

# APPENDIX I6

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Indigenous Correspondence

# Indigenous Communities & Organizations Contact List

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| Title                                             | First Name                                        | Last Name | Position/Title               | Department     | Agency/Company                                                                            | Main Address 1        | Main Address 2         | City       | Prov. | Postal Code | e-mail                                                                                   | Phone                 | Previously Engaged? (Y/N)                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------|-------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Indigenous Communities &amp; Organizations</b> |                                                   |           |                              |                |                                                                                           |                       |                        |            |       |             |                                                                                          |                       |                                                                                            |
| Chief                                             | Alex 'Sonny'                                      | Batisse   | Chief                        |                | Matachewan First Nation                                                                   |                       | P.O. Box 160           | Matachewan | ON    | P0K 1M0     | <a href="mailto:chief@mfnnrez.ca">chief@mfnnrez.ca</a>                                   | 705-962-0954 ext. 238 |                                                                                            |
| Ms.                                               | Pam                                               | Cormier   | Economic Development Officer |                | Matachewan First Nation                                                                   |                       | P.O. Box 160           | Matachewan | ON    | P0K 1M0     | <a href="mailto:edo@mfnnrez.ca">edo@mfnnrez.ca</a>                                       | 705-565-2230 ext. 239 |                                                                                            |
| Ms.                                               | Cathy                                             | Yandeau   | Lands and Resources          |                | Matachewan First Nation                                                                   |                       | P.O. Box 160           | Matachewan | ON    | P0K 1M0     | <a href="mailto:landsresources@mfnnrez.ca">landsresources@mfnnrez.ca</a>                 | 705-565-2230 ext. 234 | No                                                                                         |
|                                                   |                                                   |           |                              |                | Matachewan First Nation                                                                   |                       |                        |            |       |             | <a href="mailto:mda@mfnnrez.ca">mda@mfnnrez.ca</a>                                       |                       |                                                                                            |
| Chief                                             | Jennifer                                          | Constant  | Chief                        |                | Mattagami First Nation                                                                    |                       | P.O. Box 99            | Gogama     | ON    | P0M 1W0     | <a href="mailto:jennifer.constant@mattagami.com">jennifer.constant@mattagami.com</a>     | 705-894-2072          | Yes - identified on previous contact list                                                  |
|                                                   |                                                   |           |                              |                | Mattagami First Nation                                                                    |                       |                        |            |       |             | <a href="mailto:juanitaluke@mattagami.com">juanitaluke@mattagami.com</a>                 |                       |                                                                                            |
| Chief                                             | Murray Wayne                                      | Ray       | Chief                        |                | Flying Post First Nation                                                                  |                       | P.O. Box 1027          | Nipigon    | ON    | P0T 2J0     | <a href="mailto:murrayray@hotmail.com">murrayray@hotmail.com</a>                         | 807-887-3071          | No                                                                                         |
| Chief                                             | Bruce                                             | Archibald | Chief                        |                | Taykwa Tagamou Nation (New Post)                                                          | 1 Takwata Drive       | RR.#2, Box 3310        | Cochrane   | ON    | P0L 1C0     | <a href="mailto:bruce@taykwatagamou.com">bruce@taykwatagamou.com</a>                     | 705-272-5766          | Yes - identified on previous contact list                                                  |
| Deputy Chief                                      | Derek                                             | Archibald | Deputy Chief                 |                | Taykwa Tagamou Nation                                                                     | 1 Takwata Drive       | RR.#2, Box 3310        | Cochrane   | ON    | P0L 1C0     | <a href="mailto:derek@taykwatagamou.com">derek@taykwatagamou.com</a>                     |                       |                                                                                            |
| Chief                                             | June                                              | Black     | Chief                        |                | Apitipi Anicinapek Nation                                                                 | R.R. #3               |                        | Matheson   | ON    | P0K 1N0     | <a href="mailto:wfnchief@apitipi.ca">wfnchief@apitipi.ca</a>                             | 705-273-2055          | Yes - identified on previous contact list                                                  |
|                                                   |                                                   |           |                              |                | Apitipi Anicinapek Nation                                                                 |                       |                        |            |       |             | <a href="mailto:wfnchief@wahgoshigfirstnation.com">wfnchief@wahgoshigfirstnation.com</a> |                       |                                                                                            |
|                                                   |                                                   |           |                              |                | Apitipi Anicinapek Nation                                                                 |                       |                        |            |       |             | <a href="mailto:lr@apitipi.ca">lr@apitipi.ca</a>                                         |                       |                                                                                            |
| Mr.                                               | Jason                                             | Batise    | Executive Director           | Head Office    | Wabun Tribal Council                                                                      | 313 Railway Street    |                        | Timmins    | ON    | P4N 2P4     | <a href="mailto:jbatise@wabun.on.ca">jbatise@wabun.on.ca</a>                             | 705-268-9066 ext.233  | Unknown                                                                                    |
| Chief                                             | Walter Leo                                        | Friday    | Grand Chief                  | Head Office    | Mushkegowuk Council                                                                       | 101 Cedar St S        |                        | Timmins    | ON    | P4N 2G7     | <a href="mailto:grandchief@mushkegowuk.ca">grandchief@mushkegowuk.ca</a>                 | (705) 268-3594        | No                                                                                         |
| Chief                                             | Alvin                                             | Fiddler   | Grand Chief                  | Head Office    | Nishnawbe Aski Nation                                                                     |                       |                        |            |       |             | <a href="mailto:afiddler@nan.ca">afiddler@nan.ca</a>                                     |                       |                                                                                            |
| Sir/Madam                                         | General Inbox                                     |           |                              |                | Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centers                                       | 219 Front Street East |                        | Toronto    | ON    | M5A 1E8     | <a href="mailto:ofifc@ofifc.org">ofifc@ofifc.org</a>                                     | 416-956-7575          | Yes - previously consulted Juliette Nicolet, Sean Longboat (Program Director), and Chelsea |
| Ms.                                               | Chantal                                           | White     | Program Manager              |                | Timmins Native Friendship Centre                                                          |                       |                        | Timmins    | ON    | P4N 1K1     | <a href="mailto:csirols@tnfc.ca">csirols@tnfc.ca</a>                                     | 705-268-6262 Ext. 350 |                                                                                            |
| Ms.                                               | Monique                                           | Gull      | Finance Manager              |                | Timmins Native Friendship Centre                                                          |                       |                        | Timmins    | ON    | P4N 1K1     | <a href="mailto:mgull@tnfc.ca">mgull@tnfc.ca</a>                                         | 705-268-6262 Ext. 316 |                                                                                            |
| Sir/Madam                                         | General Inbox                                     |           |                              | Timmins Office | Ontario Native Women's Association                                                        | 70 Cedar St S         | #303                   | Timmins    | ON    | P7J 1J7     | <a href="mailto:reception@onwa.ca">reception@onwa.ca</a>                                 |                       | No                                                                                         |
| Sir/Madam                                         | General Inbox                                     |           |                              | Head Office    | Métis Nation of Ontario                                                                   | 66 Slater Street      | Suite 1100, 11th Floor | Ottawa     | ON    | K1P 5H1     | <a href="mailto:contactus@metisnation.org">contactus@metisnation.org</a>                 | 613-798-1488          | No                                                                                         |
|                                                   |                                                   |           |                              |                | Métis Nation of Ontario (As per MECP: MNO Region 3 - Abitibi/Temiskamingue and James Bay) |                       |                        |            |       |             | <a href="mailto:consultations@metisnation.org">consultations@metisnation.org</a>         |                       |                                                                                            |
| Mr.                                               | Pierre                                            | Lefebvre  | President                    | Head Office    | Timmins Metis Council                                                                     | 347 Spruce St S       |                        | Timmins    | ON    | P4N 2N2     | <a href="mailto:petele5@hotmail.com">petele5@hotmail.com</a>                             |                       | No                                                                                         |
| Ms.                                               | Kathleen                                          | Padulo    | Director of Environment      | Environment    | Chiefs of Ontario                                                                         | 468 Queen Street East | Suite 400              | Toronto    | ON    | M5A 1T7     | <a href="mailto:Kathleen.Padulo@coo.org">Kathleen.Padulo@coo.org</a>                     |                       | Y/N - ONTC previously reached out and received no response                                 |
| Sir/Madam                                         | Haudenosaunee Development Institute General Inbox |           |                              |                | Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council                                                  | 2634 6th Line Road    | RR #2                  | Ohsweken   | ON    | N0A 1M0     | <a href="mailto:info@hdi.land">info@hdi.land</a>                                         |                       | No                                                                                         |
| Mr.                                               | Leroy                                             | Hill      | Secretary                    |                | Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council                                                  | 2634 6th Line Road    | RR #2                  | Ohsweken   | ON    | N0A 1M0     | <a href="mailto:phahokta@hotmail.com">phahokta@hotmail.com</a>                           | 519-445-4222          | No                                                                                         |
| Mr.                                               | Todd                                              | Williams  | Supervisor                   |                | Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council                                                  | 2634 6th Line Road    | RR #2                  | Ohsweken   | ON    | N0A 1M0     | <a href="mailto:williams.todde@gmail.com">williams.todde@gmail.com</a>                   |                       | No                                                                                         |

# **Northlander Passenger Rail: Indigenous Community Discussions Meeting Requests**

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November - December 2023

November 2, 2023

Chief June Black  
Apitipi Anicinapek Nation  
RR3, Matheson, ON, P0K 1N0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [wfnchief@apitipi.ca](mailto:wfnchief@apitipi.ca)

Dear Chief June Black,

Ontario Northland is one step closer to building a more connected transportation network with the reinstatement of passenger rail in Northeastern Ontario—the Northlander! The service will fundamentally shift how people move across the province and give access to business opportunities, medical appointments, education, government services, recreation, tourism, and intercommunity travel.

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Chad Evans  
Chief Executive Officer

Tracy MacPhee  
Vice President – Passenger Rail and Motor Coach

November 2, 2023

Chief Vicky Chief  
Timiskaming First Nation  
24 Algonquin Avenue  
Notre-Dame-du-Nord, (Québec) J0Z 3B0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [tfnchief@atfn.ca](mailto:tfnchief@atfn.ca)

Dear Chief Vicky Chief,

Ontario Northland is one step closer to building a more connected transportation network with the reinstatement of passenger rail in Northeastern Ontario—the Northlander! The service will fundamentally shift how people move across the province and give access to business opportunities, medical appointments, education, government services, recreation, tourism, and intercommunity travel.

