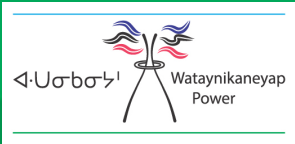




Wataynikaneyap Transmission System & Opiikapawiin Services



Wataynikaneyap Power is majority owned at 51% by 24 First Nations in partnership with Fortis Inc. and other private investors at 49%. Wataynikaneyap Power, Opiikapawiin Services, EPTCON/Powertel - subsidiaries of Cormorant Services (the Project Inspection, Maintenance, and Emergency Response Contractor), and other contractors supporting Endangered Species Act work and Bamijikewin work, are working together to maximize Indigenous participation on the Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system.

Opiikapawiin Services LP is 100% owned by 24 First Nations and provides the following services to Wataynikaneyap Power:

- Employment and training
- Community readiness
- Business readiness
- Community engagement
- Communication

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Do you have a question or concern about Wataynikaneyap Power and/or the transmission system?

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(don't forget to leave your contact information!)

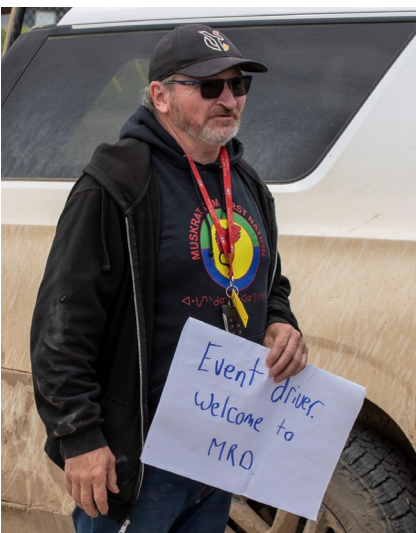
Email: watayinquiries@wataypower.ca

Your question or concern will be sent to the appropriate person or department. We will follow up with an answer or more information as quickly as we can!

Muskrat Dam First Nation Gathering to Celebrate Energization – June 23, 2026



Muskrat Dam First Nation was connected to the provincial power grid on April 9, 2026, with community members and guests coming together to celebrate this milestone on June 23, 2026. Attendees included representatives from Fortis Inc., FortisOntario, Hydro One Remotes, Valard, and other First Nations organizations; along with elected leaders and government officials, including Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Michelle Kovacevic (Associate Deputy Minister, Indigenous Services Canada), Sol Mamakwa (MPP for Kiiwetinoong), Marcus Powlowski (MP for Thunder Bay—Rainy River), and Eric Melillo (MP for Kenora—Kiiwetinoong). Thanks to all who attended!



Guests received a warm welcome from Muskrat Dam upon arrival!



Left to Right: Lewis Morris (Translator, Muskrat Dam); Lucie Edwards, (CEO Opiikapawiin Services LP); Margaret Kenequanash (Wataynikaneyap Power CEO); Gary Smith (EVP, Operations and Technology - Fortis Inc.); Chief Carla Duncan (Muskrat Dam First Nation); Kevin Mann (Director, Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.); Adeel Afzal (Director, Power Delivery & Integration (PD&I) Canada - Hatch); Dave Torgerson (COO, Valard); Marcus Powlowski (MPP - Thunder Bay-Rainy River).



Thank you to Muskrat Dam member Lewis Morris for providing translation for the event!



Vernon Morris, CEO for Independent First Nations Alliance (IFNA), and former Chief of Muskrat Dam, providing remarks

Muskrat Dam First Nation Gathering to Celebrate Energization – June 23, 2026



MPP Sol Mamakwa, MP Eric Melillo, and Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler shared in the celebration of this important community milestone



Gift presentation to the community



"Muskrat Dam has not had capital infrastructure for nearly 30 years, but even if we could have expanded, we would have been unable to connect any new buildings due to power constraints. Now, with these power constraints removed, we can begin planning for growth—starting with connecting the construction camp we've purchased, the new build for the Aboriginal Head Start Program, and continuing to build much needed homes for community members," Muskrat Dam Chief Carla Duncan states. "Moving away from diesel will bring significant long-term benefits to the community. In the past, we've had to rely on transporting diesel by air when winter roads were unavailable, which is very costly. With grid power, the First Nation can redirect cost-overrun expenses toward other community priorities." – Chief Carla Duncan



Door prize draws for community members in attendance!



