

Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project & Opiikapawiin Services



Opiikapawiin Services LP provides a variety of services to Wataynikaneyap Power through a service agreement. Opiikapawiin is also providing support and facilitation to Wataynikaneyap's Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractor, Valard, as they engage with the Participating First Nations on Indigenous Participation activities.

Opiikapawiin is owned 100% by 24 First Nations. Opiikapawiin, Wataynikaneyap, and Valard are working together to maximize Indigenous Participation on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project.

Opiikapawiin's services include:

- employment and training
- community readiness
- business readiness
- community engagement
- communication

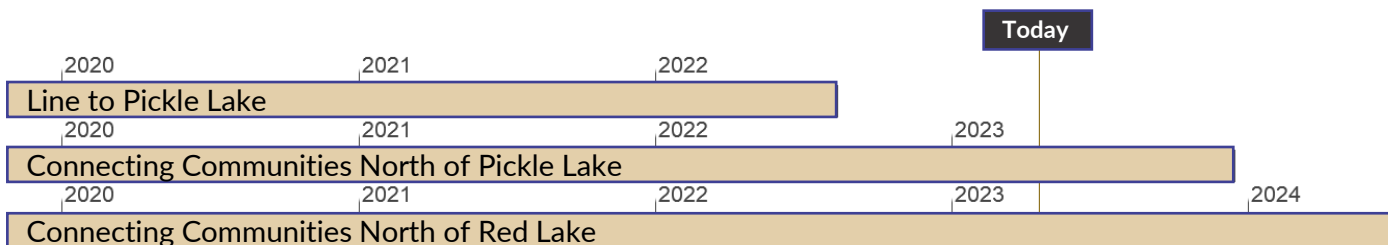
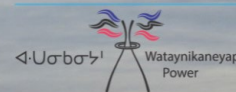


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Do you have a question or concern about the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project?

Phone: 807-577-5955 ext. 117
(don't forget to leave your contact information!)
Email: watayinquiries@wataypower.ca

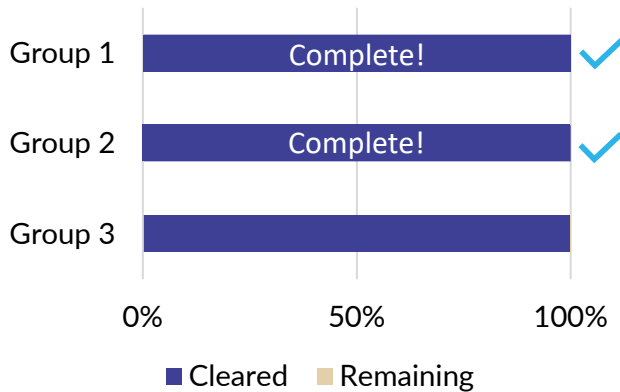
Your question or concern will be sent to the appropriate person or department. We will follow up with an answer or more information as quickly as we can!



