly, more populated and taking more farmland (which is very valuable to future generations than the eastern route).	Negative impacts: more costly than eastern route, using up valuable farmland which will have a greater impact on future generations, affecting more people than eastern route.	A lot of these negative impacts could be avoided by going the much shorter, less costly less populated route east of the lakes	Before making a final decision, please look at the whole picture and what is best in the long term, do not let politics affect decision making so much as this really would the US will buy our power no matter where it goes
138	Winnipeg	Don't run it through prime agriculture land.	Incontinence of farming and less food produced	Place the line on the east side of Manitoba	Prime farming should not be taken out of production. The world is short of food and it will become worse. Put the line through the bush and also a shorter line. Don't let politics make the final decision
139		Wrong route	negative - unsafe	Build East side - Manitoba on border	Bring the Gov't to an open info meeting. Hydro - consultant said this is environmental study?
140	Winnipeg	The preferred route chosen by Hydro is on the wrong side of the province wasting taxpayer money is shameful	Virtually no impact. The towers are negatively small in size and would not affect the environment on either side of the lake		Hydro should be ashamed of themselves for trying to fool the public. There is enough waste in your office building never mind picking the pocket of my daughter and grand children
141	Winnipeg	It seems that many qualified professionals have indicated that they feel that an eastern route would be well advised.	I am concerned with the increased cost and in efficiencies of the western route. I also think that it is a concern for more people on the west side and for the farms.	I would think that a most direct route either over land or under water, if possible would be a far superior option	The previous power line went through our family farm. I am well aware of the deleterious effects; population's health, animals, crops
142	Winnipeg	Alternative east side of Lake Winnipeg is not studied comparison cannot be made w.r.t. Bipole III this would be done in the interest of transparency	Financial, aesthetic, construction consideration would be affected by line relocation to east side of L. Winnipeg in a positive sense.	Line relocation to east side L. Winnipeg is most direct route and most economical. Also, aesthetic would be enhanced because treed areas would hide transmission line if so desired	further study to determine obvious route
143	Carman	Go east.		By going the east route.	It makes no sense at all to go west cost and conflicts. Manitoba Hydro being in the red cannot afford to act irresponsible. It is nonsense to listen to the US and load ourselves under debt
144	Dugald				Concerns re location and effect in health. Concerns re location of grounding site - effect on water supply/groundwater/health. Thank you for providing some answers
145	Dugald	see item # 4	Ground return operation of the Bipole. Will be a function of the location of the ground grid with respect to farm site.	no comment	good luck with the project

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146	Dugald	Economics: Positive should be benefit for generations by the same of clean electric power domestically and through long term sales contracts to the US. This is and will be a long term economic benefit to MB	Short 5 yr term spike in jobs and long term jobs to our young generation seeking decent paying employment with benefits and pension	Negative impacts: EMF from transmission lines. Thank you for avoiding the large population as much as you can	Brett and Kyle were very good with their presentation
147	Dugald		Will increase traffic		
148	Dugald	The route should be on the east side of Manitoba.	The east side route is substantially less costly. The east side route provides greater reliability. The east side route affects less forestry and wildlife. The east side route provides greater distance for EMF/ health concerns	Adopt the east side of the province route. The proposed UNIESCO would heritage site will not be affected. The proposed road is much more negative that Bipole III	The east side alternative must be presented otherwise the environmental assessment and public hearings will not be meaningful - just a rubber stamp
149	Dugald	Hydro has put together a good presentation technically regarding the western "preferred route". But it makes it look like this route is a done deal. Nothing is being said about the high costs and longer routing and line losses	The project as being presented will be very costly. I believe Hydro is caving in to the NDP government and environmentalists	Before a final preferred site selection is made on the timeline (early 2011), the public, Hydro engineers, and the Manitoba Conservative opposition (Hugh McFadyen) need to put a stop to this project before it goes any further and thus more money will be wasted.	The public needs to be informed in practical terms as to what \$600 million would buy (plus yearly transmission line losses). For example, how many new MRI facilities, how many km of roads, how much infrastructure could we as Manitobans enjoy if we were not wasting money on the western "preferred route"
150	Dugald	Logically and economically the west route does not make sense. By sending it up the east we provide jobs/ roads/access to the areas on the east (that are only winter or flying access). It takes more land and land that is productive (agricultural) going west		Avoided agricultural loss by going east. Minimize cost by taking shorter route. Enhance the east side of MB by providing access	
151	Dugald	I am in favour of the preliminary preferred route for Bipole III	Avoid any impact on proposed UNESCO East side of Lakes and Boreal Forest. Wildlife e.g.: woodland caribou and predators - your study in NB	Employment for native important. During woodland caribou calving time - don't construct in that area of land involved - construct elsewhere along the line.	
152	Dugald	I think Hydro should still keep an open mind on the eastern route if there is a government change.			
153	Dugald	Wrong route (won't work not compatible - present or future systems!)	Negative - a waste of our money	Could you fund a dozen engineers to sign off on this project that this is a safe line for the public and compatible for the land	can we have an open meeting

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154	Dugald	Put down the east side to reduce costs and have less of an impact on prime agricultural land. One acre of farmland is much more valuable and can't be replaced	Interfere with agriculture production	Go down the east side.	I think people have a romantic view of what the Boreal Forest is and are willing to stop any development at any cost. I understand an all weather road will be constructed up the east side part way and this could be used for construction. Hydro staff was very helpful.
155					The government is running my hydro into bankrupt. I believe If this meeting 90% of people want the line on east side of Lake Winnipeg. Can you please make this happen? You are elected by the citizens of MB as our representative. So can this be done: \$\$ saved - on line loss, property purchases, more money by selling all the power instead of losing it, you are now planning to use our kids to pay for this project whether direct or indirect payment
156	The Pas				Very informative displays and helpful even workers. Impressed with preparedness and willingness of information received from even coordinators
157	The Pas		It would either positively or negatively affect wildlife. In regards to property, many are concerned about how the line will affect their property (farmland in particular) and even possible health risks that it may bring	Avoiding farmland all together but I realize this would be both costly and may even require going through protected heritage sites on the east side of the province. However, this would may even affect wildlife on the east side and in a greater manor	
158	The Pas		The project may have negatively and positive impact on wildlife populations, depredation of wetlands may affect waterfowl species. Outline near waterways could result in polluting from machines, affecting fish	careful environmental assessments and studies of animal population	
159	Thompson				Bio-diversity is crucial for human survival, Mother earth provides us water food and medicine
160	Thompson	The route of this line affects approx 300 square kilometres of crow flight mineral property, this greatly affects growth of our mining and exploration business	Negative impact on exploratory and GDP for province. In Thompson Nickel belt \$12 million / sq km of revenue historically	Change route per submittal to Pat McGarry at Manitoba Hydro.	This issue needs to be addressed not only for crow flight minerals but for other juniors along the TNB

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161	Cormorant	I am worried about all the trees being cut down and wondering if hydro will replant somewhere else to maintain the environment. Also the habitat in those areas, how will they be relocated and if at all?	I feel it could be very beneficial if approached properly and by the right people.	To put all aspects into consideration and not just think about cost and profit	
162		Route is not the major concern, the impact of having the Bipole III in our area of hunting/ land	Positive - nothing has been presented "yet" jobs. Negative - loss of land / hunting	Education on Bipole I and II history has First Nations people benefited from this project - how many have full time jobs	Would be beneficial if a history and effect/affects of Bipole I and II have /had on people and land , wildlife
163	Elm Creek	In my opinion the line should not go the longer more expensive western route. If the plan is to sell power to Saskatchewan then go across to Saskatchewan. It seems the plan though is to sell power to Ontario and the US Then run the line the more direct route straight south which looks like it would be near Falcon Lake. We are constantly being told to use less power and use energy saving devices but with the western route there will be more energy consumed in line losses. This is a case of do as I say not as I do. Why is the eastern route not being debated? There should be consultations on this not just government interference.	By having the line on my farm there is a higher cost to my farming operation. In a year like this past one where spraying by ground was not an option and aerial spraying herbicides and fungicide was the only option I would be hamstrung if this is taken away from me. I would lose my crop for as large a buffer as the applicator would leave. There are quite a few years where this does happen. The height of the line on hot summer days is a concern to me. When the line is higher in winter I will not be on the field. In summer when demand is high and the line sags I am on my farm. This is with large equipment. My view is that equipment is getting larger every year. When my combine breaks or plugs I will need to get on top of it with the 4' long wrench that it comes equipped with. I will be very close to the line. Is this not like golfing in a thunderstorm? The difference is my living does not depend on golf. It would be just as dangerous. The extra cost will affect my hydro rates and also my grandchildren's hydro rates.	By going down the East side.	I wish that there would be meetings that some of our concerns could be read into the public record. I was at a Hydro Committee meeting at the legislature where the NDP government refused to let this happen. I was also at an open house in Winnipeg where Hydro refused to let this be done. While having access to hydro personal is good it feels like you are using a divide and conquer tactic. The definition of consultation is that both parties listen to each other and work a compromise. This "consultation" is you telling me what you are planning to do end of story. I really don't have a say in what will happen to my farm which I own and would like my grandchildren to own someday.
164	Winnipeg	I am concerned with the added cost and ecological damage and the reduction in agricultural production expected with choosing the west route rather than the east side of lake Winnipeg.	Negative impacts of the West route compared with the East route are increased costs of the line, increased energy losses throughout the life of the line, reduction in agriculture production due to the line crossing farm land, increased ecological damage due to increased materials to build the longer line and decreased energy delivered to the consumers.	By selecting the East side route.	

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165	Dugald	<p>Have serious concerns about increased construction costs and higher power loss associated with the western routing for bipole3. I recognize that there are many interests to be served but in the final analysis generating and delivering power in the cleanest and most efficient manner possible is in everyone's best interest. The western route is clearly not the most efficient or direct way to move the power. I also understand that one of the drivers for the western route is to avoid a proposed UNESCO world heritage site. I find it inconceivable that the eastern route is not being considering due to its negligible impact on a preserve of that size - it is like making a pencil line on a sheet of paper and saying it is not longer a sheet of paper.</p>	<p>The towers do have a significant impact of agriculture. For our own farm, we have six towers on various parcels of land and they do pose a hassle for navigating equipment and a hazard for any aerial applications. The Bipole 3 project should help to further MB's footprint as a significant producer of some of the cleanest power in the world. I think the concept of generating more power for both domestic and export use it good for the economy and the environment (the environmental benefits of generating power hydroelectrically should have environmentalists applauding instead of demanding unnecessary concessions, which again emphasizes how ridiculous it is to use the western route instead of the eastern one). My house is located within half a mile of an existing high voltage line and I am concerned about how close the new towers will be built to my home. I have heard the Europeans have banned having any homes within half a mile of transmission lines of the voltage being proposed for bipole3 which does make me concerned for impacts on the health of my family.</p>	<p>The most important change would be to utilize the eastern route. This would be a more efficient and cost effective was to move the power while still protecting a reliable supply for Winnipeg and export customers against damage to Bipole 1 and/or 2.</p>	<p>I have several follow up questions: 1. I would like to understand better the exact placement of the towers relative to my home location (address below). 2. What are the potential health risks associated with living near a high voltage line? 3. I understand that part of the installation of the Riel station is a ground electrode. The must be located within 5km of the station. My home is within 5km of the station and I would like to understand more about what risks are posed by the presence of the ground electrode (in terms of stray voltage, interference with existing electrical systems on the farm and in our homes, how strong of an EM field is generated by the electrode) 4. How strong of an EM field is will be generated by the Riel station once it is in operation? Will that have any potential impacts of my home or the health of my family? (Our house is 3 miles directly east of the station) Finally I would like to comment on the very helpful attitude of your representatives at the Dugald open house. A number of them at different times took an interest in my questions and concerns and made an honest attempt to answer them. Some of them could not be answered but they were a friendly and professional group.</p>
166		<p>Why wouldn't it come down the east side and open up access to the reserves which only have access with winter roads? Also with ever changing weather (tornados) the lines wouldn't be all together. It is also a more direct route to the new station. Why would you build the station there and take a roundabout way to bring the line there????</p>	<p>Positive - open access to northern communities coming down the east side!! - going with the preliminary route taking up valuable farm land the extra mile of line and poles to come in a roundabout way</p>	<p>Make the line come down the east side less grain land would be affected and it would be great for the northern communities. Also all the lines wouldn't be coming down the same way!</p>	
167	Elm Creek	<p>There are many reasons for choosing the east side of Lake Winnipeg. The proposed UNESCO project is not a good enough reason to go on the west side. The USA will buy power from us no matter where the line is built.</p>	<p>The west side route goes through far too much agricultural land that is more densely populated than the east side. The effects on peoples' health and domestic livestock' health will far outweigh those effects on wildlife. Also, there is wildlife on the west side that will be affected just as much as on the east side. The original hydro plan 25 years ago was for the east side. Is the change in plans only political?</p>	<p>The impacts can be minimized by using the east side. There is far less distance, conserving finances. There are far fewer people who will be impacted. There are fewer caribou herds on the east side. There is less boreal forest on the east side. Banff National Park has rail lines and hydro lines through their park. We can also do that.</p>	
168	Unknown	<p>The proposed route does NOT show up on the webpage. No information is disinformation. Also called fraud in a court of law.</p>	<p>Correct your error and I can see what is proposed.</p>	<p>Misleading the general public is a very serious offense. Punishable by extremely high fines and jail time for individuals.</p>	

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169	Ste. Rose du Lac	On what basis was the western route selected and why is it that it was not made an option from the beginning?	I am concerned about the impact of the construction of the towers on agricultural land on the west side. If the option of an east site were to be open, I wonder what response there would be. Why not make it an option?		
170	Winnipeg	I do not like any of the routes shown on the map. The only route that makes any sense is one that runs along the east side of Lake Winnipeg for all the reasons that have been clearly spelled out in numerous articles in the Winnipeg Free Press which you must be well aware of.	Excessive construction costs and loss of electricity due to the longer transmission line.	Build the line down the east side of Lake Winnipeg, as a highway is badly needed there to serve the First Nations existing there.	
171	Portage la Prairie	The cost will be far too much more to go down the West side. The logical route is down the East side or under the lake.	Far too close to cottages along the West side of Lake Manitoba	Go down the East side	
172	St. Anne	The line belongs on east side of lake	you are wasting land that cannot be replaced		I will fight this decision right to the end
173	unknown	The entire preliminary preferred route does not make any sense	The cost, additional \$ is far too great	Yes the impacts can be avoided if only the politicians would use their heads.	
174	Carman	The east side with a service road would provide communities with year round service - eliminate ice roads (which are becoming shorter each year in time, thus poorer service.	No more expensive flights (when there are no roads) to supply communities a road to service this hydro line.	by using east side monies saved you can build such services	By restricting any commercial or residential you can still have the united nations park that will be of no use to any Canadian
175	Winnipeg	A quick glance at the large maps of Manitoba showing the location of the two converter station is enough to show that the Preliminary proposed route is totally impractical.	Unfortunately, it will be somewhat of an eyesore Mr. Brennan confirmed on Radio Noon today that the east will be 50% higher than an east side route. At the open house the anger of affected property owners was ...	This question is a no brainer - run the line down the east side! It can be routed well away from rocks and settlements, mainly out of sight. Most of the east side is crown land, greatly reducing the exposure to angry property owners (the queen won't complain)	I am well aware of the provincial government's decree that ruled out the east side route. This is an outrageous as it is inexpensive! Without exception the stated reasons are spurious. Surely the management and engineering staff of Manitoba Hydro have enough intestinal fortitude to speak the truth to their current political masters
176	Winnipeg	I think the west side route was the right choice to locate Bipole III	If the line runs alongside farmers fields, the impacts to wetlands, forests and wildlife and the tourism industries that require those wilderness areas, will be minimized. New development on undeveloped lands should be avoided at all costs.	Please see above.	I believe that people that own and operate farm land will be adequately compensated. Farmland has already been degraded from its natural state and therefore serves as the most logical route for further development. Fragmenting undisturbed areas is unnecessary and should be avoided at all costs.

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177	Elm Creek	The line should not be passing over agricultural land period. The line is cutting through 2 miles of my property and within 400m of my house. I have 2 young children and I don't want them exposed to high voltage power so close to them	I am concerned with the health of my family and the health of my 220 head of cattle. We had a dairy farm before and one of the reasons we sold our quota is problems with Voltage. I don't want to risk having to go through that again	Everything can be avoided by putting it on the east side of the province. Very little population, very little agricultural land and a lot less expensive.	If the line is no good for the caribou herd, then it is certainly no good for human or cattle. The government is more concerned with caribou and boreal forest that from land or people. Hydro is spending money that they don't have to.. It's no wonder that there is so much debt around. Tax payers are paying this debt but they are also the ones who get to vote at the next election
178	St. Agathe	No private company would ever consider spending 1.75 billion more to do the same job on the east side. The NDP will put more debt on the taxpayers	My land is clear of any obstruction if the poles are place on my land it will cost my more money in crop input. Weeds like thistles and quack grass will grow under these poles and will be very inconvenient to work around	Run the poles around the perimeter highway. Or send them down the east side of the lakes (the most likely choice if people had any brains). If these Bipole make a small footprint then put them through the boreal forest, build a road for the people who live there	I would like all the environmental groups and the NDP party to go camping in the boreal forest for a week. Every insect that bites is there, right in a swamp. I doubt any five star hotel will ever be built there for anyone to enjoy the scenic area.
182	Wabowden	Sounds like a good thing going in our areas	Trapping (positive)	Some will and some won't benefit	Very good presentations and very informative
183	Wuskwi Sipihk First Nation	Regarding compensation to trappers in the area	This is an open area trap line. Red deer/shoal river and there are "local fur councils" in the area. I personally live in this area with no Local Fur Council (The Bluff Road) but I try to attend other Local meetings so I can get information (if any new)	Should consult all "Licensed Trappers" that have shown production in the past few years (whether it was small/substantial amount)	Living where I live, I don't really belong to a "Local Fur Council" and I personally feel that I will not as a Local Trapper will not get any benefit from any of the other Locals in the area.
184	Pelican Rapids Community building	No comments added.			
185	Camperville Community Hall				Very interesting
186	Camperville	Right now it looks alright to me.	Positive	I hope so.	
187	Camperville				
188	Camperville	Found out why they did not build the line on the eastern side. The Heritage site.	They have respect for the land.		
189	Camperville	None	none	no	
190	Camperville				I really don't have any comments about it. The only thing I'm worried about is our Blueberry patch.
191	Duck Bay	How is it going to impact our children, grandchildren etc...? How is it going to impact out hunting, trapping, fishing, is it going to hurt the environment.	Fishing and trapping and our children.	Try to build away from camp grounds and hunting grounds.	I am attaching my concerns to this sheet if it is not a problem.

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192	Duck Bay	Mostly around the Cowan area. I pick my medicines. This route will affect my medicinal harvesting areas dramatically. I also hunt around there.	They wipe out my existing harvesting grounds harvest sage, Sweetgrass, cedar, blue hissup, heartplant, blueberry leaves, tea, and bear berry and also some cranberry bark.	I have to fine new grounds when I've been going there for years. The only way to avoid my medicine grounds is to go around Cowan area, but it up to you. I must find further areas for my medicines.	This route will affect my ability to pick 9 medicinal plants. I pick 34 plants per year and this route will affect 25% of where I normally pick
193	Duck Bay	Employment - will it involve qualified people? Will it destroy our forests - construction - destroy lands.	destroy forestry for wildlife	Enhanced	Why was pat really not much attended for meeting. Would it not suppose to involve the whole community and then again MMF must have his own meetings.
194	Duck Bay		The damage of wetlands, wildlife but good for employment and backup converter stations	communication between mob hydro and communities	Interested in more knowledge on the Bipole III transmission project, specifically the long term effect of the project (employment, environmental effect and livelihood)
195	Pelican Rapids	No, none	Well, the wildlife is our major impact, one of our major sources of food.	no comment	Will there be jobs opening for local people? Do you need requirements for this job? Will a person be needing a chainsaw certificate to bush cut if hired? Licences? What class is required
196	Pelican Rapid	My interest would be the environmental study of herbs and traditional medicinal plants in area	positive for the economy	be create work for our area	
197	Pelican Rapids	Plan B was or is a great route for our town because the porcupine forest is one of our main hunting/trapping ground and also red deer lake. I think that Plan B is a better route	The thing that is most important is the wildlife because they are cutting trees and leaving big space	I know that you need as much clear areas for these poles and it's a good thing for our Province. But we are losing a lot of forestry around Manitoba.	I came to a meeting a couple of months ago and they were asking us what was important on our road. We had hunting grounds, springs, Sweetgrass areas and the plantation. Also we have a lot of traditional land miles away from overflow to Wuskwi Sipiik and hunting areas. The meeting we had was understanding and educational
198	Pelican Rapids	No comment	No comment.	No comment.	No comment.
199	Pelican Rapids	Buy Canadian steel	Loss of jobs in Canada, where's the Canadian pride in our products? What's 4 or 5 million dollars?	Keep our money in Canada.	
200	Portage la Prairie	I see no benefit to place the proposed line in an area prone to massive flooding. Protection of the environment is of great importance - but at what cost?	I make my living in the aerial application industry. This will negatively impact my employment/revenue	Yes - place the line on the east side. This would limit the effects of aesthetics, agriculture, employment, health, and diminished property value.	I am deeply disappointed that MH is forced to use the west route when it is clearly in the best interest of all to use the east route.

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201	The Pas	The route appears to pass to the south of our existing snowmobile trails until it gets near the Pas.	During construction stage is when there occurs the greatest possibility for damage to our trail. The trail follows the existing hydro line north and south of the pas.	Although this new line may run parallels to the existing line, often contractors use the existing line to access the new line. Our club must know well in advance of any construction traffic using or crossing our trail so it can be posted.	
202	The Pas	S5 will be across from my house, approx 800 ft away, do not want line, noise or to look at tower line. The entire route is a waste of money compared to the eastern route.	Visual - negative. Line location - negative (cost). Property - is it going to affect the value of my property? Noise - didn't buy a rural property to listen to line noise.	Move the line to the east route. Lower the towers in my area and paint them.	If this line was going to benefit Hydro customers (residents) I could live with it, but it is for export power, which only adds profit to Manitoba Hydro. It will not cut MB residents Hydro costs.
203	The Pas	This route avoids all conflicts for our operation, including our out camp at Heming Lake	We can't see any impact, positive or negative.		
204	Winnipeg	It is of concern that the route be constructed with minimal impact to wildlife (caribou specifically) and wetlands along the proposed route.	Further fragmentation of caribou and other wildlife habitat. More destruction of precious wetlands.	Consult with experts in these areas to determine efficient ways to minimize harm.	I support this route unconditionally over an East side route that would cut through some of the last remaining pristine Boreal shield in the world and jeopardize Manitoba's chance at a UNESCO world heritage site. The ecosystem services that this East side provides us all must be quantified and considered. In this regard the current preferred route would minimize environmental damage.
206	Winnipeg	The western route concept must be abandoned for an Eastern Bipole III project. Agricultural people are negatively affected. Desperately needed jobs and training of isolated aboriginal people on eastern route would be a good aspect of such a project.	Western route Negatives - 1) Distance and cost are hugely more. 2) Interference and loss of established agricultural land. Easter route positives - 1) Opportunity to inject work and commerce to isolated eastern MB people. 2) Opportunity to pair with already planned road access.	Use an eastern route if this project must continue. I am worried about the incompetence of government decisions. I.e. Nov 6 Free press 2.4 billion to double? Government not accepting best route as 1st proposed by Hydro engineers. Who does the government listen to?	I am disappointed at the wonton disregarded of taxpayers' hard earned money. I am disappointed at the political not humanistic or economic basis for the west route decision. The opportunity is here for needed socio-economic input into the isolated northern reserves. Do the right thing.
207	Winnipeg				I was just wondering if the in-depth EA report is available for public to see or it it's just what you have on your website... I am teaching a class on Environmental Law and would like it to relate to Manitoba and Bipole III.
208	SCN Hall	No... because after the initial construction, the land will	positive in that there is backup line from northern dams to power the south	I can't think of any right now.	
209	SCN Hall				Hydro - how much will it go up in the future? Who is paying for this route? Is it sold only!

Note: Information includes summary notes of face to face conversations with Landowners

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1	Cowan	A) Purchased from friends after renting. B) Principles having clean parcel. C)stipulation for CDI-should go to towns based on population
2	Cowan	A) Compensation. B) Winter travel. C)crossing diagonal on neighbors property - no major concerns
3	Cowan	A)Feels a lot of planning was done for this route and will have a minimal amount of impact
5	The Pas	Not on property.
6	The Pas	A) Clearing. B) Winter months. C) Compensation for natural hay. D) No concerns. E) Towers and cattle-no need for a fence. F) Passed on a DC brochure
7	The Pas	A) Straight field. B)nothing of concern
8	The Pas	A) 23.5 acres; yr round. B) two years ago, worked with interlake power line, past work with MH, housed MH employees. C)no concerns
9	The Pas	Fence line-cross East/West (SW 11-56-25 W; NW 02-56-25 W). TLE-lands-both sides of the river - OCN-
10	The Pas	Outside 1 1/2 mile. A) Cattle & natural hay. Tourond Chartrand - Deering Point - old caches. B) Dike around Ralls-no conflict. Flooding in area-Sask. C) wild rice in Mistasinnewuk Lake. Lots of fowl, beavers damming both lakes. D) Very knowledgeable of area, discussed AC&DC. Does not think there will be any issues. E) UNESCO & Status.
12	Birch River	A)SE 11-41-25 W - thinks it is TLE lands -
13	Birch River	A) No concern-southern portion adjustment (angle tower @ NE 35-39-25 W). B)Can run on north of section line
14		A) Cattle concerns-stray currently and towers. B) Gave DC brochure. C)If grain silos can't be moved from NE35-39-25W, no problem with angle structure on property
15	Birch River	A) ditch on south end - runs east. B)no major issues if routed on south side of parcel
16		A)use to have house on property, sold it considering
17	Birch River	A) NE 20-39-24 W - has corrals on SE corner of quarter section.
18	Birch River	A)fine with route of line, compensation more than adequate
19	Birch River	A)where tower is located - grain bins in the west, preference to have on North side of road - indicates that there are no homes
20	Birch River	A) Would like to see route moved to RM boundary. B) Higher ground ridge for the east - less visible. C)minimum one mile east - two would be preferred
21	Birch River	A) Agree with line location. B) Grid is supported as a result of going west. C)supportive of west route
24	Birch River	A) Community pasture - federal possibility 2 miles east - rd of RM boundary east. B) Compensation ~\$1000 per tower. C)winter construction
25	Birch River	A) Pasture land 2 mi East. B) Leases land. C)most sensible route
26	Birch River	A) Leases out (Rents). B) Possible GIS file with tower locations?!
27	Carman	A) Confirm easement on/off 1/2 mile line. B) Tax implications for compensation in year received. Fully taxable? Or reduce the value of land and therefore taxation value? Capital gains. Please send info by email. C) They were generally not keen on the project, but interested in all information. They will send in responses to Q on front.
28	St. Claude	A) Concerned about animals, horses, bald eagles, health issues, environmental issues. Cannot move horses, mature bush. B) Opposed to line. Compensation does not appeal to owners. Feel that the value will be decreased. C) What is the possibility of another line being built in the area?
29	St. Claude	A) Do not put on my land. Proposed to have as an election issue.
30	St. Claude	A) Potential infringement on activities, manure management; Boyne river access for resale of homes in area - potential. B) 3mile stretch. 305 heading east. 10 residence within in 1/2 mile both (N/S). C) EMF-potential concerns. Residential landowners should get compensation. D) Land erosion - water on lines and audible noise.
31	St. Claude	No concerns, okay with project
32	St. Claude	A) Property line question. Easier if the line is in the middle, better on the fence line.
33	St. Claude	A) north of Assiniboine. B) No concerns - route on land if you wanted. C)no issues for EMF
34	St. Claude	A) Sold quarter to [name]; final Phase of subdivision in NE corner from road. B) Yard site and want to put a home in NE corner. C) Does not want the line anywhere near his property (NE 03-008-07W1). D) No intention of the hydro lines, equipment, it's a stupid idea. E) If you have to come on west side, go through Gladstone-Stonewall. F) Does not believe what hydro says, farming time, questionable on meeting times. Cheap hydro in the US. Go North of the Highway
36	St. Claude	A)no comments, appears to be positive
37	St. Claude	A) If on south side of line, possible voluntary buy out. B) 231 m from section line. C) Hypothetical: if row on Southside; 33m tower and 33m Row edge in parcel. 231-66=165m. D)no major concerns
38	St. Claude	A) Concerns: danger to cattle from the EMFs-discussed difference b/w AC&DC; studies done, areas for more info. B) Does not want the line period. Explained that cattle can still graze under. ROW does not limit access.
39	St. Claude	A) No in favor of the line for health reasons, cost, nuisance. B) More in favor of line going on the east side. C)line is not on property

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40	St. Claude	Not on property.
41	St. Claude	A) Where will the towers be set on the hills B) how high will the conductor be off - answered 25'? C) slews in the entire area
42	St. Claude	seems reasonable
43	St. Claude	Adjacent to PPR only. Not affected
44	St. Claude	A) concerned about value of caribou vs. farmers
45	St. Claude	A) Bad view in future, sale house/property less price because negotiation point: Bipole III health issues, men, animals, pregnancy, giving milk of cows. Corrosion, stray voltage, magnetic fields, which is responsible when something happens with poles. B) but if everybody in that area poles or not, should get a part of the profit of Manitoba Hydro going later on to all their heirs as long as the poles are theirs and it has to be sellable to new owners.
46	St. Claude	A) Expand to parcel that is adjacent to the line. 1 mile to 2 miles. Bylaw if we want to expand. Voltage concerns. Water table, electronics, very sensitive on equipment. Livelihood with this type of soil is cattle. If you run an AC/DC line you cannot run them parallel. Production in cattle, disease, stress, what we feel in electricity, our cattle feels 1000 times more. SE 02-08-06W1 and SW 02-008-06W1 the weed control is expensive. Does not want line on his land. Production can be effected by 30% when cattle are under stress, stray voltage. Moving would cost couple millions.
47	St. Claude	A) Municipal water line on pasture in NE & NW 11-8-8. Potential for airstrip on home quarter. B) Information on construction, no problem with current route. NOTE: [Name] indicated he owns 80 acres of NE 11-008-08 that borders PPR. Our database does not indicate the split in ownership for the quarter. Our database shows a different owner for the whole quarter
48	St. Claude	A) EMF and cattle dairy barn. B) Fence line - there is a fence - how to go around. C) Manure injection - potential issues with access. D) Preference not to have line on property. E) Dairy concentrated area; few other routing options. F) Liability - example snowmobile hit a tower, who is liable. G) impacts on dairy/strong voltage
49	St. Claude	Less than 1/2 mile from his home is his concern. Owns the entire 1/4 section. Concern over EMF on machinery, cattle, people. Productivity of cattle - dairy production. Metal clad barns, electric farms, water bow. I will do whatever I have to stop this. Put it on the east side where it belongs. Built new home there, purchased the land in 1976. Why by pass SW 2-8-6W. gas company 32" lines through my property
50	St. Claude	A) Stray current - past years. B) Conception pig - include angle tower. C) Caribou vs. cow. D) Crossing underneath. E) Sty. Claude wind farm - all parcels signed. [Name] farm division - taxable. F) Avoidance of bush and wind barrier creates corridor for wind.
51	St. Claude	A) Belongs to St. Claude Wind Farm. Rights have been assigned to them. Hunting rights.
52	St. Claude	St. Claude Wind Energy Co-op has land signed up by its members for the wind farm development which conflicts with the route of Bipole III which passes within our area. Our area concerns approx 8 mile radius from St. Claude e.g.: intersection provincial #240 and Highway #2. Our concern is with the route passing through or close to Wind Farm Construction, within the constraints set out by CANWEA. Our suggested positive solution would be to re-route the Bipole III line to outside the buffer zone of 8 miles radius. This information will be sent to your Manitoba Hydro Senior Environmental Assessment Officer - Fiona Scurrah. I will via e-mail and will cover the area concerned and outline of the wind farm project and our next stages.
53	St. Claude	A) Taxation and employment. B) Prefer no tree removal. C) Process off of Hwy for construction is preferred. D) effect/respond on property value for farmland - reply
54	St. Claude	Welcome to come on property. Brand new home should be >75m; had a house fire. Double check proximity 40 years. Land close buy bought for wildlife. All structures upgraded. 10 acre lot. Sheltered from PPR. Move closer. Raise angle tow. Slight diversion east.
55	Carman	A) Has cattle concerns; fences being closed behind workers. B) Opposed to route but found compensation to be fair. C) No concerns with land on residence. D) fences and access a concern
56	Carman	A) Is land owner responsible for liability insurance? B) Very concerned about EMF and health effects. C) Cattle on the land - drinking from dugouts - concerned about impacts. D) Stray EMF shooting concern. Suggested mono-polar design
57	Carman	A) Is compensation taxable? B) Insurance liability is a strong concern - accidents on his property?
58	Carman	A) Any repairs planned for drainage road? Current condition could use an upgrade (wet)
59	Carman	A) During construction, will existing tree stand be removed? B) And will it be tilled to available state?
60	Carman	A) Prove to me that there will be no devaluation on my home and farm when we choose to retire. Many people including your own Hydro representatives have told us that they would not purchase a rural hobby farm near a high voltage transmission line. I'm sure if you could ensure us that this farm could be sold within the actual value it is today, this could possibly have our minds at ease with this happening.
61	Carman	Generally okay with the route, prefer not to have obstructions
62	Carman	A) Does not want the line to go through. B) Not interested in compensation. C) How far is along the gravel road? D) Minimum sag is concerning. E) GPS interference. F) Planning on putting in irrigation pivots. G) Stray voltage on grain structure (95 ft) on property? h) Go down east side.
63	Carman	A) Against a west side route (longer, more people, impact agriculture, more costly). B) Tax base reduced, CDI should be lifetime.
64	Cowan	Most concerned about the potential impacts on his cattle from EMF.
65	Minitonas	A) If line was over 1 mile from SW 17-38-28W1, SE 17-38-24W1. SW 16-38-24W1 has never been farmed. Better if NW 08-038-24W1, NE 08-38-24W1 and or if on Crown land or crown lease. B) Concerned about weed growth around towers and monitoring. Concern over harvesting size of equipment.
66	Minitonas	Where it is keep it there, not a problem. It's not the world's greatest quarter
67	Minitonas	All good, it's a plus. I am glad.

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68	Minitonas	Why is there a lag between Section SE 01-008-07W and NE 01-008-07W? Lives in Minitonas and farms in St.Claude (rents lanD). Answered by [staff] - it is to do with housing. Andre accepted explanation.
69	Carman	A) Effects on cochlear implants. EMF concerns. Against project. East side preferred.
70	Ste. Rose du Lac	A) No concerns. B) Bush land-will is cleared. C)crown leased pasture
71	Ste. Rose du Lac	Access roads/access. East. Compensation. CDI. Generating Stations. EMF - 2 brochures given. Drainage. Employment. Vegetation. Dugout on - south of midpoint NW 18-27-13W1 or directly on line.
73	Rorketon	SW parcel is homestead.
74	Rorketon	Not opposed to routing through property. Compensation. Can't stop progress.
75	Rorketon	Line is not through his property. He is adjacent to his father's property Roland.
76	Rorketon	OK. Jobs? Timing?
77	Rorketon	fibre optic telephone line
78	Rorketon	Not on their land, but okay with it. Provides employment.
79	Rorketon	East would be better, but if west, not a big deal.
80	Rorketon	Not too concerned, was concerned about guyed wires, want obstruction to farm land.
81	Alonsa	No concerns, no worries.
82	Alonsa	May be selling property before line goes in.
83	Alonsa	CONCERN-proximity to residence; noise even at 600 m separating - would like it moved further away. Also, potential health affects, "it's too late to move it after it is built".
84	Alonsa	4-5 towers. Fence line - no concerns. Compensation
85	Alonsa	Drainage - drains through NW corner of NE 08-021-11W1. Not opposed to angle towers on NE corner of NE parcel
86	Alonsa	Winter feed lot concern. Slough of SW - will graze. If possible to move west; can stay; but do not clean any of shelter belts.
87	Alonsa	PRIMARY CONCERN - NW 01-020-11W1. Stay west of Robertson Lake and slough. ~ 500 ft west of center pt of NW 01-020-11W1 to shore of Robertson Lake
88	Alonsa	Pasture, no concerns. Finds compensation to be more than expected. Compensation fair, more than expected.
89	Alonsa	No major concern with route. Compensation. Not concerned with EMF
90	Alonsa	No dugouts or retention ponds. Property surrounded by fence line (3 strand) non electric.
91	Alonsa	Line is on east side road of property, so it will not effect. All good.
92	Alonsa	There are forested sections in various parts across the parcels. Numerous wetlands and in proximity to several dugouts. Owner questioned affects of EMF on cattle operation and reproduction effects.
93	Alonsa	Owner questioned effects of EMF on cattle operation and reproduction effects
94	Alonsa	Question assessed value. Compensation - land flooded on regular basis - manipulated land and now grows canola. Land locks - 230kV AC. EMF - perceived health effects, gave brochure and market ability (homestead). Has AC (H) lines - told they would qualify ancillary impacts.
95	Gladstone	Does not want a gate - access is any issue; yet no gates are required - keep trespassers out. GPS/Health - east. Believes that there is too much spread b/w seeded hay and natural hay compensation; either way it must be hayed - therefore it should be a higher payment.
96	Gladstone	No concerns, if it is going to go there, it can go there. Good that it changed from previous, which was closer to our home.
97	Winnipegosis	Compensation - possibility of annual/rental payment. East vs. west. Trapping questions - NO RTL.
98	Winnipegosis	Compensation package.
99	Winnipegosis	General questions about project and compensation. No issue with route.
100	Winnipegosis	Supportive of project, no issues with proximity to line, informed landowner of compensation and the potential of buyout if home is within 75 m of the edge of ROW.
101	Winnipegosis	Supportive of project, no issues with compensation. Feels that is adequate.
102	Winnipegosis	General interest in the project. EMF and crop/soil growing. AC/DC brochure given. Asked about an interlake route following existing. Compensation.
103	Winnipegosis	Mail map sheet 32. Prefers east side route. No large concerns with route traversing his property. Major concern is tower placement.
104	Winnipegosis	Materials. Potential for 75 m and voluntary buyout. Primarily hay (natural and seeD). No structure below PPR.
105	Winnipegosis	No questions on material. Compensation. Fences/no residences. Lease info. CDI can help municipality.
106	Minitonas	Preference to have it moves forth north 2 miles. Not particularly pleased with compensation, feels compensation is not adequate.

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107	Langruth	Fence would be fixed or replaced. No concerns with the line coming through. Concern over grounding on his fence.
108	Langruth	Corrals are further east. No happy with line coming west; should be east. Question effects on cattle.
109	Langruth	Should go East side rather than west.
110	Langruth	Compensation. Tower placement. East side explanation. No concerns with route.
111	Langruth	Should be over on East side on Lake. Trouble for calving - do not want to bisect to ROW. North of the end of NW 18-15-9 W would like to see it goes over to the west by 1.5 mile. Not concerned about the health effects. Councillor was at the open house. If pasture comes into play then move it over. Feels there should be an annual payment for generations that follow. Go west along RA at angle towers at NE 36-14-10W1. SIDE: RAMP project interference if on west side.
112	Langruth	Slough. Tower placement. East side. Quantifiable loses - wood lot and gravel. Good spirits; no concerns. Compensation - no opposition.
113	Langruth	Avid hunter - two hunting stands on alignment. Would not like to see the area opened up because good deer hunting in area. In SW corner, appears to be a gravesite, as a cement top on it. [Name] may have knowledge. Disappointing that it will go on property - oh well. Tree stands worth \$5500. Concerns over GPS.
114	Langruth	No concerns - other than should be on ease. If angle tower on NE 36-14-10W1, does not work out; he would take it.
115	Langruth	East side cost. Not interested in compensation. Would go to expropriation, but not under PPR. Speaking on behalf of mother.
117	Steinbach	Route selection/suggestion. Move a quarter wests along 1/2 mile - less of an impact. Stray Current. Compensation - not about the money.
118	Steinbach	East/west side. Make use of red river floodway. If line is western route, keep towers away from residence and livestock operations.
119	Steinbach	Concerns regarding placement of towers. On agricultural land. East/west route, length of line.
120	Steinbach	East side. Compensation. CDI. Future export line. Doubling up with BP III / BP IV. Stray current. Line adjustment and possible distribution of environmental studies mail out - why parcels outside of study area. Water well to Ste. Agathe and cemetery on parcel.
121	Steinbach	East side. Added cost. Overlap of eye shape. Feels as though this is another kick to the agricultural community. EMF & Interference.
122	Steinbach	Farms east/west with N/S line.
123	Steinbach	Questions on compensation. Why western route. Questions on GPS system.
124	Steinbach	Go on east side. Questions on compensation.
125	Steinbach	Why western route. Questions on compensation.
126	Steinbach	Western route as opposed to an east route. Added cost.
127	Steinbach	No in favor of route. Concerns about equipment for satellite / GPS.
128	Steinbach	Line goes between Tourond and their farm. Would not like to see the line over here at all, health issues concerns. Glad it is not directly on property, but get it out of here, period.
129	Steinbach	Come right over/by his house. Very concerned, buried a friend, the HMMM from the line is concerning. Operation about 1000 pigs. Barn manager for ranch. Owner concerned about proximity to house, would like to know exact of line. Just does not want the line close to his home or other operations. Also owns river lots near St. Anne's MB. Not concerned there as it is away from his property. Would like to be informed immediately of line routing on his property.
131	Steinbach	I do not want the line on my property, the routing makes no sense. It will have an effect on my property. Cost wise this is silly, saving a forest, impacting so many others. Extra cost and distance to make the logs. Land is selling is \$3000 an acre. Should be on half mile not on one side or the other on one parcel NOTE- Arnold was very polite to me, just had no desire to see this being built on his land and on the west side of the Prov.
132	Treherne	Will receive compensation. Wants additional power for grain dryer. Had a previous visit. Talked to Donovan on info line.
133	Steinbach	Question on how close to line. No other concerns. "Low German" so limit conversation.
134	Steinbach	Political this passes over conservative agriculture. Common sense - straight line makes sense. Failure of common sense, not only of extra court costs and annual loss of [repair and cost over the course of a year]. Remaining road takes away the pristine forest, anyways; solving those would win the forest anyways. This going to cost us \$10000 thousand of dollars when done, we go to sell our property value. Your line now has 2 lines. Primary in west as our home lose money! As wondering how de-valued property would be. Why does the politics favour one than the other? *His wife was in earlier, he asked me to personally take his comment letter back and thank me for my sincere listening and understanding. He was very polite and no vulgar language.
136	Steinbach	Property values concern. Would like shelter belts as compensation. Trees are not going to cover our land. Infrastructure issues - lagoons from Mitchell, Bothwell and Steinbach within last year. Better options than this. Stray voltage interference with electronics. Satellite signals. Go closer to highway, there is less.... When this first started, we were communicating with [staff] as our property was some of the original German property and [staff] has all this information. Cemetery is hitting corner to our property. Not a heritage site today, but it could be. This is text book documented.
137	Niverville	General information questions. No special concerns on fields.
138	Niverville	Farming - east/west, as opposed to N/S. Vegetation management. Liability for tower/injury. Sag. Location of lagoon (North of Randolf). Stray voltage. Alberta and rent - easement. Compensation.
139	Niverville	EMF & Swine - gave DC brochure (farrowing operation). East side & underwater (Gout). Compensation - onetime. CDI. Not opposed to route, needed explanation, and did not comprehend. Proximity to swine. Stray voltage - understands that it could be distribution and malfunctions.

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140	Niverville	Opposed to western route. Silly idea. Appears that we are going after agricultural individuals rather than first nations grounds to simplify route and feels like a slap in the face. Not great track records with utilities (previous). Concern about pole location for aerial application yard sites, and leaving unfarmable gaps or buffer zones.
141	Niverville	Appreciation of none - angle structure through fields. Map 6 - would like to know rationale. North sag in line west of property. Prefers East side route over west.
142	Niverville	Have met with [staff]. We have showed openly our concerns. Wrote a letter to Mr. Brennan and would still like to have him come to their property. Karen just come in to see if anything new, she is still concerned about the line even being considered to be on the west side. *Really wants Mr.Brennan to come see her and hopes a change of government really happens, if that is the only way to stop this insanity.
143	Niverville	N/S farming practices. Who does assessment; RM; assessed value is quite low (1.3) should be higher. Spacing - an 80 acre would hinder.
144	Niverville	See comments from [name] sheet "From a health point of view, there is evidence of health issues. It will affect our business. Why should it go where people live? This is going in over our dead body. Cost to the rate payer. We require a change in opportunity. Got screwed with gas install. Better taste left. Willing to get legal help. We do not want it on the west side. Compensation does not matter; we do not want it on our property or on agricultural property. Extra cost of const and sellable property absolutely. This not a good business plan. Only time you can have a poor plan like this is when it's not your money."
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147	Niverville	No concerns.
148	Niverville	Under no circumstances wants the line on his land - offer to purchase. Reference to purchase farm 147 acres
150	Niverville	No concerns, house located 1/4 mile house of lines. \
151	Niverville	East vs. west. No on direct path, south of line.
152	Niverville	Go east side. Length between poles.
153	Niverville	General information questions. Have Wi-Fi system for computer signal between farms, concern about signal.
154	Brunkild	(Pitura Seed farm Ltd). On SE corner will not be able to do any aerial application on this quarter due to exist the running north south on the quarter. Prefers not to have it on their property. Seed farm; weeds control around structure a problem. Aerial application cannot be used. Bury the line where they cross for aerial spray.
155	Elm Creek	Why was BB6 and south of Portage la Prairie? P - N of Winnipeg not hosen: Separation and diagonal tower. 3 per mile as opposed to 3.4, up to R.A. IF it comes, Engineering concerns - raise towers; expand the span b/w towers so if falls to 3 per mile as opposed to 3.4. (Need estimate on cost; expansion height and expansion of basE) East side support. Finds compensation to be minimal; does not factor in crop changes. Hinders use of land if 100 ft in. EMD; not a major concern.
156	Elm Creek	Primary concern regarding proximity to residence and back of compensation for those within a 1/2 mile. Depreciation of acreage. Opposed to route. Prefers east route.
157	Elm Creek	East side. Does not want it in sight. Is not against the line, however location is not acceptable. Would like to see owners comments become public knowledge to see who is for or against the line. Would like to see a consulting firm representing those owners.
158	Elm Creek	Not on west. Based on market sake compensation is not adequate.
159	Elm Creek	Weed issue with towers - need other consideration than one-time payment; doesn't cover it. Wide equipment can't clear 1/2 of ROW (equipment now is 120' widE). Should be annual compensation. Questions about collision between equipment and structures - costs associated.
160	Elm Creek	Confirm liability of farmer/municipality hitting the tower. Case study. Can liability be limited to an \$ amount, limit exposure. CDI not enough. Change design to include Bollards. Weeds and drainage on land. Snow mounds needing to be spread. Impact to adjacent lands. Can't plant sunflower because of spraying limitations.
161	Elm Creek	East side not west. Insurance - is the landowner liable - to what extent are they liable. EMF in relation to the house. Weeds in the towers - hydro should maintain these. Protection around towers is needed.
162	MacGregor	Basically opposed to the project.
163	MacGregor	Just wish to confirm location of line. Property not affected.
164	MacGregor	East vs. west? GPS. ROW/Height of lines.
165	MacGregor	Should be asking, not telling. Been here 60 yrs. Problem for farming. Devaluing property. Long term maintenance problem. Compensation - assumed value not an adequate measure, no compensation for being within half-mile and residence nearing and need compensation for residence. Open to compensation.

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166	MacGregor	Go 70 miles east or under lake, shelter belts natural tree likes will be affected when cleared on 30-11-8 and fence lines. Soil compaction, soil contamination for seed growers, liability insurance. Approaches. What is the mandate for the west side? Yards within 1/2 mile will have no value. Health and safety issues. Crossing existing Hydro line tower at 1/2 mile line will require sufficient distance. Railway track -rail bed 6 to 8 ft high. Towers will not be acceptable due to obstructions of railway, # 1 highway other hydro towers etc. Stray voltage to fence lines. Weed control concerned about safety. Potential for other lines. Southport flight training 90K radius. Wind concerns, tornadoes, lightning strikes more severe weather on west side vs. east side. Water lines and secondary. Vehicles driving under line. How does this affect.
167	MacGregor	Splits irrigation for potato field. Review alignment. Closer to edge of trees preferred. Preference for East side route. Prefer annual payments for compensation
168	Brunkild	Would like to run on South end of 1/2 line; east of Hwy 3; Would like the angle. Towers; states renters. Renting- SW 35-007-01W; SE 35-007-01W; SW 36-007-01W1
169	Elm Creek	East side. Prefer to have it on the mile road to the north. Aerial applications are problematic - with both new and existing. Will affect what can be grown. Compensation will make a difference
170	Elm Creek	Litigation for accident and liability. Vegetation management. 3.4 mile. Don't build, but compensation is good.
171	Elm Creek	Would like distance from dairy farm. EMF & cattle dairy. Sag maximum. Compensation. No towers on property. Western route - opposed. Existing line (distribution). Vegetation management. Property value depreciation.
172	Elm Creek	East side should be chosen. Political interference, line losses and extra cost.
173	Elm Creek	Not overly concerned
174	Elm Creek	On Bipole I & II - MTS instruments is sometimes disrupting. Weeds have to be maintained. GPS - affect on self steer. Aerial spraying - impacted. SAG too low. Don't want it.
175	Brunkild	Preference for route on the east side of Manitoba. Prefer not to have line on their property. Would like to see annual payment within compensation.
176	Brunkild	Currently not on his property, does not want it on his property.
177	Brunkild	Father owned land, recently passed away, son on beneficiary. Concerns over seeding, tilling, aerial application. Unclear if it can still be done. Damages to equipment go have something to hit. As we look at his now, it is down the center, it could go either way. Purchase ROW, would rather sell the portion of ROW. Not interested in this project overall assessment/ sale of property. Buy the land at 2000 an acre.
178	Elm Creek	Looking for details. Is burning permitted under the ROW/T-line? Insurance issues for damages to structure.
179	Winnipeg	Preference for east side. Concern about flooding - localized and red river. Tornado belt on prairies. Safety concern. Horizontal directional internet signal may be disrupted due to placement of tower, will need to be examined once final tower location is determined.
180	Winnipeg	Tower spacing, type. Ground electrode - basics. Sister is 0.5 mile from; he believes there is no impact at that distance. Compensation.
181	Winnipeg	Will have one angle tower. Compensation package. Asked about owner and renter agreements. Will discuss with her son and call with any other questions.
182	St. Agathe	East side and political decision. Process- lack of notification. CDI
183	St Agathe	Prefers Eastern route over proposed west route. Not interested. The proposed route is between RL 545 and 547, 600 feet from out property line. RL 545 is in one block which would tremendously interfere with working the land
184	St Agathe	Asshole politicians. East side, west side vulnerability. UNESCO. Annual
185	St Agathe	Compensation. Separation distance. CDI. Vegetation management. Tower placement. How the route came to be/ process. No major objection- only stated it is a pain to work around. Has diagonal crossing on another parcel and understand how we tried to minimize impact.
186	St Agathe	Stupid Idea. Feel like 2nd class citizen. Farming more difficult. Would prefer yearly payment
187	St Agathe	Tower payments do not cover loss. Dealt with Hydro previously on 115 KV. Opposed to line where it is. Weed issues under existing. Hydro deals in bad faith (previous MeetinG). Western Route makes no sense
188	St Agathe	Opposed to route. Concerned about easement payments on market
189	Dugald	Lives 3.5 miles from the line
190	Dugald	Son farms
191	Dugald	MH may own the quarter (710 ft), Mark Wankling is following up
192	Dugald	[Name] arrived and greeted him; he asked what was going I tried to explain the towers by showing him the diagrams. He asked an environmental question, [staff] answered it, and [name] got upset, accused [staff] of not answering his question, [staff] laughed and chuckled that agitated [name]. I tried to explain the right of way brochure and offered Dennis the brochure as I explained he got more upset and called Trevor an idiot. TJ Notes - after trying to calm him and get him to refrain from swearing and calling out religion is when I chuckled as he continued swearing in front of a 4 year old boy.
193	Dugald	It's not on property, would have had no problems with it being on his property. Likes the money being offered.
194	Dugald	On corner of property that's okay concerned that it was closer to our home.
196	Dugald	Preference not to be there at all. See comments below
197	Dugald	Farm East west (W14-9-6E1). Aerial Application hindrance. Few miles east, less cost brush as opposed to farm land. EMF; AC and DC difference. Reduction in Ag land- frustrating; sub-divisions are already taking out land. Put line in best area with little impact. Not 100% opposed; understands it must go somewhere

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198	Dugald	Would prefer to have the ROW purchased as opposed to Easement if price is right. Does not want on Property. Private land - no payment for prior transmission. Dyke is a municipal; no easement for the existing line from this AC line with landowner. Tax-free compensation - would Hydro pay the tax on the easement for each landowner? Follow-up: Would the land payment for the tower be claimed as income and is it taxable?
199	Brunkild	Did not receive newsletter and map. GPS outback - only relies on one satellite. 4 potential; one angle tower. Potential impacts on 1/2 mile properties; and there is no compensation - adjoining land being impacted. Hail; microclimate (Ontario) - deters rain but attracts hail - asked for study. Compensation discussed. Drainage an issue on SE. Follow-up: right for wind, monetary value to ROW and mineral rights, vegetation management left with the landowner. Would like a photocopy mailed out.
200	Ste. Anne	Would Hydro be willing to supply trees to residences with a direct view of line 1/2 mile. Routing explanation provided
201	Ste. Anne	Concerns as property owner regarding value. Visual representation would be helpful. Opposed to relocation.
202	Ste. Anne	Health concerns, in particular EMF and impact on people. Provided EMF brochures to request of her husband.
204	Ste. Anne	Tree Farm
205	Ste. Anne	NE 37-8-6E; House within centre. (niecE) - Potential 75 m. EMF
206	Ste. Anne	1/2 mile line. Vegetation Management. Construction timeline. No major objection. Approx. 5 towers (2 angles). On Hwy 1 (N and S) - purchased for future for possible commercial land bordering hwy.
207	Ste. Anne	East side directed to MLA. Does not want route. Follow-up: Send Aerial Map 1-12 combined
208	Ste. Anne	Located 1/2 from Dufresne, 1.5 miles from the line.
209	Ste. Anne	Does not want on property - directed to MLA. East Side. CDI. Compensation. Quite opposed.
210	Ste. Anne	Gave maps he requested from phone line. Southern loop explained. E vs. W. 1/2 mile - gave brochure. Compensation and CDI.
211	Ste. Anne	Process- letter to each residence within a mile and 1/2, the process is flawed. Location within 1/2 mile of line is there a less populated area. No problem with East vs. West, the proximity to landmark is disappointing. Go for 2 miles south then. I would like to have someone explain the GPS study. RTK Tower is close to Steinbach.
212	Ste. Anne	Owens north half of quarter - 80 acres. Have a preference not to have it on his property.
213	Ste. Anne	Prefers it not to be there. East side - explanation. EMF- brochures given. Possible 75 m residence: will be following up with landowner.
214	Ste. Anne	Concern about western route, prefer east. Concern about EMF. Concern about House value/ depreciation. Concern about visual clutter. Loss retirement enjoyment. Grandkids will not visit. Emotional attachment to the land.
216	Ste. Anne	Bipole III does not cross his property. Concerns about EMF and potential health effects.
217	Ste. Anne	Prefer Eastern Route. Concerns with EMF. Visual Clutter. Moved to country to avoid hydro towers. Should be removed from house zones. Request EMF Test prior to and after construction.
218	Ste. Anne	Concern: I do have animals (horses), noise from towers. Very concerned about wellbeing of animals. I did explain the AC-DC Theory.
219	Winnipegosis	Quarry Lease on 1/2 south of line, limits and distance to blasting, special constraints, compensation, limestone under where the PPR is and other parcels in the area. Caveat on MACO
220	Winnipegosis	Church site/ cemetery. May have received owner letter. Church is not in use
221	Winnipegosis	Concerned about possible implications if son builds home on NW part of the quarter since it is the high point of the property/ access road/ etc/ good water. Also concerned about real estate value if want to sell property because it could only be sold for agriculture purpose since people not be interested in placing a house near transmission line.
222	Winnipegosis	No major concerns.
223	Winnipegosis	3 to 4 towers. 66 m right of way. Construction opportunities.
226	Winnipegosis	No major concerns.
227	Winnipegosis	Not on his property. No concern
228	Winnipegosis	GPS. EMF. Proximity to Residences (> 400 m). Compensation. Audible noise.
229	Winnipegosis	If adjusted: has no issue with it through and can go through NW 25-28-16WI. No concerns. Keep line higher over road and can place tower on his parcel.
230	Winnipegosis	How route was determined. Is it on her land? Within 1/2 mile. No major concerns.
231	Winnipegosis	Construction. Selling land. EMF general. Compensation. Fence movement.
232	Minitonas	100% behind project. Go for it. Makes sense. Compensation
233	Minitonas	3.4 towers/ mile (7x7) - 2 towers potentially. Compensation. No Concerns
234	Anola	Would prefer to see east side route. Would like to see compensation higher for proximity for line. Drainage 1/2 mile goes south. 1/4 mile goes North. Address drainage concerns prior to construction. Information supplied by Hydro contact was not professional, employees/ contractors better informed prior to contact with owners would provide better results.
235	Langruth	No major concerns.
236	Langruth	No concerns
237	Langruth	Line should go through community pasture and WMA. Has gravel would like to sell
238	Langruth	Land value - compensation is low. PPR all agriculture land - 5-6 towers.
239	Langruth	Concerned about project, interference to farming operations. East vs. West issues, need for the project, extra expense and cost passed onto Manitobans indirectly.

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240	St. Rose	Concern about access created for hunting purposes. Manitoba Hydro maintenance crews - to shut gate properly and tighten fence wires properly. DO NOT make loops in wire with screwdrivers.
241	Langruth	No major concerns.
242	Langruth	2-3 TOWERS. Diagonal routing. No concerns.
243	Alonsa	Natural pasture land.PPR NE 11-20-11 WI. PPR SE 11-20-11 WI. PPR SW 12-20-11 WI. PPR NW 1-20-11 WI - lake concerned with proximity to lake at east. PPR SW 1-20-11 WI. PPR NE 1-20-11 WI - residence. PPR NE 36-19-11 WI. PPR SE 36-19-11 WI. R. Berger to follow up, Robertson Lake. If line moves, please notify. Practices organic prefers no sprays.
245	Winnipeg	Prefers alternative route, on east side of province.
246	Winnipeg	Incontinence for farm community.
247	Portage	Selling property in the future. Was wondering where the tower would be. No real concerns will be good for the community. Questioning if the money is taxable.
248	Winnipeg	Health concerns has cancer. Former Property Owner. Magnetic shield uniforms for workers (B.C.). Road allowances. "Aerial balloons over conductors otherwise no crop spraying. Concern over land. Railway beds and tracks conduct and erodes the metal.
249	Winnipeg	Opposed to the western route. Future irrigation hindered. Added cost of western route. Runway on East 1/2 of SE 20-7-4E1. Will make it difficult to get an easement. MTS Easement does not exist.
250	Winnipeg	Routing concerns. Length of line. Cost of loss on megawatt basis. Aug of MW sold.
251	Winnipeg	Opposed to (WVE) Consultation did not occur on E.V.W
252	Winnipeg	Suggestion: Move the PPR to southern side of half mile. (would accommodate PPR on his land)
253	Portage	Not in favor of the project, east side preferred. Future land values, working around towers, aerial spraying, liability
254	Portage	GPS dependant unit. Concern over. He would rather see it go east. Cost wise. Health issues, wife and family. Exposed to EMF. Land value depreciation. At edge of field as opposed to middle of land. *Large concern over placement of towers preference would be closest to rail line on the edge, once again not in the middle, move over to mile from 1/2 mile. Would prefer towers at start and just past rail line close to the rail line once it crosses. Feels like the [neighbors] - it should be moved over a mile. Look at history if ROW in last 5 years.
255	Portage	Separation from Dorsey and south loop. PPR on east side of property. Quarter apart of the WMA. Follow up with specialists regarding field studies on the parcel in question. Sag and totally clearing of ROW.
256	Portage	Land value, inquired about anchors advised towers are free standing. Leases his property. Generally ok with the project.
257	Portage	Just wanted to see where it was going. Not on his land. Thank you - Good Luck
258	Dugald	Property devaluation, splits management unit, line/towers will be an obstacle to aerial spraying, weed management around towers affects of weeds on remaining field/crop, loss of crop around tower area because of double spraying, etc.
259	Dugald	Aerial spraying, overlapping of spraying around towers, spraying weeds under towers, effects on GPS equipment, Effects on honey bees, paying taxes on land that hydro is using, safety concerns of working around towers, don't want line on property
260	Dugald	No issues, right away will be on corner of property. All good.
261	Dugald	She is going to read more on the effects. Received a letter so she dropped in the line is on a parcel of land that she owns and her residence is on the north east corner on 5 acres. Would like to know how far exactly. Line is on the other side of the road. Corner of trees to closest point of line is 1500.00 450 M
262	Dugald	Timeframe? Compensation?
263	Dugald	Concern over how close to their dwelling.
264	By Phone	Nearest building at 137.2M. 40 acres, EMF, What impact on property, is there compensation - land owner is not crossed by PPR. Invited to attend the WPG 04
265	The Pas	Property value - present and future potential, has bought land for future residential development (land is zoned as residential) Aesthetics - re-property value/development potential. Effects on cattle - concern of EMF effects. Concerned about structure type on north parcel along the Sask. River. - Could affect farming practice. NEXT steps in process were explained. Landowner compensation policy concern about being fairly compensated for potential value of land.
266	Ste. Anne	Wanted to know would this effect on cell phones. Trevor gave Real a pamphlet on "Electronic Device" The line is 5,582 feet away from his home and 1800 feet from his Aunt and Uncles. All good. Personally this is a good thing.
267	Ste. Anne	Would like "Tax" question answered. Concern about aerial application, EMF question.
268	Ste. Agathe	How route was determined. Flood zone concerns. 1/2 mile from line. NDP appreciation - not in favor. Past involvement & when it occurred. Upset he was not notified earlier.
269	Ste. Agathe	Landowner located north of proposed line Approx. 500' + 1- General Discussion. Questions on AC/DC. Questions on health. No further concerns.
270	Ste. Agathe	Prefers east side rate - shorter distance, more cost. Difficult to work around structures for farming.

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271	Ste. Agathe	Wondered why he is invited when he owns about 3 acres of this section. Answered - within a 1/2 mile. Noise decibel level - explained the difference between AC/DC - Interference with phones - gave him a brochure. Is it going to move closer to my home, answered that this is the proposed preferred route? If the wire fell and there is a flood and the wires fell - answered would prefer V/bound. Concerned over seeing tower outside of front window. Built home about seven/eight years ago. Visual impact. Land values, explained mentioned Pritchard Farms and St. Vital some may not move into area because of line declining their property. Had a study from Europe and Great Britain. Turbines - impact showed documentation from a study.
272	Ste. Anne	Opposed to Western route. Side Note: Interested in selling power to Manitoba Hydro. Contact or Forward info. Consider any re-alignment westerly to create greater separation to house.
273	Brunkild	NE24-7-1W How close to edge of property where are the towers going. Legal action can take to stop this. You do not want the towers on the land. These meetings need to be conducted in January not when we are busy. World needs a major starvation so the farmer is taken seriously. How can a government pass something, when I never voted for the government to - communism one would think? Green Peace activist, do crops like this, I have to make a living I can't sit here I have work to do. Environmental loss. Where the common sense with the costing. The line is going on 3 spots on our parcels. Move it.
274	Elm Creek	Will need to expropriate land. East side support. Compensation, Regulation and timeline. Proximity to homes. GPS
275	Elm Creek	Why not East (cheaper) Don't want it on land
276	MacGregor	Inhibits planned irrigation; obstruction to farm equipment; interference with aerial application and GPS systems; devaluation of property value; safety concern with equipment operators. *Splits both section as they are each managed as one unit. *Suggests routing 1/2 mile east starting at RD 60 North. *Indicates that his auto steer systems shut off under existing AC line on Section 35 (Dorsey to Cornwallis 230Kv AC).
277	Carman	Would not like line in proximity. EMF/Health concerns. GPS Functionality concerns. Property value - devaluation. Health effects from a purchase perspective. Cited example of prospective purchaser shying away because of Bipole III PPR announcement. Looks like an eyesore. ** Is Compensation money taxable?? Can compensation money be deferred over multiple years??
278	Carman	NE 4-7-3e1 fragments section into smaller pieces. 2 1/2 miles of land (8-10 towers) assessed at 700 - 1000. Route suggestion-less impact; does not fragment the southern quarter.
279	MacGregor	Should be on east side of lakes. Should be shared and stay; compensation should stay on 1/2 mile line. Machinery width; fine now but what about future. No large scale obstruction. Compensation, EMF and CDI
280	MacGregor	Should be on the east side of lakes. Should be shared; compensation should go to both - stay on 1/2 mile line. Width of machinery - fine now but what about the future? No large scale obstruction. Compensation. EMF and CDI
281	MacGregor	Towers (4) w/angle tower. Property value. EMF Compensation & expropriation. 222 m from residence. Cereal crops.
282	MacGregor	Aesthetics concerns. Preference for not having it on property.
283	Elm Creek	2400 ft S-east corner of line. AC & DC - voltage - is the line "off limits" for biking? - No major concerns.
284	Winnipegosis	No problem with the location of line (i.e. Aesthetics) Transmission line currently does not run on his property. Supportive of project and development.
285	Brunkild	Does not like longer route on West side. No consideration given to the farming community. Opposition to a western rate.
286	Brunkild	Is there internet signal interference using a dish based signal (wireless) from the provider? Does not agree with west side routing for economic reasons. Recommends: Place tower on north portion of SW 10-7-2E in pie-shaped piece north of drainage ditch (see sketch). Rationale is that the pie-shaped parcel is very small and managed on its own (island). Extra cost associated with farming.
287	Brunkild	Main concern is the drainage ditch.
288	Brunkild	Dumb route to take (agricultural land) Aerial spraying hindrance - floods every spring. Selling land in future could impact what it could be valued at. East side. Moving the line to the 1/2 mile would be worse.
289	Brunkild	Highest land on that quarter EMF & GPS East side explanation.
290	Brunkild	House is across the road, too close to residence. General feeling is negative but if it has to be, it has to be.
291	By Phone	No problem.
292	Brunkild	Residence will face Bipole III. Do not want to look at line and especially do not want a tower located in the visual field of the residence. Move tower so it is not in field of view from residence.
293	Brunkild	Running through middle field; not going through exit if stuck. Already has existing transmission line 'highway'. Rough property. Aesthetic concerns. Will have to cut through property for maintenance. Developing property in the future. Aesthetics - the threat of the boreal forest is no different than the prairies. Tax implications. Government say to buy the municipalities. Review - consider moving North from second jog - maybe one mile or two miles.
294	Brunkild	Tower location needs to avoid the drain. Do not place a tower in the drainage channel.
295	Brunkild	Prefer south side on sections 33 & 34. What if possible building sites are constructed adjacent to the line prior to construction of line? How would that be handled?
296	c/o Trevor	Preferred route on south side of sections 35 & 36 7-1W. Following dashed line or following dotted line when it reaches the dike.
297	By Phone	No issues with runway, approaches were fine. Far enough away - clear shot to west.
298		Drainage ditch may be a concern to owner. Buried MTS cable. Generally ok with the project.

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E39	R3 - Letter/Email	Work Opportunity
E40	R3 - Letter/Email	Study Area Inquiry
E41	R3 - Letter/Email	West Side Decision
E42	R3 - Letter/Email	Ice Scours/Underwater
E43	R3 - Letter/Email	Line Losses
E1	R3 - Letter/Email	East Side
E2	R3 - Letter/Email	East Side; suggest to use Hydro bill for notification.
E3	R3 - Letter/Email	East Side; suggest to use Hydro bill for notification.
E4 E21	R3 - Letter/Email	NEED LETTER ATTACHMENT - notes concern re: his farm and potential effects
E5	R3 - Letter/Email	Mapping request for route A
E6	R3 - Letter/Email	NEED LETTER ATTACHMENT
E7	R3 - Letter/Email	East side.
E8	R3 - Letter/Email	East side. West too costly; power loss.
E10	R3 - Letter/Email	Notification insufficient. Mapping request.
E11	R3 - Letter/Email	East side; shorter, less cost, less line loss, jobs for east side residents. Request to show calculations comparing east vs. West.
E12	R3 - Letter/Email	East side; shorter, less cost, lower risk exposure. Health, human exposure, impact to farming.
E13	R3 - Letter/Email	SW15-17-22W.
E14	R3 - Letter/Email	NEED LETTER ATTACHMENT
E16	R3 - Letter/Email	East is NOT PREFERRED. World Heritage site.
E17	R3 - Letter/Email	East is insanity. Upset and common sense needs to prevail.
E19	R3 - Letter/Email	Why is the alternative route needed, how much compensation to land owners is expected, how much do the lines affect the health of those living near them.
E20	R3 - Letter/Email	8-19-26W. East side shorter, less people, less line loss.
R3 - L1	R3 - Letter/Email	Wind energy project. Mapping has been completed.
R3 - L2	R3 - Letter/Email	Route A will have the greatest impact on our lands.
R3 - L3	R3 - Letter/Email	Concerned with value of acreage with line.
R3 - L4	R3 - Letter/Email	2 miles south of Elm Creek. Would like the line run down the Lake where it would bother nobody.
R3-P1	R3 - Letter/Email	Avoid conflict with Agriculture. 18-11-8W
E22	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preferred. Should be a plan to coordinate the project with an all weather road on the east side of Lake Winnipeg
E24	R3 - Letter/Email	3-8-3W & 2-8-3W
E25	R3 - Letter/Email	Blue Heron Colony NE 32-35-28W
E26	R3 - Letter/Email	Aesthetics
E27	R3 - Letter/Email	Location of proposed route with regards to proximity to Glenlea.
E28	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preference. Expense, distance travelled, property destroyed. Insane, gut wrenching, get real, a ridiculous.
E29	R3 - Letter/Email	I think this is a very bad idea and the route you have chosen for this will disrupt such beautiful habitat. The valley you wish to run through is used by hunters, fishers, canoeists, and nature lovers. There are parts of it that have never been broken and have original prairie grasses and wildflowers such as our provincial flower the crocus. I hope you can figure out an alternative route that will not damage so much the environment.
E30	R3 - Letter/Email	Shortest line is always the straightest line. Cost savings on East side. Why go west to come back east?
E31	R3 - Letter/Email	Comparison question regarding 1000MW Tline and a 500 kV HVdc line.
E32	R3 - Letter/Email	Letter stating concerns with Financial stability for those in old age, equine facilities. Devalued property concerns.
E33	R3 - Letter/Email	Would like a map of the alternate routes at highest resolution possible.
E34	R3 - Letter/Email	Believes that a more suitable route for Bipole III can be found if it avoids the Porcupine Provincial Forest. Moose and deer population concerns.
E35	R3 - Letter/Email	GHA is 19 and 10a east of HWY 10.
E36	R3 - Letter/Email	Has a concern regarding whether the line will follow existing Wuskwatim infrastructure or whether an additional right of way will be created. There is no issue if travelling on same RoW.
E37	R3 - Letter/Email	Has allocation area of 200 sq. miles east of Pine River and in the Duck Mountains. Concerns with this being opened up for access and how it may affect her business.
R3-P3	R3 - Letter/Email	Believes that the route should be placed on the East side of Lake Winnipeg. Map Provided.
E38	R3 - Letter/Email	Compensation and tower separation. Wished for a detailed map of the Newdale area.
R3-L12	R3 - Letter/Email	Municipality requests compensation. Believe equity is needed due to avoidance of First Nation lands.
R3-L13	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preferred (no signature, no names, no address or contact information)

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R3-L14	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preferred. Organic Concerns. Saskatchewan power tap.
R3-L15	R3 - Letter/Email	Proposes converter in Westman region to shorten route.
R3-L16	R3 - Letter/Email	Letter in response to [name] - north of Minnedosa, impact on agrifarming potential.
E44	R3 - Letter/Email	Increase cost for western corridor. East side or underwater options. UNESCO compatible with Tline
E45	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preferred. Will do what he can to make this an election issue.
E46	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preferred. Energy loss. UNESCO is not a viable reason for a west side corridor.
E47	R3 - Letter/Email	Province cannot afford such debt with a west side corridor. Does not care one little bit about the UN and the so called Heritage Park.
E48	R3 - Letter/Email	*states bring the line on the west side of the province. East side preferred.
E50	R3 - Letter/Email	Please do what's right and use the east side. Manitobans cannot afford the extra cost.
E51	R3 - Letter/Email	As pensioners, we are on a fixed income and more taxes we do not need. The east side makes so much more sense.
E52	R3 - Letter/Email	East side development would raise the standard of living and improve safety. Support for an east side route.
E53	R3 - Letter/Email	Livelihood of 1100 families on Route A as compared to Route B. Makes sense to spend less money to achieve the same result.
R3-P4	R3 - Letter/Email	Compensation for towers should be annual for private land owners.
R3-P5	R3 - Letter/Email	Tower placement and concern with farming equipment constraints.
E54	R3 - Letter/Email	Adversely affect farming practices. Numerous crops are reliant on aerial spraying. An alternative that is sited not primarily used for food production would be far more cost effective, practical and less intrusive.
R3-L17	R3 - Letter/Email	Urge to build down east side of Lake Winnipeg. Extra Cost - Manitoba cannot afford this make work project.
R3-L18	R3 - Letter/Email	East side would be cheaper, shorter and have less line losses. Access is available on east side. There are lines that currently exist to service First Nations. Does not wish to hinder progress.
E55	R3 - Letter/Email	East side is shorter, cheaper and has a lower environmental impact.
E56	R3 - Letter/Email	Why it is necessary to build BPIII down the west side of the province when the east side is shorter.
E57	R3 - Letter/Email	Warren (BPI & II) - works under 3 miles of HV lines, devalued the land, safety concern. Claims pittance of a payment was made during expropriation. MH threatening to not allow work under lines or charging rent is not right. East side is the only solution to consider both logic and finances.
E58	R3 - Letter/Email	How can the government justify spending 1 billion extra dollars of tax monies to route on the western side of the province.
E59	R3 - Letter/Email	Rates increasing. Why spend an extra billion to go down the west side of the province.
E60	R3 - Letter/Email	Rates increasing. Why spend an extra billion to go down the west side of the province.
E61	R3 - Letter/Email	Rates increasing. Why spend an extra billion to go down the west side of the province.
R3-P6	R3 - Letter/Email	Concerned with information provided at council meeting Oct. 13th. All routes will pass through the councilors ward.
E23	R3 - Letter/Email	Council has no concerns as of this time.
E63	R3 - Letter/Email	As the routes do not pass through the town limits of Niverville it was deemed unnecessary to meet with council. They still wish to remain informed regarding the project.
E64	R3 - Letter/Email	Does not like Farmland that is crossed. East side is preferred. The line would promote a road for access in the eastern side of the province
E65	R3 - Letter/Email	Having difficulties getting the alternative route map from the MH website. PM forwarded the map as well as an updated website.
R3-L20	R3 - Letter/Email	Numerous concerns, Agricultural interference (GPS and Aerial Application), Loss of revenue and mineral rights, loss of power due to added length, cost, no local benefits.
R3-L21	R3 - Letter/Email	Response letter to Mr. Rick Borotsik regarding Consultation and project necessity.
E62	R3 - Letter/Email	Cancellation of the OH in Haywood - wanting explanation as to why.
R3-L22	R3 - Letter/Email	East side preferred. No benefits to local communities, only added cost to tax payers. Mining concerns for oil and potash restrictions, GPS and Aerial application hindrance.
R3-P7	R3 - Letter/Email	Information requested regarding location and mapping. Time line also discussed.
R3-L23	R3 - Letter/Email	Request for further discussion with council
R3-L24	R3 - Letter/Email	Alternative to alternative routes reviewed.
E66	R3 - Letter/Email	EMF and Cancer concern.
R3-L25	R3 - Letter/Email	Concerned with EMF and her children regarding potential health effects
R3-L26	R3 - Letter/Email	Resolution #116/10 Objecting to the western routing of Bipole III.
R3-L28	R3 - Letter/Email	Resolution #122/10 Objecting to the western routing of Bipole III
R3-L27	R3 - Letter/Email	Resolution #39-03-10
E67	R3 - Letter/Email	Underwater option viability. West side social and environmental impacts.
E68	R3 - Letter/Email	Mapping request of the Mountain and Minitonas Area.
E69	R3 - Letter/Email	Potential Routing Options in the RMs of MacDonald and Ritchot.
E70	R3 - Letter/Email	Request for information regarding all alternatives, east and underwater options.
R3-L29	R3 - Letter/Email	Routing alternatives and mineral concerns

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E71	R3 - Letter/Email	Route B has less productive land. Will deny access to their property.
E72	R3 - Letter/Email	East side is has numerous benefits, reduced damage to the environment, less cost, access route to isolated communities, save the taxpayers millions in ongoing costs due to losses.
R4-E1	R4 - Email	LIC and Open House schedule request.
R4-E2	R4 - Email	LIC schedule request.
R4-E3	R4 - Email	Request for maps
R4-E4	R4 - Email	Map request
R4-E5	R4 - Email	Mailed "What we Heard" document from R3, and a presentation used for RMs and events schedule for R4
R4-E6	R4 - Email	Preliminary preferred route map request
R4-E7	R4 - Email	Manitoba Hydro as a crown corporation has a fiscal responsibility to MB tax payer. It is not responsible to build a line on the west side of the province; a route which is longer and in a more populated area than the eastern side of the province. Not only will it cost millions upon millions more to construct, it also has a revenue loss because the longer the line the more energy is lost, a loss of 28 million per year.
R4-E8	R4 - Email	How electricity rates are determined; (wholesale/bulk rates for large users, commercial rates, and residential rates. Residential rates same throughout MB... same rates between residential and First Nation communities?
R4-E9	R4 - Email	Response: Power transfer from BP I & II transmission lines to the BP III transmission line - as BP III is 50% longer than BP I & II lines, it is not technically possible to use the BP I & II converters to transfer power to BP III west. Line lengthen for a BP III east routing would be similar to BP I & II lines, and it would be feasible to operate the BP I & II converters to transfer power to a BP III east line. BP III on east side is not considered at this time.
R4-E10	R4 - Email	Tower design in relation to the minimum clearance distance from the ground.
R4-E11	R4 - Email	Map requests
R4-E12	R4 - Email	Preliminary preferred route information - during Round 3
R4-E13	R4 - Email	BP III general e-mail announcing initiation of round 4. Out of office response.
R4-E14	R4 - Email	Response to public announcement of PPR. Against BP III on west: insult to the intelligence of Manitobans.
R4-E15	R4 - Email	East side would be smart choice.
R4-E16	R4 - Email	Bcc. Spam e-mail - staff replied and apologized
R4-E17	R4 - Email	Broken link to website.
R4-E22	R4 - Email	LIC and Open House schedule
R4-E23	R4 - Email	East side option and reasons to go east.
R4-E24	R4 - Email	Why underwater route not chosen and maintenance cost for BP III on west side.
R4-E25	R4 - Email	Requested more precise map (during round 3)
R4-E26	R4 - Email	How close to his house being built near Lorette.
R4-E27	R4 - Email	Supportive of west side route.
R4-E28	R4 - Email	Bcc. Spam e-mail - staff replied and apologized
R4-E30	R4 - Email	Oppose west route.
R4-E31	R4 - Email	Wondered when next meeting was.... Replied by phone.
R4-E32	R4 - Email	Please advise the process to be pre-qualified to propose on the transmission line construction and the approx. time frame we would be able to receive RFP documents
R4-E33	R4 - Email	Meeting in St. Claude - TJ replied by phone.
R4-E34	R4 - Email	Opposed to western route.
R4-E35	R4 - Email	Won't jeopardize UNESCO site.
R4-E36	R4 - Email	Requested a public meeting with MLA Bidhu Jha to discuss who is going to pay for the project, length of line on east vs. west sides, how Bipole III is not compatible with 1&2, and other concerns of a senior on a fixed income
R4-E37	R4 - Email	Information on what protective gear and clothing employees working in areas immediate proximity to transmission lines and converter stations would be supplied with. Would hunters, trappers and northern residents not warrant transparent EA consultations and letters informing them of risks and preventative measures,
R4-E38	R4 - Email	Opposed to western route.
R4-E39	R4 - Email	Waiting for requested information on how Static Fields affect plants and animals initially requested August 30th.
R4-E40	R4 - Email	Opposed to western route.
R4-E41	R4 - Email	Opposed to western route.
R4-E42	R4 - Email	Thank you for information provided
R4-E43	R4 - Email	Map provided of the route near his parcel of land.
R4-E44	R4 - Email	Information on the Community Development Initiative provided following the September 15th meeting
R4-E46/R4-	R4 - Email	Non-practicing engineer. Technical Question. Interested in the calculations in line loss, his calculations did not add up to what Manitoba Hydro presents to public, inquired about that. Phone call response from staff, had some more questions; directed to staff, requires further info... replied by e-mail, explained BP I, II, & III (line loss).

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E50		
R4-E47	R4 - Email	Underwater transmission.
R4-E48	R4 - Email	Map request.
R4-E49	R4 - Email	Types of foundation used, drilled shafts, diameter and depth etc - questions...
R4-E51	R4 - Email	Enclosed map marking existing bear bait areas, cabins, and outpost camps for outfitting operation. PPR would definitely affect his operation. Consider relocation of project, can work together for solution.
R4-E52	R4 - Email	Asked if EA report is available for public review
R4-E53	R4 - Email	Requesting consultation regarding Lyncrest Airfield.
R4-E54	R4 - Email	Requesting distance of preliminary preferred route to property.
O-1	Outfitter Comment	Bear denning sites; high population of bears in his allocation area; concerns with the line increasing traffic and potential theft from his out camp; provided map indicating his bear bait locations and camp
O-2	Outfitter Comment	Identified his main concern with the route was with respect to the 3 mile corridor and whether or not he will be able to access the area once the line is in; doesn't care about the transmission line as it may increase his access
O-3	Outfitter Comment	Main question regarding the 3 mile corridor and concern that he won't be able to access the area. Indicated that he had an issue with Wuskwatim and asked why he wasn't notified like this on the Wuskwatim project (he lost boat sites and tree stands due to that project).
O-4	Outfitter Comment	Routing and the transmission line will not affect him at all and thanking for the opportunity to comment.
O-5	Outfitter Comment	Letter indicating that the line would be in proximity to his bait sites. Main concern is on the effects to wildlife and its habitat for h present and the future.
O-6	Outfitter Comment	Concern about his bait sites and map indicating bait site locations.
O-7	Outfitter Comment	Concern with the location of his operation in relation to the line.
O-8	Outfitter Comment	Baits and hunts in the area but no indication of may substantial issues.
O-9	Outfitter Comment	Concern with respect to the 3 mile corridor.
O-10	Outfitter Comment	Concern with the line passing over a swampy area that is the head waters to a river in the area.
O-11	Outfitter Comment	Concern with the routing within the area he has operated out of from nearly 25 years.