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Vice President – Passenger Rail and Motor Coach

November 2, 2023

Chief Ted Williams  
Chippewas of Rama First Nation  
5884 Rama Road, Suite 200  
Rama ON, L3V 6H6

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [tedw@ramafirstnation.ca](mailto:tedw@ramafirstnation.ca)

Dear Chief Ted Williams,

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Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier  
Temagami First Nation  
Bear Island, Lake Temagami, ON, P0H 1C0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [chief@temagamifirstnation.ca](mailto:chief@temagamifirstnation.ca)

Dear Chief Shelly Moore-Frappier,

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November 2, 2023

Chief Philip Franks  
Wahta Mohawks First Nation  
Box 260, Bala, Ontario, Canada, P0C 1A0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [philip.franks@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca](mailto:philip.franks@wahtamohawksCouncil.ca)

Dear Chief Philip Franks,

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November 2, 2023

Chief Scott McLeod-Shabogesic  
Nipissing First Nation  
36 Semo Road  
Garden Village ON P2B 3K2

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [scottm@nfn.ca](mailto:scottm@nfn.ca)

Dear Chief Scott McLeod-Shabogesic,

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November 3, 2023

Chief Jennifer Constant  
Mattagami First Nation  
P.O. Box 99  
Gogama, ON, P0M 1W0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [jennifer.constant@mattagami.com](mailto:jennifer.constant@mattagami.com)

Dear Chief Jennifer Constant,

Ontario Northland is one step closer to building a more connected transportation network with the reinstatement of passenger rail in Northeastern Ontario—the Northlander! The service will fundamentally shift how people move across the province and give access to business opportunities, medical appointments, education, government services, recreation, tourism, and intercommunity travel.

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November 21, 2023

Chief Sylvia Koostachin-Metatawabin  
Attawapiskat First Nation  
P.O. Box 248  
Attawapiskat, ON  
P0L 1A0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [sylvia.koostachinmetatawabin@attawapiskat.org](mailto:sylvia.koostachinmetatawabin@attawapiskat.org)

Dear Chief Sylvia Koostachin-Metatawabin

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November 21, 2023

Chief Wayne Wabie  
Beaverhouse First Nation  
26 Station Road North, P.O. Box 1022  
Kirkland Lake ON P2N 3L1

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [chief@beaverhousefn.com](mailto:chief@beaverhousefn.com)

Dear Chief Wayne Wabie,

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November 21, 2023

Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit  
Fort Albany First Nation  
13 School Rd. P.O Box 1  
Fort Albany, ON  
P0L 1H0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [chief@fortalbany.ca](mailto:chief@fortalbany.ca)

Dear Chief Elizabeth Kataquapit,

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November 21, 2023

Chief Gaius Wesley  
Kashechewan First Nation  
13B Riverside Rd

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [Gaius.Wesley@kfnation.ca](mailto:Gaius.Wesley@kfnation.ca)

Dear Chief Gaius Wesley,

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Chief Bruce Archibald  
Taykwa Tagamou Nation  
1 Taykwata Drive  
Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [bruce@taykwatagamou.com](mailto:bruce@taykwatagamou.com)

Dear Chief Bruce Archibald,

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December 1, 2023

Nelson Montreuil  
Mattawa Métis Council  
380 Main St, Unit 1  
Mattawa, ON, Canada, P0H 1V0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [nelsoncanoe@hotmail.com](mailto:nelsoncanoe@hotmail.com)

Dear Nelson Montreuil,

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Marc Mantha  
Moon River Métis Council  
385A Bethune Drive North  
Gravenhurst, ON, P1P 1B8

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [moonriversecretary@gmail.com](mailto:moonriversecretary@gmail.com)

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North Bay Métis Council  
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North Bay, ON, P1B 1G5

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Urgel Courville  
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Lorette McKnight  
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via email: [tmcc.metiscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:tmcc.metiscouncil@gmail.com)

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Pierre Lefebvre  
Timmins Métis Council  
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Timmins, ON, P4N 2N2

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [petele5@hotmail.com](mailto:petele5@hotmail.com)

Dear Pierre Lefebvre,

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Thanks so much, Janie.  
Congrats on your new role.  
I'm happy to hear my presentation stuck — and delighted to hear of this project.

Thanks for looping me in!  
All the best to you,  
Margaret

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**Cc:** Rebecca McGlynn <Rebecca.McGlynn@ontarionorthland.ca>  
**Subject:** Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions - Invitations Sent Notice

Dear Margaret,

I'm reaching out today on behalf of Ontario Northland as the Indigenous Engagement Coordinator. We've met briefly at the fifth annual Building Reconciliation Forum at Algoma University a few years ago! I was part of the planning committee at the time, and your presentation and message about the Métis is one that has stuck with me to this day. I'm in a new role now at Ontario Northland, and I'm thrilled to be sharing that we're one step closer to building a more connected transportation network with the reinstatement of passenger rail in Northeastern Ontario—the Northlander! The service will fundamentally shift how people move across the province and give access to business opportunities, medical appointments, education, government services, recreation, tourism, and intercommunity travel.

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- Lorette McKnight (Temiskaming Métis Council)
- Jeannine Vaillancourt (North Bay Métis Council)
- Nelson Montreuil (Mattawa Métis Council)
- Marc Mantha (Moon River Métis Council)

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Sincerely,

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Susan Elson  
Ininew Friendship Centre  
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Cochrane, ON P0L 1C0

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions – Meeting Request*

via email: [executive@ininewfc.ca](mailto:executive@ininewfc.ca)

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Kathy Fortin  
North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre  
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via email: [director@nbifc.org](mailto:director@nbifc.org)

Dear Kathy Fortin,

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Mickayla Bird  
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Timmins, ON P4N 1K1

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via email: [mbird@tnfc.ca](mailto:mbird@tnfc.ca)

Dear Mickayla Bird,

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**Bcc:** [Erin Hillis](#)  
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# Beaverhouse First Nation Meeting

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December 15, 2023

Beaverhouse First Nation  
Northlander Engagement Meeting, December 15, 2023

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendees:**

Chief Wayne Wabie, Chief (Beaverhouse First Nation)  
Sartaj Zabir Uddin, Band Manager (Beaverhouse First Nation)  
Brandon Deveau, Economic Development Officer (Beaverhouse First Nation)  
Chad Evans, Chief Executive Office (Ontario Northland)  
Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach (Ontario Northland)  
Janie McLeod, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (Ontario Northland)

## **Opening Remarks & Introductions**

### Comments:

Chief Wabie provided some history on Beaverhouse First Nation. Since they are not recognized by Indian Affairs which, a 150-year-old mistakes, they're facing challenges. Historically, their community resided on the peninsula, and was only accessible by boat in the summer and vehicle in the winter once the river froze over. Up until recently, they continued to live on the peninsula, in efforts to preserve they traditions and way of life on traditional homelands, however, since there was no hydro or services, many of the younger generation, along with the Elders, had to move in town in order to work (Kirkland Lake).

Chief Wabie and Sartaj expressed their excitement for the return of the Northlander. They highlighted the benefits of access to medical care, education, work, and visiting family. Many of their employees, including Sartaj, live down South, so this may help with recruitment and filling jobs, if it means people have better access to travel North and South easily.

## **Overview of Feedback Received/2021 Engagement**

### Comments:

Chief Wabie was pleased with the feedback received in 2021, and was impressed with how we have responded to that feedback and implemented the input given.

## Overview of the Northlander

- Project Timeline
- Map
- Design
- Amenities
- Accessibility
- Menu
- Safety
- Career Opportunities

## Discussion

Discussion topics included:

Safety: Chief Wabie raised concern over some of their community members not having access to internet or cellular data to purchase tickets, or coordinator rides and pickup times once they are at the station. Chad and Tracy confirmed that wi-fi will be available at each station, and that tickets can be purchased directly on the train if needed.

Map: Chief Wabie expressed that Beaverhouse First Nation community members will be travelling mostly southbound, to North Bay or Toronto. Even though Timmins is closer, North Bay is the preferred destination.

### Community engagement opportunities:

- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Social gathering for National Indigenous Peoples Day
- August: Industry Day is a day that gives industries and support staff the opportunity to visit and meet community members. Workshops are offered. Families gather.
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Job opportunities: Chief Wabie expressed that he is happy to see our efforts and willingness to improve our percentage of Indigenous employees. He shared that capacity building and training opportunities in Indigenous communities is key to success. Training opportunities should be about changing lifestyle, and in order to change lifestyles, a simple 3 week training course is usually not enough. He asked: How do we go about that? Their community is still facing intergenerational trauma, and Chief Wabie has been involved in getting his community ready for the workforce.

Janie shared that a Talent Acquisition Specialist was recently added to the HR team, and between that employee and herself, they are hoping to create a committee to re-imagine how we recruit and hire First Nations. Janie invited Chief Wabie to be part of the committee and conversation when the time comes. Chief Wabie accepted to provide input when needed.



Action Items:

- (1) Share job posting information with Beaverhouse First Nation so that we can link our postings with theirs
- (2) Share procurement information with Chief Wabie when it comes to building the station and platform. He is connected to a lot of skilled people in trades.

**Closing Remarks**

# Ontario Native Women's Association Meeting

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December 18, 2023

Ontario Native Women's Association  
Northlander Engagement Meeting, December 18, 2023

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendees:**

Janie McLeod, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (Ontario Northland)  
Rebecca McGlynn, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer (Ontario Northland)  
Julie Hodson, Policy Team Lead (Ontario Native Women's Association)  
Collin Graham, Community Development Training Manager (Ontario Native Women's Association)

## **Opening Remarks & Introduction**

### **Overview of Feedback Received/2021 Engagement**

#### Comments:

The feedback received in 2021 aligns with the concerns ONWA had for safety and were please to see how things were being addressed (for example, easy access to purchasing tickets, wi-fi at each station, ONTC staff receiving anti-human trafficking training).

### **Overview of the Northlander**

- Project Timeline

Julie questioned why the service ended since it's such a big need for communities. Rebecca explained the history. Julie has questions about the anticipated date, timeline and cost for tickets.

