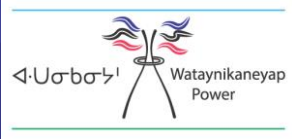




# Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project & Opiikapawiin Services



A Wataynikaneyap Power transmission tower in North Caribou Lake



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



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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!)

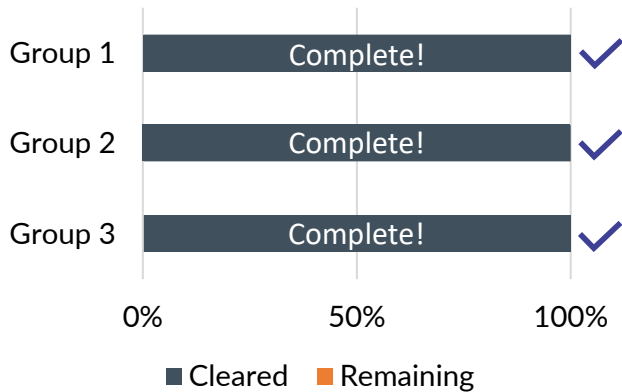
**Email: [watayinquiries@wataypower.ca](mailto:watayinquiries@wataypower.ca)**

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!

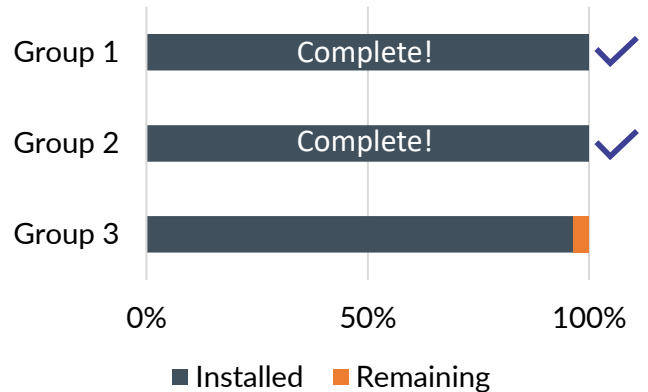
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\* See map on the last page for the location of each "Group"

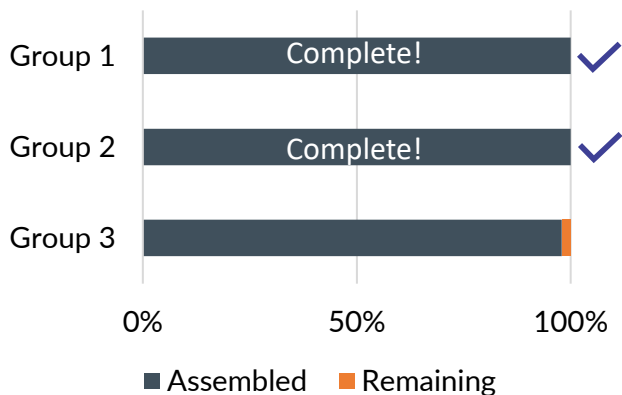
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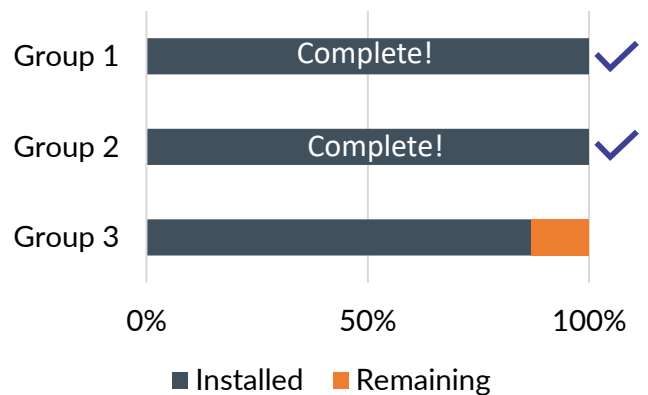
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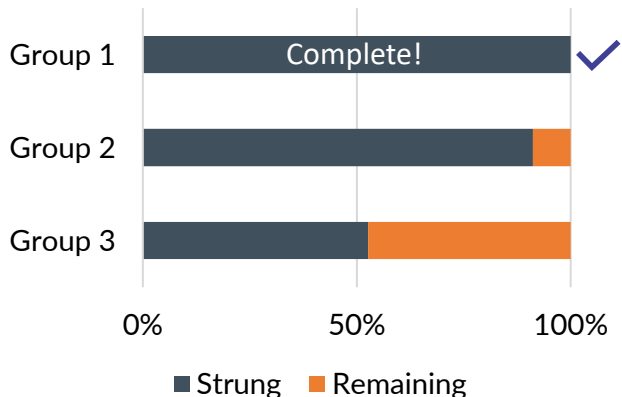
### Tower Assembly



