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# Indigenous Communities & Organizations

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Dear Chief Batisse and Council:

I am writing to you about the transit and rail project assessment process regulation for the proposed Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine Station (project).

Ontario Northland (the proponent) is proposing to build a new station in the City of Timmins that will operate as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Service. The first step in the project assessment process under the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process regulation (Ontario Regulation 231/08) is for the proponent to develop a preliminary Indigenous community list and confirm this list with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry).

Consultation with potentially affected or interested Indigenous communities is required during the project assessment process. Based on Ontario’s current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the project assessment process (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent).

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the project assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process led by the proponent. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns about the process.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don’t hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Krystal Perepeluk from Ontario Northland at [Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca).

Sincerely,

**Wai Hadlari | Project Officer** ([hear name](#))

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## **Re: Project Assessment Process – Identifying Indigenous Communities**

Dear Krystal Perepeluk:

Thank you for sharing a draft Environmental Project Report for the Northland Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine station (project) on April 12, 2024, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) for review.

As you are aware, the Government of Ontario (the "Crown") has a constitutional duty to consult Indigenous communities when Crown project approvals could lead to an adverse impact on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights. The Crown may use existing regulatory processes as a vehicle for fulfilling its constitutional duty, including a project assessment process under the [Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process \(Ontario Regulation 231/08\)](#) (Transit and Rail Regulation).

The Crown has a duty to consult Indigenous communities when it knows about established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights and contemplates decisions or actions that could adversely affect them. **The ministry is delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to you through this letter.**

As the proponent of the project, Ontario Northland is in the best position to lead the consultation process on behalf of the Crown with the ministry collaborating with the Ontario Northland during the project assessment process. Please contact the ministry if an Indigenous community identifies a potential negative impact on an existing constitutionally protected Indigenous or treaty right.

List of Communities to Consult

Based on the information you have provided, the Crown's preliminary assessment of Indigenous community rights, potential project impacts, and the communities identified, the ministry would ask that the following communities be included in the consultation process:

- Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
- Matachewan First Nation
- Mattagami First Nation
- MNO Region 3 - Abitibi/Temiskamingue and James Bay
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation

### Consultation Activities

Steps that you may need to take in relation to Indigenous consultation for your project are outlined in the ministry's *Guide to Ontario's Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process* (attached) and *Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process* which can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/consultation-ontarios-environmental-assessment-process>.

The ministry relies on consultation conducted by proponents when it assesses the Crown's obligations and directs proponents during the regulatory process. The proponent's responsibilities for procedural aspects of consultation include:

- Providing Indigenous communities with information about the proposed project including anticipated impacts, and information on timelines;
- Following up with Indigenous communities to ensure they received project information and that they are aware of the opportunity to express comments and concerns about the project;
- Gathering information about how the project could adversely impact the relevant Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights (e.g., hunting, fishing) or sites of cultural significance (e.g., burial grounds, archaeological sites);
- Considering the comments and concerns provided by Indigenous communities and providing responses;
- Where appropriate, discussing potential mitigation strategies with Indigenous communities;
- Where appropriate, bearing the reasonable costs associated with these consultation opportunities; and,
- Maintaining a Consultation Record and providing copies to the ministry.

### Notice of Commencement

The ministry is pleased that you intend to follow the project assessment process as per the Transit and Rail Regulation for the project. Please be advised that when you initiate

the project assessment process, a Notice of Commencement should be sent to Kathleen O'Neill, Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EAB) and the Project Officer, as well as to the Indigenous communities identified above. Prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement, proponents are encouraged to contact EAB and other government agencies to determine their level of interest in the project.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at (416) 786-4944 or by email [wai.hadlari@ontario.ca](mailto:wai.hadlari@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wai Hadlari', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wai Hadlari  
Project Officer  
Environmental Assessment Branch

Attachment

c: Cindy Batista, Transit Coordinator/Special Project Officer, EAB  
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Good Afternoon,

The new Timmins-Porcupine Station (the Project) is being planned as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Rail service and will be located along the existing rail corridor, within the City of Timmins, just west of Bob's Lake (refer to key map within the **attached Notice**). Station elements will include: train platform, station building, outdoor parking, pedestrian walkway, bus bays, a taxi stand, designated passenger pick-up and drop-off area, and a municipal bus stop. The study area also includes reserved land that may be required for a future bus storage and maintenance facility; this future facility will require an impact assessment and consultation.

As a follow up to the circulation of the Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) on April 9, 2024 and subsequent Notice of Commencement circulated on May 30, 2024 (re-attached here for reference), we are reaching out to confirm that you have no outstanding comments or interests related to the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project/TRPAP. We also kindly request any information you may provide related to any existing aboriginal or treaty rights that may be negatively impacted by project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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# Notice of Commencement of Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process & Public Information Centre Timmins-Porcupine Station

Ontario Northland is an agency of the Province of Ontario responsible for providing efficient, safe, and reliable transportation services in Northern Ontario. Ontario Northland is reinstating passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Northeastern Ontario, which includes a new station in the City of Timmins. The passenger train service, also known as the Northlander, will fundamentally shift how people move across the province, creating a more connected, integrated transportation network.