- Map
- Design
- Amenities
- Accessibility
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## Discussion

Discussion topics included:

1. Safety - any safety concerns?
  - Julie expressed having a new opportunity to travel brings all kinds of safety concerns, and having options is important. ONWA's focus for the discussion is primarily related to anti-human trafficking, Julie shared information about services and programs they offer:
    - Indigenous Anti-Human Trafficking Liaison (IAHTL) Program: Supports Indigenous communities in providing survivor focused and localized responses to Human Trafficking. This was created by and for Indigenous people to end Human Trafficking in their communities and provide support for survivors. It provides training, guidance and capacity building for service providers, organizations, communities.
    - They have a gate-to-gate service that guides the individual back to a safe space, and an ONWA staff is with them throughout the whole process. Julie brought up the potential for partnership with ONWA when it comes the time to bring the survivor home, for example, providing free fares to the survivors travelling back home. By partnering with ONWA, they also provide staff with specific numbers of who to call for support. ONWA acts immediately. Rebecca shared that we do currently offer vouchers, and they she would follow up on how to submit a request.
    - Courage for Change - Frontline crisis team to support supports the unique needs of Indigenous women, youth, and girls that are affected by sexual exploitation. All services provide a trauma- informed, anti-oppressive framework with culture- based practices and models to ensure a seamless integration of cultural and mainstream supports.
    - Community Safety Liaison (guns and gangs): Supports training and capacity building for service providers.
  - Julie shared that one of our priorities should also be to provide information to the survivors about trafficking and how to get out of it. Having in-seat service for food is a great way for our employees to carefully look for signs of human trafficking.
  - Suggests that we learn from what other transportation services are doing in terms of anti-human trafficking (for example, Air Canada)
  - Collin shared that they have existing digital signage they can share with us to post on our screen, currently for the PBX and buses, but eventually for the Northlander.
  - Rebecca shared that we are building a new station and have an opportunity to implement safety features right from the early planning phase. Asked for ONWA's advice or tips and tricks for safety.

## Action Items

- (1) Explore potential for partnership with ONWA for providing survivors free transportation to get back home
- (2) Rebecca to provide information on how to submit a request for vouchers/paid trips for survivors
- (3) ONTC to explore what other transportation services are doing in terms of anti-human trafficking (for example, Air Canada)

(4) Collin to share digital anti-human trafficking signage with Janie, specifically about how survivors can ask for help

## 2. Amenities

Julie and Collin expressed how impressed and satisfied they were with the accessibility features on the Northlander.

## 3. Community engagement opportunities - are there any upcoming events that we can participate

Julie expressed that many people live off-reserve, therefore, reaching out to city organizations will bring a lot of good information and feedback we may not receive from those living on-reserve. ONWA has different chapters and liaisons across the province. She suggests we get in touch with them.

Action Items:

(5) Julie to share liaison contacts.

(6) ONTC to reach out and connect with ONWA's different charters

## 4. Job opportunities

Julie shared that Skills Ontario had just recently done a presentation for ONWA on how to improve recruitment in the North. They host job fairs and have many ideas and suggestions on ways to promote job postings.

Action Item:

(7) Julie to share contact information if we want to get in touch with them

## Closing Remarks

### Action Items

- (1) Explore potential for partnership with ONWA for providing survivors free transportation to get back home
- (2) Rebecca to provide information on how to submit a request for vouchers/paid trips for survivors
- (3) ONTC to explore what other transportation services are doing in terms of anti-human trafficking (for example, Air Canada)
- (4) Collin to share digital anti-human trafficking signage with Janie, specifically about how survivors can ask for help
- (5) Julie to share relevant ONWA liaison contacts
- (6) ONTC to reach out and connect with ONWA's different charters
- (7) Julie to share Skills Ontario contact information if we want to get in touch with them

# Chippewas of Rama First Nation Meeting

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January 16, 2024

Chippewas of Rama First Nation  
Northlander Engagement Meeting, January 16, 2024

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendees:**

Chief Tedd Williams & Council (Chippewas of Rama First Nation)  
Chad Evans, Chief Executive Office (Ontario Northland)  
Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach (Ontario Northland)  
Rebecca McGlynn, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer (Ontario Northland)  
Janie McLeod, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (Ontario Northland)

## **Discussion**

Overall satisfied with the presentation and thought it was great.

Discussion topics included:

- Fees: Questions about Indigenous and senior discount
- Job opportunities:
  - Questions about opportunity to bid on the work for construction and upgrades on track (to be added to mailing list/notice to vendors)
  - Send job posting to Rama, their members are always looking for opportunities to grow (they know some youth interested in being a conductor)
- Shuttles to Casino Rama: The casino is 12 km away, questioned if we had discussed the possibility of a shuttle. Their EDO was not present at the meeting but they would like to pull them in for input to see if a shuttle is possible.
- Parking: Question about parking/all day parking at the Washago station.
- Connecting services - is there transportation in your community to connect to the Northlander service?

# North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre Meeting

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March 19, 2024



North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre  
Northlander Engagement Meeting, March 19, 2024

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendees:**

Kathy Fortin, Executive Director, North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre  
Chad Evans, Chief Executive Office (Ontario Northland)  
Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach (Ontario Northland)  
Janie McLeod, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (Ontario Northland)

## **Opening Remarks & Introductions**

### **Overview of Feedback Received/2021 Engagement**

#### Comments:

Kathy Fortin commented that the option to buy tickets in person/on board is great and will be beneficial for many, especially Elders. Overall, she was impressed with the safety measures implemented. She shared with us that she has family that lives in Mattagami First Nation, Temagami First Nation, and Beaverhouse First Nation, and that travelling by train is very much a necessity.

### **Overview of the Northlander**

- Project Timeline

Comment: Kathy suggested we meet with a focus group of individuals living in North Bay who are from the James Bay coast to get a better understanding of how they will use the service. She gave the example of her staff (who are from Moose Factory and Kashechewan) having to take 4+ days off when travelling home for a funeral because of the current travel options.

- Map
- Design
- Amenities

Comments: Kathy asked if there were going to be any bathrooms at the stations. Tracy confirmed that there will be no bathrooms at the train, however there will be some on the train. She asked about parking at the North Bay Station. Tracy confirmed that she could park overnight.

She raised the concern of homelessness maybe becoming a problem at the stations with increased traffic coming in and out.

She shared that she used to take the Northlander often and misses it. In her home community of Temagami, the train brought a lot of tourism opportunities. She's excited to have that back.

- Accessibility
- Career Opportunities

## **Discussion**

Discussion topics included:

- Map: She suspects that many Indigenous people in North Bay will use the train to go south for leisure, and travel north for intercommunity/family related reasons.
- Community engagement opportunities: Kathy invited us to present at the next Community Action Committee (CAC) in April or May
- Job opportunities: Kathy will put us in contact with the employee that takes care of employment opportunities at the Center so that we can share job postings (Steve?)
- Language: Kathy shared that the Cree people further north are the ones who will have the biggest language barrier struggles, and that we should keep them in mind when doing signage. She also acknowledged the challenges that comes with covering so much territory that have different languages and dialects.

## **Closing Remarks**

# North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre's Community Action Circle

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May 15, 2024

North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre – Community Action Circle  
Northlander Engagement Meeting, May 15, 2024

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendees:**

Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach (Ontario Northland)  
Janie McLeod, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (Ontario Northland)  
Kate Bondett, Senior Communications Manager (Ontario Northland)  
Amanda Young, Executive Assistant (Municipality of Calendar)  
Haleigh Wiggins, Employment Consultant (Yes Employment Services)  
Elsa Allen, Biidaaban Youth Group Leader & Biidaaban Academic Support (Indigenous Initiatives at Nipissing University)  
Rachel Yordy, Community Service Learning Officer (Indigenous Initiatives at Nipissing University)  
Clayton Ralph, Regional Advisor (Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General)  
Leo Deloitte, Community Action Circle Volunteer  
Maurice Switzer, President (Board of Directors, North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre)

### **Overview of Feedback Received/2021 Engagement**

- Clayton Ralph asked about a possible service to Kenora because Bearskin Airlines, a division of Winnipeg-based Perimeter Aviation discontinued their services to Dryden, Kenora, and Fort Frances.

### **Overview of the Northlander**

- Project Update
  - Maurice Switzer asked what the trainsets are made of (locomotive, number of passenger cars)
  - Maurice Switzer asked if we would be participating in the North Bay's 100-year anniversary
  - Maurice Switzer indicated he might drive to Huntsville and get on the train from there
- Amenities
  - Clayton Ralph asked what safety measures have been put into place for human trafficking. He thanked us for highlighting the partnerships we have established with "Trucker Against Trafficking" and "Busing on the Lookout" as well as the get a safe ride home.
- Career Opportunities

- Haleigh Wiggins from Yes Employment Services invited us to present at the Nipissing Employment Service Table (NEST) on September 9th at 10am. Some of the following agencies sit at the table: DNSSAB, March of Dimes, Community Living, Agilec, True Self, Multicultural Centre, Employment Centre at the Base, Metis Nation, College Boreal, Labour Market Group, North Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, Canadore, Nipissing, and CFN. Janie McLeod has put Haleigh and Nicole Filiatrault (Manager of Human Resources at Ontario Northland) in contact.
- Maurice Switzer wondered about exploring community college partnerships and pathways.
- Clayton Ralph mentioned that there are many opportunities for that in the community.

## **Discussion**

- Rachel Yordy asked about fares. Tracy responded that it would be in line with bus fares)
- Maurice Switzer asked if the bus schedule will change. Tracy responded that the 6:15 bus will be redeployed and that the focus will be put on East and West.
- Clayton Ralph asked about how we've been reaching out to Indigenous communities. Janie McLeod responded that we've been reaching out to Chiefs, Tribal Councils, and their Political Territorial Organizations.
- Leo asked about opening up the ring of fire
- Janie asked for input about where this groups believes people will travel to most. Maurice Switzer shared that he will be travelling the most to Toronto, but that many people in the North Bay area are from the James Bay Coast, and that they will be travelling North. Leo shared that many families will use the train to do their Christmas shopping down south.

# **Invitation Letter to May 22, 2024, Indigenous Transportation Roundtable**

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April 5, 2024

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**Subject:** Transportation Roundtable Invitation- May 22, 2024  
**Date:** Friday, April 5, 2024 10:49:20 AM  
**Attachments:** [2024 05 22 Indigenous Transportation Roundtable Agenda.pdf](#)  
[2024 05 22 ONTC Roundtable invitation.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

In follow-up to the previous email, I am writing on behalf of Ontario Northland's Board Chair Alan Spacek with an invitation to the agency's transportation roundtable in Timmins on May 22, 2024. Kindly find the details included in the invitation and agenda attached. A calendar invite will be forthcoming to set the time aside.