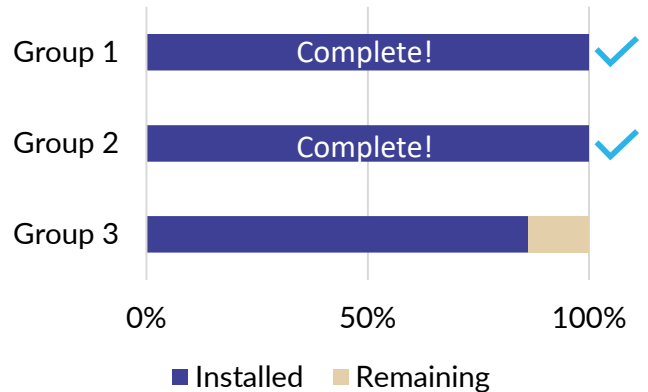
% complete up to April 1, 2023

** See map on the last page for the location of each "Group"*

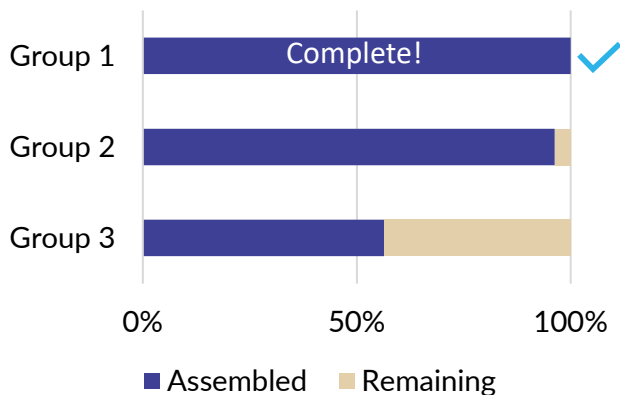
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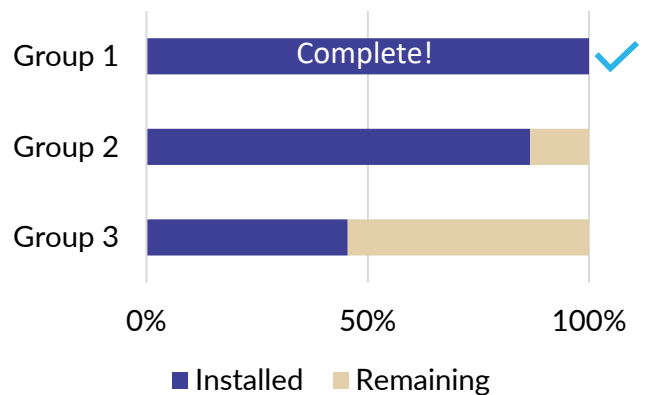
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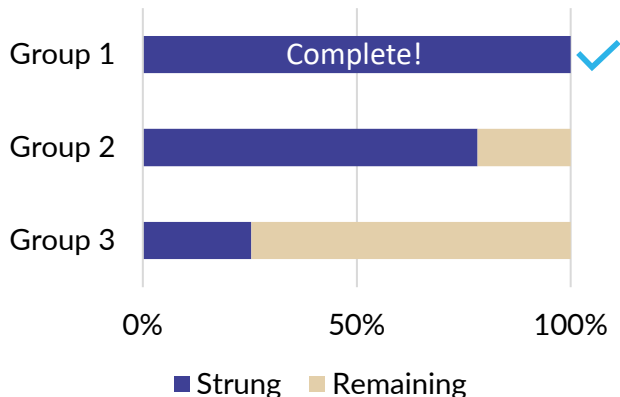
Tower Assembly



Tower Installation



Line Stringing (# of Structures)



Valard began work on the Project in October of 2019 and has been making progress in the following areas:

- Design and Procurement of Materials
- Surveying and Clearing of the Right of Way
- Camp Setup and Services
- Foundation and Anchor Construction
- Tower Assembly
- Tower Installation
- Substation Preparation and Construction
- Material Delivery
- Stringing Activities

Transmission Line Construction Photos



This Nodwel is being used to access the Right of Way on the transmission line between North Caribou Lake and Muskrat Dam First Nations. The Nodwell is a multi-purpose two-tracked vehicle that can travel not just across snow, but in conditions like sand, mud, muskeg and swamp!



Foundation masts on site. These will be used as foundations to support substation steel columns and electrical equipment. The bottom plate is attached to grouted rock anchors. The crews then backfill around the mast and weld a plate to cap the mast.

Interested in working on the Project?

Stay up-to-date on available employment opportunities by visiting:

www.oslp.ca/careers

Send your resumé to: watay-resumes@valard.com and projectjobs@oslp.ca



Helicopter flying into Junction camp on Pikangikum First Nation homelands in January.

Wataynikaneyap Substation Construction Progress

% complete as of April 1, 2023

- Civil
- Foundations
- Structural Steel
- Electrical



The following substations are 100% complete!

