



# NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT STATEMENT

## MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD PROJECT

### THE STUDY

The proposed Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) Community Access Road would be a new all-season road approximately 190 km in length that would connect the remote northern community of Marten Falls First Nation to the Ontario provincial highway network. The Community Access Road would be located 430 km northeast of Thunder Bay, Ontario, in Ontario's far north, within the traditional territory of Marten Falls First Nation, and within the Ministry of Natural Resources District of Thunder Bay and the Far North District.

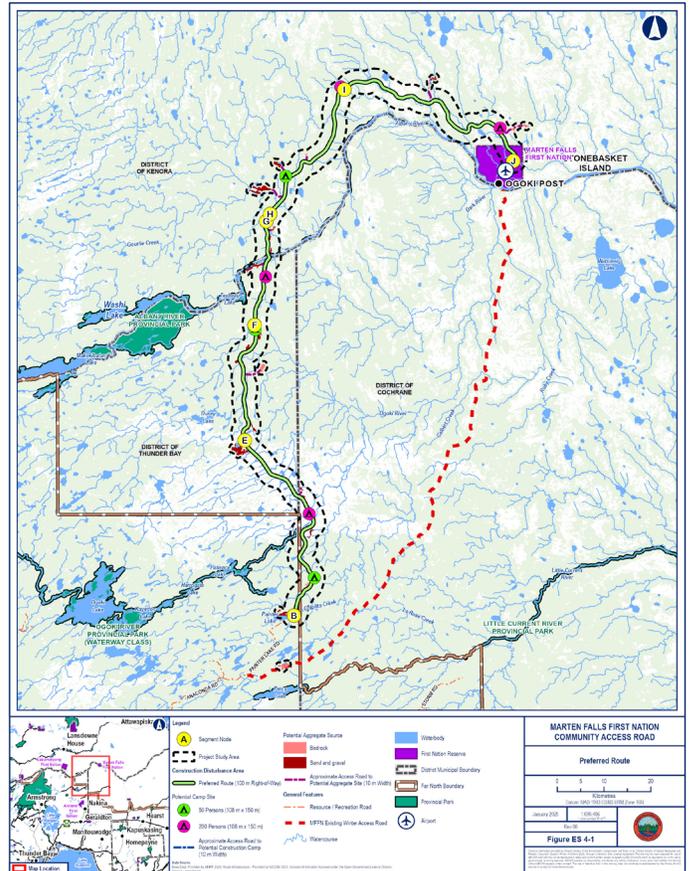
The included key map shows the Project Study Area, with the proposed Preferred Route.

### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IMPACT STATEMENT (EA / IS)

Marten Falls First Nation has retained AECOM Canada ULC. to undertake a combined Ontario Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (formerly known as an Individual Environmental Assessment) and Federal Impact Assessment for the Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* and the *Canadian Impact Assessment Act*. An evaluation and consultation process is also being carried out according to the requirements of the *Class Environmental Assessment for Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects*, as well as in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves*.

This Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement report has been completed in accordance with the Terms of Reference approved by Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in October 2021. Additionally, this Draft report has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines provided by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada on February 24, 2020.

The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement documents the evaluation of alternative route alignments considered for the Community Access Road and presents the proposed Preferred Route. It also documents the environmental impacts, including potential cumulative effects, proposed mitigation measures, and commitments made by the proponent. Additionally, it documents engagement and consultation undertaken thus far as part of the Environmental Assessment / Impact Assessment process.





## CONSULTATION PERIOD AND CONTACT INFORMATION

The Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement will be available for review beginning **April 22, 2025 for a period of 60 days (i.e., June 23, 2025)**. Supporting documents can be accessed digitally on the Project Website at <https://eais.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>. The in-person viewing locations are as follows:

- Greenstone Public Library (Geraldton Branch): 405 2nd St. W., Geraldton, Ontario
- Greenstone Public Library (Longlac Branch): 110 Kenogami Drive, Longlac, Ontario
- Sioux Lookout Public Library: 21 Fifth Avenue, Sioux Lookout, Ontario
- Matawa First Nations Management: 233 S. Court Street, 2nd Floor, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- Thunder Bay Public Library: Waverley Resource Library, 285 Red River Rd, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- Timmins Public Library: 320 2nd Avenue, Timmins, Ontario

Public Information Centre #6 will be held in Thunder Bay and Geraldton, Ontario as follows:

- Thunder Bay Session - Monday, May 26, 2025  
Superior Inn, 555 Arthur St W;  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.\*
- Geraldton Session - Thursday, May 29, 2025  
Recreation Centre, 200 Wardrope Ave;  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.\*

*\*The first hour is dedicated for Indigenous Community members only.*

Members of Indigenous communities, interested persons, agencies and other stakeholders are encouraged to actively participate in the review of the Draft Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement. Comments and feedback can be provided via the Project Website, email or by letter mail until June 23, 2025 at the contact information provided below.

**Project Website:** [www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca](http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca)  
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Any concerns raised during the review period will be documented in the Final Environmental Assessment / Impact Statement Report.

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Comments are being collected to assist Marten Falls First Nation and AECOM in meeting the requirements under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act and the Canadian Impact Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in project documentation. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s.37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Project Officer or the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

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