

Community Engagement Summary

Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation

Licensing and Environmental Assessment

Date	Methods of Engagement
February 21, 2008	Letter requesting an Introductory Bipole III Meeting with Chief and Council Letter
August 24, 2009	Letter indicating that Manitoba Hydro had selected a series of alternative route options and would like to hold a community open house in Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
January 15, 2010	Proposed agenda for traditional Knowledge workshop
February 5, 2010	Letter to Premier Selinger regarding concerns about consultation for Bipole III
February 17, 2010	Letter received from Premier Selinger to Chief Meeches
October 18, 2010	Letter indicating that Manitoba Hydro had selected a preliminary preferred route for Bipole III
October 29, 2010	Round Four meeting with Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
October 29, 2010	Letter with copies of all the letters from Manitoba Hydro to Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
November 17, 2010	Round Four community open house with Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
March 3, 2011	Letter replying to question regarding farmer land owner compensation
November 23, 2011	Letter indicating that Manitoba Hydro has now selected a preferred route for the proposed Bipole III Transmission Project.
June 18, 2012	Letter including Environmental Impact Statement
April 11, 2013	Sandy Bay Section 35 Final Report
August 1, 2013	Letter following up from Section 35 meeting
October 30, 2013	Environmental Protection Program Meeting
July 16, 2014	Manitoba Hydro sent a letter including the notes from the October 30, 2013 EPP meeting to the community. The letter included a link to documents that may be of interest to the community

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	<p>including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmission Access Management Plan, • Bipole III Project Environmental Protection Plan, • Bipole III Transmission Line Construction Environmental Protection Plan (CEnvPP) Segment C1 • Culture and Heritage Resource Protection Plan. <p>The letter also included a copy of the sample questionnaire that Manitoba Hydro uses to assist with developing a community appropriate protocol for the Culture and Heritage Resource Protection Plan. A copy of the Access Management brochure was also enclosed.</p>
November 20, 2014	<p>MH sent a letter and email to Sandy Bay Ojibway 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 III Transmission Line Construction Environmental Protection Plan (CEnvPP) for Segments S1 and S2, and the Culture and Heritage Resource Protection Plan (CHRPP). A copy of the sample questionnaire that MH uses to assist with developing a community appropriate protocol for the CHRPP was also enclosed. A copy of the Access Management brochure was also sent.</p>
December 17, 2014	<p>Manitoba Hydro sent the November 20 letter and attachments by email to Chief Roulette. No response was received.</p>

Category	Summary of Community Feedback	Response and/or Mitigation	EPP Component
Access	Concerns that the line will increase outsider access	<p>Natural terrain conditions, remoteness and private property restrictions are expected to limit traffic on the Bipole III Transmission Project ROW at all times of the year but, in particular, during the non-frozen ground period. Opportunities will increase during the frozen ground period and although anticipated traffic levels are expected to be low, the following strategies have been identified and are currently being developed for inclusion in the Access Management Plan to minimize potential access opportunities to the ROW and to address issues of safety and system reliability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and communication (e.g., public, stakeholders, between maintenance crews and resource users, etc.); • Strategies to retain desirable species on the ROW that create beneficial habitat and limit line of sight; • Timing windows for operations and maintenance activities particularly in environmentally sensitive sites; • Maintenance of riparian buffers and wildlife corridors during the operations and maintenance (O & M) phase; • Case by case assessment and evaluation, in conjunction with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, of applications for ROW use for industrial and recreational purposes; • Assessment of access for decommissioning if not required for O & M. 	Access Management Plan

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Aquifers and Artesan Waters	Concerns about potential leaching into Aquifers and Artesan Waters	Surface and groundwater quality will not be degraded whether or not they contain fish utilizing: buffers and setbacks, erosion and sedimentation control measures and stream crossing measures	Construction Environmental Protection Plan
Clearing	Concerns that clearing of trees and vegetation may compound overland flooding.	Manitoba Hydro has done modeling of watershed areas and determined that the removal of vegetation in the ROW will not have a measurable effect on overland flooding.	
EMFs	Concerns about the potential effect from EMFs.	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.	
Hunting	Concerns regarding the impacts on hunting lands.	Hunting and fishing are regulated by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship and as such the monitoring of the impacts from those activities fall under their jurisdiction. Manitoba Hydro (MH) will restrict firearms in project locations to ensure project personnel safety. MH's Safe Work Procedures will apply to Bipole III and any firearms allowed in project locations will be subject to those procedures. Given the safety concerns with firearms in camps or on active construction sites, firearms and the ability to engage in hunting activities while on site will be restricted. Project personnel will not be allowed to hunt within the vicinity of construction camps or sites. Effects of the ROW on furbearers and big game are being	

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		monitored as part of the Biophysical Monitoring Plan. Results of this monitoring will be shared with the community.	
Land Use	Concerns about potential effects on the Langruth Wildlife Management Area (WMA) and the Alonsa and Lakeview Community Pastures (CP), which are used by Sandy Bay.	<p>The Bipole III route is located east of the road allowance that borders the Langruth WMA so it will not directly affect the WMA.</p> <p>The route is not located within the Alonsa CP it is located within 1,600 metres of the Alonsa CP for a distance of 5,370 meters.</p> <p>Due to distance away from the ROW, no direct effects are expected on these features.</p>	
Soil	Concerns about potential effects on soil degradation due to clearing.	<p>Environmental protection measures related to soil, clearing and related activities have been developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where sensitive sites have been identified existing low growth vegetation such as grasses, forbs and shrubs will be maintained to the extent possible. Disturbance to roots and adjacent soils will be minimized. • Selective clearing will be carried out in erosion prone areas. Hand clearing or other low disturbance methods may be employed to minimize soil disturbance. • Environmentally sensitive areas located adjacent to watercourses or located on rugged terrain will be cleared by low ground disturbance methods (i.e hand clearing on steep slopes). 	Environmental Protection Plan

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trees within established buffer zones will be selectively cleared using methods that cause the least impact. Low growth vegetation such as grasses and shrubs within buffer zones will not be cleared. • Where possible, construction vehicles will be wide-tracked or equipped with high floatation tires to minimize rutting and limit damage and compaction to surface soils. • The Construction Supervisor/Site Manager will issue a stop work order if extreme wet weather or insufficient frost conditions causes soil damage from rutting or soil erosion which results in the deposit of sediment in adjacent waterbodies. • Specified clearing methods will be carried out in a manner that minimizes disturbance to the existing organic soil layer. 	
Vegetation Management	Concerned that herbicide use may affect the health of plants, wildlife and humans.	<p>Negative impacts on wildlife and human health are not expected from the limited application of pesticides used during the Bipole III operational period.</p> <p>Any application of herbicides or pesticides applications will be done by a certified applicator and according to product label directions.</p>	