A (Dinorwic)

J (Kingfisher)

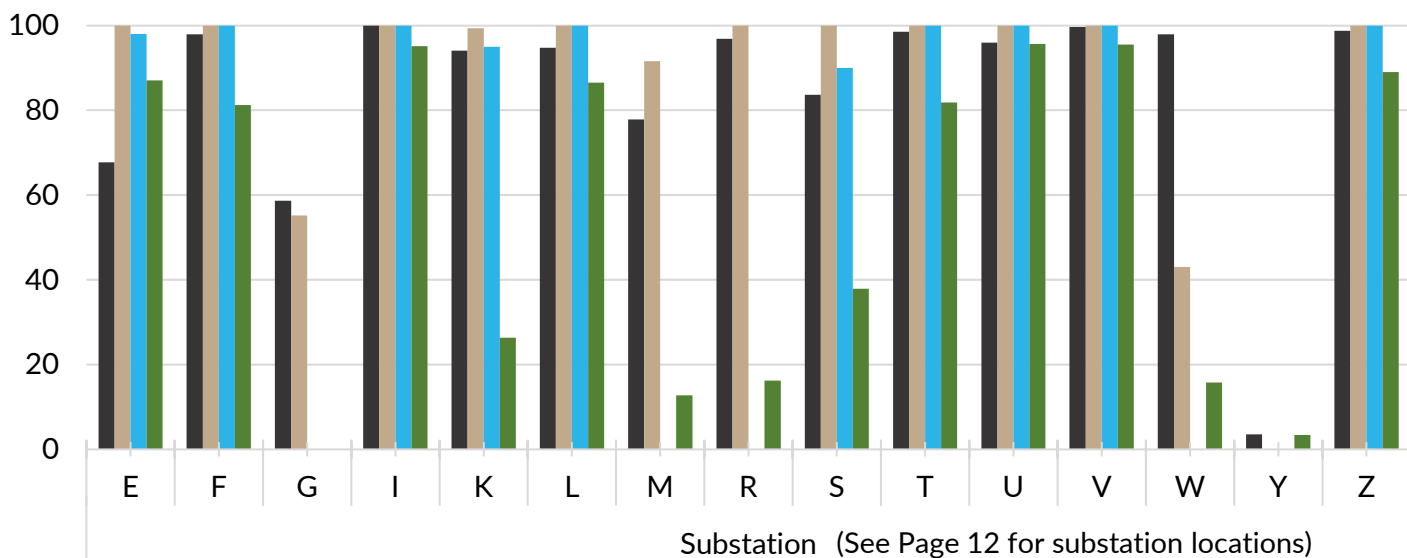
B (Pickle Lake)

P (Red Lake), and

C (Pipestone)

Q (Pikangikum)