If you have any questions, suggested agenda items, and to confirm your attendance, please reach out to Janie McLeod, Ontario Northland's Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, at [janie.mcleod@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:janie.mcleod@ontarionorthland.ca)

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**Subject:** Notice of Postponement: Indigenous Transportation Roundtable

Good morning,

Based on the feedback received, Ontario Northland has decided to push the Indigenous Transportation Roundtable to a date that will not interfere with the Annual Spring Goose Hunt. We apologize for this oversight. Please stay tuned for an updated invitation.

Thank you very much,  
KM.

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**From:** Krista Messenger

**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 10:52 AM

**Subject:** Transportation Roundtable Invitation- April 17, 2024

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Good day,

On behalf of Ontario Northland, I would like to invite you to attend our upcoming Indigenous transportation roundtable to discuss transportation service offerings and related items on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**. The meeting will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** with lunch provided at the **Porcupine Dante Club** in Timmins.

Ontario Northland is pleased to cover the cost of two nights of hotel accommodations in Timmins for yourself and another hotel room for an additional attendee. For those travelling on the Polar Bear Express or by bus, Ontario Northland will provide complimentary tickets.

**Please respond to this email to confirm your ability to attend no later than April 15.** If you have any questions or suggested agenda items, please reach out to Janie McLeod, Ontario Northland's Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, at [janie.mcleod@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:janie.mcleod@ontarionorthland.ca).

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,



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# Indigenous Transportation Roundtable

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May 22, 2024

## Indigenous Transportation Roundtable

Wednesday May 22, 2024  
 The Porcupine Dante Club  
 162 Cedar St S, Timmins, ON  
 10:00AM – 2:00PM

| Item | Time                                                                         | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.   | 10:00-10:10                                                                  | Opening Prayer & Smudge                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2.   | 10:10-10:15<br>Chair Alan Spacek                                             | Land Acknowledgement<br>Chair Spacek                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3.   | 10:15-10:25<br>Chad Evans                                                    | Roundtable Introductions   Housekeeping                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 4.   | 10:25-10:45<br>Chad Evans                                                    | Follow up on Action Items / Previous Roundtables                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5.   | 10:45-11:00<br>Kate Bondett / Eric Rochon                                    | Update on Meetings with Drug Task Force                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6.   | 11:00-12:00<br>Tracy MacPhee /<br>Rebecca McGlynn /<br>Steve Loranger        | Polar Bear Express <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 7 incident – overview</li> <li>- Schedule change and community engagement</li> <li>- Wifi status</li> </ul>                                        |
| 7.   | 12:00-1:00                                                                   | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 8.   | 1:00-1:15<br>Rebecca McGlynn /<br>Steve Loranger / Paul-<br>André Lajeunesse | Rail Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Refrigerated boxcars</li> <li>- Summary of Winter shipments</li> <li>- Overview of Infrastructure projects</li> </ul>                                     |
| 9.   | 1:15-1:30<br>Chad Evans / Tracy MacPhee                                      | Northlander Update                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10.  | 1:30-1:55<br>Janie McLeod                                                    | Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are there any community priorities or key projects that ONTC should prepare for?</li> <li>- Are there events and activities coming up this year?</li> </ul> |
| 11.  | 1:55-2:00<br>Chad Evans                                                      | Closing Remarks & Next Meeting (November 13)                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Indigenous Transportation Roundtable, May 22, 2024 Meeting Summary

### Attendees:

|                      |                        |                                                                   |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Alan Spacek, ONTC    | Bob Sloss, ONTC        | DGC Natasha Martin, Mushkegowuk                                   |
| Chad Evans, ONTC     | Drew Duquette, ONTC    | Stan Kapashesit, Moose Cree First Nation                          |
| Eric Rochon, ONTC    | Krista Messenger, ONTC |                                                                   |
| Steve Loranger, ONTC | Janie McLeod, ONTC     | Chief Allan Jolly, Moccreebec Council of the Cree Nation          |
| Kate Bondett, ONTC   | Rebecca McGlynn, ONTC  |                                                                   |
| Tracy McPhee, ONTC   | Paul Lajeunesse, ONTC  | John Okonmah, Wakenagun Community Futures Development Corporation |

### Introductory Remarks:

- Update provided on Opening Prayer noting that the invited Elder was unable to attend, though ONTC is keenly interested in ensuring this element is included in all roundtable events as this medicine is so valuable.
- Chair Spacek provided a Land Acknowledgement.
- CEO Evans provided introductory remarks to welcome all participants to the meeting. The purpose of the event is to understand how ONTC can better serve Indigenous communities. Dialogue and an understanding of what is occurring in communities is essential. It is understood that communities have unique successes and challenges which are valuable for ONTC to understand and learn from.
- Roundtable introductions for all participants.

### Follow up on Action Items / Previous Roundtables

CEO Evans provided a follow-up summary of the last meeting's action items. Highlights are noted as:

- Action item #1- RE: decals translated into Cree: Janie confirmed this was actioned within strategic locations.
- Action item #2- RE: ONTC - Mushkegowuk partnership in hiring/training: Update that ONTC has participated in several job fairs and hired a Talent Acquisition Specialist who will focus on building community partnerships.
- Action item #3- Update on human trafficking training included within safe communities initiatives. Information shared that this work is ongoing. Review of the Safe Ride Home strategy that complements this work.

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#### New Action Items

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Action item #8- RE: updated PBX river signage. Update provided to note 20 river crossing signs have been translated into Cree. The translations were shared with participants, along with a mockup of the sign design for review. Design, production and installation work is currently being planned. It is expected that all signs will be installed by the end of October 2024. Positive remarks from Chief Jolly for this plan.

#### New Action Items

(2) Stan Kapashesit to bring PBX river signage upgrades to Chief's attention for any comments. Janie McLeod to set up meeting with Chief Wesley, Chair and Chad for a roundtable summary.

- [REDACTED] Agenda item "MCFN Drug Task Force Update" is scheduled for further discussion.
- [REDACTED]
- Action item #12 RE: Crime Stoppers signage. Update provided that this was actioned. Crime Stoppers decals on our motor coaches and the PBX were installed on December 13, 2023. OPP noted they have received calls/tips as a result of the posters, so this approach is meeting with success.
- Action item #12 RE: future meeting dates. Update provided to review tentative dates for subsequent dates in November and May. Next roundtable will be on November 13, 2024, in Timmins. No concerns were raised about the proposed meeting dates.



- [REDACTED]
- The floor was opened for questions. Further comments were shared about the drug crisis. PBX is the most convenient way to bring in illicit substances so all efforts to extinguish this are desperately needed.

#### New Action Items

(3) Discuss further the screening procedures/systems of passengers and their luggage travelling North on the PBX at the next Mushkegowuk/ONTC meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> (ongoing)

#### **Polar Bear Express**

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

#### New Action Items

(4)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- **Wifi status**

- Update provided to note the equipment has been installed and is currently being tested on the train. Testing continues in June and the anticipated go-live date for passengers is July 1, 2024
- With this upgrade, passengers will be able to stay connected while on board and will have access to a wide range of premium entertainment options. The Wi-Fi upgrade includes integration with the payment system on the dining car, streamlining the use of debit and credit cards for purchases on board.
- Note that with the infotainment service, there is an opportunity to have paid advertisement. This might present an opportunity for First Nations or specifically the Drug Task Force to highlight training/notices to passengers. ONTC will reach out to communities once this is ready to be developed for input.

#### **Rail Services**

- **New Refrigerated boxcars**

- Review of the three new boxcars purchased, which will significantly improve the ability and reliability to transport temperature-sensitive goods. This brings the fleet size up to five in total.
- Due to the higher capacity, shed improvements are still required in Moosonee before they can be placed into service.

- **Summary of Winter shipments**

- Between Cochrane-Moosonee there were a total of 388 carloads of heavy freight. The booking system worked well.
- Express freight shipments totaled 397 carloads. There was an issue during the last week of the ice road – an influx of building material shipments came in and ONTC didn't have enough carloads to ship all before the winter road closed.



- Rail freight annual carloads (Apr 1 to Mar 31) was 1,310 – primarily grocery, fuel and aggregate shipments.
- **Overview of infrastructure projects**
  - Annual tie replacement between Cochrane and Moosonee June to July
  - Relay rail – September to October
  - New track geometry car for inspections throughout the system - June
  - Review of the track programs that will occur between Cochrane and Moosonee
  - Review of the bridge work planned- including bridge deck replacements and bridge rehabilitation.

### **Northlander Update**

CEO Evans provided an update on the new era of the Northlander passenger train service. Highlights are noted as:

- Review of the tentative service schedule and map, noting it was informed by the various community consultations.
- The route has 16 stops. The intention is to utilize existing ONTC service stations (possible at seven stops). There will be a new shelter built in the remaining nine stops. These shelters will be a comfortable and secure environment. Review of the construction plans/schedule and the environmental assessment work.
- Review of the track upgrades occurring for the resumption of passenger service and to ensure a smoother ride.
- Review of the train design highlighting accessibility considerations, and passenger experience enhancements.
- Question raised about the impact of the TC regulations on this line. ONTC noted that the crew will be turned over to ensure the rest rules are observed.
- Question raised about the availability of sleeper cars. ONTC noted that to prioritize service resumption, the train will be put in service without a sleeper car. ONTC will be monitoring feedback towards future enhancement.
- Question raised about previous experience with delays on the track. ONTC noted that it is not immune from this re-occurring, though the agency continues to work with CN and Metrolinx about track use.
- Question about the location of the Timmins-Porcupine station. ONTC noted the location is at the end of an ONTC-owned spur.

### **Open Discussion**

- **Are there any community priorities or key projects that ONTC should prepare for?**
- **Are there events and activities coming up this year?**
- **Are there any local artists you recommend we reach out to?**

- [REDACTED]
  - Comment regarding the meetings occurring regarding regional tourism attraction strategies. ONTC would be pleased to contribute to this conversation, with a note that R. McGlynn or T. MacPhee would be the best points of contact.
- [REDACTED]

#### **Closing Remarks and Next Meeting**

Thanks expressed by Board Chair Spacek for the attendance and discussion at the Roundtable today. ONTC welcomes the opportunity to listen, learn and share. Open offer extended to follow up with any future thoughts. Next meeting is schedule on November 13, 2023, in Timmins. Details and official invitations will be shared closer to.

