

## Valued Components

# Public Engagement Process

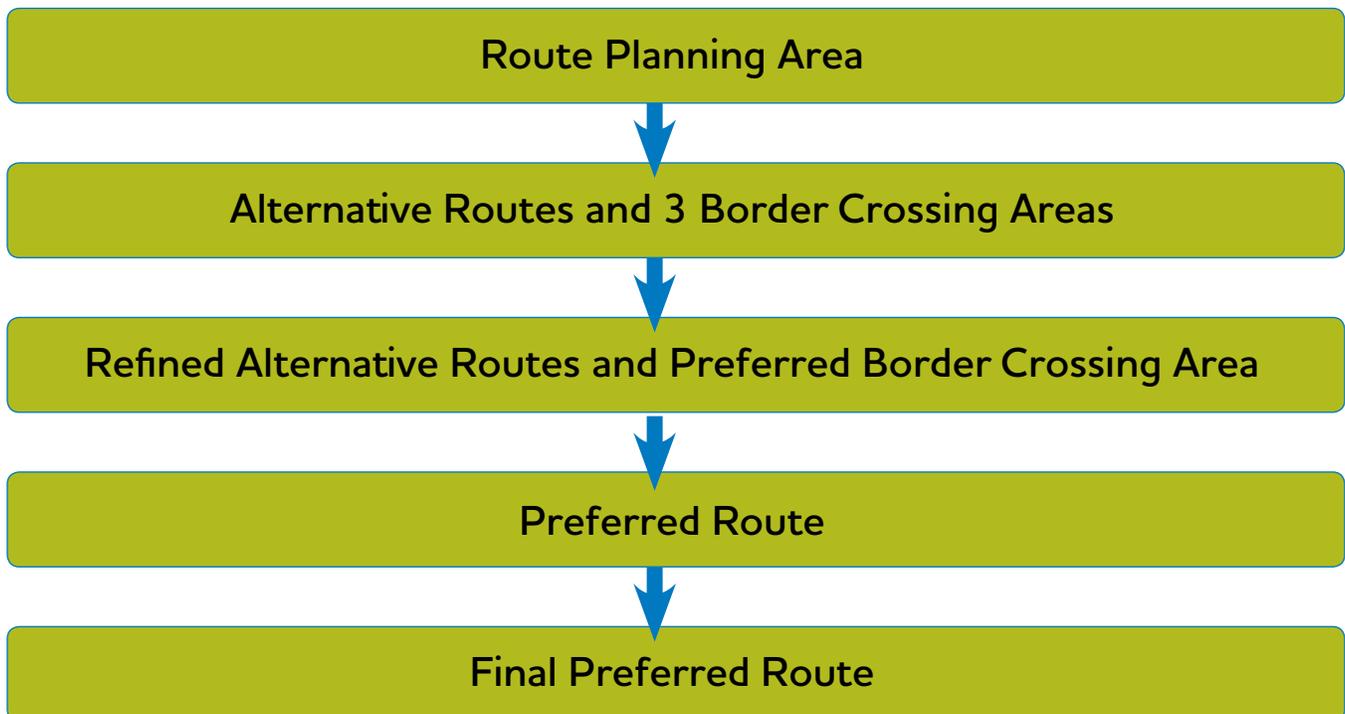
### and the Manitoba–Minnesota Transmission Project

Public engagement is an important aspect of Manitoba Hydro transmission line projects. The public engagement process informs individuals of our projects and allows them to become involved in the routing and environmental assessment work undertaken.

- gather and understand local interests and concerns;
- integrate interests and concerns into the routing and assessment process;
- review potential mitigation measures.

The goals of the public engagement process for the Manitoba–Minnesota Transmission Project are to:

- share project information;
- obtain feedback for use in the route selection and environmental assessment process;



## How do we notify the public about the project?

- newspaper advertisements;
- radio announcements;
- posters;
- social media;
- letters and flyers delivered by Canada Post;
- phone calls;
- emails;
- Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project webpage: [www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/mb\\_mn\\_transmission/index.shtml](http://www.hydro.mb.ca/projects/mb_mn_transmission/index.shtml)

## Who have we been meeting with regarding the project?

Manitoba Hydro meets with project stakeholders and the public in an ongoing manner. Project stakeholders include:

- individual landowners and landowner groups;
- First Nations;
- Manitoba Metis Federation;
- environmental organizations;
- commercial and agricultural organizations;
- conservation districts;
- business owners;
- recreational organizations;
- provincial and municipal government.

Manitoba Hydro welcomes any group with an interest in the project to participate in the project's environmental assessment and route determination processes.

## How has the public's feedback been collected and evaluated for MMTP?

Public feedback is collected and reviewed by the project team throughout each phase of the project. The feedback will be documented in the environmental impact statement that will be submitted to regulators in summer 2015. Manitoba Hydro has received project feedback through the following methods:

- meetings, including stakeholders and residents' groups;
- public open houses;
- stakeholder workshops;
- mapping exercises;
- landowner forms;
- emails and phone calls.

## Participation in Round 1 and 2

Contact Method/Data Source	Round 1	Round 2
Number of Open Houses	11	11
Total Open House Attendees	326	685
Comment Sheets Received	142	446
Email and Telephone Calls	76	322
iPad Mapping Station Entries	145	219
Stakeholder Meetings/ Workshops	18	27
First Nation & Metis Meetings (various formats)	14	35

\* Due to the ongoing nature of the PEP, these numbers may not be reflective of all meetings at time of printing.

## Where in the environmental impact statement (EIS) will public engagement information be found?

The EIS will include a chapter on public engagement that includes topics such as:

- purpose, goals and objectives of the PEP;
- role of public engagement in the site selection process;
- summary of the engagement activities and feedback collected;
- role of public engagement in valued component identification.

Feedback received throughout the PEP is provided to discipline specialists to assist in their assessment of potential effects. Feedback and public input will be found throughout the EIS.

## How are the issues raised by the public addressed?

Issues brought forward by the public are reviewed by Manitoba Hydro and the environmental assessment specialists. PEP reports are prepared to identify key issues and concerns raised by the public. These reports are reviewed by and shared with the discipline specialists to ensure the issues are being considered during the environmental assessment.

During the route evaluation process, Manitoba Hydro representatives work with discipline specialists to ensure issues and concerns from the public are considered and evaluated.

Throughout Round 3 of the PEP, Manitoba Hydro will be looking to the public for additional feedback on the preferred route. Representatives will be meeting with landowners to further understand the landscape and identify potential adjustments. Manitoba Hydro will document tower placement preferences, develop mitigation measures and bring forward any additional issues/recommendations to the discipline specialists to ensure they are reviewed in the environmental assessment.

## Feedback received will assist in determining the final placement of the transmission line.

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