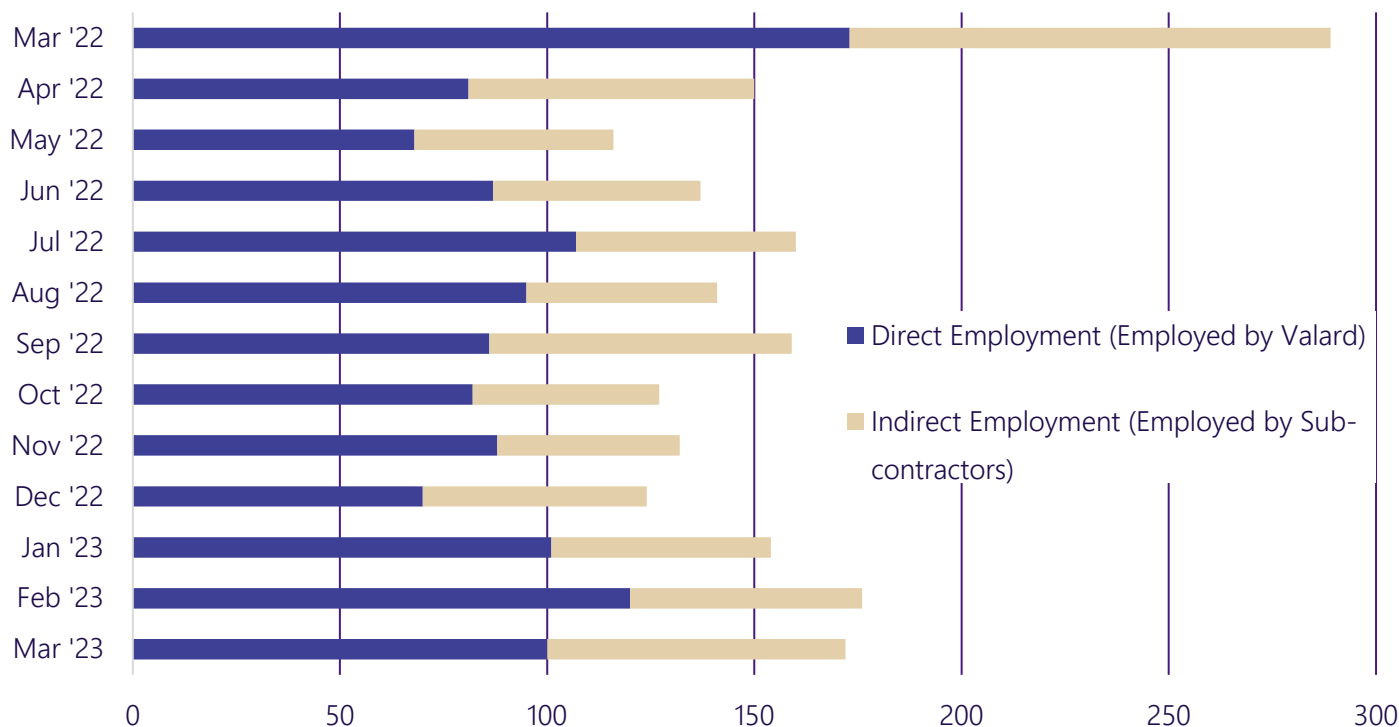
D (North Caribou)



Muskrat Dam Substation



Participating First Nation Employee Information (Up to Mar 31, 2023)



Not all sub-contractors have provided information. The above includes any person who has charged time to the project.

Active/Recent Job Postings

Interested in any of the below job postings?
 Visit www.oslp.ca/careers OR email projectjobs@oslp.ca
 OR ask your Community Liaison for information!

Company	Positions
VALARD	Indigenous Construction Liaison (For Groups 2 and 3 only)
OUTLAND CAMPS AND CATERING (JV Partner to 7 communities)	Camp Manager, Camp Administrator, Head Chef, Cooks, Bakers, Kitchen Support, Housekeeper, Janitor, Driver
SYNTERRA SECURITY SOLUTIONS (JV Partner to 6 communities)	Licensed Security Guard, Yard Attendant
SIGFUSSON GROUP LP (JV Partner to 9 communities)	Skilled Labourer, Dozer and Excavator Operators, Grader Operator, Foremen, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Service/Lube Techs

Opiikapawiin Recruitment & Retention Team

For assistance with employment related matters, contact Opiikapawiin's Employment team!

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Labour Pool Database

Add yourself to the Labour Pool Database!

- Head to the labour pool site at: www.oslp.ca/labour-pool
- Click the "Sign Up" button
- Once your profile has been approved, you will receive an email to reset your password (check your spam or junk folder)
- If your profile is not approved in a couple of days, please contact Elaine Keesick or Karla Kakegamic.

Already in the Labour Pool Database?

Don't forget to update your profile if your information changes, (address, email, phone, and resumé). It is important that all members in the database have an updated resumé uploaded to their profile.

Forgot your Password?

If you forget your password, you can reset it at any time at www.oslp.ca/labour-pool. Click the "forgot password" link, and the system will send you an email with a link to change your password.

Sachigo Lake First Nation Career Fair!



Team Members from the Wataynikaneyap Power and Opiikapawiin Services team travelled to Sachigo Lake on March 23rd to present information to students at the career fair about the positions available on the Wataynikaneyap Project, and information on the training that Opiikapawiin Services offers!

Pre-Employment Training (PET 10)

March 29th marked the graduation for our 10th Pre-Employment Training Program, which took place at Quetico Conference Centre over the course of four weeks.



