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EAST SIDE PLANNING INITIATIVE Loon Straits, Manitoba

ISSUES IDENTIFIED

Road Safety and Community Access

The existing roads are in poor condition, making them hazardous for local residents. Two kilometers of Tembec's Road, for example, is not maintained for winter conditions which adversely affects the safety as well as access to communities from Loon Straits to the northern reserves.

Recommendations: Road Safety and Community Access

- Upgrade and maintain existing roads.
- Provide an all-weather road to northern communities to ensure access to economic development opportunities, reduce the high costs of food and access to health services.

CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

There has been a lack of consultation or communication regarding any developments in the region. Communities hear about initiatives after the fact.

Recommendation Consultation and Communication

- Appropriate consultation needs to occur.
- Communication needs to occur on all levels, between NACC and the communities, the Ministry and the Secretariat.