#	Location	Discussion Summary
GECS - 1	GE Open House	Since it is near out property we are concerned about its effect on us. From what we understand our neighbor's property will be bought out, so we will be losing good friends. Our property value will probably be affected and we aren't pleased with that. We wonder about EMF interference that where will be and the health effects of that. We will be gathering more information
GECS - 2	GE Open House	Well presented, easily understood. Extra expense to go as far west as they plan too. If the gov't were not trying to get the east side forest a world heritage site, would they not prefer this much shorter route.
GECS - 5	GE Open House	It seems like a good site. Information provided was very clear and helpful to answer our concerns.
GECS - 6	GE Open House	Good display, handouts and personnel to explain things. Will there be any interference with humans or animals approaching the ground electrode? Ex: heart pacer, etc. when ground electrode is activated at peak level?
GECS - 7	GE Open House	Thank you for holding these open houses. Was interested in if voltage in ground would be safe for livestock. Boards answered questions.
GECS - 9	GE Open House	Good info on the electrode. Keep feeding the info. It is good for us. Bipole III Transmission should be on the east.
GECS - 10	GE Open House	Should ground electrode site 2 miles east to 23-11-06E1 and buy me out.
GECS - 11	GE Open House	When it is the question about the transmission line going on the right side of the lake in my opinion that area should be left as a world nature preserve.
GE-01	GE Landowner	Preference for an eastern location due to lower population. If site 1c is preferred then they would like to see the feeder line and the access road to enter the site via the southern border (16-11-6E1). Health concerns discussed wishes to be notified throughout the process, ground water concerns, and expropriation of sites on 1c, property values, and safety concerns.
GE-02	GE Landowner	EMF - medical devices and health. Property Values, metal tools, magnetic strip on a credit card - provided a DC and electronics brochure.
GE-05	GE Landowner	Stray current concerns, EMF and Health, Compensation to landowners, and how much property is being acquired.
GE-09	GE Landowner	Move the coil or buy out their property. Construction, coke matrix effects (tar and sulphur), why coke and not concrete, electronic interference, EMF and health, property and home value, noise and dust from construction, necessity of air purifier in home due to dust, birds and their sensitivity to dust, 60 coils in the world and not in populated areas and heat in the soil from the coil.
GE-11	GE Landowner	EMF related (health and interference), power interruption, instructed to have house grounding
GE-13	GE Landowner	Access road, construction concerns for the site, EMF concerns regarding cancer and general health, would have appreciated more notice on the sites since they have been review since the 80s. Follow up with her as the process continues.
GE-17	GE Landowner	Son has schizophrenia and is worried about potential health effects of the GE line - primarily due to messaging to her son regarding the construction activities and how it will not affect him.
GE-18	GE Landowner	What monitoring will be required, concerned regarding location of site, lack of time to respond, coke concerns, planned in high density of population, rushed process and not enough opportunity to participate.
GE-19	GE Landowner	EMF and health concerns, Property Value
GE-20	GE Landowner	Concern over the effect on communication cables. Did not receive a letter
GE-03	GE Landowner	Safety questions - primarily interest.
GE-04	GE Landowner	Questions regarding soil type and why wet ground is necessary, water level and location choice.
GE-06	GE Landowner	EMF and Home Electronics, route for electrode line, property values, functioning and operation, other construction on site
GE-07	GE Landowner	Location of ground electrode line
GE-08	GE Landowner	How close will it be to his property, why is the GE needed, what will the site look like after it is in place?
GE-10	GE Landowner	General questions regarding site and operation of the site.
GE-12	GE Landowner	Design of ground grid, farming on site, whether an inspection on his home grounding would be necessary.
GE-14	GE Landowner	Would prefer an eastern site location, if 1c is final - does not wish to lose their neighbours, would prefer access for feeder and access road to come in from the south. Does not want the feeder line to come from the north through their property
GE-15	GE Landowner	General GE questions
GE-16	GE Landowner	General GE questions, location of Dorsey, where to get information regarding EMF, preference for a SW entrance into the site for the feeder line and the access road.
GE-21	GE Landowner	Seems like a lot of land for what is actually required. Bipole III should be on the east side.

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Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Swan Valley Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 5, 2008
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Location:	Timberland Inn Restaurant, Town of Swan River
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Al Karton; Manitoba Hydro Earl Fullerton; Reeve, R.M. of Swan River Steve Gazdewich; Councillor, R.M. of Swan River Glen McKenzie; Mayor, Town of Swan River Louise Oberton; Councillor, Town of Swan River Michael McIntosh; Reeve, R.M. of Minitonas Carolyn Gordon; C.A.O., R.M. of Minitonas Walter Pacamaniuk; Councillor, R.M. of Minitonas Terri Wyatt; Councillor, R.M. of Mountain Stephen Nadolney; R.M. of Mountain Courtney Densen; Councillor, Village of Bowsman Bill Zebinski; Councillor, Village of Benito

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Swan Valley Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Swan Valley Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on land acquisition for Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	
3.	In response to a question asking where Bipole III would be routed through the valley, Manitoba Hydro indicated that right now we only have a conceptual location area for the project.	
4.	In response to a question asking if Bipole III will be routed through Parks and First Nation Reserve Lands, Manitoba Hydro indicated it will avoid routing through First Nation Reserve lands, and will try to avoid parks.	

5. In response to a question asking if portions of Bipole III will be located on private land, Manitoba Hydro indicated yes it likely will be.
6. General discussion focused on how Manitoba Hydro consults with the landowners (i.e., process). Manitoba Hydro indicated that they will be consulting with landowners throughout the SSEA process by way of meetings and open houses. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that the property department in Manitoba Hydro will also be available to consult with landowners.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Roblin Planning District
Date of Meeting:	April 7, 2008
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Roblin
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Mike Marshall; Manitoba Hydro Doug Hazlitt; Mayor, Town of Roblin Marna Bulbuck; C.A.O., Town of Roblin Betty Nykyforak; Councillor, Town of Roblin Arvid Crabb; Secretary-Treasurer and Development Officer, Roblin Planning District

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Roblin Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Roblin Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that the Corporation has looked at placing lines underwater and underground and that there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include significant cost implications, as well as reliability, technical and maintenance implications..	
3.	General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	
4.	General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are continually being studied and the general consensus of the worldwide scientific community is that a public health risk from exposure to these fields has not been established.	
5.	In response to a question regarding routing the transmission line in a straight line or if the line will “arc”, Manitoba Hydro indicated that currently no decisions have been made with respect to this. Constraints that are identified may potentially result in jogs in the line.	

6. General discussion focused on the conceptual location area and that the transmission line route is longer, compared to the east side. In addition, it was questioned if it possible that the line could be routed through towns which could cause opposition to the line route. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they will avoid routing the transmission line through towns and through the consultation process potential constraints will be identified. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that the line will avoid Reserve lands and Riding Mountain National Park.
7. General discussion focused on the size of the right-of-way. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the right-of-way will be approximately 60 metres and may not be entirely cleared. Manitoba Hydro also stated that different types of tower design will be considered and the routing of the transmission line through marginal lands can help reduce impacts to agricultural lands.
8. General comment made by the Mayor of the Town of Roblin, stating that they would welcome a transmission line located near the Town of Roblin, that the transmission line would be beneficial to farmers.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Mountainview Planning District
Date of Meeting:	April 7, 2008
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Gilbert Plains
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri;Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Mike Marshall; Manitoba Hydro Dennis Rehirchuk; Councillor, R.M. of Gilbert Plains Susan Boyachek; C.A.O., R.M. of Gilbert Plains Walter Hyrchuck; Councillor, Town of Gilbert Plains Winston Smith; Councillor, Town of Gilbert Plains Cliff Kutzan; Reeve, R.M. of Grandview Art Potoroka; Reeve, R.M. of Ethelbert

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Mountainview Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Mountainview Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding why Bipole III cannot be routed on the east side, it was re-iterated that there is the potential for opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales to U.S customers, as well as a concern for the protection of a proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. This was followed by a question regarding what if there was a change in the Manitoba government and the new government suggesting routing on the east side. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that if there is a change in decisions Manitoba Hydro would follow the direction it is given by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board.	
3.	In response to a question regarding what will be presented during Rounds II, III and IV of the consultation process, Manitoba Hydro indicated that more information about the project will be presented, for example, information on alternative routes and more site-specific information. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that the conceptual location area will be refined throughout the SSEA process and in each round, more detailed information about the project will be provided.	

4. General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground. Manitoba Hydro stated that the Corporation has looked at placing lines underwater and underground and that there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include significant cost implications, as well as reliability, technical and maintenance implications.
5. General discussion focused on identifying the possible location of the transmission line routes from Dauphin to Swan River. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that it is early in the process and routes have not been identified. As part of the process, Manitoba Hydro will try to avoid parks and areas where there are constraints. In response to a question regarding the size of the Bipole III line in comparison to the existing line located from Dauphin to Ethelbert, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Bipole III Line is a bigger line and higher voltage.
6. General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.
7. General discussion focused on who pays taxes if Manitoba Hydro purchases the land and who would pay taxes on the towers if the right-of-way is not purchased. Manitoba Hydro indicated that in agro Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro typically acquires rights-of-way for transmission lines through easement in which case, landowners would continue to pay taxes on the land. If Manitoba Hydro acquires land through purchase, it would typically pay a grant-in-lieu to the RM for the right-of-way. Manitoba Hydro indicated it would provide further information to the R.M. of Gilbert Plains on who pays taxes if the right-of-way is not purchased or if it is purchased.
8. General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are continually being studied and the general consensus of the worldwide scientific community is that a public health risk from exposure to these fields has not been established.
9. In response to a question regarding the need for road access for the Bipole III line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that although there are advantages to this, the line does not need to be located in proximity to road access for construction or line operations.
10. In response to a question regarding potential opposition from communities in the north, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will try to address potential issues through the SSEA process, and that Manitoba Hydro will not route the transmission line through Reserve lands.
11. In response to a question regarding the area the transmission line will span, Manitoba Hydro indicated there will be approximately 3 to 4 structures per mile and that the type of structures used can minimize impacts to agricultural land.
12. In response to a question regarding when Bipoles I and II were built, Manitoba Hydro indicated they were built in the 1960's.

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RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Ste. Rose and Lakeshore Planning Districts

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2008

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: Town Council Office, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Quinn Menec; Manitoba Hydro
 Murray Karton; Manitoba Hydro
 Maurice Maquet; Reeve, R.M. of Ste. Rose
 Michelle Denys; C.A.O., R.M. of Ste. Rose
 Emile Bernardin; Councillor, R.M. of Ste. Rose
 Alain Ingelbeen; Councillor, R.M. of Ste. Rose
 Rene Maillard; Mayor, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
 Marlene Bouchard; C.A.O., Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
 Vic Stinson; Councillor, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
 Michel Letain; Councillor, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
 Maurice Tardiff; Councillor, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
 Ivan Worrall; Councillor, Town of Ste. Rose du Lac
 Brad Michaleski; Councillor, R.M. of Dauphin
 Kate Basford; Councillor, R.M. of Mossey River
 Raymond Janssen; Reeve, R.M. of Ochre River
 Fred Taylor; Reeve, R.M. of Lawrence
 Vern Murkin; Councillor, Village of Winnipegosis
 Clarence Delaurier; Development Officer, MLA of Ste. Rose
 John Pascal; Secretary-Treasurer, Lakeshore Planning District

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Ste. Rose and Lakeshore Planning Districts for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Ste. Rose and Lakshore Planning Districts introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking how far Riel Station is from Dorsey Station, Manitoba Hydro indicated Riel is approximately 40 km away from Dorsey.	
3.	General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	

4. General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that the Corporation has looked at placing lines underwater and underground and that there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include significant cost implications, as well as reliability, technical and maintenance implications.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Agassiz Planning District

Date of Meeting: May 1, 2008

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Village of McCreary

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Brian Williment; Manitoba Hydro
 Carrie Walker; Mayor of Village of McCreary
 Larry McLauchland; Reeve, R.M. of McCreary
 Maurice Gingras; Councillor, Village of McCreary
 Kelvin Code; Councillor, Village of McCreary
 Wendy Turko; Secretary, Agassiz Planning District
 Margaret Roncin; C.A.O. and Treasurer for Agassiz Planning District
 Clarence DeLaurier; Development Office, Dauphin Area
 Derm English; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Alonsa for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Alonsa introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III could be routed on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated it is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	General discussion focused on land acquisition for Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Tri-Roads Planning District

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Russell Civic Centre, Town of Russell

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Stuart Nemez; Manitoba Hydro
 Wally Melnyk; C.A.O., Tri-Roads Planning District
 Brian Haliuk; Tri-Roads Planning District
 Alvin Zimmer; Reeve, R.M. of Shellmouth-Boulton
 Ray Bomback; C.A.O., R.M. of Shellmouth-Boulton
 John Hunter; Councillor, R.M. of Shellmouth-Boulton
 Fred Dunn; Reeve, R.M. of Silver Creek
 Brent J. Burton; Councillor, Village of Binscarth
 Sean Katchin; Councillor, R.M. of Silver Creek
 Alvin Kingdon; Councillor, R.M. of Russell
 Willis Pushka; Councillor, Town of Russell
 Chris Radford; Councillor, Town of Russell

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Tri-Roads Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Tri-Roads Planning District introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding the cost of construction of Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro stated that the cost of the project is approximately \$ 2.2 billion including converter stations.	
3.	In response to a question regarding the chance of Bipole III being routed on the east side, Manitoba Hydro indicated it only considering routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
4.	General discussion focused on land acquisition for Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	

5. In response to a question regarding routing Bipole III through parks, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that in routing transmission lines, it tries to avoid parks.
6. In response to a question regarding the right-of-way for an existing transmission line that was salvaged near the Duck Mountains and whether or not the right-of-way still exists, Manitoba Hydro will provide the planning district with an update on the status of the right-of-way.
7. There was some discussion about wind farms and whether or not they would be beneficial to Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III.

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Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Rosssburn Planning District

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2008

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: RM Office, Town of Rosssburn

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
Tim Yaremchuk; Manitoba Hydro
Andrea Doerksen; C.A.O., Rosssburn Planning District

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked A. Doerksen from the Rosssburn Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. T. Hreno and J. Dyck presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.	
2.	Following the presentation there was a question with respect to routing Bipole III through Parks and First Nation Reserve Lands. In response, Manitoba Hydro indicated it will avoid routing through First Nation Reserve lands, and will try to avoid parks.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Carlton Trail Planning District

Date of Meeting: May 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of St. Lazare

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Marvin Harris; Manitoba Hydro
 Rick Fouillard; C.A.O., Carlton Trail Planning District

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Carlton Trail Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	Rick Fouillard did not have any questions or concerns regarding the Bipole III transmission line. Manitoba Hydro provided a CD of the presentation to Rick for him to present to the other representative of the Carlton Trail Planning District (who could not attend the meeting). Manitoba Hydro indicated to Rick, that if other representatives of the planning district have any questions or concerns to direct them to Trent Hreno and he will provide answers to these questions.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Shoal Lake Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 19, 2008
Time:	1:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Shoal Lake
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Cyril Patterson; Manitoba Hydro Peter Andersen; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs Debbie Eastcott; Deputy Mayor, Town of Shoal Lake John F. Hogg; Councillor, R.M. of Shoal Lake Mike Blahy; Mayor, Town of Shoal Lake Shirley Wowryk; C.A.O., Town of Shoal Lake

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Shoal Lake Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Shoal Lake Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground and whether or not Manitoba Hydro has made a decision on above ground or below ground lines. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
3.	In response to a question regarding the cost of line losses, Manitoba Hydro indicated that there are more line losses associated with a west route for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro has considered this issue with respect to routing Bipole III on the west side of the Province.	
4.	In response to a question regarding routing Bipole III through Parks and First Nation Reserve lands, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will avoid First Nation Reserve lands, and try to avoid parks.	
5.	In response to a question regarding the cost of construction of Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro stated that the cost of the project is approximately \$ 2.2 billion (2017 dollars) including converter stations.	

6. General discussion focused on potential impacts on the Shoal Lake Planning District. Manitoba Hydro indicated that it is offering to meet with the RMs, incorporated cities, towns and villages, and, if desired, Planning Districts in the conceptual location area during the introductory round of consultation. Once the routing process is initiated along with further consultation, a there will be a greater understanding of areas which could be potentially affected by the project.
7. General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.
8. In response to a question regarding an east-west grid, Manitoba Hydro indicated that there are discussions occurring with neighboring provinces. These discussions are unrelated to Bipole III as Bipole III is needed to ensure the reliability of power for Manitobans.
9. Representatives from Shoal Lake Planning District indicated that there are Conservation Agreements in the area and questioned how Manitoba Hydro will address these agreements. In response, Manitoba Hydro indicated it is planning to meet with the Conservation Districts. If landowners who are potentially affected by the route have individual agreements re. Conservation, further discussions will be held with the landowners and the organizations that the agreements are held with.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with South Riding Mountain Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 17, 2008
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Erickson
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Mike Marshall; Manitoba Hydro Brian Skatch; Development Officer, South Riding Mountain Planning District John Gill; R.M. of Strathclair Murray Davies; Councillor, R.M. of Harrison Wayne Rowalchuk; Councillor, R.M. of Harrison Donna Vaughan; Councillor, Town of Erickson Jim Nysten; Councillor, R.M. of Clanwilliam

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the South Riding Mountain Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the South Riding Mountain Planning District introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question as to whether it possible that Bipole III will not receive the required environmental approvals, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it is possible although the Corporation undertakes an SSEA process which involves extensive consultation with potentially affected communities and stakeholders. The process also involves socio-economic and biophysical studies, which along with the extensive consultation process, as well as technical and cost considerations, is intended to assist in determining the best balanced choice of route.	
3.	In response to a question as why Bipole III cannot be routed near the Manitoba/Ontario border, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the line will not be routed on the east side because of the proposed world heritage site and the potential opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales.	
4.	In response to a question regarding clearing of trees along the right-of-way, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that low-bush vegetation can be left along the right-of-way, but that danger trees will need to be removed. Buffers are maintained at stream crossings. There is compensation for trees that are removed on private property that may affect the transmission line.	

5. In response to a question regarding the cost of construction of Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro stated that the cost of the project is approximately \$ 2.2 billion including converter stations.
6. General discussion focused on land acquisition for Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Mid-West Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 18, 2008
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Location:	Queen’s Hotel, Town of Rapid City
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Mike Marshall; Manitoba Hydro Beat Gamper; Councillor, R.M. of Blanshard Richard Arnold; Councillor, R.M. of Hamiota Wayne Poppel; C.A.O., Mid-West Planning District Lois Sharpe; C.A.O., R.M. of Saskatchewan Rob Sharpe; Reeve, R.M. of Saskatchewan

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Mid-West Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Mid-West Planning District introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on how much power is generated for use in Manitoba and whether or not Bipole III is being built to transport power from Conawapa. During the discussion, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated approximately 2000 megawatts of power is generated for use in Manitoba. It was also indicated that Bipole III is required to ensure the reliability of power for Manitobans and that development of the Conawapa Generating Station is not required for construction of Bipole III.	
3.	In response to questions regarding the cost of construction of Bipole III and the minimum separation required between Bipole III, and Bipoles I and II, Manitoba Hydro stated that the cost of the project is approximately \$ 2.2 billion including converter stations.	
4.	In response to a question regarding restrictions to developments (i.e., buildings, dwellings) in and around the Bipole III line, it was indicated that transmission line rights-of-way can be farmed. However, buildings cannot be constructed in a right-of-way.	
5.	General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are continually being studied and, to date, there is no scientific research indicating that EMFs are a health risk. Manitoba Hydro is continually monitoring the results of research conducted.	

6. There was some discussion on the development of wind farms and whether or not they would be beneficial to Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III. Wind farm development will be considered during the routing for Bipole III. Wind farm developments will be avoided as part of the routing process.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Tanner’s Crossing Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 17, 2008
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Minnedosa
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Mike Marshall; Manitoba Hydro Brian Skatch; Development Officer, Tanner’s Crossing Planning District Duane LaCoste; Mayor, Town of Minnedosa Vivian Bazin; Councillor, Town of Minnedosa James Andersen; Reeve, R.M. of Odanah Brion Pollon; Councillor, R.M. of Minto Harvey Wedgewood; Councillor; Town of Minnedosa

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Tanner’s Crossing Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Tanner’s Crossing Planning District introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question about the cost of routing Bipole III underground, Manitoba Hydro stated that routing lines underground lines are much more costly than overhead lines. In addition, underground lines are difficult to maintain and there are more environment concerns associated with maintenance.	
3.	There was some discussion on the development of wind farms and the potential effect of Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III. Wind farm development will be considered during the routing for Bipole III. Wind farm developments will be avoided as part of the routing process.	
4.	In response to a question as to potential benefits of having Bipole III cross through Rural Municipalities, Manitoba Hydro indicated that directly affected private landowners will get compensation for lands regardless of whether land for the right-of-way is acquired by easement or purchase. If lands are obtained through easement, landowners will continue to pay taxes on the land. If Manitoba Hydro purchases the land, Rural Municipalities typically receive taxes a grant-in-lieu of taxes from Manitoba Hydro for rights-of-way in their municipality.	

5. In response to a question regarding an east-west grid, Manitoba Hydro indicated that there are discussions occurring with neighboring provinces. These discussions are unrelated to Bipole III as Bipole III is required to ensure the reliability of power to Manitobans.

6. In response to a question as to where power from Bipole III will go from the Riel Converter Station, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III is required for reliability of power for Manitobans. From Riel Station, power will be distributed into the existing transmission network for use. It was acknowledged that Manitoba Hydro relies on its export market to keep the cost of electricity low, and will continue to sell power beyond what is needed for Manitobans.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Neepawa & Area Planning District

Date of Meeting: April 22, 2008

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of Neepawa

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Dale Noonan; Manitoba Hydro
 Merv Martin; Development Officer, Neepawa & Area Planning District
 Ray Drayson; Councillor, R.M. of Langford
 Gerond Davidson; R.M. of Langford
 Jim Cockburn; Councillor, Town of Neepawa
 Wayne Hollier; Councillor, Town of Neepawa
 Leonard Paramor; Councillor, R.M. of Lansdowne
 Raymond Gork; Councillor, R.M. of Lansdowne
 Barry Kohinski; Councillor, R.M. of Rosedale
 Michael Porrok; Councillor, R.M. of Rosedale
 Terry Pearce; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the representatives from the Neepawa & Area Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Neepawa & Area Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking if Bipole III can handle all the power that is generated from Conawapa, Manitoba Hydro indicated yes, it can.	
3.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
4.	In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III could be routed on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated the Corporation is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	

5. There was some discussion on the development of wind farms and whether or not they could connect to Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III.
6. In response to a questions asking who pays for the portion of the transmission line required by the United States, if the Wisconsin deal is negotiated, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the United States will be required to pay for and build their portion of the transmission line in the United States.
7. In response to a question regarding more line losses from longer transmission lines, Manitoba Hydro indicated that yes, the longer the transmission line, the more line losses there are.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Big Grass Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 1, 2008
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Location:	R.M. Office, Town of Langruth
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Bernie Ritzer; Manitoba Hydro David Single; Reeve, R.M. of Westbourne Eileen Clarke; Mayor, Town of Gladstone Ralph Cibula; Councillor, Town of Gladstone Jess Baker; Councillor, R.M. of Glenella Wayne Scott - Councillor, R.M. of Glenella Ron Brown; C.A.O., R.M. of Lakeview Richard Callander; R.M. of Lakeview Don Malinowski; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs James Platt; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Big Grass Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Big Grass Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking what is the difference in length between Bipoles I and II and Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro indicated Bipole III will be approximately 1500 kilometers in length (subject to identifying a route through the SSEA process) and Bipoles I and II are approximately 840 km in length.	
3.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
4.	In response to a question asking who will provide the Environment Act Licence to Manitoba Hydro, Manitoba Hydro indicated the Licence will come from Manitoba Conservation, and that the Minister of Conservation will sign the Licence.	

5. General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.
6. General discussion on vegetation control on right-of-ways and the use of chemicals. Manitoba Hydro indicated that vegetation growth can be controlled using many methods including mechanical clearing.
7. General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are continually being studied and the general consensus of the worldwide scientific community is that a public health risk from exposure to these fields has not been established.
8. In response to a question asking what is done with extra energy that is produced, and not used domestically, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the extra energy is exported and sold.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Cypress Planning District
Date of Meeting:	April 30, 2008
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Location:	R.M. Office, Town of Carberry
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Terry Kolesar; Manitoba Hydro John McEntee; Development Officer, Cypress Planning District Wayne Blair; Mayor, Town of Carberry Brad Wells; Reeve, R.M. of North Cypress Ralph Oliver; Councillor, R.M. of North Cypress Ken Carritt; Councillor, R.M. of North Cypress Earl Malyon; Reeve, R.M. of South Cypress Walter Cullen; Councillor, R.M. of South Cypress Bryan Ward; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs, Community Planning

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Cypress Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Cypress Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking if the R.M. or local authorities have any involvement in the planning or is this done through the environmental assessment process, Manitoba Hydro indicated that yes, the planning process is done through the SSEA process and that Manitoba Hydro will conduct this process.	
3.	General discussion focused on who determines the final route. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they will present the alternative routes to the public (communities) and get feedback on these routes (i.e., constraints) and that after this consultation, a preferred route will be determined (based on constraints and potential impacts of alternative routes).	
4.	In response to a question asking if there is a change in government will there be a change in the route (i.e., east side route), Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will follow the direction of the Manitoba Hydro Electric board.	

5. General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.
6. General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.
7. In response to a question asking how far the ground electrode is away from the converter station, Manitoba Hydro indicated it did not know the distance yet.
8. General discussion focused on potential issues from the transmission lines and air space (i.e., crop dusters). Manitoba Hydro indicated that they will consult with the landowners throughout the SSEA process regarding issues they may have with respect to their land. Manitoba Hydro indicated they would also work with Transport Canada with respect to the project.
9. In response to a question asking if Manitoba Hydro can export energy on Bipoles I and II, Manitoba Hydro indicated that yes, they already do but that Bipole III is needed for reliability first.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Nor-Mac Planning District

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Town Council Office, Town of MacGregor

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Neil Christoffersen; Reeve, R.M. of North Norfolk
 Ivan Bruneau; C.A.O., R.M. of North Norfolk and Town of MacGregor
 Dennis Jarema; Councillor, R.M. of North Norfolk
 Bill Wieler; Councillor, R.M. of North Norfolk
 Mark Fordart; Councillor, R.M. of North Norfolk and Town of MacGregor
 Doris Moore; Mayor, Town of MacGregor
 Barrie MacDonald; Councillor, Town of MacGregor
 Peter Williams; Data Link Mapping Technician
 Don Malinowski; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Nor-Mac Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Nor-Mac Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more for the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	
3.	In response to a question asking if First Nation lands and parks in the Province would be avoided, Manitoba Hydro indicated it will avoid routing through First Nation Reserve lands, and will try to avoid parks.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with South Central Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 7, 2008
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Holland
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Brian Miller; Manitoba Hydro Gerry Desmet; Councillor, R.M. of Lorne Gilbert Vigier; Councillor, R.M. of Lorne All Steinke; Reeve, R.M. of Victoria Brent Barto; South Central Planning District Tom Kelly; Reeve, R.M. of South Norfolk Barry Hodgins; Councillor, R.M. of Victoria Gerry Archambault; Councillor, Village of Somerset George Adams; Councillor, Village of Somerset Marc Delaquais; Councillor, Village of Notre Dame de Lourdes Marcel Dansereau; Councillor, Village of Notre Dame de Lourdes Corinne North; C.A.O., R.M. of Victoria James Knockaert; Mayor, Town of Treherne

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the South Central Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the South Central Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on land acquisition for Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	
3.	In response to a question regarding if Manitoba changes government will the line go east, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will follow the direction of the Manitoba Hydro Electric board.	
4.	General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are constantly being studied and, to date, there is no scientific research indicating that EMFs are a health risk. Manitoba Hydro is continually monitoring and the results of research conducted. Further information on EMF will be available at the open houses.	

5. In response to a question regarding aerial sprayers in the area with respect to routing the transmission line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that this issue will be considered during the SSEA process.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Portage la Prairie Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 16, 2008
Time:	10:30 a.m.
Location:	RM Office, City of Portage la Prairie
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro Kinelm Borrkes; Development Officer, Portage la Prairie Planning District Deb Kilcup; Assist. Development Officer, Portage la Prairie Planning District Toby Trimble; Reeve, R.M. of Portage la Prairie Bill Alford; Councillor, R.M. of Portage la Prairie Owen Williams; Councillor, R.M. of Portage la Prairie Jeff Bereza; Councillor, City of Portage la Prairie

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Portage la Prairie Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Portage la Prairie Planning District introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	
3.	In response to a question asking if there is a change in government will there be a change in the route (i.e., east side route), Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will follow the direction of the Manitoba Hydro Electric board.	
4.	There was some discussion on the development of wind farms and the potential effect of Bipole III. In response, Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III. Wind farm development will be considered during the routing for Bipole III. Wind farm developments will be avoided as part of the routing process.	

5. General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.
6. In response to a question asking if the Bipole III transmission line will be located north of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba Hydro indicated that right now a route has not been selected and that the SSEA studies need to be conducted to identify potential routing constraints and opportunities.
7. In response to a question asking if guyed towers will be used in the south, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they are considering self-supporting towers in the south (no guy wires).

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Grey St. Claude Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 12, 2008
Time:	7:30 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Elm Creek
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Ray Friesen; Manitoba Hydro Brian Miller; Manitoba Hydro Kim Gibson; Secretary-Treasurer, Grey-St. Claude Planning District Ted Tkachyk; Reeve, R.M. of Grey Louis Souque; Councillor, R.M. of Grey Jim Pedersen; Councillor, R.M. of Grey Steve Kiefer; Mayor, Village of St. Claude Alain Toupin; Councillor, Village of St. Claude

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Grey-St. Claude Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Grey-St. Claude Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III could be routed on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated it is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more for the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	
4.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	

5. In response to a questions asking if the transmission line will follow road allowances, Manitoba Hydro indicated that if possible, the transmission could parallel existing road allowances and that the routing process will try to minimize any potential negative effects.
6. In response to a question asking why Manitoba Hydro is considering some towers without guy wires, Manitoba Hydro indicated that self-supporting tower, if feasible, may be used in the south and that these towers do not have guy wires which results in less constraints to farming practices.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Whitehorse Plains Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 21, 2008
Time:	5:00 p.m.
Location:	RM Office, Town of St. Francois Xavier
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Virginia Beckwith; C.A.O., Whitehorse Plains Planning District Bob Poirier; C.A.O., R.M. of St. Francois Xavier Yvonne Wood; Councillor, R.M. of St. Francois Xavier Andrew Peters; Councillor, R.M. of Cartier Dale Fossay; Councillor, R.M. of Cartier Stan Neufeld; Councillor, R.M. of Cartier

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Whitehorse Plains Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Whitehorse Plains Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
3.	In response to a question asking what the separation distance required between Bipoles I and II and Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro indicated the separation distance will be as much as possible.	
4.	In response to a question asking if there is a change in government will there be a change in the route (i.e., east side route), Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will follow the direction of the Manitoba Hydro Electric board.	
5.	In response to a question asking if there will be CEC hearings, Manitoba Hydro indicated that this would be a decision made by the Minister, but there will likely be CEC hearings for the project.	

6. General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.

7. General discussion focused on potential monetary benefits to the R.M. from the transmission line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would contact Ray Parker (Property Department) and find out more detailed information on monetary benefits and then provide this information to Bob Poirier from the R.M. of St. Francois Xavier.

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Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Macdonald-Ritchot Planning District
Date of Meeting:	May 26, 2008
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Location:	RM Office, Town of St. Adolphe
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Jim Wilderman; Manitoba Hydro Pete Kosman; Manitoba Hydro Tom Raine; C.A.O., Macdonald-Ritchot Planning District and R. M. of Macdonald Douglas Dobrowolski; Councillor, R.M. of Macdonald Brad Erb; Councillor, R.M. of Macdonald Maurice Tallaire; Councillor, R.M. of Ritchot Raymond Philippe; Councillor, R.M. of Ritchot

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Macdonald-Ritchot Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Macdonald-Ritchot Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question as to the decision to route Bipole III on the west side of the province, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue a west side route option.	
3.	In response to a question asking how long it would take to conduct the SSEA process, Manitoba Hydro indicated the process will take approximately four years.	
4.	In response to a question asking what the separation distance is between residences and Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro indicated as part of the routing process, it tries to avoid routing high voltage transmission lines in proximity to residences.	
5.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	

6. In response to a question asking if Bipole III will come through the Macdonald-Ritchot Planning District, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they do not have route chosen yet and that through the SSEA process, potential constraints and opportunities will be considered when identifying routing options.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the City of Dauphin
Date of Meeting:	April 14, 2008
Time:	12:00 p.m.
Location:	City Hall, City of Dauphin
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno - Manitoba Hydro John Dyck - Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Dave Storoschuk; Manitoba Hydro Alex Paul; Mayor, City of Dauphin Brad Collett; C.A.O., City of Dauphin Vicky Yakemishin; Councillor, City of Dauphin Brian Chita; Councillor, City of Dauphin Paul Overgaard; Councillor, City of Dauphin Patti Eilers; Councillor, City of Dauphin

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the City of Dauphin for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the City of Dauphin introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question on whether the west side routing option is a better alternative than routing on the east side, Manitoba Hydro indicated that routing Bipole III on the west side was the direction given by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. Manitoba Hydro representatives also indicated that it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, and that there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
3.	General discussion focused on the location of Riel Converter Station and why it needed to be located close to the City of Winnipeg. There was a question regarding the location of the Riel Station relative to Dorsey Station, and whether Riel could be affected by the same weather event. The Riel Station site and Dorsey Station are approximately 40 kilometres apart and are on opposite sides of The City of Winnipeg. Manitoba Hydro indicated that as part of the project a transmission line between the Riel Station and Dorsey Station is required.	

4. General discussion focused on the incremental cost of west versus east. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more for the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations. In response to a question regarding the separation distance between Bipole III and Bipoles I and II, Manitoba Hydro indicated the separation distance would be as large as possible.
5. In response to a question regarding potential environmental concerns associated with the Bipole III Project, Manitoba Hydro indicated potential environmental issues considered include wildlife, heritage resources, traditional land use, permafrost, and rare and endangered species. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the SSEA process is designed to select a route that minimizes potential impacts. Mitigation measures are developed where there are residual environmental concerns.
6. In response to a question regarding how Manitoba Hydro services Bloodvein, Berens River and Poplar River First Nations, Manitoba Hydro indicated that there are sub-transmission lines to these communities.
7. In response to a question regarding if a road is being built on the east side, why not a transmission line, Manitoba Hydro indicated it is proceeding with the west side option which was the direction given by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. Manitoba Hydro is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed World Heritage Site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
8. In response to a question regarding if the City of Dauphin Mayor and Council decided that the east route is better for Bipole III and expressed concerns to the MLA, is there a chance that the community could influence the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated they follow the directions given by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. Issues raised during the introductory meetings were being recorded and shared internally.
9. In response to a question on how Manitoba Hydro maintains the ground cover (vegetation) under transmission lines, Manitoba Hydro indicated that mechanical means are used to remove vegetation, as well as hand clearing along stream crossings. Manitoba Hydro also provided an overview of NERC standards for vegetation clearing and removal of danger trees.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Town of Flin Flon

Date of Meeting: April 15 2008

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Town of Flin Flon, MB (Council Chambers)

In Attendance: Tom Therien; Mayor
 Glenna Daschuk; Treasurer
 Bill Hanson; Councillor
 Karen MacKinnon; Councillor
 Cal Huntley; Councillor
 Coleen McKee; Councillor
 Ashley Johnson; Council Youth Rep.
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>The location of a new converter station at Conawapa was discussed. This will be part of the Bipole III project and not dependent on construction of the Conawapa G.S.</p>	
3.	<p>There was discussion about the changing of the proposed route from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the western route that will be longer. It was explained that the Provincial government made that decision in response to pressure from environmental groups to keep the east side Boreal Forest intact and objections to development from some residents on the East Side. Because the western route will be longer more land will be included in environmental studies. More land is privately owned. There are as many if not more First Nations to be consulted for routing the western option.</p>	

4. Communities along the Bipole III route will not get power from the line. Benefits such as a transmission development fund could be available to communities that qualify. For Wuskwatim a Transmission Development Fund was created to benefit communities. Five percent of the capital cost of the line was put into a fund to generate funds for the communities that qualified. Qualification criteria for Wuskwatim included: length of the line through their area; proximity to the line; number of people in the community and Registered Trap Lines included. Snow Lake is an example of a community that qualified. When finalized (possibly within one year an announcement will be made concerning a fund for Bipole III.
5. A discussion of the reliability of the northern grid was discussed. The Town of Flin Flon is protected. It is not affected by interruption of the power transmitted by Bipole I and II.
6. Projected costs for the Bipole III line will be discussed at the next round of meetings. Costs cannot be projected accurately unless the converter stations are included.
7. There was discussion concerning balancing cultural and environmental issues and public pressure along with the site selection process. These meetings are an opportunity to hear from all interests. So far 10 to 12 meetings have been held in southern Manitoba and the same in the north.
8. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the City of Thompson

Date of Meeting: April 29 2008

Time: 3:30 PM

Location: City Hall, Thompson MB

In Attendance: Tim Johnston; Mayor
 Lynn Taylor; C.A.O.
 Brian Wilson; Councillor
 Judy Kolada; Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Mark Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Ed Danyluk; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eaglevision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>There was discussion about the changing of the proposed route from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the western route that will be longer. MH indicated that the decision had been made keeping in mind the proposed UNESCO World Heritage site located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. The City of Thompson is strategically located to become the service centre for the north. Thompson will benefit from construction of Bipole III regardless of the route selected. Construction usually takes place during December, January, February and March. Hiring of personnel is done locally as much as possible.</p> <p>A transmission development fund may be created for BP III similar to the one for the Wuskwatim lines. This has not yet been finalized.</p>	
3.	<p>Early consultations with people who may be affected by Bipole III are important for future success. Bipole III may have to go to public hearings before the Clean Environment Commission before a license is granted to begin construction.</p>	
4.	<p>Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.</p>	

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the City of Winnipeg

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2008

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall, City of Winnipeg

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
Jim Wilderman; Manitoba Hydro
Glen Laubenstein; C.A.O., City of Winnipeg
Alec Stuart; Environmental Coordinator, City of Winnipeg
Jim Paterson; Economic Development, City of Winnipeg

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the City of Winnipeg for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the City of Winnipeg introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III in terms of construction and line losses. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option.	
3.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the Town of Gillam

Date of Meeting: March 27 2008

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Town Office

In Attendance: Mayor Albert McTavish; Councilor
Jim Goymer; Administrator
Jackie Clayton
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Gillam representatives proposed a scenario that if a deal was made between Ontario and Manitoba would the Transmission line go from Gillam Straight to Ontario? MH representatives commented that there were various possibilities of a line running directly to Ontario however there is nothing definite at the present time.</p>	
3.	<p>Gillam representatives inquired as to the possibility of the line to be run under Lake Winnipeg. It was noted that ongoing studies were in place regarding the subject.</p>	
4.	<p>Gillam inquired as to how big the World Heritage site would be. MH reps provided a brief description of the Poplar River Protected area which extends from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the Ontario Border.</p>	
5.	<p>Gillam representatives inquired about the Riel Station and whether or not it was approved. MH reps indicated that the application for an Environmental License was close to being submitted.</p>	
6.	<p>Representatives asked whether there would be any federal involvement or federal approval on the project. Hydro representatives indicated that the review was under the Canada Manitoba Agreement on Environmental Cooperation.</p>	

7. Gillam representatives wondered how the project would impact MH with regards to staffing and accommodations in the Gillam area. MH reps indicated that there would be temporary construction camps for the construction activities and there would be a need for permanent staffing and accommodations for the converter station once constructed. Gillam reps indicated a shortage of serviced lots in town for any new housing that may be required.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Town of Snow Lake

Date of Meeting: April 23, 2008

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Snow Lake, MB (Council chambers)

In Attendance: Gary Zamzow; Mayor
 John Marnock; Interim CAO
 John Titanich; Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Ken Sul; Manitoba Hydro District Operator
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>A general discussion regarding the transmission development fund (TDF) for Wuskwatim as well as for Bipole III took place. MH indicated that the decision to establish a TDF for the Bipole III project has not been made as of this date.</p>	
3.	<p>There was a good explanation (reliability) provided regarding the need for Bipole III and why it was being routed down the western part of the province and that it was under the direction of the province. Snow Lake reps felt that the east side route made more sense.</p>	
4.	<p>Snow Lake reps inquired as to who was MH's main competitor is when it comes to exporting power to the USA. MH response was that their main customers south of the border were the mid-western states including Minnesota North Dakota and now possibly Wisconsin. MH was uncertain if there were any competitors within this geographic region especially for hydro-electric energy.</p>	
5.	<p>A general discussion took place on various topics including present hydro rates in Manitoba "green" energy and conservation efforts in Manitoba.</p>	

6. Snow Lake reps indicated that they were receiving inquiries from the local trappers on compensation especially for the Wuskwatim project. MH hydro indicated that the trapper compensation policy that took place for Wuskwatim would also become available for the Bipole III project. MH also indicated that trappers south of town would be receiving compensation as a result of the Wuskwatim transmission project traversing through or near their respective traplines.
7. Snow Lake reps wanted to know what would be happening regarding the Wuskwatim project in their area this coming year. MH indicated that they would have the MH construction department responsible for the Wuskwatim project contact the Snow Lake leadership to provide an update. MH construction was notified of this inquiry April 24/08 and a MH rep will be contacting the Snow Lake administration office on this regard.
8. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. Bipole III brochures were left for the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Town of The Pas

Date of Meeting: April 14 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Town of The Pas, MB (Municipal Office)

In Attendance: Randi Salamanowicz; Town Clerk
 Herb Jaques; Councillor
 Trevor Lane; Councillor
 Ron Skokun; Councillor
 Brad Bodnar; Councillor
 Todd Early; Councillor
 Val Miron; Chief Administrative Officer
 Cam Reid; Manitoba Hydro
 Mark Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>There was a question concerning the reliability of the power supply to The Pas. The Pas is connected to the 230 kv northern system and can be supplied from transmission lines from the North or South. There will be no converter stations along the route of Bipole III - it will ship bulk power from the north to the south and provide reliability to the DC system.</p>	
3.	<p>During discussion about locating the Riel Converter Station in southeast Winnipeg versus western MB. At present this location is advantageous to provide backup to MH transmission system and to provide reliable service to customers in Minnesota. Future development could see additional converter stations elsewhere.</p>	
4.	<p>There was discussion about the changing of the proposed route from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the western route that will be longer. It was explained that the Provincial government made that decision in response to pressure from environmental groups to keep the east side Boreal Forest intact and objections to development from some residents on the East Side. An alternative such as placing the line underground would be more costly to build and maintain.</p>	

5. Because the proposed western route will cross more populated areas the question of EMF concerns was raised. Questions and concern about health risks will be discussed at length at future community meetings where site selection will be discussed. Manitoba Hydro will bring in experts to talk about current research and findings at future meetings for site selection.
6. Projected costs for the Bipole III line will be discussed at the next round of meetings. Costs cannot be projected accurately unless the converter stations are included. Rate increases for consumers proposed for the spring have to be approved by the Public Utilities Board and are not related to Bipole III. Further discussion included the rates that MH sells power to customers, conditions of those sales and local initiatives to conserve power use as alternatives to local rate increases.
7. A Transmission Development Fund was created to benefit communities in the route of new construction for the Wuskwatim transmission line. Five percent of the capital cost of the line was put into a fund to generate funds for the communities that qualified. Within a year there will be an announcement concerning a fund for Bipole III.
8. Recent installation of wind turbines was questioned as an alternative for power generation. Private companies have installed the turbines. MH buys the power and provides transmission facilities to transmit the power. Tests for wind generation potential in the north have not been positive. Tests have been conducted at Cedar Lake, The Narrows, Grandview, Minnedosa and Churchill.
9. A question as to whether the Nelson River will continue to sustain enough flow to support the present and future power needs was tabled. The watershed supplying the Nelson reaches far into the west and south. If other dams are built within the watershed the water will still be available to generate power in Manitoba.
10. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III; Introductory Meeting with the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM)

Date of Meeting: April 28, 2008

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Delta Hotel, City of Winnipeg

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Wiellison; Manitoba Hydro
 Joe Masi; Director, AMM
 Tyler MacAfee; Director of Policy and Communications (AMM)
 Ron Bell; President, AMM (also Mayor of Town of Birtle)
 Shirley Kalyniuk; Urban Vice President, AMM (also Mayor of Town of Rosburn)
 Doug Dobrowolski; Rural Vice President, AMM (also Councillor for the R.M. of MacDonald)

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the representatives from the AMM for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the AMM introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding the timelines for the SSEA and consultation process, Manitoba Hydro indicated that is would take approximately four years to complete.	
3.	General discussion focused on the location of Riel Converter Station and why it needed to be located close to the City of Winnipeg. There was a question regarding the location of the Riel Station relative to Dorsey Station, and whether Riel could be affected by the same weather event. In response, it was indicated that the Riel Station site and Dorsey Station are approximately 40 kilometres apart and are on opposite sides of The City of Winnipeg. Manitoba Hydro indicated that as part of the project a transmission line link between the Riel Station and Dorsey Station is required on the south loop right-of-way.	
4.	In response to a question regarding if Manitoba changes government will the line go east, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will follow the direction of the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board.	

5. In response to a questions asking if the transmission line will follow road allowances, Manitoba Hydro indicated that if possible, the transmission could parallel existing road allowances and that the routing process will try to minimize any potential negative effects.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Local Government District of Mystery Lake

Date of Meeting: April 29 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: L.G.D. Offices, Thompson MB Airport

In Attendance: Jack Burden; L.G.D. Administrator, Airport Manager
 Corinne Stewart; Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Airport Manager
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Mark Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eaglevision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	At this point no route has been selected and the Bipole III transmission line may not be constructed in the L.G.D. of Mystery Lake. MH is meeting with all of the communities and stakeholders within the broad conceptual study area.	
3.	The L.G.D. is one of only two in Manitoba. The L.G.D. of Mystery Lake has agreements with the Province, INCO and Manitoba Hydro. The L.G.D. is responsible for operation of the Thompson airport and the refuse site. There are only five residents in the L.G.D.	
4.	The L.G.D. expressed the need to be involved in early planning for construction and camp requirements for Bipole III. The commissioning and decommissioning of landfill sites takes time, environmental planning and is costly. Construction associated with Wuskwatim has caused some stress to this infrastructure.	
5.	The L.G.D. will assist in contacting the residents when the round of public open houses for Bipole III is scheduled.	
6.	Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.	

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Alonsa

Date of Meeting: May 1, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of Alonsa

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
Brian Williment; Manitoba Hydro
Stan Asham; Reeve, R.M. of Alonsa
Pamela Sul; C.A.O., R.M. of Alonsa
Rhonda Merke; Councillor, R.M. of Alonsa
Tom Anderson; Councillor, R.M. of Alonsa
Lyle Finney; Councillor, R.M. of Alonsa

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Alonsa for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Alonsa introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking how far the Riel Station will be from Dorsey Station, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Riel Station is approximately 40 km away from Dorsey station.	
3.	General discussion focused on potential property damage from the construction of transmission lines. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they consider potential impacts to property during the SSEA process. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the possible use of self-supporting structures (i.e., no guy wires) will minimize impacts to property in agro Manitoba. Manitoba Hydro also stated that mitigative measures will be developed and followed to reduce potential effects during construction. If there are damages to private properties during construction, Manitoba Hydro will repair the damage or compensate the landowner.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Daly

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2008

Time: 9:00 p.m.

Location: Town Council Office, Town of Rivers

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Jeff Fulcher; Manitoba Hydro
 Rod Veitch; Councillor, R.M. of Daly
 Lorne Green; C.A.O., R.M. of Daly
 Donna Chacun; R.M. of Daly

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Daly for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. Trent Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Daly introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question about land acquisition, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	
3.	In response to a question as to whether Bipole III will be a tax benefit to RMs it crosses through, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. In agro Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro typically acquires rights-of-way for transmission lines through easement in which case, landowners would continue to pay taxes on the land. If Manitoba Hydro acquires land through purchase, it would typically pay a grant-in-lieu to the RM for the right-of-way.	
4.	In response to a question regarding routing Bipole III through parks, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that in routing transmission lines, it tries to avoid parks.	
5.	In response to a question as why Bipole III cannot be routed on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated that issues include the proposed world heritage site and the potential opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales.	

6. In response to questions regarding the cost of construction of Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro stated that the cost of the project is approximately \$ 2.2 billion including converter stations.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Dufferin
Date of Meeting:	April 15, 2008
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Carmen
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Ray Friesen; Manitoba Hydro Shawn McCutcheon; Reeve, R.M. of Dufferin Ruth Stege; C.A.O., R.M. of Dufferin George Gray; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Brent Cohoe; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Rodney Last; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Fred Dunn; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin John Peckover; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Don McCutcheon; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Heather Baril; The Valley Leader Newspaper, Town of Carman

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Dufferin for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Dufferin introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion regarding the process Manitoba Hydro uses to route Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives briefly discussed the SSEA process and how potential impacts from the proposed route are identified and that through the routing process, Manitoba Hydro tries to minimize potential impacts.	
3.	In response to a question regarding the east route option not being considered, Manitoba Hydro indicated it has been given direction by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board to proceed with routing Bipole III on the west side.	
4.	General discussion focused on what Bipole III is needed for (i.e., emergencies). Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III is needed for reliability of power for Manitobans and that it could also be used to transmit power south which could be exported if it is not needed domestically.	

5. In response to a question regarding the separation distance between Bipole III and Bipoles I and II, Manitoba Hydro indicated the separation distance needs to be as large as possible.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Elton

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of Forrest

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
Jeff Fulcher; Manitoba Hydro
Jon Burton; Reeve, R.M. of Elton

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Elton for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. T. Hreno and John Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question as why Bipole III cannot be routed on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated that issues include the proposed world heritage site and the potential opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales.	
3.	General discussion focused on meetings with communities in the conceptual location area and whether Manitoba Hydro was intending to meet with all communities in the area. Manitoba Hydro stated that there are two teams of Hydro representatives meeting with potentially affected communities in the conceptual location area. Manitoba Hydro is offering to meet with all the potentially affected communities to present information about the need for Bipole III in terms of reliability, the routing process and timelines.	
4.	General discussion focused on land acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way. In response to a question regarding the span between structures, it was indicated that this has not been determined yet. More information will be available once the routing process is initiated.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Hanover

Date of Meeting: April 23, 2008

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of Steinbach

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Ray Friesen; Manitoba Hydro
 Stan Toews; Reeve, R.M. of Hanover
 Doug Carvers; C.A.O., R.M. of Hanover
 Bob Brandt; Councillor, R.M. of Hanover
 Sonny Peters; Councillor, R.M. of Hanover
 Henry Funk; Councillor, R.M. of Hanover
 Paul Perreault; Councillor, R.M. of Hanover

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Hanover for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Hanover introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	There was some discussion on the development of wind farms and whether or not they could connect to Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III.	
3.	In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III could be routed on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated the Corporation is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
4.	In response to a question regarding how high the towers will be, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they do not have the design yet for the towers but that they may be similar in height to Bipoles I and II.	

5. General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Headingley
Date of Meeting:	May 13, 2008
Time:	8:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Headingley
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Pete Kosman; Manitoba Hydro Stan Grocholski; Manitoba Hydro Wilf Taillieu; Reeve, R.M. of Headingley Chris Fulsher; C.A.O., R.M. of Headingley Ian Ruth; Councillor, R.M. of Headingley Marly Mustard; Councillor, R.M. of Headingley James Robson; Councillor, R.M. of Headingley Tammy Wood; Councillor, R.M. of Headingley

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Headingley for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Headingley introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground and whether or not Manitoba Hydro has made a decision on above ground or below ground lines. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
3.	In response to a question asking how much longer the west route option was compared to the east route option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west route is approximately 1500 km in length and the east route is approximately 900 km in length.	
4.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	

5. In response to a question asking if the construction of the Riel Converter Station is separate from the Bipole III project, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Riel Converter Station is part of the Bipole III project.

Recorded By: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Park

Date of Meeting: March 18, 2008

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of Onanole

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Mike Marshall; Manitoba Hydro
 Ray Frey; Councillor, R.M. of Park
 Lloyd Ewashko; R.M. of Park
 Walter Sichevski; Councillor, R.M. of Park
 Mike Workman; R.M. of Park
 Chad Davies; C.A.O., R.M. of Park
 Craig Atkinson; Reeve, R.M. of Park

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Park for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Park introduced themselves. T. Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question as to whether the east side route is 30% shorter, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that routing on the east side would be approximately 40% shorter.	
3.	In response to a question regarding clearing of trees along the right-of-way, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that low-bush vegetation can be left along the right-of-way, but that danger trees will need to be removed.	
4.	General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are constantly being studied and, to date, there is no scientific research indicating that EMFs are a health risk. Manitoba Hydro is continually monitoring and the results of research conducted. Further information on EMF will be available at the open houses.	

5. General discussion focused on compensation for low producing agricultural lands, as well as routing transmission lines diagonally across prime agricultural lands. With respect to compensation, Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way. In addition, Manitoba Hydro indicated that in routing transmission lines in southern Manitoba, it tries to parallel roads or route along mile lines. It was acknowledged that in the past, transmission lines were often routed diagonally as diagonal routing is shorter than using roads or half mile lines.
6. In response to a question as to whether transmission lines have a negative effect on property values, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it monitors appraisals of land values in proximity to its facilities. Based on this, it would appear that transmission line rights-of-way do not affect property values.
7. In response to a question about the cost of routing Bipole III underground, Manitoba Hydro stated that routing lines underground lines are much more costly than overhead lines. In addition, underground lines are difficult to maintain and there are more environment concerns associated with maintenance.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Rosser

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2008

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: R.M. Office, Town of Rosser

In Attendance: Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Ken Korchak; Manitoba Hydro
 Ron Meakin; Manitoba Hydro
 Alice Bourgouin; Reeve, R.M. of Rosser
 Estelle Thomson; C.A.O. R.M. of Rosser
 Gordon Grenkow; Councillor, R.M. of Rosser
 Scott Corbett; Councillor, R.M. of Rosser
 George Boonstra; Councillor, R.M. of Rosser
 Kelvin Stewart; Councillor, R.M. of Rosser

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Rosser for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Rosser introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking if Manitoba Hydro was definitely proceeding with the west option, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they are as this was the direction given by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board.	
3.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	
4.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Springfield
Date of Meeting:	May 14, 2008
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Location:	R.M. Office, Town of Oakbank
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Keith Klus; Manitoba Hydro Peter Skrupski; Reeve, R.M. of Springfield Laurent Tetrault; C.A.O., R.M. of Springfield R. Znamirovski; C.F.O. and Manager of Admin, R.M. of Springfield Bob Bodnaruk; Councillor, R.M. of Springfield Lorne Vaags; Councillor, R.M. of Springfield Ken Lucko; Councillor, R.M. of Springfield Karen Lalonde; Councillor, R.M. of Springfield Brian Thompson; Councillor, R.M. of Springfield

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the R.M. of Springfield for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Springfield introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on the incremental cost of a west versus east Bipole III line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the west side is approximately 650 million dollars more than the east side option. In response to a question regarding the cost of the converter stations, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they were uncertain of the individual converter station costs, but that the Bipole III Project will cost approximately 2.2 billion dollars, including the converter stations.	
3.	General discussion focused on EMF and health effects. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are continually being studied and, to date, there is no scientific evidence indicating that EMFs are a health risk. Manitoba Hydro is continually monitoring and the results of research conducted. Further information on EMF will be available at the open houses.	
4.	In response to a question asking what kind of buildings will be located at the Riel converter station site, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Riel converter station will be similar to Dorsey Station. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that the Riel site will contain mostly apparatus and small buildings.	

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with the R.M. of Tache
Date of Meeting:	May 13, 2008
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Location:	R.M. Office, Town of Lorette
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Ray Friesen; Manitoba Hydro Keith Klus; Manitoba Hydro Stan Grocholski; Manitoba Hydro William Danylchuk; Reeve, R.M. of Tache Dan Poersch; C.A.O., R.M. of Tache Andy Rivard; Councillor, R.M. of Tache Ron Tardiff; Councillor, R.M. of Tache Ross Deschambault; Councillor, R.M. of Tache David Menard; Councillor, R.M. of Tache Robert Koop; Councillor, R.M. of Tache Jacques Trudeau; Councillor, R.M. of Tache Jeanette Laramee; Assistant, R.M. of Tache

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Hreno thanked the Shoal Lake Planning District for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. T. Hreno provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Shoal Lake Planning District introduced themselves. T Hreno and J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground and whether or not Manitoba Hydro has made a decision on above ground or below ground lines. Manitoba Hydro stated that although it has looked at placing lines underwater and underground, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines.	
3.	In response to a question regarding why Bipole III cannot be routed on the east side, it was indicated that there is the potential for opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales to U.S customers, as well as a concern for the protection of a proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that they were given direction by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board to proceed with the west option.	

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Rural Municipality of Kelsey
Date of Meeting:	April 24, 2008
Time:	2:30 PM
Location:	The Pas, MB (Municipal Offices)
In Attendance:	Rod Berezowecki; Reeve Wilf Lamontagne; Councillor Ward 1 Bruce McLean; Councillor Ward 3 Norm Bruce; Administrative Consultant Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Mark Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>The new Wuskwatim to Rall’s Island transmission line will require an new right of way up to just north of the Saskatchewan River where it will be built on an existing right of way adjacent to the Rall’s Island to Cranberry transmission line. There is no room for another line in the vicinity of the existing river crossing because of residential developments in the area. Communities in the R.M of Kelsey could see long term benefits from Bipole III through if a transmission development fund is created for the new project. A Transmission Development Fund was created to benefit communities in the route of new construction for the Wuskwatim transmission line. Hopefully within a year there will be a decision about creating a fund for Bipole III.</p>	
3.	<p>Having a third DC line will alleviate the loading on Bipole I and II and reduce line losses on the system.</p>	
4.	<p>Proposed mining operations at Moose Lake and Talbot Lake will require power if developed. Manitoba Hydro supplies industrial users by bringing bulk power to the site and the developer typically have their own station and distribution system. The Town of The Pas and First Nations are looking to become service centres for the mining industry.</p> <p>University College of the North would do well to provide technical courses to prepare students for employment in mining and hydro development.</p>	

5. There was further discussion about future power needs for Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the ability of the Nelson River watershed to supply water for generation.

6. Communities are concerned about negative effects of hydro development. The effects of the Churchill River Diversion are still being dealt with. Fishing is affected by changes in the Saskatchewan River from Grand Rapids to Saskatchewan. Farmers will be concerned if a transmission line crosses farmland. Transmission lines can block clear views of the landscape, interfere with radio and television reception and produce EMFs that are a concern for some people. Environmental issues need to be discussed.
Transmission lines can provide access that may be seen as an opportunity or a disadvantage.
Future meetings will deal with site selection issues in detail.

7. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round One meeting with Manitoba Floodway Authority
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Time:	1:00 p.m.
Location:	Manitoba Floodway Authority Offices, Unit 7, 1333 Niakwa Road East, Main boardroom
In Attendance:	R. Hay; Manitoba Floodway Authority D. Peterson; Manitoba Floodway Authority W. Munro; Manitoba Hydro T. Hreno; Manitoba Hydro M. Wankling; Manitoba Hydro S. Mailey; Manitoba Hydro E. Hicks; E. Hicks & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>W. Munro thanked the Manitoba Floodway Authority representatives for the opportunity to discuss the Riel Reliability Improvement Initiative Project (Riel Sectionalization). Munro provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Manitoba Floodway Authority representatives introduced themselves. Munro presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project which included an overview of the need for the project, a description of sectionalization, what is sectionalization, how will sectionalization at the Riel site improve system reliability, regulatory requirements and the ongoing consultation program. The ultimate development of Riel Station was also discussed.</p> <p>Following the presentation, there was general discussion on a number of items as follows:</p>	
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question as to where Bipole III will terminate, Munro indicated it will terminate at Riel Station when it is ultimately developed. • In response to a question as to whether or not additional properties would be required for the ultimate development of Riel Station, it was stated that the one additional property required for Riel Sectionalization along with the existing property Manitoba Hydro owns would be enough for the ultimate development of Riel Station. • General discussion focused on Manitoba Hydro’s water consumption needs at the Riel site. In response, it was stated that there would be some need for water with the ultimate development of Riel Station as the station would be manned 24/7. In addition, Manitoba Hydro will have a fire protection plan in place which will involve a water deluge system. With Riel Sectionalization, a small building will be constructed on site. Water which would be required would be limited in quantities and could either be permanent or stored at the site. 	

- Hay stated that there will likely be a recreational aspect to the Floodway Expansion once it is completed. This could involve a trail which would preferable be located on the west side of the embankment as there are drainage structures on the east side.
- Discussion also focused on the railway line from PTH 15 to the Riel site. Land south of PTH 15 which is Crown Land is surplus Floodway land which the Floodway Authority would like to sell. As part of the process, government departments and Crown Corporations will be given the first opportunity to purchase the lands. The contact person would be Burt Fleming, Minnedosa Office, Agricultural Crown Lands, Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiatives Department. In addition, Hay indicated that forage leases on the Floodway were terminated for the construction of the Expansion Project. These may be re-instated depending on what happens with respect to recreational use along the Floodway. The embankments of the Floodway have been re-seeded to forage. Agricultural Crown Lands will be responsible for the forage leases if they are to be re-instated.
- There was some discussion about use of the rail spur to deliver supplies to the Deacon Reservoir. Mailey indicated that the rail spur would be used to bring in heavy equipment which would occur infrequently. The crossing of PTH 15 would be removed once the heavy equipment was delivered, but the rail spur maintained for possible future use. Manitoba Hydro would also have some difficulty with others crossing through the Riel site.
- Hay indicated that re-construction of the PTH 15 bridge over the Floodway was originally part of the scope of work for the Floodway Expansion Project. It may once again be included as part of the project. The timing of this is uncertain.
- In response to a question from Hay as to whether or not Hydro would need fill for the development of the site, it was indicated that the Riel site would need to be built up. The entire site will be graded and filled with a crushed rock base. Hay indicated that the Floodway Authority could provide fill from the Floodway Expansion Project. Mailey to follow-up at a later date. SM
- There was general discussion about drainage in the area and at the Riel site. Mailey indicated that Hydro was beginning to look at a drainage plan and would share this with the Floodway Authority. Wankling questioned whether or not the Floodway Authority had an interest in using Mission Road other than to access the existing drains as Hydro might want to have the road closed for public use. In response, Hay indicated that they had no other interest in the road allowance. It was also indicated that the portion of the Bibeau Drain inside the Floodway had been reconstructed as part of the expansion project. Outside of the Floodway, Cook's Creek Conservation District is responsible for the Bibeau Drain. SM
- In closing, Munro indicated that Manitoba Hydro was looking forward to working with the Manitoba Floodway Authority with respect to Riel Sectionalization. Hay would be the contact person from the Manitoba Floodway Authority regarding the project.

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Chemawawin Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: June 23, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Chemawawin Cree Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Clarence Easter; Chief
 Albert Packo; Councillor
 Albert Young; Councillor
 Floyd George; Councillor
 Chris Klyne; Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>A brief discussion on consultation took place and MH made it clear that this meeting was not to be considered as a consultation meeting under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. This meeting is part of the public involvement process for the environmental assessment for Bipole III. Chemawawin representatives indicated that they are presently trying to set-up a consultation group so that consultation processes are dealt with in a consistent manner.</p>	
3.	<p>Chemawawin representatives asked why Bipole III was not being routed down the east side of Lake Winnipeg. MH provided an explanation regarding the reason for the westerly route for Bipole III and that it was under the direction of the government of Manitoba.</p>	
4.	<p>Chemawawin representatives inquired about what long term benefits would become available to Aboriginal communities. MH representatives confirmed the corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits to Aboriginal communities and indicated at this time MH is interested in initiating discussions with Aboriginal communities on this topic however no firm decision has been made nor has there been any details revealed.</p>	
5.	<p>Chemawawin representatives wanted to know if the main reason for building Bipole III was to export power to the south. MH representatives explained that the main reason for building Bipole III was strictly for reliability reasons to back up the existing grid should a catastrophic failure occur.</p>	

6. Chemawawin would like to become directly involved with the environmental assessment process and they have recently formed a partnership with Waugh's Woods from The Pas.
7. There was a discussion on the impacts of transmission lines. Do birds collide with them and are there health issues from electric magnetic fields (EMF). MH explained that on occasion birds do strike transmission lines however MH implements tactics to avoid bird – wire collisions through avoiding known flyways and utilizing bird deflectors. MH went on to say that EMFs are a concern to many people however there are no studies to date that support health issues related to transmissions lines and EMFs. However an extensive literature review will be undertaken as a part of the SSEA process and more information available at the open house stages in the fall of 2008 and eventually included in the EIS.
8. Chemawawin representatives wanted to know what types of licenses MH has in place in order to operate the Grand Rapids dam as well as the control of water fluctuations on Cedar Lake. MH said that they would look into the request and get back to Chief and Council. Carl Johnson
9. Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round One Meeting with Fox Lake Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: November 6th 2007

Time:

Location: Fox Lake Cree Nation

In Attendance: Robert Beardy; Fox Lake
Frank Beardy; Fox Lake
Johnny Beardy; Fox Lake
Jack Massan; Fox Lake
Jesse Beardy; Fox Lake
Lorne Hicks; Fox Lake
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Craig Boyer; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Purpose of this initial meeting was to discuss options for trappers to gain access to their trap lines on the south side of the Nelson River and to present alternative compensation programs to trappers. Carl Johnson presented alternative compensation packages with a PowerPoint presentation.	
2.	It was stated that there would be 12 trappers and other hunters who would need to cross the dam. Options were limited but would consist of them crossing the dam at the expense of wear and tear on trapping equipment.	
3.	Robert Beardy inquired to whether a bridge could be constructed across Moondance Cr. He also stated that due to past road construction he has lost trap boxes and wished to know who he should contact to inform them of the damages and who would he be able to claim such losses to.	
4.	MH representatives left ortho imagery maps for the group to map trapper trails, cabins and significant areas of interest. Jack Beardy stated he has own trapline inventory that could be provided at a later date.	
5.	Outstanding -Jack Beardy requires an ortho image of RTL 18 in the Split Lake Zone. -Drums of fuel were left behind at Deer Island from past construction. Notify responsible individuals and have removed. - Follow up on possibility of a bridge at Moondance Cr.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Mathias Colomb Cree Nation
Date of Meeting:	May 13, 2008
Time:	2:00 PM
Location:	Mathias Colomb Cree Nation Band Office
In Attendance:	Shirley Castel; Chief Ken Bighetty; Councillor Gordie Bear; Councillor Hansen Dumas; Councillor Darryl Linklater; Councillor Brian Bighetty; Executive Director Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	Mathias Colomb inquired about what long term benefits would be available to their community from Bipole III. MH representatives confirmed the corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits to Aboriginal communities.	
3.	Mathias Colomb then inquired if there was any profit or revenue sharing for Bipoles I & II. MH indicated that there is no revenue sharing for Bipoles I and II.	
4.	A brief discussion took place on the topic of terrorism on transmission lines. MH indicated that there has been no significant terrorist or sabotage acts on MH facilities however it is still considered as a possible threat.	
5.	Mathias Colomb representatives inquired about how/who controls vegetation on transmission lines and if “agent orange” or chemicals are used. MH responded vegetation control is mainly conducted by mechanical means in northern Manitoba and that it is typically tendered out on a contract basis. MH briefly explained the role of MHs Line Maintenance Division. Mathias Colomb representatives expressed that they have been interested and will continue to be interested in future contracts.	
6.	A general discussion took place on electricity rates and alternative energy sources including wind farms, nuclear and new technology with coal.	

7. Mathias Colomb representatives inquired about water ownership and if anyone gets paid for water use. MH indicated that the province of Manitoba receives water rental fees from MH. Mathias Colomb feels that aboriginals should be paid for the use of water.
8. Mathias Colomb representatives asked whether or not Bipole III would have any sort of impacts or alterations to the existing Laurie River generating stations. MH indicated that there will be no changes whatsoever.
9. Mathias Colomb representatives asked about how the site selection of Bipole III would take place and when would it begin. MH representatives explained the site selection environmental assessment (SSEA) process in more detail and that it would begin on a large scale and eventually lead to alternative routes and eventually to a preferred route based on several factors including aboriginal traditional knowledge and involvement. MH indicated that the SSEA would commence in the fall of 2008.
10. Mathias Colomb indicated to MH that the community has existing Treaty Land Entitlement issues within their traditional territory (specifically in the Granville Lake area) and that they would like to be fully engaged with the route selection for Bipole III. They also directed MH not to speak with “dissident” groups on the traditional territory who are seeking to form their own First Nations reservations. MH acknowledged these statements.
11. Mathias Colomb representatives wanted to know if Bipole III could be tapped for local use. MH explained that it could not as it is a direct current transmission line and would need a converter station to convert the power back to AC for use.

Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. A copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left for the community.

12. Other issues:
Mathias Colomb indicated that there are existing environmental (diesel fuel spills) and infrastructure (pole line) issues with MH and that they would like these resolved before Bipole III site selection begins. There is still a lot of anger within the community because of past diesel contamination issues. The Chief informed MH that when MH attends the planned open houses in the community they should be ready to address past issues that community members will want to know about.

Mathias Colomb feels that they should have been involved during the Wuskwatim public involvement process as they feel that water levels are impacted within their traditional territory.

Recorded by: V. Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Mosakahiken Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: April 17, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Moose Lake, MB (Mosakahiken Cree Nation Band Office)

In Attendance: Jonas Gray; Councillor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Jackie Krindl; Calyx Consulting.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked Jonas Gray for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>There were no questions. The following comment was made:</p>	
2.	<p>It was mentioned that in terms of the SSEA process the Mosakahiken Cree Nation has not completed work on their RMA yet.</p>	

Recorded by: Jackie Krindl

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN)

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Manitoba Hydro Head Office

In Attendance: Marcel Moody; NCN Councillor
 Norman Linklater; NCN - Wuskwatim contact
 Bruce Hickey; NCN Financial Advisor
 Valerie Matthews Lemieux; NCN Lawyer
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>NCN reps. wanted it known and recorded that this meeting was not to be considered as consultation as defined under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. MH acknowledged this fact and made it clear that this meeting was for the purpose of sharing information with communities potentially affected by the Bipole III project.</p>	
3.	<p>NCN reps. expressed their concern regarding the Bipole III project routing process and how this could contravene the Northern Flood Agreement specifically Article 8.</p>	
4.	<p>NCN reps. wanted to know what communities are intended to be involved in the public involvement process and also asked for a complete list of all communities, both aboriginal and non-aboriginal. NCN also wanted to know who would be involved in the consultation process on behalf of MH. MH provided a verbal response mentioning the environmental impact assessment (EIA) and site selection environmental assessment (SSEA) teams.</p>	<p>Carl provided community list via email.</p>
5.	<p>NCN reps. wanted to know if MH is planning to provide funding support to the communities so that they can become involved in the SSEA process. MH responded that the issue of funding has not been discussed at the time of this meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>A general discussion took place on the topic of long term benefits for Bipole III. MH explained that nothing was concrete in terms of how long term benefits would work only that it could possibly be similar to that of the Transmission Development Fund (TDF) for the Wuskwatim project.</p>	

7. NCN reps wanted to know why a new southern convertor station was required. MH informed NCN that a southern convertor station is required so the DC electricity can be converted back to AC.
8. NCN reps. wanted to know if the Bipole III line was being built for the purposes of transmitting power from the new generating sites being proposed (Keeyask & Conawapa). MH explained that Bipole III is a project going forth strictly for reliability reasons however Bipole III could be used in the transmittal of future electrical generation if needed.
9. NCN reps wanted it to be known that a location by name of Partridge Crop Hill is considered to be a special place of interest to NCN members.
10. NCN reps. were somewhat perturbed because the Wuskwatim infrastructures were not identified on any maps within the presentation.
11. NCN reps. were curious about the required ground electrodes for Bipole III. NCN wanted to know if they are only required for DC, how big they are and how expensive they are to install. MH suggested a field trip to an existing ground electrode facility perhaps at Dorsey.
12. Regarding the upcoming open houses, NCN reps suggested that a format other than storyboards be used as they found these ineffective during the Wuskwatim process.
13. NCN reps. inquired on how MH intends to obtain traditional knowledge from the communities. MH responded that they would utilize various methods including personal interviews, questionnaires and workshops/open houses etc.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Opaskwayak Cree Nation - Natural Resources Dept. (OCN NRC).

Date of Meeting: April 24, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: OCN NRC offices in The Pas, MB

In Attendance: Mary Head; Interim Natural Resources Technician OCN NRC
 Diane Ballantyne; OCN NRC Administration
 Pat Personuis; OCN NRC Elder
 Omar Constant; OCN Councillor
 Peter Young; OCN Trappers Assoc.
 Lori Lathlin; OCN NRC member
 Isaac Cook; OCN NRC member
 Bernice Genaille-Young; OCN Councillor
 Jack Lavallee; OCN NRC member
 Irvin Constant; OCN NRC member
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Ken Dueck; Manitoba Hydro
 Greg Malcolm; Manitoba Hydro
 Ken Ducheminsky; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. The meeting was opened with a prayer from the OCN NRC Elder. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>The OCN NRC provided an explanation of “chain of command” and how communications were to be coordinated when involving OCN. The direction received is that the OCN NRC will be the main contact for community involvement and consultations. They will represent OCN resource/land users and will liaise with the OCN Chief and council. They also pointed out that the meeting was not to be considered as formal consultation i.e. section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. MH reps acknowledged this direction.</p>	
3.	<p>OCN NRC representatives inquired what the purpose for the Bipole III project was. MH provided a good explanation on the reliability factor for Bipole III and went on further to explain why it was being routed down the western part of the province and went on to say that the decision was under the direction of the province.</p>	

4. OCN NRC wanted some background regarding the decision to build Bipole III on the west side and why the east-side First Nations were opposing the project. MH explained that the decision was made keeping in mind the proposed World Heritage site on the east side.
5. OCN NRC asked if the transmission line were to be built on the west-side would it traverse the boreal forest. MH indicated that it would.
6. A general discussion took place on the topic of long term benefits for Bipole III. MH explained that nothing was concrete in terms of how long term benefits would work only that it could possibly be similar to that of the Transmission Development Fund (TDF) for the Wuskwatim project. OCN NRC expressed concern on how the criteria is going to be established for long term benefits and they would appreciate being part of setting up those criteria.
7. OCN NRC was curious as to how trappers were to be involved with the Bipole III project. MH explained that trappers would be involved hands-on in the site selection for the route on the transmission corridor. MH also indicated that Manitoba Hydro's Trappers Compensation Policy would be in effect for the project. The OCN NRC reminded MH that they would be the main contact for the trappers along with the OCN Trappers Association.
8. The OCN NRC explained that there are up to 10-15 outstanding claims between OCN and MH/Canada and they wondered why these were not being dealt with in a timelier and satisfactory manner. MH indicated that they could not speak to those inquiries directly only that MH has a legal department working on those claims. OCN NRC suggested that perhaps Bipole III could provide them with negotiating leverage to settle the outstanding claims.
9. A suggestion was made that if the Bipole corridor was to come through OCN traditional territory that it be routed on the same corridor as the Wuskwatim transmission line.
10. OCN NRC suggested that MH not sell any power to the USA because of the Devils Lake controversy.
11. OCN NRC asked if any funding was available through MH so that they can become actively involved with the Bipole III environmental assessment. MH indicated that it was a possibility and can be examined further. W. Everett & E. Hicks
12. The OCN NRC would like to see organizational charts of MH so they can seek answers to questions that cannot be answered at these introductory meetings. MH to provide organizational chart to OCN NRC. C. Johnson

13. OCN NRC expressed concern over how wildlife and fish (especially sturgeon) were cared for during and after MH developments. MH indicated that a great deal of effort is taken when it comes to impacts to the environment and especially wildlife and aquatics in general. OCN NRC asked for existing monitoring reports from previous MH projects including generation stations in the north. MH will supply OCN NRC with all available reports for review and educational purposes. C. Johnson.
E. Hicks & Associates.
14. OCN NRC asked how many First Nations were to be involved on the west route for Bipole III. MH responded upwards of fifty communities including umbrella organizations were to be engaged in the public involvement process.
15. OCN NRC commented that they find it appalling to know that environmental groups can change the decisions of the provincial government and yet they fail to deal or settle outstanding issues/claims with Manitoba First Nations.
16. OCN NRC asked how First Nations in the southern part of the Bipole III conceptual area are impacted by the project if they do not have traditional resource management areas or registered trapline zones. MH responded that this is yet to be determined and that southern First Nations belong to treaties so that may be a starting point.
17. OCN NRC indicated to MH that they are considering establishing a National Park using the boundaries of their traditional area.
18. OCN NRC asked if MH already has the ‘go ahead’ to build Bipole III. MH responded that direction was received to begin the introductory meeting process and that this would be followed by a formal Site Selection and Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process beginning in the fall of 2008. MH does have the direction to start the process however MH does not have a full approval to build Bipole III.
19. There was concern from the OCN NRC regarding the impacts to the underground water system and marshlands when building a transmission line. How does the construction activities affect the filtering system of the land -- how far do the effects extend outside the transmission corridor. What are the impacts of winter construction on the land - how do the existing lines affect the land, what are the ripple affects. OCN NRC wants more information on this regard and would like to become more involved with this concern specifically when transmission line routing takes place. OCN NRC also wants to become more involved (training and employment) with monitoring the environmental impacts for the project in conjunction with MH and its consultants. They are looking for full time jobs -- trades and apprentices. MH & E.
Hicks
20. The OCN NRC informed MH that the Swampy Cree Tribal Council does not make decisions on behalf of OCN.
21. The OCN NRC would like to see methodologies on how MH and their specialists conduct studies when selecting a route for a transmission line.

22. OCN NRC requested that MH provide an honorarium to their members when attending and participating in these types of meetings. MH would consider this.

Other noteworthy comments:

- OCN NRC is presently seeking to establish a wood pellet plant and would like to utilize the debris from clearing on the Wuskwatim line.
- OCN NRC inquired about how the Wuskwatim project impacts the Saskatchewan River drainage basin.

23. OCN NRC wants more clarity on how the criteria for the Wuskwatim transmission development fund are established. OCN expressed the possibility of utilizing TDF monies for off reserve members. They were told they would have to go to their leadership to find the answers to this question. Other suggestions made by OCN NRC:

- MH should consider a reduction in hydro bills as a benefit to the community at large
- OCN NRC would like to see more opportunities on the Wuskwatim project. They would like to see specifications on clearing for transmission lines as well as other services required for the Wuskwatim project.
- OCN NRC feels that the issues and recommendations from the Wuskwatim CEC hearings were never addressed especially for environmental monitoring.
- OCN NRC has an environmental officer working full time.
- MH (construction dept) is to provide a presentation to OCN NRC on clearing and construction of a transmission line.

24. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. A copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left for the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Tataskweyak Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: June 12 2008

Time: 10 am

Location: Hobbs and Associates Office - Wpg

In Attendance: Bill Kennedy; H&A
 Elijah Dick; TCN Councilor
 Nathan Neckoway; TCN Councilor
 Walter Martin; TCN
 Victor Spence; TCN
 Michael D. Garson; TCN
 Anthony Mayham; TCN
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. He continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	A brief discussion took place on East vs West route and MH stated that the direction at this time is to build the Line on the West route.	
3.	TCN - was interested in more information on the transmission development fund concept and MH informed them that there is info available as how the Wuskwatim TDF functions and if they are interested we could provide an overview of that fund. They were also interested in the trapper's compensation programs and MH will share the info on the existing programs for information purposes.	Carl to provide Wuskwatim TDF info & trappers program info
4.	Concerns were raised on the training and employment opportunities as well as business opportunities associated with the project. MH informed them that, info on those concerns will be dealt with during the process and the Construction Department will be providing feedback over the next year as those issues fall within their jurisdiction.	
5.	Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left with attendees.	

