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Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line **Project & Opiikapawiin Services**





Wataynikaneyap Power is majority owned at 51% by 24 First Nations in partnership with Fortis and other investors at 49%. Wataynikaneyap, Opiikapawiin, Valard (the Project's Engineering, Procurement and Construction contractor), and Powertel, a subsidiary of Cormorant Services (the Project Inspection, Maintenance, and Emergency Response Contractor) are working together to maximize Indigenous Participation on the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project

Opiikapawiin Services LP is 100% owned by 24 First Nations and provides the following services to Wataynikaneyap Power:

- **Employment and training**
- Community readiness
- **Business readiness**
- Community engagement
- Communication

Transmission Li	ic i roject.		Today	
2020	2021	2022		
Line to Pickle La	ake			
2020	2021	2022	2023	
Connecting Cor	nmunities North of Pick	de Lake		
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024

Connecting Communities North of Red Lake

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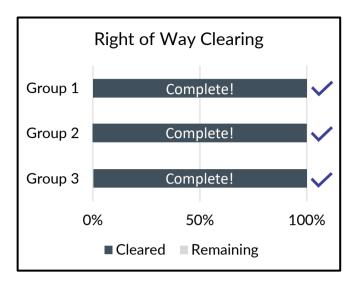
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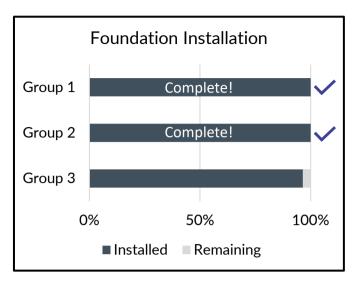
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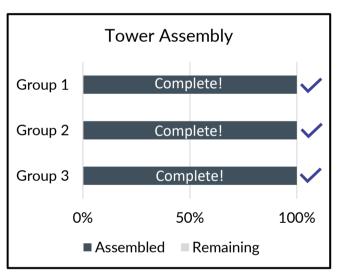


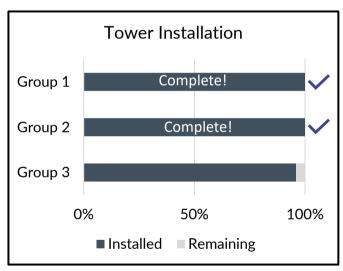
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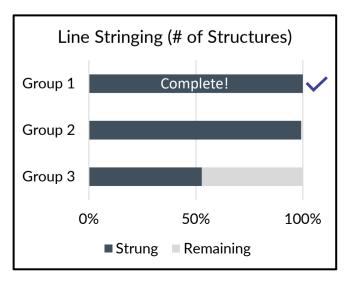
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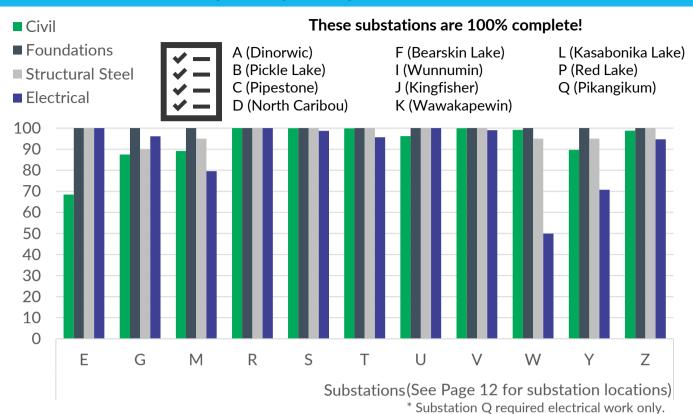


Valard began work on the Project in October of 2019 and has been making progress in, or completed the following areas:

- 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

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Substation Photos

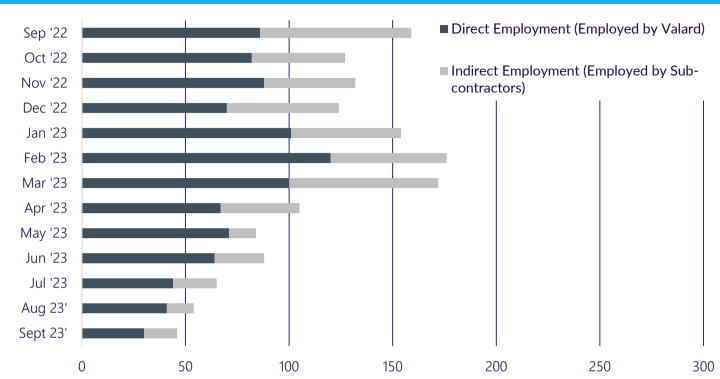






Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Employment

Participating First Nation Employee Information (Up to September 30, 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
OUTLAND CAMPS AND CATERING (Active JV Partner to 14 communities)	Camp Manager, Camp Administrator, Head Chef, Cooks, Bakers, Kitchen Support, Housekeeper, Janitor, Driver



As part of Cormorant's commitment to Reconciliation, general employment opportunities within Cormorant are regularly communicated to several Indigenous organizations, including Opiikapawiin Services and Wataynikaneyap Power. These positions are generally based in either Cambridge, ON or Whitefish, ON, with various travel requirements depending on the position. Members of the 24 Partner First Nations are encouraged to apply for the following positions:

Company	Positions
CORMORANT UTILITY SERVICES	Stay tuned for upcoming job opportunities!