Recharging with a delicious feast



Chief Carla and Margaret cut the cake!

A photograph showing a group of people in an audience. In the foreground, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a light blue shirt, is smiling and looking towards the right. He has a small red and yellow pin on his lapel. Next to him, a younger man with dark hair, wearing a light beige blazer, is also looking towards the right. In the background, other people are visible, including a woman with long dark hair and a man with a green beanie. The setting appears to be an indoor event or presentation.

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Congratulations Magnus Kitchemonia of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug!

Wataynikaneyap Power would like to congratulate Magnus Kitchemonia of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI), one of the 24 Participating First Nations on his recent graduation. Magnus began his career around 2021 through the Ganawenjigewin Environmental Training Program, delivered in partnership with Opiikapawiin Services LP and Wataynikaneyap Power. Following the program, he continued to build his experience with Giiwedin Environmental Services: a Limited Partnership between Lac Des Mille Lacs First Nation (one of Wataynikaneyap Power's 24 First Nation majority owners) and NorthWinds Environmental Services.

Since then, Magnus has earned a college diploma in Forestry and, most recently, graduated from Lakehead University on May 28 with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. Although he was unable to attend his graduation ceremony due to a knee injury, he has remained committed to his work and continues in his role with Giiwedin.

We are proud to share Magnus's story of dedication and achievement. Through his work with Giiwedin, he contributes to the Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system—and as a member of a Participating First Nation, he is also an owner of Wataynikaneyap Power LP. We look forward to seeing his continued success and hope he remains a strong piece of the Wataynikaneyap Power journey towards the 2049 Vision.

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2049 Vision - Workforce Development and Employment

For current employment opportunities, please visit: www.oslp.ca/careers



As part of Cormorant's commitment to Reconciliation, general employment opportunities within Cormorant are regularly communicated to several Indigenous organizations, including Opiikapawiin Services and Wataynikaneyap Power. These positions are generally based in either Cambridge, ON or Whitefish, ON, with various travel requirements depending on the position. Members of the 24 Participating First Nations are encouraged to apply for the following positions:

Company	Positions
EPTCON/POWERTEL (A Cormorant Utility Services Company)	Accepting applications for Electricians and Powerline Technician Apprenticeships

Sign up to the Wataynikaneyap Labour Pool Database! The Labour Pool Database is a recruitment tool that was designed with the 24 Participating First Nations (PFN's) in mind for employment on the Wataynikaneyap Powerline Transmission Project. Currently there are over 1,000 PFN members in the database!

To be eligible and make the most of your Labour Pool profile, you must be a member or resident of one of the 24 PFN Wataynikaneyap communities, keep your profile up to date with your latest skills, certifications, experience, and contact information so Opiikapawiin can identify you for upcoming opportunities, and give permission for your information to be shared with potential employers.

Sign up at: <https://www.oslp.ca/labour-pool/> OR Scan the QR Code!



If you need assistance with employment opportunities on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line, including navigating the Wataynikaneyap Labour Pool Database, creating or updating your resume for positions with Wataynikaneyap or its subcontractors, or applying for an apprenticeship with Eptcon/Powertel, please contact OSLP at (807) 474-3300 ext. 210 or by email at contact@oslp.ca.

Training

Please be advised that training will be carried out by service providers in specific work programs. Training will be discussed part of Workforce Development. If you have any questions with regards to training matters, please contact OSLP: Office: (807) 474-3300.

Apply now!