### 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

% complete as of September 02, 2023

Civil

Foundations

Structural Steel

Electrical

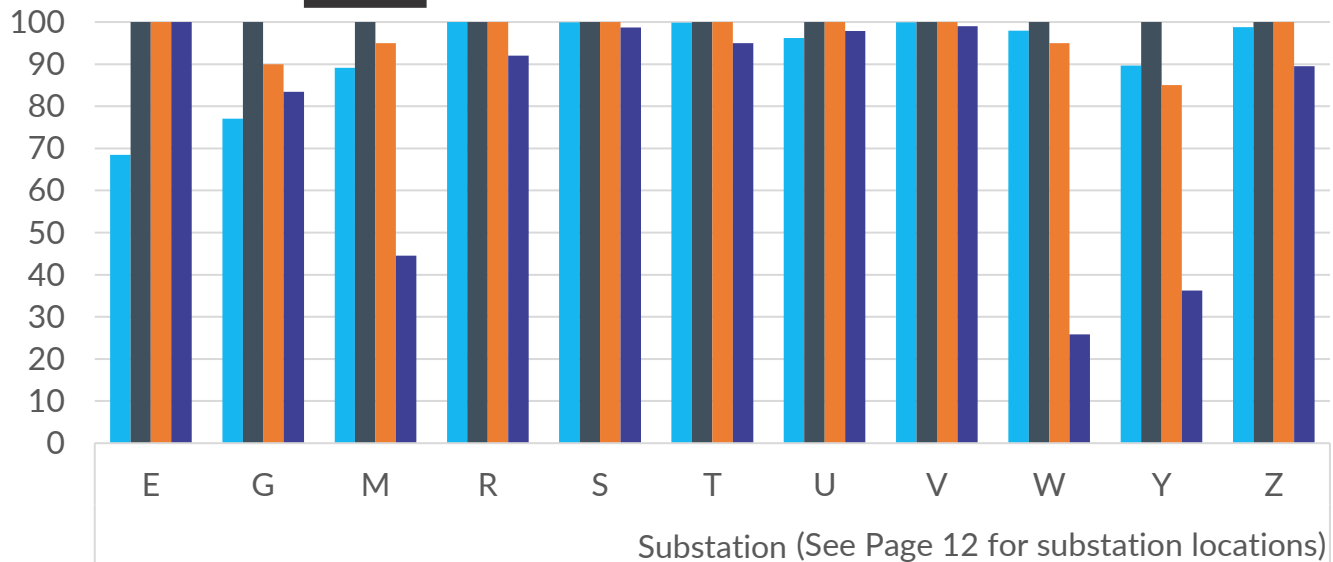


These substations are 100% complete!

A (Dinorwic)  
B (Pickle Lake)  
C (Pipestone)  
D (North Caribou)

F (Bearskin Lake)  
I (Wunnumin)  
J (Kingfisher)  
K (Wawakapewin)

L (Kasabonika Lake)  
P (Red Lake)  
Q (Pikangikum)