Congratulations to all graduates! From left to right: Jennifer Kakepetum - Sandy Lake, Darren Henry - Lac Seul, Kourtlyn Kakegamic - Sandy Lake, Samson Fiddler - Sandy Lake, Justyn Meekis - Deer Lake, Raven Chikane - North Caribou, Daryl Kakegamic - North Spirit Lake



Congratulations to our Opiikapawiiin Training and Employment team members for the successful delivery of 10 PET programs!

Left to right: Karla Kakegamic - Employment Support Coordinator, Sheila Skead - Administrative Assistant to Training, Laura Calmwind - Training Manager, Toinette Kakepetum - Training Coordinator, Geoffrey Otto - Employment Support Coordinator.

Geoffrey Otto has since moved on from Opiikapawiiin Services LP to other opportunities. We would like to thank Geoffrey for all his hard work and contributions to the Project and wish him all the best in his future endeavors!

AZ Driver Training

AZ Driver Trainees who are training for their final test on April 21st to receive their AZ License. Wish them luck!!

Mishkeegogamang First Nation community members Neil Skunk (left) and Apollo Baker (right).



Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Line Engagement

Engagement

Opiikapawin Services LP continues to schedule community information sessions to provide updates on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project. **We look forward to seeing you!**



The Wataynikaneyap/OSLP Team visited Muskrat Dam on April 19th 2023, for a Community Information Session.

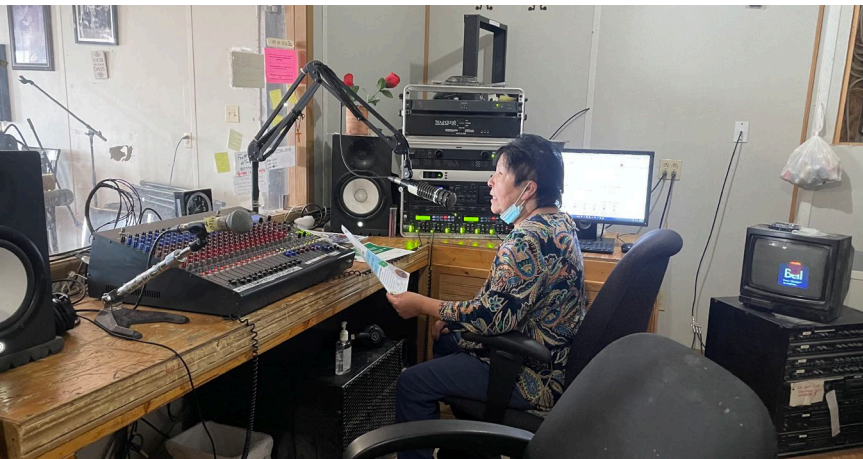


Margaret Kenequanash presenting a gift to Chief Charlie Beardy.

Engagement (continued)



Jordan Davidson, Transmission Engineer, presenting a Project Update to Sandy Lake Chief and Council. March 24th, 2023.



The Wataynikaneyap Power and Opiikapawiin Services team presented a Project Update on the Sandy Lake community radio!

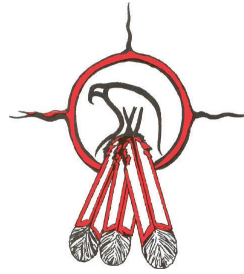


Margaret Kenequanash and Chief Delores Kakegamic



Jordan Davidson, presenting a Project Update to Wunnumin Lake Chief and Council, while John Cutfeet translates. March 30th, 2023

Community Liaison Profile



Rainelle Keeper

Pikangikum First Nation

E-mail: roseyakey@gmail.com

My name is Rainelle and I am the Community Liaison for Pikangikum First Nation! As a Community Liaison, my role is to ensure that all Wataynikaneyap- related activities and trainings are communicated to the rest of the community.

I have been in this role for seven weeks now and look forward to continuing in this position.

My favourite part about this job so far is participating in meetings where other team members come together to talk about the Project. I have also had fun getting more experience with the office machinery!