## The Project

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For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>

## The Process

The environmental impacts associated with the Project are being assessed according to the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP), as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*). As part of the TRPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared for the project. If you would like to be added to our project mailing list, submit a comment or question, or receive additional information related to the project, please contact us at [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

## Your Opportunity to Have Your Say

Building on the first Public Information Centre held on March 14, 2024, we invite you to participate in the second Public Meeting, to be held on June 19, 2024. During this round of consultation, Ontario Northland will present the findings of the draft technical and environmental studies undertaken to date for the new Timmins-Porcupine Station. Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous Communities and Organizations, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend in order to learn more and to provide feedback to the project team.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024

**Location:** Northern College

**Time:** Drop in between 11AM - 2PM or 4PM - 7PM

**Address:** 4715 Highway 101 East, South Porcupine

Comments and information regarding the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca) or [MECP Freedom of Information Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434](#).

**This Notice was first issued on May 30, 2024.**



# Avis de lancement de la procédure d'évaluation des projets ferroviaires et de transport en commun et du Centre d'information du public

## Gare de Timmins-Porcupine

Ontario Northland est un organisme de la province de l'Ontario chargé de fournir des services de transport efficaces, sûrs et fiables dans le nord de l'Ontario. Ontario Northland rétablit le transport ferroviaire de passagers entre Toronto (gare Union) et le Nord-Est de l'Ontario, qui comprend une nouvelle gare dans la ville de Timmins. Le service de train de passagers, aussi connu sous le nom de « Northlander », changera fondamentalement la façon dont les gens se déplacent dans la province, en créant un réseau de transport plus connecté et mieux intégré.

### Le projet

Une nouvelle gare Timmins-Porcupine (le projet) est prévue dans le cadre du rétablissement du service de train de passagers Northlander. Elle sera située le long du corridor ferroviaire existant, dans la ville de Timmins, juste à l'ouest du lac de Bob. Les éléments de la gare comprendront : le quai de gare, le bâtiment de la gare, le stationnement extérieur, la voie piétonne, les baies d'autobus, un poste de taxis, une zone désignée pour l'embarquement et le débarquement des passagers, et un arrêt d'autobus municipal. La zone d'étude comprend un terrain réservé qui pourrait être nécessaire pour une future installation d'entreposage et d'entretien des autobus. Cette future installation devra faire l'objet d'une étude d'impact et d'une consultation.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter le site : <https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>

### Le processus

Les impacts environnementaux associés au projet sont évalués conformément au Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (processus d'évaluation des projets de transport en commun et de transport ferroviaire) (TRPAP), comme le prescrit le *Règlement de l'Ontario 231/08* (anglais seulement) (pris en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*). Dans le cadre du TRPAP, un rapport environnemental de projet (EPR) est en cours de préparation pour le projet. Si vous souhaitez être ajouté à la liste de diffusion de notre projet, soumettre un commentaire ou une question, ou recevoir des renseignements supplémentaires concernant le projet, veuillez communiquer avec nous au : [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

### L'occasion de vous exprimer

En misant sur notre premier centre d'information publique qui a eu lieu le 14 mars 2024, nous vous invitons à participer à la deuxième réunion publique, qui aura lieu le 19 juin 2024. Au cours de cette ronde de consultations, Ontario Northland présentera les conclusions des études techniques et environnementales préliminaires réalisées à ce jour pour la nouvelle gare de Timmins-Porcupine. Les membres du public, les organismes gouvernementaux, les communautés et organisations autochtones et les autres parties intéressées sont invités à y participer afin de se renseigner et de faire part de leurs commentaires à l'équipe du projet.

**Date :** Le mercredi 19 juin 2024

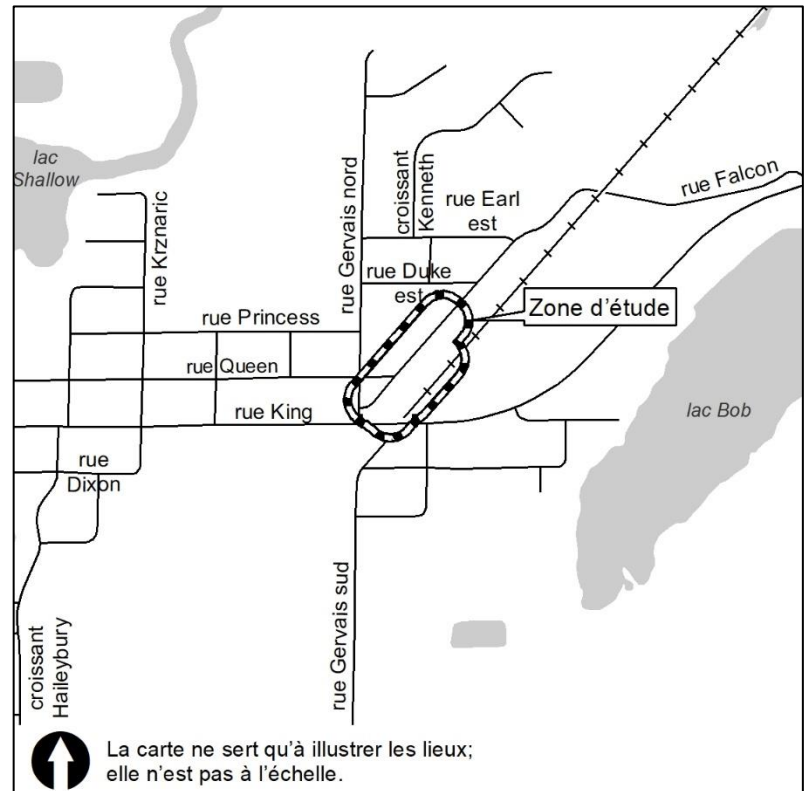
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Les commentaires et les renseignements concernant le projet de la Gare de Timmins-Porcupine sont recueillis afin de répondre aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'évaluation environnementale*. Tous les renseignements personnels inclus dans une observation – comme le nom, l'adresse, le numéro de téléphone et l'emplacement de la propriété – sont recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPP) à des fins de transparence et de consultation. Les renseignements sont recueillis en vertu de la *Loi sur l'évaluation environnementale* ou sont collectés et conservés dans le but de constituer un document accessible au grand public, conformément à l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Les renseignements personnels que vous soumettez feront partie d'un document accessible au grand public, à moins que vous ne demandiez que vos renseignements personnels demeurent confidentiels. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca) ou le [coordonnateur de l'accès à l'information et de la protection de la vie privée du MEPP](mailto:coordonnateur.de.l'accès.a.l'information.et.de.la.protection.de.la.vie.privée@mepp.ca) au 416 327-1434.