# **Invitation to PIC #2 Event & Invitation to Meet about the Northlander Project**

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Beaverhouse First Nation

**From:** [Janie McLeod](#)  
**To:** [chief@bhn.ca](mailto:chief@bhn.ca)  
**Subject:** Fw: Public Information Centre Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:32:11 PM

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Hello Chief Vanbuskirk,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out today on behalf of Ontario Northland to personally invite you to our upcoming public information centre event in Timmins on June 19 to learn more about the proposed Timmins-Porcupine station, the status of engineering designs and the results of the environmental studies to date. This is an opportunity to share feedback and learn more about the progress being made. Further information can be found in the email below.

If you are unable to make it to this event but are interested in learning more about the reinstatement of passenger rail in Northeastern Ontario (the Northlander), we'd be happy to meet with you virtually to discuss further.

We are excited to share the progress to date and are looking forward to hearing from you and understanding how we can best serve your community.

Best regards,

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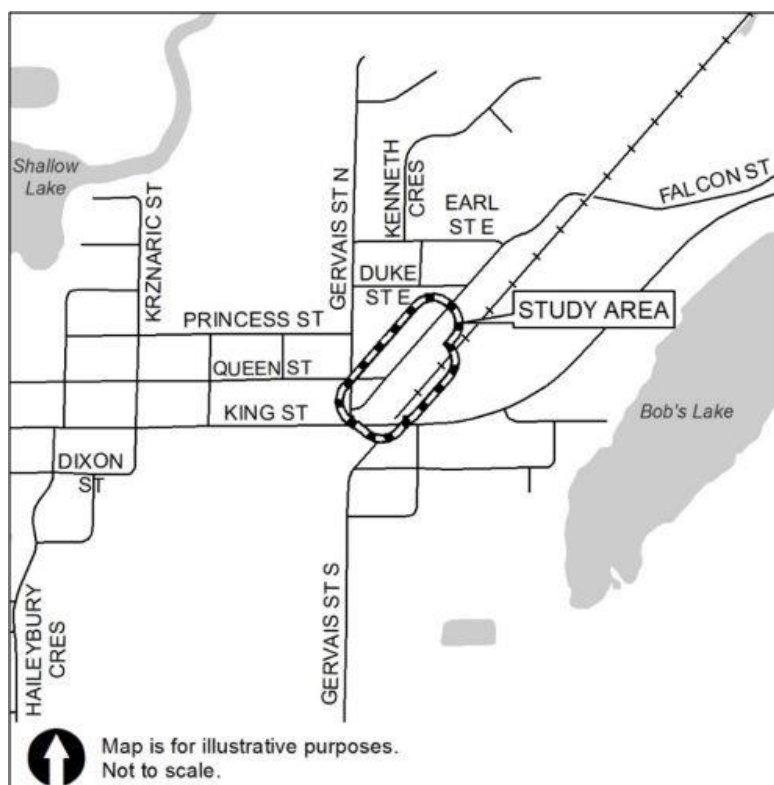
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**From:** Brooks Tuckett <[Brooks.Tuckett@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:Brooks.Tuckett@ontarionorthland.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:49 PM  
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**Subject:** Public Information Centre Notice

Good afternoon,

Ontario Northland is excited to be making progress towards the new era of the Northlander. As a vital part of our community, we want to keep you informed and involved in this exciting development and progress on the construction of the proposed new Timmins-Porcupine Station.

The proposed Timmins-Porcupine station will feature a wide range of amenities, including a train platform, station building, outdoor parking, bus bays, a taxi stand, a designated passenger pick-up/drop-off area and a municipal bus stop. Situated along the existing rail corridor just west of Bob's Lake, the station aims to revolutionize transportation connectivity in our region.



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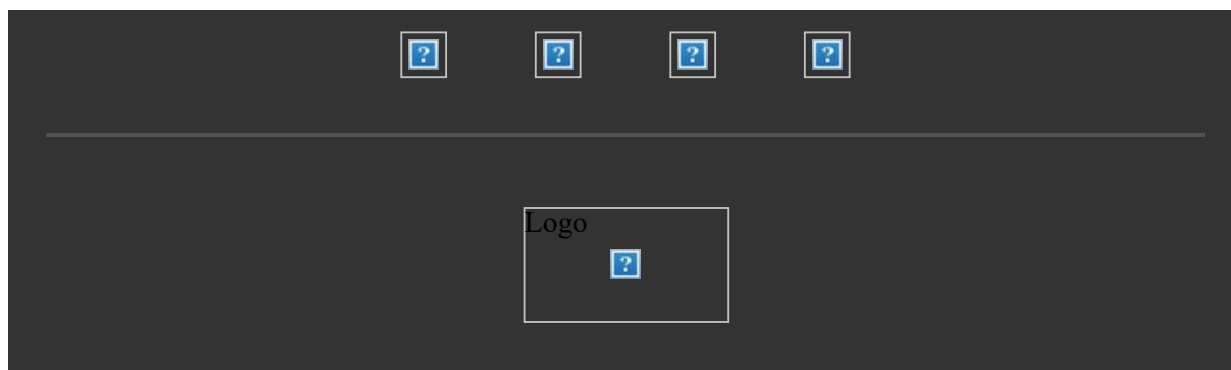


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Taykwa Tagamou Nation (New Post)

**From:** [Janie McLeod](#)  
**To:** [candice@taykwatagamou.com](mailto:candice@taykwatagamou.com)  
**Cc:** [Indigenous Engagement](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Information Centre Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:32:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [ONTC Timmins NPR TRPAP PIC2 FINAL COMBINED EN&FR - June 19.pdf](#)

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Good morning Candice,

Happy solstice! Attached is a presentation with information that was shared at the public information center event on Wednesday about the Timmins-Porcupine Northlander station. I added your email to the mailing list for future Timmins-Porcupine station related updates or invitations.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to reach out at any point. I will be going on maternity leave some time in July. Throughout this period, we can be reached at [indigenous@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:indigenous@ontarionorthland.ca) or [rebecca.mcglynn@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:rebecca.mcglynn@ontarionorthland.ca). My replacement will be starting next week

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:49 PM

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**To:** [Bruce Archibald](#)  
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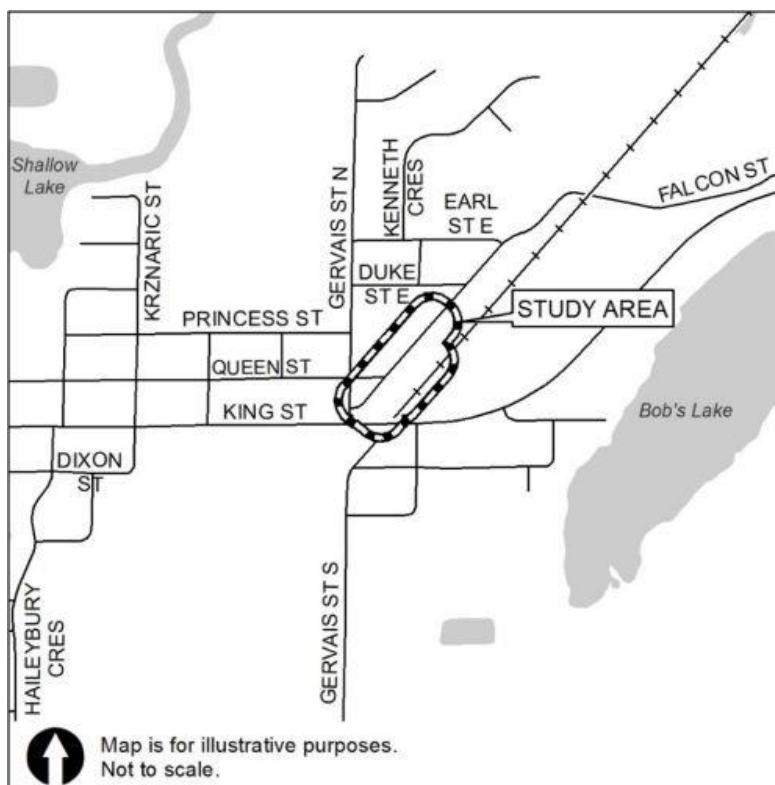
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Good morning Julie,

Happy solstice! Attached is a presentation with information that was shared at the public information center event on Wednesday about the Timmins-Porcupine Northlander station. I added your email to the mailing list for future Timmins-Porcupine station related updates or invitations.

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Thanks for the invitation, Janie. I will not be able to attend, we have another public session to attend for Canada Nickel Company.

Please share any notes or presentation.

Thank you,

Julie McKay

**Director of Lands and Resources**  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:49 PM

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**Cc:** [Lori Salo](#)  
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Hello Charley, Cathy, and Rose,

We are available for a visit on July 18. Would 2 PM work by any chance? Attending would be:

- Rebecca McGlynn, Chief Marketing & Communications Office
- Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach
- Lori Salo, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator

I'm not sure if you have anything specific in mind, but if you're interested, we'd be happy to share some information about the Northlander and Timmins-Porcupine station while we're there. We have a slide deck with photos and updates that we could share, mostly to spark discussion. We would appreciate your thoughts on how we can best serve your community/make sure community members have access to the service.

If 2 PM works on July 18, we will send a calendar invite. Let us know if anyone else should be invited.

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**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 8:57 AM  
**To:** Charley Goheen <[ecdev.techservicesadvisor@wabun.on.ca](mailto:ecdev.techservicesadvisor@wabun.on.ca)>; Cathy Yandeau <[landsresources@mfnrez.ca](mailto:landsresources@mfnrez.ca)>  
**Cc:** Rose Thomas <[edo@mfnrez.ca](mailto:edo@mfnrez.ca)>; Lori Salo <[Lori.Salo@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:Lori.Salo@ontarionorthland.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Information Centre Notice  
Hello Charley and Cathy,

Thank you for the quick response. I'll inquire on our end if July 18 works and get back to you as soon as possible.

I will be going on maternity leave some time in July (but could be any day). I cc'd my replacement Lori Salo who will make sure to keep in touch.