Some fun facts about me are that I am currently working towards getting my diploma! I also like to help others in any way I can.

Community Liaison – Out in the Field!

Sachigo Lake's Community Liaison, Ellen Tait, shared some photos from her trip to the work site with Phil Fontaine, Valard Assembly Supervisor. Ellen had the opportunity to watch an assembly crew in action on Sachigo Lake First Nation homelands, including members from her own community.



Business Readiness and Procurement of Goods and Services

If you have questions about business and economic development opportunities, please contact:

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Indigenous Business and Economic
Development Advisor
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Cell: (807) 633-9373

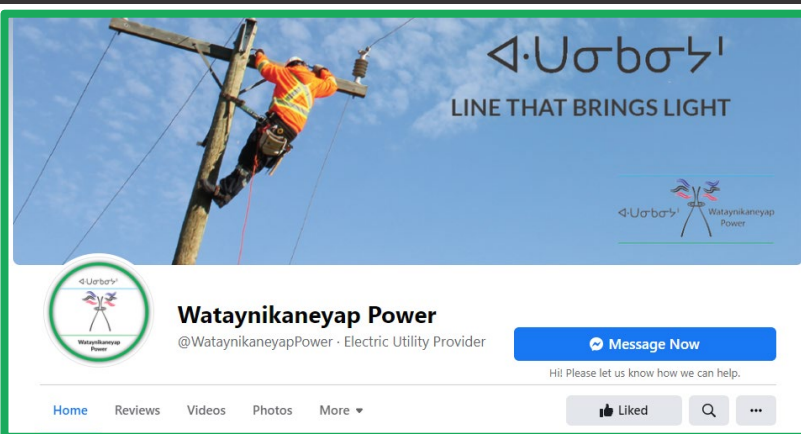
Business Directory

Opiikapawiin Services LP maintains a business registry that contains Participating First Nation Business Profiles and is referred to as the **Wataynikaneyap Business Directory**. This Directory can be shared with potential contractors and/or subcontractors to help facilitate First Nation business opportunities.

For information on how to register your Participating First Nation business or joint venture, please contact:

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Indigenous Strategic Sourcing Advisor
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Office: (807) 474-3300 ext. 211
Cell: (807) 633-4856

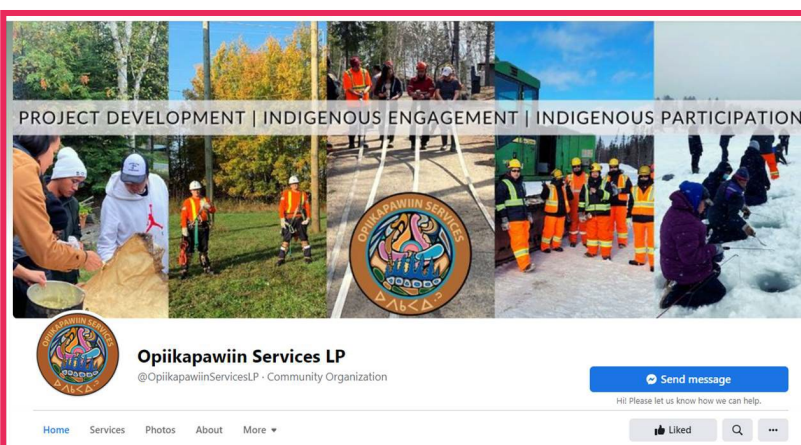
Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Communications



Wataynikaneyap Power Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/WataynikaneyapPower

- Photos of project construction
- Project announcements and company updates
- Employment opportunities with Wataynikaneyap
- Fact sheets
- Videos



Opiikapawiin Services Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/OpiikapawinServicesLP

- Training opportunities with Opiikapawiin and Valard
- Job opportunities with Opiikapawiin, Valard, Wataynikaneyap, and subcontractors (when provided)
- Project announcements and company updates
- Information Flyers

For a more detailed map of construction progress, visit:
<https://www.oslp.ca/construction-progress>

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