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I am writing to you about the transit and rail project assessment process regulation for the proposed Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine Station (project).

Ontario Northland (the proponent) is proposing to build a new station in the City of Timmins that will operate as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Service. The first step in the project assessment process under the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process regulation (Ontario Regulation 231/08) is for the proponent to develop a preliminary Indigenous community list and confirm this list with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry).

Consultation with potentially affected or interested Indigenous communities is required during the project assessment process. Based on Ontario's current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the project assessment process (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent).

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the project assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process led by the proponent. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns about the process.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don't hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Krystal Perepeluk from Ontario Northland at [Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca).

Sincerely,

**Wai Hadlari | Project Officer** ([hear name](#))

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## **Re: Project Assessment Process – Identifying Indigenous Communities**

Dear Krystal Perepeluk:

Thank you for sharing a draft Environmental Project Report for the Northland Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine station (project) on April 12, 2024, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) for review.

As you are aware, the Government of Ontario (the "Crown") has a constitutional duty to consult Indigenous communities when Crown project approvals could lead to an adverse impact on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights. The Crown may use existing regulatory processes as a vehicle for fulfilling its constitutional duty, including a project assessment process under the [Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process \(Ontario Regulation 231/08\)](#) (Transit and Rail Regulation).

The Crown has a duty to consult Indigenous communities when it knows about established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights and contemplates decisions or actions that could adversely affect them. **The ministry is delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to you through this letter.**

As the proponent of the project, Ontario Northland is in the best position to lead the consultation process on behalf of the Crown with the ministry collaborating with the Ontario Northland during the project assessment process. Please contact the ministry if an Indigenous community identifies a potential negative impact on an existing constitutionally protected Indigenous or treaty right.

[List of Communities to Consult](#)

Based on the information you have provided, the Crown's preliminary assessment of Indigenous community rights, potential project impacts, and the communities identified, the ministry would ask that the following communities be included in the consultation process:

- Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
- Matachewan First Nation
- Mattagami First Nation
- MNO Region 3 - Abitibi/Temiskamingue and James Bay
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation

### Consultation Activities

Steps that you may need to take in relation to Indigenous consultation for your project are outlined in the ministry's *Guide to Ontario's Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process* (attached) and *Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process* which can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/consultation-ontarios-environmental-assessment-process>.

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- Following up with Indigenous communities to ensure they received project information and that they are aware of the opportunity to express comments and concerns about the project;
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- Considering the comments and concerns provided by Indigenous communities and providing responses;
- Where appropriate, discussing potential mitigation strategies with Indigenous communities;
- Where appropriate, bearing the reasonable costs associated with these consultation opportunities; and,
- Maintaining a Consultation Record and providing copies to the ministry.

### Notice of Commencement

The ministry is pleased that you intend to follow the project assessment process as per the Transit and Rail Regulation for the project. Please be advised that when you initiate

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Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at (416) 786-4944 or by email [wai.hadlari@ontario.ca](mailto:wai.hadlari@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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Wai Hadlari  
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Attachment

c: Cindy Batista, Transit Coordinator/Special Project Officer, EAB  
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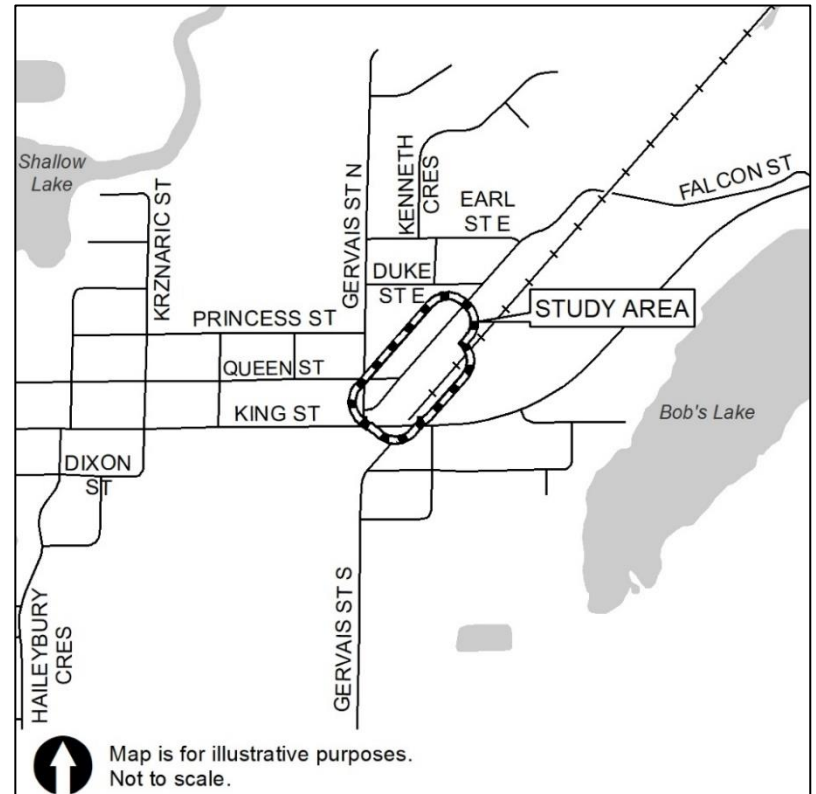
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Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter le site : <https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>