For any questions or assistance on any employment related matters (including resumé building), please contact **OSLP's Indigenous Recruitment and Retention Advisor**, Elaine Keesick, at e.keesick@oslp.ca / (807) 633-7446

Project Employee Spotlight





Meet Jonathan Mamakeesick, from Keewaywin First Nation, who is Cormorant's Level 2 Powerline Apprentice.

While Jonathan's skills and efforts are a huge part of his success, the biggest contributions are undoubtedly his positive attitude and outstanding determination.

During a project, you never know what challenges you may encounter, but his team members always know Jonathan will be there on the site fully ready with a smile on his face.

Jonathan has recently completed his first round of trade school and we are extremely proud of him!

Jonathan also graduated from the AZ Driver Training offered by Opiikapawiin Services in September 2022.

Congratulations Jonathan! You will be a Journeyman before you know it!

Project Employee Spotlight







Keisha Peters-Mamakwa

Kingfisher Lake First Nation / Pikangikum First Nation OSLP Engagement & Administrative Support

Hello, my name is Keisha Peters-Mamakwa and I am from Kingfisher Lake, where I've spent the majority of my life. Growing up, I also spent a lot of time in Pikangikum in my early years and visited family during the summer months.

Currently, I work as the Engagement and Administration Support for Opiikapawiin Services LP. I started as a summer student in May 2018, and worked part time until 2021 when I was given the opportunity to work full time as the Engagement and Administrative Support. Within my role at Opiikapawiin Services I perform a lot of tracking and data entry, complete various administration duties for the Engagement team, and also support other administrative staff when needed.

One of the more challenging aspects in this position is meeting the Project's strict timelines, however, it is very rewarding once everything gets completed. I enjoy my job and value the opportunity to establishing connections with communities, forming professional relationships, and demonstrating to the next generation the power of teamwork in achieving great things. My goal is to support the long-term success of the Participating First Nations after construction is complete.

My favourite moments of the Project are the Energization Community Gatherings, which unite individuals to celebrate the incredible accomplishment of being connected to the provincial grid!

During my educational journey, I completed the General Arts & Sciences at Confederation College and then continued on to the Mechanical Engineering program, where I completed one year. My long-term goal is to return to school finish my degree, and then afterwards relocate to Kingfisher Lake with my family where I hope to give back to my community as well as myself.

I am a proud mother of three sons who keep me busy with their extracurricular activities like hockey and other outdoor activities. In my spare time I enjoy playing golf, softball, volleyball, and video games!

Wawakapewin Community Gathering - September 29, 2023

Wawakapewin leadership chose to celebrate in Thunder Bay, rather than in the community.





Coffee, tea, klik & bannock on the mountain



We started with a blessing on Anemki-Wajiw (Mount McKay) by Reverend Stewart Nanokeesic

Wawakapewin Community Gathering - September 29, 2023



Eagle Boy drumming group



Chief Beardy and Margaret Kenequanash cutting the cake!

Margaret Kenequanash presents Chief Beardy and Councilor Rhoda Meekis with a gift for the community



Community members at the photo booth with props!

Kasabonika Lake Community Gathering - October 14, 2023



Margaret Kenequanash, MP Patty Hajdu, and Kasabonika Lake Chief Tom Semple



Students helped open the gathering with a prayer



Thank-you to the BBQ-ers for all their hard work in keeping everyone fed!



Melissa Hanlon assists Jordan Quequish with his opening drum song



Kasabonika Lake Community Gathering - October 14, 2023



All the speakers! From Left to Right: MC Keith Mason; translator Josie Semple; Simon Semple; Margaret Kenequanash; Chief Tom Semple; MP Patty Hajdu; Frank McKay; Glen King, CEO, FortisOntario; Jerome Lawson, FNLP Executive Council; Justin LeBlanc, Project Manager, Valard; Gaily Murray, Community Relations, HORCI



Margaret and Chief Semple cut the cake!



Wataynikaneyap Power presents Chief Semple and Councilor Racheal Mamakwa with a gift for the community



Business Readiness and Procurement of Goods and Services

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

Marlon Gasparotto, Indigenous Business and Economic Development Advisor

E-mail: m.gasparotto@oslp.ca Office: (807) 474-3300 ext. 224

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
email i.donio@oslp.ca

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/OpiikapawiinServicesLP

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