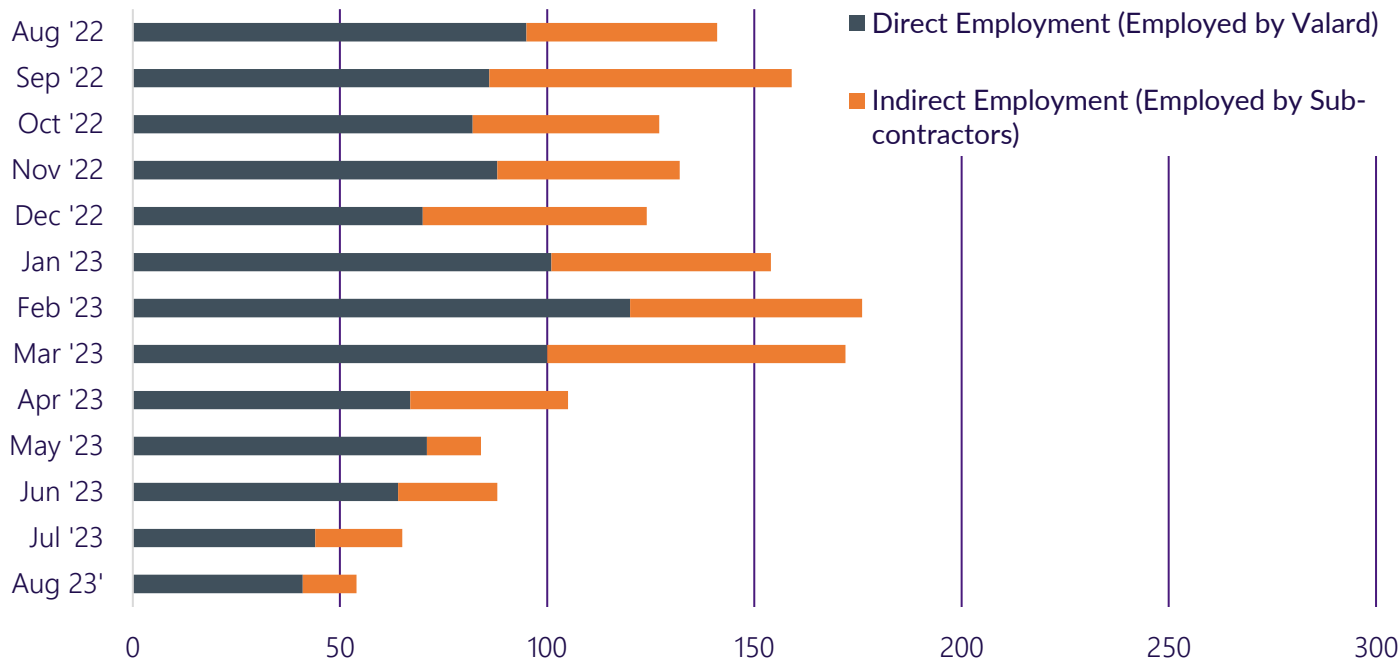
## Substation Photos



Opening the North Caribou Lake Energization Celebration on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 was a blessing for Substation D. See page 8 for more photos from the festivities!



## Participating First Nation Employee Information (Up to August 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 working on the Project?

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

[www.oslp.ca/careers](http://www.oslp.ca/careers)

and send your application to: [watay-resumes@valard.com](mailto:watay-resumes@valard.com)

Company	Positions
OUTLAND CAMPS AND CATERING (JV Partner to 7 communities)	Camp Manager, Camp Administrator, Head Chef, Cooks, Bakers, Kitchen Support, Housekeeper, Janitor, Driver



## CALLING ALL OSLP TRAINEES!

Do you want the chance to win a prize, including one of two tablets (Lenovo Tab M10)?

Please fill out the Employment Status Questionnaire (ESQ) at this link to enter the draw:

<https://www.oslp.ca/training-participants>



For any questions, contact: Laura Calmwind, Training Program Manager  
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## Project Employee Spotlight



**Laura Calmwind**  
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*Opiikapawiin Services LP*  
**Training Programs Manager**  
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Laura is a member of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwig (KI). She is the proud mother of five children and grandmother to eight grandchildren. She currently resides in Thunder Bay. Laura is a graduate of Lakehead University and in her personal time she is a language teacher and has been teaching for over ten years at the Fort William First Nation.

In 2019, Laura joined the OSLP team as Training Program Coordinator and in 2021 Laura was promoted to the position of Training Program Manager. In her current role, Laura is responsible for planning, designing and implementing training programs that meet the workforce needs of the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Project. She works closely with a training team that provides support to training program activities. Together with the team, Laura has successfully delivered 51 training programs with over 600 trainees (which includes trainees that had taken more than one training program). The graduation rate is over 90%. The training team takes pride in the accomplishments achieved to date.

Laura has been successful in building Indigenous Knowledge and Land Based Learning into the curriculum of every training program. The curriculum has been successful in supporting trainees to become culturally competent professionals in their respective fields of learning and employment. Laura firmly believes that blending Indigenous knowledge with western knowledge provides for multifaceted knowledge which includes local community Indigenous sciences; social, economic, and philosophical learned that is grounded in spirituality, practices, and ways of being in the natural world.

Laura's work in life has focused on Indigenous youth and young adults. For over 30 years she has worked to train and pass on Indigenous knowledge and cultural ways to the younger generation. Laura earned her knowledge of protocols and ceremonies from the ancestors and lodge keepers she has worked with as a helper and translator. She continues with her lifelong work to learn and pass on Indigenous teachings. Laura credits her knowledge to the ancestors and Knowledge Keepers that have passed on the living memory of Indigenous ways.