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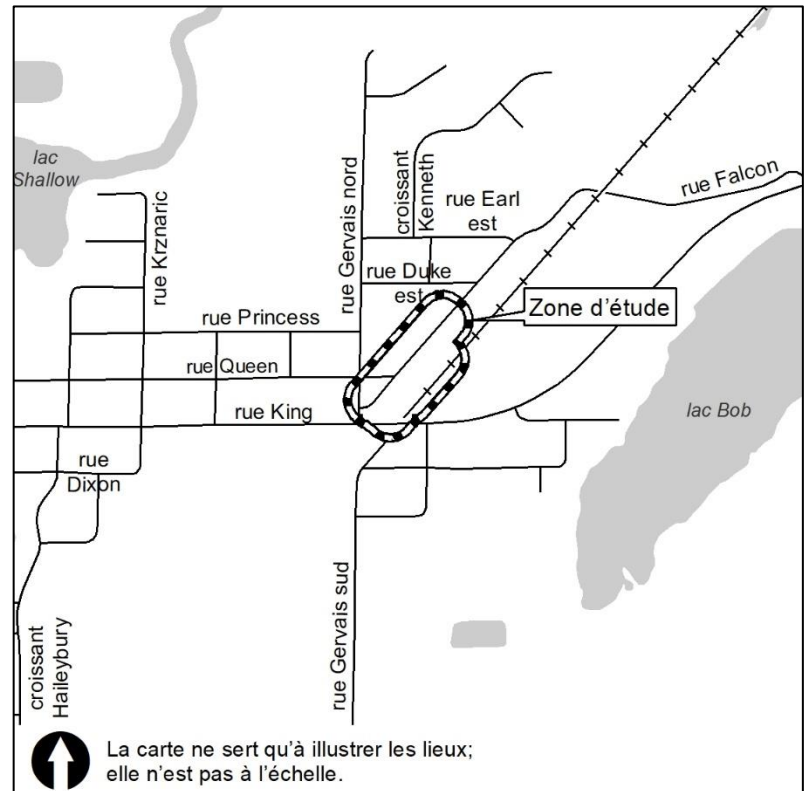
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Les commentaires et les renseignements concernant le projet de la Gare de Timmins-Porcupine sont recueillis afin de répondre aux exigences de la *Loi sur l'évaluation environnementale*. Tous les renseignements personnels inclus dans une observation – comme le nom, l'adresse, le numéro de téléphone et l'emplacement de la propriété – sont recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPP) à des fins de transparence et de consultation. Les renseignements sont recueillis en vertu de la *Loi sur l'évaluation environnementale* ou sont collectés et conservés dans le but de constituer un document accessible au grand public, conformément à l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Les renseignements personnels que vous soumettez feront partie d'un document accessible au grand public, à moins que vous ne demandiez que vos renseignements personnels demeurent confidentiels. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca) ou le [coordonnateur de l'accès à l'information et de la protection de la vie privée du MEPP](https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/privacy-policy) au 416 327-1434.