Miigwech for making the time, we are looking forward to it!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:43 AM  
**To:** Cathy Yandeau <landsresources@mfnrez.ca>; Janie McLeod <janie.mcleod@ontarionorthland.ca>  
**Cc:** Rose Thomas <edo@mfnrez.ca>; Indigenous Engagement <indigenous@ontarionorthland.ca>  
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Good Morning,

A community visit on July 18<sup>th</sup> would work.

The community is Matachewan First Nation, and the Wabun Tribal Council office is located in Timmins.

Thank you,

Charley



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**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2024 11:13 AM  
**To:** Janie McLeod <janie.mcleod@ontarionorthland.ca>; Charley Goheen <ecdev.techservicesadvisor@wabun.on.ca>  
**Cc:** Rose Thomas <edo@mfnrez.ca>; Indigenous Engagement <indigenous@ontarionorthland.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Information Centre Notice

Hi Charley

As of now I am available on July 18<sup>th</sup> if you wish to set something up to meet

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**To:** Charley Goheen <[ecdev.techservicesadvisor@wabun.on.ca](mailto:ecdev.techservicesadvisor@wabun.on.ca)>

**Cc:** Cathy Yandeau <[landsresources@mfntrez.ca](mailto:landsresources@mfntrez.ca)>; Rose Thomas <[edo@mfntrez.ca](mailto:edo@mfntrez.ca)>; Indigenous Engagement <[indigenous@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:indigenous@ontarionorthland.ca)>

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Hi Charley,

Happy solstice! A discussion and community visit sounds fantastic. We will be in Timmins and Cochrane on the following dates for community engagement:

- **Timmins / Rock on the River Fest**

- Hollinger Park
- July 19, 11 AM – 5 PM

- **Cochrane / Cree Fest**

- July 23 – 25, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
- 7 Tim Horton Dr, Cochrane, Arena pad

We will also be at the Gathering of our People in Moose Factory the following week.

Are you located in Matachewan or Timmins? Is there any chance a visit/discussion on July 18 would work? I still have to check with a few people if this date would work but want to start by suggesting a date.

Miigwech for your time

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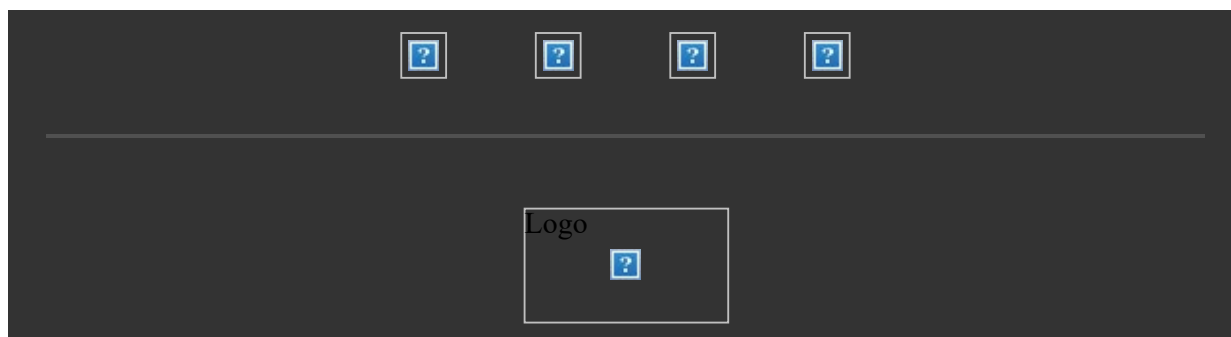
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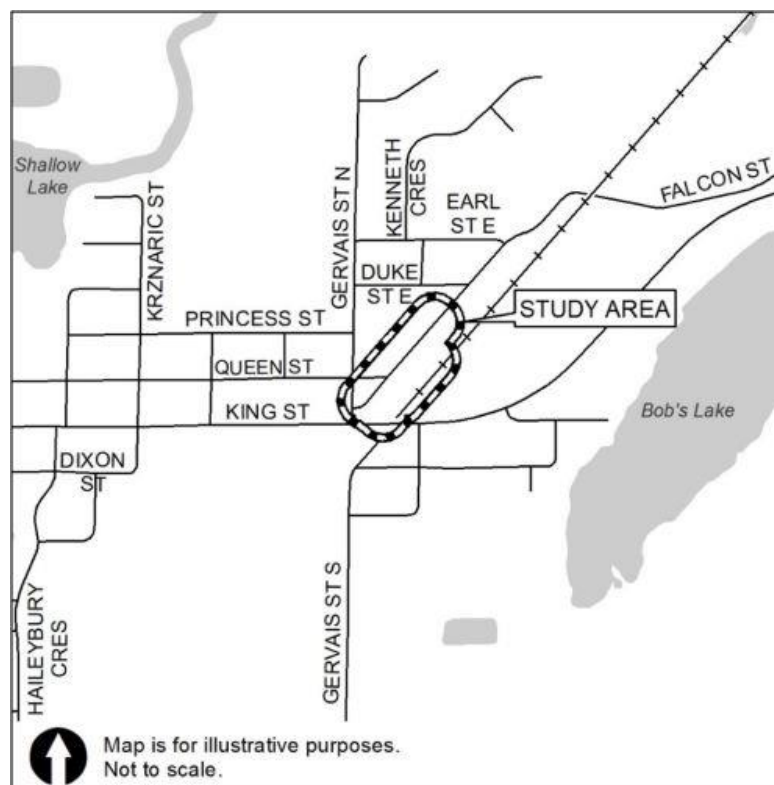
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**From:** [Janie McLeod](#)  
**To:** [chief@mfntrez.ca](mailto:chief@mfntrez.ca)  
**Subject:** Fw: Public Information Centre Notice  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024 3:32:16 PM

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Hello Chief Batisse,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out today on behalf of Ontario Northland to personally invite you to our upcoming public information event in Timmins on June 19 to learn more about the proposed Timmins-Porcupine station, the status of engineering designs and the results of the environmental studies to date. This is an opportunity to share feedback and learn more about the progress being made. Further information can be found in the email below.

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Best regards,

Janie McLeod  
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**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:49 PM  
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# Northlander Passenger Rail: Community Discussions

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June 11, 2024

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Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige  
1 Migizii Miikan  
PO Box 711  
North Bay, Ontario P1B 8J8

*Subject: Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions*

via email: [info@anishinabek.ca](mailto:info@anishinabek.ca)

Dear Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige,

Ontario Northland is one step closer to building a more connected transportation network with the reinstatement of passenger rail in Northeastern Ontario—the Northlander! The service will fundamentally shift how people move across the province and give access to business opportunities, medical appointments, education, government services, recreation, tourism, and intercommunity travel.

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Best regards,

Chad Evans  
Chief Executive Officer

Tracy MacPhee  
Vice President – Passenger Rail and Motor Coach

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Ontario Regional Chief Abram Benedict  
468 Queen St East, Suite 400  
Toronto, ON M5A 1T7

Subject: Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions

via email: [orcea@coo.org](mailto:orcea@coo.org)

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Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler  
145 Wilson Avenue  
Timmins, ON, P4N 2T2

**Subject:** *Northlander Passenger Rail – Community Discussions*

via email: [mbeardy@nan.ca](mailto:mbeardy@nan.ca)

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# Nipissing First Nation Meeting

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June 18, 2024

Nipissing First Nation  
Northlander Engagement Meeting, June 28, 2024

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendees:**

Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach (Ontario Northland)  
Rebecca McGlynn, Chief Marketing & Communications Officer (Ontario Northland)  
Janie McLeod or MAYBE Lori, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator (Ontario Northland)  
Zack Lafleur, Economic Development Officer (Nipissing First Nation)  
Cameron Welch, Director of Lands, Natural Resources & Economic Development (Nipissing First Nation)

## **Overview of Feedback Received/2021 Engagement**

### **Overview of the Northlander Service**

#### Discussion

1. Connecting service – opportunities to connect community shuttle service to the Northlander
2. Job opportunities – interest in touring youth through the shops in north bay promoting careers in transportation
3. Tourism potential – working together to promote visiting NFN
4. Discussion around community needs – inquired about schedule and discussed members travelling for medical, business, and leisure.
5. Procurement opportunities – NFNs new partnership with construction co. Much economic development taking place. Rebecca to share information on where to find opportunities on ONTCs website and procurement policy.

# **Wabun Tribal Council/Matachewan First Nation Meeting**

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July 18, 2024

Meeting: Matachewan First Nation, Wabun Tribal Council  
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024  
Time: 2:00 – 3:30pm

Attendees: ~~CC~~ Charley Goheen, Economic Development & Technical Services Advisor,  
Wabun Tribal Council  
Cathy Yandeau, Matachewan First Nation, Lands & Resources  
Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail & Motor Coach  
Rebecca McGlynn, Chief Marketing & Communications Office  
Lori Salo, Indigenous Engagement Coordinator

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### Meeting Agenda

1. Opening Remarks & Introductions
  2. Overview of Feedback Received / 2021 Engagement
  3. Overview of the Northlander
    - Project Update, Timeline
    - Equipment, Amenities, Accessibility
    - Career Opportunities
  4. Timmins-Porcupine Station
    - Project Update, Timeline
  5. Open Discussion
  6. Closing Remarks
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### Meeting Notes

1. Cathy: Connecting Shuttle service
  - Community interested in shuttle service to KL to connect to Northlander and bus service
  - Tracy: can share information about funding is available to facilitate.
  - Cathy: Currently MFN shuttles are for medical use only, buses utilized for school.
  - Speaks to potential 'loop' with two (2) municipalities (Elk Lake, Town of Matchewan) and Matachewan First Nation. Highway 66. Loop bus and train service.
2. Cathy: Safety concerns at Kirkland Lake bus stop. Tracy: Speaks to feedback ONTC received from 2021 discussions, actions take to mitigate potential safety concerns including improved lighting, ticketing, HELP Line etc.
3. Rebecca: Overview of future Northlander, proposed route, timeline for operations.
  - Cathy: Question - will there be an upgrade of previous (old) rail track, or new. Rebecca: States there is work planned to upgrade existing track and signals along the Northlander route.

