

WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

Collaborative Social Research: A Holistic Socio-economic Study for the Webequie Supply Road Project



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Boozhoo! Aaniin! Welcome!



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Community Values and the Three-Tier Model

- Elder's Guiding Principles are being employed throughout the Project
- Three-Tier Model
 - Framework for Indigenous consultation
 - Core Tier Community and Overall Well-Being
 - Relational Tier Preserving Indigenous Culture of the Community
 - Foundational Tier Treaty and Partnerships







What is the Webequie Supply Road?

- WFN led environmental assessment (EA) and preliminary engineering study of a proposed all-season road connecting WFN airport to McFauld's lake area
- Purpose is to move people and goods
- Economic development, training and education opportunities for WFN youth



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Flexible & Adaptive Consultation Approach

- Understand the needs and preferences of the community when engaging
- Get creative in how you share information
- Meaningful engagement must be flexible
- Have to adapt to different circumstances (COVID, crisis in community, etc.)
- Collaboration and community MORE VIDEO representation is part of being apative



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Conducting Collaborative Secondary & Primary Research

- Began with desktop research and literature review to enhance understanding
- Engagement began during secondary research
- Asked the community for their input to inform the primary research - What reports are they willing to share? What does the community think the gaps are? What would they like to know?
- Primary research with depth is not possible without community collaboration



Research by the Community for the Community

- WSR is different as it is an Indigenousled Socio-economic study
- Training to enable community members to administer Socioeconomic and Indigenous Knowledge surveys
- GBA+ analysis was incorporated and often spearheaded by the community
- Engaging with the community in a collaborative ways leads to community readiness





Working Together

- The Far North is changing and we need to work together
- Shared understanding of what collaboration means
- Collaboration means:
 - Indigenous led
 - Thorough engagement
 - Thorough primary and secondary research to understand baseline conditions
 - Community readiness
- WSR is an example of a collaboration





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Miigwech! Thank you!

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