Recorded by: Carl Johnson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with War Lake Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: April 9th, 2008

Time: PRE MEETING

Location: War Lake Cree Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with War Lake Cree Nation & Ilford community

Date of Meeting: May 12th 2008

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: War Lake Cree Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Betsy Kennedy; Chief
 Phillip Morris; Councillor
 Ralph Brown; Community Consultant – Hobbs
 Candy Laliberte; Community Member
 Adam Flett; Community Member
 Elsie Flett; Community Member
 Edna Chornoby; Community Member
 Stacey Spence; Community Member
 Liz Garson; Community Member
 Bonnie Ouskun; Community Member
 Dwayne Flett; Community Member
 Arniel Ouskun; Community Member
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>War Lake representatives inquired about timelines for building Bipole III. MH responded that a target date to receive an environmental license to build Bipole III is in 2012 and therefore the construction could start that year with a proposed in-service date for the transmission line in 2017.</p>	
3.	<p>War Lake representatives were curious if the transmission technology has improved since building Bipoles I & II whereby reducing line losses. MH responded that there have been no significant technology improvements on line losses associated with transmission lines.</p>	
4.	<p>There was a general discussion on the topic of line loss percentages comparing the Western route versus the East side of Lake Winnipeg route. MH indicated that there would be more line losses on the western route as it is approximately 400 km longer.</p>	

5. War Lake representatives were interested in how many jobs and training opportunities would be created for aboriginal people. MH responded that the opportunities are seasonal in nature as transmission lines are built in the winter season only. MH also went on to discuss the northern hiring policy and how MH encourages contractors to utilize the local aboriginal labour force as well as use aboriginal services. Training would not be a huge component to building the transmission line because of the narrow work window.
6. War Lake representatives wanted to know who maintains the existing transmission lines. MH explained the function of the Line Maintenance division and also indicated that from time to time MH will tender out vegetation control contracts.
7. War Lake wanted to know who was responsible for submitting the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to the government for approvals. MH responded that it was MH and a team of environmental consultants. War Lake representatives wanted to know if aboriginal people were involved with the environmental impact assessment for Bipole III. MH explained that Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge will be sought and incorporated into the EIS.
8. War Lake wanted to know if hydro rates would be increased because of Bipole III. MH responded that this is unknown at this time. A general discussion on the topic of power consumption followed.
9. A general discussion took place on how MH obtains private land acquisitions for building transmission lines. MH explained that private landowners get compensated based on the fair market value of the property in question.
10. War Lake inquired about what long term benefits would be available to aboriginal communities in the vicinity of Bipole III. MH representatives confirmed the corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits for Aboriginal communities.
11. A copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Cormorant Community Council

Date of Meeting: April 17 2008

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Cormorant, MB (Community Offices)

In Attendance: Ken Ducharme; Mayor
 Ernest Lavallee; Councillor
 Larry Ladoucer; Councillor
 Bev Shlachettka; Chief Administrative Officer
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>There was discussion concerning employment opportunities around construction of the Bipole III transmission line. The construction activities for the Wuskwatim to Rall’s Island transmission line begin this winter and will be in the vicinity of the community. The opportunities for community involvement will be similar for Bipole III. Local tenders are encouraged. Local businesses should plan ahead and perhaps partner together to increase their capacity to submit tenders for clearing and construction work. Community members should also take into account other services that might be contracted during clearing and construction such as, accommodation, meals, heavy equipment, fuel and other services. There could also be opportunities to salvage trees as the line is cleared. One contractor did this for the Wuskwatim line.</p>	
3.	<p>Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. Community members are eager to be kept aware of future meetings. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.</p>	

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Herb Lake Landing

Date of Meeting: April 23, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Herb Lake Landing, MB (Jim Corman’s residence)

In Attendance: Jim Corman; Community Contact
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked Mr. Corman for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Mr. Corman inquired as to whether or not MH was getting any opposition regarding Bipole III from other communities that received the presentation. MH indicated that there were no significant issues expressed to date.</p>	
3.	<p>A general discussion took place on the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site and the west vs. east side routing. MH emphasized the reliability factor and the direction for the western route was received from the province.</p>	
4.	<p>Mr. Corman expressed his appreciation to MH for all of the efforts that he and his community experienced regarding community involvement on the Wuskwatim project and he looks forward to the same involvement for Bipole III.</p>	
5.	<p>Bipole III brochures were left for other community residents.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Nelson House Community

Date of Meeting: May 22, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Nelson House Council Office

In Attendance: Bella Leonard; Mayor
Bertha Kobliski; Councillor
Theresa Hart; Councillor
Cecilia Tait; Councillor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Nelson House representatives asked if MH would hold an Open House in their community or would they be expected to attend one in NCN. MH explained that they are willing to work with the community to determine what is best and if needed an open house would be held in the community.</p>	
3.	<p>Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Community of Moose Lake
Date of Meeting:	April 17 2008
Time:	1:30 PM
Location:	Moose Lake, MB (Community Offices)
In Attendance:	Clifford Ballantyne; Councillor Dolcey Fournie; Councillor Dennis Buck; Councillor Arnold Sanderson; Chief Administrative Officer Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eaglevision Resources Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>There was discussion about moving the proposed route from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the western side of the province. Communities on the east side did not reject the project. It was explained that the Provincial government made that decision for several reasons. It responded to pressure from conservation groups to keep the east side Boreal Forest intact. Also the government is dealing with other issues such as ongoing land use planning for the east side and the UNESCO World Heritage site designation for Poplar River First Nation.</p>	
3.	<p>In response to questions about effects on the community there was discussion about the site selection process and how communities can voice their concerns for their RMAs, traditional use areas and traplines. The community has seen their resource area diminished and they now have a smaller number of commercial fishing licenses. There was further discussion about development and effects on communities. Cormorant is concerned about maintaining the quality of the water and the fish in their resource area. The Bipole III project is a transmission project not a generation project so there will be no flooding as a result. A discussion of the Nelson River and the watershed that supplies it followed.</p>	
4.	<p>Construction of a line like Bipole III is typically done in winter when the ground is frozen. This usually happens in January, February and March. The probability that Bipole III will be built is very high</p>	

5. There was discussion of community involvement with employment opportunities around construction of the Bipole III transmission line. Manitoba Hydro will work with communities in the vicinity. Local tenders are encouraged. Construction of a transmission line typically begins with the clearing of the right-of-way, constructing anchors and foundations, placing the towers then energizing the line. Manpower and services will be needed during construction. Community members should look into their capacity to provide services that might be contracted during clearing and construction such as, fuel, heavy equipment, accommodation, meals, and other services.
6. Long-term benefits could include a transmission development fund available to communities that qualify. A Transmission Development Fund was created to benefit communities in the route of new construction for the Wuskwatim transmission line. Hopefully within a year there will be an announcement concerning a fund for Bipole III.
7. Manitoba Hydro has contracts to supply power to the Midwest USA through Minnesota and North Dakota. System reliability is an important factor in gaining export sales.
There are agreements with MTS for joint use of infrastructure such as distribution poles belonging to Manitoba Hydro.
8. Wind generation in Manitoba is privately owned. Manitoba Hydro buys the power and distributes it. All customers in Manitoba pay the same rates with the exception of those receiving diesel-generated power.
9. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Pikwitonei

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2008

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Pikwitonei, MB (Council chambers)

In Attendance: Angeline C. Flett; Councilor
Wayne Laubmann; Council Clerk
Warren Pagee; local
John Halecrow; local
Carl Johnson; MH
Trent Hreno; MH
Vince Kuzdak; ERC
John Dyck; P4

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>C. Johnson welcomed and thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. Introductions were made informally as participants arrived. Johnson and Kuzdak presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>There was general discussion on a number of items during and after the presentation as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>In response to a question about how much notice was provided in advance of the meeting, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that letters had been mailed out a few weeks earlier. It was also explained that the meeting was aimed at the leadership and that the next Round would target the larger membership.</p>	
3.	<p>Manitoba Hydro representatives were thanked for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III.</p>	

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Sherridon

Date of Meeting: April 24, 2008

Time: 9:30 AM

Location: Sherridon, MB (Council Office)

In Attendance: A.Benyk; Mayor
 Donna Caluit; Councillor
 Eric Erikson; Councillor
 Tim Matheson; Councillor
 Dennis Hatch; Councillor
 Wendy Vacheresse; Community Administrator
 Fred Schurko; Public Works Foreman
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Sherridon reps wanted to know where the power transmitted on Bipole III was going. MH explained the system reliability factor and Bipole III could also be used for future generation in Manitoba's north.</p>	
3.	<p>A discussion took place on why Bipole III was being routed down the western part of the province. MH indicated that the decision for the west route was under the direction of the province. Sherridon reps felt that the east side route made more sense and firmly believed that the line would not come near their community because of geography.</p>	
4.	<p>Sherridon reps wanted to know how much more costs were associated with Bipole III coming on the west side. MH indicated that it was difficult to determine at this time but said it could be several hundred million dollars.</p>	
5.	<p>A general discussion took place on the topics of long term benefits and trapper compensation. MH indicated that a transmission development fund was created for the Wuskwatim transmission project and that there could possibly be one for Bipole III. The Manitoba Hydro trapper compensation policy was briefly explained.</p>	

6. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. Bipole III brochures were left for the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Thicket Portage Community

Date of Meeting: May 22, 2008

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Thicket Portage Council Office

In Attendance: Arnold Bignell; Mayor
Dorothy Mercredi; Councillor
Frank Dorion; Councillor
Joanne Pronteau; Admin Clerk
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:	
2.	There were no significant issues from the leadership at this time.	
3.	Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Wabowden Community Council
Date of Meeting:	April 22, 2008
Time:	7:00 PM
Location:	Wabowden, MB (Council chambers)
In Attendance:	Reg Meade; Mayor Leon Benson; Councillor Francis McIvor; Councillor June Chu; Councillor Myrna Dram; Councillor Sessie Jonasson; Community Administrator Carl Johnson; MB Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Wabowden reps expressed some concerns regarding the long term benefits such as the Transmission Development Fund (TDF) and whether or not they are considered as an Aboriginal community. MH responded that the criterion used on the Wuskwatim TDF was communities were eligible if they were a small aboriginal community or small remote community. Wabowden being a Northern Affairs community would be eligible if there was a TDF for Bipole III. The details of the TDF for Bipole III are still being worked out and an announcement will be made when it is finalized.</p>	
3.	<p>A general discussion took place regarding the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site. Wabowden reps wondered why the line was not going on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and that if the Progressive Conservatives were to become the governing then there was a good chance that Bipole III would be located on the east side.</p>	
4.	<p>Wabowden reps indicated that they thought the Bipole III presentation appeared to be more focused on selling power to the USA and not necessarily for Manitobans. MH explained the importance of the reliability factor for the entire electrical system in the province and that it was quite vulnerable with 77% of the northern generation being transmitted on one corridor.</p>	
5.	<p>Wabowden reps expressed that they would be in favour of Bipole III following the railway line and therefore not creating a new corridor.</p>	

6. Wabowden reps indicated that they were very familiar with the SSEA process through the Wuskwatim EIA. They also noted that they were told or “promised” that there would be opportunities for their community but nothing transpired. They feel that this would be the same for Bipole III.
7. There was an inquiry as to whether or not there was still potential for Bipole III to be constructed under Lake Winnipeg. MH indicated that the underwater option was only being further investigated at this time and that the direction for Bipole III is on the westerly part of the province.

Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation
Date of Meeting:	June 18, 2008
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	Birdtail Sioux Band Office
In Attendance:	Mike Hanska; Councillor Carson Benn; Councillor Laverne Benn; Councillor Ramona Cook; Band Mgr Robert Throup; Financial Consultant Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	A brief discussion on consultation took place and MH made it clear that this meeting was not to be considered as a consultation meeting under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. This meeting is part of the public involvement process for the environmental assessment for Bipole III.	
3.	MH provided an explanation regarding the reason for the westerly route for Bipole III and that it was under the direction of Manitoba. Birdtail Sioux representatives asked how far MH had previously proceeded into the Site Selection Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process on the east-side of Lake Winnipeg. MH responded that they were into the second round (open houses) when the east-side route option was removed.	
4.	Birdtail Sioux representatives inquired about what long term benefits would become available to aboriginal communities and how close would the transmission line have to be to the community in order for them to benefit. MH reps. confirmed the corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits to aboriginal communities and indicated at this time MH is interested in initiating discussions with Aboriginal communities on this topic however no firm decision has been made nor has there been any details revealed.	
5.	Birdtail Sioux representatives asked if any First Nation land will have to be transferred in order to build Bipole III. MH answered that no First Land would be required.	

6. Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Dakota Plains First Nation

Date of Meeting: June 25, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Dakota Plains Band Office

In Attendance: Orville Smoke; Chief
Arden Smoke; NADAP
Sherry Smoke; Health Director
Sandra Smoke; Admin Secretary
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>A brief discussion on consultation took place and MH made it clear that this meeting was not to be considered as a consultation meeting under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. This meeting is part of the public involvement process for the environmental assessment for Bipole III.</p>	
3.	<p>Dakota Plains representatives wanted to know if there is going to be Aboriginal set asides when building Bipole III? MH representatives explained that it is not known at this time but explained MH's willingness to involve aboriginal communities in projects such as Bipole III. Dakota Plains reps. informed MH of their direct involvement with the Keystone Pipeline project and that they are involved with training and employment programs.</p>	
4.	<p>There was a discussion on alternative energy sources especially on wind energy.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Dakota Tipi First Nation

Date of Meeting: June 25, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Dakota Tipi Band Office

In Attendance: Cornell Pashe; Chief
Keith Pashe; Councillor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>A brief discussion on consultation took place and MH made it clear that this meeting was not to be considered as a consultation meeting under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. This meeting is part of the public involvement process for the environmental assessment for Bipole III. Dakota Tipi representatives indicated that they have ongoing consultation issues with Manitoba and the pipeline project.</p>	
3.	<p>Dakota Tipi representatives asked why Bipole III was going down the west and not the east side of lake Winnipeg. MH provided an explanation regarding the reason for the westerly route for Bipole III and that it was under the direction of Manitoba.</p>	
4.	<p>Dakota Tipi informed MH that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Enbridge (pipeline project) on how their community will be involved and benefit from the pipeline project.</p>	
5.	<p>Dakota Tipi representatives explained to MH that they have a very large traditional territory stretching from Saskatchewan to Ontario and southward to the mid-western states.</p>	
6.	<p>Dakota Tipi representatives wanted to know if there is a strong demand for Manitoba hydro's power (export) and if the demand was increasing. MH explained the domestic demand for power will increase as the population and the economy grows. MH also referenced the recent announcements to potential power sales to Minnesota and Wisconsin.</p>	

7. Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Ebb and Flow First Nation

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Ebb and flow First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Ralph Beaulieu; Chief
Darren Mousseau; Councillor
Darryl Mousseau; Councillor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Discussion followed on what long term benefits would be available to aboriginal communities within the vicinity of Bipole III. MH representatives confirmed the corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits to Aboriginal communities.</p>	
3.	<p>Ebb and Flow representatives asked about health issues regarding EMFs. MH indicated that more information would be available at the open houses and also that there is some information on the MH website.</p>	
4.	<p>There was a general discussion on alternative energy systems and the reliability factor for Bipole III.</p>	
5.	<p>Ebb and Flow representatives appreciated the presentation but felt that before they could get more engaged that it would be helpful if alternative routes on maps were available for viewing. They also felt that this would be more helpful at the open house stage.</p>	
6.	<p>Hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Gambler First Nation

Date of Meeting: June 18, 2008

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Gambler First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Gordon Ledoux; Chief
Roy Vermette; Councillor
Robert Vermette; Housing Mgr
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>A brief discussion on consultation took place and MH made it clear that this meeting was not to be considered as a consultation meeting under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. This meeting is part of the public involvement process for the environmental assessment for Bipole III.</p>	
3.	<p>Gambler representatives indicated that they have an outstanding Treaty Land Entitlement.</p>	
4.	<p>There was a discussion on alternative energy sources including wind, nuclear and coal.</p>	
5.	<p>Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation
Date of Meeting:	May 8, 2008
Time:	2:00 PM
Location:	Keeseekoowenin Ojibway Nation Band Office
In Attendance:	Norman Bone; Chief Marj Blackbird; Councillor Barry Bone; Councillor Dwayne Blackbird; Special Projects Coordinator Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	Keeseekoowenin representatives indicated that this meeting was not to be construed as consultation. MH indicated that the meeting was for information sharing and that it was a necessary part of an environmental assessment process for Bipole III.	
3.	Keeseekoowenin representatives wanted to know if MH was a private company or a branch of the provincial government. MH responded that MH was a provincial Crown Corporation. Keeseekoowenin representatives wanted to know what MH intends to do with the introductory meetings and who MH will report to. MH responded that these introductory meetings are a part of a public involvement process for Bipole III and that the information and feedback will form part of the environmental assessment.	
4.	MH provided an explanation of how the Transmission Development Fund For Wuskwatim works and indicated that there will likely be a TDF established for Bipole III but details of the fund have not been finalized yet.	
5.	Keeseekoowenin representatives asked if MH employees receive hydro rate subsidies or special treatment on rates. MH responded that there are no special rates for MH employees and offered to have the MH District Officer provide information to Waywayseecappo Chief and Council in order to clarify this misconception. Waywayseecappo would also like information on rates for on and off reserve residents and if there is a difference.	

6. Keeseekoowenin representatives asked how MH creates arrangements with First Nations communities when it comes to establishing transmission facilities on reserve land. MH indicated that it is no longer common practice to put structures or other facilities on reserve lands. Keeseekoowenin asked about the 230kV line built through and on their reserve and wondered if there was any compensation provided. MH reps said that they would ask the MH Property Department to locate the original agreement and provide it to Chief and Council. Keeseekoowenin representatives asked how private landowners are compensated when MH facilities are built on their land. MH provided a brief overview of how the compensation is likely determined for different properties. Carl Johnson
7. Keeseekoowenin representatives indicated to MH that they are working with other Treaty 2 bands and that more than likely MH will have to negotiate with Treaty 2 as a whole regarding Bipole III and enduring benefits to First Nations. Keeseekoowenin is not opposed to Bipole III as long as they and other Treaty 2 Bands are included in long term benefits.
8. Keeseekoowenin inquired about what type of environmental impacts can be associated with Bipole III. MH responded that impacts vary and that there is sound environmental mitigation measures put in place when impacts cannot be avoided. MH emphasized the significant efforts employed with regards to environmental planning, protection and monitoring.
9. Keeseekoowenin representatives asked why Bipole I and II were built in the Interlake and not down the east side of Lake Winnipeg. MH responded that it was mainly based on existing access with the use of roads and barging on the Nelson River.
10. Keeseekoowenin representatives want to see a list of other First Nations who are involved with the Bipole III meetings. They are also very interested in what other community responses, issues and concerns are. MH indicated that they will provide a list of First Nations to Keeseekoowenin and that also a summary of “what we heard” will be available most likely during the open house stage. Vince Kuzdak
11. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. Bipole III brochures were left for the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2008

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi Cree Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Barry McDonald; Councillor
 Kerwin Chaboyer; Councillor
 Mary Eastman; Band Administer
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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2.	<p>A general discussion regarding the transmission development fund (TDF) for Wuskwatim as well as for Bipole III took place. MH indicated that the decision to establish a TDF for the Bipole III project has not been made as of this date.</p>	
3.	<p>O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi Cree Nation representatives wondered why MH was so focused on working with Aboriginal Communities. MH reps responded that it was a critical part of the public involvement process and that it is very common for hydro facilities such as transmission lines would traverse either community resource management areas or registered trapline zones.</p>	
4.	<p>O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi Cree Nation reps asked what would happen if a community refused to work with MH of routing Bipole III. MH reps responded that MH would work very closely with the community to try and address the concerns and again that it was a very important part of the site selection environmental assessment process.</p>	
5.	<p>O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi Cree Nation suggested that MH offer the introduction presentation to the West Region Tribal council. MH indicated that an introductory letter was sent to the tribal Council and that we were awaiting a response.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left with the community.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Pine Creek First Nation

Date of Meeting: June 19, 2008

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Pine Creek Band Office

In Attendance: Billy-Joe Delaronde; Chief
 Nancy-McKay Nepinak; Councillor
 Justin Neapew; Councillor
 Joe McKay; Councillor
 Clifford McKay; Councillor
 Joyce Mazur; Band Mgr
 Ronald Mazur; Co-Mgr
 Nick Labay; INAC
 Roddy Chartrand; Elder
 RCMP Member
 Bonnie Nepinak; Finance
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Note: There were approx. 35 Band members present as this was an open Band meeting.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>Pine Creek advised that this meeting was not to be considered as consultation. MH responded that this was not consultation under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution but simply a part of the public involvement process for the environmental assessment for Bipole III.</p>	
3.	<p>Pine Creek representatives asked why Bipole III was no longer going down the east-side of Lake Winnipeg. MH provided an explanation regarding the reason for the westerly route for Bipole III and that it was under the direction of Manitoba.</p>	

4. Pine Creek representatives inquired about what long term benefits would become available to aboriginal communities and close would the transmission line have to be to the community in order for them to benefit. MH representatives confirmed the Corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits for aboriginal communities and indicated at this time MH is interested in initiating discussions with Aboriginal communities on this topic however no firm decision has been made nor has there been any details revealed. Pine Creek representatives indicated that they would like to see revenue sharing.
5. Pine Creek representatives made it clear that no matter where Bipole III is located, it would cross Pine Creek's traditional territory.
6. There was a discussion on employment and training for Bipole III. MH indicated that it is somewhat difficult to have advanced training programs when building transmission lines as employment windows are relatively short.
7. Pine Creek representatives indicated that they are interested in investing in alternative energy sources including a local generating station and wind energy.
8. Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Rolling River First Nation

Date of Meeting: June 4, 2008

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Rolling River FN Boardroom

In Attendance: Alfred McKay; Chief
 Brent Wilson; Councillor
 Doyle; Community resident
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>A brief discussion took place on whether or not MH would build Bipole III through Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP). MH briefly explained the Site Selection Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process for routing and also indicated that the Bipole III route will likely avoid the park.</p>	
3.	<p>Rolling River representatives asked if Bipole III was being built specifically for export (USA) purposes. MH explained that the reason for Bipole III was strictly for reliability purposes however it may also be used for future transmission requirements should future electrical generation come on line. MH added that the reliability factor does support MH's ability to secure export sales.</p>	
4.	<p>Rolling River representatives asked what type of long term enduring benefits would become available to their First Nation. MH representatives confirmed the Corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits for Aboriginal communities and indicated at this time MH is interested in initiating discussions with Aboriginal communities on this topic however no firm decision has been made nor has there been any details revealed.</p>	

5. There was a general discussion on alternative energy systems especially wind. MH explained that the wind farm in St. Leon is privately owned and only purchases the energy produced and incorporates it into the provincial electrical grid. Rolling River explained that they are very interested in wind energy and in fact had answered a Request For Proposal (RFP) produced by Manitoba however their application was denied and they do not know why. MH indicated that they would try to assist in getting Rolling River some explanations/information on the RFP in question.

Rolling River representatives strongly feel that both Manitoba and Manitoba Hydro are not willing to work with First Nations in Manitoba. They suggest this because they cannot get any answers regarding their wind energy proposal even with the support of the Southern Chiefs Organization. MH representatives assured Rolling River that MH is very committed to working with First Nations in the province and will try to assist them with outstanding concerns. Rolling River representatives suggested that a meeting is to be set up between MH and the SCO re: Wind Energy opportunities.

6. Rolling River asked why MH moved to build the Bipole III transmission line on the west side of the province. MH responded that the main reason was that there was clear direction from the provincial government to proceed with a route in the westerly part of the province.
7. Rolling River indicated that they have a community interest zone besides their First Nation boundary. MH acknowledged this information
8. Rolling River mentioned that they are in talks with the oil companies regarding the pipelines being proposed through treaty four.
9. Rolling River representatives indicated that they have an outstanding claim with MH regarding a 66kV (Minnedosa – Vermillion 81) line that encroaches on their reserve boundary. MH indicated that they could look into the matter through MH's property department.
10. Rolling River reps. indicated that overall they do not have a problem with industrial developments in close proximity to their traditional lands as long as they incur some type of short and long term benefits.

Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left with attendees.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Sapotayweyak Cree Nation (SCN) & Pelican Rapids (PR) Community

Date of Meeting: April 14, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Sapotayweyak Cree Nation council chambers.

In Attendance: Mary Lou Leask; SCN Councillor
Louella Leask; SCN Councillor
Augustus Chartrand; SCN Councillor
Hilda Holstrom; PR Mayor.
Jane Leask; PR Councillor
Darlene Cook; PR Councillor
Janet Genaille; PR Councillor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements. During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:	
2.	SCN reps asked why the Wuskwatim was not part of the presentation. MB Hydro reps explained that Bipole III is a separate project from the Wuskwatim project and then provided a brief description of the Wuskwatim project.	
3.	SCN reps inquired about the length of the transmission line and what type of towers will be used on the Bipole III transmission line. MB Hydro provided an approximate distance (1500km) as well as gave a description of the structures that would be used.	
4.	SCN reps asked if MB Hydro could begin constructing the line prior to obtaining a license. MB Hydro responded – no.	
5.	At closing, MB Hydro reps provided hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III project brochures.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation (SVDN)
Date of Meeting:	June 5, 2008
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Boardroom
In Attendance:	Donna Elk; Chief Ivan Ironman; Councillor Neil Wanbdiska; Councillor Olga Wasteste; Councillor Rose Essie; Councillor Anthony Tacan; Councillor Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	MH explained the reason for Bipole III and that it was for reliability purposes. SVDN asked what the consequences would be if MH lost both Bipoles I & II. MH made reference to the 1996 wind downburst and spoke about potential black outs.	
3.	SVDN asked whether or not MH could generate power and store it for future use, say like in a battery. MH answered that it is not an option at this time.	
4.	SVDN asked if Bipole III costs would result in increased electricity bills for rate payers in Manitoba. MH responded that it was difficult to say at this time. SVDN then asked if hydro rates vary from place to place. MH responded that residential customers pay the same rates except for Diesel site communities and industrial customers. MH also stated that the reason for higher electrical bills is most likely a result of higher power use/consumption.	
5.	There was a brief discussion on Electric and magnetic fields. MH explained that there will be more information on this subject during the open house stage.	
6.	SVDN wanted MH to know that this was not considered “consultation”. MH agreed and also mentioned Manitoba’s obligation under section 35 on the Canadian Constitution and that Manitoba has recently created a new branch within the Aboriginal and Northern Affairs department to address this sensitive issue.	

7. SVDN made MH aware that they are presently in discussions with the oil companies regarding the pipeline being planned through their traditional territory. SVDN are not signed on to any particular treaty and they function on an independent basis.
8. SVDN asked if MH were planning any training programs in order to help build Bipole III. MH explained that the clearing and construction of Bipole III will be tendered out on a competitive basis to an independent contractor. MH explained that the construction of transmission lines typically involves short work windows (winter months) and therefore training opportunities are few. MH then explained the trades programs within MH and suggested a career day with SVDN.

Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Waywayseecappo First Nation
Date of Meeting:	May 8, 2008
Time:	10:00 AM
Location:	Waywayseecappo Band Office
In Attendance:	Mel Wabash; Councillor Wallace Clearsky; Councillor Anthony Longclaws; Councillor Tim Cloud; Councillor Kim Cloud; Chief & Council Secretary Brian Cloud; Band Member Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	Waywayseecappo Councillors advised that this meeting was not to be construed as consultation. MH acknowledged this fact and indicated that the meeting was for information sharing and was a necessary part of an environmental assessment process for Bipole III.	
3.	A Waywayseecappo Councillor wanted to know if MH experienced any acts of terrorism on its facilities. MH responded that only minor incidents were experienced but it is still recognized as a potential threat to disrupting hydro facilities.	
4.	Waywayseecappo representatives wanted to know what type of employment opportunities could be expected for their community with regards to Bipole III. MH briefly explained the typical construction season as being in the winter months. There may also be possible opportunities for Service type businesses, trades people and labourers.	
5.	Waywayseecappo reps asked if Bipole III could be built through parks such as Riding Mountain National Park (RMNP. MH indicated that a transmission line already exists in RMNP however it is highly unlikely that Bipole III would be built through parks however that would have to be determined through the site selection environmental assessment process.	

6. MH provided an explanation of how the Transmission development Fund For Wuskwatim works and indicated that there will likely be a TDF established for Bipole III but details of the fund have not been finalized yet.
7. Waywaysecappo inquired about how the contract work would be awarded for Bipole III – would it be tendered or would MH build it themselves. MH responded that it would be tendered out on the open market but also indicated that MH makes a great deal of effort to involve Aboriginal businesses in MH related work including contracts.
8. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. A hard copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left for the community.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Date of Meeting: May 7, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Wuskwi Sipiik Band Office

In Attendance: Nathan Kematch; Councillor
 Darren T. McKay; Secretary
 Debbie Wlasichuk; NNADAP Councilor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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2.	<p>Wuskwi Sipiik representatives expressed concern that MH electricity rates were too high. MH responded that rates in Manitoba are among the lowest in North America and it is consumption practices of individuals and businesses that increase hydro electricity bills.</p>	
3.	<p>Wuskwi Sipiik representatives inquired about where MH exports electricity to the United States and if it was to New York. MH responded that the main customers south of the border were the mid-western states including Minnesota and Wisconsin.</p>	
4.	<p>Wuskwi Sipiik representatives asked whether or not Bipole III was being built simply for exporting electricity to the USA. MH indicated again that Bipole III was mainly for securing the electrical grid in Manitoba for reliability reasons but could also be utilized to transport power from new generation in the north if new generation were built.</p>	
5.	<p>Wuskwi Sipiik reps indicated that some of the main concerns that could arise from the community members would be fishing, wildlife (hunting) and forestry issues.</p>	
6.	<p>Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage. A hard copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left for the community.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Camperville

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Camperville, MB (Council chambers)

In Attendance: Shirley Parenteau; Deputy Mayor
 Sharon Beauchamp; Council Clerk
 Joseph Sonny Kline; Councillor
 Nestor Chartrand; Councillor
 Maurice Lavallee; local
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

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2.	<p>There was a question as to how the Wuskwatim to The Pas line fit into the overall plan. It was explained that the transmission lines associated with the new Wuskwatim GS would be build from Wuskwatim to Thompson and from Wuskwatim to Snow Lake and onto The Pas - they would not have anything to do with the Bipole III line. Concerns were raised that construction jobs at the Wuskwatim GS do not seem to be available to local people and that out of province workers are getting hired at higher salary levels. There needs to be some co-ordination between outreach offices in Thompson, Swan River and Dauphin. C.Johnson will get back to Council on these points as there is a hiring process in place through the Thompson employment centre for all hiring on the Wuskwatim generation station project.</p>	<p>C. Johnson</p> <p>Information on Wuskwatim hiring mailed to the Community on April 11th</p>
3.	<p>Employment opportunities around Bipole III were discussed. Construction jobs are short term. Maintenance work for a Bipole III line would be done by MH trained employees working out of the Dauphin line maintenance section - this also true for any work on the existing transmission lines in the area. Any work on the distribution lines and stations is done by employees out to the Winnipegosis district office. More needs to be done to encourage students to finish high school and get training for full time jobs. It was explained that there is a preplacement program aimed at students who have completed grade 12 but need upgrading to meet education standards for the trades training programs that MH hires for every year. It was felt that this information on MH employment opportunities should be shared with the junior high students and parents as well.</p>	

4. There was discussion about the changing of the proposed route from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the western route. The question was raised asking if the communities on the east side rejected the project and, if so, what were their concerns. It was explained that the change was made by the Provincial government as not all of the communities on the East Side supported new developments and the pressure from environmental groups to keep the east side Boreal Forest intact. There was a question on TLE and it was explained that there will be TLE issues regardless of the route selected - east vs west.
5. The community has berry-picking sites that could be impacted by any construction activities in the area. It was explained that it is early in the planning process and during the SSEA these areas will be mapped with the assistance of the community members and this information will be considered during the transmission line siting process. As alternative routes are proposed these types of concerns will be dealt with.
6. Topics including local wind generation projects and underground transmission lines were also introduced by the attendees and discussed.
7. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage.

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Hamlet of Dawson Bay

Date of Meeting: April 16 2008

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Dawson Bay, MB (Community Hall)

In Attendance: Leslie Burrell; Mayor
 Lou-Ann Burrell; Councillor
 Orin Carlson; Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Jackie Krindle; Calyx Consulting

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2.	<p>The idea of putting the line underground for protection from the weather was discussed. Construction would involve a lot of excavation and the high voltage cables need to be large in size. This would entail large costs for construction and maintenance for Bipole III.</p>	
3.	<p>There was discussion about moving the proposed route from the east side of Lake Winnipeg to the western side of the province. Communities on the east side did not reject the project. It was explained that the Provincial government made that decision for several reasons. It responded to pressure from conservation groups to keep the east side Boreal Forest intact. Also the government is dealing with other issues such as on-going land use planning for the east side and the UNESCO World Heritage site designation for Poplar River First Nation.</p>	
4.	<p>There was discussion concerning balancing the issues raised by groups including environmental groups, First Nations and northern communities around hydro development and other projects.</p>	
5.	<p>Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III. A hard copy of the presentation and brochures were left with the group.</p>	

Recorded by: Jackie Krindle

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Duck Bay Community

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Duck Bay Council Office

In Attendance: Richard Genaille; Mayor
 John Parentaeu; Councillor
 Martin Ferland; Councillor
 Louie Genaille; Councillor
 Raymond Delaronde; Councillor
 Harold Delaronde; Local Fur Council Pres.
 Keith Sanderson; Councillor
 Julien Boucher; Councillor
 Charlie Boucher; Rep. FN residents
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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2.	A general discussion regarding types of long term benefits that may emanate from the Bipole III project took place. MH indicated that although MH is interested in speaking with communities on the subject long term benefits however there are no concrete details or decisions made at this time.	
3.	Duck Bay representatives asked if Bipole III was being built for Wuskwatim. MH indicated that Wuskwatim is a separate project and does not need Bipole III. MH then explained the purpose for Bipole III and that it is specifically for reliability but it could also be used for future transmission needs if new generation is built in northern Manitoba.	
4.	Duck Bay representatives asked why Bipole III was being routed on the western part of the province. MH explained that the western routing is based on the direction from the province and to support an application for a UNESCO world heritage site.	
5.	Duck Bay representatives wanted to know how much revenue was made by exporting electricity to various external customers. MH indicated that this info would be in the MH annual reports and they can access them on the MH web site. MH can provide a hard copy of this year's report.	Carl Johnson Sent info May 16th

6. There was a discussion on who profits from sales to external customers' especially the USA. MH explained that MH is a crown corporation and therefore when profits are made, the province as a whole benefits. MH indicated that these sales to the USA help keep Manitoba customer rates among the lowest in North America.
7. Duck Bay indicated that they are interested in looking at the potential for a wind farm at or near their community however they cannot attract anyone or business to come to conduct a feasibility study. MH explained that existing and future wind farms are owned and operated by private businesses and MH purchases the electricity generated and incorporates it into the power grid.
8. Duck Bay representatives believe that Bipoles I&II resulted in considerable environmental damage and wanted to know what types of environmental impacts can be associated with Bipole III. MH explained that an environmental impact assessment has been initiated which will study all potential effects from the proposed Bipole III Project and all efforts will be made to minimize negative effects and enhance beneficial effects.
9. There was a discussion on private land and how landowners are compensated. MH indicated that ultimately the compensation is based on the value of the property in question.
10. Duck Bay representatives expressed concern regarding EMFs and asked how much noise transmission lines create as it affects wildlife movements. MH indicated that information on EMFs would be available at the open house stage and that it could also be found on MH's website.
11. Duck Bay wanted to know if Bipole III could be built underground. MH explained that this was not a practical option for DC transmission because of operation and maintenance reasons.
12. Duck Bay explained that the surrounding communities have a lot of outstanding issues with past hydro developments (mainly Grand Rapids) and that these developments impacted their livelihoods (trapping and fishing). They want to be compensated accordingly as other communities have.
13. Everyone was thanked for attending and a copy of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left with the community,

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Meadow Portage Community

Date of Meeting: May 15, 2008

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Meadow Portage Council Office

In Attendance: Ernest Michalot; Mayor
Harold Fleming; Councillor
Heather Bass; Councillor
Sandra Gaudry; Admin. Clerk
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
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2.	<p>Meadow Portage representatives asked where Bipole III was going to be located – east or west side. MH indicated that the routing for Bipole III is down the westerly part of the province under the direction of the provincial government.</p>	
3.	<p>Meadow Portage representatives feel that there is no chance that Bipole III would be routed within close proximity to their community.</p>	
4.	<p>There was a general discussion on alternative energy systems and the reliability factor for Bipole III.</p>	
5.	<p>Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III brochures were left with the community.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Sapotayweyak Cree Nation (SCN) & Pelican Rapids (PR) Community

Date of Meeting: April 14, 2008

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Sapotayweyak Cree Nation council chambers.

In Attendance: Mary Lou Leask; SCN Councillors
 Louella Leask; SCN Councillors
 Augustus Chartrand; SCN Councillors
 Hilda Holstrom; PR Mayor
 Jane Leask; PR Councillor
 Darlene Cook; PR Councillor
 Janet Genaille; PR Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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2.	<p>SCN reps asked why the Wuskwatim was not part of the presentation. MB Hydro reps explained that Bipole III is a separate project from the Wuskwatim project and then provided a brief description of the Wuskwatim project.</p>	
3.	<p>SCN reps inquired about the length of the transmission line and what type of towers will be used on the Bipole III transmission line. MB Hydro provided an approximate distance (1500km) as well as gave a description of the structures that would be used.</p>	
4.	<p>SCN reps asked if MB Hydro could begin constructing the line prior to obtaining a license. MB Hydro responded – no.</p>	
5.	<p>At closing, MB Hydro reps provided hard copies of the presentation as well as Bipole III project brochures.</p>	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Spence Lake
Date of Meeting:	April 10, 2008
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	Spence Lake, MB (Council chambers)
In Attendance:	Jim Sabiston; Mayor Carl Sabiston; Councilor Brian Sabiston; Councilor Ken Spence; Councilor Bernice Sabiston; Secretary Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro, Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Introductions were made and C. Johnson thanked those in attendance for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Project. C. Johnson made the PowerPoint presentation for the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and security and also the general concept of where the line might be located. V. Kuzdak continued the presentation by explaining the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>During and after the presentation there were discussions and questions as follows:</p>	
2.	Spence Lake representatives inquired whether or not the 9-11 terrorist attacks influenced the Bipole III project. Manitoba Hydro representatives responded that there is no tie to the 9-11 attacks and the reliability factor and system improvements were explained.	
3.	There was a generic exchange on alternative energy sources including wind power, solar power and nuclear power. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that although there exists a wind farm near St. Leon, MB, Hydro does not own or operate the facility but only purchases the power and integrates it into the electricity grid.	
4.	Spence Lake representatives asked why the line could not be built underground. MB Hydro representatives explained that it was not feasible especially for high voltage transmission. There was some generic exchange on the under Lake Winnipeg option and that this was being looked at further.	
5.	Spence lake reps asked about the Laurie River generating sites and why they existed. MB Hydro reps explained that they were built by the mining companies that operated in the Lynn Lake area and that MB Hydro took them over and integrated them into the system.	

6. There was some generic exchange around hydro rates and how Manitoba Compares to other provinces. Everyone agreed that Manitoba Hydro supplies some of the reasonably priced energy in North America and we tend to consume more.
7. Spence Lake reps asked what types of towers were proposed for the Bipole III project. MB Hydro reps explained the types of proposed towers as well as provided photos of the various towers that may be used on the project.
8. Spence lake reps asked if there was still support for an East Side route. MB Hydro reps indicated that there was still some support from various communities, Aboriginal umbrella groups (MKO) and the provincial Progressive Conservative party however the direction is to continue on with the Western route.
9. Everyone was thanked for participating. Appreciation was expressed to Manitoba Hydro representatives for providing an introductory presentation on Bipole III and for including community representatives in the process at this early stage.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Baden, Barrows, Red Deer Lake, Powell, National Mills, Westgate communities.
Date of Meeting:	May 31, 2008
Time:	1:00 PM
Location:	Barrows Community Hall
In Attendance:	<p>Brenda Hather; Barrows – Mayor Joseph Kustiak; Councillor – Barrows Marline Bourassa; Councillor – Barrows Geraldine Munro; Councillor – Barrows Sherry Ferland; CAO – Barrows Virginia Chartrand; National Mills – Councillor Leona Hather; Red Deer Lake – Mayor Tina Munro; Powell – contact Harley Williamson; Westgate – contact Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources (the Baden contact was absent however an information package was to be provided to them via Barrows CAO Sherry Ferland).</p>

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2.	<p>Barrows representatives abruptly asked where Bipole III was going to be located. MH indicated that the routing for Bipole III is down the westerly part of the province however no routes have been chosen. MH then briefly explained the Site Selection Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process and that the process was very early in the planning stages.</p>	
3.	<p>Barrows representatives asked if Bipole III was being built specifically for export (USA) purposes. MH explained that the reason for Bipole III was strictly for reliability purposes however it may also be used for future transmission requirements should future electrical generation come on line. Barrows reps. then asked what would happen if a catastrophic event took out all three Bipole lines. MH answered that the chances of that happening are very minute as weather events are typically localized geographically speaking.</p>	

4. There was a general discussion on alternative energy systems including wind, coal and nuclear. MH explained that the wind farm in St. Leon is privately owned and MH only purchases the energy produced and incorporates it into the provincial electrical grid.
5. Barrows reps. wanted to know if Bipole III was to follow the existing corridor and also if it would be built in close proximity to populated areas. MH again explained the reliability factor and that Bipole III needed to be constructed approx. 50-60kms from the existing Bipole lines. MH then indicated that the Bipole III line would be located so that populated areas would be avoided where possible. MH again explained that the route is yet to be determined through the SSEA process.
6. Barrows reps. wanted to know if their residential hydro bills would increase. MH replied that an increase in customer electricity rates will have to be determined. Barrows reps. then asked if Bipole III would eventually pay for itself. MH replied that it eventually would but did not provide specific details. Barrows reps. wanted information on what USA customers pay for electricity. MH responded that they did not have that information.
7. Barrows reps. asked why MH would not locate Bipole III underground. MH responded that the long distance required for Bipole III (approx. 1500kms), the underground method would be cost prohibitive and would also cause difficulties for maintenance requirements.
8. Barrows reps. asked whether or not MH builds transmission lines through First Nation lands and, if so, is monetary compensation provided. MH responded that First lands will be avoided where possible and if First Nation lands were to be crossed compensation would be negotiated.
9. There was a brief discussion on the east side option and the proposed World Heritage Site.

Everyone was thanked for attending and hard copies of the presentation and Bipole III brochures were left with attendees.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Fox Lake Cree Nation – Resource Mgmt Board (RMB)
Date of Meeting:	June 10, 2008
Time:	10:30 AM
Location:	Gillam Recreation Centre
In Attendance:	Abraham Beardy; RMB Chairman Mary Beardy; RMB member Ivan Moose; RMB member Frank Colomb; Fox Lake CN Environmental Advisor Jason Fonatine; Provincial RMB member Mona Bencharski; Provincial RMB member Nick Barnes; MH RMB member Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

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2.	RMB representatives asked when the idea arose to build Bipole III. MH answered that the idea was around since the eighties however only recently has there been pressure to build Bipole III for system reliability purposes.	
3.	The RMB asked why it was going to be built on the west side of Manitoba and who decides where the route would be located. MH explained that a decision was made by the provincial government to locate the new line on the west side of the province and that the preferred route would be chosen through the Site Selection Environmental Assessment (SSEA) process.	
4.	There was a general discussion on alternative energy systems and the reliability factor for Bipole III.	
5.	The RMB asked about the option of locating Bipole III under Lake Winnipeg. MH indicated that this was not a favourable option at this time however there are further studies going on to examine the possibility.	
6.	The RMB asked why the Riel converter station was located so close to the Dorsey converter station if reliability is such a big factor. MH responded that there still exists a 30km buffer between the two stations.	

7. The RMB asked about the long term enduring benefits and what communities would be eligible for such benefits. MH reps. confirmed the corporation's commitment to creating long term benefits for Aboriginal communities and indicated at this time MH is interested in initiating discussions with Aboriginal communities on this topic however no firm decision has been made nor has there been any details revealed.
8. The RMB were interested in how MH works with private landowners especially if they were not willing to surrender their lands for a transmission line. MH briefly explained that there is legislation in place to acquire lands to build transmission lines on if a private landowner were to be uncooperative - but this is not typically the case and used only as a last resort.
9. The RMB asked how trappers would be affected by Bipole III. MH briefly explained the MH Trapper/Notification Compensation Policy and that there is considerable effort into enhancing relationships with trappers who may be impacted by new transmission developments.
10. The RMB asked how far Bipole III would be located from the community of Bird. MH explained that Bipole III would originate near the site of the proposed Conawapa Generation Station and therefore Bipole III would be located North of the community - exact location to be determined through the SSEA process.
11. The RMB wanted to know how many acres would be required for the new converter station. MH did not have this information at this time and this info would be available once site specifics are determined.
12. The RMB expressed concerns on the location of the connector lines that are required to link the Henday and Long Spruce to the new converter station. These locations are yet to be determined and are part of the SSEA process.

Everyone was thanked for their time and attendance. Copies of the presentation as well as brochures for Bipole III were left with the RMB.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with MKO

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2008

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Thompson, MB. MKO offices

In Attendance: Sidney Garrioch; MKO Grand Chief
 Michael Anderson; MKO Natural Resources Secretariat
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 MH Consultants: Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>C. Johnson thanked The Grand Chief and MKO for the opportunity to introduce the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. Introductions were made informally as participants arrived at the venue. Johnson and Kuzdak presented a PowerPoint presentation on the project which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III based on transmission system reliability, the Bipole III concept, the SSEA process and timelines, and regulatory requirements.</p> <p>There was general discussion on a number of items during the course of the presentation as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>MKO representatives requested a digital copy of the presentation.</p>	<p>MH provided</p>
3.	<p>MKO representatives thanked MH representatives for coming out to present the information on Bipole III. MKO indicated that it recognizes the difference in responsibilities between Manitoba Hydro and governments. MKO insisted that it is Hydro's duty to consult with the First Nation communities and to get consent to move forward and develop the project.</p>	
4.	<p>MH representatives thanked MKO and agreed with the comments with respect to consultation and consensus building. MH indicated that notes would be taken on comments and feedback to incorporate into the planning process. MH representatives indicated that the same presentation on Bipole III would be provided to all communities in the conceptual location area who were willing to meet.</p>	
5.	<p>MKO representatives asked about ROW widths on the existing Bipole ROWs and power carrying capacities. MH representatives provided specific location examples.</p>	
6.	<p>MH representatives clarified that the proposed converter station at the new Riel Station is part of the larger Bipole III project.</p>	

7. MKO representatives asked if Bipole III was required for future Keeyask, Conawapa and Wuskwatim generating stations. MH representatives indicated that Bipole III is required for reliability issues and will be built regardless of future potential new generation.
8. MKO representatives asked in reference to the conceptual location map if any location has been determined and also asked for clarification of the SSEA process which was provided. MH representatives emphasized that Round 1 is introductory and indicated that the formal SSEA process would start in the fall as part of Round 2 of community meetings. In response to a question from MKO representatives concerning the consultation process, MH representatives added that the Manitoba government will conduct its own Crown Consultation process with Aboriginal communities.
9. MKO representatives questioned the terms “reliability” and “improvement” and if these issues can be addressed on the east side of Lake Wpg. MH representatives clarified that the two issues are the same for either a west or east side route.
10. MKO representatives suggested not using the word “consultation” for this round of community visits. It should be called “information presentation” or provision of “conceptual information”, indicating that MKO and the potentially affected communities need to get relevant information for their review before it can be called consultation.
11. MKO representatives raised the issue of environmental regulatory processes. MH representatives indicated that they had met with provincial and federal regulators and that they will work cooperatively on the Bipole III environmental review process.
12. MKO indicated that they should be included in the process from the start and involved throughout the entire process. MH referred to the Public/Community involvement process (4 Rounds) and the SSEA process. There were no commitments made outside of the planned/prescribed process.
13. MKO representatives indicated that they will be documenting what consultation means to FN communities and that Poplar River is leading the way on this on the east side. MH expressed interest in the results/definition of the documentation process; i.e. What First Nations Communities understand consultation to mean.
14. MKO representatives suggested re-writing the presentation to make it more suitable to the First Nation communities; e.g. a timeline flow chart, a point of engagement (earliest concept stage) and deep engagement (to determine optimum line location). MKO representatives suggested that this should be emphasized in the presentation and that the heading should include the word “proposed”. MKO also indicated that in slide 10 of the presentation reference should be made to a “proposed” World Heritage Site. MH acknowledged that it should read "proposed" World Heritage Site and that they would consider changing it.
15. In response to a request for reliability studies, transmission reports and reports related to both the east and west routes. MH representatives referred MKO to Manitoba Hydro’s website (Oasis) for the 10-Year Development Plan for Manitoba Hydro’s Transmission System (2007).

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16. In response to a question from MKO representatives, MH representatives provided power losses/savings figures of east vs. west with and without Keeyask and Conawapa.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with The Northern Association of Community Councils
(Executive Meeting)

Date of Meeting: May 16th 2008

Time: 11:00

Location: Winnipeg Office

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
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RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Two – Meeting with the Swan Valley Planning District

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Minitonas Town Hall, Town of Minitonas

In Attendance: John Dyck - Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Carmen Anseeuw – MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Pat McGarry – Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice – Manitoba Hydro
 Stuart Coulthart – Manitoba Hydro
 Carolyn Gordon – C.A.O. – RM and Town of Minitonas
 Daniel Kletka – Councillor – RM of Minitonas
 Michael McIntosh – Reeve – RM of Minitonas
 Reid Shiel – Councillor – RM of Minitonas
 Henry Barkowski – Mayor – Town of Minitonas
 Bill Robb – Councillor – Town of Minitonas
 John Caruk – Councillor – Town of Minitonas
 Barb Holms – Councillor – Town of Minitonas
 Earl Fullerton – Reeve – RM of Swan River
 Richard Barteski – Councillor – RM of Swan River
 Steve Gazdewich – Councillor – RM of Swan River
 Lorne Henkelman – Councillor – RM of Swan River
 Terry Neely – Councillor – RM of Swan River
 Glen Foster – Councillor – RM of Swan River
 Don Lewicki – Swan Valley Planning District
 Glen McKenzie – Mayor – Town of Swan River
 Don Bobick – Councillor – Town of Swan River
 Ron McRae – Councillor – Town of Swan River
 Duane L. Whyte – Councillor – Town of Swan River
 Bill Zebinski – Councillor – Village of Benito
 Vern Scouten – Councillor – Village of Benito
 Courtney Densen – Councillor – Village of Bowsman
 Marvin Kovachik – Reeve – RM of Mountain
 Terri Wyatt – Councillor – RM of Mountain
 Stephen Nadolney – Councillor – RM of Mountain

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the Swan Valley Planning District for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. Henry Barkowski provided introductions of the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Swan Valley Planning District introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the	

SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities in order to select an alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the planning district for the review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.

2. In response to a question regarding whether the steel structures for the transmission line would be assembled in Canada, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the structures would likely be procured through a tender process.
3. In response to a question regarding why the Riel Converter Station is to be built near Winnipeg rather than Brandon, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the duplication of converter stations in proximity to Winnipeg is part of the reliability project and is supported by existing infrastructure and the proximity to our major export market, the U.S.
4. General discussion focused on the study area selected within the planning district. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the study area is contained more to the west in proximity to the planning district due to other constraints. In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III would be routed through parks like Kettlestone Provincial Park, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will try to avoid routing through parks.
5. In response to a question as to where power from Bipole III will go, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III is required for reliability of power for Manitobans. The power will be distributed into the existing transmission network for use. It was acknowledged that Manitoba Hydro relies on its export market to keep the cost of electricity low, and will continue to sell power beyond what is needed for Manitobans.
6. In response to a question regarding the need for additional lines from the north if new dams are built, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it was unknown at this time.
7. In response to a question regarding EMF and health effects of the line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the issue of EMF and health effects are continually being studied and the general consensus of the worldwide scientific community is that a public health risk from exposure to these fields have not been established.
8. In response to a question regarding whether the line would go east of the planning district's urban centres versus west, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it would depend on the compatibilities and constraints identified during the SSEA process. Manitoba Hydro noted that the abandoned rail lines in the vicinity have previously been suggested as a potential compatible land use.
9. General discussion focused on consultation with local First Nation groups to date. Manitoba Hydro indicated that consultations with First Nation communities are underway. Manitoba Hydro indicated that federal lands such as parks and First Nation reserve land may be avoided, if possible. In response to concerns regarding the creation of a bottleneck in the area if First Nation lands are avoided, Manitoba Hydro indicated that alternate routes will be planned for consideration.

10. In response to a question regarding compensation for individuals whose lands used in the right-of-way, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the right-of-way would likely be acquired through easement rather than purchase. Lands are appraised at fair market value based on land type. Manitoba Hydro compensates 75% of market value for lands used in addition to compensation per tower.

11. In response to a question regarding spin-off benefits to the local Manitoba Hydro office for maintenance of the Bipole III line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that helicopters are generally used to check the line. There will likely be benefits; however, it is not anticipated to be a significant contribution to the local Manitoba Hydro office.

Recorded by: Carmen Anseeuw

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the Shoal Lake Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 23, 2009
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Council Office, Town of Shoal Lake
In Attendance:	John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Carmen Anseeuw; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Don Yanick; Reeve, RM of Shoal Lake Lisa Hogg; Councillor, Town of Shoal Lake John Hogg; Councillor, RM of Shoal Lake Debbie Eastcott; Councillor, Town of Shoal Lake Shirley Wowryk; Secretary-Treasurer, Shoal Lake Planning District

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the Shoal Lake Planning District for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. P. McGarry provided introductions of the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Shoal Lake Planning District introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities for alternative routes selection. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the planning district for their review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding whether the agricultural land beneath Bipole III will be usable, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the right-of-way is usable, with the exception of the footprint of the tower. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that self-supporting towers (i.e., no guy wires) will be used in agro Manitoba to reduce the constraints on farming practices.	
3.	In response to a question regarding compensation for individuals whose lands are used in the right-of-way, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the right-of-way would likely be acquired through easement rather than purchase. Lands are appraised at fair market value based on land type. Manitoba Hydro compensates 75% of market value for lands used in addition to per tower compensation.	

4. In response to a question regarding routing Bipole III through Parks and First Nation Reserve lands, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will avoid First Nation Reserve lands, and try to avoid parks. In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III can be routed through Provincial Forests, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it potentially could be. Although the Shoal Lake Planning District is located south of Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba Hydro indicated the possibility of Bipole III being routed through the planning district has not been ruled out. Routing constraints further afield could influence where the line is finally routed.
5. In response to a question regarding why Bipole III cannot be routed on the east side, it was re-iterated that there is the potential for opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales to U.S customers, as well as a concern for the protection of a proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
6. In response to a question regarding how close Bipole III will be routed to existing distribution lines, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the routing of Bipole III parallel to existing lines for any length is considered a constraint that will be avoided, but that the line will be able and required to cross existing lines along its route.
7. In response to a question regarding whether the towers would be located on concrete slabs, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the self-supporting towers will be located on piles. In response to concerns regarding responsibility for weed control under the towers, Manitoba Hydro indicated that weed control is the responsibility of the landowner.
8. In response to questions regarding whether the Bipole III line and associated towers will affect cell phone or broadband internet coverage, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they do not believe it causes interference. Historically, there was an issue with Bipole I and II causing interference on land lines but the issue was investigated and remedied by Manitoba Hydro system specialists at Manitoba Hydro's expense. MH to check on any types of interference
9. General discussion focused on information the planning district may be able to supply to assist the SSEA process. The district indicated they are aware of: new cottage developments on both the east and west side of Shoal Lake and a historical site along the lake; the new 80 acre museum grounds between Shoal Lake and Strathclair (along Hwy 16); a wind generation test tower (with no formal applications made to the district); Fort Ellice old oxcart trail; TransCanada Trail, and old RCMP barracks. Their development plan is approximately six years old and in the process of being updated. District to provide an updated digital copy of their development plan and a map marked up with the features noted above. Shoal Lake Planning District
10. In response to Manitoba Hydro's question regarding stakeholder or interest groups we should contact, the district indicated that the museum group, cottage owners, historical groups and birders should be contacted if a potential route for Bipole III is indicated for the district.

11. General discussion focused on conservation agreements and whether towers or a right-of-way could be sited on these lands. The district indicated that there are a number of organizations (7) that are authorized to enter conservation agreements including Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, Ducks Unlimited, and the rural municipality. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would have to look into whether these lands are considered constraints for the SSEA process (specifically limitations to clearing under easement agreements).

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Recorded by: Carmen Anseeuw

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Big Grass Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 5, 2009
Time:	10:00 a.m.
Location:	R.M. Office, Town of Langruth
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Bernie Ritzer; Manitoba Hydro Wayne Scott; Councillor, R.M. of Glenella David Single; Reeve, R.M. of Westbourne Hugh Blair; Councillor, R.M. of Westbourne Philip Thordarson; Reeve, R.M. of Lakeview Ron Brown; C.A.O., R.M. of Lakeview, Secretary-Treasurer, Big Grass Planning District Richard Callander; Councillor, R.M. of Lakeview Ralph Cibula; Councillor, Town of Gladstone James Platt; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs Ayoka Anderson - Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the Big Grass Planning District for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. P. McGarry provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Big Grass Planning District introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities in order to select an alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the planning district for the Big Grass Planning District to review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking if the transmission line is still to be routed on the west side of the province and why not the east side, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated the Corporation is routing Bipole III on the west side at the direction of the Mb Hydro Electric Board. Considerations that led to this decision included the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg, potential court injunctions and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups if the line were routed through the proposed World Heritage Site on the east side.	Mb. Hydro to provide a copy of the independent report & web link comparing 3 routing options
3.	General discussion focused on property acquisition for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that it has not been determined yet whether land for Bipole III will be acquired through easement or purchase. Manitoba Hydro will pay fair market value for the land either through easement or purchase. Farming can still occur on the right-of-way.	

4. In response to a question asking about EMF and the project, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the issue of EMFs and health effect are continually being studied and the general consensus of the worldwide scientific community is that a public health risk from exposure to these fields have not been established.
5. In response to a question asked if a wind farm can tap into Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that Bipole III line cannot be tapped into as it is a DC Line.
6. In response to a question asking if a DC transmission line is more effective for transporting power over long distances, Manitoba Hydro indicated, yes.
7. In response to a question asking if the Riel Converter Station could be located in Brandon instead of near Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the Riel Converter Station is located near Winnipeg due to export power sales to the United States and also the location of Riel near Winnipeg will allow power to flow in either direction around Winnipeg, if something happened to the existing Dorsey Station.
8. General discussion focused on whether Bipole III could be placed underground or underwater. Manitoba Hydro representatives stated that although it has looked at placing lines underground and underwater, there are implications to placing large lines such as Bipole III underground or underwater. These include reliability issues, added costs and difficulty in maintenance. The cost of placing lines underground is much higher than above ground lines. Manitoba Hydro representatives also indicated that with respect to underwater, the transmission line would need to be incased in an oil-filled casing which could present issues with potential oil leaks and resulting effects on aquatic habitats. Manitoba Hydro indicated that it had hired a consultant to review the underwater line option. Meeting participants asked if this review was available in report form. MB Hydro representatives were to see if this study was complete and if the information can be made available on the Bipole III web page. MB. Hydro to check on status of underwater study and make information available; get back to PD.
9. General discussion focused on vegetation management and herbicide use, and Manitoba Hydro indicated it does not use herbicides in all areas to control vegetation and also has the ability to use mechanical means to control vegetation.
10. General discussion focused on areas in the planning district that are used for organic farming. Manitoba Hydro requested a list of properties or map showing lands that are currently being used for organic farming. Big Grass Planning District
11. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the planning district, to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years and conceptual) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying an alternative route. Big Grass Planning District

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the Grey-St. Claude Planning District
Date of Meeting:	March 18, 2009
Time:	7:00 p.m.
Location:	Elm Creek Curling Club, Town of Elm Creek
In Attendance:	John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Carmen Anseeuw, MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Gary Woods; Manitoba Hydro Richard Penner; Councillor, RM of Grey Ray Franzmann; Councillor, RM of Grey Ted Tkachyk; Reeve, RM of Grey Ron Hayward; C.A.O., RM of Grey Al Toupin; Councillor, Village of St. Claude Jim Pedersen; Councillor, RM of Grey

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the Grey-St. Claude Planning District for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. P. McGarry provided introductions of the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the Grey-St. Claude Planning District introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities in order to select an alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the planning district for the review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding routing the transmission lines diagonally across prime agricultural lands, Manitoba Hydro indicated that in routing transmission lines in southern Manitoba, it tries to parallel roads or route along mile lines. It was acknowledged that in the past, transmission lines were often routed diagonally as diagonal routing is shorter than using roads or half mile lines.	
3.	In response to a question regarding if wind towers will effect the routing of the line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that wind farm developments are an incompatible land use that will be avoided as part of the routing process. Planning district representatives indicated that plans have been put forward by others for test towers to be sited in the western portion of the district to explore opportunities for wind farm development. The planning district offered to forward additional information to Manitoba Hydro. In response to a question regarding whether or not wind farm developments could connect to Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III will be a high voltage direct current line which is intended to transport energy over long distances. Energy from wind farms cannot be transported on Bipole III.	Grey- St. Claude Planning District.

4. In response to a question regarding siting the towers in the corner of quarter sections, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the location of the tower depends on the length of that span but that it tries to place towers close to property lines where possible.
5. In response to a question regarding whether or not pipelines, such as the Keystone Pipeline, are considered a constraint for routing, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III would be able to cross pipelines but it cannot run parallel to the pipeline. Therefore, pipelines are considered a constraint in SSEA. In response to a question regarding whether the line would cross distribution lines including H lines, Manitoba Hydro indicated that yes it can and will need to.
6. In response to a question regarding how close Bipole III will be sited to community features including the town and rural yards, Manitoba Hydro indicated that setback criteria for the line from such features has not been established yet, but will be during the SSEA and routing process. The planning district expressed concerns about the line restricting development across the RM.
7. General discussion focused on agricultural considerations, including whether intensive livestock operations or expanding dairy farms are a routing constraint. Manitoba Hydro indicated that it would be helpful to have information on new or expanding livestock operations, particularly if they included expanding into additional lands. The planning district offered to provide additional information. In response to a question regarding whether fences would be placed around towers located on pasture land, Manitoba Hydro indicated that this was not standard practice and was unnecessary from a structural standpoint. Grey-St. Claude Planning District
8. In response to a question regarding whether the “Bird-B-Gones” similar to those on 66 kV steel structures in the district would be used on Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they were not required due to the way the lines are strung.
9. In response to a question regarding vertical clearance under the sag of the line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it is dependent on the temperature and electrical load, but that the distance is regulated by standards and engineered for.
10. In response to a question regarding the underground structure required for the towers, Manitoba Hydro indicated that cement piles are required for the tower foundation.
11. The planning district indicated that they had a number of resources that may be beneficial to the SSEA process including locations of proposed lagoons, proposed wind farm developments, expanding dairy operations, a recent development plan, recent aerial photography and a database of the geo-location of residences and other spatial data. They also indicated that the western portion of the district is prone to flooding and erosion. Their development plan is relatively current as it was last revised around 2004. Grey-St. Claude Planning District

Recorded by: Carman Anseeuw

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the MacDonald-Ritchot Planning District

Date of Meeting: May 11, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Rural Municipality of Ritchot, St. Adolphe

In Attendance: John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Bob Fortin; Manitoba Hydro
 Carmen Anseeuw; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Chris Leach; Manitoba Intergovernmental Affairs
 Tom Raine; Secretary-Treasurer, MacDonald-Ritchot Planning District
 Roger A. Kirouac; Councillor, RM of MacDonald
 Maurice Tallaire; Councillor, RM of Ritchot
 Ray Phillippe; Councillor, RM of Ritchot
 Douglas Dobrowolski; RM of MacDonald/MacDonald-Ritchot Planning District

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the MacDonald-Ritchot Planning District for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project and introduced the Manitoba Hydro representatives. J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities to select an alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the planning district for their review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	General discussion focused on the location of the D602F south loop corridor. Manitoba Hydro Representatives indicated that it is an existing corridor that proceeds generally west from the Floodway Inlet to the west side of Oak Bluff and then proceeds north. Manitoba Hydro to provide a map of the existing south loop corridor to the District.	Manitoba Hydro
3.	In response to a question regarding whether routing Bipole III down the east side of Manitoba is still being considered, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it currently is not. Manitoba Hydro elaborated that the direction to go west was provided by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board.	
4.	General discussion focused on potential bottlenecks and areas that likely will not be routed through. Manitoba Hydro indicated that recognized bottlenecks are located near Moose Lake (freshwater delta and other features), Red Deer Lake (newly designated Area of Special Interest for the preservation of enduring features) and densely populated areas of agro-Manitoba.	

5. In response to a question regarding whether or not Bipole III would be routed down existing hydroelectric right-of-ways, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it likely would not be for any distance as it is contrary to the purpose of increased reliability. Manitoba Hydro indicated that road and abandoned rail right-of-ways are being examined.
6. In response to a question regarding how the HVdc lines would affect park users in areas like the planned Floodway Recreational Opportunity Project, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the corridors do need to be maintained tree-free due to reliability standards. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that the Floodway has a hazard identification program for snowmobilers and that the right-of-way does not overlap with planned tree planting activities in the Floodway.
7. In response to a question regarding EMF and hazards to human and livestock health, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they are continuously gathering research regarding EMF and the research suggests that the levels from the Bipole III and D602F do not pose a health effect. Manitoba Hydro will be presenting information regarding EMF at open houses and future meeting rounds.
8. In response to a question regarding whether property owners are compensated for the right-of way, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the right-of-way would likely be acquired through easement. In such instance, the property owner is compensated 75% of the appraised market value and receive a tower structure payment (i.e. compensation per tower located on their property).
9. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the planning district, to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years and conceptual) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying alternative routes. The planning district indicated that there is a potential new development occurring north of Labarriere Park, sewage lagoons being constructed, and concerns for raptor habitat in Labarriere Park. The District also indicated that information regarding the Labarriere development is in their Draft Development Plan, located on their website, as it is currently under review.

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Recorded by: Carman Anseeuw

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Alonsa

Date of Meeting: November 12th 2009

Time: 9:00

Location: Alonsa Municipal Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
Tom Anderson; Councilor
Edward Waczko; Councilor
Stan Asham; Reeve
Pamela Sul; Councilor
Lyle Finney; Councilor
Rhonda Merke; Councilor
Dean Capp; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Joyal began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councilors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	Questions regarding RM and land owner compensation were brought forth by council. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	
3.	A concern was raised regarding fences and compensation. It was stated that the individual land owner would be compensated for any damages caused during construction of the land.	
4.	A council member raised concern with regards to EMF and the potential effects on cattle. It was noted that there has been substantial studies conducted with regards to EMF and major scientific bodies have stated that no correlation has been shown between animal/human health effects and exposure to Transmission line EMF. It was also stated that the levels produced by an HVdc line were extremely low. Council was provided an information sheet regarding both AC and DC transmission	

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the R.M. of Dufferin
Date of Meeting:	March 17, 2009
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Memorial Hall, Town of Carman
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Gary Woods; Manitoba Hydro Ruth Stege; C.A.O., R.M. of Dufferin Barry Driedger; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Rodney Last; Councillor, R.M. of Dufferin Sharla Murray; R.M. of Dufferin Brent Cohoe; R.M. of Dufferin Don McCutcheon; R.M. of Dufferin Tyler King; Economic Development Officer, R.M. of Dufferin/Town of Carman

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the R.M. of Dufferin for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. P.McGarry provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the R.M. of Dufferin introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities in order to select an alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the R.M. of Dufferin for review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking how much land will be required for the ground electrode at the Riel Converter Station, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the exact size of the parcel of land needed has not been determined yet, but it could be approximately 10 acres.	
3.	In response to a questions asking if a calculation has been done on the amount of agricultural land that will be “taken up” by the transmission line, Manitoba Hydro indicated no, this has not been done and Manitoba Hydro still needs to determine the types of land the route will cross.	
4.	In response to a question asking if the transmission line is still be routed on the west side of the province and why not the east side, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated the Corporation is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups if the line were routed through the proposed World Heritage Site on the east side.	

5. In response to a questions asking if there will be an operating dam at the start of Bipole III (in the north), Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Bipole III transmission line will be built for reliability regardless if any of the northern dams (i.e. Conawapa, Keeyask) are built.
6. General comments were made by the R.M. of Dufferin Council indicating that they appreciated Manitoba Hydro consulting with them on the project and that they looked forward to more consultation, if the alternative routes are located within the R.M. of Dufferin.
7. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the R.M., to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying an alternative route. R.M. of Dufferin
8. General comment was made from the R.M. of Dufferin regarding a portion of the Keystone Pipeline within the R.M. that will be up and running by this fall. Manitoba Hydro requested that the R.M. of Dufferin mark on the digital orthophoto map provided, the location of the pipeline, as Manitoba Hydro cannot parallel the pipeline (but can cross a pipeline). R.M. of Dufferin

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the RM of Springfield

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: RM of Springfield Office, Town of Oakbank

In Attendance: John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Carmen Anseeuw; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Laurent Tetrault; C.A.O., RM of Springfield
 Randall Znamirowski; C.F.O. RM of Springfield
 Bob Bodnaruk; Councillor; RM of Springfield
 Lorne Vaags; Councillor, RM of Springfield
 Brian Thompson; Councillor; RM of Springfield
 Ken Lucko; Councillor; RM of Springfield

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the R.M. of Springfield for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. P. McGarry provided introductions of the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the RM of Springfield introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities for alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the planning district for the review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	Manitoba Hydro requested a copy of the plan for the Springfield Centre development that is planned for the area.	RM of Springfield.
3.	In response to a question regarding the difference in line losses between Bipoles I and II and those anticipated for Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro confirmed that there would be losses due to line length on Bipole III, but that it would also reduce the loads on Bipole I and II.	
4.	In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III will come around the north or south side of the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will be coming from the south. Manitoba Hydro indicated that any lines coming from the north of the city would be related to potential future projects that are separate from the Bipole III Reliability Project.	

5. General discussion focused on the location of the ground electrode associated with the Riel Converter Station. Manitoba Hydro indicated that a 10 acre site in the Anola area was purchased and previously evaluated in the 1990s for siting the ground electrode, but needs to be re-evaluated in terms of proximity to the station, soil type and other criteria. The RM of Springfield indicated that in the event more than 10 acres are required, the RM should be contacted, as they own lands in the area that may be suitable. MW to follow up with RM if additional lands required.
6. In response to a question regarding whether Bipole III could be placed underwater, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Corporation has looked into the underwater option and that there are implications to placing large lines like Bipole III underwater. These include significant cost implications, as well as reliability, technical and maintenance implications. In response to a question regarding the difference between Bipole III and the lines in the North Sea, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the lines in the North Sea are lower voltage lines and they don't have to contend with ice.
7. In response to a question regarding if the provincial government changes will the line go east, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it will follow the direction of the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board. This was followed by a question regarding why Bipole III cannot be routed on the east side, Manitoba Hydro indicated that there is a potential for opposition from environmental groups which could affect export sales to U.S. customers, as well as a concern for the protection of a proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
8. In response to a question regarding EMF and health effects from the line, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the issue of EMF and health effects are continually being studied and the general consensus of the worldwide scientific community is that a public health risk from exposure to these fields have not been established.
9. In response to a question regarding whether or not Manitoba Hydro owns a right-of-way around the south side of the City, Manitoba Hydro indicated that there are corridors for other lines that form a loop around the City of Winnipeg but that Bipole III will require a separate corridor from this loop.
10. In response to a question regarding whether moving the converter stations west of Winnipeg has been considered to support an east-west export market, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the duplication of converter stations in proximity to Winnipeg is part of the reliability project and that the U.S. continues to be the major export market.
11. General discussion focused on the need for a railway line for the Riel Converter Station. Manitoba Hydro indicated that there will likely be a requirement of a short spur line off of the CN line to bring large components, such as transformers, that cannot be trucked to the site. Manitoba Hydro indicated that it would likely be a level grade crossing that will need to come into the centre of the Riel Station site. In response to a question regarding why the Greater Winnipeg Water District (GWWD) rail line could not be used, Manitoba Hydro indicated that it does not tie in to the larger railway network and that the weight bearing standard of the line is insufficient for the loads requiring transport. RM of Springfield

12. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the R.M., to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years and conceptual) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying alternative routes.

Recorded by: Carmen Anseeuw

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the RM of Ste. Anne
Date of Meeting:	March 30, 2009
Time:	6:00 p.m.
Location:	Town Office, Ste. Anne
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Carmen Anseeuw; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling– Manitoba Hydro Joe Landreville; Manitoba Hydro Laurie Evans; Councilor, RM of Ste. Anne Roger Massicotte; Councilor, RM of Ste. Anne Daniel Brunel; Councilor, RM of Ste. Anne Art Bergmann; Reeve, RM of Ste. Anne Yvette Courcelles; C.A.O., RM of Ste. Anne Mark Lanouette; Councilor, RM of Ste. Anne Jake Reimer; Councilor; RM of Ste. Anne Renald Courcelles; Councilor; RM of Ste. Anne

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the RM of Ste. Anne for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. P. McGarry provided introductions of the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the RM of Ste. Anne introduced themselves. P. McGarry then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities for alternative routes. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the rural municipality for their review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question regarding the potential route of Bipole III in relation to existing high voltage lines in the RM, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III will terminate at the future Riel Converter Station near Deacon’s Reservoir. Manitoba Hydro indicated their interest in the RM of Ste. Anne regarding the SSEA process is in relation to identifying potential alternative sites for the ground electrode required for the Riel Converter Station. The ground electrode site requires approximately 10 to 25 acres of land.	
3.	In response to a question regarding whether or not Bipole III would be routed through the RM of Ste. Anne, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III would not likely be routed through the RM, but that the ground electrode may be sited within the portion of the RM that falls within the Bipole III study area. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would engage Council if land(s) within the municipality were identified as a potential ground electrode site.	MH to contact RM if lands are identified or required.

4. General discussion focused on the types of land suitable for a ground electrode. Manitoba Hydro indicated that there is not an ideal distance for the electrode, there is a minimum distance required due to electrical feedback, but no maximum distance. For example, the Argyle Ground Electrode is located approximately 13 miles from the Dorsey Converter Station. Manitoba Hydro indicated that agricultural lands are not considered a constraint as the land the electrode is sited on can be harvested after the site is established. The RM indicated that some of the natural, undeveloped lands in the north and eastern portions of the municipality, which are visible on an ortho photo map, may be suitable locations.
5. In response to a question regarding health effects related to the ground electrode, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the maximum voltage of the feeder lines to the electrode site is 30 kV, which is less than regular 66 kV distribution lines.
6. General discussion focused on the latest Development Plan for the RM. The RM indicated that they have a Proposed Development Plan awaiting approval, but that their previous Development Plan is not dated. The RM offered to provide their latest Development Plan Map, dated November 2007. CA to follow-up with C.A.O.
7. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the R.M., to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years or conceptual in nature) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying alternative sites for the ground electrode. RM of Ste. Anne

Recorded by: Carmen Anseeuw

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the RM of Tache

Date of Meeting: May 12, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Rural Municipality of Tache, Town of Lorette

In Attendance: John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Carmen Anseeuw; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
 Ross McLennan; Councilor Ward 5, RM of Tache
 Ron Tardiff; Councilor, RM of Tache
 Ross Deschambault; Councilor, RM of Tache
 David Menard; Councilor, RM of Tache
 William Danylchuk; Reeve, RM of Tache
 Dan Poersch; CAO, RM of Tache
 Jeanette Laramee; Assistant CAO, RM of Tache

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry thanked the RM of Tache for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. Representatives of the RM of Tache introduced themselves. The Manitoba Hydro representatives also introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a PowerPoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities to select an alternative route. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the rural municipality for their review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question as to whether Bipole III would alleviate blackouts with respects to a climate catastrophe, Manitoba Hydro Representatives indicated that past experiences ('96 Wind shears- and loss of 19 poles) showed that there was vulnerability. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the D602F Line managed to alleviate strain during that event solely due to low use during the time of the event. Manitoba Hydro Representatives mentioned the capabilities of paralleling the existing Bipole lines in cases of catastrophe or line maintenance. The Tache Representative alluded to a line loss from Toronto to Chicago and acknowledged the improvement of reliability that Bipole III aims to achieve.	
3.	In response to a question as to whether Bipole III would also increase economic trade and additional sales, Manitoba Hydro Representatives indicated that they currently export power to the United States; however, the primary purpose for the Bipole III transmission line is to increase reliability.	

