

There are currently three major work programs:

Bamijikewin (vegetation management)



Maintaining the vegetation that grows around the line

No herbicides are used

Each segment will typically need bamijikewin every 3-6 years

Multiple contractors

Environmental (Endangered Species Act) monitoring



Monitoring of Caribou summer and winter habitat, invasive species, permanent wildlife survey plots, bat habitat, etc.

Contract with Giiwedini through 2030

Inspections Maintenance & Emergency Response (IMER)



Contract with PowerTel & Eptcon through 2026, includes IPP requirements:

25% of their total work hours on Wataynikaneyap Power
IMER activities will be performed by PFN members

Requirements around giving preference to PFN businesses for any tasks that they outsource

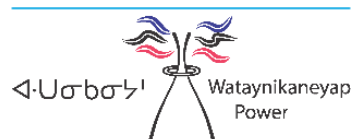
Support PFN members in substation electrician and powerline technician apprenticeships

Notices of Work in your Area

- Wataynikaneyap Power provides First Nation leadership with an advanced notice, and a reminder notice by email with what work will be done in your area.
 - Details include how many crew members will be there and if work will be done by ground crew or by helicopter.
- Wataynikaneyap Power is working with all First Nations to identify important cultural/traditional activities and dates that should be avoided for inspection and maintenance activities.



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2026 Work Schedule for Operations (subject to change)

September	October	November	December
Bamijikewin crews will be working semi-continuously until the end of the year: Red Lake to Pikangikum; Wabigoon & Lac Seul areas			
Maintenance and pole replacements: Red Lake to Pikangikum	Visual inspections (second round) of all 22 substations	Pre-winter maintenance on all 22 substations	
	Line maintenance: Pipestone to Kingfisher Lake; Kingfisher Lake to Wunnumin Lake and Wawakapewin; Wawakapewin to Kasabonika Lake		

Anishinaabeg and Anishininiwag Guiding Principles

The Anishinaabeg and Anishininiwag Peoples assert that Wataynikaneyap Power and all partners engaged in its work respect the land, rights and natural laws; our way of being on the land and as part of the land; and our land sharing protocols.

Wataynikaneyap Power will embody the Anishinaabeg and Anishininiwag Language, customs, ceremony, and the original teachings of our Elders.

Wataynikaneyap Power will follow the directives from ceremony and from the Peoples.

Our original instruction and sacred responsibility given to us by the Creator is to protect the land, which in turn protects us. The Wataynikaneyap Power transmission system will be operated and maintained in a way that protects the environment as follows:

- The transmission system will not poison the ecosystem;
- No herbicides will be used throughout the life of the transmission line;
- The transmission system will be operated and maintained in a manner that does not interfere with seasonal hunting, trapping, fishing and harvesting and keeps disturbances to a minimum;
- No new transmission lines will be located underwater; and
- Wataynikaneyap Power and its operating partners will follow the environmental and social management plan to ensure their work does not affect any sacred, gathering, or harvesting sites or burial sites.

Wataynikaneyap Power will respect confidentiality and comply with any conditions of use for all Traditional Land and Resource Use information provided by the First Nations, including intellectual property and data governance requirements.

The Participating First Nations will maintain decision-making and ownership and receive benefits from Wataynikaneyap Power.

Wataynikaneyap Power will benefit future generations, strengthened through ongoing communication and engagement.

Wataynikaneyap Power will ensure succession and transition planning. Wataynikaneyap Power will build capacity and develop the workforce with the Anishinaabeg and Anishininiwag Peoples, the youth, and elementary, primary, secondary, and post-secondary students while remaining in compliance with all reporting requirements.