

Community Benefits: Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Project

Rural Municipality Benefit Program

This proposed program provides a benefit payment to Rural Municipalities for hosting the transmission line. The benefit program can be used to offset concerns of the RMs that house this transmission line. The program only applies to newly acquired right-of-way. The program is valued at \$4.27M.

Based on the proposed Final Preferred Route, six (6) Rural Municipalities are eligible, subject to Project approval, to receive funding as they are traversed by the new right-of-way. The municipalities include:

- Springfield
- Tache
- Ste. Anne
- La Broquerie
- Stuartburn
- Piney

Manitoba Hydro has introduced the program to each of the municipalities listed above to gather their preliminary thoughts on the program and to initiate dialogue with each council regarding potential projects that are of interest to the municipality. A follow up meeting will be held between Manitoba Hydro and each of the municipalities to refine the program to understand what types of projects may be of interest.

Indigenous Agreements

During the course of planning for the Manitoba Minnesota Transmission Project (MMTP), Manitoba Hydro has undertaken a number of processes to engage with Indigenous communities to understand and seek to address their interests and concerns. A number of engagement opportunities are ongoing, including those in relation to the Environmental Protection Plan, exploring potential and planned mitigation measures, and project monitoring.

In addition to the above MMTP engagement processes, Manitoba Hydro is also seeking to enter into community-specific MMTP agreements with the Indigenous communities who Manitoba Hydro understands have interests in the project area. These agreements are being pursued as a means of promoting positive relationships with these communities in the context of the MMTP project. Funding under these agreements could be used by the communities for a variety of purposes such as project-related employment, training, or economic development initiatives, or other community programming that benefits a broad segment of their membership.