4. In response to a question regarding whether the route of the Bipole III transmission line had been established, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the purpose for Round II of consultation was to gather information regarding opportunities and constraints for the SSEA process. Manitoba Hydro indicated it would likely follow a North/South route to reach the Riel Converter Station end-point. Representatives of the RM of Tache were encouraged to provide areas that they believed to be constraints or opportunities to the Bipole III Study Team.
5. General discussion followed with regards to the North/South Corridor through Tache. The focus of Manitoba Hydro Representatives was aimed at the desire to first understand the municipality, the biophysical and social constraints prior to drawing lines on a map. The development plan is currently being updated (possible 4 month timeframe) and a current electronic copy will be provided.
6. In response to the question with regards to the potential for upgrading the current sub-station outside the town of Lorette, Manitoba Hydro Representatives indicated that they are independent of the Bipole III plans and would be dependent on Manitoba Hydro's regular distribution branch and their restructuring and upgrade plans. Manitoba Hydro Representatives offered to consult their Ten Year Development Plan and provide a response. Manitoba
Hydro
7. General discussion followed from the representatives of Tache regarding the understanding and necessity of routing the southern line around the city, completing the ring structure around Winnipeg thus improving reliability. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that through future planning there may be a possibility of accessing power from the Riel station in lieu of the Dorsey Station which may limit the blackouts that the Tache Representatives were concerned of.
8. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the RM of Tache, to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years and conceptual) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying alternative routes. The RM indicated that they are currently in the process of updating their development plan and the CAO will provide an electronic copy. RM of Tache

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Meeting – Manitoba Naturalists Society

Date of Meeting: November 10th 2008

Location:

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.
MNS representatives

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
2.	In response to a question regarding wind power being tapped into Bipole III it was stated that it cannot be. The BP III Line will be HVdc and will not have the ability to take on wind farm energy production.	
3.	In response to a question regarding an underground option for routing it was stated that implementing underground AC transmission for long distance movement of power from North to South Manitoba is an unfeasible option. AC underground transmission at 230kV leads to a cost increment of approximately 10 times the cost of overhead transmission (and greater cost multiples at higher voltage classes).	
4.	In response to a question regarding how First Nation Communities will be kept informed throughout the process it was stated that with community open houses through all rounds of public discussion, as well as newsletters on the status of the project. Carl has provided all of his contact information to all communities and is available to discuss issues at any time.	
5.	In response to a question asking whether there would be long term enduring benefits to the project for First Nation communities it was noted that there is a possible fund that may be applied for by communities who reside near the final placement of the Bipole III Line. This fund has not yet been decided upon.	
6.	In response to a question regarding the cost of Bipole III it was noted that the cost of the project is approximately 2.2 billion dollars.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Chemawawin First Nation and Esterville

Date of Meeting: May 11th, 2009

Location: Chemawawin Cree Nation and the Community of Esterville

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Bipole III would avoid entering First Nation community, reserve land, First Nation land was being avoided due to avoiding Federal land which also included National Parks.	
2.	Many attendees questioned if there would be economic and/or employment opportunities. Community members indicated that they had previously been left out because their communities are located south of the 53 rd parallel. Carl Johnson explained that Manitoba Hydro has been using the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Boundary as a guideline for including them in any preferential opportunities on projects in the north.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Mathias Colomb First Nation

Date of Meeting: February 25th, 2009

Location: Mathias Colomb First Nation, Youth Center – 14 Attendees

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question asking what wildlife effects are considered for the project, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that different species will be studied including their habitats (i.e., caribou, birds) and potential impacts to these species will be identified and mitigation measures implemented.	
2.	Concerns were raised about individual trappers versus the MTA and that trappers/fishers would not see any monetary benefits from the project. In response, the Trapper Notification and Compensation Policy - Manitoba Hydro has had this Policy in place since the eighties. All transmission lines (greater than 115kV) that impact Registered Traplines (RTLs) qualify for a disturbance allowance (compensation) under the policy	
4.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Mosakahiken Cree Nation and Moose Lake

Date of Meeting: February 3rd, 2009

Location: Mosakahiken Cree Nation and Moose Lake Community, Community Hall

In Attendance: Mosakahiken Cree Nation and Moose Lake; 4 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	A complete description of the project including reliability concerns, project concept, conceptual location area and the Site Selection and Environmental Assessment process were presented and the attendees understood all information presented.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Nelson House

Date of Meeting: February 24, 2009

Time:

Location: Nelson House, Community Council Office

In Attendance: Nelson House; 6 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees were interested in employment and training opportunities for the project. Carl Johnson explained that Manitoba Hydro has been using the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Boundary as a guideline for including them in any preferential opportunities on projects in the north.	
2.	An attendee questioned the about the Wuskwatim transmission line. In response, MH indicated that ROW clearing and construction for this project started in the winter of 2007/08. The transmission line ROW clearing has been successfully completed by Nisichawayasihk Construction Limited Partnership (NCLP) in the RMA of Nelson House. The construction is also now substantially completed. The remainder work involves installation of approximately 70 towers and conductor stringing. The site access for the remaining work will be from the Thompson end and this work will commence in the winter of 2009/10, and will be completed by end of March 2010.	
3.	In response to a question as to why Manitoba Hydro was not building the new transmission line beside the existing Bipole lines, the response is that the existing transmission system is vulnerable to the risk of catastrophic outage of either or both Bipoles I and II in the Interlake corridor.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: February 4, 2009

Location: Kikiwak Inn (Opaskwayak Cree Nation)

In Attendance: Opaskwayak Cree Nation; 10 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Many attendees questioned if there would be economic and/or employment opportunities. Community members indicated that they had previously been left out because their communities are located south of the 53 rd parallel. Carl Johnson explained that Manitoba Hydro has been using the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Boundary as a guideline for including them in any preferential opportunities on projects in the north.	
2.	Questions regarding location of the line were a focus of those who attended. It was stated that there was no definite route at this time in the process. Questions about the phase the project was in were also raised and the group was notified that Manitoba Hydro was currently conducting Round II of four rounds of environmental assessment consultation.	
3.	The group raised concerns about effects on trappers, they were notified of the Trapper Notification and Compensation Policy - Manitoba Hydro has had this Policy in place since the eighties. All transmission lines (greater than 115kV) that impact Registered Traplines (RTLs) qualify for a disturbance allowance (compensation) under the policy.	
4.	In response to a question asking what wildlife effects are considered for the project, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that different species will be studied including their habitats (i.e., caribou, birds) and potential impacts to these species will be identified and mitigation measures implemented.	
5.	What will happen to the wood fibre from areas cleared? Will communities have access to the fibres? It was stated that at the current time no definitive answer could be provided.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) meeting with Opaskwayak Cree Nation’s Natural Resource Council (NRC)

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Boardroom

In Attendance: Chief and Council: Councillor Omar Constant
 Opaskwayak Cree Nation NRC: Mary Head, and Elizabeth Bignell
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Greg Malcolm; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Carl Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on incorporating Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge into the Bipole III project. There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	Mary Head cautioned Manitoba Hydro that the only reasonable way to have First Nations participate in the ATK process is on their own accord. Councillor Omar Constant questioned how Manitoba Hydro could help OCN with their land use and occupancy mapping? Mary Head stated that their land use and occupancy mapping is their ATK and by managing their land use and occupancy they are managing their traditional knowledge. Mary indicated that their traditional knowledge could not be separated from the land use and occupancy mapping.	
3.	OCN NRC stated that they have a joint management plan with the Province of Manitoba and shared that in the past they have not had the information required to make informed decisions. They are currently creating a plan to compile their ATK into a database as part of their land use and occupancy mapping project. OCN NRC stated that they are currently examining land use and occupancy mapping for Kelsey Lake and the Saskatchewan River to Connelly with Ducks Unlimited. They currently have six land use and occupancy mapping proposals on the table. OCN NRC recommended that Manitoba Hydro provide funding to assist with their land use and occupancy mapping project. Mary Head stated that she would provide a letter to Manitoba Hydro indicating their vision for the land use and occupancy mapping project for the next five years. The letter will outline how their land use and occupancy mapping project will benefit their community in the long term and help them achieve their five year vision. Mary indicated that the community requires deadlines for planning and questioned when they can expect a response regarding their request for funding for their land use and occupancy mapping project.	Manitoba Hydro

4. OCN NRC questioned what types of agreements and assistance were in place with the signatories for gathering ATK prior to the Wuskwatim Generating Station? Manitoba Hydro indicated that the generation project provided funding to NCN for the Wuskwatim project and workshops were held with the community. OCN NRC questioned whether Manitoba Hydro would provide the same resources for Bipole III as they did for the Wuskwatim Generating Station? Manitoba Hydro indicated that transmission projects are quite different from generating station projects and the level of funding is not equal.
5. Mary Head recommends that in the future letters regarding the Bipole III project should be addressed to the individual in charge of the portfolio and carbon copied to the Chief and Council.
6. Mary questioned when Manitoba Hydro would send a purchase order and job description for the community coordinator position for Bipole III? Manitoba Hydro indicated that the purchase order and job description for the community coordinator position should be available by the end of August. Manitoba Hydro
7. Carl Johnson provided Mary Head with a copy of the ATK presentation

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETINGS

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with War Lake & Ilford

Date of Meeting: February 26, 2009

Location: War Lake First Nation/Ilford, Band Office – 4 Attendees

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	A question regarding why the project is not being built in the vicinity of Bipole I and II, the response given was that the existing transmission system is vulnerable to the risk of catastrophic outage of either or both Bipoles I and II in the Interlake corridor.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	Many attendees questioned if there would be economic and/or employment opportunities. Carl Johnson explained that Manitoba Hydro has been using the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Boundary as a guideline for including them in any preferential opportunities on projects in the north. Work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Cormorant Community

Date of Meeting: January 29, 2009

Location: Cormorant, Community Center

In Attendance: Cormorant; 6 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	People present were concerned about what benefits the project would have on the community. The response given was that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities.	
2.	In response to a question regarding how communities will be kept informed throughout the process it was stated that with community open houses through all rounds of public discussion, as well as newsletters on the status of the project. Carl has provided all of his contact information to all communities and is available to discuss issues at any time.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge Meeting with Cormorant Community Council

Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2009

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Boardroom

In Attendance: Ken Ducharme; Mayor
James Nabess; Councillor
Larry Ladouceur; Councillor
Ernest Lavallee; Councillor
Ken Myers; Councillor
Bev Shlachetka; Chief Administrative Officer
Carl Johnson ; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Carl Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on incorporating Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge into the Bipole III project. There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	The mayor questioned how the information gathered for the EIS is shared with the communities? Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Bipole III SSEA team will be informed of the community's concerns	
3.	The community council recommended a workshop for gathering their community's ATK. The council mentioned that there might be more interest in the Bipole III project now because of their community involvement with the clearing for the Wuskwatim Transmission Line.	
4.	Carl Johnson provided Bev Shlachetka with a copy of the presentation.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Pikwitonei

Date of Meeting: January 22, 2009

Time:

Location: Pikwitonei

In Attendance: Pikwitonei; 6 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to questions regarding community benefits from employment opportunities, There are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities. Work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification. Preferences will be given for local aboriginal and northern qualified workers, and then extend to regional and then southern Manitoba.	
2.	Community members questioned the possibility of the project assisting them get an all weather road. Any other impacts to individuals or on collective rights and interests that are not addressed through the SSEA or the Trapper Compensation Policy will be considered and addressed by Manitoba Hydro on a case by case basis.	
3.	In response to the timing of the project and relation to the Keeyask and Conawapa projects, Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III was required to improve system reliability. At present, MH has not finalized timing of the projects.	
4.	No significant opposition to the project from the community but there was a request for future updates.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Sherridon

Date of Meeting: January 20, 2009

Location: Sherridon Community Hall

In Attendance: Sherridon; 6 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to concerns regarding potential EMF exposure, based on scientific research conducted by organizations including the WHO, there are no known adverse health effects associated with low levels of static electric or magnetic fields such as those associated with DC transmission lines.	
2.	Questions were raised in regards to Manitoba Hydro's support for impacted communities. It is anticipated that there will be a Transmission Development Fund for Bipole III, although the details of such a Fund have not been finalized. The implementation details of a Bipole III TDF and the question of which communities would be eligible to participate are still under review.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Meeting with Sherridon Community Council

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Boardroom

In Attendance: Nick Benyk; Mayor
Donna Calvert; Councillor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Carl Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on incorporating Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge into the Bipole III project.</p> <p>There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>The community council questioned whether the ATK process would involve resource users. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the community could choose who to involve in the ATK process however resource users are typically involved as well as Elders, women and youth. Sherridon indicated that they are interested in an ATK / local knowledge workshop.</p>	
3.	<p>The community council indicated that they have registered traplines in the area and questioned whether Bipole III would affect trappers. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they have not yet selected the route for Bipole III and will be meeting with trappers from affected traplines once the preferred route is established. The community council asked if there is compensation for trappers. Manitoba Hydro stated that they have a trapper's compensation policy in place that would provide a disturbance allowance to affected trap line holders. The community council questioned whether Bipole III would affect mining companies. Manitoba Hydro indicated that mining activities are included in the site selection process. The community council questioned if the Bipole III line would affect the wild rice producers. Manitoba Hydro stated that the line would most likely not impact wild rice producers.</p>	
4.	<p>The community council questioned who selects the Bipole III route. Manitoba Hydro indicated that specialists are mapping the alternative routes and transmission line designers have input into the routing. There are many inputs to consider for the selection of routes including local community knowledge. The community council asked whether Treaty Land Entitlements (TLE) would affect the routing of the line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that TLE areas are considered during the routing process.</p>	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Thicket Portage

Date of Meeting: January 21, 2009

Location: Thicket Portage – 10 Attendees

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In regards to questions about long term benefits of the project, it is anticipated that there will be a Transmission Development Fund for Bipole III, although the details of such a Fund have not been finalized. The implementation details of a Bipole III TDF and the question of which communities would be eligible to participate are still under review.	
2.	Attendees were interested in possible employment opportunities and the response was there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities.	
3.	In response to questions about wildlife changing, sometimes transmission line rights-of-way have potential to change wildlife habitat types from one form into another (e.g., from forest into a grassland or shrubland). In other locations, the existing habitat remains essentially unchanged. For example, if the transmission line is routed through a grassland or shrubland, the only physical loss of habitat occurs around the bases of the towers. Access along portions of the line may increase, which may allow for additional hunting, trapping or disturbance of those wildlife species to occur that live near the RoW. Access usually occurs in winter, as motorized travel along a transmission line RoW is very difficult during spring, summer or fall. The amount of access in winter varies, depending on how close the transmission line is to a community, other access points such as logging roads or highways which may intersect the line, and on the difficulty of the terrain. For example, bedrock outcrops or open water encountered on a RoW would discourage access.	
4.	Other comments were made by the community and no responses were required.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Meeting with Thicket Portage Community Council
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, July 23, 2009
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	Boardroom
In Attendance:	Joanne Pronteau-Bignell; CAO Donald Pronteau Sr.; Mayor Marcel Brightnose; Councillor Charlene Mercredi; Councillor William Brightnose; Councillor Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Carl Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on incorporating Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge into the Bipole III project. Thicket Portage indicated they would be open to having an ATK workshop in their community.</p> <p>There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>The community council had many questions about trapping and mentioned that some community members are concerned that Bipole III will be built without them fully understanding the trapping boundaries. The community council questioned if Manitoba Hydro would indicate the trapping boundaries on a map when they visit communities to discuss the alternative routes. Manitoba Hydro indicated that during the next round of community open houses, trap line maps would be available. The community council questioned if trappers' compensation is inherited when the trapper passes away. Manitoba Hydro clarified that the trappers' compensation policy is a one-time disturbance allowance paid to the owner of the trap line at the time of construction for the transmission line. The community council asked how the low fur prices affect trappers' compensation. Manitoba Hydro explained that trappers disturbance allowance is calculated based on the average from the best three years out of the last ten years.</p>	
3.	<p>The community council questioned whether Manitoba Hydro has to negotiate with Tolko to construct Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro stated that they inform Tolko and other industries and stakeholders of the project during this phase of the route selection. The province grants the license to Manitoba Hydro to build the transmission line.</p>	

4. In response to a question regarding a compensation package for Bipole III, MH indicated that while it is not compensation, MH might have a Transmission Development Fund to provide long term benefits to communities, similar to the Wuskwatin Transmission Development Fund. However, the details of this fund have not been fully determined yet.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Wabowden
Date of Meeting: January 27, 2009
Location: Wabowden Recreation Centre
In Attendance: Wabowden; 7 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question regarding how First Nation Communities will be kept informed throughout the process it was stated that with community open houses through all rounds of public discussion, as well as newsletters on the status of the project. Carl has provided all of his contact information to all communities and is available to discuss issues at any time.	
2.	In response to a question asking what wildlife effects are considered for the project, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that different species will be studied including their habitats (i.e., caribou, birds) and potential impacts to these species will be identified and mitigation measures implemented.	
3.	In response to questions regarding employment, work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting With Birdtail Sioux First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 13th 2008

Time: 1-4 pm

Location: Birdtail Sioux First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Birdtail Sioux First Nation; 7 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question regarding the location of the line it was noted that there was no definite route at this time in the process.	
2.	In response to a question regarding any potential employment opportunities it was stated that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities.	
3.	There was no negative feedback about the project itself.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Dakota Plains First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 26th 2008

Time: 1:00 - 4:00

Location: Dakota Plains First Nation

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The project as a whole was presented including reliability concerns, the project concept, the conceptual location area, and the SSEA process.	
2.	The Chief of Dakota Plains First Nation was interested in employment opportunities that the community may gain. It was stated that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities. Work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification.	
3.	One attendee was curious to know what structures they could expect with regards to Bipole III. It was noted that the tower structures had yet to be defined yet it was likely a self supporting tower would be the most likely in the area.	
4.	No negative feedback was given regarding the project.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETINGS

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Dakota Tipi First Nation

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2009

Location: Dakota Tipi First Nations

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to participant's questions regarding whether Bipole III would be built on reserve land, the land was being avoided due to the avoidance of all Federal land which also included National Parks.	
2.	Participants questioned what the towers would look like. In response, there are two basic tangent structure types will be used for the straight line sections of the Bipole III HVdc transmission line. In northern Manitoba, the line conductors will be suspended from guyed lattice steel structures	
3.	Participants wondered about possibilities for increased exports to Saskatchewan. In response, MH indicated that the 500 MW multi-year transaction on electricity sale from MB to Wisconsin is planned to begin as early as 2018.	
4.	In response to a question regarding EMF and Bipole III it was stated that no proven health effects have been determined from exposure to DC transmission lines. Numerous scientific bodies have stated that there is no direct concern with HVdc transmission and effects on human health.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Gambler’s First Nation

Date of Meeting: October 21st 2008

Time: 1-4 pm

Location: Gambler’s First Nation

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question regarding routing the line on the east side of the province it was noted that Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated the Corporation is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups if the line were routed through the proposed World Heritage Site on the east side.	
2.	Attendees questioned where the line would be located. It was stated that currently in this phase of the project no route has been determined.	
3.	Attendees were explained the reliability aspect of the project outlining the need for a third line to limit stress and potential threats to the current Bipole system located in the Interlake region of the province.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation

Date of Meeting: October 29th 2008

Time: 3-7 pm

Location: O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation

In Attendance: O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation; 2 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
2.	No other concerns were raised.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Pine Creek
Date of Meeting: December 11, 2008
Time: 1:00 – 4:00
Location: Pine Creek – 15 attendees
In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Carl Johnson gave an overview of the project.	
2.	In response to a question regarding employment opportunities it was stated that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities. Work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification.	
3.	Structures were of interest to attendees with regards to what they could expect to see in the area. It was stated that at this time there were no definite structure types decided upon yet a self supporting tower or a guyed wire tower were being considered. The right of way would be of the same size regardless of structure type chosen.	
4.	In response to a question regarding timing of the project it was noted that the project is seeking a Class 3 Environmental License and would pending licensing in 2012 construction could begin that fall. It will take 5 years to construct the converter stations as well as erect the transmission line with an in service date of 2017.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: February 19th, 2009

Time:

Location: Sapotaweyak Cree Nation at the Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Arena

In Attendance: Sapotaweyak Cree Nation; 30 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees questioned how Manitoba Hydro was planning to accommodate any existing or future Treaty Land Entitlements. It was stated that during routing existing and future TLE lands will be considered.	
2.	Many attendees questioned if there would be economic and/or employment opportunities. Community members indicated that they had previously been left out because their communities are located south of the 53 rd parallel. Carl Johnson explained that Manitoba Hydro has been using the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Boundary as a guideline for including them in any preferential opportunities on projects in the north.	
3.	An attendee questioned whether the project would result in less expensive electricity. The response stated that actual future rates will be dependent on the conditions of the day and will likely not be attributable to a single factor.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Date of Meeting: November 19th 2008

Time: 10am -2:00 pm

Location: Sioux Valley Dakota Nation Community Hall

In Attendance: Sioux Valley Dakota Nation; 1 Attendee
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The one attendee had no concerns or comments with regards to the project.	
2.	A member who was unable to attend and in the Community Health Centre had asked this attendee to provide information regarding employment and the need for the project. It was stated that for reliability purposes to assure continual generated power is brought south that a new line must be created which alleviates pressure on the Interlake corridor which currently carries 75% of the electricity generated. As for the question regarding employment it was noted that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve

Date of Meeting: October 22 2008

Time: 1-4 pm

Location: Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The community is currently involved with the U of M in identifying heritage resources and sites in the region (e.g. along the Valley River and in the Duck Mtn.). Representatives wanted to know how heritage resources would be taken into account and how they would be protected. The SSEA process was explained, including data gathering and consultation, inclusion of local & traditional knowledge, the EIS development based on the preferred route, field work related to the EIS, including heritage resource studies, the development of the EnvPP, and protocols to be followed during construction when heritage resources are encountered.	
2.	Attendees were explained the reliability aspect of the project outlining the need for a third line to limit stress and potential threats to the current Bipole system located in the Interlake region of the province.	
3.	In response to a question regarding routing the line on the east side of the province it was noted that Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated the Corporation is routing Bipole III on the west side as a result of the proposed world heritage site on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups if the line were routed through the proposed World Heritage Site on the east side.	
4.	Attendees question where the line would be located. It was stated that currently in this phase of the project no route has been determined.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Waywayseecappo

Date of Meeting: November 14th 2008

Time: 1-4 pm

Location: Waywayseecappo First Nation

In Attendance: Waywayseecappo First Nation; 4 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question regarding employment opportunities it was noted that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities.	
2.	No negative feedback was received regarding the project.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 17th 2008

Time: 1-4 pm

Location: Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation; 12 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question regarding employment opportunities it was noted that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities.	
2.	A few attendees stated that they appreciated that MH had engaged the community so early in the process.	
3.	No negative feedback was received regarding the project.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Camperville
Date of Meeting: December 11th 2008
Time: 5:00 – 8:00
Location: Camperville
In Attendance: Camperville ; 2 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was discussion with the attendees with regards to how to improve public participation in the community. The attendees stated that advertising on NCI radio would be beneficial and MH could expect more individuals at these open houses or to tie 2 communities into the same open house.	
2.	One individual stated that the title of the project “Bipole III – A Major Reliability Improvement Project” was difficult to understand and may have hindered individuals from coming.	
3.	In response to a question regarding employment opportunities it was stated that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities. Work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification.	
4.	In response to a question regarding timing of the project it was noted that the project is seeking a Class 3 Environmental License and would pending licensing in 2012 construction could begin that fall. It will take 5 years to construct the converter stations as well as erect the transmission line with an in service date of 2017.	
5.	There was no negative feedback from the attendees regarding the project.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) Meeting with Camperville Community Council

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Boardroom

In Attendance: Nestor Chartrand; Mayor
 Mitchell Lafreniere; Resident
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Carl Johnson gave a PowerPoint presentation on incorporating Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge into the Bipole III project. The community indicated that they have not done any comprehensive ATK studies and they would probably prefer a workshop that would involve community members, youth and women.</p> <p>There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:</p>	
2.	<p>The community had questions about routing for Bipole III. Has Manitoba Hydro received feedback from communities that are requesting that the line be located near their community? Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they have received feedback from communities that have shared concerns about locating the line near their harvesting areas. The community questioned if locating the line near the railroad would benefit Manitoba Hydro by reducing the cost of shipping. Manitoba Hydro indicated that locating the line near the railroad might reduce the cost of shipping. The community asked where Bipole III would originate. Manitoba Hydro stated that Bipole III would originate near the proposed Conawapa Generating Station site.</p>	
3.	<p>There was discussion regarding the public engagement process. The community asked how Manitoba Hydro consulted the public before building Bipole I and II. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the methods used back in the 1960's to engage the public would not have been the same as today. The community asked whether Manitoba Hydro is going to have a booth at the Northern Association of Community Councils conference. Manitoba Hydro representatives gave a Bipole III update presentation at the NACC conference last year. The NACC did not approach Licensing and Environmental Assessment to give a presentation at the conference this year. The community asked if the public consultation process would be a part of the EIS. Manitoba Hydro stated that the public consultation process is part of the EIS.</p>	

4. There was much discussion about the environment and Bipole III. The community council questioned if Manitoba Hydro has documents outlining potential environmental impacts caused by transmission lines. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would provide a copy of the Wuskwatim Protection Plan to the Camperville Community Council. The community council asked if Manitoba Hydro has documented environmental impacts from Bipole I and II. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they conducted studies on the impacts from the North Central Project. Manitoba Hydro requires permits from Manitoba Conservation and must create protection plans outlining how they will mitigate any potential environmental impacts. The community council questioned the environmental impacts caused by chemicals and mechanical clearing for vegetation management. In sub-transmission, Manitoba Hydro has the option to use chemicals for vegetation management. Manitoba Hydro has to apply for a license to apply chemicals for vegetation management. The Camperville Community Council indicated that community members are concerned about the environmental impacts of applying chemicals for vegetation management. The community council questioned if the community would get to talk to a biologist about the environmental impacts of spraying. Manitoba Hydro will send information regarding vegetation management practices. The community shared that their members are concerned about EMFs. The community is also concerned about impacts on blueberries and moose.

5. The community council discussed the construction process for Bipole III. How deep are the foundations for the towers? Manitoba Hydro explained that there are many different designs and the foundation depths depend on soil conditions. The community council questioned if Manitoba Hydro would complete soil testing for all the sites. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they often do soil testing at specific sites to determine design criteria.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meetings with Dawson Bay

Date of Meeting: October 28th 2008

Time: 3-7pm

Location: Dawson Bay – 9 attendees

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.
John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
2.	Questions regarding location of the line were primary focus of those who attended. It was stated that there was no definite route at this time in the process.	
3.	<p>In response to a question regarding whether rates for electricity would go up it was stated that the rate impacts associated with BP III were not studied as it is a non-discretionary project required for reliability purposes. However, BP III will allow for the rate benefits arising from the export energy from the planned Keeyask and Conawapa generating stations.</p> <p>Actual future rate increases will be dependent on the conditions of the day and will likely not be attributable to a single factor. Financial indicators will vary from targets temporarily during the heavy period of capital investment including Keeyask, Conawapa and Bipole III; however, these indicators recover quickly following the in-service of these facilities and ratepayers derive benefits in the longer term.</p>	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Duck Bay

Date of Meeting: November 24th 2009

Time: 12:00 – 3:00

Location: Duck Bay

In Attendance: Duck Bay; 20 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The project as a whole was presented including reliability concerns, the project concept, the conceptual location area, and the SSEA process.	
2.	The mayor of Duck Bay expressed concern at the proximity to the community the line would be. It was stated that at this time there are no defined routes and will be determined within the next year.	
3.	In response to a question regarding employment opportunities with Bipole III, it was stated that there are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line development; however it is anticipated that opportunities that do exist will be made available to members of local communities. Work will be done by contractors, and when they hire staff and services they are expected to follow the northern purchasing and hiring policies in the construction specification.	

Recorded by : Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Meadow Portage

Date of Meeting: October 27th 2009

Time: 3-7 pm

Location: Meadow Portage Community Hall

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	No attendees were present at the open house. All individuals within the community received a poster in their mailbox.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Pelican Rapids
Date of Meeting: November 18th 2008
Time: 1-4 pm
Location: Pelican Rapids Community Hall – 7 attendees
In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Comments were made regarding low moose populations in the area. Concern was raised regarding the opening of the land which would increase hunting in the area.	
2.	There were comments made regarding sweet grass picking areas which are located within the bottle neck near the community of Pelican Rapids.	
3.	Numerous individuals were surprised to hear that construction would not be beginning till 2012 and their community was already being involved in the process.	
4.	In response to a question regarding the location of the line it was stated that at this point in the process there is no defined route.	
5.	No negative comments or opposition to the project was heard from the attendees.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two meeting with Spence Lake
Date of Meeting: October 27th 2009
Time: 3-7 pm
Location: Meadow Portage Community Hall
In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	No attendees were present at the open house. All individuals within the community received a poster in their mailbox.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Barrows, Baden, Powell, National Mills, Westgate
Date of Meeting: November 3rd 2009
Location: Barrows
In Attendance: 8 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Questions regarding location of the line were primary focus of those who attended. It was stated that there was no definite route at this time in the process.	
2.	In response to a question asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	Many attendees questioned if there would be economic and/or employment opportunities. Community members indicated that they had previously been left out because their communities are located south of the 53 rd parallel. Carl Johnson explained that Manitoba Hydro has been using the Manitoba Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Boundary as a guideline for including them in any preferential opportunities on projects in the north.	
4.	The local community constable, who is a local resident and trapper, indicated that the low turn out at the Open Houses could be attributed to local community members feeling that their input will have little impact in the project. Community members have been invited to many Open Houses and have experienced the proponents encouraging their participation then proceeding with their already planned development. The local constable shared her frustration with the forest industry and her fears about potential impacts to her trapping route. Carl Johnson explained the Manitoba Hydro Trapper Compensation Program that was used for Wuskwatim and provided her with a pamphlet.	

Recorded By: Lindsay Thompson

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RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Manitoba Conservation Wildlife Branch

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2009

Time:

Location: 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg Manitoba

In Attendance: Ken DeSmet; Endangered Species Biologist, Manitoba Conservation
Robert Berger; WRCS

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Rob briefly went over Bipole III study area, provided limited information on the alternative routing process, and the types of bird assessments involved. Rob briefly discussed the alternative routing process and described various desktop and field studies that could involve Neotropical Migrants, Colonial Waterbirds, Waterfowl, Grouse, Rare and Endangered Species, Raptor Migration, and future Owl Surveys (2010).	
2.	Ken mentioned that shorebird migration is important, and that it should be examined as well from a habitat loss and bird-wire strike perspective. After reviewing the study area for points of interest and sensitivities, Ken mentioned that knowledgeable private citizen should be contacted for additional bird data. These individuals include: Harry Harris (Alonsa), Bill Wally (Dauphin), and Dave Wraith (The Pas).	
3.	He was not aware of any raptor migration corridors other than Windy Gates, St. Adolphe and Whytefold. He did say that people (i.e., birding community) in MB have probably not looked too carefully for raptor migration corridors, but that we should continue to explore the Arden Ridge area.	
4.	Owl information could be obtained from Jim Duncan, Manitoba Conservation.	
5.	Last year there were 10 or 11 pairs of BUOW in MB. Some reports came from the Winnipeg area (Rosser and Warren). However, since the early 1990's there have been hardly any reports north of Hwy 1. In the Rosser-Warren area, BUOW ended up along Hay Dikes; these should be checked.	
6.	Within the study area, the Ellice-Archie PFRA community pasture is very important for birds. Birds in this area include SPPI and BASP. There are old FEHA and BUOW records at this location as well.	
7.	Only PIPL records (recent) for the Bipole study area would be Lake of the Prairies (nests reported by David Hatch in 2005). There has been nothing reported in recent years on the West side of Lake MB.	

8. Kenton-Lanore area was once had FEHA nests. One record of LEBI from Riding Mtn area, otherwise these species are much further to East. Check nest record scheme for GBHE rookeries. He had not checked the GBHE rookery on Hwy 1 near McGregor for about 4 years.
9. Colonial waterbird locations are all in the CDC database. Most of these data have been transcribed from Pat Rakowski and Bill Koonz's colonial nesting waterbird report.

Ken mentioned that he was aware that we had submitted data to the CDC on May 31, 2009 and that Nicole Firolette was appreciative of the data submission.

Rob forwarded Ken the recent location of a LOSH (a BUOW location was forwarded previously).

10. After the meeting with Ken, Rob met briefly with Nicole Firolette (CDC data manager). She asked us that when we submit data in the future to the CDC, that we mention in an email "the Bipole Project." She also indicated that when we submit data, if it is easier for us to submit it as an excel database (with the appropriate CDC headers), that this form of submission would be O.K.

Recorded by: Robert Berger

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Northwest IRMT (Manitoba Conservation)

Date of Meeting: October 19, 2009

Time: 9:00

Location: The Pas – Government Building Board Room

In Attendance: Craig Asselstine; Regional Director
 Wayde Roberts; Assistant Regional Director
 Kent Whaley; Regional Wildlife Manager
 Dale Cross; Regional Wildlife Technician
 Mike Armstrong; Crown Lands
 Troy Werstroh; Forestry
 Rod McCharles; Parks
 Grant McVittie; Fisheries
 Brian Stefaniuk; Chief Conservation Officer
 Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.
 Doug Schindler; Joro Consultants Inc.

Item	Description	Action By
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1. After introductions were made, Fiona Scurra briefly described the objectives of the meeting, provided an overview of the project and status; specifically that MH has identified alternative routes. John Dyck then gave an overview of the alternative routes, their general locations, coarse filter routing constraints and rational for route corridor (3 mile wide) sittings. Also included was a brief description of the data base that has been generated for the project, the types of information collected, value-added data developed so far and objectives for alternative routes evaluation and preferred route assessment. Doug Schindler discussed the development of the LCCEB land cover data base and modeling under taken relative to caribou habitat and calving areas. The overview included questions from and discussions with the group.
2. IRMT members pointed out that the Route B/C alignment near the Moose Lake Road might be too close to Little Frog Creek which has been identified as a locally important ecological area.

Action:
 - IRMT & MH to investigate the significance of Little Frog Creek near Moose Lake Rd.

3. In relation to option route B2 circumventing the town limits of Wabowden, IRMT members asked why MH would circumvent this community when routes go through other community limits. MH reps responded that there was opposition at Wabowden. IRMT members wondered if the MH data base fully included the Summerberry ASI.

Action:

- MH to verify that Summerberry ASI is fully represented.

4. K. Whaley indicated that Route A2 intersects with the Peterson Leave area – a Tolko Habitat Retention Area for Caribou. He noted that the route would have to be moved to stay consistent with the Tolko management approach.

Action:

- IRMT to provide location and extent of Peterson Leave Area.

5. IRMT members indicated that the routing through Cranberry Portage would be near impossible, if not impossible. Rod McCharles referred MH to the Cottage Lots website for a lot plan. Also mentioned was the cottage lot development at Berry Bay on Lake Athapapuskow.

Action:

- MH to review cottage lot development plans in the Cranberry Portage area.

6. IRMT members wondered if the data base that MH is putting together would be available to them. It was indicated that the data base is a compilation of numerous data sets, many of which have been provided by contributors under data sharing agreements with MH. Fiona indicated that she would investigate this and try to make the data available. It was noted that many of the contributors are government departments; e.g. PAI, CDC, Forestry Branch, Fisheries, etc. There are also non-gov. entities that have provided data under data sharing agreements. At minimum, the shape files of the alternative routes could be provided.

Action:

- MH to provide shape files of alternative routes to IRMT. Fiona to check on providing the entire data base to IRMT; specifically data sharing agreement limitations.

7. IRMT members wondered about design criteria, specifically separation requirements between 230 kV AC lines and BP III. This might influence the total width of ROWs where BP III would parallel existing T-Lines. It raises the question of whether, for environmental considerations, a buffer should be left between ROWs, width of buffers to be effective, liability of buffers e.g. fires, etc.

There was discussion around vegetation clearing requirements for construction and subsequent vegetation management requirements during maintenance and operations. Questions included options to leave vegetation in critical habitat areas; e.g. large bogs; options to elevate lines above the norm to allow for the maintenance of vegetation under the lines; e.g. higher towers, shorter spans, etc.

Action:

- MH to check with design group and operations & maintenance group and provide feedback to IRMT.

8. Fiona indicated that open houses would be scheduled within the study area for late November and into December. Government, stakeholders, RMs, northern and FNs communities would be notified by letter. Open houses would also be advertised in the local media.
9. Fiona requested that the IRMT review the proposed alternative route alignments and provide a coordinated response to MH by November 19th. She indicated that the IRMT could use the comments sheet provided along with the BP III Newsletter as a template. It identifies the types of information that MH is looking for. MH is interested in specific constraints information as well as broader substantiated preference based information. The alternative routes shape files were provided to the IRMT to facilitate their in-house analysis.

Action:

- IRMT to review/analyze the proposed alternative routes and provide comments back to MH by Nov. 19th, 2009.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Eastern IRMT (Manitoba Conservation)

Date of Meeting: November 2, 2009

Time: 11:00

Location: Lac du Bonnet – Manitoba Conservation Building

In Attendance: John Irwin; Regional Director, Manitoba Conservation
 Mike Hayward; GIS Specialist, Manitoba Conservation
 Kelley Leavesley; Wildlife Manager, Manitoba Conservation
 Larry Teetaert; Forester, Manitoba Conservation
 Doug Laroux; Fisheries, Manitoba Conservation
 Patrick McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>After introductions were made, Pat McGarry briefly described the objectives of the meeting, provided an overview of the project and status; specifically that MH has identified alternative routes. As part of a Power Point presentation he provided an overview of the project, its' components, the process of selecting a route, considerations taken, public consultation and the project schedule. John Dyck then gave an overview of the alternative routes, their general locations, coarse filter routing constraints and rational for route corridor (3 mile wide) sittings. Also included was a brief description of the data base that has been generated for the project, the types of information collected, value-added data developed so far and objectives for alternative routes evaluation and preferred route assessment. A description of the LCCEB land cover data base and modeling under taken relative to caribou habitat and calving areas was also discussed. The overview included questions from and discussions with the group.</p>	
2.	<p>It was noted that project components such as the Riel converter station and the associated ground electrode would be located in the RM of Springfield which is within MC's Eastern Region. IRMT members wondered what land ownership is associated with the potential electrode sites.</p>	
	<p>Action -MH to provide land ownership information for the potential ground electrode sites.</p>	
3.	<p>IRMT members asked how TK was being collected. MH reps indicated that there is a separate team responsible for TK collection and that letters of invitation to share TK had been sent out to all FN communities. Several communities have responded positively and interviews are underway. IRMT members wondered how trappers are being consulted; separately or as part of the general consultation process. MH reps indicated that they were being consulted separately.</p>	

4. IRMT members asked what the components of the environmental studies included. MH provided an overview of the biophysical disciplines and team members, including wildlife (WRCS & Joro), woodland caribou (Joro), birds (WRCS), vegetation (K. Szwaluk Consult. & Calyx Consult.), soils (Jacques Wjittford/Stantec), aquatics, fisheries, amphibians and reptiles (North South Consulting), forestry (Plus4 Consult.).
5. Pat requested that the IRMT review the proposed alternative route alignments and ground electrode proposed sittings and provide a coordinated response to MH by November 30th. He indicated that the IRMT could use the comments sheet provided along with the BP III Newsletter as a template. It identifies the types of information that MH is looking for. MH is interested in specific constraints information as well as broader substantiated preference based information. The alternative routes shape files will be provided to the IRMT to facilitate their in-house analysis.

Actions

- MH to provide shape files of alternative routes to IRMT.
 - IRMT to provide comments on the proposed alternative routes and ground electrode sites back to MH by Nov. 30th, 2009.
6. Pat indicated that open houses would be scheduled within the study area for late November and into December. Government, stakeholders, RMs, northern and FNs communities would be notified by letter. Open houses would also be advertised in the local media.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Lands & Remote Sensing Branch

Date of Meeting: October 22nd 2009

Time:

Location: 123 Main St. Neepawa, Manitoba

In Attendance: Lori Stevenson; Manager – Crown Lands & TLE (MB Conservation)
Dave Wotton

Item	Description	Action By
1	<p>In the TLE process there are 3 types of land acquisition that may cause an issue of constraint in the Bipole III project. These are (1) Private Land Purchases, (2) Road Allowance purchase or transfer, and (3) Fee Simple Acquisitions.</p> <p>Lands Branch is currently mapping these Special Land Acquisitions and will try to complete the mapping of private land acquisitions by Tuesday October 27th at which time they will provide the GIS layer to Gabrielle Elbourne, MMM Group.</p>	
2.	<p>Private Land Purchase</p> <p>There are six bands that have been provided federal funding to purchase private lands with the intent of being transferred to Reserve Status by Canada, generally these occur where there are insufficient crown lands in proximity to the First Nation for TLE selection. These First Nations are listed in Schedule B of the Framework Agreement for Treaty Land Entitlement and are Brokenhead, Buffalo Point, Opaskwayak, Rolling River, Sapotaweyak, Wuskwi Sipiik. I believe that there are also separate agreements with individual First Nations like Long Plains FN.</p> <p>Lands that have been acquired by purchase and requested for transfer to reserve status are circulated by Lands Branch to government departments and agencies (MB Hydro) for comment within 60 days prior to approval to move to federal designation. The First Nations that are actively assembling land that may fall within the Alternative Routes are as follows:</p>	

(a) Rolling River First Nation:

The First Nation has assembled lands to the east and south of their Reserve and in particular there are 16 parcels immediately south of the reserve that could fall within the Bipole III alternative route. The majority of these lands are registered under the name of the former Chief Morris Shannacappo and I was advised that he has signed the transfer documents which are now in process with Canada. This practice of having land registered in the Chiefs name has been common with some bands including Rolling River FN and Long Plains FN. Rolling River has had only 5 acres of crown land available for them to select and they are very active in the acquisition process which will likely go on for the next year or more.

(b) Long Plains First Nation:

The Long Plains First Nation established the Long Plains First Nation Trust (LPFNT) Landholding Inc, which has acquired a number of private lands adjacent to the north, east, south and west side of the reserve. There may also be some parcels purchased in the name of the chief. There are approximately 10 parcels on the north side, 3 on the northeast side, 8 parcels immediately south and 4 parcels on the west side. A number of these parcels are in process for transfer to reserve status and the First Nation continues to acquire private land through purchase will be over the next year or more.

(c) Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation:

The Roseau River FN although a fair distance south of Winnipeg have been actively acquiring land northward toward Winnipeg. Lands Branch is to check on these purchases in case one or more parcels fall within the proposed alternative routes.

(d) Pequis First Nation:

Pequis First Nation has identified a Notice Area for TLE selections which is largely in the Inter-Lake but does extend south of Dugald for approximately 6 miles. Any available Crown Lands that fall within the Notice Area must be reviewed by Pequis for consideration as a TLE selection before being transferred for any other purpose. The location of the proposed Riel Converter Station falls within the south end of the Notice Area and if Crown Lands or Road Allowances are of interest in the development of this site, consultation with Pequis is required by MB Conservation. Pequis will also be purchasing private lands for reserve status but has not started any land acquisitions to date.

(e) Opaskwayak Cree Nation and Sapatawayak Cree Nation:

Both of these First Nations have purchased private lands for transfer to reserve status but the lands have been within urban areas and should not be a constraint. These two First Nations have almost completed their TLE entitlement selections.

3 Road Allowance Acquisitions

A number of First Nations have been seeking acquisitions of road allowances within their reserve area and for any lands that they have acquired through purchase. Land designated as Road Allowance is considered differently than normal Crown Land as sale is subject to approval by the respective Municipality. This may become an issue if for example MB Hydro seeks to acquire lands designated as Road Allowance in the vicinity of the proposed Riel Converter Station. Lands Branch would have to consult with Pequis First Nation on transfer of these lands in compliance with Pequis's Notice Area for TLE Selection. In addition, if a First Nation has acquired Road Allowance land in any area that falls along the Alternative Routes, this would then have to be negotiated separately with the First Nation involved. If MB Hydro applies for an Easement on Road Allowance land it can be approved by Crown Lands Branch as long as there is agreement from the respective Municipality without a requirement for consultation with Pequis or others.

Lands Branch noted that Nelson House First Nation has identified a 50 foot strip of land on either side of the Wuskwatim Road Allowance (MB. Hydro) as a TLE Selection. One of the proposed Alternate Routes transects this TLE selection in 2 locations.

4 Fee Simple Acquisitions

The Fee Simple Acquisitions occur in Northern Manitoba and are for transfer of small land acquisitions, 50 to 100 acres which are generally registered under the First Nation's Economic Development Corporation. These acquisitions are for developments such as outfitting operations including cabins and fishing camps. These types of acquisitions have been made for Norway House, Nelson House, York Factory, and Split Lake as well as others. Lands Branch will be mapping the Fee Simple sites in the next few weeks and when completed will provide them for the Bipole III GIS base.

Recorded by: Dave Wotton

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Western IRMT (Manitoba Conservation)

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2009

Time:

Location: 1129 Queen’s Ave. Brandon Manitoba

In Attendance: Dan Chranowski; Regional Manager
Tom Moran; Technician Manitoba Conservation
Robert Berger; WRCS

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Rob briefly went over Bipole III study area, the SSEA process in general terms, provided limited information on the alternative routing process, and the types of wildlife considerations and future assessments involved with Bipole III in southern Manitoba. Rob supplied Dan and Tom with the Bipole III newsletter, and indicated that they could obtain other newsletters directly from Manitoba Hydro’s webpage. Rob brought a map which included the alternative routes, wildlife management areas, and other points of interest for discussion purposes.	
2.	Dan and Tom drafted polygons and text directly onto the map provided, and labeled wildlife-related data. Much of the discussions involved elk, but also covered moose, wolves, coyotes, birds, and bird migration corridors. The data on the map will be digitized in-house by WRCS and delivered to MMM Group.	
3.	Dan and Tom noted or recommended the following: - One of the alternatives passes through the Arden Ridge area. This area is highly sensitive, has forested habitat on the ridge which is a rare habitat type in southern Manitoba, includes many wildlife species, and includes rare and Endangered species such as GWWA. The Arden Ridge area should be avoided. Dan drafted a bypass line (i.e., added an alternate segment). - Rob indicated that he would relay the Arden Ridge concerns to Manitoba Hydro	
4.	Several segments of the lines on this map appear to pass through or near Wildlife Management Areas. These lands should be avoided, and a buffer should be used in addition to avoiding them. Community pastures often have native grasslands, and should be avoided.	
5.	Recommended that we contact the wildlife technician in Swan River to obtain additional information on wildlife in the Duck Mtn. – Dauphin Region.	

Recorded by: Robert Berger

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Western IRMT (Manitoba Conservation)

Date of Meeting: September 9, 2009

Time:

Location: WRCS Office

In Attendance: Dan Chranowski; Regional Manager
Tim Kroeker; WRCS
Robert Berger; WRCS

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Dan discussed potential concerns related to Bipole III in the Arden Ridge area and in the Western Region in general that may include wildlife knowledge gaps, wildlife corridors, animal movements, fragmentation, listed species, and research or monitoring opportunities.	
2.	Dan indicated that there are gaps in the wildlife knowledge of the region that may include deer and coyote use of habitat, movements etc. along transmission line corridors.	
3.	Bipole would present a good opportunity to conduct a before-and-after evaluation of a new transmission line.	
4.	Golden-winged warblers are a listed species that are found in the area of the alternative routes. This species, among others, should be monitored.	
5.	Rob to arrange a meeting with Pat McGarry, Manitoba Hydro to discuss potential research and monitoring opportunities.	

Recorded by: Robert Berger

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with the City of Dauphin

Date of Meeting: October 27th 2009

Time: 12:30

Location: City Hall - Dauphin

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Veronica Hicks, MMM Group
 Alex Paul; Mayor
 Vicky Yakemishin; Councilor
 Brian Chita; Councilor
 Patti Eilers; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry outlined the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the town of Dauphin. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	A councillor member wished to know why MH was presenting 3 options for routing. It was stated that MH wanted a consultation process that was open to stakeholder feedback and comments. MH is open to all 3 options and that none is preferred.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. In response to a question regarding why First Nation land was being avoided was due to avoiding Federal land which also included National Parks.
6. In response to a question regarding technical constraints when crossing water bodies it was stated that 800m was the farthest that these lines could be separated.
7. Comments were made regarding all the route options:
Route A – too expensive and lengthy and may require substantial clearing
Route B –there are good opportunities with these lands yet the route is quite close to Bipole I & II. Cattle and pasture land
Route C – it does cross prime agriculture land and will be expensive when compiling easements for the line.
The Mayor and a councilor both agreed that Route C was the preferred option for them.
8. In response to a question regarding EMF and Bipole III it was stated that no proven health effects have been determined from exposure to DC transmission lines. Numerous scientific bodies have stated that there is no direct concern with HVdc transmission and effects on human health.
9. A councillor stated that Dorsey and Riel are quite close together and believes we may still have “all our eggs in one basket”. It was noted that the 2 converter stations are located 40 kilometres apart and meets the requirement of separation.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with the City of Winnipeg
Date of Meeting:	March 2, 2009
Time:	1:30 p.m.
Location:	City Hall, City of Winnipeg
In Attendance:	John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Bert LeLeannec; Manitoba Hydro Glen Laubenstein; C.A.O., City of Winnipeg Alec Stuart; City of Winnipeg Deepak Joshi; City of Winnipeg Phil Sheegl; City of Winnipeg

Item	Description	Action By
1.	J. Dyck thanked the City of Winnipeg for the opportunity to meet regarding Round Two meetings for the Bipole III Reliability Improvement Project. J. Dyck provided introductions to the Manitoba Hydro representatives present at the meeting. Representatives of the City of Winnipeg introduced themselves. J. Dyck then presented a powerpoint presentation on the SSEA Process which included a general overview of the need for Bipole III, regulatory requirements, the detailed SSEA process and request for information from the community in order to map the constraints and opportunities in order to select alternative routes. Manitoba Hydro also provided a map of the Bipole III study area and a digital ortho image map of the City of Winnipeg for review. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.	
2.	In response to a question asking what the latest budget projection is for the project, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there has been no change in the budget projection and that the approximate cost for the project is still 2.2 billion dollars.	
3.	In response to a question asking if Bipole III is still routed on the west side of the province, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated, yes.	
4.	In response to a question asking how long Bipole III is going to be, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated it will be approximately 1350 km in length.	
5.	In response to a question asking if any City land will be required for the south loop, Manitoba Hydro indicated that most of the land acquired for the south loop is private lands with some crown land and that most of the lands have been acquired.	
6.	General discussion focused on the southern loop and the City of Winnipeg has offered to provide Manitoba Hydro with information on the south loop corridor. The City of Winnipeg has requested a conceptual drawing showing the southern loop. Manitoba Hydro has indicated they will provide this.	MH

7. General discussion focused on land the City of Winnipeg owns in the R.M. of Springfield and indicated they will provide Manitoba Hydro with information on these lands (around Deacon's Reservoir). City of Winnipeg
8. In response to a question asking if a route has been chosen for Bipole III, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated, no, a route has not been chosen.
9. General discussion focused on information requested by Manitoba Hydro, from the City, to identify new constraints and opportunities (within the last two years and conceptual) on the landscape that would aid Manitoba Hydro with mapping and identifying alternative routes. City of Winnipeg
10. Discussions included some initiatives that should be considered at the alternate route stage, including the St. Norbert by-pass, the Waverly West development, conceptual plans south of St. Norbert and ecologically sensitive sites. There was also some discussion of active transportation/compatible use on ROWs.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with the City of Winnipeg

Date of Meeting: October 22nd 2009

Time: 3:30

Location: 510 Main St. Winnipeg

In Attendance: Glen Laubenstein; CAO
 Phil Sheegl; Deputy CAO
 Alex Robinson; Deputy CAO
 Patti Regan; Manager of Sustainability
 Deepak Joshi; Director of PP&D
 Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>P. McGarry thanked those in attendance from the City for the opportunity to meet regarding alternative route selection for the Bipole III project. P. McGarry provided introductions and brief overview of the project and the purpose of the meeting. The purpose being to review the alternative routes. A 10 minute presentation was shown followed by a review of alternative BP 3 routes.</p>	
2.	<p>There was discussion regarding the south loop. City administrators were interested in the location and what effect it might have on future development in proximity to the line. Mr. Laubenstein suggested that the line may preclude future residential development because no one would buy land near a transmission line. MW pointed out a development in north east Winnipeg where that was not an issue despite close proximity to a transmission line. DT pointed out that major new developments such as Sage Creek are currently building and selling in the midst of major power lines and that commercial development in the City currently makes use of lands beneath power lines at numerous locations. DT indicated that the lands where the south loop is planned are mainly agricultural lands and the eastern portion is governed by the South St. Vital Secondary Plan, which designates the lands for Agricultural purposes.</p> <p>MW offered to supply a more detailed route map for the south loop for further discussion.</p>	<p>MW to provide the City of Winnipeg with a map of the South Loop</p>
3.	<p>Mr. Sheegl and Mr. Laubenstein indicated they looked forward to working cooperatively on the Bipole III project.</p>	

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Association of Manitoba Municipalities Meeting
Date of Meeting:	January 29 th 2010
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	360 Portage Ave. Manitoba Hydro Building Rm 402
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning and Design John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Joe Masi; AMM Doug Dobrowolski; AMM

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented. A map outlining the study area and the alternate routes was provided to the AMM members. After review of the routes members were free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each member for review.	
2.	In response to a question regarding the import/export line (D602F). It was stated that the line can begin importing if the current Bipoles are struck by outage rather quickly yet is quite costly. The import line can support Manitoba if the needs are low. If in peak consumption periods there could be possible outages.	
3.	A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. P. McGarry informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for a municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence. AMM members stated that this topic (as well as farming interests) has been primary discussion with those who have contacted them.	
4.	In response to a question regarding whether this line has the capability of being tapped into or out of, it was stated that this is direct transmission from converter to converter station.	

5. General comments were made regarding the alternative routes;
 - Route B – Marginal land exists through out the central portion
 - East of Carman there is numerous opportunities regarding routing as well as existing RoWs.
 - North of Morris (10 miles) just outside of the study area there are next to no individuals
 - Elm Creek Channel has a large RoW and could be used as a possible routing option
 - 2 miles south of Ste. Agathe, sparsely populated
6. AMM members stated that the study team has done a good job at informing all municipalities regarding the project. All councils are aware of the project. Impact on farming has been the biggest topic of discussion.
7. In response to GPS farming and possible interference it was stated that hvDC lines have a frequency of 0 hertz whereas GPS relies on high frequency. No interference is expected with regards to these lines.
8. In response to a question regarding the timelines of the project it was stated that once a preferred RoW has been determined, field staff will study the route for a year preparing for an EIS submission in June 2011. If approved, construction would begin in 2012 with an in service date of 2017.
9. In response to a question stating whether it would be realistic to switch to an east side line if government changes hands it was noted that the timelines would be at risk. The project is driven by the need for a more reliable system. If government changes hands then there is a possibility of the line switching to an east side alternative.
10. A general statement was made by the AMM members that for our next round of consultation we should be providing each RM with a map and listing of parcels that are impacted so that they are prepared for an influx of individuals calling. The AMM is supportive of an information centre to be set up in RM offices to promote one on one discussion with land owners.
11. In response to a question regarding whether there were Aboriginal issues pending regarding the placement of the transmission line it was noted that consultation and workshops are continually ongoing. ATK is being collected from various First Nations in the study area. Trapper and RMA concerns are also being addressed within communities.
12. The AMM members stated that they have a Newsletter that goes out to each municipality and that MH would be welcome to advertise Open Houses or information centers. They stated that Lynn Barissa would be a contact and would gladly help with placement of an advertisement.

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RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Cranberry Portage

Date of Meeting: January 13, 2010

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Legion

In Attendance: Cranberry Portage; 14 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was much concern about the transmission line coming through the town. A local timber/sawmill operator was concerned that sub-route A2 would cross his forest harvesting area. A local lodge owner had concerns with increased snowmobile and quad traffic. It was noted that there is high air traffic from floatplanes due to the commercial outfitting in the area. It was apparent that there was not any support for sub-route A2. There was a concern on the potential for increased forest fires because of Bipole III being close to the town. Some felt that the easiest choice of the three routes was the shortest.	
2.	There were questions on the negative impacts to humans from transmission lines (EMFs). Manitoba Hydro indicated that national and international scientific agencies responsible for public health concluded that there are no known adverse health effects associated with low levels of static electric or magnetic fields such as those associated with DC transmission lines.	
3.	An attendee asked why the underwater (Lake Winnipeg) option was not being considered as an alternative. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the research that Manitoba Hydro has done regarding the installation of 500 kV cable in Lake Winnipeg has identified significant risks based on current technology available to construct, install, and maintain such a cable system in Lake Winnipeg. The risk of a significant delay associated with a cable installation and given the importance of Bipole III to the reliability of supply in Manitoba is unacceptable.	
4.	There were concerns on the potential impacts to local Caribou herds.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Alonsa

Date of Meeting: November 12th 2009

Time: 9:00

Location: Alonsa Municipal Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
Tom Anderson; Councilor
Edward Waczko; Councilor
Stan Asham; Reeve
Pamela Sul; Councilor
Lyle Finney; Councilor
Rhonda Merke; Councilor
Dean Capp; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Joyal began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councilors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	Questions regarding RM and land owner compensation were brought forth by council. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	
3.	A concern was raised regarding fences and compensation. It was stated that the individual land owner would be compensated for any damages caused during construction of the land.	
4.	A council member raised concern with regards to EMF and the potential effects on cattle. It was noted that there has been substantial studies conducted with regards to EMF and major scientific bodies have stated that no correlation has been shown between animal/human health effects and exposure to Transmission line EMF. It was also stated that the levels produced by an HVdc line were extremely low. Council was provided an information sheet regarding both AC and DC transmission	

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RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three - Meeting with RM of Birtle
Date of Meeting:	October 14 th 2009
Time:	11:30
Location:	Birtle Municipal Office
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Veronica Hicks; MMM Group Morley Butler; Councilor Murray Swereda; Councilor Roger Wilson; Reeve Lawson Ashcroft; Councilor Charles Bertram; Councilor Debbie Jensen; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Birtle. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question about the length of the lines was asked. T. Joyal informed council that the line lengths were estimates based on the larger dashed lines and did not factor in possible sub routing options. Lengths given were A-1471, B-1355, and C-1288.	
3.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
4.	A question was asked at whether both lines, Bipoles 1 & 2 have been lost simultaneously. P. McGarry responded that yes they had from events of fire and wind.	

5. A question was raised asking whether the energy transported by Bipole III will be exported. P. McGarry responded that the energy is pooled. We service Manitoba and the excess is exported. It was mentioned that Bipole III will have additional carrying capacity if future generation development in the North continues.
6. It was asked why federal lands and FN lands were being avoided. P. McGarry responded that there would be substantial additions to process and consult. It was more beneficial to avoid these lands to simplify the alternative routing options.
7. Noise and vibration of the lines was brought up by one of the members of council. P. McGarry let council know that yes there would be some yet would not be as significant as AC transmission lines. They would be minimal. P. McGarry also informed council that published material regarding DC fields and exposure have shown no links to human health effects.
8. A councilor suggested a possible line through Ontario and whether this had been an option. P. McGarry responded that there was a power agreement that existed in the 1990s but was no longer being considered.
9. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
10. A councilor wished to know the distance that a residence or farmstead could be located with regards to this transmission line. PM responded that there is the RoW of 100 ft on each side of the line.
11. A council member wished to know why 200ft was the size of the RoW if the tower exceeds 150ft in height. If it falls over it would be beyond the RoW. PM responded that the RoW was to cover the swing out of the line itself and to avoid any contact with any vegetation or structure.
12. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio's, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with.
13. P. McGarry let council know that construction would be approximately 5 years for the project.
14. A council member wanted to know if a land owner won't cooperate; how will MH deal with that. PM noted that it was all individually negotiated and that this process will not begin until the license has been acquired.

15. Council asked how far apart the towers will be. The length is 480m apart. It can be expected that most quarter sections will have one tower and some would have two.
16. A question regarding whether rates would increase due to this project. That is at the discretion of the PUB yet we do not expect any change for rate payers in Manitoba.

Record by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Dauphin

Date of Meeting: October 27th 2009

Time: 11:30

Location: Dauphin Municipal Office

In Attendance: Patrick McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Veronica Hicks; MMM Group
 Boris Michaleski; Councilor
 Ron Slobodzian; Councilor
 Brad Michaleski; Councilor
 Dennis Forbes; Reeve
 Tyral Solski; Assistant Administrator
 Ron Harvey; Councilor
 Dennis Tokar; Councilor
 Walter Pierson; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Dauphin. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	In response to a question to whether there is a benefit to the RM to have this line running through their municipal limits it was stated that the project was for Manitobans and that it would be tax neutral. All negotiations and payments are done with the individual land owner. Grants in lieu of taxes would be paid if MH purchased the land which is not their intention. Local businesses could see some increase in MH employees during construction such as hotels and restaurants.	

4. In response to a question asking if wind generated power could be tapped into this line it was stated that HVdc transmission is point to point and will not have tap ins or outs.
5. It was asked at why the route (Route C) is going to the west of Dauphin and not the east. It was stated that highway 10 and accessibility drove that decision.
6. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
7. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio's, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones and AM stations directly underneath the line. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with.
8. Council asked whether other councils had concerns with EMF and proximity to homes. It was noted that there have been no direct linkages between DC exposure and negative human health effects. No residences will be within the RoW and that the DC fields being emitted would be lower than the magnetic field that the Earth emits at all times and drives the needle on a compass.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round III Meeting with the RM of Dufferin

Date of Meeting: January 19th 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Dufferin Municipal Office – Carman Manitoba

In Attendance: Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd.
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning and Design
 Rodney Last; Reeve
 Tyler King; Economic Development Officer
 Barry Driedger; Councilor
 George Gray; Councilor
 John Peckover; Councilor
 Fred Dunn; Councilor
 Dan McCutcheon; Councilor
 Brent Coho; Councilor
 Shawn McCutcheon; Councilor
 Ruth Stege; CAO
 Sharla Murray; Administrator

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. F. Scurrah presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Dufferin. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a question regarding the separation distance between BP I and II and the alternative routes it was noted that 100km would be an ideal separation distance yet there are boundary limitations and bottle necks in certain locations. There is room between 40 to 100 kms of separation that can be used for this project.	

3. In response to a question regarding the maximum clearance of the line as well as tower separation it was noted that the maximum span between poles is 800m but will be located 480m apart (3.2 towers per section). Clearance of wire to ground will be on average 40 ft from the ground and at maximum load and heat conditions the maximum sag would be 25 ft from the ground. In addition it was further noted that the tower base in agricultural areas will be predominantly 7m X 7m unless an angle structure is necessary and will require a tower base of 15m X 15m
4. In response to a question regarding EMF and effects on livestock it was stated that further study is being undertaken by a separate consultant yet scientific literature has shown no link to health effects caused by EMF. T. Joyal provided council with AC and DC information brochures.
5. A question regarding farmer compensation was brought forth. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
6. A general comment was made by a councilor stating that the following issues will be the most prominent in the area;
 - Irrigation pivots
 - Effects on agriculture
 - Proximity to yard sites
7. A question was asked regarding how close an irrigation pivot can get to the Bipole III towers. Further investigation of exact distance will be pursued by the study team and their findings will be relayed to the council. MH to follow up
8. A question regarding distance that the Bipole III line can be to roadways and ditched was asked. Exact distance was unknown and information will be relayed back to council members. MH to follow up
9. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.

10. In response to a question asked regarding whether there will be tax benefits for the line entering their municipality similar to that found with pipelines in the area. It was noted that this project will be tax neutral with regards to the municipality. If the land is purchased and not acquired by easement the municipality would receive a grant in lieu of taxes.

11. In response to a question regarding whether the power that will be transmitted on the BIpole III line will be exported to the US. It was noted that the project is being driven by reliability purposes. Power that is generated in Northern Manitoba is exported once domestic demands are met. Exporting power is part of the corporate plan for MH. It was also noted that the line would have capability to accommodate more power if future northern generation stations are created.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Ethelbert

Date of Meeting: October 8th 2009

Time: 11:30

Location: Ethelbert Municipal Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design
 Greg Rehaluk, Councilor
 Walter Halibisky, Councilor
 Loretta Woytkiwicz, CAO
 Art Potoroka, Reeve
 Ken Shewchuk, Councilor
 Mike Semeniuk, Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Ethelbert. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question was asked to whether the construction of Conawapa had begun. P. McGarry stated that currently Wuskwatim is being constructed. Conawapa is expected to be a 1400 MW generating station.	
3.	Council wanted to know what type of structure they could expect in pasture land. It was stated that a self supporting tower would be used, either 7X7m or 15X15m depending on location.	

4. A question regarding taxation and individual landowner compensation was brought forth. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence. The railway line is owned by the RM and if it would go onto that abandoned rail line it would be a grant in lieu of taxes.
5. Council wished to know why the abandoned rail line cannot be followed. P. McGarry stated that it does provide opportunities in some areas but the rail line does go through communities and would require a loop around each one. This would increase time and would bring the line closer to major centres which were criteria to avoid during routing.
6. A council member stated that he had a preference for C. He believed that it had separation and length was not as big as route A.
7. A council member wished to know whether the line was to cross First nation lands. It was noted that the line will not travel across any federal land.
8. A question was raised at whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. P. McGarry informed council that from research conducted on DC transmission that no link has been made regarding DC fields and human health effects. It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields.
9. Council wished to know whether provisions will be made to create gates between pastures for access to the lines. P. McGarry stated that it would be discussed during the negotiation for the land easement.
10. Council stated that there would be an individual north of Garland that will adamantly oppose the project and will give MH a hard time. The council said that they would mark that individuals land with an X and send it to us with any other constraints that they may have on the 1:50,000 maps.
11. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio's, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with.
12. One council member stated that in this municipality one mitigation measure that tends to solve all issues is financial compensation. Money makes it all better and they will get used to the lines being present.

13. Council asked whether there would be any direct benefits to the municipality. P. McGarry stated that there could be short term economic gain if construction was occurring in the RM.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Gilbert Plains
Date of Meeting:	October 27 th 2009
Time:	9:00
Location:	Gilbert Plains Municipal Office
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Veronica Hicks, MMM Group Larry Malowski; Reeve Susan Boyachek; CAO Dennis Rehirchuk; Councilor Bryan Bassett; Councilor Glen Bates; Councilor Ron Basaraba; Councilor Lawrence Safronetz; Councilor James Michaluk; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Gilbert Plains. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	In response to a question regarding underground options for this project it was stated that the voltage is quite high for underground and the ability to service and monitor the line would be slightly hindered. Cost increases were also mentioned as a reason that the underground option was not being pursued.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. In response to a question regarding interference with electronics with this DC line it was stated that land lines were an issue with Bipoles I & II and could be mitigated. There would be interference with AM radio directly below the lines and it was mentioned that this line will emit very low frequency whereas phones, satellites and internet emit at a much higher frequency.
6. In response to a question regarding the separation of the towers it was stated that the towers would be located at 480 metres apart for an average of 3.2 towers per mile along the 200 foot corridor.
7. A question was asked about the ground electrode. It was stated that it is not fenced and deep within the earth. The land for the electrode will be owned by MH and will be used infrequently solely to balance loads. Moist soils are sought for in the placement of such an electrode. There is no public or wildlife danger with regards to this electrode.
8. General comments were made about the routes:
Route A – Primarily grain producers
Route B – Marginal land and pasture would limit agricultural impediment. B seems logical due to it being the shortest but if cost is not an issue then C would provide separation and a shorter route.
Route C – Concern of loss of land for prime Agricultural areas.
The reeve stated “he had no direct concern and that land owners may be upset but they will adapt quite quickly”
9. A councilor asked whether Bipole 4 would be run along side Bipole 3. It was stated that for reliability issues that it would not be placed within the same RoW.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Glenella

Date of Meeting: November 12th 2009

Time: 1:00

Location: Glenella Municipal Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice, Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Tony Kushnee; Reeve
 Erwin Yauck; Councilor
 Wayne Scott; Councilor
 Wendy Wutzke; Councilor
 Don Boxall; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Joyal began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councillors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation and included the compensation package to landowners. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	A question was raised regarding what type of towers the RM could expect to see. It was stated that in the agricultural areas, MH will be using self supporting steel lattice towers which have a height of 150 feet with a base of 7m X 7m or 15m X 15m	
3.	A question regarding farmer compensation was brought forth. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in a account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	
4.	A discussion began regarding the logistics of going underwater. It was mentioned that this option even though not being considered for this project will be further studied. The time and current cost to go underwater are not within the realm of a 2017 operation date. Transportation and construction issues were also discussed.	

5. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
6. One council member stated a preference for Route B. It was stated by two members of council that they do not want it on their land. The parcels of land that they owned were not within the 3 mile buffer that was being presented.
7. In response to a question regarding land value once a tower has been erected it was stated that MH Property has been monitoring land values near the RoW of Bipoles I and II. It was stated that the value of the land and the tower placed on it does not show a negative correlation with regards to land value. Property values have not dropped with regards to tower placement.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Grey

Date of Meeting: October 21st 2009

Time: 1:30

Location: Elm Creek – Grey Municipal Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Richard Penner; Councilor
 Ted Tkachyk; Councilor
 Jim Pederson; Councilor
 Ray Franzmann; Councilor
 Ron Hayward; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Grey. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A general comment was made regarding the compatibility of Wind Farms and DC lines. There is a proposed site for future wind development West of St. Claude. The RM stated that they have recently modified there zoning bylaw to accommodate wind turbines.	
3.	In response to a question regarding how close to a yard or residence can be it was stated that no dwelling or structure will lie within the 200 ft RoW. Farming and agricultural uses can proceed as they did prior to the placement of the transmission line. It is MH goal to avoid as many residences as possible during line determination and placement. There may be a handful of individuals across the entire conceptual area whom we cannot accommodate. One councilor stated that avoidance of homes is not 200ft.	

4. A question was raised regarding a no fly zone around the lines and how that will affect crop dusting. It was stated that there is no “no fly” zone. This would be discussed with the individual land owner and the potential affects that are expected due to the placement of the line. A member of council stated that it would take time but individuals will adapt and modify practices. It was also noted that MH regularly flies the lines for maintenance.
5. A comment was made regarding the Route Options C & B. It was noted that numerous landowners exist directly within the 3 mile planning corridor. It was also stated that erosion and flooding issues exist west of PTH 13 and to the north of PTH 2. A council member stated that Route B is not favorable in the least due to residences and the possibility of sterilizing the landscape for future generations. Route C is also not favored due to residences and a lot of precision farming operations.
6. A comment was made that there may be a routing option along the diversion north of Carman. Diversion routing would involve provincial discussions.
7. A question was asked regarding the possibility of interference with the line with GPS units, radio and broadband internet. MH was unable to provide a definitive answer and stated that the information would be provided to council. Answer sent by PM 11/09
8. A question was asked regarding irrigation spray and the potential effects on the Tline. MH was unable to provide an answer but stated that a response would be provided in a short time. Answer sent by PM 11/09
9. A council member wished to know the sag of the line. P. McGarry stated that he believed the maximum sag is based on a hot summer day (no temperature was given) at full capacity and could sag 25 ft from the ground. It was noted that this line will not be kept at full capacity.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Hanover

Date of Meeting: October 14th 2009

Time: 10:15

Location: Hanover Municipal Office – Steinbach 28 Westland Drive

In Attendance: Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling, Manitoba Hydro
 James Matthewson, Manitoba Hydro
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk, MMM Group
 Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design
 Stan Toews, Reeve
 Henry Funk, Councilor
 Paul Perreault, Councilor
 Sonny Peters, Councilor
 Bernie Stahn, Councilor
 Bob Brandt, Councilor
 Clif Bakx, Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. Fiona Scurrah and Marc Wankling outlined the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Hanover. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	In response to a questions asking if a preferred route had been picked, MB Hydro indicated no, it had not.	
4.	In response to a question asking what the schedule was for the project, MB Hydro directed council to the schedule located on the back page of the third brochure and briefly discussed it.	

5. In response to a question asking if the transmission line poles would be steel, MB Hydro indicated they will be using steel self-supporting structures in agricultural areas, and steel guyed towers in the north. In response to a question asking which tower is more expensive, MB Hydro indicated the guyed towers are cheaper.
6. In response to a question asking why have Route A as an alternative, MB Hydro indicated that they needed to provide a variety of options, while considering the maximum separation distance required from Bipole I and II.
7. In response to a questions asking if there will be more line loss on Route A, MB Hydro indicated that yes, route A would have more line loss since it is the longest alternative.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with the RM of Harrison

Date of Meeting: October 7th 2009

Time: 10:00

Location: Harrison Municipal Office - Newdale

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
 George B.; Councilor
 Wayne Kowalchuk; Councilor
 Murray Davies; Councilor
 Donna Memryk; CAO
 Anthony Kowalchuk; Reeve
 Doreen Stapleton; Councilor
 Karen Dmytrew; Councilor
 Richard Lewandoski; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Harrison. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question regarding the role of the sub routing options was asked by a member of the council. P. McGarry replied that all routes have secondary routes for an alternative if there are unforeseen problems with the alternates as laid out by the municipalities. These also offer routes that are not solely dependent on an alternative but a variety of alternatives. All routing options should be considered by council.	

3. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.

Following the explanation a member of council asked whether it would be MH or the Municipality who would be notifying land owners. It was stated that MH would be individually negotiating with each affected land owner. The municipality could inform those who may be potentially affected regarding our open house dates so that they could be active in the process of route determination.

4. A comment was made that Route A was useless due to it being the lengthiest of all options. It was stated that all routes have pros and cons and they will be weighted in the overall determination of the route itself. Route A offers the most separation from Bipoles I and II which is an important aspect of system reliability.
5. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Hillsburg

Date of Meeting: October 13th 2009

Time: 11:00

Location: Hillsburg Municipal Office – Roblin Manitoba

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Veronica Hicks, MMM Group
 Robert Misko; Reeve
 Ted Myslichuk; Councilor
 Alex Lichkowski; Councilor
 Albert Watson; Councilor
 Tyler Booker; Councilor
 Robin Perchaluk; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Hillsburg. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A comment was made by a council member that the only benefit to choosing alternative Route A would be the aspect of separation distance.	
3.	A question regarding farmer compensation was brought forth. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	

4. A member of council wished to know if the towers were isolated, meaning will there be an area surrounding the tower that is not farmable. Land use continues as it did prior to the erection of the tower. The only land unable to be farmed would be the area which the base footprint is located and a small area surrounding the tower which would be compensated for.
5. A question was raised at whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. P. McGarry informed council that from research conducted on DC transmission that no link has been made regarding DC fields and human health effects. It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields.
6. A discussion began regarding Caribou and the understanding of how this line will potentially affect herds in the north. It was stated that populations of other ungulates and predators easily travel along RoWs. Construction concerns also exist if it is during time of migration or calving.
7. A discussion began regarding the logistics of going underwater. It was mentioned that this option even though not being considered for this project will be further studied. The time and current cost to go underwater are not within the realm of a 2017 operation date. Transportation and construction issues were also discussed.
8. A comment was made by a council member that “as long as a good dialogue is present with landowners” there were no concerns.
9. Council also finished by stating that they had no concerns and were not worried about the placement of the line within their municipal boundaries.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Municipality of Lakeview
Date of Meeting:	October 13 th 2009
Time:	10:00
Location:	Lakeview Municipal Office – Langruth
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Somia Sadiq; MMM Group Terry Duddridge, MMM Group Ron Brown; CAO Tom Teichrueb; Councilor Jim Rinn; Councilor Philip Thordarson; Reeve Wayne Gardiner; Councilor Richard Callondi; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. T. Hreno presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Lakeview. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the provincial government have directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	A council member wished to know how MH will be acquiring property. M. Wankling stated that property easements will be required for the 200 ft right of way.	
4.	A question was asked regarding the footprints of the towers. It was noted that for agricultural land they will be using self supporting towers with a foot print of 7X7m or 15X15m depending on the location and need. There will also be 1-2 towers per quarter section, it is estimated that there will be 3.2 towers per mile.	

5. A question was raised at whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. S. Sadiq informed council that from research conducted on DC transmission that no link has been made regarding DC fields and human health effects. It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields.
6. A council member asked whether there would be compensation for farmers who cultivate on crown leased lands. T. Hreno stated that there would be no compensation for the easement of the land yet any crop damage or loss would be compensated.
7. Council wished to know why there are more frequent power outages in recent years. T. Hreno noted that the system is aging as well as the AC poles for domestic use. Power usage has also increased in recent years which require more energy from the system.
8. A council member wished to know why there were sub routing options being presented. T. Hreno noted that there is flexibility in the placement of these lines. If there is a large constraint that cannot be mitigated or there is strong opposition or for technical reasons there are options to avoid. This also allows for a variety of options which could include A B C for the preferred route.
9. Council asked if the municipality would be receiving any economic benefits. T. Hreno stated that if the line is within 10 kms of the route they may participate in the TDF. He stated that it is still in its conceptual stages. Compensation will be directed at individual land owners and not the municipality itself.
10. A council member asked whether this line would be crossing any large bodies of water or going underwater. It was stated that the line is restricted to 800m lengths when crossing water bodies and there will be no underwater option for this particular project but may be considered for future transmission lines.
11. Council wished to know if the line will be crossing any conservation management areas. T. Hreno stated that range land is preferred for construction yet during route selection decisions were made to avoid sensitive areas and those areas where conservation management was prevalent.
12. Council wished to know why the line was to go south of Portage la Prairie and if it was to stay on the west side of Highway 50. Ideal rangeland and avoidance of paralleling existing transmission lines were factors in those decisions.
13. Council wished to know if there are special considerations when going across existing transmission lines on private property. M. Wankling stated that typically no, there will be a general calculation of field loss. This will calculate the different patterns of cultivation and will generate different payments depending on circumstances of the individual property owner.
14. A general comment was made by one of the councilors stating that the line should stay west of PTH 50 due to substantial amounts of marsh located on the east side.

15. A question was asked regarding the role of smoke from a fire and the effects it could have on the line. It was stated that the smoke can act as a conductor and has the possibility of faulting the line.

Recorded by: Terry Duddridge

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Langford

Date of Meeting: November 10th 2009

Time: 2:30

Location: Langford Municipal Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
 Don Hockin; Councilor
 Gerond Davidson; Councilor
 Kathy Jasienczyk; Reeve
 Allison Bardsley; CAO
 Pat Martin; Assistant CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Langford. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A council member wished to know whether aerial spraying would be affected in the area. It was stated that it would be at the discretion of each aerial sprayer at how close they wished to be to the line. It was also mentioned that there is no “no fly” zone with regards to this transmission line.	
3.	A council member wished to know why the Riel converter station cannot be located elsewhere to shorten the line. It was noted that the major export line as well as the major load centre of the province is located at Winnipeg. With DC transmission it is more efficient to have a second injection point at the largest load centre. Secondly, the major export line is located at Winnipeg.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the provincial government have directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
6. A council member wished to know why the cost of the west side line was going to cost 640 million dollars more than an east side option. It was stated that the 640 million would be due to an increase in length and the associated line loss. It was also mentioned that the number presented in the media fails to mention that that estimate is over the lifetime of the project.
7. In response to a question regarding migratory birds and potential effects it was stated that routing is difficult in migratory routes. There are mitigation measures that can be implemented to limit bird strikes.
8. A general comment about the line was made regarding Route B “mainly pasture and grazing land” or owned by the crown but I suppose it is the closest to Bipoles I and II.
9. A council member asked whether there have been studies conducted regarding weather patterns and events. It was noted that there are numerous studies that have been undertaken and MH will continue to do research on localized weather patterns. Lightning strikes were raised as an issue yet it was stated that it is not a large concern as compared to severe wind or ice events.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Lansdowne
Date of Meeting:	October 9 th 2009
Time:	10:00
Location:	Lansdowne Municipal Office – Arden
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design Richard Funk; Reeve Doug Popkes; Councilor Leonard Paramor; Councilor Joe Moller; Councilor Bill Pottinger; Councilor Ray Gork; Councilor Carol Henderson; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Lansdowne. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	A council member asked whether the transmission line has an overhead ground wire. It was noted that the individual towers are not grounded but they are grounded at each terminus. It is a closed circuit and the towers themselves are not conductors.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. M. Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. Council wished to know whether there would be a drop in assessed value of land if the transmission line passes through it. M. Wankling stated that historical appraisals on Bipole I and II have shown no correlation regarding land value. With regards to the tower on the land it is not significant to cause major loss in crop revenue but is factored into the compensation package offered by MH.
6. A question was raised at whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. P. McGarry informed council that from research conducted on DC transmission that no link has been made regarding DC fields and human health effects. It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields.
7. A council member asked whether there would be any spider lines or lines that come off the Bipole III line. P. McGarry stated that this line is purely there to send energy down south quickly and efficiently. There will be no taps from this line.
8. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio's, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones and AM stations directly underneath the line. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with.
9. One council member made a comment saying that the Main ridge (of Arden Ridge) would be most preferable if it is located within the RM of Lansdowne. He stated that that line would affect no one.
10. A discussion ensued regarding the underwater options that could exist. P. McGarry stated that this option was not feasible for this type of project due to restrictions on time. This type of placement has never been done in a freshwater, freezable and shallow lake. Further research is being conducted to assess the logistics of construction and maintenance for future projects but not for this project.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Lawrence

Date of Meeting: October 27th 2009

Time: 7:15 pm

Location: Lawrence Municipal Office - Rorketon

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Veronica Hicks; MMM Group
 Ernest Smadella; Councilor
 Anne Hanson; Councilor
 Peter Smigelski; Councilor
 Richard Kachur; Councilor
 Fred Taylor; Councilor
 Bill Hildebrand; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Lawrence. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups. It was also stated that the cost of construction is \$500,000 per km.	
3.	A question was asked at why organic farming would be considered a potential constraint. It was stated that they were not an absolute constraint but there are concerns depending on the location and surrounding lands and how the RoW may be maintained (i.e. pesticide). Also it was noted that certification is a lengthy process, access to the lands is difficult due to heavy machinery and the risk of potential contamination by construction crews	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. Council unanimously decided that Route B would be preferred over BC3. BC3 crosses a lot of intensive farming practices. BC3 was considered “ugly” by council.
6. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio’s, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones and AM stations directly underneath the line. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with. Noise would be minimal and be only heard if standing directly under the HVdc line.
7. A council member wanted to know why the line would not terminate at the west side of Winnipeg. It was stated that due to reliability it needs to be removed from Dorsey station. It was also mentioned that it must terminate at Winnipeg due to it being the major load centre in the province as well as access to the export lines which currently exist.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of MacDonald

Date of Meeting: October 27th 2009

Time: 4:30

Location: MacDonald Municipal Office – Sanford

In Attendance: Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
 Terry Duddridge; MMM Group
 Roger A Kiroyac; Councilor
 Cynthia Bisson; Councilor
 Brad Erb; Councilor
 Tom Raine; CAO
 Grant Baker; PWM
 Brian Rex; Councilor
 Gilles Lavallee; Councilor
 Doug Dobrowolshi; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. M. Wankling presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Macdonald. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	Marc Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	
3.	It was stated that the RM's preferred route would be Route A. This route follows the southern portion of the RM and is less populated.	

4. A council member asked if there was a possibility with a change in government if Bipole III might go down the east side. In response to the questions, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board the Manitoban government have directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
5. It was pointed out by a council member that Route-A runs through the flood zone.
6. A council member asked if it were possible to have a open house in the community of Sanford, and that driving to Winnipeg would be too inconvenient for community members who would more than likely not participate because of driving time. Donovan Toews explained that an open house is being proposed in Elm Creek on December 7th, which will be a convenient enough location for community members. The council agreed.
7. A council member asked whether or not existing hydro land within the RM would be considered for routing options. The response from Marc Wankling was yes, existing hydro land would be considered as routing options.
8. Council asked how much distance is between each tower. Marc Wankling stated the distance between two towers is on average 500 metres.
9. Council asked whether there would be enough public notification for open houses. Marc Wankling explained our public outreach strategy includes newspapers, radio ads, and posters. The council also requested that we send info to the RM office so it could be advertised in the local newspaper.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of McCreary

Date of Meeting: November 18th 2009

Time: 11:30

Location: McCreary Municipal Office – McCreary

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Margaret Roncin; CAO
 Allan Whyte; Councilor
 Larry McLauchlan; Reeve

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councilors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	Council wished to know if there were tax revenues that were going to be created with this line. It was noted that individual land owners will be negotiated with and the land will be acquired through easement. This project will be tax neutral. Land value has also been monitored along Bipoles I and II and has shown no correlation with lower land value.	
3.	In response to a question regarding interference with electronics with this DC line it was stated that land lines were an issue with Bipoles I & II and could be mitigated. There would be interference with AM radio directly below the lines and it was mentioned that this line will emit very low frequency whereas phones, satellites and internet emit at a much higher frequency.	
4.	A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. P. McGarry informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	

5. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the provincial government have directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
6. A question was raised at whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. P. McGarry informed council that from research conducted on DC transmission that no link has been made regarding DC fields and human health effects. It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields.
7. A discussion ensued regarding the underwater options that could exist. P. McGarry stated that this option was not feasible for this type of project due to restrictions on time. This type of placement has never been done in a freshwater, freezable and shallow lake. Further research is being conducted to assess the logistics of construction and maintenance for future projects but not for this project.
8. Council mentioned the possible creation of an interpretive centre in the municipality. It was stated that the location was to the North of Pocket Lake (3-4 miles south of Hwy 50 and 2 miles east). Nothing had been finalized according to council.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with The G7 (Mountain, Minitonas and Swan River Municipalities)
Date of Meeting:	October 5 th 2009
Time:	6:30
Location:	Minitonas Town Hall
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Fiona Scurrah, Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice, Manitoba Hydro Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk, MMM Group Trevor Joyal; MMM Group John Dyck, Plus 4 Consulting Council Members- See attached.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry & John Dyck presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Swan River, Mountain and Minitonas. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question regarding the price of this transmission line was asked. Costs were estimated at 2.2 Billion in 2007. The cost per km is estimated at \$500,000/km	
3.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	

4. A question regarding compensation and RM benefits was asked. P. McGarry informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. A question regarding overall footprint of the tower was asked. P. McGarry stated that the towers themselves in this area would be either 7X7 or 15X15m.
6. A question regarding the construction of the transmission line was asked. They wished to know who will be doing the construction. P. McGarry responded that it will be contracted out and bids will be made for the contract. There will be several phases of construction and separate contracts will exist. In winter there is clearing and spring there is line stringing. These will all be supervised under the direction of MH.

Contracts will be done through the national tender system where Canadian and international contractors can bid for the contracts.
7. A question arose regarding the hiring of visible minorities for the work. P. McGarry responded that MH has the northern purchasing policy. This would be the responsibility of the contractor.
8. A question was asked regarding how close to a home or farmstead this line could be found. P. McGarry replied that the RoW is the limit at which structures could exist. It is MH goal to avoid all residences but there may be a few where mitigation will be required.
9. A question was raised at whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. P. McGarry informed council that from research conducted on DC transmission that no link has been made regarding DC fields and human health effects. It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields.
10. A member of council asked what the roles of the land owner would entail. P. McGarry stated that vegetation management would be the responsibility of the owner. There would also be annual ground patrols and access will be discussed during negotiations with the landowner. Construction in the area would be short and individuals would only see construction for a very short time in their area.

11. A question was asked at what are the benefits of going west instead of the eastern route. Timing was a major factor in determining the location of this route. Due to the lengthy negotiations that would need to take place on the east with FN groups and the opposition that could be expected from ENGOs were considered a constraint to having this line operational in 2017. The eastern side had been worked on since the early 90s and nothing came to fruition due to opposition. The project is needed for reliability and there is not enough time to evaluate the east without extending the project life substantially.
12. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio's, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with. GPS used in the fields was also a concern to council members yet P. McGarry stated that no southern farmers have experienced any interference with their GPS systems.
13. A council member wanted to know the role of the sub routing options. It was stated that these are secondary if there is a major constraint that MH is presented with. There is flexibility with these lines and a combination of them may be the best option for Manitobans.
14. A council member stated that he believed that Route A may intersect with Armit Lake. This lake has a strong fishery as well as an increase in boat traffic. There are talks with regards to future developments in the area due to its new founded popularity with local and foreign residents.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Minto
Date of Meeting:	November 10 th 2009
Time:	11:30
Location:	Minto Municipal Office
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design Brian Pollon; Councilor Ross Burnside; Councilor Keith Syslak; Reeve Aaren Robertson; CAO Doug Dowsett; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Minto. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	A question was asked on how construction will be completed. It was noted that construction would commence after being issued a licence for the project which is expect Fall of 2012. Contractors will be hired to put up the line and the RoW will be evaluated, cleared and then constructed. Location of start and end is at this point unknown but will be completed by 2017 and will be done primarily in the winter months.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.

5. Council wished to know if the line and wind farm development are incompatible. It was noted that there is no necessary conflict. It was mentioned that with the HVdc line there is no tap ins or tap outs. RM stated they would provide the locations of 40 year leases that exist in the municipality for wind development.

