

# Community Engagement Summary

## Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation

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### *Licensing and Environmental Assessment*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Methods of Engagement</b>
February 21, 2008	Letter from Manitoba Hydro requesting an Introductory Bipole III Meeting with leadership
June 25, 2008	Introductory meeting with leadership.
August 15, 2008	Letter from Manitoba Hydro providing information about regional introductory public open houses and suggesting that a community open house be planned in the community
November 26, 2008	Round 2 Community Open House
May 26, 2009	Letter from Manitoba Hydro requesting participation in the ATK process
August 24, 2009	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating that Manitoba Hydro had selected a series of alternative route options and would like to hold a community open house in Dakota Plains First Nation
January 4, 2010	Manitoba Hydro sent a poster and fax for the Community Open House
July 27, 2010	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating that Manitoba Hydro had selected a preliminary preferred route for Bipole III
October 15, 2010	Round Four Meeting with Dakota Plains First Nation Leadership
October 18, 2010	Letter from Manitoba Hydro discussing ATK workshop process
November 4, 2010	Letter from Dakota Plains regarding the ATK workshop
November 5, 2010	Letter from Manitoba Hydro in response to Dakota Plains letter
November 16, 2010	ATK Group Workshop
March 8, 2011	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including education and employment brochures
January 26, 2015	MH sent a letter to Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation requesting to meet with the community to review the EPP. The letter was accompanied with a link to the following documents: the Transmission Access Management Plan, the Bipole III Environmental Protection Plan, the Bipole

	<p>III Transmission Line Construction Environmental Protection Plan (CEnvPP) for Segments S1 and S2, and the Culture and Heritage Resource Protection Plan (CHRPP). The letter included a standard Bipole III Cultural and Heritage Resource Protection Notification Protocol for the community to fill-in and a printed copy of the Culture and Heritage Resource Protection Plan. A copy of the Access Management brochure was also sent.</p>
April 7, 2015	Dakota Plains First Nation Community Environmental Protection Program Meeting

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Category	Summary of Information	Response and/or Mitigation	EPP Component
Berries	Harvest plants, fruit, berry and traditional plant area and concerned about a loss of domestic income and an increase in financial burden	Manitoba Hydro will consider non-chemical vegetation management in clearly identified sensitive sites that contain plants of importance to resource harvesters.	Vegetation Management Plan
EMFs	Concerns regarding impact of EMFs on animals, plants, people.	Based on reviews by national and international scientific agencies there are no known adverse health effects associated with EMF from ac or dc transmission lines.	
Sensitive site	Indicated that many sensitive sites have never been identified	All construction activities will be monitored by a Manitoba Hydro environmental inspector to ensure compliance with the <i>Environment Act</i> licence and the Environmental Protection Plan. Manitoba Hydro has offered to meet with Dakota Plains First Nation, to review the Draft Environmental Protection Program (EPP) for the Bipole III Transmission Project. The intent of the meeting is to review the proposed mitigation and monitoring plans and to discuss the specific mitigation and monitoring activities that relate to the concerns raised by communities.	Environmental Protection Program
Fishing	Concerns about loss of recreational activities for community members and	Surface and groundwater quality will not be degraded whether or not they contain fish. Measures such as buffers and setbacks,	Biophysical Monitoring Plan

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	<p>potential shoreline damage to the Assiniboine River due to construction activities and operations and maintenance. Also concerned about increased access by non-community members into area of high cultural value for its fishing resources and loss of fish habitat</p>	<p>erosion and sedimentation control measures and stream crossing measures will be utilized. The final preferred route was selected to minimize stream crossings.</p>	
Heritage resources	<p>Concerned about loss of potential heritage resources</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro acknowledges the need for careful protection and respect for all culture and heritage resources. The EPP includes a Culture and Heritage Resource Protection Plan to safeguard and appropriately handle culture and heritage resources discovered during the construction of the Project. Manitoba Hydro anticipates working with the community to develop a protocol in the event of a discovery of a previously unrecorded heritage or cultural resource.</p>	<p>Culture and Heritage Resources Protection Plan</p>
Hunting	<p>Concerned about fragmentation and loss of hunting areas and alternative food source. Hunt prairie chickens, partridges and rabbits.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro has identified the following mitigation measures to reduce the effects on traditional food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction and site decommissioning activities will be carried out during the winter months;</li> </ul>	<p>Access Management Plan</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where construction and site decommissioning activities do not occur during winter months, disturbances will be minimized in areas of plants used by Aboriginal people as identified through the ATK process;</li> <li>• Whenever possible, existing trails, roads and cut lines will be used as access routes;</li> <li>• Hunting and fishing by Project personnel will be prohibited within Project footprint, and firearms restricted in work camps;</li> <li>• Manitoba Hydro will work with individual communities that have identified important resource use sites that are in close proximity to the Project Site/Footprint to minimize potential effects</li> </ul>	
Trapping	<p>Trapping of beaver, muskrat and mink along river and creeks in identified area along Assiniboine River for several generations. Concerns about increased access for others and potential fragmentation of trap line areas.</p>	<p>In general, species that are trapped for fur, food and income respond similarly to disturbance as any other species of wildlife. However, some furbearing animals are generally not affected by winter transmission line construction. Given the short-term duration of construction activities in any one area, effects on furbearing animals and other wildlife are expected to be minor.</p>	Socio-Economic Monitoring Plan