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Good afternoon,

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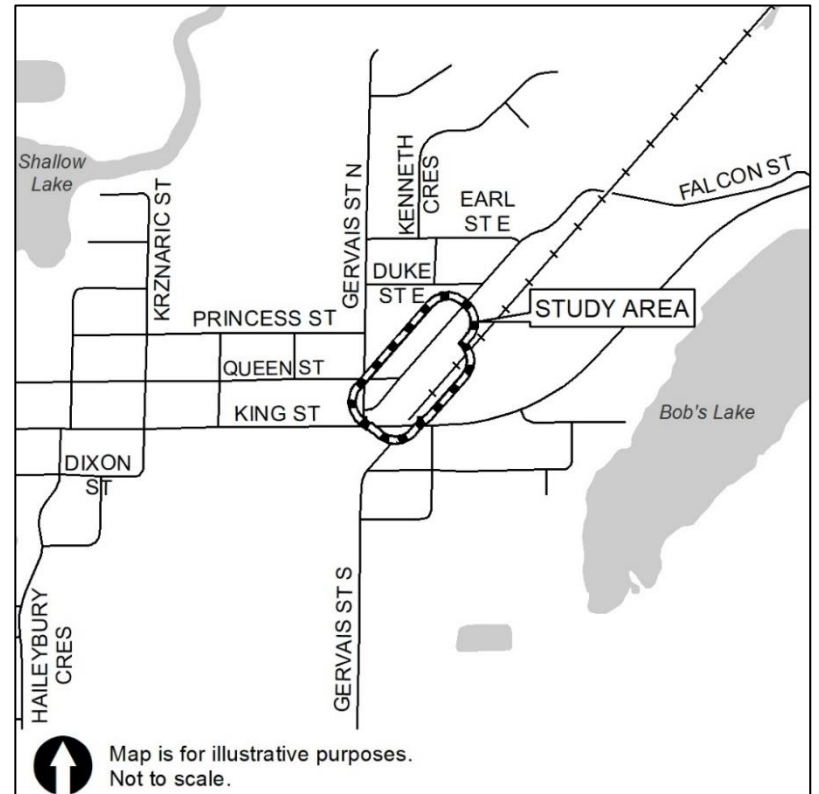
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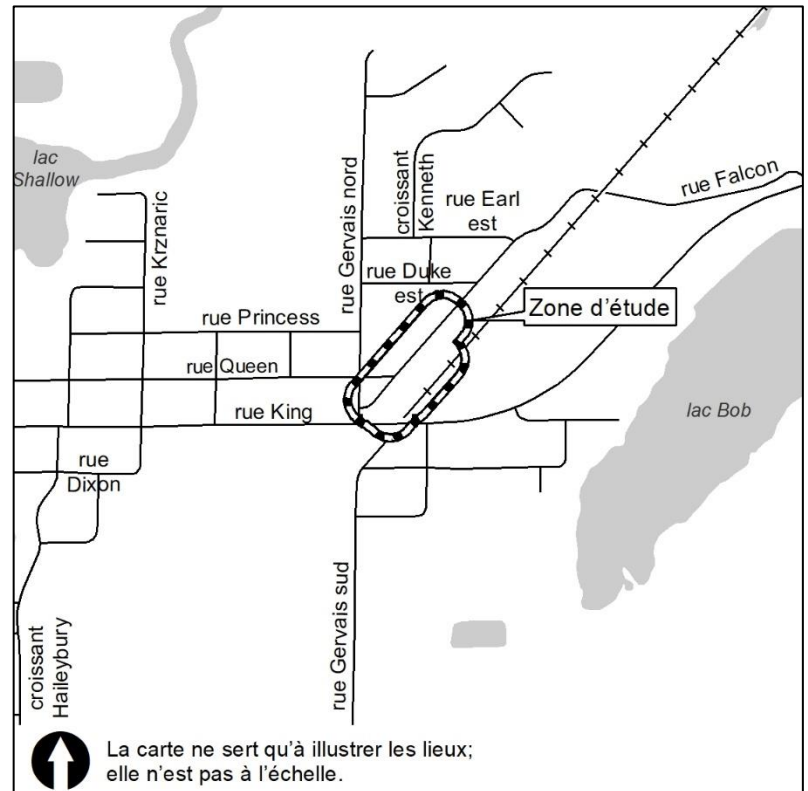
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Sincerely,

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## **Re: Project Assessment Process – Identifying Indigenous Communities**

Dear Krystal Perepeluk:

Thank you for sharing a draft Environmental Project Report for the Northland Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine station (project) on April 12, 2024, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) for review.

As you are aware, the Government of Ontario (the "Crown") has a constitutional duty to consult Indigenous communities when Crown project approvals could lead to an adverse impact on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights. The Crown may use existing regulatory processes as a vehicle for fulfilling its constitutional duty, including a project assessment process under the [Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process \(Ontario Regulation 231/08\)](#) (Transit and Rail Regulation).

The Crown has a duty to consult Indigenous communities when it knows about established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights and contemplates decisions or actions that could adversely affect them. **The ministry is delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to you through this letter.**

As the proponent of the project, Ontario Northland is in the best position to lead the consultation process on behalf of the Crown with the ministry collaborating with the Ontario Northland during the project assessment process. Please contact the ministry if an Indigenous community identifies a potential negative impact on an existing constitutionally protected Indigenous or treaty right.

List of Communities to Consult



Based on the information you have provided, the Crown's preliminary assessment of Indigenous community rights, potential project impacts, and the communities identified, the ministry would ask that the following communities be included in the consultation process:

- Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
- Matachewan First Nation
- Mattagami First Nation
- MNO Region 3 - Abitibi/Temiskamingue and James Bay
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation

### Consultation Activities

Steps that you may need to take in relation to Indigenous consultation for your project are outlined in the ministry's *Guide to Ontario's Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process* (attached) and *Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process* which can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/consultation-ontarios-environmental-assessment-process>.

The ministry relies on consultation conducted by proponents when it assesses the Crown's obligations and directs proponents during the regulatory process. The proponent's responsibilities for procedural aspects of consultation include:

- Providing Indigenous communities with information about the proposed project including anticipated impacts, and information on timelines;
- Following up with Indigenous communities to ensure they received project information and that they are aware of the opportunity to express comments and concerns about the project;
- Gathering information about how the project could adversely impact the relevant Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights (e.g., hunting, fishing) or sites of cultural significance (e.g., burial grounds, archaeological sites);
- Considering the comments and concerns provided by Indigenous communities and providing responses;
- Where appropriate, discussing potential mitigation strategies with Indigenous communities;
- Where appropriate, bearing the reasonable costs associated with these consultation opportunities; and,
- Maintaining a Consultation Record and providing copies to the ministry.