Minto
council to
provide map
outlining
Wind Farm
leases.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Mossey River
Date of Meeting:	November 4 th 2009
Time:	10:00
Location:	Mossey River Municipal Office – Fork River
In Attendance:	John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Angela Stefishen; Councilor Kate Basford; Councilor Richard Kolochuk; Councilor Ron Kostyshyn; Reeve Linda Rosteski; CAO John Tichon; Councilor Ken Warkentin; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. J. Dyck outlined the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Mossey River. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the provincial government have directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	A question was raised regarding the location of homes within a RoW. It was noted that no homes would be under the transmission line. It was also mentioned that the 3 mile corridor would allow flexibility when routing to avoid most homes and residences.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. Council wished to know the timelines with regards to construction for the project. It was stated that construction would begin in the fall of 2012 following a licence being issued for the project. It was stated that construction of the converter stations and the line would take 5 years and would be in service by 2017.
6. A council member wished to know who would be responsible for maintenance of the RoW. It was stated that the individual land owners would be responsible for maintenance and vegetation control. If the land is held by the Crown it would be the responsibility of Manitoba Hydro.
7. A council member wished to know whether the line could be tapped off and whether it would be able to handle more transmission if more dams were to be built. It was stated that the line would have capacity for additional generation and transmission and it was stated that with HVdc lines it is point to point transfer of energy.
8. Council wished to know how far apart the towers would be and how far the line will sag. It was stated that the towers will be spaced approximately 480 metres apart and will sag on average 40 ft from the ground. It was stated that maximum sag; which would include full capacity on a hot dry summer day, would be 25 feet from the ground. Bipole III will rarely be held at full capacity.
9. Council stated that there were no major issues or concerns with routing through the RM. It was also mentioned that if Route B was chosen as a preferred route the municipality would do what it can to assist MH in routing.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of North Cypress

Date of Meeting: October 15th 2009

Time: 10:00

Location: North Cypress Municipal Office – Carberry

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Veronica Hicks, MMM Group
 John McEntee, Development Officer-Cypress PD
 Ralph Oliver, Deputy Reeve
 Wayne Blair, Mayor-Town of Carberry
 Norm Campbell, Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of North Cypress. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	Concern was raised by council regarding the proximity to the town of Edrans. It was stated that future development for the town is expected. This is limited to a couple houses per year. The area surrounding Edrans is a general development area as per the newest development plan.	
3.	Council mentioned that the placement of the line through the RM was well placed due to lower agricultural land availability, water, topography and the flat area once you come off the Arden Ridge and is mainly pasture and brush.	

4. Vegetative control within the RoW was brought up by council. P. McGarry stated that it would be the landowner's responsibility and is formulated into the compensation package. MH would clear the area but maintenance is the responsibility of the individual. M. Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. Council members wished to know the role of the sub route options that link alternative routes. It was stated that these routes are not fixed and that there is room to jump to another line or to avoid a large concern that may be brought forth by councils that we meet throughout the round 3 process.
6. Council wished to know why the underwater option was not feasible. It was noted that the underwater option has not been studied in this type of environment. Further research will be conducted to see if future transmission lines could be placed underwater yet will not be considered for this project due to timing constraints.
7. A council member stated that Route B although the shortest and cheapest may be subject to a storm which could take out all three lines due to their close proximity. The member stated that the B side line would have icing and moisture issues due to the proximity to major water bodies.
8. Council wished to know what the primary criteria to choose a corridor were. P. McGarry stated that avoidance of parks, avoidance of federal lands, SE concerns, Biophysical concerns, and terrain constraints, public concerns, and municipal concerns will all play a role in determining the final preferred route.
9. Council wished to know whether MH or the RM will need to approach landowners who may be affected. P. McGarry stated that each individual will be contacted by MH and that process will not occur till after the licence has been approved. Open houses will be the primary source for information pertaining to individual land owners. An open house letter stating all the dates will be sent to each RM shortly once the dates are confirmed.
10. Council wished to know if diagonal crossing of Ag lands will be avoided. It was stated that cost is cheaper to go diagonally but residences and farmsteads were targeted to be avoided. Visual concerns were also considered in forming alternative routing options and avoidance of any major centres of population is being avoided.
11. Council wished to know why Arden ridge was chosen. P. McGarry stated that it is a unique feature in the environment that will avoid substantial agriculture land; it will provide easy access and provides a good solid foundation.

12. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
13. Council wished to know how surplus was dealt with. It was stated that Bipole III will not be running at full capacity and that energy is pooled then transmitted. Domestic use is priority then excess would be exported to the US and other provinces (in lesser amounts).

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Three Meeting with RM of North Norfolk

Date of Meeting: January 11th 2010

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Macgregor – North Norfolk Council Chambers

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning and Design
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Harold Unrau; Councilor
 Leonard Friesen; Councilor
 Bill Wieler; Councilor
 Neil Christoffersen; Reeve
 Karl Voesenek; Councilor
 Art Wilcox; Councilor
 Dennis Jarema; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of North Norfolk. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	

3. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
Following the explanation a member of council asked whether it would be MH or the Municipality who would be notifying land owners. It was stated that MH would be individually negotiating with each affected land owner. One council member stated that the compensation package was not acceptable and it does not cover the hassle of working around a tower.
4. A general concern was raised by a member of council stating that their most recent Development plan is currently under review and will not be accessible till the end of March at the earliest. There was a concern with a newly proposed area east of Austin that will be classified as Rural Residential. Currently the centre line of proposed routes A & C is crossing this proposed rural residential prospect. A map was provided by council to the team and the locations have been noted.
5. A general comment was made regarding Route C stating that it is taking prime agricultural land out of production.
6. A comment was made regarding irrigation pivots and the proposed line. P. McGarry stated that this was a concern to many in the agricultural zone and was something that was being considered. It was also noted that it is difficult to attain information on location of such pivots when they may be in a rotation.
7. A general consensus was reached with council and they stated that Route B was the preference of the council members. Council stated that only north of Edrans was there less fertile land within the RM.
8. Council wished to know whether the Bipole III line was being developed solely to accommodate further northern generation of power. It was stated that with or without further northern generation, Bipole III is needed for reliability within the system. It was noted that if additional generation is created, Bipole III will be able to accommodate the increase in load.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Ochre River

Date of Meeting: November 10th 2009

Time: 7:00

Location: Ochre River Municipal Office – Ochre River

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Clinton Cleave; Councilor
 Irene Mayne; Councilor
 Raymond Janssen; Councilor
 Dave Wildeboer; Councilor
 Clayton Watts; Councilor
 Laura Murray; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	P. McGarry began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councilors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	A council member wished to know how routes will be evaluated how they were determined. It was stated that land use and value, terrain, avoidance and wildlife concerns will all be addressed during route selection. Routes were determined in the same fashion.	
3.	A general comment was made regarding route B. A council member mentioned that there would be substantial clearing on route b yet any land that is crossed would be of lower agricultural value. It was stated that Route B was preferred.	
4.	A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. P. McGarry informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	

5. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the provincial government have directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Portage la Prairie
Date of Meeting:	October 27 th 2009
Time:	2:00
Location:	Portage la Prairie Municipal Office – Portage la Prairie
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno, Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design Terry Duddridge, MMM Group Garrett Asham, Ward I Arnold Vererey, Ward V Daryl Hrehirychuk, CAO Val Cutting, Asst CAO Toby Trinble, Reeve Bill Alford, Councilor Owen Williams, Councilor Terry Simpson, Councilor Larry Gibbs, Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. T. Hreno presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Portage La Prairie. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	T. Hreno informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	

3. A question was asked regarding cost differences between the alternative options. T. Hreno responded by stating each line has a variable distance depending on sub routes. The largest factor in determining cost of the alternative is distance.
4. A question was asked as to how many towers there would be in a distance. T. Hreno explained the average amount of towers would be 3.2 per mile.
5. It was asked why federal lands and FN lands were being avoided. T. Hreno responded that there would be substantial additions to process and consult. It was more beneficial to avoid these lands to simplify the alternative routing options. However the TDF will be something offered to communities within a 5km buffer of Bipole III.
6. A question was asked whether the project would stimulate employment. T. Hreno let council know that construction would be approximately 5 years for the project, and that the labor force for Hydro as well as spin off markets of the project would increase.
7. A question was asked if the project would begin in stages. T. Hreno explained that because of regional differences in topography and climate the project would begin in stages, which would be negotiated with construction companies that will be contracted.

Recorded by: Terry Duddridge

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Ritchot
Date of Meeting:	October 6 th 2009
Time:	2:00
Location:	Ritchot Municipal Office – St. Adolphe
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design John Dyck, Plus 4 Consulting Robert Stefaniuk, Reeve Maurice Tallaire, Councillor Valerie Rutherford, Councillor Florence May, CAO Ray Philippe, Councillor Maurice Leclaire, Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Ritchot. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	A comment was made by council that they want to assure that this is not railroaded through and all design aspects have been considered compared to the Floodway expansion project. It was stated that the environmental impact statement will consider alternatives and that this project is for a long term solution to system reliability.	

4. A council member wished to know which environmental groups were protesting the east side option and where were they from. It was noted that opposition to the project had come from provincial, national and international levels. With regards to the east side option, numerous First Nation groups adamantly opposed the project. The project is urgent and needs to be completed. By returning to the east side option there would be a lengthy change in schedule.
5. A comment was made at whether the energy being transported could be easily replaced by wind and geothermal. It was noted that this project is not being completed on the basis of generating power; it is being done to back up the energy currently generated. The line would also aid in transport of energy if further northern developments are created.
6. A council member asked whether an east side transmission line could be foreseeable in the future. It was stated that if all generating stations such as Keeyask, Conawapa and Wuskwatim were completed and operational it could be an option for energy transport. The initial start for such a project would not be foreseeable till approximately 10 years.
7. Questions regarding RM and land owner compensation were brought forth by council. P. McGarry informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
8. Comments regarding the alternatives were made. Alternative A is the preferred route of council due to lower population and further away from the larger centers in the municipality. Route B poses a concern to council due to its location traveling between Ile des Chenes and Grande Point where it is expected the most development will occur in the municipality. Council stated that OPTION B was UNACCEPTABLE.
9. A council member asked whether the underground option had been completely but aside. P. McGarry stated that underground options can work for lower voltage lines yet for this scale of project it was disregarded due to cost and lack of information regarding 500kV lines being placed underground. Options regarding island hopping and island creation were also discussed noting that if it were the only option it could be done yet cost and maintenance issues would most likely arise.
10. Council requested that for the final round of consultation that we provide mapping which includes the following municipalities; Ritchot, Hanover, Tache and MacDonald at a much finer scale.

Following
Round of
Consultation
needs

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Rosedale

Date of Meeting: October 9th 2009

Time: 11:15

Location: Rosedale Municipal Office- Neepawa

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design
 Barry Kohinski; Councilor
 Karen McDonald; CAO
 Robert Scott; Councilor
 Larry Kostenchuk; Councilor
 Mike Porrok; Councilor
 Howard Penner; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Rosedale. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question was asked whether Route B met the 100 km standard for separation. P. McGarry replied that it is the closest route to Bipoles I and II. There are sections that meet the minimum requirement of 40 kms.	
3.	A question of overall line lengths was asked. T. Joyal informed council that the line lengths were estimates based on the larger dashed lines and did not factor in possible sub routing options. Lengths given were A-1471 B-1345 and C-1288 kms. It was mentioned that there is a length of 200 km between the longest and shortest alternative.	
4.	Council made a comment regarding Route B denoting that it would be the least populated of all alternatives and would provide good access for maintenance.	

5. M. Wankling gave a short talk regarding what individual land owners could expect for compensation. M. Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three- Meeting with Municipality of Rosburn

Date of Meeting: November 9th 2009

Time: 2:00

Location: Rosburn Municipal Office – Rosburn

In Attendance: Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Brian Brown; Reeve
 Marianne Choptuik; CAO
 Ilse Ketelsen; Councilor
 Dallas Miller; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Joyal began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councilors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation as well as the compensation package offered to landowners. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	In response to a question regarding the length of Route A and the Length of a propose east side route it was stated that the longest route from start to finish is A with an estimated length of 1471 km whereas an east side route had been estimated at under 900 km.	
4.	In response to a question regarding the cost of the line it was stated that the estimate is 500,000 dollars per kilometre of transmission line.	
5.	A general comment was made stating that Route B looks the most preferable due to it being the shortest. It was stated that all lines have pros and cons. Route B is the shortest line yet is the closest to the existing Bipoles I and II which may not be the preferred due to reliability issues.	

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Shell River
Date of Meeting:	October 13 th 2009
Time:	10:00
Location:	Shell River Municipal Office – Roblin
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Veronica Hicks; MMM Group Joe Senderewich; Councillor Mike Shenderevich; Councillor Gary Buick; Councillor Albert Nabe; Reeve Twyla Ludwig; CAO Victor Starchuk; Councillor Craig Mohr; Councillor Jack Lenderbeck; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Shell River. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question was raised regarding cost of the line which followed with a comment stating that there are blatant cost differences between B and A. P. McGarry stated that the cost of 1 km of line is \$500,000. There will need to be tradeoffs with regards to cost, distance, separation and land crossed. All aspects are being considered for preferred route.	
3.	Council wished to know where the energy is being sold that will be traveling along Bipole III. P. McGarry informed council that it is used primarily for domestic use and that energy is pooled. If energy is in excess of the needs of domestic users than the excess is sold/exported to the US, primarily Wisconsin and Minnesota where export agreements exist. 35% of MHs revenue is generated through export. There are also 3 lines into Ontario and some into Saskatchewan.	

4. A question was raised regarding compensation to land owners. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. A question was raised at whether the transmission line would cause interference with radio's, televisions or internet. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with and resolved. It was also noted that the fields generated from these lines are much weaker than the electric field that the Earth possesses.
6. A council member wished to know if any First Nation Lands are being crossed with this Transmission line. P. McGarry stated that no FN lands were being traversed due to federal involvement.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Shellmouth-Boulton

Date of Meeting: October 14th 2009

Time: 1:00

Location: Shellmouth-Boulton Municipal Office – Inglis

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison, Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Veronica Hicks; MMM Group
 Rick Goraluck; Councilor
 Kelvin Nerbas; Councilor
 John Hunter; Councilor
 Cindy Marzoff; CAO
 Ron Turetsky; Councilor
 Alvin Zimmer; Reeve
 Stan Herechuk; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Shellmouth-Boulton. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A question was raised as whether MH will be maintaining brush clearance in forested areas. P. McGarry responded that if it is not owned by an individual MH would maintain that RoW.	

3. A question regarding compensation to the landowners was made by one of the councilors. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in a account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
4. A council member was curious to know if a land owner does not want to negotiate and we must cross their land, how MH will deal with such an issue. P. McGarry mentioned that it will all be negotiated on an individual basis. Expropriation is not a common practice for MH but it is a final option if all other means are not successful.
5. In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.
6. A member of council wanted to know why we could not build the line on the Saskatchewan border. P. McGarry noted that it would cause cross boundary issues and it would then involve the NEB. This was not a path that MH was interested in undertaking.
7. A question regarding length of construction was raised. P. McGarry stated that if the licence is received in 2012 then construction would begin right away and would take approximately 5 years to complete with an in service date in 2017.
8. Council wished to know if MH will be avoiding yard sites. It was mentioned that the RoW will not have any homes or infrastructure within it. It is the goal of MH to avoid such things yet it is not guaranteed that all individuals will be avoided.
9. Council wished to know why the underwater option was not being pursued. P. McGarry noted that the underwater option is not feasible for this project due to constraints in time. Further research is being done to see if this could work for a shallow lake which freezes. Maintenance and construction also pose interesting feats for engineers and workers. There are also concerns with regards to fish habitat and the involvement with DFO.
10. Council wanted the logistics behind whether underground could happen for this project. P. McGarry responded that lines can go underground but not 500kV lines. These lines are high voltage and it has not been done in this province.

11. Council wished to know whether an abandoned rail line would provide a good RoW for the line. It was stated that yes at times it can be beneficial yet each line runs into a community and costs would be escalated if at every community it would need to be looped around. The Row is also not as wide as required; 66ft is all that is required for a rail line.
12. Council wished to know how wildlife such as caribou would actually be affected by the line. P. McGarry mentioned that construction may hinder populations of caribou if it is during a time of migration or calving. As well, with the removal of trees it provides a corridor for other ungulates to travel the RoW but with them usually brings predators such as wolves. It is also unknown how caribou respond to an open clearing during movement of herds.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Shoal Lake
Date of Meeting:	October 28 th 2009
Time:	1:00
Location:	Shoal Lake Municipal Office – Shoal Lake
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Veronica Hicks; MMM Group Nadine Gapka; CAO Don Yanick; Reeve John Hogg; Councilor Wayne Myhill; Councilor Merv Starzyk; Councilor Ernest Kowal; Councilor Murray Solomon; Councilor Ron Gerelus; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Shoal Lake. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	Council wished to know whether they received any benefits from the placement of the line within their municipal limits. It was stated that the project is tax neutral with regards to municipalities. All negotiations are for easements and the compensation will go directly to the land owner.	
3.	A council member was concerned with how close to the local airport the line may be. Another council member stated by the look of placement it should be far enough away from the airport as to not cause any problems.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. A council member was upset at the fact that the municipalities would not gain from this project. He stated that to get distribution lines into the municipality it costs upwards of \$30,000 which is paid by the municipality and for Bipole III individuals are being compensated. It was stated that this was MH policy. P. McGarry noted that he would provide the council with MH policy and try to better answer his concerns.
6. Council wished to know why First Nation land was not being routed through. It was stated that this would add another layer of government (federal), it would avoid complexity in the project and there is room in the study area to avoid such things.
7. A council member wished to know why the Riel converter station cannot be located at Brandon to shorten the length of line. It was noted that the major export line as well as the major load centre of the province is located at Winnipeg. With DC transmission it is more efficient to have a second injection point at the largest load centre. It was also mentioned that there are no export lines that exist out of Brandon.
8. A member of council wanted to know why it was DC and not AC. It was noted that it would be cheaper and more efficient to have the energy travelling as DC. There would be less line losses.
9. Council wished to know what the cost of the project was. It was noted that according to 2007 estimates the project would cost 2.2 billion dollars where 50% of that would be primarily related to the construction of the converter stations.
10. Council wished to know how far from Recreational areas could they expect to see the line. It was stated that the distance is not set in stone. It is not MHs priority to interfere with the use of the land but acknowledges that it cannot be placed out of site from someone.
11. Council wished to know at how we are addressing aerial crop sprayers. It was stated that there is no “no fly” zone around the towers. They may need to adjust approach but the two are not incompatible.

MH to
Respond to
Council

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Silver Creek

Date of Meeting: December 8th 2009

Time: 9:00

Location: Silver Creek Municipal Office – Angusville

In Attendance: Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Kelvin Mazur; Councilor
 Alwyn Derkatch; Councilor
 Fred Dunn; Reeve
 Mark Keating; Deputy Reeve
 Sean Ratchin; Councilor
 Garth McTavish; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	T. Joyal began by explaining the basics of the Bipole III project. Councilors were given maps of the area in question (1:250,000 scale) as well as a newsletter and a comment sheet. A quick overview of how the routes were chosen was focus of the brief presentation. Floor was opened to any questions that councilors may have.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	
3.	Council wished to know the lengths of the routes as compared to an east side option. It was stated that the line lengths are; Route A -1485, Route B – 1290 and Route C – 1345 km. It was noted that an east side line was estimated at a distance of 900km. It was also noted that the lines on the map represent 3 mile wide corridors for planning purposes, including sub-routes.	
4.	A question regarding farmer compensation was brought forth. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	

5. Council wished to know whether there would be tax revenue generated from this project for the municipality. It was stated that the negotiations will be for an easement therefore no taxes will be paid.
6. Council wished to know the current projected cost of the project. It was stated that for both converter stations and the erection of the transmission line is estimated at 2.2 billions dollars based on 2007 data.
7. Council wished to know whether there would be audible noise coming from these transmission lines. It was noted that there may be some low volume noise emitted from the line yet would be directly below within the RoW.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of South Norfolk
Date of Meeting:	October 13 th 2009
Time:	2:00
Location:	South Norfolk Municipal Office – Treherne
In Attendance:	Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Somia Sadiq; MMM Group Terry Duddridge; MMM Group Al Bibault; Councillor John Bekeris; Councillor David Maginet; Councillor Tom Kelly; Reeve Jackie Jenkinson; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. T. Hreno presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of South Norfolk. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups.	

3. Questions regarding RM and land owner compensation were brought forth by council. M. Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner.

It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.

4. A question was posed by council regarding how MH intends to deal with farmers who have irrigation pivots on their property. M. Wankling stated that each landowner will be evaluated independently. The corridors presented are 3 mile wide corridors to accommodate movement and flexibility with regards to situations such as these. If there are no alternatives or means to avoid or disrupt the use of irrigation pivots then compensation will be required and negotiated.

Recorded by: Terry Duddridge

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Springfield
Date of Meeting:	October 14 th 2009
Time:	2:00
Location:	Springfield Municipal Office – Oakbank
In Attendance:	Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling, Manitoba Hydro James Matthewson; Manitoba Hydro Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design Brian Thompson; Councillor Randall Znamirovski; CFO Lorne Vaggs; Deputy Reeve Laurent Tetrault; CAO Bob Bodnaruk; Councillor Ken Lucko; Councillor Karen Lalonde; Councillor Peter Skrupski; Reeve

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. Fiona Scurrah and Marc Wankling outlined the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Springfield. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	M. Wankling provided information on right-of-way acquisition and compensation for landowners for the Bipole III project. In response to a question asking how big the right-of-way will be, M. Wankling indicated it would be 60 metres wide.	
3.	In response to a question asking if the transmission line is close to homes would Manitoba Hydro purchase them, M. Wankling indicated that no the homes would not be purchased as the RoW is located in a three mile corridor in which the alternative route can be placed.	
4.	In response to a questions asking about underwater/underground, M. Wankling indicated that these options are not being considered for Bipole III but will be reviewed for a possible future line (i.e. Bipole IV).	

5. The RM of Springfield asked if Manitoba Hydro could provide information on the locations for the southern ground electrode. MB Hydro indicated they would provide this info to Lorne Vaggs. Completed
6. The RM of Springfield offered three potential locations for the southern ground electrode: N1/2-19-10-7; NW-20-10-7 and 23-10-7.

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Ste. Anne

Date of Meeting: October 14th 2009

Time: 11:15

Location: Ste. Anne Municipal Office – Ste. Anne

In Attendance: Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 James Matthewson; Manitoba Hydro
 Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
 Art Bergmann; Reeve
 Renald Courcelles; Councilor
 Jake Reimer; Councilor
 Mark Lanouette; Councilor
 Dan Brunel; Councilor
 Roger Massicotte; Councilor
 Laurie Evans; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. Fiona Scurrah and Marc Wankling outlined the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Ste. Anne. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a question asking how far apart the towers will be, MB Hydro indicated that the towers will be approximately 3.5 towers per mile.	
3.	A question was raised regarding land owner compensation. M. Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.	

Recorded by: Kerri-Lyn Szwaluk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Ste. Rose
Date of Meeting:	October 27 th 2009
Time:	2:00
Location:	Ste. Rose Municipal Office – Ste. Rose du Lac
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Veronica Hicks; MMM Group Alain Ingelbeen; Councilor Guy Tardiff; Councilor Emile Bernardin; Councilor Maurice Maguet; Councilor Michelle Denys; CAO Marleen Bouchard; CAO (Town of Ste. Rose du Lac) Michel Letain; Town of Ste. Rose du Lac

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Ste. Rose. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	In response to a question regarding spacing of the towers it was noted that the towers will be separated by 480 metres which works to an average of 3.2 towers per mile.	
3.	In response to a question regarding sag of the line it was stated that the maximum sag of the line is estimated at full capacity on a very hot and dry day and could sag up to 25 feet from the ground. It will be more common to see these lines at 40 feet from the ground.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and land owner compensation. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. A question was asked as to whether the municipality could see an increase in work for the area. It was noted that it would be short lived and not permanent. Restaurants and hotels could see an increase in business during times of construction in the area. Supplies/hardware may also see increase in sales if materials are needed for the project.
6. A council member stated “if you get 95% that sign on and 5% who are against how will MH deal with this concern”. It was noted that all negotiations were done with the private land owner. These towers will be larger and less difficult to work around compared to the interference caused by AC poles. MH will do what they can to avoid this kind of situation yet MH does hold the power to expropriate land if needed but it is not their intention for this project.
7. A council member wished to know if there would be tap ins or outs from this line. It was stated that this line will be solely for point to point transmission and will not tap in to any other line.
8. A council member wished to know the cost of the entire project. It was stated that based on 2007 estimates the project will cost 2.2 billion dollars.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with RM of Strathclair

Date of Meeting: October 7th 2009

Time: 11:30

Location: Strathclair Municipal Office - Strathclair

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Louis Willison, Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design
 John Gill, Councilor
 Shelley Glenn, CAO
 Ken Wozney, Reeve
 Linda Earl, Councilor
 Barb Gregory, Councilor
 Sandra Dmyterko, Councilor
 Martin Woodgory, Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Strathclair. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A variety of initial comments started the discussions regarding some of the alternate routes. It was stated that Route A had very high value crop land where as Route B was deemed `waste land`. It was noted that there are a variety of variables that must be taken into account when dealing with placement of a transmission line. Reliability, distance, length and agricultural uses are all factors that play in to route selection.	
3.	A comment was raised by one of the council members regarding the importance of wetlands. Priority should be given to agricultural land not swamps.	

4. A question was raised regarding taxation and compensation. L. Willison informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
5. One council member raised a concern regarding health and power lines and wished to know if avoidance of residences was being considered. P. McGarry informed council that avoidance of residences was priority to the best of their ability. P. McGarry also noted that scientific literature has yet to prove a cause and effect relationship with regards to EMF.
6. One council member mentioned that the Bipole III project is not in the same category as other smaller projects. This council member was upset that MH was coming in and asking for land to place poles and not paying the RM anything but when they wish to add power lines to growing areas it becomes a burden on the municipality with regards to cost.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Tache
Date of Meeting:	October 20 th 2009
Time:	7:30
Location:	Tache Municipal Office – Lorette
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design Andy Rivard; Councilor Ross McLennan; Councilor Ron Tardiff; Councilor Ross Deschambault; Councilor Dave Menard; Councilor William Danylchuk; Reeve Robert Koop; Councilor Dan Poersch; Councilor Jeanette Laramee

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Tache. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	General comments followed the review of the alternate routes. Council members mentioned the following regarding the alternatives; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Route B: least impact on the RM; east of 207 and west of Lorette - Route A: Large impact on future development along the border of the RM of Ste. Anne - Route C: Greatest impact on residences 	
3.	In response to a question raised regarding meteorological considerations for choice of alternatives it was stated that separation distance was a large consideration to avoid one storm being capable of taking down all three Bipole lines.	

4. In response to a question regarding who will ultimately determine which route is preferred. It was stated that numerous variables will go into the determination of the route and that Municipal and Public feedback will all be considered for determination of the route and for any mitigation that may be required.
5. A question was raised regarding the cost of the line. It was noted that the line lengths do vary but on average the cost for 1km of route is approximately \$500,000.
6. M. Wankling informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Municipality of Westbourne
Date of Meeting:	November 10 th 2009
Time:	1:00
Location:	Westbourne Municipal Office – Gladstone
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice, Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning & Design John Skaftfeld; Councilor Dwight Ferguson; Councilor Arnold Coutts; Councilor Patricia McCaskill; CAO David Single; Reeve Leanne Sollner; Councilor Ken Morrison; Councilor Hugh Blair; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to council. A map of the municipality was shown outlining the alternative routes that may affect the RM of Westbourne. 1:250,000 maps were provided to council to review as well as one large conceptual area map outlining all potential alternative routing options from north to south. Topographic maps (1:50,000), were also provided if the municipality requested a more detailed map of the area. After review of the routes council was free to ask any questions which would aid in their understanding of the project. A newsletter with a map insert of the alternative routes and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review.	
2.	A concern was raised at to whether the towers will be guyed towers in agricultural zones. It was stated that the guyed wires that were used for Bipoles I & II will only be used in forested areas primarily north of Swan River. It was also noted that there will be no switching of tower types except at Swan River where the change will be made to self supporting steel lattice towers.	

3. G. Fitzmaurice informed council that there is a compensation package that will be provided to each land owner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value and the use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner. It was also mentioned that the project will be done with easements therefore it is tax neutral for the municipality. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence.
Following the explanation a member of council asked whether it would be MH or the Municipality who would be notifying land owners. It was stated that MH would be individually negotiating with each affected land owner. The municipality could inform those who may be potentially affected regarding our open house dates so that they could be active in the process of route determination. A council member asked if expropriation was possible and it was stated that it is not the plan with regards to this project yet MH does have the power to expropriate.
4. A question was raised regarding the placement of the terminating converter station. It was asked as to why it would not terminate at Brandon to shorten the overall line. It was stated that with DC power it is most efficient to have the power sent to the major load centre for inversion as a second injection point into the grid. The export line D602F to the US also begins at Winnipeg.
5. A member of council wished to know how far the towers will be spaced and how will MH be routing over existing lines. It was stated that the towers will be spaced at 480 metres apart (an average of 3.2 towers per mile) and that there were numerous options for by-passing existing lines.
6. A council member asked whether expropriation was an option for this project. It was stated that MH has the power to expropriate land if needed but wishes to acquire property through individual land owner easements.
7. Council wished to know why caribou will have such a large role in determining route options in the northern portions of the study area. It was noted that caribou are protected under 2 levels of legislation; both federally and provincially, and these animals are threatened and sensitive.
8. In response to a question regarding job creation it was stated that most crews will be in and out of an area and only there for a short period of time. There may be an increase in the necessity for local skilled and unskilled labour but there will not be a significant increase in job opportunities in the area. Local services may see an increase in business; such as hotels and restaurants, while crews are in the area.
9. Council wished to know the cost and construction times for the remainder of the project. It was stated that if the licence is approved in the fall of 2012 construction will begin immediately. It was noted that construction of the converter stations and the transmission lines will take approximately 5 years to complete with a scheduled in service date of 2017. Council was told that the cost for the project based on 2007 estimates is estimated at 2.2 billion dollars.

- 10.** Comments were made on the following routes;
Route B – Primarily ranch land and less of a population compared to the other routes.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with MB Lodges and Outfitters Association (MLOA)
Date of Meeting:	January 15, 2010
Time:	1:30 p.m.
Location:	MLOA Office (1534 Gamble, Winnipeg)
In Attendance:	Ryan Suffron; MLOA Executive Director Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning, Manitoba Hydro Consultant

Item	Description	Action By
1.	C. Johnson thanked MLOA for the opportunity to meet and provided an update regarding the status of the project (Round 3 – Alternative Routes). Manitoba Hydro provided an overview of the map of the Bipole III study area.	
2.	R. Suffron expressed concern that a significant number of individual business owners (outfitters) were not aware of the Round 3 Open Houses and should have been directly notified. D.Toews outlined the notification methods Manitoba Hydro used including, public print advertisements, local radio announcements, posters placed in prominent town locations throughout the study area, the project website and direct notification by letter to listed stakeholders. D.Toews to confirm whether MLOA received the direct notification.	DT
3.	R. Suffron noted that MLOA represents about 65% of all Manitoba Outfitters, and that MB Conservation should be able to provide MB Hydro with a list of all outfitters and their respective Game Hunting Areas on a regional basis. It was suggested that Manitoba Hydro contact Brian Hagglund (Allocations Manager). Each outfitter operates under a Tourism Operators License.	
4.	In response to a question regarding whether the route of the Bipole III transmission line had been established, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the purpose for Round 3 consultation is to inform the decision-making for selection of a Preferred Route from among the identified Alternative Routes, and that there are many variables that will inform that decision-making process.	
5.	MLOA indicated that they felt it made more sense that the Bipole III be located in eastern Manitoba. If a western route were chosen, then Route B would generally be preferred because it is shorter and would likely disturb fewer outfitters, though there would still be outfitters affected by a Route B selection. Route A is definitely not preferred, primarily because of its route through Provincial Forest Areas.	
6.	R. Suffron indicated his appreciation for the meeting. MB Hydro advised that they would be willing to meet with MLOA or its members at any time during Round 3 or the anticipated Round 4 in or around June 2010.	

Recorded by: Donovan Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Keystone Agricultural Producers

Date of Meeting: February 9th 2010

Time: 11:30

Location: 203-1700 Ellice Ave. Winnipeg

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
 Yvonne Rideout; General Manger
 Ian Wishart; President
 James Batteshill; Policy Analyst
 Doug Chorney; Vice President
 Garth McTavish; RM of Silver Creek
 Roger Barrough; Guest

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Pat McGarry began the meeting with a 10 minute PowerPoint presentation outlining the need for the project and project components. The KAP members were provided with newsletters, comment sheets, a study area map with routes as well as 1:250,000 maps of the agricultural zone within the study area (all areas south of The Pas). The floor was then opened to members of KAP to ask questions regarding the project.	
2.	In response to a question regarding routing over homes it was mentioned that at this time the alternative routes are 3 mile wide corridors and it would be premature to assume the route would be located over any homes. It was mentioned that to develop the routes avoidance was a primary criteria and the alternative routes do not pass through First Nation lands or any federal or provincial parks. Once a preferred RoW has been defined, local land owners will be notified as part of the fourth round of public consultation and negotiations will be carried out after the license has been issued.	
3.	A general comment was made regarding Route B; -Route B has the most crown land as compared to other alternatives and would likely have the least impact on private land holdings (nearly half as much as any other route). There would be more cattle ranching in this area and it was mentioned that cattle pasture and transmission lines are compatible and that no fences would be needed surrounding the towers.	
4.	A comment was made regarding GPS interference with AC and DC lines. It was noted that current study is being undertaken by MH to assess the possible implications. It was noted that older GPS units are dependent on more than one satellite but once one is knocked out it must reconfigure. It was also noted that cell phone interference was not expected with such low frequency.	

5. A lengthy discussion followed regarding rerouting criteria as well as compensation to the land owner. Marc Wankling discussed the three tiered approach to MH compensation. 1) Acquisition of the easement based on 75% of market value at the time of negotiation 2) Tower compensation for land taken out of production and 3) any damages accrued during construction. It was also noted that tile drainage, irrigation, aerial spraying and irrigation pivots are all factors that will be considered when negotiations begin after an environmental license is issued. All aspects are taken into consideration with each land owner. One member asked what would happen if he said “no” to any line crossing his property. It was noted that MH has the power to expropriate land yet this is not a course of action they generally take. The last expropriation case happened in the 90s and nearly all negotiations can be settled upon by both parties. The compensation policy has been standard with MH for 30-40 years and is in keeping with the policies of other jurisdictions.
6. A general question regarding health effects to both humans and cattle was brought forth. It was noted that scientific study has shown no correlation between HVdc transmission and health effects. It was mentioned that during construction, crews are diligent in assuring that in cattle pasture no foreign objects are left behind such as copper wire trimmings or other material the like.
7. A question was asked at how much it would cost to move a portion of the line once it has been constructed. It was noted that it would be in the order of millions of dollars for even short sections of line to erect new towers and most likely an angle tower which are more expensive to erect and construct.
8. A discussion regarding aerial spraying was brought forth. It was stated that there are no “no-fly” zones around these transmission towers and it is the responsibility of the pilot to understand the limits of their capabilities and to not put themselves or others in danger. MH would prefer that no individual ever attempt to fly under the lines.
9. With regards to diagonal crossing of land, MH is aware that this can be the most disruptive to farming practices and would be taken into consideration during compensation negotiation if farming patterns change or there is a quantifiable loss of crop due to a change in aerial application.
10. A question was asked regarding whether this line will follow PRs or PTHs. It was stated while that is MH general preference generally individuals also construct homes close to the road allowance which may make routing difficult and may require the line be moved away from the road. MH always attempts to find the “path of least resistance” to avoid crossing back and forth over the landscape.
11. In response to a question regarding audible noise with regards to DC lines it was noted that current studies are being undertaken by MH to assess the potential for noise. It was noted that the noise would be dependent on location to other transmission lines as well as weather.

12. A question was asked as to whether there are safety concerns with regards to a piece of machinery hitting the tower and the likelihood of the tower collapsing. It was stated that these are heavy duty structures and are anchored with 30 - 40' piles at each corner or to bedrock where present. It was stated that if any fault were to occur the line would trip out almost instantly.
13. A general comment was made from KAP members stating that when farmers were previously approached for a pipeline in Manitoba they believed that they were not treated equitably and formed a coalition. They stated that MH should be sure that the compensation package will treat farmers fairly to avoid a collective rejection by the farming community.
14. A comment was made regarding the phrasing of the property easement contract. It was stated that past easement contracts were written in legalese which made little sense to a farmer who may not have access to a lawyer. A more friendly approach may sit better with those who will be signing such contracts.
15. It was stated by KAP members that they would not be making any specific comments regarding each route or segments. They felt as though it was not their place to "decide" a preferred route but to assure that their members concerns have been addressed adequately in all stages of the project.
16. It was noted that the threat of cross contaminated crops as well as Biosecurity issues are becoming increasingly important concerns. Clubroot contamination (canola) is of concern during construction phases of the project. It was felt that MH should have a very detailed biosecurity management plan. Sites where Clubroot has been found should be noted. Further study would be necessary to find locations where it has been documented.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Mining Association
Manitoba Inc.

Date of Meeting: November 19th 2009

Time: 11:00

Location: Delta Downtown Winnipeg

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Bill Krawchuk; MMM Group
MAMI Members

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>P. McGarry presented a power point slideshow outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to association members. An overall map of the Province was shown outlining the alternative routes and mining constraint layers. The constraint data presented was derived from publicly available sources of information. Electronic versions of the overall provincial map (at 1:750,000) and a series of 1:250,000 topographic maps were provided in advance of the presentation to the Executive Director of MAMI, Ed Huebert. MAMI members can contact the Association for copies of the electronic files. Additional hard copies can be provided by Manitoba Hydro to any of the members who request copies. P. McGarry indicated that the Project Team is in the midst of Round Three Consultation, which includes consultation with various stakeholders to get their input on the proposed alternative routes. The Mining Association is one of the stakeholders that Manitoba Hydro wishes to engage as the process in selecting a preferred route proceeds.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked regarding the criteria that are used for routing transmission lines and whether Manitoba Hydro considers situations where there may be a benefit, for example to mineral exploration companies. P. McGarry noted that Manitoba Hydro does consider opportunities to route its transmission facilities. Looking at the overall map, the route for Bipole III will have an impact on areas with minerals and mineral potential. Manitoba Hydro is interested in dialogue with various stakeholders such as the Association or individual companies to discuss how the routes may have an impact on their mining interests.</p>	
3.	<p>A question was raised as to whether there is a risk of health effects with regards to transmission lines. P. McGarry informed Association members that from research conducted on DC transmission no link has been made regarding DC fields and health effects on people or wildlife (domestic animals). It was also stated that WHO does not consider there to be a link with regards to these fields. P. McGarry indicated that newly developed brochures will be released that will further address this issue in terms of the state of the research and explain Manitoba Hydro's position on this issue with respect to Bipole III.</p>	

4. A question was asked as to whether a corridor on the eastern side of the province was looked at, in addition to going with western alternative corridors. P. McGarry responded that Manitoba Hydro has been directed to proceed with planning studies for a route of a new bipole on the western side of the province. The eastern side had been worked on up to the early 90s when planning activities were halted due to changing circumstances. The present project, and studies currently underway, has been developed to address reliability issues identified by Manitoba Hydro, focusing on a western route solution.
5. A comment was made that Association members would be interested in knowing what the possible benefits of Manitoba Hydro's transmission line right-of-way could be for mineral exploration companies to better access their properties and interests. It was also noted that interference from the new bipole line with mining operations is a potential concern. P. McGarry stated that Manitoba Hydro wants to work with Association and its members to avoid or minimize situations where there is a potential for interference with mining operations from its transmission line right-of-way.
6. P. McGarry thanked the Association for the invitation and reiterated that he would welcome further input from members as the route selection for Bipole III proceeds. Copies of Project newsletters with a map insert of the alternative routes and information on EMF were made available for distribution at the end of the session.

Recorded by: Bill Krawchuk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Mineral Sector Interests (VALE-INCO, MAMI, Innovation, Energy & Mines)
Date of Meeting:	January 27 th 2010
Time:	
Location:	700-305 Broadway, Winnipeg Manitoba (MAMI Office)
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Todd Middleton; Manitoba Hydro Kelly Gilmore; HBM&S Limited Ed Huebert; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc. Doug Fogwell; MB Prospectors Association Renne Galipeau; Victory Nickel Ryan Cooke; Gossan Tom Lewis; Wildcat Mark Fedikow; Mount Morgan Resources Ltd. Rob Stewart; VALE-INCO Rick Syme; Innovation, Energy & Mines Jamie Lavigne; Garson Gold Corp.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Pat McGarry thanked the MAM for inviting MH to discuss the Bipole 3 project. He provided a quick overview of the project including the need for the project and that it is reliability driven. He explained that it was an oversight on the part of MH for not getting a better understanding of the issues and concerns related to the mineral sector. It is essential to obtain input from the MAM on the identified alternative routes from their exploration and mining interest perspective to help in the evaluation of the alternatives presented, and to consider any other options, leading ultimately to selection of a preferred route. It is important for MH to understand the issues facing the mining industry and how they relate to the Bipole project. Industry input is timely in determining a preferred route.	
2.	John Dyck provided an overview of the project study area and the alternative routes identified to date. Information has been collected and incorporated as part of a GIS mapping system to identify constraints and issues, including mining interests, parks, TLE and FNs lands, wildlife interests and research/monitoring studies in support of the alternative routes evaluation process are underway.	

3. Ed Huebert provided a brief synopsis of the amount of mineral interests (exploration licences, mining claims and mining leases) that overlap with the Bipole III conceptual study area. Kelly thought that there might still be opportunity to influence the Wuskwatim T-Line project. It was indicated that that particular project planning started in 2000 and is now in the final stages of construction. It has nothing to do with Bipole. Kelly asked if there is any legality that stops MH from routing through Prov. Parks and if not then the line should be routed through Grass River. Kelly thought the industry and association should pressure Mb government to allow MH to route through GR Park. Ed indicated that a line was allowed and is part of the Planning for the East Arm and Artillery Lake National Park also referred to as the TheyDene Nene Park proposal. Pat explained that routing through GR Park had been attempted and that it had been made very clear that none of the options were to infringe on any provincial park. Option AA2 avoids the park through Cranberry Portage but it is a very tight fit through the town. Pat made it clear that his department and MH would not be going to government in an attempt to route through parks. Ed indicated that if ASIs were proving difficulties for MH, the MAM could withdraw its support for them enabling government to review them or have them removed.

Mark indicated that MH should consider the high potential formations within the province as high economic drivers and try to avoid them. Pat indicated that MH needs have input from the industry, specifically they need to identify their high priority areas at which point MH can review its routing and look for re-routing opportunities, remembering that all alternatives have to be run through all filters. MH also needs to know the limits of line effects.

Doug Fogwell indicated that junior exploration company properties between Lake Athapuskow and Goose Lake would be valueless if a line goes through there. He also wondered where the Association stands in relation to the east vs west routing question. Ed responded by saying that the MAM is working with MH on the west side but as rate payers are supportive of the more financially reliable/responsible routing option.

It was apparent from the maps and discussions that the most significant sites include the Thompson nickel belt and the area between Wekusko and File Lakes although there are many important sites throughout the study area. Ed indicated that the Snow Lake area (the Lalor Lake deposit) is currently the 3rd most important site in the province and that Snow Lake will see considerable growth over the coming years. Mark added that Snow Lake area represents existing and emerging values and is therefore a very high priority area.

4. The MAM submitted a map with a proposed alternative that would avoid the Snow Lake area , using Rte A and extending from AC1 to BB2 thereby missing most claims/leases for Manitoba Hydro's consideration. A few other routing options were also discussed, including Kelly's suggestion of going between Talbot and Moose Lakes. Doug does not like AA2 and A13. Favourable comments about an option to extend B10 SW west of Setting Lake and connect it to BB2; BB2 to route around dispositions in the Dyce Lake area as well. Another option put forward was using Rte A to AA2 to Cranberry Portage and then south along existing infrastructure to The Pas. This option would pass through GR and CWL Provincial Parks.

Ed indicated that the MAM would provide a consolidated set of comments and recommendations back to MH.

Pat acknowledged the suggested alternatives and asked representatives to provide information on their priority areas where they would prefer Manitoba Hydro not to go and requested that this be provided in writing and where maps are involved in shape file format so that this information can be incorporated into the GIS system for review. Pat indicated that responses/submissions could come from the MAM, companies and/or individuals, whatever their preference was.

5. Rick indicated that it is important to clearly identify what the effects of the line are on the mining industry and vice versa. Ed indicated that the MAM would provide constraint questions to MH by Friday, Jan 29/10.

Ed added that there are numerous considerations that need to be addressed including, cumulative effects including the potential of lost opportunities to the mining sector and economic spinoff to MB and communities, ground water effects, what kind of restrictions will MH place on the mining industry and their practices. Doug asked if the industry would need to get permits from MH to conduct work around the line.

Ed also wondered how the mining sector was being viewed in this project. Pat responded that the industry is being considered as a stakeholder, from socio-economic perspective and also land use. Ed emphasized that MH should be using the latest information available regarding the mining industry in the assessment and not outdated information from Stats Canada. The MAM can assist.

6. In response to a question on the timeline for Bipole III, Pat indicated that Manitoba Hydro is targeting to submit an EIS for the project in June 2011 – in the interim there is a lot of work to do, including various field studies, with a decision to be made on a preferred right-of-way in the next month to allow for the assessment to be completed. Pat asked that any information on areas of importance and suggested alternatives be provided to Manitoba Hydro in writing in the next two weeks so that it can be reviewed and considered. Kelly indicated that they would be supportive of MH and work with them to find a preferred route.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with HBM&S
Date of Meeting:	January 26 th , 2010
Time:	
Location:	820 Taylor Avenue, Aurora Room, 3 rd Floor
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Tom Goodman; HBM&S Limited Kelly Gilmore; HBM&S Limited Ed Heubert; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc. Bill Krawchuk; MMM Group Ltd

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Pat McGarry welcomed those in attendance and introduced the purpose of the meeting. It is essential to obtain input from HBM&S on the identified alternative routes from their mining interest perspective to help in the evaluation of the alternatives presented, and consider any other options, leading ultimately to selection of a preferred route on which to proceed with. It is important for MH to understand the issues facing HBM&S and how they relate to the Bipole project. There is some room to move but it is difficult to incorporate major changes.	
2.	John Dyck provided an overview of the project study area and the alternative routes identified to date. Information has been collected and incorporated as part of a GIS mapping system to identify constraints and issues, including mining interests, parks, TLE and FNs lands, wildlife interests and research/monitoring studies in support of the alternative routes evaluation process are underway.	
3.	Ed Huebert provided a brief synopsis of the amount of mineral interests (exploration licences, mining claims and mining leases) that overlap with the Bipole III conceptual study area. Kelly stated that HBM&S had previously stated their opposition to the Wuskwatim Transmission Project back in 2004 as it was going to cross through an active exploration area for HBM&S. A significant new deposit (the Lalor Lake deposit) has recently been discovered in the Snow Lake area and it is their next target for development. A new DC transmission line would have a huge impact on their surface facilities. They are also concerned about the electric magnetic fields emanating from a transmission line that would have a negative effect on their geophysical exploration techniques (i.e., EMS surveys). Kelly stated that an area of between 500 m up to 1 km would be affected from electrical interference with their survey methods. HBM&S also has strong concerns about other electrical effects that can be caused by a transmission line on their underground operations. In response, Pat indicated that a DC transmission line does not affect high frequency radio operation. Kelly also wondered if MH would be placing restrictions on the types of activities that can be conducted under and around the T-Line.	Pat McGarry

4. Ed presented an alternative suggestion to routing through the Snow Lake area for Manitoba Hydro consideration. The alternative by-passes the Snow Lake area to the east of Wekusko Lake joining Alternatives AC1 and BB2 southeast of Wekusko Lake. Ed indicated he would email the proposed alternative to Pat for review. Ed Huebert

Pat acknowledged the suggested alternative and asked HBM&S representatives to provide information on their priority areas where they would prefer Manitoba Hydro not to go and requested that this be provided in a shape file format so that this information can be incorporated into the GIS system for review. Kelly and Tom agreed to do so and stated that their mineral lease areas are very important to them – so avoidance would be their preference. HBM&S

5. In response to a question on the timeline for Bipole III, Pat indicated to Kelly and Tom that Manitoba Hydro is targeting to submit an EIS for the project in June 2011 – in the interim there is a lot of work to do, including various field studies, with a decision to be made on a preferred right-of-way in the next month to allow for the assessment to be completed. Pat asked that HBM&S provide any information on areas of importance and suggested alternatives to Manitoba Hydro in the next two weeks so that it can be reviewed. HBM&S
6. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Recorded by: Bill Krawchuk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Ducks Unlimited Canada

Date of Meeting: October 20th 2009

Time: 1:30

Location: The Pas, Manitoba

In Attendance: Chris Smith; Biologist (Western Boreal Forest Initiative)
 Robin Reader; Biologist
 Shaun Greer; Biologist
 Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.
 Doug Schindler; Joro Consultants Inc.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>After introductions were made, Fiona Scurra gave a brief overview of the Bipole III project, emphasizing the need for the project, the site selection and environmental assessment process (SSEA) used to site the transmission line and criteria used thus far (including constraints) to locate alternative routes. Also included was a brief description of the data base that has been generated for the project, the types of information collected, value-added data developed so far and objectives for alternative routes evaluation and preferred route assessment. John Dyck then gave an overview of the alternative routes, their general locations, coarse filter routing constraints and rational for route corridor (3 mile wide) sittings. The overview included questions from and discussions with the group.</p>	
2.	<p>R. Reader wondered if an existing ROW just in Saskatchewan (Hourchuk (sp?) winter road) could be used. It was explained that MH could not cross into Saskatchewan for a number of reasons. Robin and Chris explained that the winter road freezes down so deep that the frost impedes drainage within the larger wetland which can influence waterflow distribution. This phenomenon had also been experienced with the Tolko winter road heading east of The Pas where the annual use of the same winter road induced permafrost beneath it which in turn impeded drainage. Robin wondered if there would be a lot of traffic on the T-Line ROW that could cause deep frost compaction. MH indicated that traffic would be very light for normal operations and maintenance and would not cause deep frost penetration.</p>	
3.	<p>Chris indicated that The Big Bog (Plumbers Marsh) is in fact a very large fen where water movement is intermittently east and west. He also indicated that the hydrology within this wetland is not fully understood. Hypotheses are that effects on hydrology resulting from frost compaction, may have cascading effects on the health of the wetlands, including the food web, which may be why some duck populations are in decline.</p>	

4. Discussions revolved around the Red Deer ASI, including the unique features associated with the salt flats (plant species & marine bacteria) and the shores of Lake Winnipegosis (fresh water coastal environments). Chris volunteered to provide various documents relative to the salt flats. He also indicated that DU had produced a shape file of the salt flats in the Red Deer area based on remote sensing data. He offered to provide this as well to the study team.

Actions:

-Fiona to submit a request to DU for the salt flats shape file. – DONE

-Chris to provide the salt flats shape file. - DONE

-Chris to provide documents relative to water chemistry and bacteria related to the Red Deer salt flats. – DONE 221009

5. The concentrations of DU projects were noted south of RMNP through which alternative route A is located. Chris indicated that DU would prefer the Bipole III routing would not go through the pot hole country south of RMNP and that DU would substantiate this in their comments back to MH. Bird strikes in conjunction with botulism outbreaks were cited as a concern.

Chris suggested that MH overlay the DU waterfowl density data with the alternative routes and also review the incidental information that was provided for the Red Deer area.

Action:

-MH to assess alternative routes against waterfowl density data and incidental records for the Red Deer area.

6. R. Reader wondered if MH conducts water chemistry tests in advance of construction. He said that water salinity may have something to do with rapid deterioration of some of DU infrastructure. Galvanized steel components are in need of replacement after only 20 years. This may be important to MH design engineers.

C. Smith emphasized that the DU Boreal wetland classification provided to MH is a “super-sized” version where 19 classifications are rolled up into five (5).

C. Smith indicated that major concerns for DU were with the health of the SRD and effects on hydrology (and associated cascading effects).

C. Smith mentioned that the Manitoba Water Council will be conducting public consultations regarding wetland classifications and management this fall. The objective is to develop a wetland policy.

7. Fiona requested that DU provide comments on the alternative routes back to MH by the end of November/09. The alternative routes shape files were left with DU to facilitate their analysis. C. Smith agreed to provide a consolidated set of comments (DU perspective north and south) back to MH.

Action:

- DUC to provide comments relative to the alternative routes to MH by Nov. 30th, 2009.

F. Scurra indicated that the next round of open houses would be scheduled for late November and December and that one would be held in The Pas. The IRMTs, stakeholders, RMs FNs and northern communities will be notified by letter and open houses will be advertised through local media. A preferred route is to be selected by March of 2010 allowing a full year of environmental studies before submission of the EIS to the regulators in spring of 2011. An additional round of consultation/meetings with the IRMTs, stakeholders, FNs and the public will follow the selection of the preferred route.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Chemawawin Cree Nation and Easterville

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2010

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Chemawawin Cree Nation and Easterville: 18 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
1.	There was a lot of interest with training, employment, and contract opportunities on the Bipole III project.	
2.	An attendee would like to see the Chemawawin Resource Management Area boundary identified on the maps.	Manitoba Hydro

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Two Meeting with Fox Lake Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2010

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Manitoba Hydro Boardroom - 360 Portage

In Attendance: Karen Anderson; Fox Lake Cree Nation
 Lorne Hanks; Fox Lake Cree Nation
 Michael Lawrenchuk; Fox Lake Cree Nation
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Harkaran Jhinger; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Mark Mazner; Manitoba Hydro
 Susan Collins; Manitoba Hydro
 Vicky Cole; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Fox Lake Cree Nation indicated that the Bipole III TK study would include the converter station, Bipole III transmission line, collector lines, ground electrode lines, and ground electrode facility. To proceed with the TK process Fox Lake requires a list of the project components and GIS information. MMM Group will provide Lorne Hanks with the required GIS information.	Manitoba Hydro
2.	The time line of the project was discussed with an interim report due in June 2010 and a draft final report due in October 2010.	
3.	Any Conawapa and Bipole III TK studies will overlap significantly, in terms of the likely participants and the study area. Fox Lake has expressed concerns about research fatigue arising from the numerous TK studies anticipated and underway. Fox Lake and Manitoba Hydro will work to establish a mutually agreeable budget and work plan for a Bipole III TK study, to include all project components. Information collected for the Bipole III TK study will be available for later use by both parties for other processes, as appropriate. Fox Lake will develop and submit a Conawapa TK proposal, which will not duplicate work done as a component of the Bipole III TK study. Fox Lake Cree Nation will focus this year on completing, documenting, and reporting the TK research for Bipole III, though finalizing Keeyask TK material and initiating a Brook Trout study for Conawapa are also priorities.	
4.	Fox Lake Cree Nation requested an email detailing any concerns about the budget. Fox Lake will provide a new budget next week.	Manitoba Hydro

5. Fox Lake indicated that the biggest issue with completing the TK project for Keeyask is the Cree to English translation and transcription. To address the issue, Fox Lake proposes utilizing two facilitators to lead the interviews and provide the transcripts to the report writers as well as a Cree Language Specialist who will provide the facilitators with support and ensure that translations are accurate.

6. There was discussion about how Fox Lake's TK report will be used in the Bipole III EIS. Fox Lake Cree Nation requested that they should be able to review and provide feedback on information pertaining to their community prior to the submission of the EIS.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Mathias Colomb Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Youth Centre

In Attendance: Mathias Colomb Cree Nation: Approximately 10 attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Members from Burntwood Lake expressed their concerns with route C being so close to their community. Attendees were hoping for guaranteed work in the construction period of Bipole III if route C is selected. They also talked about the Wuskwatim Dam flooding Burntwood Lake and that they are having ongoing talks with the Thompson staff on this issue.	
2.	Trappers asked about chemicals for vegetation management being used on the right of way. They didn't want to see this happen as they thought it was bad for the animals and berries. The trappers thought that future brush clearing could bring some employment to the community.	
3.	There was keen interest from Community leaders regarding employment and training opportunities for Bipole III.	
4.	Leadership inquired about surplus hydro equipment and if any could be made available to the community. Manitoba Hydro will follow up internally on whether this is possible.	Manitoba Hydro
5.	Trapper Ovide Hart on RTL 21 – Pukatawagan section was concerned about compensation for the power lines connecting the community and Laurie River Stations. A representative from Manitoba Hydro will let Ovide know when Thompson Mitigation has their open house in Mathias Colomb where he can table his concerns. Ovide's # 204-553-2353.	Manitoba Hydro
6.	There were some concerns about EMFs and how nothing grows under existing transmission/power lines and animals are scarcer.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House for Mosakahiken Cree Nation and Moose Lake

Date of Meeting: November 12, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Mosakahiken Cree Nation and Moose Lake; 26 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Employment and business opportunities were the main points brought forth.	
2.	There was some minor feedback and concern with regard to EMF.	
3.	The timing of the project was of some interest perhaps tied to employment opportunities.	
4.	There was a lot of interest with Wuskwatim transmission line project.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Opaskwayak Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2009

Time: 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Opaskwayak Cree Nation; 6 attendees
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was discussion of employment opportunities for Bipole III.	
2.	An attendee shared their trapping concerns.	
3.	There was a question about the purpose of the project. Manitoba Hydro explained that the existing transmission system is vulnerable to the risk of catastrophic outage of either or both Bipoles I and II in the Interlake corridor and/or the Dorsey Station due to severe weather, fire, sabotage and other unpredictable events. System reliability studies conducted by Manitoba Hydro and its consultants have concluded that the likelihood of such events occurring when combined with the potentially significant consequences of prolonged major outages warrants substantial mitigation to reduce dependence on the Dorsey Converter Station and the existing HVdc transmission corridor.	
4.	An attendee questioned whether the cost for electricity will increase because of Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the rate impacts associated with Bipole III were not studied as it is a non-discretionary project required for reliability purposes.	
5.	An attendee discussed the negative effects from Laurie River dams and transmission lines to Pukatawagan.	
6.	The community coordinator expressed concern about attendance and did not know how to get more people out to the open house. The coordinator had advertised the open house by posting posters and on the radio.	
7.	There was concern about impacts to the local environment in the Opaskwayak Cree Nation Traditional Area.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House for War Lake First Nation / Ilford

Date of Meeting: February 23, 2010

Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: War Lake / Ilford; 6 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak (Eagle Vision Resources)

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees discussed east versus west for Bipole III.	
2.	An attendee asked about training and employment opportunities that the new line would provide and if there were any long term benefits to the First Nation communities along the route of the line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that training opportunities are limited for transmission line construction work and employment would be on a regional basis during construction. There would be two years of construction in any one area with one year of right of way clearing and one year of line construction. It is anticipated that there will be a Transmission Development Fund (TDF) for Bipole III, although the details of such a fund have not been finalized. The implementation details of a Bipole III TDF and the question of which communities would be eligible to participate are still under review	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Carl Johnson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project– Round III – Community Open House in Cormorant

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Cormorant; 18 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees were concerned about impacts on trapping / furbearers and had questions regarding the trapping compensation policy.	
2.	There were questions on the East vs. West routing. Manitoba Hydro indicated that following an assessment of system reliability options and review by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the Province, a decision was made to develop Bipole III in the west side of the Province.	
3.	Attendees questioned the Transmission Development Fund for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro indicated that it is anticipated that there will be a Transmission Development Fund for Bipole III, although the details of such a Fund have not been finalized.	
4.	There was interest in employment and business opportunities on the Bipole project.	
5.	Attendees requested no chemical spraying for vegetation management for Bipole III.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Duane Hatley / Lindsey Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Nelson House

Date of Meeting: October 28, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
1.	Attendees did not mention any concerns with the alternative routes or the Bipole III project.	
2.	Employment and training opportunities were discussed. An attendee questioned if Manitoba Hydro would offer training for Bipole III similar to the training that was offered for the Wuskwatim Generating Station. There are limited training, employment and business opportunities available in relation to transmission line construction.	

Recorded by: Carl Johnson / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Pikwitonei

Date of Meeting: October 21, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Pikwitonei; 4 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
1.	The trapper compensation policy was discussed with a trapper.	
2.	Employment opportunities were discussed for Bipole III.	

Recorded by: Carl Johnson / Duane Hatley

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Sherridon

Date of Meeting: October 8, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Sherridon; 13 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	Employment opportunities were discussed for Bipole III.	
3.	Business opportunities for Bipole III were discussed and Sherridon indicated lodging, catering, and forestry businesses are available in the community.	

Recorded by: Carl Johnson / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Thicket Portage

Date of Meeting: January 27, 2010

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Thicket Portage; 8 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
1.	None of the attendees had any direct concerns with the alternative routes at this time.	
2.	There was some interest in the Manitoba Hydro Trapper Compensation policy.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Dawson Bay

Date of Meeting: October 13, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Dawson Bay; 12 attendees
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
 Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was a question regarding why Bipole was required and if it was solely for selling power to the USA. Manitoba Hydro indicated that Bipole III is being built for reliability reasons and backing up the provincial transmission grid.	
2.	There was a question on how much more money would it cost Manitoba Hydro and rate payers to build the line on the west side versus the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the last evaluation of the cost differential between the eastern and western routes was \$650M (2017) comprising of \$400M capital cost and \$250M in losses.	
3.	An attendee questioned if there is an existing line and Manitoba Hydro decides to parallel the line would Manitoba Hydro return to talk to the land owner? Manitoba Hydro indicated that a representative would return to discuss with the land owner.	
4.	An attendee questioned how wide is the RoW for Bipole III? Manitoba Hydro mentioned that the transmission line will be built on steel towers on an approximately 60 meter wide RoW. Another attendee questioned if the towers will look the same as for Bipoles I and II? Manitoba Hydro indicated that in the north similarly to Bipoles I and II guyed lattice steel structures will be used and in the south self-supporting lattice steel structures will be used.	
5.	An attendee stated that they did not like Route A running through the mountain. Attendees mentioned that Route C is the best route.	
6.	An attendee questioned who they contact regarding clearing an existing line? Manitoba Hydro indicated that for concerns regarding an existing line that the contact would be Transmission Line Maintenance Dauphin.	
7.	An attendee questioned how AC is different than DC? Manitoba Hydro indicated that DC flows constantly in only one direction while AC changes direction 50 or 60 times per second.	

8. An attendee questioned how the towers can be built in the bog? Manitoba Hydro indicated they are able to design tower foundations suitable for the terrain.
9. There was a question about whether Manitoba Hydro will chemically spray the line? Manitoba Hydro has to apply for a license to apply chemicals for vegetation management. On some of the older transmission lines there are no conditions stating that Manitoba Hydro cannot apply chemicals for vegetation control. On most of the newer transmission lines, there are licensed conditions stating that no chemicals can be used to manage vegetation.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Project – Round Three Consultation – Community Open House in Dakota Tipi First Nation

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2010

Time: 11 am - 2 pm

Location: Dakota Tipi School

In Attendance: Dakota Tipi First Nation; 6Attendees
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Verne Laforte

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Most attendees were interested in employment opportunities and thought this was a hiring session.	
2.	Some attendees were interested as to how this project may affect the community. EMF was a concern.	
3.	An attendee felt that this line would increase electricity rates especially for southern customers.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Community Open House in Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation (KOFN)
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, February 4, 2010
Time:	11:00 am
Location:	KOFN Boardroom
In Attendance:	Keeseekoowenin Ojibway First Nation; Approximately 15 community members Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
1.	Many attendees mentioned their support for route B as it is the shortest and they deemed that it would be the least expensive.	
2.	A few attendees mentioned their interest in employment and business opportunities for Bipole III.	
3.	Attendees questioned benefits to the community from Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability and that Manitoba Hydro is considering a fund similar to the Transmission Development Fund used for the Wuskwatim Transmission Project.	
4.	Attendees questioned why Manitoba Hydro was considering the west side of Lake Winnipeg as opposed to the east side. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that following a Manitoba Hydro assessment of reliability options and pursuant to review by the Manitoba Hydro Board and the Province a decision was made to develop Bipole III in the westerly area of the province.	
5.	Representatives from KOFN stated that they would like a meeting with Manitoba Hydro's upper management to discuss issues concerning future hydro activities with and outside of Bipole III.	Manitoba Hydro
6.	KOFN representatives indicated their intent to work with other Treaty 2 First Nation on Bipole III.	
7.	The community coordinator, Dwayne Blackbird, was interested in the ATK process for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro will send an information package on the ATK process to Dwayne Blackbird.	Manitoba Hydro

8. Representatives from KOFN would like the local Manitoba Hydro Customer Service Officer to provide explanations on hydro rates, how meters work, billing, payment for hydro infrastructure etc. Manitoba Hydro
9. Most attendees had concerns and questions with the existing 230kV line that traverses the First Nation.
10. Dwayne Blackbird kept track of the people attending the meeting and kept comment sheets. Dwayne is planning to sit with all the attendees to assist them in filling out the comment sheets and formulate their concerns and questions into a summary for Manitoba Hydro.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Meeting with Pine Creek First Nation

Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2009

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Boardroom

In Attendance: Pine Creek; Chief, Council and 25 Community Members
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	At the request of Chief and Council, the meeting was not a typical community open house using storyboards and information packages. The request was to provide a presentation to those in attendance. There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	Chief Nepinak clarified with attendees that Manitoba Hydro does not consider the meeting as consultation and that it is a public information process. Chief Nepinak also stated that they are there to listen to the information provided and discuss the project. The Chief mentioned that if there are issues with Manitoba Hydro that they will be discussed at a higher level. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they are providing updated information on the project and the province will proceed with a consultation process once Manitoba Hydro has submitted an application for a license for the project.	
3.	Attendees emphasized the importance of blueberries as well as other medicinal plants to their community and their health. For example, they use blueberries for medicinal purposes to treat diabetes. Attendees questioned the use of chemicals for vegetation management. The community does not want chemicals used for vegetation management on the transmission line for fears that it will affect their medicinal plants.	
4.	The concern was raised about EMFs affecting vegetation.	
5.	There were a few questions regarding Manitoba Hydro's contracts for exporting power to the United States. One attendee questioned the length of the contracts. Another attendee questioned the value of Manitoba Hydro's export contracts. Manitoba Hydro indicated that there are contracts in place with US customers and for more information to review Manitoba Hydro's Annual Report for information on export sales.	

6. There were many questions about why Manitoba Hydro does not enter into partnerships with First Nations for transmission lines. Manitoba Hydro indicated that because of the integrated nature of the transmission system that partnerships, ownership, and revenue sharing for transmission lines are not being considered. In lieu of these types of arrangements, Manitoba Hydro implemented the Transmission Development Fund for the Wuskwatim Transmission Project and is considering a fund for the Bipole III Transmission Line.
7. The Chief requested that Manitoba Hydro provide the community with information on the Transmission Development Fund. Manitoba Hydro will provide information to Thomas Nepinak on the Transmission Development Fund. Manitoba
Hydro
8. An attendee questioned whether Manitoba Hydro would build roads to parallel the Bipole III transmission line. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would not build any access roads to the transmission line. An attendee questioned what the contractor does with the trees when they clear the transmission line. The clearing for the transmission line is tendered out and the contractor has options for disposal of the wood. In recent projects, the contractor has been salvaging wood where feasible.
9. Community members questioned who gets money for easements on crown land.
10. At the closing of the meeting, Chief Nepinak emphasized that their traditional area for Pine Creek First Nation is from Lake Winnipegosis to Saskatchewan. Pine Creek First Nation considers their traditional territory, as their land and their water not crown land. Chief Nepinak emphasized the importance of resource use agreements between the Province of Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro and First Nations. The Chief stated that there would be no Bipole III development without a resource sharing agreement between Manitoba Hydro and the First Nations. The Chief mentioned that he has been working with the surrounding Chiefs to discuss how they would like to proceed with Bipole III. Chief Nepinak commented on the Alberta Clipper pipeline development in Manitoba providing the United States with dirty oil and he sees the Bipole III project as a project based on money and it will be providing the United States with energy for their vehicles once they run out of dirty oil.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Rolling River First Nation

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, February 2, 2010

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Southquill Hall Rolling River

In Attendance: Wilfred McKay; Chief
 Brent Wilson; Councillor
 Greg McIvor; Councillor
 Matthew Joseph; Acting Director Treaty Four
 Morris Swan Shannacappo; Grand Chief
 Rolling River First Nation; 47 band members
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The Chief opened the open house and an Elder said a prayer. Manitoba Hydro was asked by Chief and Council to remove the sign in sheet. There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	Chief McKay clarified that the open house is only an information session and is not considered consultation as Rolling River First Nation will only consult with Federal and Provincial Ministers. An attendee explained why it is important that this meeting is for information purposes only and not viewed as consultation. Manitoba Hydro reassured the community that the open house is not being construed as consultation. Chief and Council requested that Manitoba Hydro sign a letter indicating that the open house was for information purposes and was not construed as consultation. The letter was signed by Chief and Council and a representative of Manitoba Hydro. Rolling River First Nation also drafted an additional letter reiterating that the open house was not considered as consultation with Manitoba Hydro as Rolling River First Nation will only consult with Federal and Provincial Ministers and that Manitoba Hydro cannot talk to First Nation members of Rolling River First Nation without advising the Chief and Council on all discussions relating to the Bipole III project. Both signed letters were provided to Manitoba Hydro and Rolling River First Nation.	
3.	Chief McKay discussed the Framework Agreement.	
4.	Chief McKay stated that route A goes through their treaty land which includes burial and historical sites. The CBC wants to visit the burial grounds that are located adjacent to route A, but the Chief has to talk with the Elders first. The Valley belongs to their people and they will do whatever is needed to keep it protected. Chief McKay indicated that the Manitoba Hydro maps are not up to date as route A is going right across their treaty land.	

5. Chief McKay talked about the outstanding claim with Manitoba Hydro on the 66kv line that passes through their treaty land. Chief McKay would like the claim settled as it has been on the table for 10 years.
6. Chief McKay questioned the need for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained the need for Bipole III for transmission system reliability. An attendee questioned why the line was moved from the east side of the province to the west side. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that following a Manitoba Hydro assessment of reliability options and pursuant to review by the Manitoba Hydro Board and the Province a decision was made to develop Bipole III in the westerly area of the province.
7. Chief McKay questioned whether Manitoba Hydro would be pursuing an environmental audit for existing transmission lines.
8. An attendee questioned why there was no Section 35 consultation process for the Wuskwatim project. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the government completed a Section 35 consultation process for Wuskwatim.
9. An attendee requested a letter outlining how much compensation was paid to Fairford First Nation for Bipoles I & II that go through their reserve lands. Manitoba Hydro remarked that they should ask Fairford First Nation and not Manitoba Hydro. There were additional questions on this and Manitoba Hydro responded that this item would be checked and if there is any info that Manitoba Hydro can share with them that Manitoba Hydro would pass that along to the person asking the questions related to the Fairford First Nation. Manitoba Hydro
10. An attendee discussed the importance of Aboriginal knowledge and traditional land use studies and questioned whether Manitoba Hydro was interested in funding ATK studies. Manitoba Hydro discussed the letter that was sent on May 26, 2009 regarding the ATK process for Bipole III.
11. An attendee shared his concern that Manitoba Hydro has no respect for burial grounds and that the things that Manitoba Hydro did up north are unacceptable. Rolling River First Nation will do what they have to do to protect their children and grandchildren.
12. Chief McKay mentioned that his band members would like to know how Manitoba Hydro was planning on paying compensation and that Mr. Brennan has said that no land will be expropriated. It was explained that Manitoba Hydro will be talking with land owners once the preferred Right-Of-Way has been selected.
13. Chief McKay indicated that his community members have many concerns and are mistrustful of Manitoba Hydro. The Chief has to protect his people and his land. The Chief mentioned that Manitoba is dealing with Treaty Four as a whole and that Manitoba Hydro will also have to deal with Treaty Four as a whole. Chief McKay would like to see more communication between Manitoba Hydro and the provincial government.

14. Chief McKay stated that he is willing to work with Manitoba Hydro but that Manitoba Hydro will have to listen. Rolling River First Nation wants past issues dealt with and meetings with upper management.
15. Rolling River First Nation requested that Manitoba Hydro provide them with a copy of the meeting notes. Manitoba Hydro

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Community Open House in Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
Date of Meeting:	January 28, 2010
Time:	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location:	Community Centre
In Attendance:	Sapotaweyak Cree Nation; 17 attendees Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
	There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
1.	An attendee asked about long-term benefits for the community. Manitoba Hydro indicated that it is anticipated that there will be a Transmission Development Fund for Bipole III, although the details of such a Fund have not been finalized.	
2.	Some attendees expressed their support for route A as it was further from the community. An attendee mentioned that if either route B or C were chosen then following an existing right-of-way would be preferred.	
3.	There were some questions regarding trapper compensation for the transmission line.	
4.	It was noted that Sapotaweyak are still looking to complete their TLE process and they were concerned that Bipole III could interfere with their choice of lands.	
5.	Some attendees wondered why the east side of Lake Winnipeg, underground or under Lake Winnipeg route options were not being considered. Manitoba Hydro indicated that following an assessment of system reliability options and review by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the Province, a decision was made to develop Bipole III in the west side of the Province. The research that Manitoba Hydro has done regarding the installation of 500 kV cable in Lake Winnipeg has identified significant risks based on current technology available to construct, install, and maintain such a cable system in Lake Winnipeg. The risk of a significant delay associated with a cable installation and given the importance of Bipole III to the reliability of supply in Manitoba is unacceptable. Extensive study is required before an underground /underwater cable option is proven to be technically feasible and can be installed and operated reliably.	
6.	There was some interest in the Traditional Knowledge process for Bipole III.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve

Date of Meeting: November 17, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Tootinaowaziibeeng Treaty Reserve; 19 attendees including Chief McKay
Manitoba Hydro; Carl Johnson,
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Employment opportunities with Bipole III were discussed.	
2.	Attendees discussed the purpose and timing of the project.	
3.	There were concerns about EMFs and possible effects on people and animals.	
4.	There is willingness for a working relationship with Manitoba Hydro.	
5.	Attendees discussed trapline issues although minimal.	

Recorded By: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Waywayseecappo First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 20, 2009

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Waywayseecappo First Nation; 26 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1	Attendees discussed employment opportunities.	
2	There were questions about the purpose of the line and benefits to the community. Manitoba Hydro explained that the existing transmission system is vulnerable to the risk of catastrophic outage of either or both Bipoles I and II in the Interlake corridor and/or the Dorsey Station due to severe weather, fire, sabotage and other unpredictable events. System reliability studies conducted by Manitoba Hydro and its consultants have concluded that the likelihood of such events occurring when combined with the potentially significant consequences of prolonged major outages warrants substantial mitigation to reduce dependence on the Dorsey Converter Station and the existing HVdc transmission corridor. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that it is anticipated that there will be a Transmission Development Fund for Bipole III, although the details of such a Fund have not been finalized.	

Recorded By: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 24, 2009

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Administrative Office

In Attendance: Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees discussed concerns about impacts on berry picking sites.	
2.	There was interest in employment and business opportunities associated with Bipole III. Attendees discussed their concerns about the requirement for workers to have certificates for example heavy equipment operator	
3.	There were questions about why Manitoba Hydro is considering the west side versus east of the province for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro indicated that As indicated following an assessment of system reliability options and review by the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the Province, a decision was made to develop Bipole III in the west side of the Province. There was a question about the cost difference between west to east. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the last evaluation of the cost differential between the eastern and western routes was \$650M (2017) comprising of \$400M capital cost and \$250M in losses.	
4.	The community is looking forward to final round on the preferred right-of-way.	
5.	Attendees questioned what would happen if there were an election and change of government.	
6.	There was a question about how Manitoba Hydro deals with TLE selections. Manitoba Hydro works with the province on TLE selections and TLEs are taken into consideration while routing.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Camperville

Date of Meeting: November 18, 2009

Time: 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Camperville; 17 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Community members are very interested with transmission site selection in this area mainly due to a rich history and significant heritage resource use. There was concern about Lines B and B3 as they could potentially impact ancient burial grounds and local trapping in the vicinity. There is a new 5000+ bison ranch being developed west of the community towards Pine River.	
2.	During the open house, Peter Paul Chartrand shared his concern that Manitoba Hydro was holding secret meetings in Camperville. He felt that the community open house was poorly advertised although Sharon Beauchamp had posted posters around the community a month before the open house. Peter mentioned that he would be phoning the Manitoba Metis Federation and Mr. Bob Brennan regarding his allegations of secret meetings. Peter also expressed his concern that he should be involved in the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge process for Bipole III as he claims he was appointed by Elders as “keeper of ancient artefacts and burial grounds” although two community contacts from Camperville refuted his claims of being appointed by Elders.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House for Meadow Portage and Spence Lake
Date of Meeting: November 16, 2009
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Location: Community Hall
In Attendance: Meadow Portage and Spence Lake; 5 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	A few attendees supported the B route during the open house. Some of the attendees were in favour of the transmission line going through ranch versus crop lands.	
2.	There was some discussion on east versus west.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Community Open House in Pelican Rapids

Date of Meeting: November 26, 2009

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Administrative office

In Attendance: Pelican Rapids; 11 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Lindsay Thompson; Lindsay M. Thompson & Associates

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was concern about impacts to wildlife in the Porcupines and the potential increase of traffic if Route A is chosen.	
2.	There was concern regarding trapping impacts and compensation for the Shoal/Red Deer Trapping zone.	
3.	There was an interest in jobs and business opportunities associated with Bipole III.	
4.	There was a question about the overall cost of the project. Manitoba Hydro indicated that the total cost of the Bipole III project is around \$2.2B (2017) and is under review.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Introductory Meeting with Swan Lake First Nation

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2010

Time: 10:00 - 11:15 am

Location: Band office

In Attendance: Don Daniels; Councillor
Bob Green; Special Projects
Brian McKinney; Councillor
Ken McKay; Project Coordinator
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
Verne LaForte; Community Coordinator

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Manitoba Hydro representatives thanked the Swan Lake First Nation leadership for having us out at the community to share information on the Bipole III transmission project. Manitoba Hydro provided a verbal status report as well as a PowerPoint presentation on the project. Copies of the presentation, alternative route maps, Round three newsletters and the project video were left with the leadership. There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	Swan Lake representatives pointed out that they have Reserve Land (Indian Gardens) in very close proximity to Routes A & C.	
3.	Swan lake representatives commented on poor advertising in local media papers regarding the alternative route maps where the alternative routes did not show very well.	
4.	A question was asked regarding how much energy Manitoba Hydro exports to the USA.	
5.	There was some concern regarding electricity rate increases with the huge added costs of going on the west side of the province.	
6.	Swan Lake representatives pointed out that they are presently working on a 10 megawatt wind project.	
7.	There was some keen interest in training and employment opportunities. Representatives indicated that many of their members are trained on the pipeline project as well are unionized. They expressed interest in not only Bipole III but also Wuskwatim job opportunities.	

8. There were questions on timing of construction and if the line would be built from both ends or would start from one end to the other.
9. Manitoba Hydro representatives expressed interest in holding a community open house for Swan Lake. Council indicated that they would get back to Manitoba Hydro after they have a band meeting to discuss.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

Date of Meeting: December 18th 2009

Time:

Location: 200-1555 St. James St., Winnipeg

In Attendance: Tim Sopuck; CEO MHHC
Stephen Carlyle; MHHC
Rob Berger; WRCS
Pat. McGarry; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Tim clearly had issues with Route A as it passes through their main target area for North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP). We discussed compatibility of use and potential conflicts with waterfowl and also discussed various means of mitigation.	
2.	Tim thought route C was the best option as Route B also traversed areas with high wildlife value in the settled part of the landscape	
3.	Tim indicated he would provide a letter from MHHC to Hydro on their perspectives on the alternative routes.	
4.	Tim also wished to discuss the potential for a "Mitigation Bank" or habitat bank. This is a concept where MHHC would become a means of MH offsetting any habitat losses on the landscape from our projects. Hydro would provide funding to MHHC to acquire land that would compensate for any priority habitats lost as a result of t-line development. E.g. native prairie, wetlands, etc. - Tim indicated he would provide a letter and information to Hydro on the concept	

Recorded by: Pat McGarry

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with Forestry Branch

Date of Meeting: July 21, 2009

Time:

Location:

In Attendance: Greg Carlson, Forestry Branch
Jim Boyd, Forestry Branch
Tony Vivieros, Forestry Branch
Patrick McGarry, Manitoba Hydro
Doug Schindler, Joro Consultants Inc
John Dyck, Plus4 Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The meeting was convened to discuss technical issues related to the FRI/FLI and EOSD, and approaches to using these data as they may apply to the Manitoba Hydro Bipole 3 transmission project. The following points were discussed.	
2.	Regarding the integration of the FLI and FRI GC indicated that it is important to know what the data is to be used for (application); e.g. habitat mapping or wood supply, etc. FB has developed a strata (amalgamation of subtypes for wood supply purposes) for the FLI. If we want to create a seamless land cover base then GC recommends we assign an FRI subtype to the FLI rather than try to bring the FRI up to a FLI standard. Missing attributes of age and height in the FRI in the Highrock, Churchill, Nelson River and Aspen Parkland Forest Sections was pointed out. JB indicated that LIDAR data might be used to get representative information of stand height that could then be extrapolated (build relationships).	
3.	Issues with the FRI/FLI FRI projection is off substantially in the north. This is a result of old technology when the data were produced. Ways of rectifying this were discussed. At minimum, users should be aware of the projection issues, particularly if they are going to the field armed with GPS coordinates. They should be prepared to adjust for the projection offset (Doug, please edit if necessary).	
	FLI missing attribute data for FMUs 13 and 14. This seems to be the result of an earlier data set that was released by LP to Ecosystem and then passed on to MMM. FB has an up-to-date version that has all of the attribute data. FB will review the MH data to determine if there is a more current version.	

4. Integration of the EOSD and FRI/FLI

DS presented some trial examples of EOSD and FRI/FLI overlays. He's looking at the feasibility of rolling up (generalizing) these data sets and attaching some appropriate FRI/FLI attributes to the EOSD data. The objective would be to produce landscape level habitat data for the entire Bipole 3 study area. TV provided some suggestions on the order of processing steps that might be taken. Another recommendation was to update the FRI/FLI to 2001 for fires and depletion before tagging it to the EOSD. Examples of EOSD weaknesses were provided by FB, such as fires and depletions that are classified as grasslands, but this is only in depletion areas and not a landscape issue. EOSD does not provide discrete classification of wetlands or grasslands.

5. Updating the FRI/FLI and "Stopping the Clock" for project purposes

FB now has fire records going back to 1928. This should have been passed along to MMM. A draft of the 2008 fire and depletion data was provided to MMM as well. FB now has a final 2008 data file that they will provide.