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Apply or request an application:
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HR@wataypower.ca //
www.wataypower.ca

Wataynikaneyap Power is offering a bursary and mentorship program throughout 2026 to support grade 12 and post-secondary students from Wataynikaneyap's owner communities. Successful applicants will receive:

- Mentorship from industry professionals
- Opportunities for paid work placements
- \$1,000 cash bursaries
- Industry connections
- Personalized career support

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Bamijikewin (Vegetation Management) Engagement

Engagement on the Bamijikewin plan will continue throughout 2026, with the second round of Right of Way vegetation management starting throughout the rest of the year. Each line segment will typically require vegetation management on a 5–8 year cycle.

As part of this ongoing work, the Wataynikaneyap Power/OSLP team will be travelling to First Nations communities to begin the second round of Bamijikewin engagement and to provide other updates on the status of the transmission system. Community members are encouraged to keep an eye out for upcoming announcements and engagement opportunities!

The Bamijikewin (Vegetation Management) plan will be developed through continuous engagement with Participating First Nations (PFN's) to promote growth and manage the height of vegetation to protect assets. Engagement will:

- Involve continuous dialogue with land-users, community members, First Nation leadership, and Elders
- Seek to understand how Bamijikewin should be conducted on your homeland
- Seek to understand what equipment and resources your First Nation has to complete Bamijikewin Work
- Respect and Understand Barriers and Needs

Wataynikaneyap will develop the Bamijikewin Plan through:

- Continuous Engagement with the PFN's
- Electrical Utilities best practices
- Lessons learned through original clearing of the Right-of-Way

With guidance from our Elders, the vegetation management program was named **Bamijikewin**, reflecting the cleaning and maintenance of the land.

Wataynikaneyap Power and Opiikapawiin Services will be continuing to reach out to Participating First Nation and First Nation businesses to coordinate ongoing business and employment opportunities in operations; particularly in the areas of Bamijikewin (vegetation management), environmental monitoring, and maintenance of access trails and landing areas.

For questions on any engagement matters or to schedule an information session in your community, please contact the Indigenous Participation & Engagement Manager at (807) 474 3300 ext. 202

Other Engagement



Thank you to Sachigo Lake First Nation for inviting Wataynikaneyap and OSLP to your 50th Anniversary Celebration on July 30th, 2026! Pictured: Margaret presenting a gift to Chief Robert Beardy and Council.



On August 5, 2026, Wataynikaneyap Power and OSLP provided a community update to McDowell Lake First Nation membership in Thunder Bay, sharing progress and discussing the path toward future grid connection.

Business Readiness and Procurement of Goods and Services

If you have questions about business and economic development opportunities, please contact:

OSLP Office:

Phone: (807) 474-3300

Business Directory

Opiikapawiin Services LP maintains a business registry that contains Participating First Nation Business Profiles and is referred to as the **Wataynikaneyap Business Directory**. This Directory can be shared with potential contractors and/or subcontractors to help facilitate First Nation business opportunities.

For information on how to register your Participating First Nation business or joint venture, please contact:
OSLP's Indigenous Participation Coordinator
Office: (807) 474-3300 ext. 262

Opiikapawiin Services LP will be working with First Nations to identify contacts for contracting opportunities and to identify Participating First Nation-owned businesses that can provide:

- Labour
- Equipment
- Fuel Sales
- Accommodations/Meals
- Transportation

There may also be other business opportunities that result from the vegetation management plan!

Wataynikaneyap Power Communications

Wataynikaneyap Power Website:

www.wataypower.ca

Wataynikaneyap LinkedIn Page:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/wataynikaneyap/>

Wataynikaneyap Power Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/WataynikaneyapPower

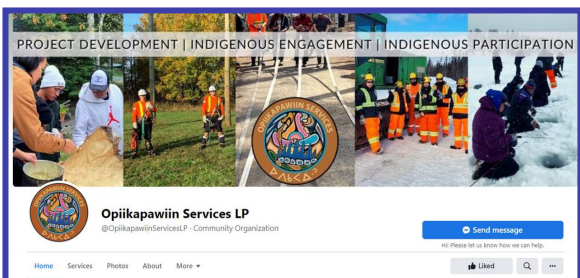
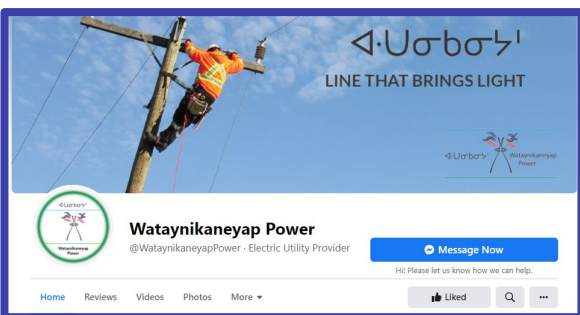
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Opiikapawiin Services LP Website

