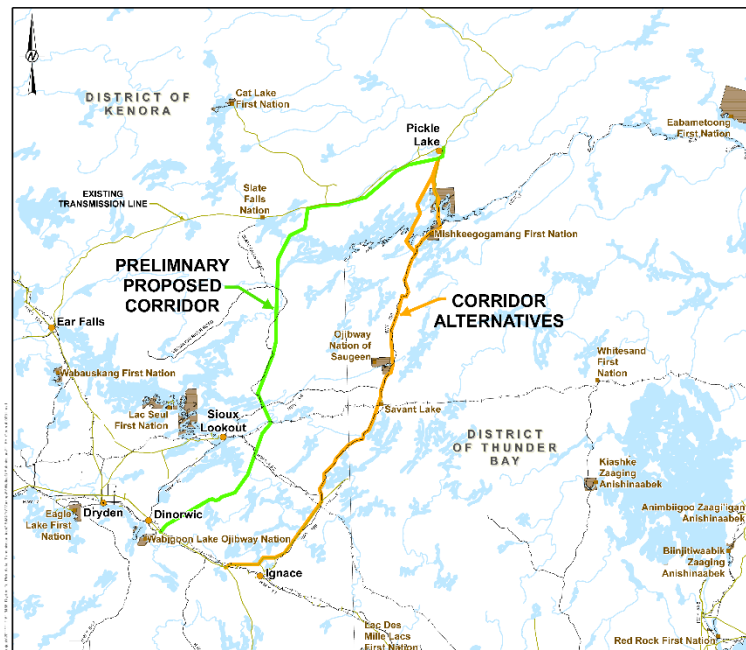


## NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT REPORT

### Phase 1 New Transmission Line to Pickle Lake Wataynikaneyap Power L.P.

Wataynikaneyap Power L.P. (Wataynikaneyap) is a licenced transmission company owned by 22 First Nation communities and FortisOntario Inc., with the objective of connecting remote First Nation communities currently serviced by diesel generation in Northwest Ontario. This initiative has been identified as a priority by the Government of Ontario, and Wataynikaneyap has been selected as the designated transmitter to connect communities. Phase 1 encompasses a new transmission line to Pickle Lake (the Project). The Project includes a 300-kilometre, 230 kilovolt transmission line and associated Project components from Dinorwic (east of Dryden) to Pickle Lake. Phase 2 will connect 17 First Nation communities north of Pickle Lake and Red Lake with an estimated 1500 km of new transmission line.

The Project is going through an Individual Environmental Assessment under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Wataynikaneyap has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report based on the Amended Terms of Reference (ToR) approved by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change in February 2015, and engagement activities carried out during preparation of the draft EA Report. The Draft EA Report contains effects assessments on three corridor options (Dryden to Pickle Lake, Ignace west around Mishkeegogamang, and Ignace through Mishkeegogamang). Based on an evaluation of the EA, cost and constructability, and technical criteria, the Dinorwic (east of Dryden) to Pickle Lake corridor and associated Project components was identified as the preferred corridor.



Wataynikaneyap is seeking comments on the Draft EA Report. Members of Aboriginal communities and groups, the public, and agencies, are encouraged to actively participate in the review of the draft report. Beginning June 30, 2017, the Draft EA Report will be available for viewing at the locations listed below (during regular business hours) and on the Wataynikaneyap website at [www.wataypower.ca](http://www.wataypower.ca). Aboriginal community meetings will also be held to gather feedback on the Draft EA Report and will be advertised in communities as they are scheduled. Interested parties are invited to attend Public Information Centres (schedule below) to review the Draft EA Report and provide comment.

Draft EA Report Viewing Locations			Public Information Centres
<b>Windigo First Nations Council</b> 160 Alcona Drive Sioux Lookout, Ontario Tel: 807-737-1585	<b>Cat Lake Band Office</b> Cat Lake, Ontario Tel: 807 347-2100	<b>Sioux Lookout Library</b> 21 5th Avenue Sioux Lookout, Ontario Tel: 807-737-3660	<b>Dryden</b> Monday, July 24 4:00-7:00 pm Regional Cultural Training Centre 100 Casimir Avenue, Dryden
<b>Eabametoong Band Office</b> Fort Hope, Ontario Tel: 807-242-7221	<b>Wabigoon Band Office</b> Site 115, R.R. #1 Dryden, Ontario Tel: 807-938-6684	<b>Pickle Lake Municipal Office</b> 2 Anne Street Pickle Lake, Ontario Tel: 807-928-2034	<b>Sioux Lookout</b> Tuesday, July 25 4:00-7:00 pm Forest Inn and Conference Centre 11 May Street, Sioux Lookout
<b>Mishkeegogamang Band Office</b> 1 First Nation Street Mishkeegogamang, Ontario Tel: 807-928-2414	<b>Eagle Lake Band Office</b> Migisi Sahgaigan, Ontario Tel: 807-755-5526	<b>Township of Ignace Municipal Office</b> 34 Highway 17 West Ignace, Ontario Tel: 807-934-2202	<b>Township of Pickle Lake</b> Wednesday, July 26 4:00-7:00 pm Pickle Lake Community Hall 2 Anne Street, Pickle Lake
<b>Saugeen Band Office</b> Savant Lake, Ontario Tel: 807-928-2824	<b>MNO Region 1 Consultation Committee</b> 311 – 75 Sherbourne Street Toronto, Ontario Tel: 416-977-9881	<b>Dryden Public Library</b> 36 Van Horne Avenue Dryden, Ontario	<b>Ignace</b> Thursday, July 27 4:00-7:00 pm Ignace Silver Tops Senior's Centre 300 Pine Street, Ignace
<b>Lac Seul Band Office – Frenchman's Head</b> Hudson, Ontario Tel: 807-582-3503	<b>Slate Falls Band Office</b> 48 Lakeview Drive Slate Falls, Ontario Tel: 807-737-5700	<b>Dryden Municipal Office</b> 30 Van Horne Avenue Dryden, Ontario Tel: 807-223-1147 Tel: 807-223-1475	
<b>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change</b> 135 St Clair Avenue West, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Toronto, Ontario Tel: 416-314-8001/ 1-800-461-6290 Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm	<b>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change</b> Thunder Bay Regional Office Suite 331B, 435 James Street South Thunder Bay, Ontario P7E 6S7 Tel: 807-475-1205/ 1-888-875-7722 Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm	<b>Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change</b> Kenora Area Office 808 Robertson Street, PO Box 5150 Kenora, Ontario P9N 1X9 Tel: 807-468-2718/ 1-888-367-7622 Monday to Friday 8:30 am – 5 pm	

We kindly ask that your comments on the Draft EA Report be provided to the contacts below or submitted on the Wataynikaneyap website ([www.wataypower.ca](http://www.wataypower.ca)) by August 4, 2017.

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