The FRI/FLI are current to the last maintenance date. All depletion and fire data have to be brought in from the last maintenance date to update these coverages. Complete up-to-date data is available to 2008. Recommendation is to stop the clock at 2008 for purposes of the Bipole 3 project. There is also an issue with the FRI as you move northward. Aging will also require adjustments based on the last maintenance. May be more problematic with Nelson River and Churchill River Forest Sections.

6. Legend files for FRI and FLI

FB has provided the existent legend file for the FRI. This is non-existent for the FLI however this can be created through the subtype link and expansion of the type aggregate string. FB has the wood supply strata criteria and these may be used as a tool for amalgamation of stand types.

7. Manitoba Wetland Classification

MH is currently pursuing this through Linnet. GC indicated that if we could not get it there to let him know. FB may have it internally. Produced at 1:50k and rolled up to 1:1 million scale. **Note: MH has received the 1:1 million scale data.**

8. Aging/growing the FRI

FB has gone through exercises of assigning year of origin to the FRI. This was done for a portion of the Interlake FS. No height data was produced/available. **Note: As stated above this is a significant issue, and may be problematic in using the FRI in the northern portions of the project area**

9. Strata Classifications

FB has developed timber supply strata (amalgamation of stand types) for the Sask. R. And Mountain Forest Sections where age and height are part of the attribute data.

10. Volume Tables/Yield Curves for FRI/FLI

All volume tables for the FRI are applicable. FLI yield curves are available in the report entitled "Wood Supply Analysis Report 2004" on line. The data used to produce the yield curves is available from FB if required.

11. AAC Values

AAC values are available by FMU from either GC or Jeff Delaney when required.

12. Habitat Models

Woodstock based models require height and age as attribute data. HSI are based on FRI attributes and vary from species to species. Various H.S.I models were adapted for wood supply analysis (see report listed in #9). Model details are available from FB. DS has all habitat models developed in Manitoba.

13. FMUs 10, 11 and the Aspen Parkland FS

Some areas in the western portion of FMU 11 were not included in the FLI due to reasons of cost and minimal forestry interest in this area (i.e. private land & very little forest). This relates to areas west of Swan River. FMU 10 has been updated for depletions through a modified process of remote sensing. The updated FRI will be provided. The FRI for the Aspen Parkland FS has not been updated. An ortho refresh is in progress but slow going.

14. Photography

FB is in the process of updating the inventory for the Highrock FS. Phase I photography at 1:15k was flown in 2007 & 2008. As part of Phase II multispectral photography is being flown this year.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with the Protected Areas Initiative, Manitoba Conservation
Date of Meeting:	October 16, 2009
Time:	10:00 am
Location:	Manitoba Conservation - 200 Saulteaux Cres.
In Attendance:	Elvira Roberge; Protected Areas Initiative Chloe Burgess; Sustainable Resource and Policy Management Branch John Dyck; Plus 4 Consulting Inc. Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Dave Wotton; Dave Wotton Consulting Doug Schindler; Joro Consultants Inc.
Regrets:	Yvonne Beaubien; Protected Areas Initiative

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>P. McGarry thanked Protected Areas Initiative (PAI) for the opportunity to meet regarding alternative route selection for the Bipole III project. P. McGarry provided introductions and brief overview of the project and the purpose of the meeting. The purpose being to review the alternative routes with PAI and collect their input.</p> <p>J. Dyck explained how the alternative routes were determined and how the Protected Area information supplied by PAI was used in that process. J. Dyck and D. Schindler then presented the alternative routes and supporting data in GIS format. Manitoba Hydro also provided maps (large overview study area wide and a set of 1:250 k with constraints data) of the Bipole III depicting the alternative routes. The following is a summary of issues and questions raised at the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>The various routes and potential conflicts with protected areas were discussed. It was noted that although avoidance is the objective where alternative routes do traverse ASIs, a closer review could be under taken to protect specific features within the ASIs; e.g. enduring features. The rational for traversing ASI's, where unavoidable, was also discussed.</p> <p>C. Burgess indicated that PAI had concerns with the alignment of route C within the Red Deer ASI (around Plumbers Marsh). Chloe also noted that the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) received a \$7,000,000 grant from Manitoba last year and was actively assembling a land corridor between Riding Mt. and the Duck Mountains. PAI would appreciate receiving any information that MB Hydro has on the NCC (and partners, e.g. DUC) land.</p>	
3.	<p>E. Roberge agreed that PAI would review the alternative routes in detail and provide a report to Manitoba Hydro by mid to late November. Chloe Burgess agreed that PAI would prioritize their concerns for any particular route or location. It was noted that the Arden Ridge had been recently flagged by MB Cons. (Brandon Office) for a number of habitat values. A single/rare enduring feature was identified on this ridge by PAI and was ranked medium priority in terms of protection</p>	PAI

4. The upcoming ISAC meeting was briefly discussed, specifically the objectives of this workshop, its focus on the Saskatchewan River Delta (SRD) and Red Deer ASIs and the participants that would be attending. The PAI staff are not looking for a detailed presentation on the Alternate Routes as it may distract individuals from the agenda, however they are pleased to have the map of the Alternative Routes so that it can be part of the discussion. E. Roberge wondered if PAI could show the proposed alternative routes at the ISAC meeting. Pat McGarry didn't see a problem with that as these routes have been made public. Dave Wotton will be attending as an observer.

Recorded By: P. McGarry

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association (MAAA)
Date of Meeting:	April 15 th 2010
Time:	9:30 – 10:30
Location:	CanadInns Portage la Prairie, Conference Room C
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry, Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal, MMM Group 21 members of the MAAA (including Nelsen Almey – Contact)

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meeting began with a PowerPoint presentation by Pat McGarry outlining the fundamentals of the project as well as the criteria used to generate the alternate routes that are being presented to all stakeholders. All members received a newsletter, comment sheet and map insert for review and comment. A question and answer period followed the presentation.	
2.	In response to a question regarding how many towers will be located per mile, it was stated that average separation between towers would be 480m apart which averages to 3.4 towers per mile. It was also noted that the line will attempt to follow ½ mile lines where possible.	
3.	In response to a question asking whether the Conawapa Dam will be built, it was noted that regardless of further northern generation; Bipole III is required for reliability of the system. It was also noted that Keeyask is also in planning yet timing has yet to be determined. In addition to this question, a member questioned the capacity of the Wuskwatim facility. It was noted that Wuskwatim's generating capacity is 200MW.	
4.	In response to a questions asking why there is not an east side option, Manitoba Hydro indicated that the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board has directed Manitoba Hydro to pursue the west side option as a result of the proposed World Heritage site designation (UNESCO) on the east side of the province and possible negative impacts on export sales from environmental groups. In addition to this question a member stated the proposal for an east side all weather road and why they cannot be combined. It was stated that the two projects were separate.	
5.	In response to a question asking whether this line will increase export sales, it was noted that the line will maintain the current capacity with the possibility of adding more if further generation occurs. The line also increases the standards set out for reliability of the system when discussing power sales.	
6.	In response to a question regarding cost of the project it was noted that as of 2007 estimates the cost of the project is 2.2 billion dollars for both the transmission line and the creation of the 2 new converter stations.	

7. A member asked why Alternative A crosses through a Provincial Park. It was noted that none of the 3 main alternatives cross through any Provincial or National Park as well as any Federal Lands. The member questioned the Porcupine Forest reserve and it was stated that it did not have the designation of a Provincial Park and was a viable option for routing.
8. A question was asked as to why underground and underwater options were not being pursued for this project. The following was noted;
 - Underwater: Further research is required for underwater cable placement. Facilities and access to barges are not available in Manitoba. Other utilities which have pursued this option are primarily located on a coast (England & the North Sea). The Lake Winnipeg basin is relatively shallow, fresh water and freezes annually which could make access and maintenance difficult. It is possible for future transmission projects if research shows it could be viable.
 - Underground: This option is possible yet with the length of line being considered for this project, cost can be upwards of 4 times more. Access and maintenance is also a concern but could be accomplished. Due to cost, this method will not be pursued for the Bipole III Project.
9. A member noted that the alternative routes presented cut across many productive agricultural lands diagonally. It was noted that this concern was raised throughout the 3 rounds of consultation and when final routing is complete, staircase routing will avoid the diagonal crossings to the extent possible.
10. A question regarding compensation to the land owner was raised. Manitoba Hydro will be compensating land owners in a fair and equitable manner. This includes 75% of market value paid one time for the easement of the land for a 66 metre right of way. A structure payment will also be made depending on market value of the land affected and the current use of the land. This will be negotiated with each land owner individually. Interest accrued from the onetime payment if placed in an account will cover the inconvenience of working around the tower and the maintenance within the RoW. Use of the land is still permitted below the RoW and can be used how it was prior to the transmission lines presence. All quantifiable losses are valid during individual land owner negotiations.
11. In response to a question asking whether thought had been given to route the transmission line through Ontario, it was stated that at one time there was a direct route proposed through to Ontario customers yet it was based on a power sale that did not come to fruition. On the western side, routing through Saskatchewan was not being considered as there are no major sales to that Province.
12. In response to a question regarding the necessity of adding another export line it was stated that there is no finalized decision yet is possible. Export agreements made with Wisconsin and Minnesota are to begin in 2018.
13. A comment was made regarding a possible lack of maintenance which causes black outs in certain areas. It was stated that there may be a distribution issue in a localized area yet with large scale transmission Bipole I & II have been quite reliable. In 40 years there have been few major incidences.

14. A comment was made stated that in Prime agricultural land the line should be buried. It was noted that cost would be substantially higher and there is still substantial agriculture land to cross. Overhead lines are easier to service and to maintain. With underground, servicing and maintenance could prove to be more difficult. Accidents do occur and people still routinely dig without contacting Manitoba Hydro to ensure that no lines are found below.
15. A question was asked as to what the cost difference (by BTU) between gas and hydro. It was stated that the exact number was not known at that exact moment but within the foreseeable future cost for hydrocarbons will only increase.
16. In response to a statement as to why going directly south of Lake Manitoba to avoid prime agricultural land was not being considered it was stated that for reliability purposes this line will not be able to cross another HVdc line. Also, the distance between Dorsey and the southern line and converter station must stay 40 km away at a minimum.
17. A general comment was made regarding waste of good agriculture land and making it more difficult/unsafe for pilots to aerially spray their fields. It was noted that the foot print of the towers themselves was relatively small and would be compensated for (including the area surrounding the towers). The area below the lines is still accessible and can still be cultivated. Property acquisition is done through easement and not through expropriation. As for safety it was noted that the pilot is responsible to deem what is appropriate and safe for themselves and others. One member stated that this would not be as hazardous as the wind farms that are being erected.
18. A member stated that there was substantial opposition in the St. Claude and Elm Creek areas of the project area. The member stated that Manitoba Hydro cancelled their meeting and was not fair to the local landowners. It was stated that there was an Open House in Elm Creek where over 100 people attended. The meeting in question was organized by the Conservative party and was not apart of the consultation program that was outlined for the project. Manitoba Hydro is to remain impartial with regards to consultation with stakeholders. It was also stated that Manitoba Hydro is willing to meet members but must follow with the goals of the consultation program which at the time was to collect feedback on the 3 western alternatives and not to debate an east side option or other political decisions outside of the scope of the project.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Project – Round Three Consultation – Corus Entertainment (CJOB)
Date of Meeting: April 6th 2010
Time: 9am
Location: Aurora Meeting Room – 820 Taylor ave.
In Attendance: Pat McGarry, Manitoba Hydro
Chuck Isaac – Manitoba Hydro
Len Bray – Manitoba Hydro
Jack Hoepfner – Corus Entertainment
John _____ - Corus Entertainment

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Discussion of concerns over the proximity of BP3 alternatives to the CJOB transmitter south of Winnipeg. Chuck presented the map showing BP3 routes and the transmitter. Jack indicated the concerns and the separation distance they desire from our lines. It appears unlikely that the alternative routes would have an effect on the transmitter with the exception of route B in the area.	
2.	PM indicated that Manitoba Hydro would inform Corus Entertainment of the preferred route decision when it is available.	PM
3.	JH to provide additional information to CI and LB on signal strength and issues.	JH

Recorded by: Pat McGarry

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Three – Meeting with the City of Winnipeg (councilors)

Date of Meeting: February 2nd, 2010

Time:

Location: Council Building

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Ed Tymofichuk; Manitoba Hydro
Councilor Steeves; City of Winnipeg
Councilor Vandal; City of Winnipeg
Mike Ruta; CFO; City of Winnipeg

Item	Description	Action By
1.	An informal lunch meeting was held between council members and Manitoba Hydro Representatives. As the project is not running through the city boundaries, the meeting was held to outline the current status of the project as well as the alternative route selection process.	
2.	No direct concerns were raised by the council members that were present. Council members wished to be briefed on the project as they will be answering questions from their constituents as media interest is continually growing.	
3.	Maps and brochures were provided and contact information given if any questions or concerns were raised regarding the project.	

Recorded by: Pat McGarry

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RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with IRMT (Western)

Date of Meeting: January 18, 2011

Time: 10:00 – 11:15 am

Location: Dauphin – Provincial building boardroom

In Attendance: Luke Peloquin; Regional Director
 John Thorpe; Regional Forester
 Cheryl Genikl Secretary
 Lorne Misnchuk; Lands Manager
 Brian Ogilvie, Regional Services Superintendent
 Dan Chranowski, Wildlife Manger
 Darlene Perrett, Regional Park Superintendent
 Patrick McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	After introductions were made, Pat McGarry gave a brief presentation describing the need for the project, the site selection and environmental assessment process (SSEA) used to site the transmission line and criteria used in the selection process. The overview included questions from and discussions with the group. The selection process and criteria used generated considerable discussion including the rating and ranking system and weighting of disciplines in regards to their importance. Pat also indicated that Round 4 consultation was almost completed and that the EIS would be submitted to the regulators by June 30/2011.	
2.	There was discussion surrounding the issue of mitigation and compensation as it relates to land owners as well as environmental issues with regards to the project. Pat explained the land owner compensation package, how it compares to other company compensation and responsibilities assumed by land owners under the easement; i.e. maintenance around towers. He also explained that mitigation for environmental issues would be dealt with on a site by site basis.	
3.	Question regarding the Community Development Fund: Pat explained how it will be calculated and that it will take effect when construction starts in that area.	
4.	D. Chranowski explained that MC is conducting moose surveys in the Moose Meadows area (east and southeast of Mafeking) and that MC may request route adjustments based on findings. The results of the survey will also be made available to Manitoba Hydro. He will work directly with R. Berger. He also asked if there was opportunity to place osprey nests on towers. It was indicated that the experience from the Wuskwatim transmission line the birds didn't need any help as they were very quickly building nests on the towers.	

5. Question regarding GPS interference; Pat indicated that the issue is being studied as there are numerous GPS systems coupled with auto steer systems. Some isolated problems have been brought to the attention of MH but they do not appear to be specific to receiving GPS signals.
6. Question if the line will affect property values: Pat explained that Manitoba Hydro's experience is that it does not affect property values over the long term as the value is driven by the quality of the land. Preference might be visible if 2 equal parcels were on the market at the same time. A perceived affect is compensated for.
7. L. Misanchuk asked why Manitoba Hydro chose the western route; Pat responded that MH was directed by government based on issues related to the east side including the potential of the UNESCO World Heritage Site and opposition by FNs and environmental groups. There was discussion about line length and cost differences.
8. L. Peloquin asked if there had already been any activities on the ground. Pat explained that exploratory work was conducted at the converter station sites and the ground electrode sites but no activities related to transmission lines.
9. There was discussion in regards to up-coming Section 35 consultation the MC will be under taking. L. Peloquin asked what type of mitigation measures are on the table for FN communities. Pat indicated that Manitoba Hydro has had discussion with Dan Bullock's group regarding Sec 35 consultation. Manitoba Hydro has engaged all FN communities in its consultation process which included ATK workshops and key person interviews in many communities. Their input has been taken into account in the routing process. Although not billed as a compensation measure, the CDI will provide financial benefits to local communities. Compensation is extended directly to trappers through MH's trappers compensation policy.
10. John provided the IRMT with a shape file and kmz of the Final Preferred Route for their review in advance of the meeting. It was indicated that there was little change to the route within the Western Region.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Central Region IRMT

Date of Meeting: January 12, 2011

Time: 10:00 – 11:45 am

Location: Gimli – Provincial building boardroom

In Attendance: Brian Gillespie; Regional Director
 Phil Keenan; Forester
 Doug Tirschman; For Tech
 Lyle Campbell; Lands Mgr.
 Dave Grant; A/Supt.
 Randy Woroniuk; Chief NRO
 Tony Merkl; Parks Specialist
 Geoff Klein; Fisheries Manager
 Derek Clark; Fish Bio
 Dave Roberts; Wildlife and Habitat Specialist
 Monica Reid; Forestry Tech
 Darren Bear; Forestry Tech
 Patrick McGarry; Licensing & Env. Assessments
 John Dyck; Biophysical Manager

Item	Description	Action By
1.	After introductions were made, B. Gillespie started by explaining that even though the reporting structure had changed within Manitoba Conservation, regional staff were still functioning as an IRMT.	
2.	Pat McGarry gave a brief presentation describing the need for the project, the site selection and environmental assessment process (SSEA) used to site the transmission line and criteria used in the selection process. The overview included questions from and discussions with the group. The selection process and criteria used generated considerable discussion including the rating and ranking system and weighting of disciplines in regards to their importance. Pat also indicated that Round 4 consultation was almost completed and that the EIS would be submitted to the regulators by June 30/2011.	
3.	L. Campbell asked if land owner compensation was equitable to that of oil companies and who is responsible for ROW maintenance on private land. Pat explained that as a public utility, Manitoba Hydro has an advantage over private companies when it comes to compensation, however, the one time payment is quite generous and has advantages over yearly payments that oil companies provide. The land owner is responsible for ROW maintenance.	
4.	Questions were raised about underground and under water routing, and associated risk/reliability. Pat explained that Manitoba Hydro is studying the technology but that at this time technical and cost constraints are prohibitive.	

5. Question regarding GPS interference; Pat and John indicated that the issue is being studied as there are numerous GPS systems coupled with auto steer systems. Some isolated problems have been brought to the attention of MH but they do not appear to be specific to receiving GPS signals.
6. Question regarding icing potential on DC line; lines generate enough heat to clear lines however towers remain susceptible.
7. B. Gillespie enquired if there are contingency plans in place should the government change. Pat indicated that there are no plans in place until direction changes.
8. Question regarding tapping into BP III; Pat indicated that you can not tap into a DC line between converter stations.
9. B. Gillespie enquired about the location of the ground electrode sites; Pat provided site specific information for the south and indicated that the 1st choice site is on private land whereas the 2nd choice site is on municipal land. He also indicated the technical requirements for the site.
10. Question regarding bird strikes and what information MH has, particularly as it relates to raptors. Pat and John indicated that there is considerable literature available regarding bird strikes. MH is also monitoring bird strikes as it relates to the Wuskwatim T-Line. Mitigation measures include the identification of important flyways and installing bird diverters on the sky wires to make the wires more visible.
11. Question as to the need for additional lines if BP III is required for reliability; Pat indicated that Bipole III will have capacity to carry additional new generation capacity but depending on new dam construction in the north, new lines would also be required.
12. B. Gillespie asked about who would be constructing the line and labour force requirements; Pat indicated that the line would be constructed by contractors and that MH is looking at dividing it into sections and tendering it on that basis. More specialized work such as components of the converter station may be kept within MH.
13. Question if wind farms influence decisions to build additional dams; Pat indicated that wind farms produce a very small component of MH's total energy output and that to ensure a consistent supply of energy wind energy can only supplement a small proportion of the total requirement.
14. Regional staff requested a shape file of the route so they can review it and assess if there are any specific concerns. John left a .kmz file that they can use on Google Earth and will provide a shape file.

Recorded by: John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Regional Open House – Round 4

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2010

Time: 4:00 – 8:00

Location: Thompson – St- Josephs Hall

In Attendance: Thompson; 25 Attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were several attendees from the Tataskweyak Cree Nation. Many of these visitors would have preferred this type of open house be held at the community. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained the protocol set-up by the community leadership where Manitoba Hydro has to flow information through them and in turn they would feed the information to the membership. Many of the visitors said they were not seeing any information flow and were very upset that the Bipole consultation process is now in the fourth and final round without their input.	
2.	There were many trappers in attendance. The trappers had expressed various concerns about the preliminary preferred route. Notable concerns included – opening up undisturbed areas, cabin locations, lack of proper compensation especially from previous projects, an increase in “outside” traffic on their lines and disturbance in general. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there is a Trapper Compensation/Notification Policy and that meetings with the Local Fur Councils would be planned in the near future.	
3.	Many trappers indicated that they would have liked to see the Bipole right-of-way follow the provincial road through the community. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that one of several criteria for locating the line was to avoid First Nation Lands.	
4.	A representative of Crowflight Minerals expressed his concerns on how the preliminary preferred route would have dire consequences on their operations in and around the Wabowden area and that he was opposed to the plan.	
5.	One visitor indicated that the new transmission line would bring excellent snowmobiling opportunities.	
6.	There was interest in jobs and business opportunities.	

Recorded By: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Regional Open House – Round 4

Date of Meeting: November 4, 2010

Time: 4:00 – 8:00

Location: Gillam – Community Recreation Centre

In Attendance: Gillam; 4 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were many questions on the east versus west routing including the high costs associated with the west route. It was indicated that the east side of Lake Winnipeg route may have been beneficial to the east side communities.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Regional Open House
Date of Meeting: November 2, 2010
Time: 4:00 – 8:00
Location: Snow Lake – Community Hall
In Attendance: Snow Lake; 12 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Greg Malcolm; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was interest on where the proposed right-of-way crosses the Snow Lake registered trapline district.	
2.	Manitoba Hydro representatives explained the Community Development Initiative to the newly elected mayor and community administration officer.	
3.	There was some interest on timing of the project and employment and/or business opportunities.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Regional Open House
Date of Meeting: November 1, 2010
Time: 4:00 – 8:00
Location: The Pas - Wescana Inn
In Attendance: The Pas; 35 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro:
Greg Malcolm; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources
John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was ample interest in employment and contract opportunities regarding the Bipole III project.	
2.	There were some questions and interest on the trapper notification/trapper compensation policy.	
3.	There was some concern from the local snowmobile club. They wanted to know if Bipole III would impact their trail system.	
4.	Some visitors questioned the western route and why the east route was not chosen.	
5.	Manitoba Hydro left maps of the Bipole III preliminary preferred route for further review by the newly elected Mayor and Council members.	
6.	Manitoba Hydro representatives provided information on the Community Development Initiative to the Mayor and Council members.	
7.	There was some discussion on how Manitoba Hydro would be crossing the Summerberry marsh and local rivers/streams.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Meeting with LGD of Mystery Lake

Date of Meeting: September 22, 2010

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Thompson Airport

In Attendance: Corinne Stewart; LGD of Mystery Lake
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The LGD of Mystery Lake confirmed receipt of the Bipole III Round 4 newsletter. Manitoba Hydro representatives provided a verbal briefing on the status of the Bipole III project. There was general discussion on a number of items as follows:	
2.	In response to a question regarding whether the LGD would receive royalties for the project, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would not receive royalties. In response to a question regarding the CDI, it was indicated that the LGD of Mystery Lake is not eligible for CDI. The LGD mentioned that they have 5 residents. Manitoba Hydro indicated that they would be discussing eligibility of CDI further along in the project.	Manitoba Hydro

Recorded by: Carl Johnson / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Meeting with the RM of Springfield – Ground Electrode

Date of Meeting: February 15th, 2011

Time: 13:30

Location: RM of Springfield Municipal Office – Oakbank

In Attendance: J. McCarthy, Reeve
 K.Lalonde, Councillor
 B.Bodnaruk, Councillor
 G.Brown (by phone), Councillor
 L.Tetrault, CAO
 C.Draper, Executive Assistant
 P. McGarry, Manitoba Hydro
 M.Wankling, Manitoba Hydro
 D.Toews, Landmark Planning
 Absent: Councillors K.Lucko and M. Purtill.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	D. Toews thanked council for the opportunity to discuss the project component and introduced team members present. P. McGarry made the presentation on the southern ground electrode explaining the need, what it is, and the location of the preferred site. P. McGarry also described the selection process and the potential effects and mitigation.	
2.	P. McGarry informed Council of Hydro’s intent to contact affected landowners right away and conduct special meetings for surrounding landowners. In addition there is an Open House on the ground electrode scheduled for March 15 in Dugald from 4:00 - 8:00.	
3.	There were several questions on land-use of the site after development. M. Wankling explained that the surrounding land outside the electrode ring within the section can remain in agricultural production, similar to what presently occurs at the Dorsey Station.	
4.	M. Wankling described the land acquisition process to be undertaken would involve the same or similar approach as was carried out for the Riel Station site – the owners would be approached, appraisals carried out, an agreeable sale price negotiated, assistance with relocation would be provided. There would not likely be time pressure for relocation owing to the generally protracted anticipated construction schedule.	
5.	There were several questions on the need for irrigation on the site. It was explained that only the electrode area needed to be irrigated and not the whole section and that irrigation pipe will be buried in the electrode excavation. The water supply and irrigation system is designed to ensure there is enough moisture present for operation at any time including during dry periods or extended use.	

6. There was a question as to whether additional roadwork would be required for construction. Hydro advised that additional roadwork was highly unlikely, other than some likely on-site gravel access roads; the scale of construction for the ground electrode would be substantially smaller than that for the Riel Station site.
7. There was a question as to whether the ground electrode line could run alongside the Bipole III line. Hydro advised that the electrode line would need to be separate from the Bipole III line for technical reasons.
8. A question of clarification was asked regarding the specific anticipated timing of approvals and construction for the overall project. P. McGarry advised that the targeted timing for the EIS submission was June 2011, EIS approval Fall 2012 and construction completion 2017.
9. Action Item – To provide Open House Meeting Notice to the RM Council. PM

Recorded by: Pat M.Garry and D. Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.
Date of Meeting:	November 17, 2010
Time:	8:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Delta Winnipeg
In Attendance:	Ed Huebert; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. Ric Syme; Manitoba Geological Survey Maryann Michychuk; Corporate Relations Services Various MAMI Member Companies Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Bill Krawchuk; MMM Group Limited

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Pat McGarry thanked the Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI) for the invitation to attend the meeting and to provide an update on the Manitoba Hydro Bipole III project and Round 4 Consultation process. He provided a short overview of the project, including the alternative routing process, what MH had heard from the stakeholders during the process, and reviewed the various options under consideration for routing through the Thompson nickel belt (TNB). The various advantages and disadvantages were presented for 4 alternative options routed in the TNB, which is of particular interest to MAMI and its members. P. McGarry indicated that no final decision has been made on which of the alternatives will be selected as part of the preliminary preferred route, as the process of analyzing the options is not yet complete and is subject to internal review and a final decision by senior management at Manitoba Hydro.	Info
2.	Discussion followed the presentation. Several attendees questioned whether Manitoba Hydro would consider compensation as a form of mitigation for routing through mineral claim or lease areas. P. McGarry indicated that Manitoba Hydro would consider such an approach, but would need to identify the zone of effect and consider any mitigation. It was indicated to Manitoba Hydro that they would have to make sure that all affected parties are contacted regarding the project.	Info

3. Association members asked whether there are other mitigation measures that Manitoba Hydro would consider to address potential impacts from the project. P. McGarry indicated that Manitoba Hydro wants to work with the industry to address whether there are any other technical means to address the industry's principal concern regarding the potential interference of a DC line on geophysical surveys. Several attendees suggested that it may be beneficial for Manitoba Hydro to assist member companies in conducting a fly-over of the preferred route before it is constructed to map the geophysical properties along the proposed right-of-way that may be potentially affected by a DC transmission line. It was suggested that such a survey could vary anywhere from 3 to 10 km wide depending on the type of survey equipment that was used. It was indicated that an order of magnitude cost for such an effort would not be a huge amount, perhaps a few million dollars.

4. Discussion focused on the technology behind the geophysical surveys that the mining industry uses to plot out potential mineral deposits. P. McGarry indicated that Manitoba Hydro has a technical expert in EMF researching the issue and is preparing a technical memo for Manitoba Hydro review. Several attendees suggested that it would be appropriate for the industry to engage their own expert to look into the issue further as well. E. Huebert indicated that there may be an opportunity for MAMI to work with Manitoba Hydro's expert in reviewing this issue. P. McGarry committed to providing the technical memo to MAMI for their input and review with industry members. PMcG

5. Pat McGarry indicated that the selection of the final preferred route through the TNB area will be presented to MAMI and its members for further review and comment. In the interim, MH is open for further discussions with individual companies directly affected by the selected preferred route and subsequently with MAMI. MH

6. Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:00 PM

Recorded by: Bill Krawchuk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project –Meeting with Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.

Date of Meeting: January 21st 2011

Time: 09:00

Location: Viscount Gord Hotel

In Attendance: Ed Huebert; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.
 Ric Syme; Manitoba Geological Survey
 Kelly Gilmore; HBMS
 David Markham; Vale – Inco
 Tom Lewis; Wildcat Exploration Ltd.
 Pamela Marsden; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc.
 Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.
 Bill Krawchuk; MMM Group

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>E. Huebert opened the meeting welcoming the Manitoba Hydro representatives and that the Association is anxious to hear developments in regards to routing in the Thompson Nickel Belt (TNB) area. He reiterated the potential value of the minerals sector in the TNB based on historic finds, extraction and socio-economic considerations. Ed noted that the Mining Association of Manitoba’s principal objective is to work with industry members to ensure other developments avoid adversely affecting mineral dispositions.</p> <p>T. Lewis expressed that we all have common objectives and that is to minimize the potential negative effects to exploration potential. He emphasized the point that staked mining claims were there for a valid reason, that being an expressed interest and expectation to find minerals in the area.</p>	
2.	<p>Pat McGarry thanked the Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI) for the invitation to attend the meeting and to provide information on the Manitoba Hydro Bipole III project and routing considerations in the TNB area. He focused on the area of highest interest by MAMI (TNB between Paint Lake and Ponton) and provided the status of routing through the area, issues as known and potential effects on the industry, responses by Manitoba Hydro to issues, what has been accomplished, routing options reviewed and compared, and potential for mitigation measures to address concerns. He indicated that based on the review of 4 options routes (shown on maps), the previously identified preferred route remains as the best alternative from MH’s perspective. Potential mitigation measures outlined includes assistance with preconstruction geophysical surveys in the zone of effect, post survey data processing R&D and potential minor deviations to the route where site specific values are identified by the stakeholders.</p>	

3. E. Huebert enquired if an economic analysis of the effects of the route on the TNB has been done. Pat indicated that this would be done as part of the larger socio-economic assessment for the project's EA.
4. A MAMI member asked when clearing would start (winter 2012/2013) and indicated that the proposed mitigation and project time line do not mesh. He also questioned the commitment of MH to the proposed potential mitigation. Pat indicated that discussions would have to take place with stakeholders and the frame work for mitigation laid out in the EIS.
5. Several attendees indicated the global importance of the TNB as a world class metallurgical resource that can't be moved and should be protected. They stressed how little of the provincial area it covers and that there should be ample opportunity to route Bipole to avoid the TNB, including further east or west. A representative for Crowflight Minerals asked specifically if MH would consider moving the preliminary preferred route a couple of kilometres to avoid some high potential mineral areas the company holds that they would want to be able to access in the future. Pat indicated that MH would consider doing so. Other questions of unrealistic values for caribou potentially affected by the preliminary preferred route were raised and the potential for re-aligning Bipole I&II further east to accommodate a more easterly route for Bipole III.
6. Rights to access and use of the ROW for access were discussed. Pat indicated that notification would be required by Manitoba Hydro but that the ROW could be used for access purposes. Limitations of erecting tall structures (temporary or otherwise) are restricted on and immediately adjacent to the ROW.
7. T. Lewis asked if there would be assistance with ground based geophysical surveys. Pat indicated that there could be if it can be shown that there are effects from the project. R. Syme thought that ground based surveys would be out of scope with proposed potential mitigation and that MH was opening itself up to major compensation.
8. D. Markham thought that it might be a good idea to get their industry geophysicists together to discuss and evaluate the effects and potential mitigation. He indicated that there a number of survey methods. E. Huebert added that technologies were also constantly changing and equipment becoming more and more sensitive.
9. A MAMI member asked how the scoping exercise in terms of routing was conducted. Pat indicated that various options were identified and studied based on available information, on-going field studies (e.g. caribou monitoring) and consultation (including input from Manitoba Conservation).
10. With regards to discussions of EMF effects E. Huebert requested copies of all information gathered, all companies and experts consulted, along with experts' qualifications. Pat indicated that the information would be available in the EIS.

11. E. Huebert asked what level of involvement various government ministers have had in the routing process, including Ministers Wowchuk, Chomiak, the Minister of Agriculture, Heritage, etc. Pat indicated that some had been directly involved but wasn't sure of others.
12. R. Syme asked if there was any opportunity at all to move the line east approximately 10 km. Pat indicated that separation concerns to BP I & II were already very high with the current route and bringing it even closer over a longer distance would raise the level of concern even higher. K. Gilmore asked if BP I & II could be moved further east to create separation. Pat indicated that this was unlikely as it would be separate project, would require a separate license and would require the lines to be taken out of service to complete such work.
13. E. Huebert asked if MH has enough baseline information in hand for all of the 4 options reviewed in the TNB to support the decision making process in this area. Pat indicated that MH does have considerable information which has resulted in the current outcome.
14. T. Lewis indicated that the mining companies are responsible to shareholders and that word will get out that the TNB is being compromised for exploration purposes. The industries' ranking in the TNB will fall as a result.
15. A MAMI member stated that MH should expect that mineral holders along the preliminary preferred route are going to want significant compensation as a result of the project. Another member expressed his concern for the apparent low level of consideration given to the mining sector and the short-term perspective taken by MH.
16. E. Huebert thanked MH and Pat for coming out to speak with the industry representatives. He expressed the industries' disappointment in the proposed routing but also understands MH's predicament. He indicated that individual companies will have to take a more direct approach to the problem. Pat indicated his appreciation of the problem and his expectation that the issue will likely end up at the Cabinet table.
17. T. Lewis indicated that he appreciated the effort made by MH and the potential mitigation put forward. He emphasized the importance of the mining industry to Manitoba and particularly northern Manitoba and that existing mines are working on diminishing resources. Therefore, exploration is required and barriers to exploration should be avoided where possible.
18. Pat thanked the group for the opportunity to discuss the issues and that MH would be engaged more directly with individual companies in the future. Meeting adjourned at approx. 11:00 AM

Recorded by: John Dyck, Bill Krawchuk and Pat McGarry

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with MAMI

Date of Meeting: January 21st 2011

Time: 9:00 am

Location: 360 Portage Avenue – President’s Boardroom

In Attendance: Ed Huebert; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc
 Pamela Marsden; Mining Association of Manitoba Inc
 Richard Sproule; Crowflight Minerals
 David Mchaina; Victory Nickel Inc.
 John Knowles; Wildcat Exploration (& Director of HubBay Minerals Inc.)
 Lovro Paulic; Vale
 Stu Waring; Vale
 Tom Lewis; Wildcat Exploration Ltd.
 Mark Fedikow; VMS Ventures & North American Nickel
 B. Brennan; CEO Manitoba Hydro
 P. McGarry; LEA, Manitoba Hydro
 J. Matthewson; LEA, Manitoba Hydro
 J. Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Following a round of introductions, Mr. Brennan opened the meeting by welcoming the representatives from the Mining Association of Manitoba Inc. (MAMI) and the various mining and exploration companies. He indicated that Manitoba Hydro was aware of the potential issues facing the mining sector, relative to the Bipole III project, in the Thompson Nickel Belt area. He expressed Manitoba Hydro’s concern relative to reliability issues with moving the line closer to Bipoles I&II. However, the corporation has a proposal to present and hopes that it will meet the needs of MAMI, its members and the mining sector.	
2.	Pat McGarry provided a brief overview of discussion held to date with the mining sector and the evolving process of having identified alternative routes, their evaluation and the identification of a preliminary preferred route (PPR). Pat’s presentation was supported by J. Matthewson who operated LEAs web based GIS system (Orientis) providing on-screen map views as required.	
	Pat pointed out the successes along the way in avoiding other key mineral interest areas around Snow Lake and Cranberry Portage. Having heard the concerns from the mining sector relative to the Thompson Nickel Belt (TNB) and the location of the PPR, Manitoba Hydro identified three additional alternative routes in the general area between Paint Lake and Ponton and evaluated them from various environmental perspectives. The result favoured the initial location of the PPR. Subsequent to the January 20/11 meeting and further review by Manitoba Hydro, with particular consideration to mitigation measures to counter the reliability concerns, Manitoba Hydro has adjusted its PPR to run south and east of the TNB in the area of concern (i.e. between Paint Lake and Ponton). This will be at considerable cost to Manitoba Hydro.	

3. Following the presentation by Pat, J. Knowles (Wildcat) voiced that the indicated FPR was an improvement. He asked about access restrictions on the ROW. Pat indicated that each case would have to be reviewed separately, however, access in and of itself shouldn't be a problem. Activities that would be of concern for Manitoba Hydro would be the erection to tall infrastructure in close proximity to the line and blasting.
4. M. Fedikow (VMS) wondered about separation of the proposed Bipole route and mining interests in Assean Lake area. Measured in on-screen GIS it was approximated at 7 km
5. Attendees had several additional questions relating to spatial location of the proposed route and separation from specific features. James was able to satisfy their queries using the Orientis data base.
6. Overall attendees were pleased with the latest Manitoba Hydro proposal and recognized the effort made and cost incurred by the corporation. Several attendees thanked Manitoba Hydro for the accommodation of their interests.
7. E. Huebert impressed on Manitoba Hydro that mining companies are publically traded companies are up against inside information disclosure issues. This makes it difficult for them to know what information can be released and when it can be released. This makes it difficult for the companies to provide site specific information about mineral interest areas to Manitoba Hydro for routing purposes.
8. P. McGarry offered to provide hard copy maps of the proposed FPR as well as a shapefile for their evaluation purposes. PM
9. P. McGarry asked that if there was further input to be provided to Manitoba Hydro regarding the route, that this be provided in very short order as the schedule for EIS submission is now very tight.

Recorded by: Pat McGarry and John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Fox Lake Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: October 7, 2010

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Fox Lake Cree Nation Members; 14 Attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson, Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was a question regarding whether a converter station model exists. It was indicated that the Licensing and Environmental Assessment (LEA) Department does not have such a model. In response to a question regarding the size of the Keewatinoow Converter Station, it was indicated that the plans are still in the review process.	
2.	There were concerns about how the transmission line would affect caribou migration. Concern was specific to the area between Split Lake and Fox Lake.	
3.	There was discussion on an eastern route for Bipole III.	
4.	There were questions regarding the types of towers that would be used through the traditional area and how wide the right-of-way would be. It was indicated that for the Bipole III transmission line, there would be guyed steel towers around Fox Lake and that the right-of-way would be 66 metres.	
5.	Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated to Mary Beardy, the Fox Lake Resource Management Board (RMB) Chairperson, that we would be available for a Round Four presentation to the RMB if they were interested.	
6.	There was interest on the trapper compensation policy and concerns regarding potential impacts to trappers due the project.	
7.	There was interest regarding employment and business opportunities associated with the project. A Fox Lake representative indicated that they would like to see Fox Lake Cree Nation operate the next construction camp for the Keewatinoow Converter Station.	
8.	There was a question regarding CDI and the criteria for eligibility. It was suggested by members that the population component was unfair. It was also suggested Manitoba Hydro consider how INAC calculates funding for communities.	

9. There was a question regarding mammal monitoring in the Fox Lake area. One visitor wanted to know who to contact at Manitoba Hydro regarding mammal monitoring. Manitoba Hydro representatives recommended that Pat McGarry would be an ideal contact.

10. There was a question regarding the Keewatinoow converter station and if it was part of the Bipole III project. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that it was part of the Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for the Bipole III Project.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Meeting with Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation (NCN)

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Time: 9:00 am

Location: NCN Boardroom

In Attendance: Councillor Marcel Moody; NCN
 Campbell MacInnes; NCN
 Bruce Hickey; NCN
 Valerie Matthews-Lemieux; NCN
 Doug Bedford; Manitoba Hydro
 Elissa Neville; Manitoba Hydro
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The status of the project was discussed including the new alternative route south of the Thompson area that Manitoba Hydro is considering.	
2.	NCN representatives requested and were provided a copy of the letter, workplan, and budget sent from Mr. Brennan. NCN representatives questioned whether the budget they received from Mr. Brennan could be revised as there were concerns about the limited budget allocated for legal and consulting support. NCN also raised concerns regarding the timeline for the workplan as there is an election in August. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they have no authority as it relates to the ongoing availability of the funding outlined in the proposal and that they would have to verify whether funds are still available. It is anticipated that if the funds are available there could be flexibility within the workplan and budget to reallocate costs between activities and adjust timelines. NCN representatives indicated that they require resources to review their existing Wuskwatim transmission environmental assessment reports as well as coordinators for other workplan activities including community workshops and ground truthing. Manitoba Hydro representatives offered to assist with the community workshops in the community. Manitoba Hydro representatives encouraged NCN to look at a compressed schedule for undertaking any work around route selection given that the Bipole III schedule currently provides for the preferred route to be released in September. NCN indicated that the timelines were too tight and that their preference was to submit a six-month workplan - MH indicated that they could do so. NCN representatives indicated that they would prepare and resubmit a revised workplan and budget. Manitoba Hydro recommended that NCN's work plan and budget outline required activities and resources to explain the need for more legal and consulting support. Manitoba Hydro representatives also encouraged NCN to consider looking at scheduling a community workshop before the end of June and indicated that they would support seeking approval for some immediate funding to support such an activity. NCN indicated that this would not work from their perspective.	NCN

3. NCN representatives indicated that they would like Manitoba Hydro to consider another alternative route that follows the existing Wuskwatim Transmission Line right-of-way between Birch Tree and Herb Lake. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that widening the ROW might not be possible due to environmental concerns. Manitoba Hydro stated that any routing feedback NCN could provide would be beneficial for the Bipole III project. Manitoba Hydro representatives also indicated that they would coordinate a follow-up meeting to discuss NCN's proposed alternative route. Manitoba
Hydro

4. NCN representatives questioned which consultants are involved in the Bipole III project. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they are using MMM Group Ltd. as the primary consultants for the project. NCN representatives questioned whether Manitoba Hydro could provide a list of the sub consultants on the project. NCN representatives questioned whether Manitoba Hydro could involve NCN in framing the studies for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they would verify whether there are any opportunities to work with the consultants and that they encourage MMM Group Ltd. to involve community members when they do studies in the field. NCN representatives questioned whether Manitoba Hydro received the letter from Chief Moore indicated that no further studies are to be conducted in the Nelson House Resource Management Area. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they have not seen that letter. NCN representatives questioned whether they could review the results from the consultant's reports for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they would verify whether it is possible for NCN to review the consultant's reports. NCN representatives indicated that they have an environmental company that could conduct the research for Bipole III in the Nelson House Resource Management Area. Manitoba
Hydro

5. NCN representatives requested a more detailed map of alternative routes B and C in the Nelson House Resource Management Area as well as a summary report. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they are currently working on a summary report. Manitoba
Hydro

6. NCN representatives questioned whether Manitoba Hydro is considering a fund for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they are currently considering a fund but details have not been finalized. NCN representatives questioned whether they could review the parameters of the fund prior to public release. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that due to the vast number of stakeholders for the Bipole III project that would not be possible. NCN representatives indicated that they have concerns regarding the Wuskwatim TDF and questioned whether their concerns would be reflected into a fund for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they had understood communities were generally happy with the Wuskwatim TDF but that if they were aware of NCN's concerns that they could try to accommodate their concerns in the new model. NCN mentioned that their concern is regarding the timing of the fund.

7. NCN representatives questioned job and business opportunities for Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the construction group would be discussing job and business opportunities later in the project.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN)
Date of Meeting: November 10, 2010
Time: 3:00-6:00pm
Location: Opaskwayak Cree Nation - Kikiwak Inn, The Pas
In Attendance: OCN Members; 3 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	One attendee found that the information provided regarding the project to be informative.	
2.	There was discussion with attendees regarding trapper involvement and the MH Trapper Notification/Compensation Policy.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Leadership Meeting with Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN)

Date of Meeting: November 10, 2010

Time: 1:30 – 2:30

Location: Opaskwayak Cree Nation Council Chambers

In Attendance: Moses Bignell; OCN
 Ray Lathlin Ross; OCN
 Mike Jebb Jr; Councilor, OCN
 Bernice Young; Councilor
 Joan Niwuan; OCN
 April Dorion; OCN
 Mabel Bignell; OCN
 Mary Head; OCN
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	OCN representatives informed Manitoba Hydro that OCN has extended their Resource Management Area boundaries into the Goose Lake and Mawdesley Lake area. Manitoba Hydro requested a map of the new boundaries as it could have some influence on the Community Development Initiative (CDI) as well as help Manitoba Hydro with ongoing work with OCN.	Manitoba Hydro/OCN NRC to try get map of OCN RMA
2.	Manitoba Hydro outlined the basis of the CDI and noted that further information would be provided once details have been finalized.	
3.	There was some discussion on the reasons for a western route as opposed to a route east of Lake Winnipeg.	
4.	There was interest in job opportunities associated with the project and that OCN should be quite involved with any business, employment and training opportunities that may accompany the project. OCN insisted that they would prefer to have more involvement opportunities than they received from the Wuskwatim Transmission project.	
5.	There was brief discussion with regards to the private landowner compensation policy associated with the Bipole III Project.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Preferred Route Selection – Recommendations from Tataskweyak Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2010

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: MMM Group Boardroom, 93 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

In Attendance: Victor Spence; Tataskweyak Cree Nation
 Ron Lowe; Hobbs and Associates
 Justin Rak-Banville; Hobbs and Associates
 Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Patrick McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting Inc.
 Bill Krawchuk; MMM Group
 Bryan McFayden; MMM Group
 Lauren Lange; MMM Group

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Trent Hreno welcomed and introduced attendees.	
2.	John Dyck presented a summary of Tataskweyak Cree Nation’s (TCN) input on the Bipole III preferred route selection and Manitoba Hydro’s corresponding recommendations and responses.	
3.	Highlights from this summary included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • locating the route as close as possible to PR 280; • limiting crossing of streams; • missing all single enduring features entirely; • affecting only some rare enduring features; • maintaining as much separation as possible from Steven’s Lake; and • avoiding and maintaining considerable separation from all Fee Simple lands. 	
4.	Ron Lowe stated that interviews with community members are presently being conducted in regards to the preferred route selection. Many have mentioned that they would like to see the Right of Way (ROW) come as close as possible to PR 280.	
5.	R. Lowe stated that a report of the TCN community interviews will be submitted to Manitoba Hydro by mid-January 2011, however, if there were any significant findings that might affect routing, then TCN would notify MH earlier.	
6.	R. Lowe and Victor Spence noted that trap line 11 and a few cabins are located in the vicinity of the adjustment.	

7. With V. Spence's permission, GPS coordinates of the cabins located in the vicinity of the adjustment will be shared with Manitoba Hydro.
8. R. Lowe inquired as to the number of additional angle towers to be added to the ROW as a result of the preferred route adjustments. T. Hreno stated that there will be approximately eight angle towers added.
9. In regards to a question about how many more streams would be crossed with the new route alignment, it was agreed by attendees that stream crossings should be classified based on size. MH to provide a comparative summary of stream crossings for the July PPR and the adjusted alignment. JD/BM
10. J. Dyck highlighted the fact that the ROW will be paralleling some of the streams rather than crossing them. As a result, the ROW will be further away from existing infrastructure, but will have better alignment. For example, the ROW will run parallel to the Hunting River.
11. R. Lowe inquired as to whether or not Manitoba Hydro's studies have highlighted any significant concerns in regards to the route adjustments made since June 2010. J. Dyck and T. Hreno answered that some of the over-riding outcomes of these particular route adjustments include: the ROW being closer to existing infrastructure; an increase in the number of stream crossings; and a significant increase in costs due to additional angle towers.
12. R. Lowe inquired as to the number of stream crossings that would occur in the RMA. T. Hreno answered that this number had not yet been determined, but will be. JD/BM
13. V. Spence stated that TCN Council originally wanted to hold an open house before Christmas, but this will not be possible. Council would like to recommend January 19, 2011 as a potential date for a community open house. Carl Johnson stated that this would be possible.
14. Discussion was had as to rather or not technical work opportunities within the community will be discussed at the same time as the open house. V. Spence stated that the two issues (the preferred route selection & technical work opportunities) should be kept separate.
15. C. Johnson described the open house format (including storyboards, maps and newsletters). V. Spence strongly recommended that the Owl Staff lead the open house in January, with Manitoba Hydro staff available to answer questions. V. Spence also suggested that members of the Owl Staff be briefed on the project in Winnipeg, prior to the open house. It was agreed that R. Lowe, C. Johnson and the Key Communicator from the Owl Staff would work together to prepare for the upcoming event (advertising, etc.).

16. It was stated that power supply has determined that the electrode site is in the Fox Lake RMA. It was further discussed that there should be a presentation to TCN on the electrode site. However, this presentation should not interfere with the community open house regarding the preferred route selection. It was suggested that there be a meeting in early January to discuss the electrode site. R. Lowe will be contacting Rob Elder to arrange. RL
17. V. Spence and Ron Lowe stated that they are happy with the changes to the preferred route selection. These changes will be shared with TCN Council and the rest of the community. R. Lowe mentioned that Manitoba Hydro can expect TCN's input (in the form of a written report) by the end of January, but they will try to submit it before then.
18. In closing, R. Lowe indicated that TCN members stated that Bipole III should be located as close as possible to PR 280. V. Spence noted that the adjusted route west of Stephens Lake will create two additional access points; i.e. PR 280 crossings.
19. T. Hreno adjourned the meeting at 10:27 AM.

Recorded by: Lauren Lange

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Tataskweyak Cree Nation (TCN)

Date of Meeting: January 19, 2011

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Band Hall

In Attendance: TCN community members; 437 attendees
 Victor Flett; Councillor
 Norman Flett; Councillor
 Mike Keeper; Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Manitoba Hydro provided the attendees with a Bipole III presentation, project story boards/maps, project handouts, a project video and a question and answer period. Cree interpretation was also provided to the attendees.	
2.	There were concerns raised as to why this was the first time that Manitoba Hydro was visiting the community seeing that this was a Round Four Open House. Attendees indicated that they felt left out of the process. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that there were several attempts to meet with the community but Manitoba Hydro was directed to work through the leadership and specifically Victor Spence.	
3.	Trappers expressed various concerns about the preliminary preferred route. Notable concerns included opening up undisturbed areas, cabin locations, lack of proper compensation especially from previous projects, an increase in “outside” traffic on their lines and disturbance in general. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there is a Trapper Compensation/Notification Policy and that meetings with the Local Fur Councils and individual trappers will be planned in the near future. The line holder from RTL 23 indicated that he supported the preliminary preferred route through his trap line and Manitoba Hydro should not make changes to the route in the area northeast of Split Lake.	
4.	One trapper indicated that he would have liked to see the Bipole RoW follow the provincial road through the community. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that one of several criteria for locating the line was that it would not be constructed on reserve land.	
5.	Trappers had issues with the work for the upgrade of PR 280. The contractor is opening borrow areas, setting up a camp and has a large scale blasting and crushing operation that is causing the fur bearing animals to stay away from areas that the trappers typically trap in. They would like to be informed on what is happening with the activities for the road improvements as well as the Keeyask project. They feel information is not flowing down to the grassroots people.	

6. There were discussions on the east vs. west routing. It is felt that there would be fewer impacts on the TCN RMA if the line went on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
7. Issues were raised related to the Community Development Initiative (CDI) and the trappers' compensation policy. It was questioned why the CDI was for only a short duration (10 years) and the trappers' compensation policy is a onetime payment. It was indicated that attendees felt that these need to be negotiated further.
8. There was a lot of interest in the licensing process for the Bipole III project. Some attendees asked how Manitoba Hydro came up with the alternative routes and then the preliminary preferred route. Manitoba Hydro explained the SSEA process and that the public was a major component to the process.
9. It was questioned why Bipole III is needed. Manitoba Hydro explained the need for reliability and that if any new generation was built, including Keeyask, a new transmission line would be required.
10. It was questioned what Manitoba Hydro would do if TCN members refused to allow the line being built through their RMA. One person asked if there would be a referendum on the proposed line.
11. There were some comments regarding the next provincial election and it was questioned if a change in government occurred, would the route change to the east side of Lake Winnipeg.
12. Some attendees wanted more information on the possible changes to the route in their RMA.

ACTION -Manitoba Hydro indicated that the routing should be final soon and that maps will be sent to community representatives ASAP.
13. **ACTION** - Councillor Mike Keeper would like to have general information (Manitoba Hydro posters, employment programs, brochures etc) sent to him so that he could pass on to the schools. This information can be sent to the Band office.
14. It was asked if Manitoba Hydro would relocate cabins and bridge crossings if they were destroyed during construction. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that damage to cabins and bridge crossings are covered in the Trappers' Compensation Policy.
15. An attendee asked if hydro rates would be increasing if Manitoba Hydro received a license to build Bipole III.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Duane Hatley / Carl Johnson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Leadership Meeting with Cormorant Community Council

Date of Meeting: November 9, 2010

Time: 1:00 – 2:30pm

Location: Cormorant Administration Office

In Attendance: Ken Ducharme; Outgoing mayor
 Doug Genaille; Incoming mayor
 Larry Ladoucer; Councilor
 Ken Myers; Councilor
 James Nabess; Councilor
 Helen Fenner; Councilor
 Ernest Lavallee; Outgoing Councillor
 Bev Scheletka; Administrative secretary
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Leadership was concerned with the Bipole III transmission line following the new Wuskwatim Transmission line. There was interest as to whether there would be a buffer between the two lines. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that a buffer was highly probable but would look into it further and pass on recommendations for a buffer.	Manitoba Hydro
2.	The leadership indicated that they do not approve of chemicals to control vegetation along transmission lines.	
3.	There was of discussion regarding the western route for Bipole III as opposed to a route east of Lake Winnipeg. The leadership did not oppose the Bipole III line as long as it provides long term/meaningful employment and benefits to the community. One representative said that Manitoba Hydro would construct the line whether the community wanted it or not.	
4.	There were concerns raised related to potential health effects associated with electric and magnetic fields.	
5.	Leadership was interested in the Community Development Initiative (CDI) and asked why it would be reviewed or cancelled after ten years. There was some concern as to why the Opaskwayak Cree Nation received the same dollar value for the Wuskwatim TDF as Cormorant due to the line traversing more of the Cormorant RMA. Leadership will question CDI payments in relation to other areas being crossed.	

6. There was focus on the Wuskwatim project. The leadership was both satisfied and dissatisfied with how the project was handled in their Resource Management Area. The leadership felt that there should be more community members with long term and meaningful jobs associated with the project. Training opportunities were viewed as lacking in the community. They said that they expect much more from the Bipole III Transmission project.
7. The community would like more information on training programs available at the Stonewall facility. Manitoba
Hydro
8. The leadership expressed disappointment regarding the petroform site that was not protected during the Wuskwatim project and wondered how such a site was overlooked in the planning process.
9. The leadership wanted to know when they would receive the ATK information back. D Hatley to
send info to
Bev

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Cormorant

Date of Meeting: November 9, 2010

Time: 3:00 – 6:00

Location: Cormorant Community Hall

In Attendance: Cormorant Community Members; 14 Attendees
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees expressed concern regarding potential EMF effects from the Bipole III transmission line.	
2.	An outfitter wanted to know if Manitoba Hydro compensated commercial outfitters the same way Manitoba Hydro compensates trappers for disturbances. Manitoba Hydro representatives suggested the outfitter send a letter to Manitoba Hydro on the subject.	
3.	One attendee was disappointed about local roads being destroyed or heavily damaged during the Wuskwatim project.	
4.	One attendee indicated that the new transmission line would bring excellent snowmobiling opportunities to the area.	
5.	One attendee asked if Manitoba Hydro salvages trees as the right-of-way is cleared. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that, where feasible, Manitoba Hydro does promote the salvaging of trees either for commercial use or firewood. The attendee also wanted to know if Manitoba Hydro replants trees. Manitoba Hydro representatives outlined the Forest Enhancement Program and in many cases, new trees are replanted through community projects.	
6.	There was substantial interest in jobs and business opportunities associated with the project.	
7.	There were many trappers interested in the project. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the trappers compensation/notification policy would be administered similarly to the Wuskwatim project.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Chemawawin Cree Nation and Easterville
Date of Meeting:	October 26, 2010
Time:	1:00 pm 4:00 pm
Location:	Community Hall
In Attendance:	Chemawawin Community Members; 14 attendees Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was substantial interest in employment opportunities associated with the project. There was interest from attendees regarding potential opportunities for environmental monitors following construction of the transmission line.	
2.	An attendee was interested in the Community Development Initiative and the Trappers' Compensation policy. A Manitoba Hydro representative briefly explained the criteria for both initiatives and that the community would not qualify for either as the community's Registered Trap Line is not traversed by the preliminary preferred route.	
3.	An attendee asked whether the line could be built along Bipole I and II. In response, the reliability factor and separation necessities for Bipole III were outlined.	
4.	Attendees questioned whether an underground or an underwater routing option would be feasible for this project. It was noted that additional cost and research would be necessary to undertake either of those options and that timelines did not permit such an option at this time.	
5.	Chief Easter indicated that Chemawawin has land (200 acres) located at the Highway 10 and Highway 60 junction. Manitoba Hydro representatives said that this would be followed-up with, as the maps did not indicate First Nation lands north and east of the junction. Action item: follow-up with specialists on the land at the Highway 10 and Highway 60 junction.	Manitoba Hydro
6.	An attendee was interested in project information being shared with the school. It was indicated that if the school is interested, Manitoba Hydro representatives could provide age appropriate presentations to the school. The attendee provided their contact information for scheduling a school visit. Action item: follow-up with representatives at Manitoba Hydro regarding a presentation at the school.	Manitoba Hydro
7.	An attendee questioned whether the open house would be considered consultation. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro cannot consult with Aboriginal communities and that the open house is for sharing information and discussing the project with members of affected communities.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Herb Lake Landing

Date of Meeting: November 8, 2010

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Jim Corman; Herb Lake Landing
Hazel Corman; Herb Lake Landing
Glen Spencer; Herb Lake Landing
Marg Spencer; Herb Lake Landing
Greg Carswell; Herb Lake Landing
Candyce Carswell; Herb Lake Landing
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Lodge owners in attendance questioned accommodation necessities required during the construction phase of the project.	
2.	There were questions regarding the potential effects of electric and magnetic fields (EMF) on people and wildlife. Manitoba Hydro supplied EMF related information.	
3.	Community members were interested in the Community Development Initiative and the initiative was outlined regarding eligibility criteria.	
4.	Questions were raised regarding timelines of the project primarily focused on the aspect of construction.	
5.	Questions were raised regarding cost differences and the foundations for a western route as opposed to a route east of Lake Winnipeg.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round 4 Community Open House with Pikwitonei

Date of Meeting: October 5, 2010

Time: 1:00 – 4:00

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Pikwitonei Community Members; 16 attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was interest regarding potential employment and contract opportunities associated with the Bipole III project.	
2.	There were questions and interest on the Trapper Notification/Compensation policy. Manitoba Hydro representatives briefly explained how the policy is implemented and that representatives would return to work with individual trappers impacted by the Bipole project.	
3.	There was interest as to how Manitoba Hydro compensates farmers/private landowners and if they were accepting the Bipole III line going across their lands. Manitoba Hydro representatives briefly explained the landowner compensation policy for the project and that there were indeed farmers who are opposed to the project.	
4.	Manitoba Hydro representatives introduced the Community Development Initiative and explained that there would be further community meetings following Round Four.	
5.	Manitoba Hydro representatives left maps of the Bipole III preliminary preferred route for further review by the community members who could not attend.	
6.	There was a question about what hydro rates were paid by others such as US customers and why the rate is lower than what Manitobans pay. It was explained that for industrial users in Manitoba and our export customers in the US, Ontario and Saskatchewan the rates are different because there are not distribution costs associated with supplying power to those customers. Manitoba Hydro only provides high voltage transmission, which is always a lower rate because the customer has their own costs regarding the distribution of the power.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Carl Johnson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Leadership Meeting with Pikwitonei

Date of Meeting: October 5, 2010

Time: 11:00 – 12:00pm

Location: Community Council Office

In Attendance: Percy Laubmann; Councilor
Lloyd Hanson; Councilor
Wayne Laubmann; Councilor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Leadership asked as to why Bipole III could not run parallel with Bipole I & II. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained the importance of separation from the existing infrastructure as this improves the aspect of reliability.	
2.	There were questions regarding the Trapper Notification/Compensation policy. Manitoba Hydro briefly explained how the policy is implemented and that representatives would return to work with individual trappers impacted by the Bipole project. Leadership noted that Pikwitonei does not have a functioning local fur council/association at this time.	
3.	Manitoba Hydro representatives introduced the Community Development Initiative and explained that there would be further community meetings following Round Four.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Wabowden Community Council Leadership

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Wabowden Council Office

In Attendance: Reg Meade; Mayor
Leon Benson; Councilor
Rene Settee; Councilor
June Chu; Councilor
Frances McIvor; Councilor
Myrna Dram
Sessie Jonasson; CAO
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was positive feedback regarding the location of the preliminary preferred route located near Wabowden. There were comments that the community did not want to see the preliminary preferred route moved to the area between Highway 6 and Setting Lake. Reg Meade indicated that there would not be room for Bipole III in the area noted above.	
2.	There was interest regarding employment and business opportunities associated with the project. Leadership questioned when the construction and employment processes would be further explained to the community. In response, it was indicated that representatives from the construction department would likely visit the community once Manitoba Hydro received a license for the project.	
3.	The Community Development Initiative (CDI) was briefly explained and CDI brochures were provided to the mayor and council.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Wabowden Community Council – Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR) Adjustments

Date of Meeting: April 6th, 2011

Time: 19:00

Location: Wabowden Council Chambers

In Attendance: Reg Meade; Mayor
Myrna Dram; Councillor
Rene Settee; Councillor
Francis McIvor; Councillor
Leon Benson; Councillor
Larry McIvor; CAO
Lisa Bev Schalatka; Clerk
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The purpose of the meeting was to provide a Bipole III update to Mayor and Council regarding recent changes to the PPR near the community of Wabowden.	
2.	The Council wanted to know the reason for the changes. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the reason for the changes derived from concerns from Crowflight Minerals and the Mining Association of Manitoba as they felt that the HVdc line would affect future mining in the Thompson nickel belt area.	
3.	The Council shared their concerns about the changes specifically towards a possible decrease to their Community Development Initiative funding as the line was now further from the community. Manitoba Hydro response was that there should be no significant changes due the changes. The council was also concerned that the line was now getting closer to other communities (insinuating Cross Lake/Pimicikamak) to the east and that it would provide more interference.	
4.	The council thanked Manitoba Hydro for providing the update and said that they looked forward to seeing the final preferred route.	
5.	Manitoba Hydro provided new maps to the Council for further reference and review.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Dakota Tipi First Nation Leadership
Date of Meeting:	Friday, October 15, 2010
Time:	11:00 am
Location:	Band Council Office
In Attendance:	Chief Smoke; Dakota Plains Dakota Tipi First Nation; 7 Attendees Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro Deirdre Zebrowski; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was significant interest in employment opportunities that could be associated with the project. In response to a question regarding the requirements for linemen employed by Manitoba Hydro, the Aboriginal pre-placement program was explained. There was a question regarding who finances training once applicants are accepted into Manitoba Hydro's pre-placement programs. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro pays for training once applicants are accepted into the program. There was a question regarding whether applicants for Manitoba Hydro's pre-placement programs are selected based on the size of the community. It was stated that applicants are chosen based on the individual. Chief Smoke stated that their community members were originally hunters but now they are trades people. Manitoba Hydro offered to have representatives discuss employment opportunities with Manitoba Hydro if the community has a career fair. Action item: Manitoba Hydro will send information regarding the pre-placement programs and provide pre-placement related contacts from hydro for the community.	Manitoba Hydro
2.	In response to a question whether Manitoba Hydro would compensate Dakota Plains First Nation for building Bipole III on their land, it was indicated that Bipole III would not traverse any reserve land.	
3.	There was discussion and interest in the Community Development Initiative and criteria for eligibility.	
4.	The Chief questioned why Manitoba Hydro was meeting with them, as in the past Manitoba Hydro would have proceeded with the project without involving their community. In response, the SSEA process was explained including the importance of community involvement and feedback.	
5.	There was a question regarding whether Manitoba Hydro has records of environmental damage caused by other Manitoba Hydro projects. In response, there was discussion on the research conducted and findings from the North-Central project.	

6. Chief Smoke indicated that Dakota Plains First Nation would not protest the project and is interested in long-term opportunities associated with the project.
7. There was discussion regarding the potential effects electric and magnetic fields. Chief Smoke noted that if there are no health impacts on the community, the community will be in support the project.
8. There were many questions regarding the construction process for Bipole III. There were questions about whether storage sites for materials would be required and whether Manitoba Hydro hires semi-truck drivers to deliver materials. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro would require storage sites for materials and that the contractor is responsible for delivering materials to the construction sites.
9. There was discussion on holding an ATK workshop in the community. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro would provide a sample agenda and presentation to the community. **Action item: a letter to Chief Smoke, a sample agenda, and ATK presentation were emailed to Evangeline on October 18, 2010.**

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Hydro

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Dakota Tipi First Nation

Date of Meeting: October 14, 2010

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Dakota Tipi School

In Attendance: Dakota Tipi Community Members; 5 Attendees
 Carl Johnson, Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley, Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson, Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was interest in employment opportunities associated with the Bipole III Project.	
2.	The need for the project was outlined including existing infrastructure and the current dependence on Bipole I & II.	
3.	Francise Pashe requested that additional information regarding ATK workshops for the project be sent to Geneva Smoke. Action item: an email with a letter to Councillor Pashe, an ATK workshop sample agenda and presentation were emailed to Geneva Smoke on October 18, 2010.	Manitoba Hydro
4.	There was discussion regarding the types of towers that would be used for the project.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Dakota Tipi First Nation Leadership

Date of Meeting: February 8th, 2011

Time: 10:00

Location: Dakota Tipi First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Cornell Pashe; Chief
 Darryl Taylor; Councillor
 Juanita Prince; Councillor
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>There was interest in the CDI. It was mentioned that the community initially heard about the CDI during the call-in radio show hosted by Long Plain First Nation that included the participation of a Manitoba Hydro representative. The process for calculating the CDI was discussed and it was explained that the eligible communities would receive the CDI on an annual basis and the amount they receive is based on the proximity of the transmission to the reserve land where the home community is located and population. It was indicated that the community's INAC funding is based on 189 members although there are 389 members. There was a question regarding how the CDI funding could be used. It was explained that the CDI is not application based and can be used for community development purposes. There was a recommendation that it should be possible to use the CDI to subsidize hydro for the community. In response, it was indicated that Manitoba Hydro has received similar requests from other communities and the recommendation would be brought forward. It was questioned when the community would receive more information regarding the CDI. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro is anticipating sending a letter once the final preferred route is established and will also have information on the CDI funding in June 2011.</p>	
2.	<p>There were concerns expressed regarding electric and magnetic fields.</p>	
3.	<p>It was questioned whether Bipole III was primarily for export. It was indicated that the Bipole III project is being built as a system improvement and reliability project for the power that is generated by Manitoba Hydro in the North. The power is converted back to AC in the south and distributed throughout the AC power system, which includes shipping power to the US. If Manitoba Hydro builds new generating stations in the North the power will be shipped south on the HVdc transmission lines.</p>	
4.	<p>It was questioned how Manitoba Hydro takes into consideration sensitive sites. In response, the SSEA process was explained including the importance of ATK. The environment is a key point for the community.</p>	

5. There was a lot of interest in employment and business opportunities. The community signed an MOU with Enbridge and has had successful involvement in the project. The community has also had discussions with CN and CP. The community is willing to enter into joint venture agreements for involvement in projects. There are human resources in the community and it was indicated that the community has three truck drivers. The community is conducting a comprehensive plan in April. There was discussion regarding Manitoba Hydro's Aboriginal Pre-Placement Programs. It was indicated that the community has 55 high school students and some may be interested working as summer students for Manitoba Hydro. **Action item: Forward an employment information package to the community.** The community had questions regarding how the integrated pole maintenance contract is issued. It was explained that the contract is an open tender process and companies from across Canada bid on it. **Action item: ask Aboriginal Relations to contact Councillor Taylor to discuss integrated pole maintenance. Please indicate where they are working, who has the contract, and when the next contract is being bid.** There was discussion regarding funding available from Manitoba Hydro to communities. **Action item: ask Community Relations to meet with the community to explain the KSP fund.**
6. There was discussion on the east versus west routing for Bipole III. It was indicated that the community would have liked to see the eastern First Nations benefit from the project.
7. It was questioned whether Manitoba Hydro would have another open house or additional meetings in the community. In response, it was indicated that if the community requested additional meetings or another open house, Manitoba Hydro would consider their request. Manitoba Hydro also indicated that if there are any major changes to the routing in the area, they would notify the community immediately.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Ebb and Flow First Nation

Date of Meeting: January 24th, 2011

Time: 14:00

Location: Ebb and Flow First Nation Band Office

In Attendance: Nelson Houle; Chief (Ebb and Flow First Nation)
 Darren Mousseau; Councillor (Ebb and Flow First Nation)
 Dwayne Spence; Councillor (Ebb and Flow First Nation)
 Wayne Desjarlais; Councillor (Ebb and Flow First Nation)
 Adrienne Flatfoot; Councillor (Ebb and Flow First Nation)
 Patrick McKay; Councillor (O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation)
 Ron Moar; Councillor (O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation)
 Joseph Maud; Councillor Skownan First Nation
 Grand Chief Morris Shannacappo; Southern Chiefs’ Organization
 Greg McIvor; Southern Chiefs’ Organization
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Some of the attendees commented that this is the first they heard of the project as some of the attendees were newly elected. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that project information has been sent to all the First Nations in the study area from the start of the SSEA process. Chief Houle requested copies of all previous correspondence to Ebb and Flow First Nation. It was explained to the Councillor from Skownan First Nation that they were considered outside of the study area and would not have received the project information packages but if they wish to receive project information Manitoba Hydro can provide them with a package. Action item: send copies of all previous correspondences to Chief Houle.	
2.	The Chiefs made it clear that they are planning to deal with this project as a united front and Southern Chiefs Organization will also be there as well as Treaty 2 and 4 representatives.	
3.	There were concerns expressed regarding the potential impact of the project on Treaties, land claims, and TLE.	
4.	There were concerns about flooding along the west side of the lakes. There were also concerns about high water conditions caused by Manitoba Hydro generating station development in the past and that any new generating stations would cause more flooding in the south.	
5.	It was mentioned that there was no compensation for past transmission line development between Grand Rapids and Dauphin, which destroyed hunting and trapping in the Skownan traditional territory.	

6. There was a question regarding royalties paid to forestry companies. An answer will be provided to Councillor Joseph Maud from Skownan First Nation. There was a question whether Manitoba Hydro would have documents in their archives pertaining to consultation done for G31V. **Action item: provide a response to Councillor Joseph Maud from Skownan First Nation regarding royalties paid to forestry companies**
7. There were concerns about the potential impacts on traditional hunting, trapping, berries and medicinal lands in all of communities' territories, which include private and crown lands.
8. There were concerns about the project traversing burial grounds, ceremonial grounds and old settlement buildings in the vicinity of Ebb and Flow. The attendees were concerned that these sensitive sites have not been identified in the area and are worried about protecting them.
9. A copy of a SCO resolution requesting an environmental audit of Manitoba Hydro was provided at the meeting.

Recorded by: Carl Johnson/Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Leadership meeting with O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation
Date of Meeting: December 9, 2010
Time: 2:00 pm
Location: Band office
In Attendance: Chief Hazel Moar; O-Chi-Chak-Ko-Sipi First Nation
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was interest in the Community Development Initiative and the criteria for eligibility.	
2.	It was questioned whether Manitoba Hydro has met with the Chiefs at a West Region Tribal Council meeting. In response, it was indicated that Manitoba Hydro has not met with the West Region Tribal Council although Manitoba Hydro representatives would be pleased to attend a meeting and present Round Four of the project.	
3.	There was discussion on the ATK process for the project. Chief Moar requested more information on the ATK workshops be sent to him. Action item: fax Chief Moar information on the ATK workshops. Completed on December 14: a letter regarding ATK, a draft agenda and the ATK PowerPoint presentation were faxed to Chief Moar.	
4.	Chief Moar requested an additional meeting with members of council January 20, 2011. Leadership asked whether Manitoba Hydro could also have an open house on the same day but Chief Moar indicated that she would like the open house scheduled after the leadership meeting.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Sapotaweyak Cree Nation

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2010

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Location: Sapotayweyak Cree Nation Community Centre

In Attendance: Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Community Members; 35 Attendees
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were many questions regarding future employment and business opportunities associated with the project. One attendee wanted a guarantee that employment opportunities would be available to the community. Manitoba Hydro representatives briefly explained the process executed for the Wuskwatim transmission project and that there would be efforts to include local community members in the workforce. Manitoba Hydro representatives did indicate that the successful contractor hired for the project determines hiring practices.	
2.	Trappers in attendance expressed concerns regarding the preliminary preferred route. Notable concerns by this group included opening up undisturbed areas, disturbing wildlife and a lack of proper compensation especially from previous Manitoba Hydro projects. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there is a Trapper Compensation/Notification Policy and that meetings with Local Fur Councils/Associations would occur in the future.	
3.	There was some concern from other resource users regarding other potential environmental impacts from the project. One attendee noted that they did not want to see any herbicides used for vegetation management within the right-of-way of the transmission line.	
4.	One attendee was interested in the reasons Bipole III was necessary. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the project is required to improve system reliability and had the capability of transmitting energy from future generating projects.	
5.	There was concern that electricity rates would increase due to the cost of the project.	
6.	Many attendees mentioned that they were thankful that Manitoba Hydro is sharing project information with the community membership very early in the process.	
7.	There was significant interest in the ATK process for Bipole III.	

8. Calvin Campeau requested a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation, a draft workplan for an ATK project and a copy of the meeting notes. **Action item: send Calvin the requested materials**

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round 4 Leadership Meeting with Sapotaweyak Cree Nation
Date of Meeting:	January 26, 2011
Time:	2:00 pm
Location:	Band Office
In Attendance:	Chief Nelson Genaille; Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Reynold Cook; Councillor Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Lorraine Brass; Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Alex Chartrand; Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Melvin Gott; Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Calvin Campeau; Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Tracey Contois; Sapotaweyak Cree Nation Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was confusion regarding a letter from Manitoba Hydro sent to lodge owners and outfitters that included a January 17, 2011 deadline. Sapotaweyak Cree Nation representatives indicated that they thought the January 17, 2011 deadline was the deadline for participating in the project.	
2.	In response to a question regarding whether this meeting was deemed consultation, it was indicated that the meeting was not consultation. The Section 35 process was briefly discussed. There was a question regarding who the community should contact regarding their concerns that Bipole III was being built on their traditional territories. It was indicated that would be a question for the province during the Section 35 consultation process.	
3.	There were questions regarding how the Community Development Initiative (CDI) would be calculated. It was asked as to how Manitoba Hydro would calculate the CDI to incorporate all the community's TLE sections. The process for calculating the CDI was discussed and it was explained that the eligible communities would receive the CDI on an annual basis and the amount they will receive is based on the proximity of the transmission to the reserve land where the home community is located and population. There was a question regarding how the CDI funding could be used. It was explained that the CDI is not application based and can be used for community development purposes.	
4.	There was a question regarding who is responsible for meeting with land owners to discuss compensation. In response, Manitoba Hydro indicated that they meet with landowners to discuss compensation throughout Round Four. Manitoba Hydro has contacted all land owners within a half mile of the proposed transmission line and held landowner information sessions throughout the province.	

5. There was a question regarding whether Bipole III was being built solely for export to the U.S. It was indicated that the Bipole III project is being built as a system improvement and is a reliability project for the power that is generated by Manitoba Hydro in the North. The power is converted from DC to AC in the south and distributed throughout the AC power system which includes shipping power to the US. If Manitoba Hydro builds new generating stations in the North the power will be shipped south on the HVdc transmission lines.
6. There were concerns about the community's ATK being excluded from the EIS. The January 31, 2011 deadline for submitting an ATK work plan was discussed. Manitoba Hydro representatives offered to work with the community to complete a work plan prior to the deadline. There was a question regarding the deadline for including ATK information in the final routing for the EIS. It was indicated that the deadline is March 31, 2011. Sapotaweyak Cree Nation representatives indicated that they already have ATK information that was collected during their TLE process that could be used for Bipole III. Sapotaweyak Cree Nation representatives indicated that they had requested a meeting with Bob Brennan and would be waiting for the meeting prior to discussing their involvement in ATK.
7. There were concerns about the potential impact of Bipole III on TLE selections.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation
Date of Meeting:	October 27, 2010
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	Council Office
In Attendance:	Chief Derek Audy; Chief Lori O’Neill; Councillor, Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation Nathan Kematch; Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation Craig Stevens; Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation Georgette Audy; Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were concerns regarding the preliminary preferred route located near the community’s existing and future treaty land entitlement (TLE) selections. An attendee indicated that the community’s TLE selections were not yet finalized. An attendee indicated that they have TLE identified at or near the mouth of the Red Deer River. This TLE was not identified on the maps presented. Action item: follow up with specialists regarding the TLE site.	Manitoba Hydro
2.	There was a comment that communities would be more willing to accept transmission line if there were more benefits to each communities. An attendee requested that Manitoba Hydro provide a list of all the potential benefits from the project for the community. Action item: compile a list of potential benefits.	Manitoba Hydro
3.	The Community Development Initiative (CDI) was discussed. The community questioned how the CDI would be calculated when the preliminary preferred route runs right between their two communities. There was a question regarding whether the CDI would be application based. It is noted that the CDI will not be application based. The communities will have to provide an annual report to Manitoba Hydro.	
4.	There was a question regarding whether Manitoba Hydro’s Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be available to the public. It was stated that the EIS would be available for public review and subject to public hearings.	

5. There was interest in green initiatives. An attendee mentioned that the community has considered installing wind turbines and micro hydro infrastructure. There was a question regarding whether Manitoba Hydro provides funding for communities to install wind turbines. Manitoba Hydro explained that they do not own wind turbines instead they purchase the electricity from those producing it. The community questioned whether their electricity rate would decline if they were to install wind turbines. It was indicated that the electricity produced would enter the grid and they would be credited. It was also explained that the wind turbines would have to be located near a station.
6. It was questioned when Manitoba Hydro could return to the community. The next steps for Round Four were explained including a community open house and ATK workshop. The community expressed interest in having both as soon as possible. It was indicated that it be beneficial to have a community coordinator to assist with booking the open house and ATK workshop.
7. There was interest from attendees regarding potential employment opportunities associated with the project.
8. There were questions and concerns regarding human safety around the new high voltage towers. It was indicated that there are no immediate safety issues with DC transmission infrastructure.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 25, 2010

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00pm

Location: Wuskwi Sipiik - Health Boardroom

In Attendance: Wuskwi Sipiik Community Members; 15 attendees
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The community lands manager, Craig Stevens, mentioned that Wuskwi Sipiik has substantial outstanding TLE concerns and he feels that the preliminary preferred route interferes with some of their TLE selections. He mentioned that they have a TLE claim beginning at the Red Deer River crossing & Hwy 10 that continues west along the river to Red Deer Lake. This TLE claim is not identified on Manitoba Hydro's mapping materials.	Manitoba Hydro/MMM to look at this significant issue ASAP.
2.	Trappers in attendance expressed various concerns regarding the location of the preliminary preferred route. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there is a Trapper Compensation/Notification Policy and that meetings with the Local Fur Councils will be planned in the near future.	Manitoba Hydro ARD review policy re: open areas
3.	There was interest with the Community Development Initiative (CDI) and Trappers Compensation policy. The lands manager felt that the initiatives should be open for negotiation. Attendees felt that the CDI should be left in place for as long as the Bipole III transmission line is located in the area. They feel the Bipole III transmission line traverses 100% of their traditional area.	
4.	There were discussions regarding the western route and the route that was being considered on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Attendees indicated that Bipole III should stay on the west side as they feel that there are some significant benefits for their community.	
5.	There was a question on how the community could begin negotiations with Manitoba Hydro on how to acquire electrical service to their new TLE developments. They feel that this could be something that could be part of the negotiation process for this project.	
6.	There was interest in potential jobs and business opportunities associated with the project.	

7. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated to the visitors that this Community Open House was not to be considered consultation and that many of their concerns and issues could be brought forth during the Section 35 process.
8. The community representatives requested another Open House as many of their members were away for various reasons. They wanted this open house prior to the ATK workshop.
9. Craig Stevens, the land manager, requested digital copies of maps 45-49 from the map book as well as the PowerPoint presentation. **Action item: email the maps and the PowerPoint presentation. Both were emailed to Craig on November 26, 2010.**

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Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House in Wuskwi Sipiik First Nation

Date of Meeting: December 7, 2010

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Wuskwi Sipiik Community Members; 19 attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was discussion regarding the western route as opposed to a route located east of Lake Winnipeg.	
2.	There was interest in potential employment opportunities associated with the Bipole III project.	
3.	There were questions regarding the Section 35 process and environmental hearings.	
4.	Craig Stevens, the land manager, requested access to the shape files for their area. Action item: discuss and request the shape files.	
5.	There was a question regarding when Manitoba Hydro would contact the local fur councils. Members were informed that each fur council would be contacted in the future and that Manitoba Hydro has been in contact with the Manitoba Trappers Association. The Red Deer Fur Council had not been contacted regarding the project at the time of this Open House.	
6.	There was a question regarding whether Manitoba Hydro has participation agreements with any communities. The impact settlement agreement with Fox Lake Cree Nation was discussed and the ATK work plans were discussed.	
7.	There were concerns regarding potential effects from electric and magnetic fields associated with this transmission line.	
8.	There were questions regarding how communities can become further involved in the Environmental Impact Statement and during the construction phase for the project. The SSEA process and construction timelines were explained.	
9.	There was concern regarding the potential impact on traditional hunting grounds. It was questioned whether hunters would receive compensation similar to the Trapper notification / compensation policy. It was explained, that there is not a policy similar to the Trapper notification / compensation policy for hunters.	

