

Right Of Way (ROW) Clearing

What the ROW looks like during Construction and Operation

Wataynikaneyap sought guidance from ceremony to ensure proper land use protocols are carried out prior to any work commencing. Throughout the ROW clearing the instructions shall be followed in the strictest observance of the Indigenous Peoples customary protocols.

Tree Felling

Trees are felled to create the 40 meter ROW. Machinery is GPS guided to ensure the proper path is followed between survey flagging. A single crew can clear up to 5km length of ROW in one day.

Some areas where mature height of vegetation is low enough will not be cleared. This allows some animals to cross the ROW more easily.



Clean Up

A follow-up crew is responsible for clean up on the ROW, getting it ready for installation of line structures and ensuring the soil is not rutted so that plants can re-grow and drainage patterns are maintained.

Wood debris that is not salvaged is either burned or chipped. Valard prefers the burning method, when permitted.



During Operation

After construction, plants and trees begin to regrow on the ROW. It is expected that brush clearing will be required every 5-10 years, depending on growth rates in each area. By Chiefs' directive, no herbicides shall be used throughout the life of the transmission line to control vegetation on the ROW.