- Cathy noted when the train previously ran, there were concerns about animal kills on the track, Cathy: Asks if there are past reports, statistics?  
ACTION ITEM: ONTC follow up on stats at next meeting

4. [REDACTED]
5. Tracy: Speaks to primary needs for safe travel on the Northlander.
- Cathy: Agrees, emphasizes the strong need for safe shelter stops when arriving midnight – 5am.
- Tracy + Rebecca: Speak to safety features of proposed shelters (to hold 8-10 ppl, security cameras, Wi-Fi on train, communicate arrival times for PAX pick-ups), safety features on new train cars.
6. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
7. Rebecca: Speaks to Career Opportunity slide
- Cathy: Interested in future employment opportunities (all positions), as well as capacity development opportunities.
- ACTION ITEM 4: ONTC to share job postings with Matachewan First Nation on regular basis.
8. Rebecca: Speaks to the Timmins-Porcupine Station.
- No questions, comments, concerns raised.
9. [REDACTED]
10. Charley: Inquires what ONTC is doing for Duty to Consult and Indigenous Engagement. Identifies culvert repair, bridge repair, rail track building and maintenance.
11. Cathy: States all communication to go through the Matchewan First Nation Lands Department.
- Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2-4pm, MicroTel, Kirkland Lake
- Meeting Adjourned approximately 3:30 pm.

# **Wabun Tribal Council/Matachewan First Nation Meeting**

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October 23, 2024

**Meeting:** Matachewan First Nation, Wabun Tribal Council

**Date:** Wednesday, October 23, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Location:** Heritage North Events, 400 Government Rd. W, Kirkland Lake.

**Attendees:**  Charley Goheen, Economic Development & Technical Services Advisor, Wabun Tribal Council  
Cathy Yandeu, Matachewan First Nation, Lands & Resources  
Joshua Birimcombe, BOD Member, Matachewan First Nation Limited Partnership

Tracy McPhee, ON VP Passenger Rail and Motor Coach, Passenger Services

Rebecca McGlynn, ON Chief Marketing and Comms Officer

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**Agenda:** Opening Remarks & Introductions

Northlander

Project Updates, Timeline

Timmins-Porcupine Station

Project Updates, Timeline

July 18, 2024 Meeting

Key Issues, Action Items from Meeting Notes

Open Discussion

Closing Remarks, Next Meeting

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**Meeting:** Matachewan First Nation, Wabun Tribal Council and Ontario Northland Update

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**Agenda:** Opening Remarks & Introductions  
Northlander  
Action Items from the July Meeting  
Key Issues, Action Items from Meeting Notes  
Open Discussion  
Closing Remarks, Next Meeting

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#### Meeting Notes:

1. Opening remarks and introductions
2. Northlander Update
  - Rebecca delivered brief presentation on progress to date and information on the new Timmins-Porcupine Station
  - Cathy asks if there is any discussion about extending service beyond Cochrane. Rebecca responded that Ontario Northland is focused on launching the 15-stop service. Additional stop requests will require business cases.
3. Overview of Action items from July Meeting:
  - a. Impacts of freight traffic to animals - Steve addressed animal crossings on tracks. Any incidents where wildlife is involved are reported through rail traffic control. Joshua asks if MFN can be included in notifications/communication; helps keep Community informed on traditional food source on lands. He stated that this would be FYI only for the Community.

b.

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- c. [REDACTED]

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- a. Job postings – current jobs were shared. ONTC is finding it challenging to fill positions in Englehart. Cathy asks if a job fair can be scheduled in the future, in-community would be ideal. MFN interested in training initiatives and touring the Englehart site
- d. More info on Procurements - Charley asks if MFN and WTC can obtain copy of ONTC's Procurement Policy.

**Action 5: ONTC to provide MFN and WTC a copy of its Procurement Policy and set up Teams Meeting with MFN, WTC and ONTC Procurement Officer**

- b. [REDACTED]

- c. Cathy speaks to her focus on all environmental items, capacity development within MFN
- d. Michelle spoke to her role as Director, Integrated Network Planning, the need to explore, address gaps in transport ridership and/or service offerings. Summarizes 'first/last mile' initiative, service missing with existing transportation flow in motorcoach segment. Shares funding project, Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF). OTIF slide deck attached for information. Discussion on Elk Lake, Matachewan FN, New Liskeard, Kirkland Lake loop, shuttle potential. Further information to be shared on Elliot Lake program.

- e. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- f. Agreed next meeting Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Virtual.



# Matachewan First Nation WABUN Tribal Council



Ontario Northland

October 23, 2024  
Kirkland Lake, Ontario





# Land Acknowledgement

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- Ontario Northland would like to acknowledge the First Peoples on whose traditional territories we live and work.
- We recognize and appreciate the historic connection that Indigenous peoples have to these territories, are grateful for the opportunity to operate our business across these lands.
- Kirkland Lake is on the Robinson-Huron Treaty territory and the land is the traditional territory of Cree, Ojibway, and Algonquin Peoples, and home to Beaverhouse First Nation.

# Agenda

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- Opening Remarks
- Introductions
- The Northlander - Project Updates, Timeline, Timmins-Porcupine Station
- Previous Meeting: Recap of highlights and action items
- Open Discussion
- Closing Remarks, Next Meeting
- Adjourn

# Introductions

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- Charley Goheen, Economic Development & Technical Services Advisor

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# The Northlander

Project Updates, Timeline



# Project Update

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The team at Ontario Northland has been moving the project forward and the Northlander project is on track. Most notable progress to date includes:

- Manufacturing started and each month we see significant progress, the construction of the first car shells were completed in the summer and now integration of all electrical components is underway.
- 25% of the track has been upgraded (joint elimination) and a crossing assessment has begun.
- There is construction taking place at the Englehart Station, and soon it will begin at the Kirkland Lake stop and the North Bay station. This work involves improving platforms, parking areas, and pathways.
- The design of modern, accessible shelters is complete and they are now being manufactured. Once completed, Northlander passengers will enjoy shelters with ample lighting, heating, real-time train arrival updates, CCTV and Wi-Fi access.

# Project Update

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- Construction is in progress in North Bay to install new track to go around the North Bay freight rail yard. This work will be completed in November and the upgrade will improve safety and reducing transit time for our future passengers.
- Hiring has begun! New conductors and locomotive engineers are in training. A food manager, training specialist, IT support staff, and others have recently joined the Northlander team.
- 8 procurements complete.



# Timmins-Porcupine Station – 90% design not final – do not share

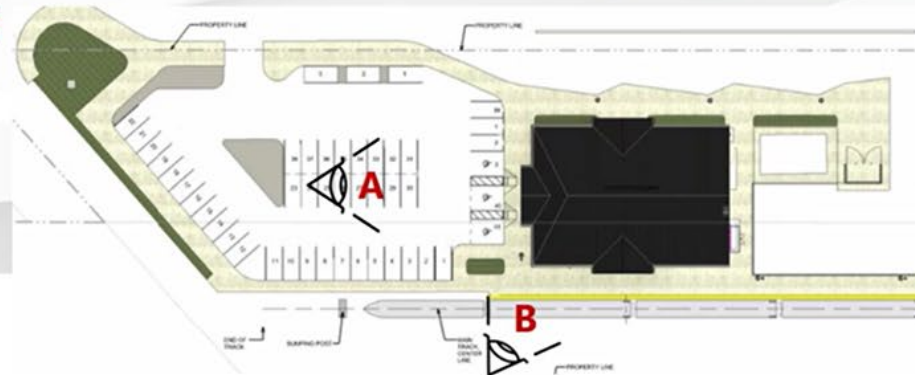
## EXTERIOR VIEWS



**A - MAIN ENTRANCE**



**B - SOUTH VIEW**



Corporate Overview



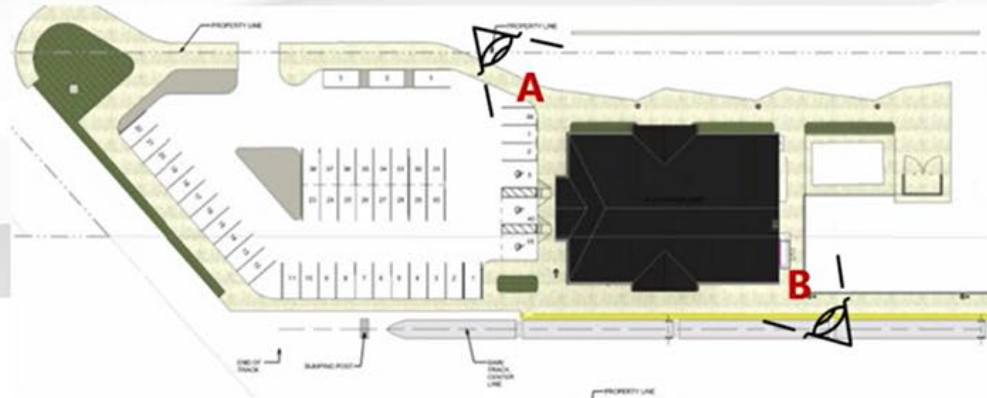
# Timmins-Porcupine Station



**A – FROM FALCON STREET**



**B – EAST VIEW**



Corporate Overview



# Timmins-Porcupine Station

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# Previous Meeting Overview and Action Items

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Last meeting in Timmins – Introductions, Northlander overview, Bus connections, Incidents Larder Lake, and rail operations.

Action items:

1. Impacts of freight traffic to animals
2. ONTC process for notifications of derailments/incidents
3. Inquiry about ONTC use of herbicide spray
4. Job postings
5. More info on Procurements



# Freight

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- Ontario Northland moves 40,000+ rail cars each year
- When weather conditions are poor – like heavy snow – we see animals come on to the track. We try to avoid any collisions due to safety, equipment maintenance and passenger experience.

# Incident Protocols - Communications

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- Ontario Northland follows protocol for minor and major incidents.
  - Rail Traffic Control - emergency response
  - Communications Dept – government, updates to stakeholders
  - Rail Operations On site – contractors, officials, crews

# Environmental

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- Overview of Environmental team
- Core responsibilities include Environmental Compliance & Due Diligence, GIS Mapping and Sustainability.
- Works with MECP, consultants, and many different groups.