www.oslp.ca

Opiikapawiin Services Facebook Page

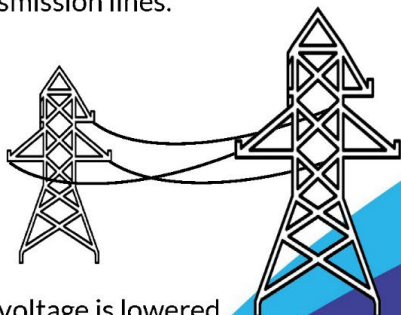
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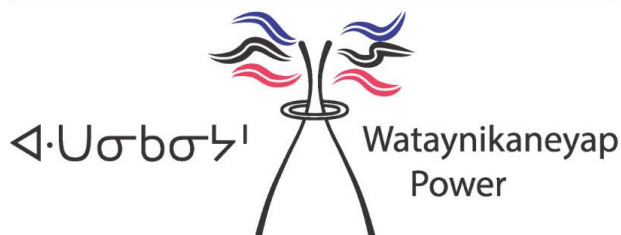
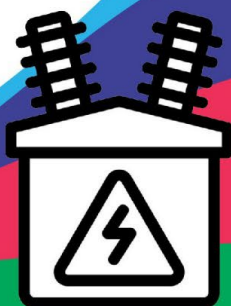
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Power Transmission

Electricity travels through high-voltage transmission lines.



The voltage is lowered at a substation.



Wataynikaneyap Power is a licensed power transmission company majority-owned by a partnership of 24 First Nations, in partnership with Fortis Inc. and other private investors. The Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system is approximately 1,800 km of transmission lines and 22 substations in northwestern Ontario, connecting remote First Nations to the provincial grid. As a transmitter, Wataynikaneyap Power provides reliable power to Hydro One Remotes and ultimately the end customer.

Wataynikaneyap Power and Hydro One Remotes are two separate companies. We work together to bring you safe, reliable electricity.

Hydro One Remotes is your contact for power outages. (1-888-825-8707)

Power Distribution

The lower-voltage electricity travels through powerlines to inside your building.



**Hydro One
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If you have any questions or concerns about your electrical service, power outages, or billing, please reach out directly to Hydro One Remotes.



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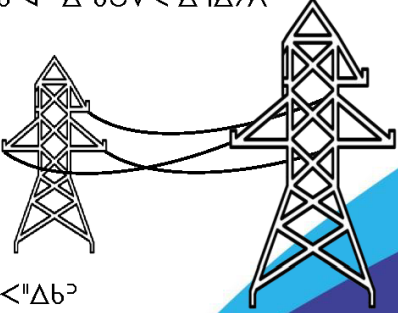
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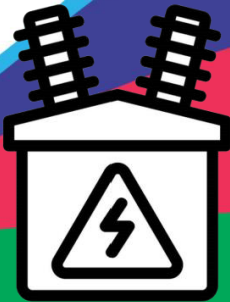
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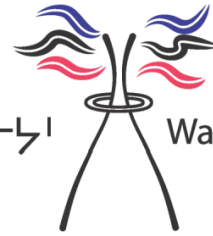
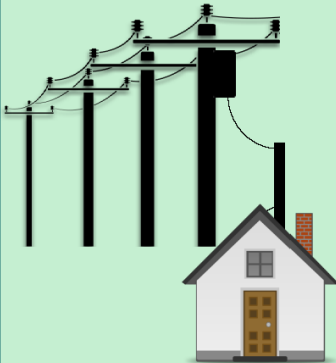
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