### Notice of Commencement

The ministry is pleased that you intend to follow the project assessment process as per the Transit and Rail Regulation for the project. Please be advised that when you initiate

the project assessment process, a Notice of Commencement should be sent to Kathleen O'Neill, Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EAB) and the Project Officer, as well as to the Indigenous communities identified above. Prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement, proponents are encouraged to contact EAB and other government agencies to determine their level of interest in the project.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at (416) 786-4944 or by email [wai.hadlari@ontario.ca](mailto:wai.hadlari@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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The new Timmins-Porcupine Station (the Project) is being planned as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Rail service and will be located along the existing rail corridor, within the City of Timmins, just west of Bob's Lake (refer to key map within the **attached Notice**). Station elements will include: train platform, station building, outdoor parking, pedestrian walkway, bus bays, a taxi stand, designated passenger pick-up and drop-off area, and a municipal bus stop. The study area also includes reserved land that may be required for a future bus storage and maintenance facility; this future facility will require an impact assessment and consultation.

As a follow up to the circulation of the Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) on April 9, 2024 and subsequent Notice of Commencement circulated on May 30, 2024 (re-attached here for reference), we are reaching out to confirm that you have no outstanding comments or interests related to the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project/TRPAP. We also kindly request any information you may provide related to any existing aboriginal or treaty rights that may be negatively impacted by project.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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# Notice of Commencement of Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process & Public Information Centre Timmins-Porcupine Station

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The environmental impacts associated with the Project are being assessed according to the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP), as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*). As part of the TRPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared for the project. If you would like to be added to our project mailing list, submit a comment or question, or receive additional information related to the project, please contact us at [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

## Your Opportunity to Have Your Say

Building on the first Public Information Centre held on March 14, 2024, we invite you to participate in the second Public Meeting, to be held on June 19, 2024. During this round of consultation, Ontario Northland will present the findings of the draft technical and environmental studies undertaken to date for the new Timmins-Porcupine Station. Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous Communities and Organizations, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend in order to learn more and to provide feedback to the project team.

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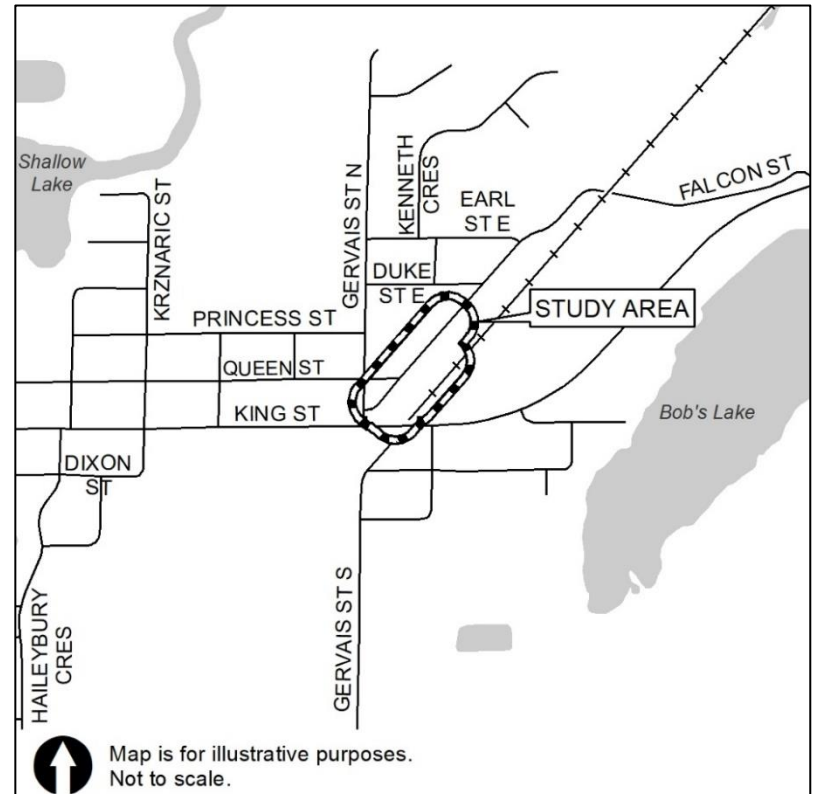
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# Avis de lancement de la procédure d'évaluation des projets ferroviaires et de transport en commun et du Centre d'information du public

## Gare de Timmins-Porcupine

Ontario Northland est un organisme de la province de l'Ontario chargé de fournir des services de transport efficaces, sûrs et fiables dans le nord de l'Ontario. Ontario Northland rétablit le transport ferroviaire de passagers entre Toronto (gare Union) et le Nord-Est de l'Ontario, qui comprend une nouvelle gare dans la ville de Timmins. Le service de train de passagers, aussi connu sous le nom de « Northlander », changera fondamentalement la façon dont les gens se déplacent dans la province, en créant un réseau de transport plus connecté et mieux intégré.