10. There was concern about the potential impact on medical plants. It was mentioned that there are medicines in the area that do not grow anywhere else and are important to community members.
11. It was questioned why Bipole III was not being built on reserve land. In response, it was noted that one of the criteria for the project was to avoid reserve land. It was noted that not building on reserve land resulted in First Nations people not being eligible for landowner compensation. There was further discussion on the land owner compensation policy.
12. There was discussion on the Community Development Initiative and there was concern regarding the timeline of the initiative. It was mentioned that the CDI should be offered for as long as the transmission line is present in their area.
13. There was concern about the impact on treaty rights. It was mentioned that any assessment of impact on their treaty rights should be evaluated looking at impact over the next 25 years.
14. There was discussion about the impact of previous generation projects in Manitoba.
15. There were concerns about potential impact on wildlife spawning areas in the area of the preliminary preferred route.
16. There were questions regarding the ATK process for Bipole III. Process was discussed with community members.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Camperville Community Council
Date of Meeting:	Monday, September 13, 2010
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Camperville Council Office
In Attendance:	Nestor Chartrand; Mayor Maurice Lavallee; Councilor Ken Richard; Councilor Danny Chartrand; Councilor David Chartrand and Sharon Beauchamp Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were questions and concerns regarding potential impacts on trappers. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that they have a Trapper’s Notification/Compensation Policy and would provide brochures. Maurice Lavallee mentioned that his family has a trapping cabin near the preliminary preferred route (PPR). There were comments regarding trappers having problems in the past with flooding due to beaver dams through the area in which the PPR is being proposed.	Manitoba Hydro
2.	In response to a question regarding the appearance of the tower, it was indicated that towers in this area would be self-supporting steel lattice towers. In response to a question regarding the width of the corridor, it was stated that the corridor would be 66 metres.	
3.	It was questioned whether any rivers would be diverted. It was indicated that no diversions would occur with this project. There was concern about potential impacts on rivers and streams. Manitoba Hydro representatives stated that they would have to follow stream crossing guidelines for all construction and operation activities. A question was asked as to clarify who classifies the sensitivity of each stream crossings. It was mentioned that the province ranks the sensitivity based on specific criteria. There were questions regarding whether this project would cause flooding and whether it would open up beaver dams. There was also concern regarding spawning areas in relation to the PPR.	
4.	In response to a question regarding when the route would be finalized, it was indicated that Manitoba Hydro would submit an Environmental Impact Statement in June 2011 and the preferred route would be established by March 2011.	

5. There were many questions regarding the Community Development Initiative (CDI). Camperville representatives mentioned that if Manitoba Hydro had released the CDI earlier it might have impacted routing suggestions. There were questions about whether Cowan and Winnipegosis would receive higher payments than Camperville. The eligibility for the CDI was discussed and it was indicated that the CDI would be calculated based on community's proximity to the line and community's size. There were questions regarding how much money Camperville would receive and it was indicated that the amount of money has yet to be determined. It was questioned whether Camperville could receive the total fund in the first year. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they did not think that was possible but they would provide a response. There were questions regarding how membership size would be determined for the CDI purpose. It was indicated that Camperville has approximately 80% status members. Many members of Pine Creek First Nation live in Camperville and there was a question regarding whether these members would be counted twice. Camperville indicated that they would prefer that Metis communities receive CDI instead of the Home Office.
6. It was questioned whether Manitoba Hydro met with the MMF. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro has met with the MMF and have an agreement for a Bipole III ATK workplan. It was questioned whether Manitoba Hydro meets with the MMF locals. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they do not hold meetings with the MMF locals as they received direction from the MMF home office that they are only to meet with the Home Office. There were questions regarding whether Manitoba Hydro is aware if monies given to the MMF goes to the locals. David Chartrand mentioned that he is aware that Manitoba Hydro provided the MMF with one million dollars and those locals do not see any benefit when Manitoba Hydro funds the MMF. It was stated that the MMF does not speak on behalf of Camperville.
7. There was discussion regarding vegetation management and clearing of the ROW. David Chartrand indicated that he has a proposal for vegetation management, which he has discussed with Bob Brennan.
8. There was discussion on an abandoned coal mine located near the preliminary preferred route.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Camperville

Date of Meeting: September 16, 2010

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm with a presentation at 5:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Camperville Community Members; 17 attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was interest in the potential employment opportunities associated with the project.	Manitoba Hydro
2.	There were concerns regarding potential impacts on blueberry patches and other important plants used for medicinal purposes.	
3.	There were concerns regarding the use of chemicals for vegetation management along the right-of-way. Attendees did not want chemicals used as it harms vegetation especially berries, animals, and the water system.	
4.	There were numerous concerns regarding electric and magnetic fields and potential human health effects, especially cancer.	
5.	There were several comments indicating that Bipole III should be routed on east side of Lake Winnipeg.	Manitoba Hydro
6.	An attendee was very pleased about the community being eligible for the Community Development Initiative.	
7.	A councilor indicated that the line should be moved closer to the community, as there are better ground conditions. Representatives recommended that the council include their comments regarding routing in a letter to Manitoba Hydro.	
8.	There were questions regarding the tendering process for the construction aspect of the project.	
9.	There were questions regarding wind power and how Manitoba Hydro purchases power from the wind farms.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Camperville Community Council

Date of Meeting: February 16th, 2011

Time: 12:00

Location: Camperville Council Office

In Attendance: Nestor Chartrand; Mayor
 Shirley Parenteau; Councillor
 Harley Chartrand; Councillor
 David Chartrand; Councillor
 Mitch Lafreniere; CAO
 Sharon Beauchamp; Assistant CAO
 Gail Welburn; Recreation Director
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was much interest in employment and training opportunities.	
2.	There was great interest in the Community Development Initiative. Camperville representatives wanted to know the amount they would receive from the initiative. It was requested by some attendees that Manitoba Hydro move the transmission line closer to the community in hopes that more monies would be allocated to the community. A letter had been sent to Manitoba Hydro on this regard. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the community’s request would be considered and the final preferred route would be released in a couple months. There were concerns expressed regarding the ten year limit on the CDI.	
3.	There was some discussion on routing especially regarding east versus west. It was questioned whether burying the line or putting it under Lake Winnipeg were options. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that these options were not feasible at this time.	
4.	There was interest in electricity rates and whether or not the rates would go up or down as a result of Bipole III.	
5.	There was concern regarding electric and magnetic fields (EMF). Concerns were expressed regarding the impact on the next generation as well as animals and plants especially berries that may encounter EMF.	

6. Council indicated that they do not support the use of chemicals to control vegetation. It was indicated that there was a lack of notice with some herbicide programs in the past. The community was interested in conducting vegetation management in the region. **Action item: Discuss vegetation management with Bob Mann and provide a response to the community regarding how Manitoba Hydro notifies the public prior to spraying for vegetation.**
7. There was interest in how the Manitoba Metis Federation is involved in Bipole III.
8. It was questioned how a community could receive surplus equipment from Manitoba Hydro. It was also questioned whether Manitoba Hydro has an extra grader to provide to Camperville. **Action item: follow up with ARD to see if there is surplus equipment available in particular an extra grader available.**

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak/Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Crane River Community Council

Date of Meeting: April 7th, 2011

Time: 19:00

Location: Crane River Council Chambers

In Attendance: Norma McKay; Councillor
Robert McKay; Councillor
Joseph Spence; Councillor
Brenda Spence; Councillor
Sheila McKay; CAO
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Manitoba Hydro provided information on the Bipole III project including an update on the status of the project. Manitoba Hydro indicated that several attempts were made to meet with the Mayor and Council over that past few years. Sheila McKay acknowledged these attempts and indicated that unfortunately no arrangements could be made to meet.	
2.	Information materials and maps were provided and Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that we would be available should further information be required.	
3.	Council thanked Manitoba Hydro for the update and information.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Meadow Portage and Spence Lake
Date of Meeting: September 30, 2010
Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Location: Meadow Portage Community Hall
In Attendance: Meadow Portage / Spence Lake Community Members; 4 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were questions regarding potential employment opportunities associated with the project.	
2.	There were questions regarding landowner compensation. Manitoba Hydro's landowner compensation policy was explained and copies of the landowner compensation pamphlet were provided. It was questioned whether landowners had already been notified if the preliminary preferred route traverses their land. In response it was indicated that Manitoba Hydro sent letters to landowners within half a mile of the preliminary preferred route.	
3.	There was discussion regarding underground or underwater feasibility options for Bipole III and the location of the preliminary preferred route is located on the western portion of Manitoba and not located east of Lake Winnipeg.	
4.	There were concerns regarding potential effects from the electric and magnetic fields emitted from the transmission line.	
5.	There were questions regarding the Community Development Initiative (CDI). The eligibility of the CDI was briefly explained and copies of the CDI newsletter were provided.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Pelican Rapids Community Council

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Pelican Rapids Council Office

In Attendance: Hilda Holmstrom; Mayor
Jane Leask; Councilor
Janet Myran; Councilor
Leona Genaille; Councilor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	In response to a question regarding whether there is a Trappers Association, it was indicated that there is a Trappers Association that is run by Gloria Kematch.	
2.	It was questioned whether Manitoba Hydro would be able to construct Bipole III on the salt flats by Winnipegosis it was noted that there are mitigative measures that can be taken to reduce potential impacts to areas of interest.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Pelican Rapids

Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 9, 2010

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Pelican Rapids Community Members; 13 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were several questions regarding potential employment opportunities associated with the project.	
2.	There were questions regarding how Bipole III may affect wildlife. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained SSEA process and the Trapper Compensation Policy.	
3.	There were concerns regarding perceived health impacts from electric and magnetic fields on both humans and wildlife.	
4.	There was some concern as to what side of PTH 10 Bipole III would be located as it passes near the Pelican Rapids turn off.	
5.	There was a safety concern regarding the potential for children or others climbing towers.	
6.	There was mention of the local importance of sweet grass, trapping and hunting areas.	
7.	There were questions regarding whether Hydro rates would increase due to Bipole III project	
8.	There were questions regarding whether Manitoba Hydro paid honorariums for attendance at community open houses. It was noted that honorariums were paid for community involvement in the ATK process and not the informational Community Open Houses.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Meadow Portage and Spence Lake
Date of Meeting: September 30, 2010
Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm
Location: Meadow Portage Community Hall
In Attendance: Meadow Portage / Spence Lake Community Members; 4 attendees
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There were questions regarding landowner compensation. Manitoba Hydro's landowner compensation policy was explained and copies of the landowner compensation brochure were provided. Attendees asked as to whether landowners had already been notified that the preliminary preferred route traverses their land. In response it was noted that Manitoba Hydro sent notification letters to landowners within half a mile of the preliminary preferred route.	
2.	There was discussion regarding why underground or underwater routing options were not feasible for Bipole III. Discussion also included location of the preliminary preferred route being located on the west side of Manitoba and not east of Lake Winnipeg.	
3.	There were concerns regarding potential health effects from electric and magnetic fields associated with the transmission line.	
4.	There were questions and interest regarding the Community Development Initiative (CDI). The eligibility of the CDI was briefly explained and copies of the CDI handout were provided.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Barrows, Baden, Powell, Red Deer Lake, National Mills and Westgate

Date of Meeting: November 24, 2010

Time: 4:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Barrows - Community Hall

In Attendance: Community Members; 8 attendees
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Attendees questioned as to the reason the preliminary preferred route is to be located on the west side of Manitoba and not located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Rationale regarding export sales and the potential UNESCO World Heritage site was discussed.	
2.	Trappers in attendance expressed various concerns regarding the preliminary preferred route location. Notable concerns included opening up undisturbed areas, cabin locations, and disturbance from outside traffic on their lines. They were concerned about the snowmobile clubs and increased access into their trapping areas. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that these concerns could be addressed through the project's access management plans and Manitoba Conservation. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there is a Trapper Compensation/Notification Policy and that meetings with the Local Fur Councils will be held in the near future. Action item: mail copies of the Trapper Notification/Compensation policy to Sherry Ferland.	Manitoba Hydro ARD review how policy can work with "open areas"
3.	There was interest regarding the eligibility of the Community Development Initiative and how it could benefit the communities in the area.	
4.	There was interest in potential employment and business opportunities associated with the project.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with the Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF)

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Manitoba Hydro Boardroom

In Attendance: Justin Stapon; MMF
Will Goodon; MMF
Trent Hreno; Manitoba Hydro
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
Somia Sadiq; MMM Group

Item	Description	Action By
1.	MMF representatives indicated that they would like to be further involved with MMM Group to assist with their TK study primarily for mapping purposes. MMF representatives indicated that they have developed a draft survey that was finalized in mid-July. The survey will be sent out to 3,300 members starting at their Annual General Assembly in September. The MMF is anticipating conducting 60 - 80 interviews beginning in October. The MMF will be holding meetings in major community centres and following up with smaller community centres. There was discussion regarding inviting Manitoba Hydro representatives to the MMF meetings. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they could share their regional open house and tentative community open house and meeting calendars with the MMF representatives. The MMF requested newsletters and maps for the meetings. Manitoba Hydro provided the newsletters and indicated that they would provide Bipole III Preliminary Preferred Route maps as well as the shape files to the MMF. The MMF representatives indicated that they are still on track for submitting their preliminary report, summary of findings and mapping by the end of November with the final report due in the spring. Action: the regional open house and community open house and meeting calendars was emailed to Justin Stapon on August 25, 2010.	
2.	The MMF representatives indicated that they are interested in economic development opportunities associated with the project. It was mentioned that the MMF Hydro Employment Working Group would be a good venue for discussing employment and economic opportunities.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III - Round Four Meeting with Swampy Cree Tribal Council (SCTC)

Date of Meeting: November 1, 2010

Time: 9:00 – 10:00am

Location: Swampy Cree Tribal Council Office – Opaskwayak Cree Nation

In Attendance: Albert Stevens; Executive Director
Karen Richards; Executive Director Assistant
Violet Barbeau; Finance
Don Lathlin; Economic Development.
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The purpose of the meeting was to update SCTC on the Bipole III project and discuss how SCTC could assist Manitoba Hydro (MH) with community involvement and participation in the SCTC region.	
2.	SCTC approached Manitoba Hydro with a draft proposal and budget that would assist with community involvement in the SCTC region. SCTC representatives informed Manitoba Hydro that their tribal council consists of eight communities including – Mathias Colomb, Marcel Colomb, Opaskwayak, Mosakahiken, Chemawawin, Misipawistik, Sapotayweyak and Wuskwi Sipiik. It was acknowledged that not all communities would be directly impacted by the Bipole III project however they informed Manitoba Hydro that all communities have decision making authority within the SCTC region.	
3.	SCTC and Manitoba Hydro reviewed the draft proposal and agreed on recommended changes. Manitoba Hydro representatives preferred that the proposal be presented to the SCTC Chiefs for their endorsement. SCTC reps are to present the final proposal to the SCTC Chiefs at a meeting in Winnipeg on November 4 th 2010. If approved by the Chiefs, Manitoba Hydro representatives will take the SCTC letter and proposal to the next level at Manitoba Hydro.	
4.	Representatives notified SCTC that it could take several weeks if not months for this to be approved at the Executive Committee level.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Swampy Cree Tribal Council (SCTC)

Date of Meeting: February 7th, 2011

Time: 14:00

Location: South Beach Casino, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

In Attendance: Swampy Cree Tribal Council – 8 First Nation Representatives
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was discussion on the Community Development Initiative (CDI). Manitoba Hydro representatives provided a brief overview of the CDI. There were questions as to why the CDI was different from the Wuskwatim TDF, why the CDI is only for a 10 year period, the total size of the fund and why non-Aboriginal communities were eligible. It was mentioned that all SCTC communities should be eligible for the CDI. It was indicated that most provincial hydro revenues come from the Treaty 5 territory and all Treaty 5 communities and people should be compensated and not communities like Carmen and Ste. Anne. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that more information on the CDI would be forthcoming.	
2.	It was questioned why Manitoba Hydro decided to go south and east of Winnipeg for the preliminary preferred route. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained the issue of reliability and that a maximum distance from Bipoles I and II was one of the criteria that had to be met.	
3.	There was some discussion on how much electricity is produced via hydro and how much of it was exported at any given time. There was also discussion on the topic of water taxes and the acts and regulations pertaining to Manitoba, Manitoba Hydro and water.	
4.	It was asked what happens if a community and its representatives refuse to engage Manitoba Hydro on a project like Bipole III. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that all they could do is give many opportunities to all communities that may be interested in a project that has potential impacts to the communities such as the case with Bipole III.	
5.	There was some discussion on the true costs of Bipole III and whether the recent news releases were correct. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that new cost projections were being worked on and that those would be available in the near future. Some discussion followed regarding Bipole III becoming a huge provincial election issue concerning the east vs. west routing.	

6. Discussion took place on employment and business opportunities for Bipole III. It was indicated that there should be Aboriginal set asides for Aboriginal communities and/or tribal council including SCTC. Manitoba Hydro representatives discussed employment and business opportunities and indicated that there was still time for these issues to be discussed. It was noted that Bipole III would be tendered out and more than likely larger contractor(s) would build Bipole III. Joint ventures with larger companies are possible but work would be of short duration as the majority of activities take place on frozen conditions. It was mentioned by an attendee that SCTC would be part of any construction that is located in their territory whether there are joint ventures or not.
7. It was suggested by an attendee that SCTC pass a resolution stating SCTC's position is that they must be involved in the Bipole III project in a meaningful way.
8. There was general discussion on various other Manitoba Hydro facilities.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak/Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Long Plain First Nation Leadership

Date of Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2010

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Canad Inns Portage La Prairie

In Attendance: David Meeches; Chief
 George Assiniboine; Councilor
 George Meeches; Councilor
 Ruth Roulette; Councilor
 Marvin Daniels; Councilor
 Tony Daniels; Tribal Council representative
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Deirdre Zebrowski; Manitoba Hydro
 Duane Hatley; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	It was indicated that Bipole III would traverse land close to traditional areas and areas of importance to Long Plain First Nation.	
2.	Chief Meeches indicated that he is hesitant to meet with Manitoba Hydro. The Chief has heard a lot of opposition to the project from southern Manitoba. Chief Meeches is concerned that Manitoba Hydro will view the meeting as another checkmark for completed consultation. Representatives explained that Manitoba Hydro does not conduct consultation and that the purpose of the meeting is to share information and listen to their concerns and comments regarding the Bipole III project.	
3.	Chief Meeches mentioned that Long Plain First Nation does not have a positive relationship with Manitoba Hydro. The Chief emphasized that this meeting is of great importance as he is willing to put everything on the table including their relationship with the province. Chief Meeches indicated that Long Plain First Nation has unfinished claims including a 5 mile claim. The Chief also indicated that they have a “No-Surrender Clause” and have since filed a land claim” with the Federal government. This claim was filed due to be land taken away from the First Nation by government without the consent of Long Plain and this land could be in the area of the preliminary preferred route.	

4. Chief Meeches shared his concerns regarding the potential impacts from the project. Chief Meeches mentioned that he is concerned that Bipole III will hinder the future of their TLE claims and questioned whether TLE was taken into consideration for routing. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that existing TLE claims were one of the selection criteria used for the site selection process. The Chief indicated that he would defend their land regardless of the consequences. Long Plain First Nation representatives mentioned that the project is of great significance as farmers could sell their land but their community will be there forever.
5. Chief Meeches mentioned that Manitoba Hydro has never talked to Long Plain First Nation and that this is the first meeting. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that Treaty One, who claimed to represent the Treaty One First Nations, approached them early in the process and that Manitoba Hydro had requested a letter signed by the Treaty One Chiefs during multiple meetings. Manitoba Hydro representatives also mentioned that they had sent letters and newsletters each round. Chief Meeches stated that Treaty One does not speak on behalf of the Chief and Council of Long Plain First Nation and that any conversation with respect to Long Plain First Nation without Chief and Council present does not have any authority. Manitoba Hydro offered to provide the Rounds 1, 2 and 3 newsletters as well as the Bipole III video. Chief Meeches mentioned that they do not want the previous newsletters or video.
6. Chief Meeches indicated his concern that Long Plain First Nation has not had any input into the preferred route. Chief Meeches was concerned about the line being routed further from their community based on feedback from other stakeholders. Chief Meeches also mentioned that alternative routes A, B, and C were in their territory.
7. In response to questions regarding the Community Development Initiative, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they would have payment estimates in the near future. Manitoba Hydro representatives requested Long Plain First Nation's membership size.
8. There was a question regarding the safety of the towers. Manitoba Hydro representatives explained that the towers are secure as they are made of steel solidified on solid foundations.
9. In response to a question regarding whether there would be an increase in capacity on the existing transmission line near their community, Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the line is a 230 kV line and the voltage would not be increased unless it is reconfigured.
10. There was a question regarding why Bipole III was not located near Highway 26. It was indicated that the line was located further south to maximize the distance between Bipoles I and II.
11. Chief Meeches stated that Long Plain First Nation would not be treated like any other First Nation or stakeholder for compensation or involvement.

12. Chief Meeches mentioned that he met with representatives from Customer Service a year ago regarding their rates. He mentioned that he did not feel as though their concerns were taken seriously. He shared his concerns regarding Manitoba Hydro billing system for welfare recipients. They also met with Manitoba Hydro representatives the previous week on rates and billing issues.
13. Manitoba Hydro representatives mentioned that there is a community coordinator position available and that the coordinator would work for the First Nation and would be reimbursed by Manitoba Hydro. Long Plain First Nation representatives indicated that they would start consulting with their Elders this week and that they may want Manitoba Hydro involvement. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they could be available to participate but would request, if possible, a few days notice.
14. There were questions regarding set-asides. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that the Construction Department will be back in the community to explain the tendering process that will be used for this project.

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
Date of Meeting:	October 29, 2010
Time:	10:00 - 11:00 am
Location:	Band Office
In Attendance:	Irvin McIvor; Chief Stanford Roulette; Councilor Lance Roulette; Councilor Chris Racette Michael Dumas Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was discussion that this was the first meeting between Sandy Bay and Manitoba Hydro. The previous meetings with Treaty One were discussed including Treaty One's assertion that they represent the community unless the line was built on reserve land. It was explained that Manitoba Hydro had requested a letter signed by all the chiefs represented by Treaty One at numerous meetings. Chief McIvor questioned whether they could receive copies of the meeting notes with Treaty One. Chief McIvor also requested copies of all the letters that were sent to their community. Action item: send copies of all the letters sent to Sandy Bay to Chief McIvor. Discuss sending Treaty One notes with the legal department. [November 3, 2010: The legal department recommended not sending the meeting notes].	Manitoba Hydro
2.	There was a question regarding whether this meeting was deemed consultation. Manitoba Hydro representatives clarified that this meeting is not consultation, as Manitoba Hydro cannot consult with First Nations and that this was an information venue for the community. There was discussion about the upcoming Section 35 consultation with the province.	
3.	There were concerns regarding the potential impact of the project on the community, primarily TLE selections. It was indicated that the community has TLE selections from the shore of Lake Manitoba to Kinosota and Riding Mountain. There was concern regarding how this project will affect their Aboriginal title to Crown lands.	
4.	Chief McIvor indicated that it is important for their community members to be informed about the project. There was a request for a Community Open House. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they would work with the Chief to schedule the event. Chief McIvor recommended that Manitoba Hydro representatives email him possible dates at: chiefirvinmcivor@hotmail.com Action item: email the Chief possible date for the open house. [November 3, 2010: discussed the open house with the Chief and scheduled the open house for November 17, 2010]	Manitoba Hydro

5. There was concern about how much Manitoba Hydro is compensating others for the project. It was questioned why farmers are compensated but not First Nations. There was a question regarding whether farmers who rent crown land receive compensation. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that they would follow-up with others to determine whether farmers who rent crown land receive compensation. There was concern regarding the amount of compensation paid to northern First Nations in the past. In response, the difference between generation and transmission projects was explained. **Action item: follow-up to see whether farmers who rent crown land receive compensation.**

6. There was concern that the preliminary preferred route traverses hunting lands that the community accesses.

Manitoba
Hydro

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation

Date of Meeting: November 17, 2010

Time: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Community Hall – Sandy Bay Ojibway Nation

In Attendance: Sandy Bay Community Members; 35 attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	The Chief indicated that he was disappointed that this was the first community meeting regarding Bipole III however he did acknowledge that it was the responsibility of the previous administration as Manitoba Hydro had made several attempts to meet during rounds 1, 2, & 3. He noted (as did Manitoba Hydro) that this was not considered consultation under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution (1982).	
2.	Many visitors were interested in potential employment and business opportunities associated with the project and were interested in the timing of the project as they felt there was time to become more involved in the process.	
3.	There were discussions regarding the location of the preliminary preferred route being located on the west side of the province as opposed to an route located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. Discussions included why the east side all weather road could be approved, Treaty One land claims issues, and Federal jurisdiction/responsibilities. One member asked what would happen if the west side First Nations did not want the line. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that a Section 35 process was about to get underway being led by Manitoba and that these types of issues should be brought forth during that process.	
4.	Sandy Bay members were interested in further information sessions and were receptive to an Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) workshop.	
5.	Discussions regarding compensation for private landowners took place and if there were similar compensation programs for traditional lands used for hunting, fishing, and gathering. Manitoba Hydro representatives indicated that there was not but did explain the Community Development Initiative (CDI). The Chief did not agree with the ten year duration for the CDI and thought that the program should exist for as long as the transmission line exists.	

6. The Chief wanted to review the Environmental Impact Assessment/Statement when available. He wondered how an impact assessment could be complete without his community's involvement. He wanted to know who the prime consultant was and if the specialists would be visiting the community. Manitoba Hydro indicated that this type of meeting was part of the assessment and that there was time to work with the community especially through the ATK process.
7. There was a question on how much of Bipole III was on Crown land and if other land users were opposed to the line.

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Community Open House with Swan Lake First Nation

Date of Meeting: October 19, 2010

Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Community Hall

In Attendance: Swan Lake Community Members; 7 attendees
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro
 Vince Kuzdak; Eagle Vision Resources

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was interest in the Community Development Initiative (CDI) and landowner compensation formulas. The eligibility criteria for the CDI were briefly discussed and the Landowner Compensation Policy was outlined.	
2.	There was interest regarding potential employment opportunities associated with the project.	
3.	There was discussion regarding the rationale for a western route as opposed to a route located east of Lake Winnipeg. One attendee requested a document that explains the rationale for the western route for the Bipole III project. Action item: A link to the Bipole III Transmission Routing Study report was emailed to the attendee on October 20, 2010	Manitoba Hydro
4.	There was a question why an underground option was not considered for Bipole III. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro had reviewed an underground option but found it to be cost prohibitive at this time.	
5.	There were concerns regarding expropriation of private lands. One attendee indicated that he felt that Manitoba Hydro representatives could not be trusted, as he had heard earlier in the media that expropriation would not occur for this project.	

Recorded by: Vince Kuzdak / Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Meeting with Ken McKay - Swan Lake First Nation

Date of Meeting: November 22, 2010

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Swan Lake First Nation’s Headingley Office

In Attendance: Ken McKay; Swan Lake First Nation
 Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
 Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Swan Lake First Nation is considering a land claim for the Portage La Prairie area. It was questioned as to how Bipole III could impact the land claim. It was explained that Bipole III would add more infrastructure on their land.	
2.	It was indicated that Enbridge has found burial sites during their project. Swan Lake First Nation Elders has a process for when burial sites are found. The Elders may want to participate in an ATK workshop for the project. It was explained that if Manitoba Hydro is aware of sites especially burial sites that would have been avoided and if site is not documented there may be opportunity for the line to be moved. Manitoba Hydro also does not need to know the precise location of the site. Action item: bring information to the future meeting regarding when Manitoba Hydro locates burial sites during a project.	Manitoba Hydro
3.	Ken indicated that he would share ATK related information with their land manager and councilors. The community may want to have an additional meeting with Manitoba Hydro representatives. A meeting on December 15, 2010 was discussed and Ken will provide a response regarding whether that date would be suitable. If not, a date in January will be determined. The meeting may be held in the Swan Lake First Nation’s Carberry Office. It was indicated that one of the consultants from the ATK team may attend the meeting. Action item: Once a meeting date is confirmed, invite Virginia Petch.	Manitoba Hydro
4.	It was questioned whether any of the First Nations in the north have Certificates of Possession (CPs). It was indicated that CPs haven’t been mentioned to date. It was explained that some veterans were given land from the government.	
5.	There was discussion on the Community Development Initiative eligibility criteria for Bipole III.	
6.	Potential future meetings with the construction department were discussed.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with Swan Lake First Nation Leadership

Date of Meeting: December 15, 2010

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Swan Lake First Nation Headingley Office

In Attendance: Ken McKay
Wayne Scott; Councilor
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	There was discussion on the preliminary preferred route and Swan Lake provided a number of maps that identify sensitive sites in the area between Indian Gardens and Dakota Plain/Long Plain reserve lands. Most of the sites are either along the top of the valley (Assiniboine) or in the valley. Swan Lake representatives commented that there have been many artifacts found throughout this area as it was well travelled along the river and there is also an overland trail from Long Plain through to the US in this area. Swan Lake representatives spoke of mounds, graves, ceremonial sites, and an area they called Round Plain - NW of Indian Gardens - where the revision to Treaty 1 was signed in 1876.	
2.	Swan Lake representatives asked if Manitoba Hydro would consider moving the route to the west and south of Indian Gardens. It was indicated that Manitoba Hydro could look at that but the line still has to cross the valley and would probably run into the same issues with any valley crossing in the area. Swan Lake representatives mentioned that it is all private land but they are still very interested in what could exist in the area and consider the area sensitive. Swan Lake representatives have the cooperation of some of the landowners in the area and the landowners share information with Swan Lake First Nation whenever any artifacts are found. The land manager has been gathering information from Elders and others in the area and reviewing materials (maps) previously produced to find out as much as they can about the area. The Manitoba Hydro representative commented that the information Swan Lake is gathering is very critical to our process and questioned how it could be shared with Manitoba Hydro. Swan Lake representatives replied that they are continuing to put the information together and would like to do more interviews and GPS mapping of the sensitive sites. This mapping would help with the final routing through this area and Swan Lake representatives are willing to work with Manitoba Hydro on this. The Manitoba Hydro representative explained that Swan Lake should put a workplan and budget together quickly for getting this work done in the next 3 or 4 months. If Manitoba Hydro can get a summary by the end of February on the information Swan Lake gathers that is specific to the preliminary preferred route in this area, it would help Manitoba Hydro in the selection of the final preferred route. Swan Lake representatives are interested in getting this done and are confident that they can provide Manitoba Hydro with some mapping of sensitive sites in that timeframe.	

Swan Lake representatives would also like to continue some fieldwork once the snow melts to provide GPS locations of all sites in the area. The Manitoba Hydro representative asked them to start putting their workplan together and Manitoba Hydro would provide them with a template used by other communities for this type of work.
Action item: forward this to Ken McKay on Friday.

Recorded by: Carl Johnson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Meeting with Swan Lake First Nation

Date of Meeting: January 5, 2011

Time: 1:15 pm

Location: Swan Lake First Nation Headingley Office

In Attendance: Ken McKay
Brian McKinney; Councilor
Dave Scott
Carl Johnson; Manitoba Hydro
Lindsay Thompson; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Swan Lake First Nation representatives expressed their concern regarding the potential for Bipole III to impact significant cultural and burial sites near their original settlement at Indian Gardens. It was discussed that the heritage specialists for the project have also expressed concerns regarding potential heritage sites. The heritage specialists requested, but were not permitted, on the land by local landowners to further examine the sites but did conduct an over flight. It was indicated that Swan Lake First Nation has a positive relationship with the landowners and they have been allowed on the land in the past. Swan Lake First Nation representatives offered to help with joint meetings between Manitoba Hydro, their community and the landowners.	
2.	Swan Lake First Nation submitted a Traditional Knowledge proposal. The work plan was discussed and it was mentioned that Swan Lake would be conducting non directed interviews that would be transcribed and recorded. Seventeen First Nation community members and eighteen landowners would be interviewed. Swan Lake representatives indicated that they would send a letter of support for the proposal from the Chief, Council and their Archeology department.	
3.	The need for archival maps was discussed. Swan Lake First Nation representatives requested a copy of the preliminary preferred route map. A copy of the map was provided.	

Recorded by: Lindsay Thompson

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Meeting with Manitoba Conservation Protected Areas
Date of Meeting:	November 17 th 2010
Time:	13:30
Location:	200 Saulteaux Crescent
In Attendance:	Yvonne Beaubien; Manager Protected Areas, Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch; Corporate Services Division Elvira Roberge; Protected Areas Resource Planner, Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch Matthew Loewen; Protected Areas Technical Assistant, Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch Jenny Harms; Protected Areas Specialist, Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch Jessica Elliott; Ecological Reserves & Protected Areas Specialist, Parks & Natural Areas Branch, Regional Services Division Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro John Dyck; Plus4 Consultants Inc. Dave Wotton; DWC Consulting

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Pat McGarry thanked Yvonne for organizing the meeting and reviewed MB Hydro’s concerns for the Saskatchewan River Delta Phase 1 Planning Initiative (SRDPI) as announced in September by Mb Conservation. In particular, two proposals The Red Deer Wildlife Management Area Proposal #10-03 and Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve Addition Proposal # 10- 05 are of primary concern. Both proposals state under the section Existing Land Use Activities, Hydro Electricity: “The proposal will exclude the selected preferred route for the Bipole III transmission line.”. It is recognized that the interpretation of “exclude” can be taken in several ways, however the matter is significant as the proposals were circulated as “proposed order-in-councils” from the Crown Lands Assistant Deputy Minister’s Committee requesting comments by October 22, 2010. Although the circular went to Property Circulars of Mb Hydro, the information was not brought to the attention of the Bipole III Project Team until early November. As a result, MB Hydro had to flag their concerns in writing to MB Conservation and request today’s meeting which is greatly appreciated on such short notice. The objective of the meeting is to review and if possible resolve concerns of both Mb Hydro and Mb Conservation respecting the proposed Preliminary Route of Bipole III, in particular the Saskatchewan River Delta Initiatives as well as any other areas viewed as potential constraints.	

2. Yvonne clarified that the term “exclude” in reference to Bipole III is to state that the Bipole III corridor will be allowed but not be designated as part of the WMA. Yvonne reviewed the planning stages of the SRDPI from the Integrated Science Advisory Committee’s last meeting in September 2009, through to the development of the Phase 1 & 2 approach to the announcement in September. It was recognized that it would have been beneficial to have had a separate meeting early in the process between Mb Hydro & Mb Conservation and both parties agreed to ensure increased communication in the future. Pat is to be copied on any future circulars sent to Mb Hydro’s Property Group.
3. Pat clarified that the mapping of the Preliminary Preferred Route identified the proposed line in its approximate position inside a 3-mile wide planning corridor which is not to be confused as a buffer zone. The final transmission line will be established on a 66 metre cleared right-of way and the towers will be spaced approximately 450 to 520 metres apart, the average being 480 meters. The actual footprint of Bipole III is small compared to the illustration of the Preliminary Preferred Route on the current maps. The environmental impact of transmission lines generally is considered very small.
4. Yvonne spoke to the Protected Areas Initiative’s review of Alternative Bipole III Routes A, B & C as submitted to Mb Hydro by e-mail from Bryan Blunt, Mb Conservation on Feb. 24, 2010. The PAI comments were included with those of the Sustainable Resource and Policy Management Branch and were subsequently filed in the Public Registry as official comments. The PAI will now be developing comments from their review of the Preliminary Preferred Route and any available new information would be appreciated regarding new scientific data or technical rationale for route components that traverse previously identified sensitive sites which PAI did not support.
5. Yvonne also noted comments she had received from Glen Suggett, Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection Branch who is responsible for the Wildlife Management Areas. In a recent meeting he raised the issue of compensation for loss of habitat if WMAs are affected by the transmission line. She alluded to examples of compensation by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation where replacement lands are considered. Questions remain regarding compensation for designated versus non-designated lands. An example is the East side road where it crossed through the Atikaki Wilderness Park at the Bloodvein River.
A meeting with Glen on Bipole III is planned for Wed. Nov. 24th and this will be discussed.

6. Jessica reviewed her initial comments on the Preliminary Preferred Route as provided by e-mail to Dave Wotton on October 20, 2010. The areas of concern from the Parks & Natural Areas perspective were projected on the wall and the group proceeded to review each individual area.

L. Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve Addition:

- Initial concern that the Bipole III corridor was within 0.1 mile of the Ecological Reserve and that there is a sensitive salt water spring that feeds the salt flat located within the buffer that may be affected by the transmission line.
- Following discussion and explanation that the transmission line only occupies 66 metres within the 3 mile planning corridor and that the centre line is fairly well fixed pending final review, the major issue was resolved.
- Agreed to provide the shapefile or coordinates for the salt water Spring to MHI.
- Agreed to check the new aerial photography for imagery of the spring & provide same to PAI.

Red Deer Lake WMA

- This proposal for the new WMA and its location is new information for the Bipole III team and has to be reviewed in detail. This is a narrow strip of land with limited alternatives when considering Protected Areas & Aboriginal lands in the area.
- The WMA can accommodate the line by excluding the ROW from the survey plan.
- MH to review alignment between Overflowing and Red Deer Rivers to minimize effect on proposed WMA and avoid impacts to the salt spring that feeds the ecological reserve.

To be further discussed during the meeting with Glen Suggett Nov. 24th.

Summerberry WMA to Overflowing River

- This is a major wetland with proposals identifying both a protected and an unprotected component. PAI would prefer to see the line follow existing infrastructure of HYW 10.
- MB Hydro has assessed the Hwy 10 option and it is not feasible, nor is it feasible to go through The Pas. Bipole III will follow the existing transmission line right-of-way between PTH 60 and The Pas. PAI did not know there was a line there and would like shapefile from MH of all transmission lines. Pat to attempt to obtain.

7. **Clearwater Lake Provincial Park**

- Jessica discussed concern for the corridor clipping the southeast corner of Clearwater Lake Park, however it was pointed out that the line itself was outside of the park and followed existing infrastructure including the right-of-way for the Wuskwatim line.
- PAI has tried unsuccessfully to obtain the shapefiles for the Wuskwatim line which would be helpful for their planning exercises and their review of the Bipole III.
- Pat to provide Wuskwatime T-Line shapefile as well as all T-Lines if possible. Once PAI and Parks have the shapefiles for the Wuskwatime line they can reassess their original comments on alternate routes and submit comments on Preferred Route.

Churchill WMA

- Yvonne shared comments from Glen Suggett following her meeting with him to review the Churchill WMA. In regard to the line from Keewatinoow west through the WMA, its current location just clips the southern edge of the WMA and Glen would prefer to have it further south within the Water Power Reserve area of Mb Hydro. MH to review.
- MB Conservation plans to increase the protection status of the Churchill WMA in the near future due to the global concern for Polar Bears and dens have been reported in this area.
- To be further discussed at meeting with Glen on Nov. 24th
- John explained the rationale for the current location of the preferred route which is based on the large wetland surrounding this area as well as the soils and terrain. The present location minimizes the number of stream crossings and meets the stability requirements. In addition Bipole III must meet minimum separation distances from the Henday and Kelsey Converter stations and Bipoles I & II. Alternative locations to the north and south of the preliminary preferred route have been explored in detail but the terrain and watershed in the area limit the practical site selection to due west of the new converter station.
- Yvonne noted that this was far enough south in the WMA that it could likely be excluded.
- Further information to be provided and if possible an opportunity for PAI staff to visit the site and examine the unique conditions of this area will be explored.

8. Stephens Lake ASI

- John provided mapping of the Preliminary Preferred Route within ASI 114 Stephens Lake in relation to the enduring features information as mapped by Mb Conservation and a second map in relation to the updated enduring feature information from Stantec's evaluation of recent imagery and further field studies in the area.
- Yvonne reviewed the PAI comments from the Alternative Route evaluation and expressed their continued concern for the unique ecological significance of this area, in particular as the line travels through the confluence of the 4 natural regions in the area. Ecologists believe that the highest levels of biodiversity occur on the edges of a species natural range and thereby the confluence of 4 natural ranges is highly significant from an ecological perspective.
- Discussions included the accuracy of the boundaries identified for the natural regions (based on soils and climate), the large size of the ASI and its position on the landscape relative to the direction Bipole needs to take. The relative insignificant effect a transmission line was again emphasized.
- John spoke to his experience in flying the area numerous times and the terrain characteristics which were used to rationalize the proposed location of the Preliminary Preferred Route. The rationale for the current Preferred Route was supported by the findings of Stantec in examining current satellite imagery, aerial photography and field studies within the ASI. He expressed his belief that the ASI would be minimally affected by the transmission line and raised the possibility again of having an opportunity for PAI staff to visit the site.
- John also spoke to the route selection process that evaluated the Alternative Routes on a segment basis that lead to the selection of the Preliminary Preferred Route. The review process included 28 different criteria evaluated through the Delphi Process that considered all the bio-physical and socio-economic findings including ATK, public and First Nation input.
- Yvonne noted that PAI is on the record of not supporting the Bipole III line through ASI Stephens Lake, to reconsider this position it would be helpful to have the rationale for the Preliminary Preferred Route provided as well as any new information in the form of imagery, preferably shapefiles that Stantec used to assess the terrain features.

9. Community Pastures and Crown Lands

- Yvonne spoke to PAI's continued efforts to evaluate and protect crown lands on the west side of Lake Winnipegosis and Lake Manitoba. This included the Community Pastures and any crown lands. The Preliminary Preferred Route transects a large number of the crown land parcels and fragments opportunities to protect these lands. PAI recognizes these lands as the last available representation of these natural regions in Manitoba. PAI would not oppose the line going through a community pasture that has been disturbed but would oppose a native pasture with limited past disturbance.
- Pat spoke to MB Hydro's experience with the rural municipalities and farmers in this area of the province who frequently are pressuring Hydro to have the route within the local community pasture rather than on private lands because a transmission line is known to be compatible with livestock operations. At present, the line is immediately adjacent to several community pastures down the west side.
- John spoke to the rationale for the Preliminary Preferred Route being closer to the west side of Lakes Winnipegosis & Manitoba. The selected area was deemed to be under compatible land uses, of lower value than the agricultural lands further to the west, and avoided terrain features such as the Arden Ridge and the Spruce Woods complex with its habitat for listed species such as the Loggerhead Shrike, skinks & Skippers. In addition, the land to the west and south of the Preliminary Preferred Route comes into sandy agricultural soils that will support pivot irrigation and were to be avoided due to their high value potential for agricultural production.
- Yvonne requested that this rationale be provided to PAI to assist in their review and evaluation of the Preliminary Preferred Route.

10. (i) It was agreed that MB Hydro would provide as much current information as possible on the new Wuskwatim Transmission line (shapefile), ASI Stephens Lake, enduring features shapefile from the Stantec work. Yvonne requested that Bipole III avoids community pastures and crown lands where possible and that MH notifies PAI where changes to the PPR occur.
- (ii) PAI agreed to analyze the PPR and new information and provide written comments as soon as possible after receiving the new information. They anticipate comments will focus on ASI Stephens Lake and the avoidance of Crown Land on the west side of Lake Manitoba. The response from PAI will be similar to issues discussed during this meeting. PAI requires routing rationale from MH where the PPR traverses PAI areas of interests. Rationale based information will assist PAI in determining support for the routing.
- (iii) Parks and Natural Areas will re-evaluate their initial comments with the new information provided at this meeting and will prepare a revised submission comments which will be short and concise as the majority of issues have been addressed.

Recorded by: Dave Wotton

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Meeting with Manitoba Conservation – Protected Areas Initiative

Date of Meeting: January 24th, 2011

Time: 10:00 am

Location: 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg Manitoba

In Attendance: Dave Wotton; DWC Consulting
 Yvonne Beaubien; Manager; Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch – Corporate Services Division
 Elvira Roberge; Protected Areas Resource Planner; Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch
 Jenny Harms; Protected Areas Resource Planner; Sustainable Resource & Policy Management Branch

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Dave thanked everyone for providing the opportunity to review the Bipole III Preferred Route for interactions with protected areas. Maps of the Preliminary Preferred Route from the November meeting and revisions from Google Earth were used to identify location. It was clarified that the line would occupy a 66 metre cleared right-of-way with towers spaced between 450 to 520 metres apart, (the average 480 m).	
2.	<p>Keewatinoow and Riel Converter Stations and Electrode Sites:</p> <p>Dave reviewed the location of the Keewatinoow Converter Station, the preferred ground electrode site and the preferred alternative electrode site all of which are located within the MB Hydro Water Power Licence Area on the north side of the Nelson River. Initially there had been 22 ground electrode sites identified for review of which 2 were located in the Churchill WMA, however these sites in the WMA were not selected. It was recognized that the Water Power Licence Area is outside the Churchill WMA and that the proposed Conawapa generating station, Keewatinoow Converter Station, and Bipole III terminus all fall inside the Rural Municipal Boundary within the southeastern edge of the WMA. In previous discussion with Glen Suggett, it was recognized that this area used by Manitoba Hydro was to be excluded from the WMA during their planned expansion of the WMA. In discussion of the converter station site, the preferred and preferred alternative ground electrode sites there were no concerns expressed by the PAI staff.</p> <p>The Riel Converter Station, preferred ground electrode site 1c and alternative preferred site 3 were also reviewed and discussed in detail. The PAI staff have been developing a plan for acquiring crown land in the RM Springfield, however the preferred electrode site or its alternate site are not in the vicinity of their interest area and no concerns for the preferred site 1c or alternative preferred site 3 were identified.</p>	

3. Churchill WMA:

The Preferred line from Keewatinoow west through the WMA cuts a small portion of the southern edge of the WMA but should not be an issue as it is not intrusive. The current location of the Preferred Route was selected due to the large wetland surrounding this area as well as the soils and terrain features. The present location minimizes the number of stream crossings and meets the stability requirements. The location also meets the minimum separation distances from the Henday and Kelsey Converter stations at Bipoles I & II. Alternative locations to the north and south of the Preferred Route have been explored in detail but the terrain and watershed in the area have resulted in the Preferred Route selection west of the Keewatinoow Converter Station.

4. Stephens Lake ASI:

PAI reviewed route mapping within ASI 114 Stephens Lake in relation to the endurion features information mapped by Manitoba Conservation and the Stantec's updated endurion feature information from recent imagery and their field studies in the area, maps reviewed in November were used. It was noted that the route has been adjusted to the south to avoid most of the dominant Esker in the area and in the southwest corner the proposed route now drops south below the ASI. PAI is concerned about a moraine in this area but recognizes the effort to minimize interaction and avoid sensitive areas.

The Rationale document provided by John Dyck following our November meeting was also reviewed. Yvonne expressed their continued concern for the unique ecological significance of this area, in particular as the line travels through the confluence of the Natural Regions. It was noted that the proposed route is now mainly in Natural Region 4 with minimum presence on the edge of 1a & 4a and the NW edge of N.R. 3a. It was noted that the proposed route is crossing N.R. 3a in an area where there is also existing infrastructure, both the railway and a transmission line running north-south.

5. Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve:

The initial concerns raised by Jessica Elliot appear to have been resolved as there will be no direct interaction between the Preferred Route and the existing or planned expansion of the Lake Winnipegosis Salt Flats Ecological Reserve. A sensitive salt spring has been identified in this area and will have to be considered for avoidance if at all possible at the time of final planning and construction.

6. Red Deer Lake WMA-Overflowing River south to Red Deer River

PAI staff recognizes that the Bipole III project was announced before the expansion programs for the newly announced Red Deer WMA and that the Preferred Route will be excluded from this proposed development. It was noted that the route alignment is constrained by First Nation and TLE Lands at both the Overflowing and Red Deer River in this area and options are very limited.

7. Community Pastures and Crown Lands West of Lake Manitoba:

The Preferred Route has been routed close to Lake Manitoba in areas of pasture and other open crown lands in response to the multi-disciplinary route review process and supported by local government and land owners in the area. This continues to be a concern to the PAI staff as they are actively working toward identifying and protecting crown land in this area as some of the last available representation of prairie in this natural region. Their concern is that the Preferred Route transects a large number of the crown land parcels and fragments opportunities to protect these lands. The rationale for selection of these lands was reviewed and discussed as provided following our meeting in November.

PAI recognized that MB Hydro had avoided routing through established community pastures in the area but identified several where the line was adjacent to the borders of these pasture lands. These included Lenswood, Birch River, Alonso and Lakevie Community Pastures. Preference was to have the Preferred Route a minimum of one mile (1.6 km) from the border but it was recognized that this may not be possible at these sites.

8. Wildlife Management Areas West Side and South Lake Manitoba:

PAI staff raised the issue of the Preferred Route running adjacent to the boundaries of Wildlife Management Areas on the west side of lakes Winnipegosis and Manitoba. This included Westlake, Weiden, and Langruth WMAs. In addition, the route is located adjacent to the borders of two of the parcels in the Whitemud Watershed WMAs south of Lake Manitoba at the Assiniboine River. This is also a well established riparian area and there is concern that the transmission line may cause disturbance to this habitat. The preference expressed was for a one mile (1.6 km) buffer between the WMA boundaries and the ROW, however a ½ mile (0.8 km) buffer may be tolerable whereas a line right on the edge of a WMA boundary was thought to be not acceptable.

9. Protected Areas Review Comments on the Preferred Route:

Yvonne expressed her intent to prepare and submit comments on the Preferred Route as she did in November, however she has not been able to prepare the comments to date. She anticipates that the PAI comments will focus on ASI Stephens Lake, and the avoidance of Community Pastures and Crown Land on the west side of Lake Manitoba. The Rationale document provided following our last meeting in November is appreciated and will assist in developing her comments from PAI.

Recorded by: Dave Wotton

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association (MAAA)

Date of Meeting: November 18th 2010

Time: 13:00

Location: PCU Centre – Meeting Room B – Portage la Prairie

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd.
Ken Kane; Ken Kane Aerial
Nelson Almey; Eagle Agro Service
Shawn Bergen; Eagle Agro Service
Willem Aberson; Aberson Flying Services
Jake Nickel; Ken Kane Aerial
Robert Hill; Aerial Spray Ltd.
Todd Lewis; Westman Aerial Spraying
Jon Bagley; Westman Aerial Spraying
Mike Pfrimmer; Rolan Air Spray
Bob Morse; Morse Bros. Ltd.
Don Gerbrandt; Dawn Aerial
Curtis Burke; Hon Air
Jim Peters; Pembina Air Service
Don Fyk; Don Fyk Construction Garland
Keith Paukar; Artys Air
Representative from Virden Aviation
Paul Sabourin; KBW Aviation Inc.
Dave Bailey; Bailey`s Aerial Spraying
Morley Woods; Champion Farms Ltd.
John Lepp
Jake Banman; Prairie Sky Aviation
Jerry Kalinski; J & L Aerial Spray Service
Ernie Monkman; Sky Tractor Ltd.
Kevin Kalinski
John Dueck; Dale Air
Stuart Duguid; Phoenix Airspray
Harold Parsonage; Air Greenway Ltd.
Matt Bestland; CHS Farm Services
Dwayne Dick; Phoenix Airspray
Steven Kiansky; Southeast Air
Kevin Groening; Arty`s Air Service
Bryan Dion; Jon Air

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Pat McGarry began the meeting with introductions and a PowerPoint presentation outlining basic information regarding the Bipole III Transmission Project including project description, consultation milestones and processes and outlined how the preliminary preferred route was determined and evaluated. On going steps and timelines were also discussed. All members present received a Round 4 newsletter, comment sheet and the `DC and Electronic Devices` handout.	
2.	A member asked whether the dark green area denoted on the project map was the proposed UNESCO World Heritage site. It was noted that the outline of that proposal was not marked on the map and that the area denoted in green was a forest reserve and that the UNESCO site would cover an area ranging from Lake Winnipeg and to the Ontario border and beyond.	
3.	A question was asked as to whether Bipole III could be tied into the east side road proposal. It was noted that the road would only be routed as far north as Berens River, effectively avoiding the proposed UNESCO world heritage site. Future phases are likely to include access to northern communities provided from the Jenpeg (Norway House) highway north of the lakes.	
4.	A question was asked as to whether the compensation payments were annual. It was noted that the landowner compensation package would be a one time payment to the landowner.	
5.	A question was asked as to whether compensation would extend to effected industries. D. Toews noted that if compensation were to occur it would need to be quantifiable. It was noted that this is an EA process and property negotiations are not being pursued at the present time. A member stated that he wanted to make sure that these concerns are not an afterthought. It was also noted that the project team would work to quantify all economic impacts during the assessment process, including potential impact to aerial spraying operations and farms that make use of aerial spraying. Manitoba Hydro will continue to discuss these concerns with the industry.	MH to continue discussions with the MAAA.
6.	A member stated that he recently saw a news report which noted that there was a planned submarine cable project in the maritime provinces and why that was not being considered for this project. It was noted that the two water bodies are quite different (salt water vs. fresh, deep vs. shallow). It was noted that the research for cable in a fresh water inland lake is not exhaustive and poses potential logistical concerns – splicing the line, barge requirements and maintenance were certain concerns mentioned. It was noted that the necessity and timelines of the project would not be adequate to ensure that all research could be completed to place BPIII underwater. It was also noted that Manitoba Hydro is currently reviewing potential underwater option for future projects.	

7. A question was asked as to why Manitoba was afraid to cut down a few trees when areas such as BC were flooding valleys to ensure energy can be exported to California. It was noted that the east vs. west debate was settled in 2007 in joint deliberations with the province and the Manitoba Hydro Electric board. It was noted that due to potential concerns with regards to threats to export sales and the UN World Heritage Site designation that the western corridor for Bipole III would be pursued.
8. A member asked whether a change in government would potentially change the location of the BPIII corridor. It was noted that an opposition party has stated that they would not use a western corridor. It was noted that such a decision would potentially delay the process by a some years and the current project will already be under regulatory review.
9. A member asked if the project is approved, when it would be in service. It was noted that BPIII is planned to be operational by 2017.
10. A question was asked why export sales to the United States are sold cheaper than what is paid by domestic purchasers. It was noted that there are usually long term sales which mimic wholesale purchases and are generally cheaper, as they are guaranteed. It was also noted that sales are to the entity and not the individual. Purchasers in the United States are responsible for their own distribution systems and would pass that cost on to the consumer on top of the price that is being sold wholesale.
11. A member asked as to how a longer route was “power smart” and why Manitoba Hydro would offer subsidies for efficient windows and geothermal heating and coolin when there would be waste with this current line. The member also mentioned that there would be fewer requirements for transmission lines if there was a lower demand. It was noted that there is a projected line loss of upwards of 40MW but that these losses would not occur until Conawapa and Keeyask were operational, at which point a full load would be carried on all of the Bipole lines.
12. A member asked as to whether there were any new lines to come out of the Riel Converter Station and what lines currently existed in that vicinity. It was noted that there were 2-230 kV AC lines and 1-500 kV AC line currently as a result of the Riel Sectionalization project. It was noted that dependent on future demand and power sales there could be additional lines created.
13. A question was asked as to whether the Selkirk Generating station was still operational. It was noted that the generation station was still a part of the system. The station was converted to natural gas and is used primarily in drought years.
14. A question was asked as to why the Bipole III line was to cross the Red River flood plain. It was noted that engineers would be designing the line to accommodate for these flooding events. It was also noted that each tower was grounded and there would be no additional risk to the system crossing through this flood prone area.
15. A question was asked as to whether the proposed UNESCO site had been designated. It was noted that that project was still in proposal phase and no designation had been given.

16. A member asked whether a portion of the power on Bipole III would be exported to the United States. It was noted that there is additional capacity on the Bipole III line and some of that energy could be sold to US customers. However, this line is primarily being built for reliability reasons to ensure a safe and reliable supply for domestic needs first.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Crowflight Minerals Inc.
Date of Meeting: November 19th 2010
Time: 4:15 pm
Location: Winnipeg Convention Centre
In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Mark Trevisiol; Crowflight Minerals

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Meet began with Pat McGarry outlining the area of interest to Crowflight Minerals (Between The Pas and Thompson). The map created, outlined 4 alternative routes that could be considered for the Thompson Nickel Belt. From this map, Mr. Trevisiol showed interest in the alternative route 3 which is the most easterly of all the options.	
2.	Mr. Trevisiol was interested in where the project team was at, and wanted to keep updated on any potential changes or considerations. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is in the process of doing more homework and would provide findings to senior management by the end of 2010. It was also noted that there were numerous stakeholder interests and the no single interest was being favored over another.	
3.	Discussion began regarding potential mitigation measures that could be applied to limit impact to the company and their exploration plans. It was noted that there could be a possibility of pre-flying the area for magnetometer surveys prior to construction. This raised the potential concern of data preservation. It was noted that it could reside with the mine recorders office if this were to occur.	
4.	A request was made to provide an update in 3 weeks time.	

Recorded by: Pat McGarry

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project –Meeting with Manitoba Conservation (Re-Organization)

Date of Meeting: September 16th, 2010

Time: 10:00

Location: 200 Saulteaux Crescent

In Attendance: Dave Wotton; DWC
Serge Scrafield; ADM Conservation Programs Division

Item	Description	Action By
1.	D. Wotton thanked Serge for the opportunity to get together for a discussion on MB Hydro's Bipole III project and the recent announcement of the Preferred Route as well as to review the results of the recent re-organization of MB Conservation.	
2.	<p>Serge provided an organizational chart of the new structure and identified the sections and staff that are currently involved in the Bipole III Project. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jocelyn Baker, Executive Director, Corporate Policy Division • Yvonne Beaubien, Manager Protected Areas Initiative • Tracey Braun, Director Environmental Assessment & Licencing • Harley Jonasson, Director Lands Program • Lori Stephenson, Manager Crown Lands and TLE • John Dojack, Director Forestry • Greg Carlson, Manager Forest Inventory • Barry Benthon Director Parks & Natural Areas • Jessica Elliot, Ecological Reserves and Protected Areas Specialist. 	
3.	The reorganization has some significant changes, in particular the creation of the Corporate Policy Division with Jocelyn Baker, Executive Director. The Protected Areas Program, Aboriginal Relations Branch, Sustainable Resource Management Branch and Corporate Crown policy Branch are now under this new Division. Jocelyn is the chair of the Inter-Department review committee for the Bipole III project, Lori Stevenson is also involved.	
4.	The Climate Change and Environmental Protection Division managed by Dan McInnis, ADM, is a new Division and includes the Environmental Assessment and Licencing Branch, managed by Tracey Braun, Director. Parks Branch is now under the newly created Regional Services and Parks Division managed by Bruce Bremner, ADM. The regional Wildlife biologists and Foresters now report to the Director of Wildlife & Ecosystem Protection Branch or the Director of Forestry Branch under Serge Scrafield, as opposed to previously reporting to their respective Regional Director under Bruce Bremner, ADM Regional Operations Division.	

5. Serge Scrafield is now the ADM of Conservation Programs Division with Forestry Branch, Forest Management & Development, Wildlife & Ecosystem Protection Branch, Corporate Geoman Services, Lands Branch, Pollution Prevention, Pineland Forest Nursery and Green Manitoba Initiatives. Crown lands allocation and the Treaty Land Entitlement programs remain in Lands Branch under Serge Scrafield.

Recorded by: Dave Wotton

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Lyncrest Airfield
(represented by Dani Pokornik)

Date of Meeting: March 3rd, 2011

Time:

Location: 820 Taylor Ave.

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
Dani Pokornik; Lyncrest Airfield

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Discussions began regarding the likelihood of the Riel Converter Station to become a no fly zone. This could potentially hinder the operations of the airfield. Based on past experience with Dorsey Converter Station it was noted that Nav. Canada has no NOTAM (Note to Airmen) in relation to the station. It was indicated that currently there has not been a need to establish a no-fly requirement for Riel. PM noted that he would forward the concerns to Manitoba Hydro and would notify Lyncrest Airfield if he heard of any possibility of a no fly zone being implemented.	
2.	It was noted that the Airfield is a VFR field only and has a potential conflict with the Winnipeg Airport. This gives the airfield a circuit height of 500' above ground for a 5 nautical mile diameter surrounding the airfield.	
3.	It was noted that due to the location of the runways in relation to Riel that it could be expected that there will be fairly regular small plane traffic over the Riel site at a maximum of 500' above ground level.	
4.	Any further information will be provided to Lyncrest regarding the possibility of there being a no fly zone being implemented.	

Recorded by: Pat McGarry

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meetings with James Robertson, and Donald Toms north of Amaranth

Date of Meeting: November 5, 2010

Time: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm and 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Location: RM of Alonsa NE-1-20-11W (Robertson) and SE14-20-11W (Toms)

In Attendance: James Robertson; Land owner
Donald Toms; Land owner
John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting, Manitoba Hydro Consultant
Robert Berger; Wildlife Resource Consulting Services, Manitoba Hydro Consultant

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>In response to concerns expressed by James Robertson at the local Landowner Information Centre, and from a follow-up phone conversation with him on October 22, 2010 Robert Berger arranged to meet with him at his property. Also in attendance was John Dyck, Plus4 Consulting.</p> <p>Following initial introductions, and after a review of an orthophoto map of the Bipole III Preliminary Preferred Route, Mr. Robertson escorted the consultants to the location on his property where the proposed Bipole III line was located in close proximity (approximately 150 m) to a large wetland complex (i.e., Robertson Lake). This wetland is maintained by at least 2 main water control structures that were completed by Ducks Unlimited Canada in 1985, with the cooperation of the Province of Manitoba, Department of Natural Resources, the Conservation District of Alonsa, and the landowner (James Robertson).</p> <p>Approximations of the transmission line trajectory path were shown to Mr. Robertson on-site and discussed. An orthophoto of the location with the Bipole III Preliminary Preferred Route was used to supplement the discussion. John provided James with a copy of the orthophotography for their land which he readily accepted.</p> <p>Mr. Robertson escorted the consultants to a second site at NE11-20-11W, where the proposed route is anticipated to cross the municipal road adjacent to his property. The approximate crossing site was marked with flagging tape at his request, and further discussions ensued.</p>	

Specific concerns expressed by Mr. Robertson include:

- The family operates a conservation-minded cattle, sheep and goat farm (Conservation Farm Family, Conservation Districts Association, 1986). There is a strong desire in the family to conserve their land in its' natural state; they own and lease 11 sections of land, much of which has been left as wildland. The family loves all types of birds and animals and has worked with DUC to develop a wetland conservation project on their property.
- Migration flight paths and local bird movement corridors are transected, or come into close proximity with the proposed location of the line. Potential effects on wildlife (i.e. bird-wire collisions) were noted, and mitigation options (e.g., bird-wire deflectors) were discussed. Mr. Robertson indicated that he would like to see bird deflectors placed adjacent to the main open water of the marsh (Robertson Lake) as well as where the line crosses the creek systems that flow towards the northwest or to the south.
- Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on his land, and he has some concern about access to his marsh by hunters who may travel along the RoW once established.

Now that he has seen where the actual ROW will cross his property and where it will be situated adjacent to the lake/wetland, he is less concerned about its location.

Note: The PPR crossing an open water wetland south of Robertsons yard, crossing directly over the water body. Consideration should be given to moving the alignment off the water body. This would also serve to address DUC concerns & their re-route suggestions in the Portia area (see DUC submission).

Other information Mr. Robertson provided:

- They own 11 sections of land, primarily used for raising cattle and goats. Wolves are killing yearling cattle, for which he has a high level of concern.
- In the 1960's/70's predators were controlled with cyanide guns. In recent years, a large number of coyotes have returned to this area. A local trapper harvested 60 coyotes last year. He does not mind a few coyotes, and he would hate to see them disappear, but predator control measures are important to maintain the populations.
- The duck nest boxes are being used, but not by wood ducks. The bluebird boxes have a few bluebirds, but are mainly occupied by tree swallows.
- Concern for the decline of bees.
- There has been a large decline of muskrats, believed to be the result of disease. He enquired about restoring the muskrat population.
- Beaver problems on his property in relation to affecting his water control structures. He has a local trapper periodically dealing with this problem.
- The wet cycle over the last 7 years has affected their ability to access hay on some parts of their land. Grasslands previously hayed are now in standing water and cattails.
- There is a large quantity of 'modern' cattails that have invaded their property.
- There is a high risk of fire associated with the current state of the vegetation on his property.
- There are garter snakes on his land. When they find snakes in the basement of their house, they are removed and released outside.

2. In response to concerns expressed by Donald Toms at the local Landowner Information Centre, and as encouraged by James Robertson to meet with his neighbor to discuss the location of the Preliminary Preferred Route, an impromptu meeting was held with Mr. Toms at his property. Also in attendance was Robert Berger (WRCS) and John Dyck (Plus4).

The consultants escorted Mr. Toms to a site at SE14-20-11W, where the proposed route is anticipated to cross the municipal road onto his property. The Preliminary Preferred Route traverses his pastureland towards the northwest. Discussions ensued at this location, as well as back at his house.

Specific concerns expressed by Mr. Toms include:

- Avoiding the removal of his winter shelterbelt (trees) where he over-winters his cattle. He has fenced off a small bluff of trees near the proposed route to protect them against being damaged by his cattle.
- Aesthetics – As it is routed, the line would be approximately 660 meters west of his house. He has a view of the Riding Mountain in the distance, and if possible, he does not want a transmission line tower obstructing that view.
- Clarification on the effects of EMF effects. He had heard a ‘lot of stories’ and has received information at the Alonsa LIC.

Recorded by: Robert Berger / John Dyck

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Karen and Larry Friesen

Date of Meeting: September 2, 2010

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Friesen Farm – NE 10-007-04E

In Attendance: Larry Friesen; Land owner
 Karen Friesen; Land owner
 Pat. McGarry; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Met with Mr and Mrs. Friesen at 10:00 am at their home at the above location. They have a mixed farm with hog and chicken production as well as cultivated acreage for corn and other crops.	
2.	They gave me a tour of their farm on their home quarter and pointed out the proximity of the line to their operation.	
3.	Their major concerns are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed t-line is way too close to their animal production facilities • The route bisects their quarter section east-west making farm operations very difficult • The presence of the line will interfere with all their GPS navigation equipment which they use not only for crop production but also for a hog manure injection system • They felt they should have been informed sooner because they have made some recent family and business decisions that would have been different if they knew about the project passing through their land. • The visibility of the tower line from their backyard deck and windows 	
4.	They questioned why the route swings closer to their residence and farm buildings coming from the west. (See photo)	
5.	I discussed all the above issues with them and offered some information and explanation	
6.	I indicated I understood their concerns and the impact the route might have on their farm and family	
7.	I indicated that we would review the routing through the area for possible mitigation and get back to them, but not likely before completion of Round 4 in December	

8. They indicated they are fundamentally opposed to the project being on the west side of Manitoba when there is a viable option with way less impact on agriculture on the east side.
9. They indicated reluctantly that if they had to have the project in their area that it should at minimum pass along their south property line along the half mile.

Recorded by: Pat. McGarry



RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Prairie Sky Aviation

Date of Meeting: September 22, 2010

Time: 8:30 to 10:00 am

Location:

In Attendance: Reg Friesen; Prairie Sky Aviation
Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	Mr. Friesen is the owner and operator of Prairie Sky Aviation Ltd. The hangar and airstrip are situated on SE-19-07-4E near Niverville; the airstrip is oriented north/south on the east side of the property. Aerial application is the primary function of the business.	
2.	The preliminary preferred route is located 2.2 kilometers south of the airstrip.	
3.	The majority of Mr. Friesen’s clients are located south of his airstrip.	
4.	Mr. Friesen’s primary concern is safety during take-offs. For background purposes, single engine aircrafts do not gain altitude very quickly, especially when loaded. Also, there is no desire to gain altitude as quickly as one can during take-offs in a single engine aircraft in the event of an engine failure, which would result in the aircraft rapidly descending, making it difficult for an emergency landing. With take-offs heading north on his runway and gradually gaining altitude while turning south, his aircraft would be approximately 200/300 feet at the time the aircraft reached the proposed line; the concern is that if there was an engine failure at the time when the aircraft was near the line that it would be very difficult to land safely.	
5.	Regarding changes to the route, Mr. Friesen indicated that if the proposed route was to be moved either 5 miles north or south from the existing location that it would alleviate his safety concerns.	
6.	From a financial perspective, the proposed route also impacts his aerial spraying business. For example, the majority of his client’s properties are not a complete quarter section (i.e., 80 acres), and with the route being located east/west on some of the properties he sprays this eliminates his ability to spray north/south on those parcels of land which is the longer and more economical option. Overall, in this instance, spraying the shorter distance of east/west on 80 acres is not feasible because of the extra fuel/application costs and time which would make it uneconomical.	

7. It was also determined at the meeting that Mr. Friesen owns property within a 1/2 mile of the preliminary preferred route. Trevor Joyal followed-up with Reg and provided him with the dates of the next available LICs to attend. He indicated that he had a preference not to have the line situated on his property.
8. Brett informed Reg that all input gathered from the individual landowners, including himself, would be considered collectively at the end of Round Four and any changes to the route would be made at that time.

Recorded by: Brett McGurk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP)
Date of Meeting:	December 3 rd , 2010
Time:	10:00
Location:	1700 Ellice – KAP office
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Yvonne Rideout; KAP General Manager James Battershill; KAP Policy Analyst Doug Chorney; KAP Vice President Rob Brunel; KAP Acting President (via conference call)

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>Two 1:100,000 maps were provided that outlined the preliminary preferred route (PPR) south of PTH 16. Two southern map books (maps 1-60; topographic and aerial photography), newsletters, comment sheets, property compensation brochures and copies of the “DC lines and Electronic Devices” brochure were also provided.</p>	
2.	<p>A general comment was made regarding location and proximity of the PPR to existing roadways. It was noted that the transmission line will not fall within the RoW of any PTH but will be on the adjacent land. It was noted that there would be less of an impact on farmers if the line were to be located 135 ft from the roadway to allow for farming equipment to maneuver between the towers and the property line. It was noted that final routing will determine the final placement of the PPR and that slight adjustments may occur during individual negotiations for easement acquisition. KAP also noted that the placement of the towers directly on the ½ mile line would also reduce impact to farming practices.</p>	
3.	<p>A question regarding electric and magnetic field interference and potential health effects was raised. It was noted that current scientific research has shown no link to human health effects and transmission lines. It was also noted that interference with GPS and auto-steers would be unlikely due to the type of current travelling through these wires. A member of KAP stated that under AC lines in Middlechurch, Manitoba, there is a landowner who when using a hoe in the garden during a rain event has received a small shock when the hoe connects with the ground.</p>	

4. Property compensation was discussed. It was noted that past and future production of the land would be considered during the tower placement negotiation. It was noted that the landowner retains all ownership of the land and the easement will allow access for Manitoba Hydro to construct and maintain. It was noted that the ancillary payments would be negotiated with each individual and the payment could be an additional 20-60% of market value on top of the initial easement payment.
5. A question was raised regarding responsibility for decommissioning the transmission towers should that ever be required. It was noted that it would be expected that the line would be maintained to continue working until it was no longer viable or if technology were to change. It was noted that decommissioning responsibility would most likely fall to Manitoba Hydro and should be noted in the easement agreement.
6. Timelines for the project were discussed. It was noted that the EIS would be submitted to regulators June 2011 and would require a year of review which would include CEC hearings. Construction would begin following a licence and would involve clearing, foundations, tower erection and stringing. This process would occur at different times and at different locations along the PPR. It was noted that if construction were to occur during summer/spring/fall in agricultural areas that landowners would be compensated for any damages to the field or for any crop loss.
7. A question was asked as to whether the east side routing option would be presented and discussed during the CEC hearings. It was noted that an eastern routing option is not within Manitoba Hydro's scope of alternatives based on the Minister's decision to direct Hydro to a Western Alternative.
8. A member of KAP stated that the CDI was unnecessary for this project. It was noted that the preference would be to provide higher compensation to landowners as opposed to giving the municipality the fund proceeds. It was noted that there will be few restrictions to this fund and how it is used, it would not be application based and a participation agreement with the RM/Town and Manitoba Hydro would need to exist.
9. A question was asked as to whether contract bids that favor local employment would be more likely to acquire the bid for construction. It was noted that crews involved during the process would be small and transitory. Each contractor would be responsible for their own hiring practices.
10. A question was asked as to whether there would be compensation for municipalities for damage to municipal roadways during transport of machinery and materials. It was noted that if there was damage to existing infrastructure MB Hydro would have to look at compensating for that loss.
11. A question was asked as to what a term sheet was with regards to Minnesota and Wisconsin power sale agreements. It was noted that it would be a step in the negotiation process for future power sales. It would outline expectations and willingness of the parties. It could be considered as a planning framework for a future power purchase.

12. A question was asked as to whether Bipole III would accommodate additional power beyond what is currently produced. It was noted that Bipole III will be used to reduce the transmission loads off of Bipole I and II which will have the effect of decreasing current line losses. It was noted that Bipole III will also have the capability of handling future power generated. It was noted that Keeyask and Conawapa Generating Stations are in Manitoba Hydro's future plans and Bipole III will accommodate the power generated from these facilities. It was also noted that regardless of future generation, this project is required for reliability of the system.
13. A question was asked as to what the project cost would be upon completion. It was noted that based on 2007 estimates the project cost was \$2.2 billion. It was noted that the expected cost difference between the east and west side has been estimated at \$600 million.
14. A KAP member asked whether there was any truth to the suggestion that a potential converter station being placed along the route to service Saskatchewan. It was noted that it was not intended to occur. There would be a requirement of a major power sale to Saskatchewan to justify the cost of building a converter station. It was noted that currently 4 – 230kv AC lines currently accommodate transmission to and from Saskatchewan.
15. A question was asked as to how much power Manitoba Hydro uses domestically and how much is exported. It was noted that approximately 1/3 of power generated is exported to the US and Canada. A request was made for a copy of the 2009-2010 Manitoba Hydro Annual Report. TJ to send Annual report. Completed 12/03/10

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Manitoba Health – Province of Manitoba

Date of Meeting: October 21st, 2010

Time: 08:30

Location: Manitoba Health Offices, 300 Carlton Street, Winnipeg

In Attendance: Brett McGurk, Manitoba Hydro
 Doug Bedford, Manitoba Hydro
 Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning
 Dr. William Bailey, Exponent
 Peter Parys, Manitoba Health
 Lorraine Adams, Executive Director
 Denise _____, Medical Officer
 Jean Cox, Executive Director
 Richard Boydek
 Susan Robeski
 Tim _____, Medical Office – Interlake

7 other Manitoba Health representatives (note which attended by conference call Peter Parys to confirm)

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with a brief outline of the Bipole III project by D. Toews outlining the background and project status.</p> <p>Dr. William Bailey with Exponent Inc. provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding electric and magnetic fields. This presentation included the following topics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - differences between AC & DC transmission lines; - studies conducted; - scientific conclusions; and - EMF exposure guidelines 	
3.	<p>Discussion regarding the siting and location of Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR) with a focus on an eastern routing option. It was noted that the key issues associated with the government’s decision to avoid an eastern routing, namely the location of the proposed UNESCO world heritage site, complications and timing of negotiations with First Nations originally opposed to the project, and risk to export sales.</p>	
4..	<p>Manitoba Health suggested that Regional Health Authority personnel in areas where the PPR will be located would benefit from hearing the same presentation and that related printed material could be provided to each office to help ensure that EMF related concerns are handled efficiently.</p>	
5.	<p>It was suggested that Manitoba Health could consider adding an EMF link or briefing on their website to encourage public access to the information.</p>	

6. It was discussed that both parties would benefit from on-going liaison between Manitoba Health and Manitoba Hydro regarding the Bipole III project. It was noted that Peter Parys will continue discussions with Patrick McGarry.

Recorded by: Donovan Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III – Round Four Meeting with MB Lodges and Outfitters Association (MLOA)

Date of Meeting: December 12, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: MLOA Office (1534 Gamble, Winnipeg)

In Attendance: Ryan Suffron; MLOA Executive Director
 Doug Schindler; Joro Consultants
 Trevor Barker; Manitoba Hydro
 Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 Somia Sadiq; MMM Group Ltd.
 Brock Feenstra; MMM Group Ltd.

Item	Description	Action By
Summary of Key Points		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter construction would alleviate some issues • Understand when the outfitters operate and how. Locations of tree stands and camps, etc • Be clear in the letters what you want from the outfitters and when you want it. • Include a map with the letter • Use the game hunting areas overlay on the map to fill in gaps. • Have a close look at the area near Trapper Don. 		
1.	Doug Schindler gave a background on the project and the consultation process. He highlighted that the outfitters’ areas have been identified based on talking to them. Ryan Suffron was generally pleased with the information.	
2.	R. Suffron responded to the introduction by saying as long as the process is fair, MLOA understands that Bipole III is going to happen and MLOA is not going to stop it. He mentioned that not all of the outfitters in Manitoba are members of the MLOA. He indicated that it is up to the individual outfitters to voice their concern(s). MLOA doesn’t necessarily get feedback from all their members, but all MLOA members have been sent newsletters. He said Big Al had some concerns.	
3.	R. Suffron asked if MMM has plans to send specific letters to outfitters? Somia responded that they wanted to wait until after this meeting to get a list of all the members, and determine the next steps.	
4.	Doug Schindler asked what issues the outfitters might have. R. Suffron responded that it comes down to what they have to lose, it is about sustainability. A big issue will be outfitters getting put out of business. There will be issues in the central area surrounding Cowan, Winnipegosis, etc. Winter construction would solve some problems. R. Suffron said it will be important to understand when the outfitters are operating and also if they do eco-tourism after the hunting season.	

5. R. Suffron asked again what the next steps were after consulting the outfitters. It was explained to him that we incorporate feedback as it is received, keeping in mind the final submission deadline for the EIS in June 2011.
6. R. Suffron asked if this will be the route and in terms of the EIS what are some issues. Doug explained that the PPR selection process had focused on a comprehensive list of criteria. Somia explained that there were 27 criteria plus integration of Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge that allowed the team to come to the selection they made. Fiona explained that at this stage there is very little room for adjustments but very minor adjustments can be made prior to submission. Somia outlined the EIS format and regulatory process.
7. R. Suffron asked about dealing with conflict. Fiona said it will be dealt with on a case by case basis.
8. R. Suffron asked if there is follow-up after the project is in service. Fiona indicated that access management plans will be developed, the regulatory process will lead to provision of a license with conditions that Manitoba Hydro will have to adhere to, and this generally does include monitoring and follow-up requirements to address any outstanding issues that might not have been captured in the EIS.
9. R. Suffron suggested that Manitoba Hydro talk to the outfitters about sites for camps and tree stands and recruit any specific information from the outfitters to ensure that all issues are covered. The letter should include a timeline to ensure it meets the needs of Manitoba Hydro's SSEA process.
10. Doug asked if there are any hot spots to be aware of. R. Suffron said he knows that Al Henderson will have some serious concerns. Somia inquired if we should set up an interview with him, but Ryan advised the letter should suffice for now. He also said that if there were to be any hot spots they would be in the park area. He said there has to be areas missing in the Dauphin area because there are many more outfitters operating in that area. He suggested we put the Big Game Hunting Area (GHA) overlay on the map to fill in the gaps.
11. R. Suffron asked if we would be sending the map with the letters and if we could we should. Fiona responded that conservation might have concerns with sending out this map and perhaps if we make the map specific to their area that would take care of that issue.
12. R. Suffron asked for an update on project timelines and if this will be a staged construction. Fiona answered that it has not been confirmed how construction will be implemented, and that it depends on freeze down. She mentioned there are multiple possibilities such as starting from the north and south and meeting in the middle, but this had not been determined in much detail yet.
13. Doug asked about Trapper Don. Ryan said to take a close look at that area because there is the possibility for many issues in that area.

14. Ryan asked when the consultation process would end. The process was explained to him, but that there was a narrow window and in June 2011 a draft report was to be done.

Recorded by: Brock Feenstra

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Tache
Date of Meeting:	October 12 th , 2010
Time:	9:30 am
Location:	Municipality of Tache – Council Chambers, Lorette
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakounkhou; MMM Group Ltd William Danylchuk; Reeve Andy Rivard; Councillor Ross McLennan; Councillor Ron Tardiff; Councillor Dave Menard; Councillor Robert Koop; Councillor Jacques Trudeau; Councillor Dan Poersch; C.A.O. Jeanette Laramee; Assistant C.A.O.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining the preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Tache.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route, LIC Brochure, LIC/OH venues and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	A council member inquired why the route runs south and around Winnipeg and cutting through prime agricultural land. It was stated, that for reliability purposes, the route requires a 40 km separation from Bipole I & II and the Dorsey Converter Station.	
3.	A council member inquired on one of the slides presented “Round Three Responses by Topic of Interest” what the category of “Others” included. It was noted that “Others” included all other topics that are not included in the list provided. Examples include pivot irrigation, aerial application, and organic crops.	Provide breakdown of “Others”

4. Council members were concerned about soil compaction from construction activity and weed maintenance under the towers. It was stated that vegetation management would be the responsibility of the landowner; however, it would be considered as part of the compensation package. Manitoba Hydro would not be involved with the method in which landowners choose to maintain the land below and surrounding the towers.
5. Council members inquired where the starting point for construction would occur along the route. It was stated that there could be multiple starting points and separate crews. In northern areas, construction would have to be carried out during winter months because of the winter roads and the difficult terrain. It was also noted that no construction would begin prior to 2012, when project licensing is anticipated.
6. A council member stated that there would be a Provincial election next year and inquired what would happen if the opposition party won and they reversed the decision to come down the west. It was stated that for Manitoba Hydro to restart the entire project, they would be setback and construction may not start until 2014 following the same licensing and SSEA process.
7. P. McGarry outlined the CDI program to council members and explained that the municipality would receive an annual grant of approximately \$100,000 – 120,000 for 10 years at which point the CDI program would be reassessed.
8. Council members were interested in participating in the KPI process.
9. Council members inquired as to whether the CDI payments would increase if there was growth in their municipality. It was stated that CDI payments would be based on the most current population at the time of initial payment (2012 – 2013) but would vary with an increase in population over time. Estimates would be made from the Canadian Census of population; the next census is scheduled for 2011.

Get back to council, if there is a reset point in payment (increase payment if population increases).

