

Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission System Operations Stage Opportunities for Indigenous Participation



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Wataynikaneyap Power is moving into the operations and maintenance phase for areas of the Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission System that are already in service! Through a competitive process, Wataynikaneyap selected PowerTel, a subsidiary of Cormorant Utility Services, to carry out specialized inspection, maintenance, and emergency response (IMER) activities on the project until 2026. Some activities, like the below, were excluded from Wataynikaneyap Power's Service Agreement with PowerTel. These activities will ramp up at different paces following the completion of construction. Wataynikaneyap Power will work with Opiikapawiin Services to reach out to Participating First Nations and First Nation businesses to coordinate these activities:

Vegetation management



We will need a long-term, innovative approach to manage the Right of Ways without using herbicides, as outlined in the Project's Guiding Principles.

Environmental monitoring



We are developing a plan to meet Environmental Assessment commitments that reach beyond construction.

Maintenance of access trails and landing areas



There is ongoing engagement on permanent access regarding trail and landing area maintenance.

We want to hear from you!

- Let us know if you work in any of the following areas:
 - Transportation and freight
 - Equipment rentals
 - Equipment operation
 - Skilled trades
 - Food services
 - Accommodations
 - Register your Participating First Nation business or joint venture in the Business Directory
 - Add yourself to the Labour Pool Database at www.oslp.ca/labour-pool
- Contact: Opiikapawiin Services
807-474-3300
contact@oslp.ca
- Interested in powerline and substation technician apprenticeship opportunities directly with PowerTel?
- Contact: Wataynikaneyap Power
807-577-5955 ext. 117
HR@wataypower.ca



Procurement of good and services will be done according to the Wataynikaneyap Power LP purchasing policy approved by the WPGP Board through input from Chiefs.

All workers and contractors need to have core competencies required to perform the work in accordance to accepted utility practices, and the ability to perform the work in accordance with safe utility work procedures.