### Le projet

Une nouvelle gare Timmins-Porcupine (le projet) est prévue dans le cadre du rétablissement du service de train de passagers Northlander. Elle sera située le long du corridor ferroviaire existant, dans la ville de Timmins, juste à l'ouest du lac de Bob. Les éléments de la gare comprendront : le quai de gare, le bâtiment de la gare, le stationnement extérieur, la voie piétonne, les baies d'autobus, un poste de taxis, une zone désignée pour l'embarquement et le débarquement des passagers, et un arrêt d'autobus municipal. La zone d'étude comprend un terrain réservé qui pourrait être nécessaire pour une future installation d'entreposage et d'entretien des autobus. Cette future installation devra faire l'objet d'une étude d'impact et d'une consultation.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter le site : <https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>

### Le processus

Les impacts environnementaux associés au projet sont évalués conformément au Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (processus d'évaluation des projets de transport en commun et de transport ferroviaire) (TRPAP), comme le prescrit le *Règlement de l'Ontario 231/08* (anglais seulement) (pris en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*). Dans le cadre du TRPAP, un rapport environnemental de projet (EPR) est en cours de préparation pour le projet. Si vous souhaitez être ajouté à la liste de diffusion de notre projet, soumettre un commentaire ou une question, ou recevoir des renseignements supplémentaires concernant le projet, veuillez communiquer avec nous au : [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

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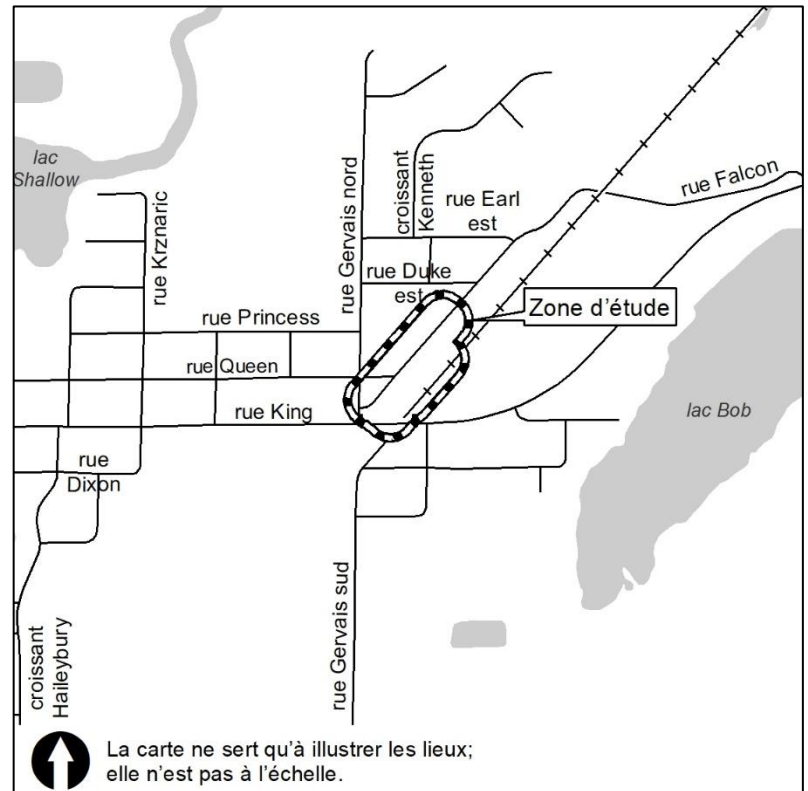
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**SENT VIA EMAIL:** [Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca)

## **Re: Project Assessment Process – Identifying Indigenous Communities**

Dear Krystal Perepeluk:

Thank you for sharing a draft Environmental Project Report for the Northland Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine station (project) on April 12, 2024, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) for review.

As you are aware, the Government of Ontario (the "Crown") has a constitutional duty to consult Indigenous communities when Crown project approvals could lead to an adverse impact on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights. The Crown may use existing regulatory processes as a vehicle for fulfilling its constitutional duty, including a project assessment process under the [Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process \(Ontario Regulation 231/08\)](#) (Transit and Rail Regulation).

The Crown has a duty to consult Indigenous communities when it knows about established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights and contemplates decisions or actions that could adversely affect them. **The ministry is delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to you through this letter.**

As the proponent of the project, Ontario Northland is in the best position to lead the consultation process on behalf of the Crown with the ministry collaborating with the Ontario Northland during the project assessment process. Please contact the ministry if an Indigenous community identifies a potential negative impact on an existing constitutionally protected Indigenous or treaty right.

List of Communities to Consult

Based on the information you have provided, the Crown's preliminary assessment of Indigenous community rights, potential project impacts, and the communities identified, the ministry would ask that the following communities be included in the consultation process:

- Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
- Matachewan First Nation
- Mattagami First Nation
- MNO Region 3 - Abitibi/Temiskamingue and James Bay
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation

### Consultation Activities

Steps that you may need to take in relation to Indigenous consultation for your project are outlined in the ministry's *Guide to Ontario's Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process* (attached) and *Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process* which can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/consultation-ontarios-environmental-assessment-process>.

The ministry relies on consultation conducted by proponents when it assesses the Crown's obligations and directs proponents during the regulatory process. The proponent's responsibilities for procedural aspects of consultation include:

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- Following up with Indigenous communities to ensure they received project information and that they are aware of the opportunity to express comments and concerns about the project;
- Gathering information about how the project could adversely impact the relevant Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights (e.g., hunting, fishing) or sites of cultural significance (e.g., burial grounds, archaeological sites);
- Considering the comments and concerns provided by Indigenous communities and providing responses;
- Where appropriate, discussing potential mitigation strategies with Indigenous communities;
- Where appropriate, bearing the reasonable costs associated with these consultation opportunities; and,
- Maintaining a Consultation Record and providing copies to the ministry.