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the RM of Alonsa

Date of Meeting: September 22nd 2010

Time: 11:20 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Alonsa Municipal Office

In Attendance: Fiona Scurrah; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro
 Jamie Sakounkhou; MMM Group Ltd
 Dean Capp; Councillor
 Lyle Finney; Councillor
 Pamela Sul; C.A.O.
 Stan Asham; Reeve
 Terry Dayholos; Councillor
 Edward Waczko; Councillor
 Tom Anderson; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. F. Scurrah presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative, Key Person Interviews and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Alonsa.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked regarding clear cutting in the north and whether it is necessary that all trees be cleared from the right of way. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is actively looking into clearing options, although it is preferred that the entire 66 m right of way be completely cleared of trees and bush. Currently, Manitoba Hydro is looking into clearing danger tree which could pose any hazards; such as contact with the line.</p>	
3.	<p>There was some discussion of Bipole III and an east side alternative. A councilor was curious what the differential cost would be between the east and west routes. It was stated that Manitoba Hydro is currently focusing on the west side and a cost differential is not within the scope of the work.</p>	
4.	<p>L. Willison discussed the compensation package and explained that ancillary damages could be paid out to landowners, based on a case by case basis and that it was a one time payment.</p>	

5. A question was asked regarding when construction would begin and during which season. It was stated that construction would occur during winter months to minimize any damages to crop land and to facilitate access.

Council members raised the concern regarding road infrastructure and potential damages that could be caused during the construction phase of the project. It was noted that any damages would be compensated for and most of the construction will be executed during the winter months where roadways are primarily solid and damages to soil would be minimized.

A Council member wished it be known that he is currently leasing crown land in Ebb and Flow where there is an old line which runs east. There are large ruts on access roads and due to that there is almost no access available. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro will look into this situation and get back to council.

6. A question as to when the Municipality could potentially see CDI payments. It was noted that the payments would begin following an *Environment Act* License being issued; therefore expected payments could begin the fiscal year of 2013.

A question was raised whether or not the Reserves within the Municipality would get the CDI fund. It was stated that Manitoba Hydro had avoided TLE and Federal First Nation Lands; therefore they would be no compensation but would qualify for CDI.

The annual payment for the CDI for the RM of Alonsa was noted at 90,000 to 100,000 dollars.

7. A question was asked regarding whether the foundation of towers would be concrete. It was explained that there would be sleeves inserted into the ground and the towers would fit into the sleeves. However, it is dependant on location and terrain.
8. A question was asked if power would be sold to the US. It was stated that Bipole III is for reliability and to spread the load from Bipole I & II located in the Interlake.
9. A question was asked as to why Route A was ruled out. It was stated that Manitoba Hydro did not want to go through Provincial Parks and it was a longer line length, which means more energy loss.
10. Council member wished it be known that on September 15th, he had and a few other landowners went to the LIC at 6:30 pm, but no one was there. He assumed that Bipole III team members were not interested in hearing the concerns from affected landowners. F. Scurrah provided council with business card and if he has any concerns, he (or other affect landowners) is free to call her. Noted that another LIC and OH will be held on October 13th, 2010.
11. Council was interested in participating in the KPI process. They stated that they would like more than one person to participate this exercise.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Dufferin
Date of Meeting:	September 21 st 2010
Time:	19:00
Location:	Dufferin Municipal Office – Carman
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Kendra Georges; Assistant CAO Sharla Murray; CAO Shawn McCutcheon; Reeve Brent Cohoe; Councilor Ward 3 Don McCutcheon; Councilor Ward 5 Fred Dunn; Councilor Ward 6 George Gray; Councilor Ward 4 John Peckover; Councilor Ward 1 Barry Driedger; Councilor Rodney Last; Municipal Foreman

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Dufferin.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked regarding diagonal crossings and the jog into the Municipality of Dufferin. It was noted that no diagonal crossings were sought for during the routing of the preliminary preferred route and also noted that structures and proximity to residences was the reason for the southern jog.</p>	
3.	<p>A question was asked with regards to the eligibility of the CDI. It was noted that this is a grant and it will not require an application to receive the funding. Manitoba Hydro wished to keep the process straight forward and simple to ensure all communities could access the fund with ease.</p>	

4. A question was asked as to the finalization of the route. It was noted that there may be small adjustments to the route and the final preferred route would be presented with the submission of the EIS in June 2011.
5. Council wished it to be noted that they are supportive of a shorter eastern route and would prefer the line to outside the Municipal boundary of Dufferin.
6. A member of council asked as to whether any homes were routed over. It was noted that avoidance was the primary goal of the routing process. Any residence that falls within 75 metres of the edge of the right away will be able to take the compensation package or has the opportunity to accept a voluntary buy out. In addition it was noted that residences that fall within 200m of the right of way would not be eligible for compensation and that property value changes are aspects that Manitoba Hydro has monitored and will continue to monitor.
7. A council member asked as to whether vegetation management was Manitoba Hydro's responsibility. It was stated that the structure placement compensation encompassed vegetation management and the responsibility was that of the landowner.
8. A question was raised as to whether all the individuals whose land is affected in the Municipality have attended the LICs. It was noted that there are still venues to attend in October and the number was unknown at this point. As a general overview of those who have attended LICs, it was noted that many found the compensation package to be reasonable and some have been opposed out right to the project. A question was asked as to whether expropriation was an option. It was noted that it is a final resort and could occur if there is hold out and a mutual agreement cannot be negotiated.
9. A member of council asked as to whether an underground option was viable for this project. It was noted that based on the cost differential between an above ground line and an underground line it was deemed as too expensive for this project. It was noted that in agricultural areas it should be placed underground. A council member stated that there could be potentially less paid out in compensation and ancillary damages. It was noted that landowner compensation was factored in to the overall cost of the project.
10. A question was asked as to how construction will unfold. It was noted that the construction will be done by an outside contractor and will go to tender. It could be speculated that crown land will be the first parcels targeted as private landowner easements will need to be secured prior to any access. It was noted that construction will be done in winter months to limit impact to agricultural land and for general ease of access.
11. A question regarding employment opportunities and the construction of this transmission line. It was noted that the contractor would follow their standard hiring practices. It was asked as to why there is no policy to hire local in the south as compared to the north. It was noted that southern areas have more opportunity with regards to employment opportunities and that northern opportunities are limited and Manitoba Hydro has hiring agreements in Northern Communities.

12. Council asked as to what could potentially happen if the provincial government were to change hands in the upcoming election. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is a Crown corporation and the decision regarding this project could be changed if they so choose.
13. Council finished with questioning and stated that they were glad that the Bipole III team listened to their concerns which they addressed in a letter during Round 3 regarding diagonal crossing of their constituency. It was also noted that the CDI payment for this municipality would in the range of 55,000 to 65,000 dollars per year.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Grey
Date of Meeting:	September 15 th , 2010
Time:	10:00
Location:	Grey Municipal Office – Elm Creek
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakhounkhou; MMM Group Ltd. Ted Tkachyk; Reeve Jim Pedersen; Councillor Ray Franzmann; Councillor Kim Gibson; C.A.O. Kim Harrison; Assistant C.A.O. Richard Penner; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Grey.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route, LIC Brochure, LIC/OH venues and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>Council members began by stating they are opposed to the western routing option for this project and prefer a shorter routing option on the east side of Lake Winnipeg.</p>	
3.	<p>A council member asked as to what planning was being done regarding a potential eastern route. It was explained that the Bipole III team members are planners; they are responsible to plan the best option and were mandated to find a route on the western side of Lake Manitoba which would have the least impact on people and the environment.</p> <p>A council member inquired if the government were to reverse the decision and proceed with an eastern route, would the process have to start from the beginning. It was stated that there had been work done in the 90s yet there would need to be a complete an SSEA process which would include consultation with the public and data collection.</p>	

4. A question was brought up in regards to when the CDI had been released to public knowledge. It was stated that the CDI had been released on July 29th, 2010, same time as when the preliminary preferred route had been announced.

Council was skeptical regarding a figure of 100,000 dollars per annum for the next 10 years. Once the CDI brochure and allocation table is complete, council will receive the exact payment schedule.

5. It was commented that the towers will last a lifetime. Council noted that a one time payment and only a 10 year CDI was not worthwhile as their impact would last much longer.

A council member informed the team that he too was a landowner and that the one time payment he will receive is not enough and not a fair compensation package since the towers will be there for a lifetime.

It was commented that the compensation package and CDI is not actually beneficial. Council member stated they wished for the CDI to have no restrictions, in which it was stated that the CDI must be allocated to benefit a large portion of individuals within their municipality.

Council members wished to know where the CDI funding is coming from. It was stated that the CDI was developed by Manitoba Hydro and is a Manitoba Hydro policy. The money is not coming from the government.

6. Council was concerned with regards to potential effects and scientific communities changing their view on what was deemed safe and now deemed dangerous to human health. Another concern was corrosion of metal beneath a power line and that it does exist therefore how could it not affect human health.

AC & DC brochures were distributed. It was stated that MB Hydro study on DC lines is ongoing and takes these concerns seriously. Manitoba Hydro has commissioned external consultants to provide expertise in the field of EMF. Manitoba Hydro encourages those with concerns to do their own research and to make their own judgments regarding EMF.

7. A member of council stated that with more towers on private land there is more of a likelihood of collisions with a tower. Primary concern lied with a potential fatality with regards to a tower falling on some farming equipment. It was noted that all landowners would be liable for any collision with a tower and would be covered by their insurance. One councilor stated that metal posts should be erected around the tower to hinder the machinery from hitting the tower. It was noted that each landowner could do what they deem necessary as they are still the owner of the land in question.

8. One member asked what the current debt Manitoba Hydro has. Current debt estimates were unknown at the time of this meeting. Numbers will be provided at a later date.

Provide council with debt estimate

9. Council members wished for more than one person to complete the KPI. Council asked as to what type of questions would be asked in a KPI. They wished to have a copy of the questions prior to the interview. Provide council with KPI questionnaire
10. A council member inquired if there would be a drop in Manitoba Hydro rates or will there be an increase due to this project. It was stated that the commission is always reviewing Manitoba Hydro rates to ensure the rates are fair to the public. Council enquired about potential sales to the US and believes Manitoba Hydro will sell them cheap energy while Manitobans pay a higher rate. It was noted that Manitobans pay the least for hydro-electricity than any other state or province in North America.
11. Council members inquired how Manitoba Hydro informed all landowners and how they acquired mailing addresses of those within a ½ mile of the preliminary preferred route. Council members believe not all landowners had been notified about the LIC / OH venues. Current tax rolls and property databases provided all those within a ½ mile of the preliminary preferred route. If an individual believed that they were affected and were not notified should contact Manitoba Hydro as quickly as possible to ensure they are heard.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Hanover
Date of Meeting:	September 22 nd , 2010
Time:	6:30 pm – 7:15
Location:	Steinbach
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakhounkhon; MMM Group Ltd. Paul Perreault; Councillor Jacob Peters; Councillor Stan Toews; Reeve Bernie Stahn; Councillor Bob Brandt; Councillor Clif Bakx; Councillor Doug Cavers; C.A.O.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Hanover.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route, LIC Brochure, LIC/OH venues and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A council member inquired if caribou would actually be affected by this transmission line. It was stated that the woodland caribou is a protected species; therefore studies need to be conducted to protect caribou, their habitat and their calving grounds. A question was asked if there were caribou on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. It was stated that caribou is present on both sides but studies are showing that there is possibly more caribou on the west.</p>	

3. A comment was made by councilor that for the past 2 – 3 years he feels that Manitoba Hydro has been avoiding a straight forward answer as to why the decision was made to go down the west side of the province. Council feels that Manitoba Hydro does not take into consideration what everyone believes is best for the province; which is to go down the east. It was explained that for the past 30 years, Manitoba Hydro has stated its need for Bipole III for reliability because Bipole I & II are vulnerable to storms, ice and wind. The government is Manitoba Hydro's stakeholder; therefore Manitoba Hydro takes direction from the government. It was explained that the Bipole III team members are planners; they are responsible to plan the best option and were mandated to find a route on the western side of Lake Manitoba which would have the least impact on people and the environment.

Council member wish it be known that Manitoba Hydro should know what is best for Manitobans which is to not go down the west side of the province.

4. A comment was made by council members noting that where the converter station will be located does not make sense to choosing a western route. A question was asked by council member why are studies being conducted for the western route when it is not definite that the route is going down the west side of the province.

It was stated that this project is needed for reliability and Manitoba Hydro is not within its authority to control which side the project comes down. Furthermore, Bipole III team members are faced with this debate constantly and explain that the western route could be a real possibility and encourages municipality to give Bipole III team members any input for the western route to mitigate potential foreseeable issues.

5. A question was raised as to when the proposal needs to be submitted. It was stated that the Environmental Impact Statement will be submitted June 2011.
6. P. McGarry outlined the CDI to council members and explains the municipality would receive a grant of 140,000 – 150,000 dollars annually for 10 years. Council member stated they believe the CDI was a pointless action made by Manitoba Hydro and believes the fund is meaningless.
7. Council members were interested in participating in KPI process.
8. Council members thanked team members for attending and explaining the aspects of the project.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Lakeview

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2010

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Lakeview Municipal Office – Langruth

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning
 Philip Thordarson; Reeve RM of Lakeview
 Ron Brown; CAO RM of Lakeview
 Tom Teichrob; Councillor RM of Lakeview
 Wayne Gardiner; Councillor RM of Lakeview
 Jim Rinn; Councillor RM of Lakeview
 Richard Callander; Councillor RM of Lakeview

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Project Presentation, Materials and Routing</p> <p>Introductions were made. P. McGarry presented a Powerpoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components, Community Development Initiative, property compensation, and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was provided to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of South Norfolk.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The Powerpoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	

2. Compensation

Glen Fitzmaurice outlined the landowner compensation components related to the project. Negotiations will begin following the issue of the *Environment Act* Licence in 2012.

A councilor indicated that he felt that the noted 1.3x multiplication factor to arrive at fair market value for land was too low, and that the factor should be closer to 1.5x or 1.6x. G. Fitzmaurice advised that the fair market value has to be established on a case by case basis and may or may not reflect the 1.3x factor.

Council inquired as to whether payments would be annual payments. D.Toews indicated that that was not a standard approach for transmission facilities in North America. P.McGarry noted that payments were not going to be annual; however in theory the onetime payment could be placed in a savings/deposit account and yield annual interest to reflect the loss of land and or impediment to operations.

3. Easement Maintenance

Council inquired as to how often Hydro would maintain vegetation growth within the easement. P. McGarry indicated there would be regular removal of trees within the easement and any trees that presented a hazard to the transmission line would likely be removed at minimum every 6 or 7 years.

4. CDI

P.McGarry advised Council of the anticipated Community Development Initiative that Hydro intends to launch in relation to the project. Council inquired as to any guidelines that would be provided (they will be general guidelines only) and whether the CDI would be application based (it will not). D.Toews advised that the amounts of CDI were still being established, however were likely to be in the range of 20,000 - 25,000 dollars annually for 10 years. One councilor suggested that the CDI payments were insufficient, as the RM will have to 'live with it' forever.

5. Acceptable Proximity of Houses

Council inquired as to how close to the easement a house could be located. P.McGarry advised that no structures would be permitted within the 66m easement itself. A house would be permitted immediately adjacent to the easement; however those within 75m have the option of a voluntary buy-out option. Council would like to be advised how many houses are 'close' to the PPR within their municipality.

6. Eastern versus Western Routing

One councilor noted that the western routing was a very poor choice and inquired as to whether Hydro had any data comparing the western route options to an eastern route option. P.McGarry cited the key issues associated with the government's decision to avoid an eastern routing, namely the location of the proposed UNESCO world heritage site and complications and timing of negotiations with First Nations originally opposed to the project. P.McGarry also noted that an eastern routing is not in Hydro's scope of work.

7. **EMF**

Council inquired about the effects of EMF. One councilor cited problems with EMF related to electric fences in a sample situation in Alberta, concern with effects on livestock, as well as over 150 lawsuits in USA on the topic. D.Toews provided project materials summarizing the known information concerning EMF and commented on the distinction between AC and DC lines with respect to EMF. P.McGarry noted that DC EMF levels are very low and Hydro will come and test an individual's home for those that are concerned about this.

8. **RM Resistance to Bipole III**

Council inquired as to what Hydro would do in response to a situation where RMs indicated they did not want the project passing through the RM. P.McGarry acknowledged that a number of Municipalities had already passed resolutions to that effect, however, Hydro would be dealing with individual landowners to negotiate easements with them.

9. **RM of Lakeview Constituent Response**

D.Toews inquired as to whether councilors had received any feedback from constituents concerning the project. Some of the councilors indicated that most constituents would be opposed to the project.

10. **Route Adjustments**

Council asked if Hydro would consider route adjustments. The project team advised that in cases where, over a significant distance there was good reason and community support to make an adjustment that, such adjustments would be considered, however that the PPR was relatively finalized. Council suggested that Hydro may want to consider re-routing through the Municipality approximately 1.5 miles to the west of the current PPR to make use of Crown and Municipally owned land parcels that are used as community pasture. Council provided a landownership map. P.McGarry advised as to some of the hurdles associated with using Community Pastures for transmission routing including, likely opposition from the provinces Protected Area Initiative and the potential for rare and endangered species to be present in these areas.

Recorded by: Donovan Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Lawrence
Date of Meeting:	September 13 th 2010
Time:	10:00
Location:	Lawrence Municipal Office – Rorketon
In Attendance:	Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Peter Smigelski; Councilor Ward 4 Anne Hanson; Councilor ward 5 Bill Hildebrand; CAO Erwest Smadella; Councilor Ward 2

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. T. Joyal presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Lawrence.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked regarding the east side routing option and the cost associated with this route. It was noted that the difference in cost has been estimated at 600 million more for a western route. Discussion ensued regarding access, clearing and First Nation negotiation that would be needed for an east side alternative.</p>	
3.	<p>A question was asked regarding the EMF capability of this line. It was noted that current study is underway and Manitoba Hydro has hired an external consultant (Exponent) to provide insight on EMF. It was noted that no current changes for the electrical transmission system have been considered based on EMF. Brochures were left for the councillors to review.</p>	
4.	<p>A question was asked to whether the roadways will be able to handle the heavy equipment and to how the construction would be done in relatively swampy areas. It was noted that it will take approximately 5 years to construct this transmission line and will primarily occur during the winter months when everything is frozen. Councilors stated that it is much better for their road system if it goes through during the winter.</p>	

5. A question was asked as to whether the CDI payment could be used to construct roadways. It was noted that there is an expectation that they would use the money for projects that would benefit a large portion of individuals within the municipality. It was noted that the payments for the municipality were expected to be between 30,000 and 40,000 dollars per year.
6. No other concerns were raised by council. They will be participating in the KPI process and thanked us for our time to come speak with them.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Macdonald
Date of Meeting:	August 24 th , 2010
Time:	4:30pm
Location:	161 Mandan Dr., Sanford
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Ed Tymofichuk; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd. Jamie Sakhounkhou; MMM Group Ltd. Robert Morse; Councillor Tom Riane; CAO Gilles Lavallee; Councillor Rodney Burns; Reeve Brad Ens; Councillor Cynthia Bisson; Councillor Roger Kirouac; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of MacDonald.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>Majority of council members are opposed to the development of Bipole III on the west side of Lake Manitoba and prefer the shorter route, on east side of Lake Winnipeg. As indicated by one council member, Bipole III is going through pristine farmland. As far as he is concerned, the east side was only bush.</p>	
3.	<p>A question was raised regarding the likelihood of the route being changed to the east side and why are they not planning on the east side. It was explained that the Bipole III team members are planners, they are responsible to plan the best option, and that is for the west side. It would be a senior political decision at this stage for the route to be changed.</p>	

4. Council members did not understand why the route runs south and around Winnipeg, instead of taking a shorter route through RM of Portage, north of Winnipeg to the Riel Converter Station. It was stated that if the route were to head in that direction, it would run too close to Bipole I and II, and that is a reliability issue. Maintaining a 40 km separation distance was desired for the southern route.
5. A question was raised as to whether the transmission line would cause interference with radios, televisions or internet connectivity. It was stated that most interference is connected with AC electric and magnetic fields. Interference issues with DC tend to lie with land line telephones. This was shown in the Interlake region but can be dealt with and resolved. It was also noted that the fields generated from these lines are much weaker than the magnetic field that the Earth possesses. AC and DC brochures were distributed to each council member.
6. After reviewing the preliminary preferred route a council member asked whether agricultural concerns were the last thing being considered. It was noted that all the routes were evaluated on a variety of criteria and weighted equally.
7. A member asked how far from the road side will the towers be placed. It was stated that they will most likely be 100 ft from the roadway as the right of way will not overlap with the road allowance.
8. One member asked whether farmers could still burn crops under the transmission line. It was noted that smoke has the capability of ionizing the surrounding air and could potentially trip the line.
9. One member asked why BB6 and why Route A was not deemed as preferred. It was noted that BB6 crossed agricultural land diagonally and Route A posed numerous residential concerns.
10. One member stated their distain for the EMF brochure as it contained a link to the Canadian Cancer Society. She stated that they will endorse anything and the legitimacy of our brochure should be questioned. It was stated that the information provided would lead individuals to determine their own opinions on EMF and to bring the issues to the forefront.
11. A council member inquired about potential compensation for aerial applicators. He believes that this line will have a negative affect on his business. The route goes though where he predominately sprays and estimates it is taking out a third of the land he sprays. It was noted that the Manitoba Aerial Applicators Association has been notified and they intend to arrange a meeting with those affected in the upcoming future.
12. A question was raised concerning how weed control around the tower would be handled. It was noted that it the tower placement compensation package would cover the landowners additional cost for vegetative management and would remain their responsibility.

13. There was some confusion over the difference between the Landowner Information Centres (LICs) and the Open Houses (OHs). It was explained that the LICs are intended for those who fall within a ½ mile of the preliminary preferred route and have been notified directly by letter. OHs are open to any member of the public and are encouraged to attend.
14. A question was raised about the flexibility of the preliminary preferred route, whether there would be any movement. It was noted that the line will be fine tuned and the preferred route will be presented in the EIS this upcoming June.
15. A question was raised concerning capitol projects budgets undergoing review by the federal government. Seeing how Bipole III is a capitol budget, wanted to know if this project is currently being reviewed. It was noted that all projects are under review and that this project was needed to ensure reliable energy transfer from northern generating stations.
16. It was noted to council that the expected CDI payments for the municipality were above the 100,000 dollar mark per year.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou / Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Minitonas
Date of Meeting:	September 2 nd 2010
Time:	19:00
Location:	Minitonas Town Hall - Minitonas
In Attendance:	Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Lauris Kleven; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd Carolyn Gordon; CAO Town & RM of Minitonas Barb Homs; Councilor – Town of Minitonas Henry Barkowski; Councilor – Town of Minitonas William Robb; Councilor – Town of Minitonas John Caruk; Councilor – Town of Minitonas Michael McIntosh; Reeve – RM of Minitonas Walter Pacamaniuk; Councilor – RM of Minitonas Reid Shiel; Councilor – RM of Minitonas

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1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. B.McGurk presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative, Key Person Interviews and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Minitonas. The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A member of council asked who would be the best individual to have interviewed for the KPI. It was stated that the Council was to determine who the interviewee should be and the individual should have an understanding of the landscape and some knowledge of community trends including economic and social changes over time.</p>	
3.	<p>A member of council asked as to whether landowners got all the information they required in their packages. It was noted that all landowners within a half mile of the preliminary preferred route were notified by mail and provided a newsletter with a map insert, schedule of all events (LIC and OH), and a map showing their affected parcel.</p>	

4. A council member asked whether the trees will be completely cleared from the right of way. It was noted that the entire 66m right of way will be cleared of trees, bush and no structures would be allowed within that right of way. Those who are currently farming the land will retain the right to farm the land under the transmission wires.
5. A question was asked as to whether the CDI will actually cease after a period of ten years. It was noted that there would be a review of the initiative and a decision would be made regarding continuing the initiative. It was noted that a 10 year plan is currently the expected length of this initiative. It was also noted that the fund would begin after a License has been granted for construction; fiscal year 2013. It was noted that the payments for the Municipality and the Town of Minitonas were 50,000-60,000 and 20,000 to 30,000 dollars per year respectively.
6. A question arose regarding whether the CDI payments must be kept within the Municipality. It was noted by council members that their primary recreation facilities lied in the Town of Bowsman which is not eligible for the CDI. It was mentioned that the fund is expected to benefit a large portion of the population therefore a case could easily be prepared regarding spending outside the Municipality.
7. A councilor asked if the government were to change hands in the upcoming provincial election would it be possible that this project could be changed to go on to the east side of lake Winnipeg. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is a Crown corporation and there could potentially be a change if the current opposition is elected.
8. A councilor asked as to who will be erecting the towers for this project. It was noted that it will be tendered and bids will be made for the construction aspect of this project. In northern areas there will be opportunities of employment for local individuals.
9. Discussion continued regarding potential “spin off” effects of the project including direct and indirect benefits. It was noted in the discussion that communities could see a short term increase in use of community facilities such as lodging and restaurants. It was noted that some of this will be assessed in through the socio-economic assessment of the Environmental Impact Statement being submitted.
10. A question was asked as to whether there will be an increase in employment opportunities with this project. It was noted that there are limited positions available and converter stations require specialized individuals and tradesman.
11. A question as to how big the actual cable was being strung on the towers. It was noted that the wire is approximately 4 inches wide.
12. A question was asked as to whether the use of ATV and Ski-doo's would be allowed along the right of way for the transmission line. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro does not make the right of way off limits therefore use of ATVs would be permitted. Landownership remains with the landowners therefore it is still considered private property.
13. A question was asked as to how the line is monitored once erected. It was stated that Manitoba Hydro would check the lines annually both aerially and on the ground.

14. A question was asked as to whether Manitoba Hydro could tell an individual to remove something if it begins to grow below the transmission line. It was noted that there should be no trees below the transmission line unless permission is sought for from Manitoba Hydro by the landowner. Predominantly, there should be no large vegetation within this right of way.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Mossey River
Date of Meeting:	September 9 th , 2010
Time:	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Location:	Municipal Office – Fork River
In Attendance:	Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakounkhou; MMM Group Ltd Angela Stefishew; Councillor Richard Kolochuk; Councillor John Tichon; Councillor Ken Warkentin; Councillor Kate Basford; Councillor Ron Kostyshyn; Reeve

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2.	<p>Council members informed the team that there is a proposed cottage development near the preliminary preferred route; however it is still in the planning stages. Council members noted that they will look at the ortho photo map in more detail and will contact B. McGurk and inform whether or not line placement would be an issue.</p>	<p>Council to provide proposed development locations</p>
3.	<p>Council's main point of concern was in regards to their Quarry lease and whether there would be compensation for them and at what distance could blasting be undertaken. It was noted that B.McGurk will follow up with council.</p>	<p>BM to follow up</p>

4. Council members were concerned if there were any potential health issues regarding residences near the line. It was stated that those found within 75 metres of the edge of the right of way would be offered a voluntary buy out and the number of residences falling within that is quite small. It was also noted that agencies managing electrical transmission systems have not deemed it necessary to make any changes to the distribution system based on EMF.
5. Council wished to know as to when the CDI payments could begin getting allotted to each Municipality. It was noted that following an *Environment Act* License payments would begin at the beginning of 2013. It was also noted that council would need to provide an annual summary of how the fund was distributed. It was noted that the potential range for CDI payments would be 40,000 to 55,000 dollars per year.
6. Council members raised a concern of road infrastructure and potential damages caused during the construction phase of the project. It was noted that any damages would be compensated for and most of the construction will be executed during the winter months where roadways are primarily solid and damages to soil would be minimized.
7. Council stated that they feel comfortable working with Manitoba Hydro. A member of council asked to whether there would be local job opportunities. It was noted that an individual contactor would be hired to complete the project and hiring would be done at their discretion.
8. Council wished to know the economic benefits of Bipole III and if the energy transported along it was for US exports. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro sells power to keep domestic costs down. It was noted that this project is driven by Reliability and to ensure that Manitoban demands are continually met.

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Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Mountain

Date of Meeting: August 25th 2010

Time: 11:00

Location: Mountain Municipal Office – Birch River

In Attendance: Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro
 Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning & Design
 Terri Wyatt; Councilor Ward 6
 Bill Sushelnicki; Councilor Ward 4
 Stephen Nadolney; Councilor Ward 2
 Lionel Alexiuk; CAO
 Marvin Kavachik; Reeve
 Debbie Soloway; Councilor Ward 1
 Wayne Stockford, Councilor Ward 5
 Dane Guignion; Councilor Ward 3

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. D. Toews presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Mountain.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked relating the EMF that could be produced by this line. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro has hired an external consultant regarding EMF. Regulating bodies have stated that no current changes to the electricity distribution system are warranted based on EMF.</p>	
3.	<p>A question regarding routing through the Lenswood Community Pasture and why it was avoided. It was noted that certain Community Pastures have federal interest and federal lands were being avoided during routing. It is being considered as a routing option once determined if the lands are considered federal or not. The final route will be presented in the EIS submitted June 2011.</p>	

4. A councilor asked what would happen if he was planning on building a home directly below the preliminary proposed route. It was noted that there will be no home within the right of way for the proposed project. All individuals who fall within 75 metres from the edge of the right of way will be offered a voluntary buy out.
5. Council noted that they had storage facilities that could be rented during the construction phase. Council stated that they would accommodate to the best of their ability regarding potential storage sites.
6. It was noted that the CDI payments for the Municipality of Mountain would be approximately 90,000 to 100,000 per year.

Recorded by: Brett McGurk

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of North Norfolk
Date of Meeting:	September 20, 2010
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	MacGregor Community Hall – MacGregor
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry, Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews, Landmark Planning , Councillor RM of North Norfolk , Councillor RM of North Norfolk

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Project Presentation and Materials</p> <p>Introductions were made. P. McGarry presented a Powerpoint slideshow outlining the preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was provided to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of North Norfolk.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The Powerpoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>Compensation</p> <p>P. McGarry outlined the landowner compensation components related to the project. Council was provided with compensation brochure outlining same. Negotiations will begin following the issue of the Environment Act License in 2012. A council member indicated that he felt that a 1.3x multiplication factor to determine market value (from assessed value) was much too low – 3x might be more accurate. D.Toews advised that 1.3x is a starting point and the value ultimately would need to be established to reflect true market value. A councilor inquired as to whether lands adjacent to a required easement would receive compensation. P. McGarry indicated they would not. The councilor felt that adjacent landowners that are impacted (for example, impact to aerial spraying operations) should be compensated.</p>	

- 3. CDI**
D.Toews advised Council of the anticipated Community Development Initiative that Hydro intends to launch in relation to the project. Council inquired as to any guidelines that would be provided (they will be general guidelines only) and whether the CDI would be application based (it will not). D.Toews advised that the amounts of CDI were still being established, however for the RM of North Norfolk were likely to be in the range of 90,000 - 95,000 dollars annually for 10 years.
- 4. Routing**
Council asked whether routes would follow unused municipal or provincial rights-of-way (they will not). Council asked whether any routes would be on First Nations lands. P.McGarry advised that they all route options and the PPR avoided all Federal lands due to the complexities that would arise out of additional federal regulations. Council asked about the option of routing Bipole III directly to Dorsey Station after passing the south basin of Lake Manitoba. D.Toews explained the need for approximately 40km of separation between Bipole III and Bipoles I and II.
- 5. Bipole Capacities**
Council inquired about the capacity of Bipole III compared to the existing Bipoles I and II. P.McGarry indicated they capacities were comparable.
- 6. EMF**
Council inquired about the effects of EMF. D.Toews and P.McGarry provided project materials summarizing the known information concerning EMF and commented on the distinction between AC and DC lines with respect to EMF.
- 7. GPS Systems**
Council asked about whether GPS systems would be affected by Bipole III. P.McGarry indicated that Hydro is currently conducting tests on numerous types of GPS systems; because DC lines have a low EMF field they are unlikely to affect GPS systems. Hydro has confirmed that certain GPS systems are unaffected and will confirm whether all systems are unaffected.
- 8. Key Person Interviews**
P.McGarry noted that Hydro would be contacting the RM with respect to arranging for one or more KPIs in the near future.
- 9. Project Timing**
P. McGarry outlined the timing for the project (based on the materials provided in the Round 4 newsletter).
- 10. Landowner Information Centres (LICs)**
Council inquired as to whether landowners have been notified of the LICs. D.Toews indicated that landowners have been directly notified of LICs. If, near the close of this round of public consultation, any landowners that have not attended an LIC will be notified again of other LIC events.

11. Submarine or Underground Placement

Council asked about the submarine and underground placement options. P.McGarry indicated that neither option is feasible for Bipole III – underground is approximately 5x the cost and submarine applications are unproven in the Manitoba setting.

12. RM of North Norfolk Constituent Response

P. McGarry inquired as to whether councilors had received any feedback from constituents concerning the project.

Recorded by: D. Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Portage la Prairie
Date of Meeting:	September 28, 2010
Time:	1:30 pm
Location:	RM of Portage la Prairie Municipal Office – Portage la Prairie
In Attendance:	Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning Daryl Hrehirchuk; CAO RM of Portage la Prairie Val Cutting; Assistant CAO RM of Portage la Prairie Tony Trimble; Reeve RM of Portage la Prairie Larry Gibbs; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie Terry Simpson; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie Bill Alford; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie Owen Williams; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie Arnold Verwey; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie Roy Tufford; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie Garth Asham; Councillor RM of Portage la Prairie

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Project Presentation and Materials</p> <p>Introductions were made. B.McGurk presented a Powerpoint slideshow outlining the preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>D.Toews presented the 1:750,000 overall route topographic map to council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. Council asked for an explanation as to the selection of the west side routing versus an east side route. D.Toews cited the key issues associated with the government’s decision to avoid an eastern routing, namely the location of the proposed UNESCO world heritage site and complications and timing of negotiations with First Nations originally opposed to the project. Council asked about the number of landowners with western routing vs eastern routing. DT advised that there were very few private landowners on the east side due to the fact that most of the lands are crown lands versus substantial private ownership on the western side of the province.</p>	

A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was also presented outlining the preliminary preferred route in the area of the RM of Portage la Prairie. D.Toews provided Council with an overview of the methodology for route selection over the course of the route. He noted that 28 variables were considered in the selection of the route in each section of the overall route and that two of the key driving factors in the local area were minimization of impact to pivot irrigation and avoidance of homes. Council inquired as to whether a ¼ mile alignment was considered vs. a ½ mile alignment. D.Toews advised that generally ¼ mile alignments were avoided in order to avoid homes where they exist on road frontages and to minimize fragmentation of agricultural parcels. Further, route selection included an effort to make use of existing corridors. Council inquired as to what might happen with the Bipole III project should there be a change in government. D.Toews replied that anyone in the room might draw their own conclusions based on news reports in which the Conservative party have stated their intentions should they get elected.

The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The Powerpoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.

2. Compensation

Louise Willison outlined the landowner compensation components related to the project. Council was provided with a compensation brochure outlining same. D. Toews noted that negotiations will begin following the issue of the *Environment Act* Licence in 2012 (if granted).

3. CDI

B.McGurk advised Council of the anticipated Community Development Initiative that Hydro intends to launch in relation to the project. B.McGurk advised that the amounts of CDI were still being established, however were likely to be in the range of 120,000-130,000 dollars annually for 10 years.

4. Key Person Interviews

B.McGurk noted that Hydro would be contacting the RM with respect to arranging for one or more KPIs in the near future.

5. EMF

Council inquired about the effects of EMF. D.Toews and B.McGurk provided project materials summarizing the known information concerning EMFs and commented on the distinction between AC and DC lines with respect to EMF.

6. Project Timing

A member of the public asked when Bipole III would transmit power. B.McGurk outlined the timing for the project (based on the materials provided in the Round 4 newsletter), indicating that the project inservice date is 2017. There was an inquiry from a member of the public concerning Conawapa and its timing relative to the timing for Bipole III. B.McGurk advised that Conawapa would not precede Bipole III.

7. East Side Highway

A member of the public asked what the status of an east side highway was and was interested in more detailed information. D.Toews advised that Hydro was not the authority on this issue and that the questions would need to be posed to MIT or the government.

8. Pivot Irrigation

A member of the public expressed a concern regarding the impact that the PPR would have on his potato growing operation with respect to pivot irrigation. D.Toews advised that any impact would have to be recognized as a part of the negotiation process to determine compensation and that it is Hydro's intent to fairly compensate impacted landowners for all damages.

Recorded by: D. Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Rural Municipality of Ritchot
Date of Meeting:	September 7 th 2010
Time:	11:00
Location:	St. Adolphe; Municipal Council Chambers
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Maurice Leclaire; Councilor Ray Philippe; Councilor Bob Stefaniuk; Reeve Florence May; CAO Valerie Rutherford; Councilor Maurice Tallaire; Councilor

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2.	A question was asked by a councilor regarding the possibility of the route being changed to a different alternative that was presented during Round 3. It was noted that all lines were studied and that this preliminary preferred route was the preference. Any changes to this line would potentially be minor.	
3.	A question was asked as to whether any homes would be displaced. It was noted that during routing of this line, homes were avoided to the extent possible. It was noted that under 20 structures (including residences and barns) were within 200m of the line.	
4.	M. Wankling discussed the compensation package with the councilors and explained that ancillary damages could be paid out to landowners on a case by case basis and that it was a one time payment.	

5. A question was asked regarding who was responsible for vegetation management underneath the lines. It was noted that ownership does not change hands and the landowner would be responsible for maintaining the right of way. It was also noted that the payment structure accounts for additional maintenance regarding vegetation management.
6. A question as to when the RM could potentially see CDI payments. It was noted that the payments would begin following an *Environment Act* License being granted; therefore expected payments could begin the fiscal year of 2013. It was noted that the CDI payments for the RM of Ritchot would be in the vicinity of 120,000 to 130,000 dollars per year.
7. A question was asked regarding whether construction will be linear from north to south. It was noted that the contractor would determine the best way to complete the project with the timelines given. It was speculated that there would be separate teams working to connect.
8. A question was asked as to how much sag these lines could be expected to hang. It was noted that the engineers take this into consideration and based on full capacity on a hot day it could sag at a maximum of 25 ft.
9. A question was asked as to the limitations of aerial application with regards to the placement of this line. It was noted that the line itself is an obstruction but land could be sprayed parallel to the line. It was noted that any loss of crop spraying that could be quantified by executing other means would be considered during the negotiation process.
10. Council members noted that the crossing of the Red River may be intrusive to some of the town of Ste. Agathe's development plans. It was noted that there are limited areas that could allow for a viable crossing. The councilors stated that the construction of homes along the south end of Ste. Agathe was part of a 3 phase project and they feared that this may hinder home sales.
11. Council stated that they were interested in participating in KPIs. They stated that they would like 2 councilors to undertake this exercise.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of South Norfolk
Date of Meeting:	September 14, 2010
Time:	1:30 pm
Location:	South Norfolk Municipal Office – Treherne
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning Jackie Jenkinson; CAO RM of South Norfolk John Bekeris; Councillor RM of South Norfolk Marcel Berard; Councillor RM of South Norfolk David Marginet; Councillor RM of South Norfolk Al Bibault; Councillor RM of South Norfolk

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2.	<p>Compensation</p> <p>Glen Fitzmaurice outlined the landowner compensation components related to the project. He advised that Council was provided with compensation brochure outlining same. Negotiations will begin following the issue of the Environment Act Licence in 2012.</p>	

3. Landowner Information Centres (LICs)

Council inquired as to whether landowners have the compensation information yet. D.Toews advised that all landowners within a 1/2 mile of the line have been notified about LICs in their area and were provided with a package of project information. The package did not include the compensation brochure, however the intent is to work with landowners on a one-on-one basis at the LICs and they would be provided with brochures at that point. If a landowner has not attended any of the LICs later in the process Hydro will make an effort to contact those landowners directly a second time.

4. EMF

Council inquired about the effects of EMF. D.Toews and P.McGarry provided project materials summarizing the known information concerning EMFs and commented on the distinction between AC and DC lines with respect to EMF.

5. CDI

P. McGarry advised Council of the anticipated Community Development Initiative that Hydro intends to launch in relation to the project. Council inquired as to any guidelines that would be provided (they will be general guidelines only) and whether the CDI would be application based (it will not). D.Toews advised that the amounts of CDI were still being established, however were likely to be in the range of 30,000 - 35,000 annually for 10 years.

6. Payment for easements to RMs

In the case of private lands owned by the RM, Council inquired as to whether the RM would receive payment. Response required.

Hydro to advise if RM will receive payment for easement on RM lands

7. Key Person Interviews

P. McGarry noted that Hydro would be contacting the RM with respect to arranging for one or more KPIs in the near future.

Hydro to contact RM to arrange interview

8. Project Timing

P. McGarry outlined the timing for the project (based on the materials provided in the Round 4 newsletter).

9. Job Opportunities and Construction

Council inquired whether there would be multiple contracts awarded for construction and whether construction would happen in multiple locations simultaneously. P. McGarry indicated that the information is not known yet, but would likely be left to the bidding process to determine the most beneficial way to design and manage the construction process.

10. Compensation and Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP)

Council cited a recent comment by KAP that compensation to landowners for this project may not be adequate and asked the project team what kind of response the team has been getting from landowners. D. Toews advised that the response from many landowners has been favorable, i.e. that the compensation package is being received favorably. Though some landowners have noted that they do not want the line to be located on their lands, those same landowners have not noted that the compensation is not fair.

11. Open House Meeting Format

Council inquired about the meeting format for the Open House. D.Toews described the format as drop-in style, with information display boards, project materials and MB Hydro staff available to respond to questions.

12. Eastern versus Western Routing

One councilor noted that he was in favour of the western routing option and noted to the project team that he felt that the concerns regarding insufficient construction and maintenance access associated with eastern routing should be made more prominent in our discussions in Round 4. Other councilors queried the team as to the reasons for eastern routing. P. McGarry cited the key issues associated with the government's decision to avoid an eastern routing, namely the location of the proposed UNESCO world heritage site and complications and timing of negotiations with First Nations originally opposed to the project.

13. RM of South Norfolk Constituent Response

D. Toews inquired as to whether councilors had received any feedback from constituents concerning the project. One councilor noted that he didn't feel that anyone outside "2 miles" of the PPR was likely to have any concern. A number constituents affected by the PPR had expressed concerns to individual councilors.

Recorded by: D. Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Municipality of Springfield
Date of Meeting:	September 27 th
Time:	20:00
Location:	Springfield Council Chambers – Oakbank
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd Brian Thompson; Councilor Ken Lucko; Councilor Peter Skrupski; Reeve Lorne Vaags; Councilor Karen Lalonde; Councilor Dan Doucet; Development Officer

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Springfield.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	A member of council asked as to whether the line would be following PTH 12. It was noted that the line is approximately 1.5 miles to the west of PTH 12.	
3.	In response to a question regarding homes within the proximity of the line it was noted that residential areas were avoided to the utmost and that those which fall within 75 metres of the edge of the right of way would be offered a voluntary buyout which would include purchase of land and residence and that the relocation costs would be covered.	

4. A council member stated that a landowner had called him asking as to where the line was going and what his options as a landowner were (this landowner lived on Mission Road). It was noted that Manitoba Hydro does own quite a bit of land outside of Riel along this preliminary preferred route but those parcels where there is a private landowner were invited to come to a Landowner Information Centre to express concerns and provide a more in depth look at their parcel in question. It was noted by the councilor that the landowner was afraid of losing more land. It was noted that the property acquisition would be done by easement in lieu of purchase.
5. Once CDI was explained and payments were outlined (140,000 to 150,000 dollars per year) council asked as to whether the loss in tax base caused by the Riel Sectionalization project would factor in to population counts which determine the CDI payment schedule. It was noted that the two projects are separate and the infrastructure being put in would not influence the overall payment for the Municipality. It was based on the length of the transmission line and not on the actual amount of infrastructure needed. It was also noted that the Facility (Riel) would be granted grants in lieu of taxes.
6. A question was asked as to whether an eastern provincial route is foreseeable. It was noted that as a crown corporation it was possible that a change in government would change the location of the line. Regarding timelines to the project, it was noted that there could be a 2 year delay if it does go onto an eastern route. It was noted that the project is need for reliability and needed regardless of which side it does go down.
7. A council member asked as to where the project team was in regards to determining a site for the ground electrode. It was noted that there are still ongoing investigations regarding the placement of this infrastructure. It was noted that there should be a determined site in November or December.
8. A member of the Gallery asked as to what a ground electrode was. It was noted that it is a large copper anode that is buried into the Earth's mantle to complete a circuit which is needed for DC transmission. It was noted that it is only used to balance loads and in cases of emergency. It was also mentioned that there is one outside of Argyle and the site looks like any other and is currently growing alfalfa.
9. A member of council asked to what the price was for the Riel site including the sectionalization work. It was noted that the two projects are not necessarily combined and that the cost of the converter station is factored into the cost for Bipole III – 2.2 billion dollars based on 2007 estimates.
10. A member of the gallery asked whether this line would parallel that existing lines on the landscape and whether it would be the southern or northern corridor. It was noted that the line will be following D602F and will be south of that line following the same pass until it is in line with Glass. Manitoba Hydro does own some of this land and noted that if a landowner is present and if there is an easement they would be eligible for compensation.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne
Date of Meeting:	September 8, 2010
Time:	10:00am – 10:30am
Location:	Ste. Anne Municipal Office – Ste. Anne
In Attendance:	Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakounkhou; MMM Group Ltd Renald Courcelles; Councillor Jake Reimer; Councillor Mark Lanouette; Councillor A.T. (Loni) Eskildsen; Acting CAO Art Bergmann; Reeve Daniel Brunel; Councillor Roger Massicotte; Councillor L.E. Evans; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. B. McGurk presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Ste. Anne.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route, comment sheet, CDI, LIC Brochure, LIC/OH venues was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	A question was raised in regards to power loss in the 1360 km. It was explained that at full capacity, there would be 45 kW of loss in that distance as compared to an eastern route.	
3.	A question was raised as to the cost estimate of the difference between an eastern and western route. It was stated that the preliminary estimate was approximately 600 million dollars more on the west. Reeve expressed that the eastern route would have been more cost effective.	

4. Council members expressed that they understood it was not Manitoba Hydro's decision for a western route and felt it was the Government and politics. Council states that it is 30% longer and it has nothing to do with logic and money management. It was stated, for the past 30 years Manitoba Hydro has been on the record that Bipole III is needed for reliability issues.
5. The Community Development Initiative was explain to council, and the figure presented to council was approximately 80,000 – 100,000 dollars per year, for the next 10 years beginning following an *Environment Act* License.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with Rural Municipality of Westbourne
Date of Meeting:	August 26, 2010
Time:	11:00 am
Location:	Westbourne Municipal Office – Gladstone
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd Jamie Sakounkhon; MMM Group Ltd John Skaftfeld; Councillor Arnold Coutts; Councillor David Single; Reeve Leanne Sollner; Councillor Kim Morrison; Councillor Hugh Blair; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. No PowerPoint presentation was asked for by council. Aspects of Route determination, the Community Development Initiative, Key Person Interviews and property considerations were discussed.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of Westbourne.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was brought up in regards to tower placement and whether it would be on private land or adjacent to road allowances. It was explained that the line will fall on private property and will fall 100 ft from the road allowance to allow for the 218 ft right of way required for this transmission line.</p>	
3.	<p>A concern was raised as to whether the towers will require guyed wires at 90 degree angle turns. It was stated that they will be self supporting steel lattice towers which will be easier to maneuver around and essentially takes up less space compared to the guyed wire towers that will be used in forested settings.</p>	

4. Council members expressed interest in compensation for private landowners. Glen Fitzmaurice informed that a compensation package will be provided to each land owner. Negotiations will begin following the issue of the *Environment Act* License in 2012. All damages to the land or fence movement are compensated for. Council wished to know if they would be responsible to notify affected landowners, in which it was explained that all affected landowners have been notified directly. Council members inquired how farmers would be compensated if a tractor was damaged as a result of a collision with a tower. Each landowner is responsible for any collision with a tower and can be covered by their insurance if comprehensive.
5. There was some discussion of Bipole III and an east side routing option. A councilor stated that once construction begins, towers are set up, this project would all be forgotten and people will adjust to the change. They stated that there was the same concern on Hydro projects in the past.
6. A comment was made as to why we could infringe on private agricultural land and not on first nation land. It was noted that the federal lands were avoided during initial routing. This would limit jurisdictional issues and would limit the amount of time necessary for approval to ensure that the project is completed in a timely fashion.
7. A question was raised as to whether or not there would be any associated side effects with electric fencing for cattle and land line issues from the towers. It was stated that there should be no issues in regards to electric fencing, however, from past experience with Bipole I & II in the Interlake region, there is a possible land line issue which can be mitigated.
8. A question was asked regarding vegetation management and whether it was Manitoba Hydro's responsibility to maintain. It was noted that the responsibility lies with the landowner and they are compensated for the management with the tower placement payment.
9. One councilor wished to know whether they could attend a Landowner Information Centre as they wished to know what their constituents were saying regarding the project. It was noted that this was not set up as a town meeting but one on one discussion with affected landowners. It was noted that the project team could contact the RM following the event and let them know the type of comments that the team received.
-Addition: 3 individuals attended the LIC in Gladstone. 2 were supportive and welcomed the line and one did not believe the compensation package was fair. Follow up with council
10. It was noted with council that the estimated CDI payment for the Municipality would be approximately 75,000 to 85,000 dollars per year for 10 years.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhon / Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with St. Claude Wind Energy Co-Op and CDEM (Catégorie entreprise de long terme à Winnipeg)
Date of Meeting:	October 26, 2010
Time:	1:30pm
Location:	CDEM Offices (200-614 rue Des Meurons)
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning Danny Gendron; CDEM/MCA Louis Allain; CDEM Nabip Maarouf; CDEM Maurice Hince; CDEM Andrea Kraj; Core Renewable Energy Inc. Bev Williams; St.Claude Wind Energy Co-op (SCWEC) Leo Vuignier; St.Claude Wind Energy Co-op

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Co-Op Project Overview</p> <p>A.Kraj provided a project overview and update on the SCWEC project status. Approximately 44 landowners have signed agreements contemplating a potential wind generation on their lands. Owners have purchased a \$1000 share for membership in the Co-op which allows the Co-op to exploit owners' lands for wind energy potential. The project is planned in three phases representing specific geographic areas within a 10 mile radius of the Town of St. Claude.</p>	
2.	<p>Potential Conflict of Uses</p> <p>A.Kraj indicated a concern that Bipole III may interfere with the SCWEC project, particularly the potential restriction on co-op members' ability to benefit from their \$1000 SCWEC investment.</p> <p>P.McGarry indicated that he felt the two projects could be compatible, particularly given that a minimal separation distance between Bipole III and a wind energy tower would be required and that the identified SCWEC was substantially large. The chief concern from MB Hydro perspective would be ensuring that a falling wind tower would not impact the Bipole III infrastructure, and therefore minimal separation likely would be required.</p> <p>D.Toews clarified that land planning authority within the 10 mile planning radius identified by SCWEC remains with the Municipality and the Province, and that the co-op agreements are agreements between two private parties that should not obligate or encumber other private interests. It was suggested that legal counsels may wish to review the agreements to verify this.</p>	

3. Bipole III Routing

P.McGarry provided an overview of the routing methodology for Bipole III and specifically identified the routing constraints in the area of the SCWEC project – namely the need for the route to connect to Riel Station near Winnipeg, the need to remain approximately 40km distant from Riel Station and Bipoles I and II, and the desire to maximize avoidance to homes and agricultural operations. D.Toews indicated that the PPR is generally fixed and substantial relocation of the route at this point in the process is unlikely. Minor adjustments may be made.

A.Kraj queried as to whether Hydro would consider relocating the PPR outside of the 10 mile radius identified by SCWEC; P.McGarry indicated that that would not be feasible, both in terms of the magnitude of the move and the late timing of the project.

P.McGarry also provided a copy of mapping that was provided by the RM of Grey during Round 3 consultations, which indicated the planning areas under consideration for wind development at that time, and that MB Hydro had specifically avoided these lands in the PPR route selection.

4. Work together

P.McGarry indicated that Hydro would be willing to work together with SCWEC to resolve concerns. B.Williams reciprocated. It was agreed that Hydro would forward a digital version of the Preliminary Preferred Route (PPR) to SCWEC and that SCWEC would overlay the map on a layer indicating the lands currently under option. The parties could then reconvene with a better understanding of the current potential conflicts and work towards agreeable solutions.

Recorded by: D. Toews

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of Carman

Date of Meeting: September 15th 2010

Time: 8:00 am – 8:30 am

Location: Town of Carman

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro
 Jamie Sakounkhou; MMM Group
 Connie Rose; Councillor
 Brad Johnston; Councillor
 Jane Swanson; Councillor
 Georges Pilton; Councillor
 Cheryl Young; C.A.O.
 Bob Ritcher; Mayor
 Ed Vanderslues; Councillor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative, Key Person Interviews and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Town of Carman and the Municipality of Dufferin.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A member of council asked as to why the line was going to be direct current as opposed to alternating current. It was noted that due to length of the transmission line it is more cost effective to construct converter stations than to have continual line loss from an alternating current transmission line. Direct current is only used when travelling long distances.</p>	
3.	<p>A question was asked by a councilor regarding the possibility of the preliminary preferred route being changed. It was noted that this is preliminary and still needs to be approved. Small adjustments are expected and the final route would be presented in the Environmental Impact Statement being submitted June 2011. It was noted that construction would not begin for another 2 years.</p>	

4. Council asked as to what the CDI allocations could be used for and what would qualify. It was noted that the CDI is intended to provide financial support for Community development projects that would benefit a large portion of the Municipality or incorporated community. It was noted that the CDI payments for the community would be approximately 80,000 to 90,000 dollars per year over 10 years.
5. Council member inquired as to why Manitoba Hydro chose the longer route, going to the west of Lake Manitoba as opposed to the east of Lake Winnipeg. It was stated that as planners, we have little control over the western routing decision. Currently, it has been mandated that we develop a route which has minimal impact on people and the environment along the western corridor.

A member asked as to whether an underwater option has been considered. It was noted that underwater is being considered for future projects and Manitoba Hydro has developed a panel to discuss and evaluate the risks with regards to such a route option. Current studies and the research needed are not within the timeframe for this particular project.

6. A council member asked as to what the diameter of the line would be and how much does this cable weigh. It was noted that the cable weighs 2lbs per foot and would have a diameter of 2.5 inches.
7. A member of council asked as to whether the towers would be illuminated (would they require a light). It was noted that there is no lighting requirement for this type of tower.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of Gladstone

Date of Meeting: September 21st 2010

Time: 9:30

Location: Gladstone Town Office – Gladstone

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Louise Blair; CAO
 Clint Rogers; Councilor
 Ralph Cibuca; Councilor
 Eileen Clark; Mayor
 David Thiessen; Councilor/Deputy Mayor
 Rick Dezall; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Town of Gladstone and the RM of Westbourne.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked as to whether the CDI would need to be used on new projects. It was noted that this is not an application based grant and it would not necessarily need to be used on a new project. This would allow for easy access to the fund and each jurisdiction would need to provide a report at the end of the year outlining the use of the fund. It was noted with council that the estimated payment for the CDI would be approximately 30,000 - 40,000 dollars per year.</p>	
3.	<p>A council member asked as to whether the CDI payments were negotiable. It was noted that this 5 million per year fund was distributed amongst NACC, First Nation Communities, Incorporated towns and villages and Municipalities. It was also stated that it is based on population and could fluctuate due to upcoming census counts.</p>	

4. A question was asked as to why the east side was no longer being pursued. It was noted that a western corridor has been planned since 2007 and was due to a proposal being put forth regarding a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east side of the province. This line is required for reliability of the system and is required to ensure that power can continue to flow to the southern markets from the northern generation station.
5. A council member asked as to whether these lines could potentially fall like dominoes. It was noted that this scenario is unlikely yet the line will have dead end or angle structures on in the middle of a long straight stretch of towers to add stability and support to the line.
6. A member of council asked as to whether there will be a different process for securing a scene as a first responder. It was noted that training provided would outline the process of putting the scene under quarantine when live wires are present. It was noted that distance from the line would remain the same as other protocol for distribution lines. It was also noted that if this were to happen it is possible that the transmission line would just trip out.
7. A question regarding the necessity of the ground electrode and how it functions in this type of system. M. Wankling explained that it is a large ring placed in the Earth's mantle where energy can be sent to in the case of unbalanced loads and possible surges. The ground electrode acts as a point of return allowing for energy to return to the northern electrode to complete a circuit. Soil, water level, distance from the converter stations are some criteria that determine the placement. The ground electrode will be placed in the RM of Springfield and will be 12-15 kilometres from the line.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of MacGregor
Date of Meeting:	October 6 th , 2010
Time:	6:45 pm
Location:	Town Office - MacGregor
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry, Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakounkhou, MMM Group Ltd Doris Moore, Mayor Barrie MacDonald, Deputy Mayor – Councillor Cindy Grainger, Councillor James Koldyk, Councillor Valorie Unrau, C.A.O.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. No PowerPoint presentation was presented. P. McGarry outlined the preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality (North Norfolk) was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Town of MacGregor.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route, comment sheet, CDI brochure and LIC/OH venue listing was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>Council wished to know if the additional energy generated would be exported to the US. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro sells power to keep domestic costs down. It was also noted that the project is driven by the need for increased system reliability. It was noted that Bipole III would have additional capacity to transport future energy if new generation stations are constructed.</p>	
3.	<p>A council member inquired why the route runs south of Winnipeg and cuts through prime agricultural land. It was stated, that for reliability purposes, the route requires a 40 km separation from Bipole I & II and the Dorsey Converter Station and is the why the preliminary preferred route runs south around Winnipeg.</p>	
4.	<p>A question was asked in regards to the turnout from the last LIC held on September 20th. It was noted that approximately 10 – 12 landowners attended the LIC.</p>	

5. A Councillor inquired if Bipole III would be crossing other major transmission lines. It was noted there would be approximately 10 transmission line crossings in total. At these crossings, the towers will be higher, approximately 180 ft as opposed to the standard 148 ft.
6. A council member inquired if expropriation will be necessary. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro rarely expropriates; it is always MB Hydro's intent to come to an agreeable negotiation with landowners; however, MB Hydro does have the ability to expropriate if required.
7. Council members inquired if there would be any compensation for the clearing of shelter belts from agricultural fields. It was noted that this kind of damage can be accommodated under the ancillary damages portion of the compensation package.
8. P. McGarry outlined the CDI program and noted that the town would receive an annual grant of approximately 50,000 – 60,000 dollars per year for 10 years at which point the CDI program would be reassessed.
9. Council members indicated interest in participating in the KPI process.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of Minitonas
Date of Meeting:	September 2 nd 2010
Time:	19:00
Location:	Minitonas Town Hall - Minitonas
In Attendance:	Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Lauris Kleven; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd Carolyn Gordon; CAO Town & RM of Minitonas Barb Homs; Councilor – Town of Minitonas Henry Barkowski; Councilor – Town of Minitonas William Robb; Councilor – Town of Minitonas John Caruk; Councilor – Town of Minitonas Michael McIntosh; Reeve – RM of Minitonas Walter Pacamaniuk; Councilor – RM of Minitonas Reid Shiel; Councilor – RM of Minitonas

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. B.McGurk presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative, Key Person Interviews and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Town of Minitonas. The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A member of council asked who would be the best individual to have interviewed for the KPI. It was stated that the Council was to determine who the interviewee should be and the individual should have an understanding of the landscape and some knowledge of community trends including economic and social changes over time.</p>	
3.	<p>A member of council asked as to whether landowners got all the information they required in their packages. It was noted that all landowners within a half mile of the preliminary preferred route were notified by mail and provided a newsletter with a map insert, schedule of all events (LIC and OH), and a map showing their affected parcel.</p>	

4. A council member asked whether the trees will be completely cleared from the right of way. It was noted that the entire 66m right of way will be cleared of trees, bush and no structures would be allowed within that right of way. Those who are currently farming the land will retain the right to farm the land under the transmission wires.
5. A question was asked as to whether the CDI will actually cease after a period of ten years. It was noted that there would be a review of the initiative and a decision would be made regarding continuing the initiative. It was noted that a 10 year plan is currently the expected length of this initiative. It was also noted that the fund would begin after a License has been granted for construction; fiscal year 2013. It was noted that the payments for the Municipality and the Town of Minitonas were 50,000-60,000 and 20,000 to 30,000 dollars per year respectively.
6. A question arose regarding whether the CDI payments must be kept within the Municipality. It was noted by council members that their primary recreation facilities lied in the Town of Bowsman which is not eligible for the CDI. It was mentioned that the fund is expected to benefit a large portion of the population therefore a case could easily be prepared regarding spending outside the Municipality.
7. A councilor asked if the government were to change hands in the upcoming provincial election would it be possible that this project could be changed to go on to the east side of lake Winnipeg. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is a Crown corporation and there could potentially be a change if the current opposition is elected.
8. A councilor asked as to who will be erecting the towers for this project. It was noted that it will be tendered and bids will be made for the construction aspect of this project. In northern areas there will be opportunities of employment for local individuals.
9. Discussion continued regarding potential “spin off” effects of the project including direct and indirect benefits. It was noted in the discussion that communities could see a short term increase in use of community facilities such as lodging and restaurants. It was noted that some of this will be assessed in through the socio-economic assessment of the Environmental Impact Statement being submitted.
10. A question was asked as to whether there will be an increase in employment opportunities with this project. It was noted that there are limited positions available and converter stations require specialized individuals and tradesman.
11. A question as to how big the actual cable was being strung on the towers. It was noted that the wire is approximately 4 inches wide.
12. A question was asked as to whether the use of ATV and Ski-doo's would be allowed along the right of way for the transmission line. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro does not make the right of way off limits therefore use of ATVs would be permitted. Landownership remains with the landowners therefore it is still considered private property.
13. A question was asked as to how the line is monitored once erected. It was stated that Manitoba Hydro would check the lines annually both aerially and on the ground.

14. A question was asked as to whether Manitoba Hydro could tell an individual to remove something if it begins to grow below the transmission line. It was noted that there should be no trees below the transmission line unless permission is sought for from Manitoba Hydro by the landowner. Predominantly, there should be no large vegetation within this right of way.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of Niverville

Date of Meeting: September 7th 2010

Time: 8:00

Location: Niverville Town Office

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group
 Jim Buys; CAO
 Greg Fehr; Mayor
 Kevin Stott; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative, Key Person Interviews and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the Municipality of Ritchot and Hanover was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Town of Niverville.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A question was asked as to whether the market value approximation in the compensation package is always 1.3. It was noted that based on market fluctuation in assessment values, an approximation would need to be found regarding the approximate market value. An increase of 30% (market value ratio) is an estimate but is representative of the difference between assessed value and finding an appropriate market value for the parcel of land in question.</p>	
3.	<p>A councilor asked as to whether all the towers will be self supporting or will some require guyed wires for support. It was noted that in southern Manitoba (where agriculture is prominent) self standing towers will be used. In areas that are forested and where little to no agriculture is being conducted; guyed wire towers will be used as they are cheaper to construct and to erect.</p>	
4.	<p>A question was asked regarding whether anything is allowed to grow beneath this transmission line. It was noted that the farmer/landowner can continue to harvest below the lines yet no structures or trees will remain along the right of way.</p>	

5. A question was asked as to whether these towers were similar to those that were constructed in Quebec (making reference to the Ice storm of the late nineties). It was noted that these structures are designed to withstand ice and snow build up. Also noted was the placement of dead end towers along a lengthy straight line to add support to the overall line.
6. A question was asked whether an east-west grid was possible in Manitoba Hydro's future. It was noted that the grid was shelved when other partnering provinces pulled out. If there were to be a major sale to a neighboring province it could potentially come to fruition.
7. It was asked as to why the East side of Lake Winnipeg was not being pursued. It was noted that the Provincial Government and the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board made a joint decision in 2007 to run Bipole III along the Western portion of the province based on the proposed UNESCO World Heritage Site on the east side of the province and the potential concern raised regarding lobby groups to threaten Manitoba Hydro's US export sales.
8. A question was asked as to routing the line under Lake Winnipeg as the Liberal Party has suggested recently in the media. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is looking at the feasibility of an underwater line for future projects and has developed a panel to discuss such opportunities. With regards to Bipole III, current timelines, cost and research needed it does not satisfy the necessary timelines for this project.
9. A question was asked as to how many First Nation Reserves are being routed through with this Transmission Line. It was noted that no First Nation Reserves were being crossed yet some Resource Management Areas were being crossed and communities were participating in the routing via community open houses and leadership meetings.
10. A councilor asked as to whether the easement for the line was perpetual on the property or if it was done on a yearly basis. It was noted that the easement remains with the property regardless of change in ownership. It was also noted that this compensation package is a guaranteed return; if a farmer has a bad year and if the compensation package is invested or placed in a savings account interest accrued could offset potential losses.
11. A councilor asked as to whether studies have been conducted regarding EMF and cattle/hog health effects. EMF brochures were to be sent out regarding DC transmission to the council and it was noted that governmental agencies have stated that no changes need to be made to the electrical delivery system specifically due to EMF.

12. A question was asked as to whether the following would be interfered with regarding these transmission towers; Town to send layout map of Broadband towers.
-GPS;
-Broadband Towers;
-Cell Phones.
It was noted that this line will be of extremely low frequency and would not interfere. It was noted that the Open Houses will have a film shown where a farmer has used GPS under BP I & II with no problems. It was also noted that the location of the broadband towers would be marked during the KPI process and a layout map showing locations would be provided as they have a significant investment in this infrastructure.
13. A question asked whether the right of way was a set 215 ft. It was noted that during routing no homes were routed over and residence proximity was taken into account. The entire right of way will have no structures located within it.
14. A question was asked as to whether BP I –III were interchangeable. It was noted that this is the primary driver for the project as energy could continue to flow southward in the event of 1 or 2 of the lines being lost. It was mentioned that no new generation was occurring with this project and it was to spread the energy across 2 corridors as opposed to one. It was mentioned that there is the capacity to carry more energy if future generation projects on the lower Nelson occur.
15. A question was asked as to what other option the US has regarding electricity generation. It was noted that all forms of energy production are considered by any jurisdiction which could include, wind, nuclear, coal or natural gas. Hydroelectric power is not the primary means of electricity in many jurisdictions.
16. A question regarding who is liable if a plane comes into contact with one of these towers. It was noted that the pilot would be liable as the legislation states that low altitude flying can occur if deemed safe to life, limb and property.
17. A question was asked as to why underground was not considered for this project. It was noted that there would be a substantial additional cost to execute an underground line of this magnitude. The project is estimated to cost 2.2 billion dollars (2007)
18. It was noted with council that the estimated CDI payment for the community of Niverville was estimated at 140,000 to 150,000 per year.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Village of Notre Dame de Loudres
Date of Meeting:	September 8 th 2010
Time:	17:00
Location:	Notre Dame de Loudres – Village Office
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Jean Gauthier; CAO Denis Bibault; Mayor Sergio Briscese; Councilor Diane Bazin; Councilor

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of South Norfolk and the Village of Notre Dame de Loudres.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	A question was asked as to whether the cable will be entirely above ground. It was stated that the entire line will be on steel lattice structures spaced 3.4 towers per mile.	
3.	A question was asked regarding crossing of First Nation Lands. It was noted that no reserve land was being crossed and federal land was being avoided.	
4.	A question regarding whether the western route was politically driven and what the cost difference was between the eastern and western routes. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro is a crown corporation and can be influenced by the government of the day and the estimated cost difference is 600 million dollars.	
5.	G. Fitzmaurice outlined the compensation package and noted that ancillary effects are negotiated with each landowner on a case by case basis. It was also noted that under the <i>Manitoba Hydro</i> Act, Manitoba Hydro has the authority to expropriate land if deemed necessary yet the corporation does not wish to do so.	

6. A question was asked as to where the converter stations would be located and when construction for the line would begin. It was noted that construction will be done primarily in winter months and will take 5 years to complete for an in-service date of 2017. The converter stations will be constructed north of Deacons corner east of Winnipeg and another will be added to the north at the future site of the Conawapa Generating Station.
7. A question was asked as whether the power being transmitted on this line was for export only. It was noted that currently no new generation will exist once this line is operational. It was also noted that excess power is sold once domestic demands are met. This line also aids in exporting power due to increasing demands for reliable transmittal – currently Bipole I and II is the sole source for northern generation energy transmittal for southern use.
8. The council thanked the team for attending their chambers and believed it was worthwhile and they now have a better understanding of all the aspects of the project.
9. It was noted with council that the estimated payment for CDI for the Village of Notre Dame de Loudres would be approximately 30,000 to 40,000 dollars per year.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of Ste. Anne

Date of Meeting: September 28th 2010

Time: 7:45 pm

Location: Council Chambers – Town Office, Main Street Ste. Anne

In Attendance: Marc Wankling; Manitoba Hydro
 Trevor Joyal; MMM Group Ltd
 Randy Yestrau; Councilor
 Nicole Champagne; CAO
 Bernie Vermette; Mayor
 Craig Cumming; Councilor
 Helene d’Auteuil; Councilor
 Don Simard; Councilor
 Claude Gagne.; Operation Manager

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. M. Wankling and T. Joyal presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Town and Municipality of Ste. Anne.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	<p>A member of council asked whether the western route was being pursued based on a possibility of servicing the western portion of Canada. It was noted that the primary purchasers of the Manitoba Hydro’s Hydroelectric Power are US based customers and there are a few lines feeding some communities in Saskatchewan and Ontario. It was noted that this line is for reliability for Manitobans to ensure reliable power is continually transmitted to the southern markets.</p>	

3. A question was asked as to whether Manitoba Hydro will be purchasing the property for the right of way. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro will be acquiring property through easements with each individual as opposed to purchase. Currently, Manitoba Hydro is consulting with each landowner and discussing the various forms of compensation. Each negotiation will occur on a case by case basis and will be individually negotiated. It was also noted that Manitoba Hydro does have the power to expropriate for an easement if it is warranted but is not the preferred venue for land acquisition.
4. A question was asked as to what a landowner would gain from hosting this transmission line. It was noted that this line is needed based on adding reliability to the system. It was noted that this project is a benefit to each Manitoban to have reliable energy flowing to their home.
5. A question was asked as to why a separation criterion of 100 km would be preferred by engineers. It was noted that when enhancing reliability of a system of this type you would try to keep your infrastructure as far apart as possible. It was noted that there is a minimum of 40 km that project has used as a guideline for this project.
6. A question was asked as to how much this project would cost. It was noted that based on 2007 estimates that the total cost of this project would be 2.2 billion dollars.
7. A question was asked as to whether this line would replace others that were in the area. It was stated that this was not the intention as this is a DC line as opposed to an AC line. It is to add redundancy to the system therefore creating a new transmission corridor.
8. A question was asked as to what possible noise would be expected to be emitted from these lines. It was noted that the audible noise would be minimal but would not be similar to the hum of the AC lines that you would hear in this part of the province.
9. A question was asked as to how construction would be executed. It was noted that it will be bid upon and there would likely be two contractors – one for the north and the other for the south. At this point there is no way to determine in which manner the line would be constructed or who would win the construction bid.
10. A question was asked as to whether the project team has been met with a lot of resistance. It was noted that it is dependant on the area we are in and is dependent on what each landowner is using the land for and their past relationship with Manitoba Hydro. It was noted that some find the compensation package to be fair and equitable and would not oppose this line if it is licensed.
11. A question was asked as to why the east side was not being pursued for Bipole III. It was noted that the Provincial government mandated a western line after a decision to pursue a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the eastern portion of the Province. It was noted that this project has been on the books for years and it was noted that Manitoba Hydro requires this line regardless of which side of the lakes it is on.

12. The CDI was explained and the council was told that it was a grant and it was not application based. The estimated payment for the community was estimated at 115,000 – 125,000 dollars per year for the next 10 years.

Recorded by: Trevor Joyal

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Town of Treherne
Date of Meeting:	September 30 th 2010
Time:	20:00
Location:	Treherne Town Office
In Attendance:	Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining preliminary preferred route, project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the RM of South Norfolk and the Town of Treherne.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route and comment sheet was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation and an Open House Poster were also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	A question arose as to what the cost estimate was for this project. It was noted that estimates from 2007 estimates that total project cost to be 2.2 billion dollars.	
3.	A question was asked as to what the cost difference for the western route and the eastern route for this project. It was noted that the estimated cost differential is 600 million dollars.	
4.	A question regarding the timelines for the project was raised. It was noted that an EIS will be submitted June of 2011 and there will be a year of review and likely consist of public hearings. Following a licence being granted late 2012, construction will begin and will be focused primarily during winter months. There will be 5 years of construction and the in-service date for this project is scheduled for 2017.	
5.	CDI was presented to council. Estimates projected for this jurisdiction was noted to be 25,000 to 35,000 per year for the next 10 years.	
6.	Council thanked the team for the presentation.	

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Village of Saint-Claude
Date of Meeting:	November 16, 2010
Time:	8:00 pm
Location:	Village of Saint-Claude, Municipal Office
In Attendance:	Louise Willison; Manitoba Hydro Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning Somia Sadiq; MMM Group Ltd. Norman Carter; Mayor Denis Danais; Councillor David Rheault; Councillor Normand Rouire; Councillor Amy Cahppellaz; Councillor Simone Dupasauier; CAO

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Project Presentation and Materials</p> <p>A PowerPoint presentation was given on the Bipole III Transmission Project. A brief overview of the preliminary preferred route (PPR) was provided, including details of how the route was selected, and other project components.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was provided to the council outlining the PPR. A 1:100,000 ortho image map of the area was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route around the Village of St. Claude. Council was also given copies of the Round 4 newsletters, and a brochure on the Landowners Compensation Policy.</p> <p>Council inquired if the PowerPoint presentation was going to be made available online. D.Toews indicated a paper version of the presentation would be provided to the Council.</p>	<p>MMM to send Powerpoint Presentation paper copy to Council.</p>
2.	<p>Compensation</p> <p>D. Toews outlined the landowner compensation components related to the project. He indicated that negotiations will begin after Manitoba Hydro is granted a licence under the <i>Environment Act (Manitoba)</i>, which is expected to be in the fall of 2012.</p>	
3.	<p>Community Development Initiative (CDI)</p> <p>D. Toews advised Council of the Community Development Initiative established by Manitoba Hydro. Council inquired what the conditions for use of the funds would be. Council was advised that the funds were to be used to support community development projects that benefit the community, including community infrastructure development, and that Council may be asked to provide Manitoba Hydro an annual report outlining how the funds were used. For the amount of funds, Council was advised that a preliminary rough estimate was likely to be in the range of 45,000 -50,000 dollars annually for 10 years.</p>	

4. Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF)

Council inquired about the effects of Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF), and studies that were being undertaken. D.Toews provided project materials summarizing information concerning EMF and commented on the distinction between AC and DC lines with respect to EMF. Materials on DC Transmission and Electronic devices were also provided. Council inquired about the types of studies that were done to test EMF. S. Sadiq indicated that several studies were done to study the effects of EMF on cattle, and should the Council wish, further information can be provided.

5. Key Person Interviews

D. Toews noted that MMM Group will be contacting the CAO to arrange for a Key Person Interview. S. Sadiq explained that the purpose of these interviews was to gather local knowledge on socio-economic features, to establish a better understanding of how the project will affect people so proper mitigation measures can be proposed to minimize the adverse effects to the extent possible.

MMM to
contact CAO

6. Eastern versus Western Routing

Council stated a preference for an east side route. D. Toews cited the key issues associated with the government's decision to avoid an eastern routing, i.e., interference with the proposed UNESCO world heritage site, jeopardy to export power sales, complications and timing of negotiations with First Nations, and access limitations.

Recorded by: S. Sadiq

RECORD OF MEETING

Title:	Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with the Village of Winnipegosis
Date of Meeting:	September 16 th , 2010
Time:	7:10 pm – 7:30 am
Location:	Winnipegosis
In Attendance:	Brett McGurk; Manitoba Hydro Glen Fitzmaurice; Manitoba Hydro Jamie Sakounkhou; MMM Group Ltd Vern Murkin; Councillor Rob Barbe; Councillor Paul Tkachyshyn; Councillor Charlene Fleming; Councillor Jackie Patterson; C.A.O.

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Meeting began with introduction of the Bipole III consulting team as well as council members. No PowerPoint presentation was given due to time restrictions. B. McGurk explained to council members the preliminary preferred route, the project components (including the Community Development Initiative and property compensation) and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>A 1:750,000 topographic map was presented to the council which outlines the preliminary preferred route. A 1:100,000 ortho photo map of the Municipality was shown outlining the preliminary preferred route that may affect the Village of Winnipegosis and the Municipality of Mossey River.</p> <p>The Round 4 newsletter with a map insert of the preliminary preferred route, comment sheet, CDI, LIC Brochure, LIC/OH venues was provided to each council member for review. The PowerPoint presentation was also left for council members for reference.</p>	
2.	Council members inquired as to what the distance would be from the town of Winnipegosis to the transmission line. It was stated that the line is over 2 miles away from the southern border of the village.	
3.	Council inquired as to why the route to the east of Lake Winnipeg was no longer being pursued (council stated they were not opposed to a western route but wanted clarification). It was noted that in 2007 the government and the Hydro Electric Board made a joint decision to pursue a western route to enhance the opportunity to have the eastern portion of Manitoba designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is currently in the proposal phase.	
4.	A member of council asked as to when the proposed in-service date is envisioned. It was noted that following a Licence construction would begin late 2012 and would continue for 5 years with an expected in-service date of 2017.	

5. A council member asked as to who will be constructing the towers for this project. It was noted that Manitoba Hydro will put this out to tender and a contractor would be hired to erect the towers. There is no current contractor hired to execute this project.
6. A member of council asked to whether an underground option was feasible. It was noted that there is added cost with regards to going underground and was not being pursued based on cost.
7. Council asked as to when the CDI payments would begin for their community. It was noted that once a Licence is granted, payments would begin the fiscal year of 2013. Council ended the meeting stating that they are willing to work with Manitoba Hydro and are happy to hear of the CDI. It was also noted with council that the estimated payment for the CDI would be 50,000 to 60,000 per year.

Recorded by: Jamie Sakounkhou

RECORD OF MEETING

Title: Bipole III Transmission Project – Round Four – Meeting with OmniTRAX Canada

Date of Meeting: September 24, 2010

Time: 9:00 am

Location: MMM Office (111-93 Lombard), Winnipeg

In Attendance: Pat McGarry; Manitoba Hydro
 Bill Krawchuk; MMM Group
 John Dyck; Plus4 Consulting
 Donovan Toews; Landmark Planning
 Adam Hess; Director of Real Estate; OmniTrax
 Ken Koff; Chief Engineer; OmniTrax
 Tanya Pidskalny; Regional Director; OmniTrax
 Neil J. Duboff; Legal Counsel to OmniTrax; Duboff Edwards Haight Schtrump

Item	Description	Action By
1.	<p>Project Presentation and Materials</p> <p>Introductions were made. P. McGarry presented a PowerPoint slideshow outlining the preliminary preferred route, project components and route determination from information gathered from specialists and the public during the past three rounds of public participation.</p> <p>J.Dyck provided an overview of the route selection process. P.McGarry indicated that the Hydro team is quite confident about the PPR selection though minor route adjustments may yet take place following Round 4 of the consultation process. It was noted that one of the foremost important variables was the need to remain a minimum 40km distant from the existing Bipoles I and II for reliability purposes. Where that was not possible due to a combination of other routing constraints, the line would be engineered accordingly.</p>	
2.	<p>East Side Routing</p> <p>OmniTrax asked about the selection of the west side routing versus an east side route. P.McGarry cited the key issues associated with the government’s 2007 decision to avoid an eastern routing, namely the location of the proposed UNESCO world heritage site and complications and timing of negotiations with First Nations originally opposed to the project. It was noted that access for construction and maintenance would be more challenging on the east side. P.McGarry indicated there is no comparison study examining East vs. West as the eastern routing is not within the project parameters.</p>	
3.	<p>Parallel Routing</p> <p>OmniTrax asked why, in route analysis Sections 5 and 6 in northern Manitoba, the PPR did not fully parallel existing rail lines. P.McGarry advised that while the routing team tried to parallel existing linear structures as much as possible, there were many other variables that influenced route decision-making; in this area two of those other significant factors were terrain and access.</p>	

4. Crown Land

OmniTrax asked about how Hydro is able to use Crown Land. P.McGarry advised that permission to use provincial crown lands comes from the Province of Manitoba; no federal Crown Lands were being utilized for the PPR.

5. Towers and Easements

OmniTrax asked about towers and easements specifics. D.Toews advised the towers would be guyed towers 150' high in northern (forested) areas and the easement would be 216' wide. OmniTrax advised that their lands are typically 100ft wide except in certain circumstances.

6. Construction, Employment, Contracting

OmniTrax inquired about whether the construction work would be contracted out under one contract. PM indicated that that would be most likely but that is not determined. A likely determining factor will be construction timing and the need to complete the project.

7. Land Ownership near The Pas

OmniTrax asked whether there were private land holdings near The Pas. P.McGarry indicated that the holdings in route analysis sections 5 and 6 near the Pas were almost exclusively crown lands.

8. Cooperation Opportunities

OmniTrax suggested there may be mutually beneficial opportunities for OmniTrax and Manitoba Hydro with respect to Bipole III. These include:

- Possible use of OmniTrax ROW at potential 'choke points'
- Use of OmniTrax mobile work camps
- Staging grounds at strategic locations (Wabowden)
- Shipping of materials

9. Bipole III Concerns or Constraints

D.Toews asked OmniTrax whether they had any concerns or constraints that Hydro should be taking into consideration with the Bipole III planning process. OmniTrax noted the following as considerations only, not necessarily concerns:

- Safety
- Disruption of rail operations
- Risk Management
- Falling towers
- Activities on or near ROW

OmniTrax indicated the proposed Bipole ROW width seems reasonable

10. Easement Agreements

D.Toews inquired as to whether OmniTrax had a standard agreement for use of or crossing of OmniTrax controlled lands. OmniTrax indicated that they used a standard agreement; that for any given request they would need a simple application with engineered drawings in order to work out a use agreement. Early communication is key.

11. Port Nelson ROW

OmniTrax suggested that the Port Nelson ROW may be useful to the project. J.Dyck indicated that it may be helpful for station access, but that would need to be determined at a later date.

12. Project Timing

P.McGarry outlined the timing for the project (based on the materials provided in the Round 4 newsletter), indicating that the project was scheduled for construction to start in 2012 with a planned in-service date is 2017. OmniTrax indicated that ideally they would require about 8-9 months lead time for cooperation particularly with respect to lead time required for replenishing OmniTrax Camp Car fleet.

13. Communications

The respective points of contact will be P.McGarry and T.Pidskalny. P.McGarry indicated that if OmniTrax wished that a meeting or presentation could be arranged between OmniTrax and Manitoba Hydro construction division.

14. Key Person Interviews

Manitoba Hydro will contact Tanya Pidskalny (and Mike Ogborn) with respect to setting up a KPI.

Recorded by: D. Toews