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# Employment

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## Job Postings

Truck and Coach Technician (2) (Replacements)

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Spare Express Freight Services Worker (Replacement)

**Location:** Cochrane, ON

Program Assistant

**Location:** Englehart, ON

Manager, Business Planning and Intelligence

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Health & Safety Specialist

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Electrician

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Motor Coach Operator

**Location:** Thunder Bay, ON

Manager, Electrical

**Location:** Cochrane, ON

Law Clerk, Real Estate

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Asset Management Specialist (2-year contract)

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Production Worker

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Lead, Business Intelligence (18 Month Contract)

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Motor Coach Operator - Sault Ste. Marie

**Location:** Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Pipefitters/Plumbers

**Location:** North Bay, ON

Motor Coach Operator - North Bay

**Location:** North Bay, ON

# Careers

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- 16% of Ontario Northland's work force has been with the agency for under a year
- Agency is in a period of growth and expansion
- Weekly job emails now being distributed
- 50+ apprentices
- Englehart maintenance centre

# Procurement

 <https://ontarionorthland.ca/en/company/doing-business-ontc>    

Ontario Northland (ONTC) is committed to acquiring goods and services through procurement processes that are fair, open, and transparent while ensuring that procurements are geographically neutral and accessible to all qualified vendors. With a focus on moving forward and a goal to be a valued leader in transportation for the next 100 years, Ontario Northland is continuously improving its procurement strategies and processes, applying purchasing best practices.

Current vendors looking for assistance can reach out to [vendorservices@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:vendorservices@ontarionorthland.ca).

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## North Bay Wheelhouse Foundations for New Manual and Automatic Axle Lathes

**REFERENCE #:** RFP 2024 047  
**POSTING DATE:** OCTOBER 15, 2024  
**CLOSING DATE:** NOVEMBER 15, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

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## Engineering and Design Services for Englehart Station Generator

**REFERENCE #:** RFP 2024 056  
**POSTING DATE:** OCTOBER 11, 2024  
**CLOSING DATE:** OCTOBER 30, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

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## Purchase of One Set of Four (4) 50-Ton Portable Electric Screw Jacks

**REFERENCE #:** RFQ 2024 055  
**POSTING DATE:** OCTOBER 1, 2024  
**CLOSING DATE:** OCTOBER 21, 2024 AT 2:00 PM

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# Procurement

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- Ontario Northland procurement policy updated in 2023 with a section on Indigenous Procurement.
- “Ontario Northland is committed to advancing reconciliation by building a renewed relationship with Indigenous peoples, based on respect, partnerships and recognition of treaty and Indigenous rights. This section of Ontario Northland’s Procurement Policy is designed to increase opportunities for Indigenous businesses to do business with Ontario Northland, in order to support Indigenous economic and business development.”
- Ontario Northland can apply Indigenous procurement preferences to appropriate procurements by using three Indigenous procurement methods:(a) Set Asides Set Asides are procurements for goods and services that are only open to Indigenous businesses.
- Non-competitive procurement processes “where the Procurement is in support of Aboriginal peoples,” subject to appropriate procurement approvals. The Allowable Exception may be used for a procurement of any value and duration, subject to appropriate procurement approvals.(b) Indigenous Participation (c) Preferential Criteria in Procurement Evaluations

# Open Discussion

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## Open Floor for Other Issues

- Wabun Tribal Council
- Matachewan First Nation
- Ontario Northland

# Closing Remarks

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- Review action items
- Next steps
- Next meeting?

# Indigenous Transportation Roundtable

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November 13, 2024

# Indigenous Transportation Roundtable

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**Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 10am – 2pm**

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Best Western Premier Hotel, Timmins

## Meeting Summary

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### Attendees:

Elder Lucie Iserhoff  
Deputy Grand Chief Natasha Martin  
Vern Cheechoo, CEO  
Chief Peter Wesley  
Deputy Chief Warren Hardisty  
Deputy Chief Wayne Lazarus  
Claudius Koosees Sr., Councilor  
Chief Allan Jolly  
Deputy Chief Kelley Kitchicappo  
Mayor Wayne Taipale  
Benjamin Rose, Director of Housing  
Georgette Kataquapit, Office Admin.

Ojibway and Cree Cultural Centre  
Mushkegowuk Council  
Mushkegowuk Council  
Moose Cree First Nation  
Moose Cree First Nation  
Kashechewan First Nation  
Kashechewan First Nation  
MoCreebec Eeyoud  
MoCreebec Eeyoud  
Town of Moosonee  
Attawapiskat First Nation  
Attawapiskat First Nation

Chad Evans  
Alan Spacek  
Fred Gibbons  
Tracy MacPhee  
Rebecca McGlynn  
Steve Loranger  
Paul-Andre Lajeunesse  
Eric Rochon  
Erin Hillis  
Lori Salo  
Victoria Vaag  
Krista Messenger

CEO, Ontario Northland (ONTC)  
Board Chair, ONTC  
Board Member, ONTC  
VP Passenger Rail and Motor Coach, ONTC  
Chief Marketing Officer, ONTC  
Director Transportation, ONTC  
Director of Rail Infrastructure, ONTC  
Manager Polar Bear Express Passenger Services  
Manager, Realty Services, ONTC  
Indigenous Engagement, ONTC  
Executive Assistant to CEO, ONTC  
Corporate Governance Specialist, ONTC



## Meeting Minutes

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### Introductory Remarks

- An opening prayer was provided by Elder [REDACTED].
- Chair Spacek provided a Land Acknowledgement.
- CEO Evans welcomed all participants to the meeting. The purpose of the event is to understand how Ontario Northland can better serve Indigenous communities on the James Bay Coast. It is understood that communities have unique histories and challenges which are valuable for Ontario Northland to understand and learn from.
- Roundtable introductions for all participants.

### Polar Bear Express Schedule Update

- Update provided by Tracy MacPhee, VP of Passenger Rail and Motor Coach Operations.
- Update provided regarding feedback- note that Transport Canada (TC) has accepted a plan in place to manage crew fatigue, and so therefore no changes to the current Polar Bear Express schedule is required.
- This update was very well received, with thanks expressed for Ontario Northland's engagement efforts.
- Steve Loranger provided more details on the impact on the crew. Passengers should expect more frequent crew rotations to satisfy TC conditions.
- Mushkegowuk Council noted there was a resolution passed at their General Assembly asking for the current schedule to be maintained and that additional service should be considered. Tracy noted she would be pleased to receive this and add it into the business case for additional service.

For Action: Lori Salo to follow up with Vern Cheechoo to request a digital copy of the letter and share it with Tracy MacPhee. Completed.

- Mayor Wayne stressed that it is critical for communities to advocate directly with the federal and provincial government.

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### Northlander Update

- Update provided by CEO on the progress of the project.
- Manufacturing of the equipment and construction at the stops has begun.

- The first trainset is expected to be received in 2026 followed by a testing and commissioning phase. Communities can expect to see the train equipment being tested prior to service launch.
- In terms of ticket pricing, Ontario Northland is committed to ensuring the service is affordable. A fare strategy is currently being worked on.
- The route includes 16 stops from Union Station in Toronto to Timmins with a rail connection to Cochrane. Stops include Langstaff and Gormley which provide GO Transit connections.
- A proposed schedule was included in the Updated Initial Business Plan available at <https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>. The current draft schedule sees an overnight departure from Timmins to arrive in Union station by 11:00 AM. Northbound service will leave Toronto between 6:30 PM.
- Track upgrades along the corridor are being done to improve passenger experience. Ontario Northland is also conducting crossing assessments for the operation of a passenger train along this route.
- The agency is expecting to hire approximately 70 staff for the Northlander. Hiring is underway.
- Update provided on the new Timmins-Porcupine (TP) Station. The group reviewed the renderings. Accessibility and safety are paramount to the interior design. Review of the two-staged building plan and the interim plans for temporary shelter once service starts.
- A question was raised about sleeping quarters on the train. Note that the priority has been placed on starting the service and Ontario Northland will continue to engage with the customers about future options once the service is launched.
- The question was asked about loyalty programs. Ontario Northland is exploring options for a loyalty program to provide incentives and rewards for passengers

### **Rail update and other items**

# Wabun Tribal Council/Matachewan First Nation Meeting

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January 29, 2025

**Meeting:** Matachewan First Nation, Wabun Tribal Council and Ontario Northland Update  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Location:** Virtual

**Attendees:** Charley Goheen, Ec Development & Technical Services Advisor, Wabun Tribal Council  
Cathy Yandea, Matachewan First Nation, Lands & Resources  
Joshua Birimcombe, BOD Member, Matachewan First Nation Limited Partnership  
Tracy MacPhee, ON Vice President Passenger Rail and Motor Coach  
Rebecca McGlynn, ON Chief Marketing and Comms Officer  
Joe Viscek, ON Sr. Manager, Earth and Environment-Infrastructure  
Erin Hills, ON Manager, Realty Services, Legal  
Lori Salo, ON Indigenous Engagement

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**Agenda:** Opening Remarks & Introductions  
Overview of Action Items from October Meeting  
Northlander Update  
Open Discussion  
Closing Remarks, Next Meeting

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#### Meeting Notes:

1. Opening remarks and introductions
2. Overview of Action items from October Meeting:
  - a. Rebecca confirms ONTC added MFN Lands & Resources Director (Cathy Yandea) and Director (Joshua Birimcombe) to Ontario Northland's stakeholder list.
  - b. MFN advises the action item is not yet complete, will follow-up internally, provide ONTC a copy of incident protocol/agreement with mines.

c. [REDACTED]  
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- d. Joe shares images of GIS maps (Active Rail Network) relevant to MFN's geographical region. MFN states the maps would be valuable for internal tracking purposes.

**Action 2: ONTC to provide MFN with a copy of relevant GIS Maps**

- e. Rebecca shares current procurement opportunities as posted online, ONTC will arrange meeting with MFN, WTC and ON Procurement Officer, explore sole source policies for Indigenous suppliers.

**Action 3: ONTC to set up Teams Meeting with MFN, WTC and ONTC Procurement**

**Officer**

- f. Charley states she continues to follow-up internally and will provide ONTC with a draft MOU for review, mark up, comments.

**Action 4: WTC provide a draft MOU between MFN, WTC and ONTC for review and consideration.**

3. Northlander Update:

- g. Rebecca and Tracy provide an update on progress to date including ongoing operational planning for motorcoach connections, consistent service delivery policy development, and manufacturing status of train sets.

4. Open Discussion:

- h. MFN reconfirms interest in touring Englehart Station.
- i. Rebecca states entry level track laborers to be hired in coming months. Cathy requests ON HR contact person, expresses desire for an in-community information session, ideally end spring (end of school year).

- j. [REDACTED]

5. Closing Remarks, Next Meeting:

Agreed communication to be via email as action items move forward. Date of next scheduled meeting tbd.