

# Community Engagement Summary

## Dakota Tipi 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
April 2, 2009	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 Tipi First Nation
March 4, 2010	Round 3 Community Open House
July 27, 2010	Letter from Manitoba Hydro indicating that Manitoba Hydro had selected a preliminary preferred route for Bipole III
July 28, 2010	Letter from Manitoba Hydro regarding the Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge workshop and a draft agenda
October 14, 2010	Round Four Community Open House with Dakota Tipi First Nation
October 18, 2010	Letter and agenda from Manitoba Hydro outlining ATK workshop process
November 23, 2010	ATK Group Workshop
February 8, 2011	Round 4 Leadership Meeting
March 8, 2011	Letter from Manitoba Hydro including education and employment brochures
November 20, 2014	MH sent a letter to Dakota Tipi 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

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	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.
December 17, 2014	Manitoba Hydro followed up on the letter by phone and email

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Birds	Expressed concern about potential effects on birds in particular.	Manitoba Hydro will adhere to timing window for the protection of birds, install bird diverters or other measures at high priority sites; Monitor bird density and mortality/injury in accordance with Biophysical Monitoring Plan. MH will post on its website the results of the monitoring program and if requested can present to the community its findings.	Construction Environmental Monitoring Plan, Biophysical Monitoring Plan
Burial sites	Concerns regarding potential impact on heritage resources and concern for not disturbing people	Manitoba Hydro has offered to meet with Dakota Tipi First Nation to review the Draft Environmental Protection Plan for the Bipole	Culture and Heritage Resources Protection Plan

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	<p>who are buried.</p> <p>Questions regarding the process to be undertaken if bones were unearthed during the construction phase.</p>	<p>III Transmission Project.</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.</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro anticipates working with the community to develop a protocol for in the event of a discovery of a previously unrecorded heritage or culture resource.</p> <p>Manitoba's Heritage Resources Act (1986) and the Policy Concerning the Reporting, Exhumation and Reburial of Found Human Remains (1987) determine the process of investigation for burials. Should human remains be identified during construction of the Bipole III transmission line the following essential best practice occurs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Unless unavoidable and necessary, human remains are not to be removed from their original resting place;</li> </ol>	

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		<p>2. When human remains are discovered a) all work ceases and the Historic Resources Branch of Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism is notified immediately; b) no further disturbance of the remains occurs until the arrival of personnel designated by the Historic Resources Branch;</p> <p>3. Community consultation takes place before exhumation or removal of human remains or associated grave goods;</p> <p>4. Personnel designated by the Historic Resources Branch shall carry out the exhumation, and as much as possible, out of the public eye;</p> <p>5. Identification procedures will be undertaken only by personnel designated by the Historic Resources Branch;</p> <p>6. Reburial of human remains when a First Nation is involved is arranged by the Aboriginal Liaison Officer of the historic Resources Branch in conjunction with the community. Reburial in all other cases will be handled only by personnel designated by the</p>	

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EMFs	<p>Concerns expressed regarding EMFs. Interested as to how this project may affect the community especially EMFs.</p> <p>Notes that people's bodies run on a network of electrical signals and that the strong and constant EMFs of a power line may have negative consequences</p>	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 Sites	How does Manitoba Hydro take into consideration sensitive sites? The environment is a key point for the community.	<p>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.</p> <p>Manitoba Hydro has offered to meet with Dakota Tipi 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</p>	

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		<p>monitoring activities that relate to the concerns raised by communities.</p>	
Skinks	<p>Concerns about potential effects caused by a loss of dry sandy soil habitat causing a decline in skink and salamander populations.</p>	<p>Manitoba Hydro will use the following mitigation measures:</p> <p>As the installation of permanent structures is considered a high level activity, where possible towers will be located 200 m from any observed or located skink nests</p> <p>A 100 m buffer will be maintained around sandy-soil habitat polygons where intercepted by the Project right-of-way, within which disturbance, vegetation removal, and vehicular traffic will be limited.</p>	<p>Construction Environmental Protection Plans</p>
Water quality	<p>Concerns about changes over time to water quality</p>	<p>Surface and groundwater quality will not be degraded whether or not they contain fish. Buffers and setbacks, erosion and sedimentation control measures and stream crossing measures will be utilized to prevent any accidental spills from entering waterways. Only qualified license drillers will be used when installing tower foundations in area with aquifers close to the surface.</p>	<p>Construction Environmental Protection Plan</p>