Laura is fond of storytelling and humour. She looks forward to the energization of the PFNs and is inspired to move forward to support the communities accomplish the vision of ownership in 25 years.



# 6 Wataynikaneyap Power Transmission Line Energization

## Bearskin Lake Energization Celebration – August 23, 2023

Bearskin Lake First Nation celebrated their connection to the provincial grid on August 23, 2023!



*The event started with a blessing outside the Bearskin Lake Substation with Genevieve Kamenawatamin.*



*A community feast in celebration of Bearskin Lake's connection to the Ontario grid*



## Bearskin Lake Energization Celebration – August 23, 2023



Master of Ceremony Rosie Mosquito, powering up the crowd!



Chief Kamenawatamin and Margaret cut the cake!



Lucie Edwards (CEO of Opiikapawiin Services) and Eliezar McKay (FNLPC Chair)



Margaret Kenequanash presents Chief Kamenawatamin with a gift



Melissa Hanlon helps a young community member choose her door prize



# 8 Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Energization Celebration

## North Caribou Lake Energization Celebration – September 14, 2023



*Celebrating North Caribou Lake's connection to the Provincial grid!*

*From left to right: Margaret Kenequanash (CEO of Wataynikaneyap Power), Translator Martha Benson, Honourable Todd Smith (Minister – Ontario Energy), Sol Mamakwa (Kiiwetinoong MPP), Penny Favel (HORCI), Gary Smith (Fortis Inc.), Chief Cornelius Benson (North Caribou Lake), and Frank McKay (Board Chair of Wataynikaneyap Power GP)*



*Some of the Wataynikaneyap Power, and Fortis Inc., Team taking part in the North Caribou Lake Energization Celebration. From Left to Right: Melissa Hanlon, Jordan Davidson, Mary Kita, Nick Hammond, Glen King (FortisOntario), Karen McCarthy (Fortis Inc.), Gary Smith (Fortis Inc.), Mike Jackson, and Jordan Quequish*



## North Caribou Lake Energization Celebration – September 14, 2023



Frank McKay (Board Chair, Wataynikaneyap Power GP, Chief Cornelius Benson (North Caribou Lake), and Dave Torgerson (Valard)



Margaret Kenequanash sharing a laugh with a North Caribou Lake community member



Celebrating connections through confections!



A future leader taking part in the celebration of North Caribou Lake's connection to the provincial grid



## Kasabonika Lake First Nation – September 06, 2023

*The Wataynikaneyap Power and Opiikapawiin Services team travelled to Kasabonika Lake on September 6 to provide Project updates.*



A delicious feast!



Kasabonika Lake Community Liaison Trudy Mekanak, and Margaret Kenequanash



## Wunnumin Lake First Nation– September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*As part of Wunnumin Lake's grand opening of their new school on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Wataynikaneyap Power team was invited to present on and return archaeological findings belonging to the community which were found on the Project.*



Mary Kita, Wataynikaneyap Power Communications manager ready to hand out project information!



## 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  
E-mail: [m.gasparotto@oslp.ca](mailto:m.gasparotto@oslp.ca)  
Office: (807) 474-3300 ext. 224  
Cell: (807) 633-9373

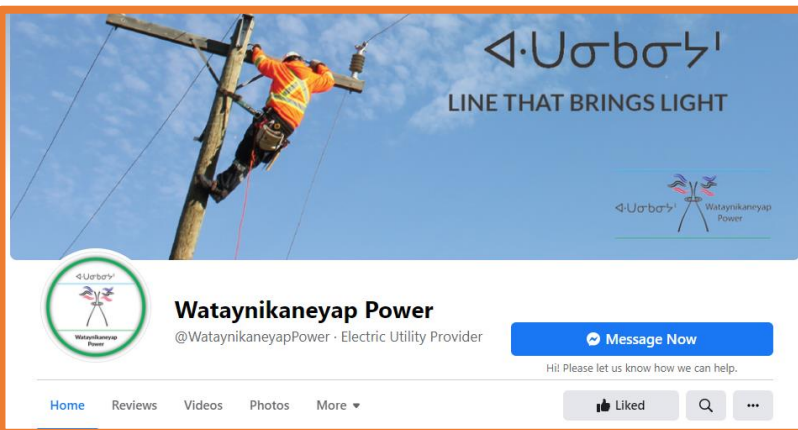


## Business Directory

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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## Wataynikaneyap Transmission Line Communications



**Wataynikaneyap Power Facebook Page**  
[www.facebook.com/WataynikaneyapPower](http://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](http://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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