### Notice of Commencement

The ministry is pleased that you intend to follow the project assessment process as per the Transit and Rail Regulation for the project. Please be advised that when you initiate

the project assessment process, a Notice of Commencement should be sent to Kathleen O'Neill, Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EAB) and the Project Officer, as well as to the Indigenous communities identified above. Prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement, proponents are encouraged to contact EAB and other government agencies to determine their level of interest in the project.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at (416) 786-4944 or by email [wai.hadlari@ontario.ca](mailto:wai.hadlari@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wai Hadlari', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wai Hadlari  
Project Officer  
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Attachment

c: Cindy Batista, Transit Coordinator/Special Project Officer, EAB  
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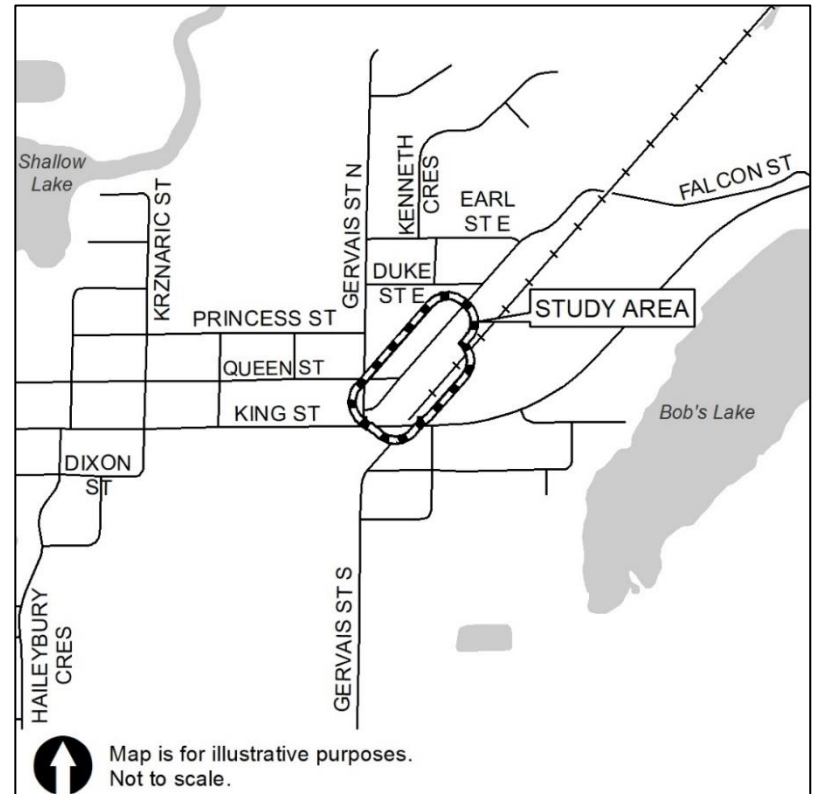
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### Le processus

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### L'occasion de vous exprimer

En misant sur notre premier centre d'information publique qui a eu lieu le 14 mars 2024, nous vous invitons à participer à la deuxième réunion publique, qui aura lieu le 19 juin 2024. Au cours de cette ronde de consultations, Ontario Northland présentera les conclusions des études techniques et environnementales préliminaires réalisées à ce jour pour la nouvelle gare de Timmins-Porcupine. Les membres du public, les organismes gouvernementaux, les communautés et organisations autochtones et les autres parties intéressées sont invités à y participer afin de se renseigner et de faire part de leurs commentaires à l'équipe du projet.

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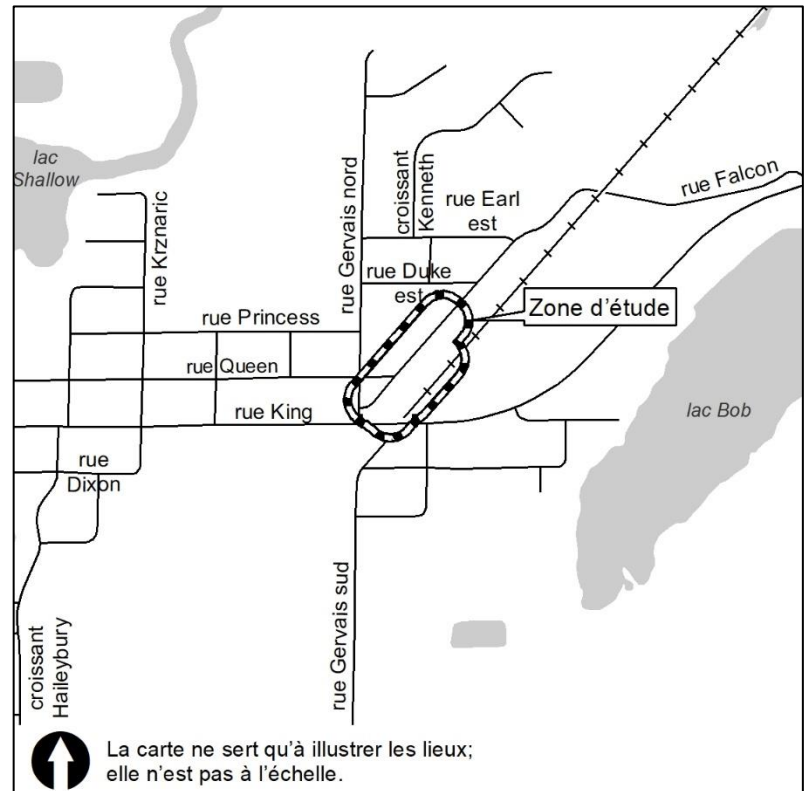
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Regards,

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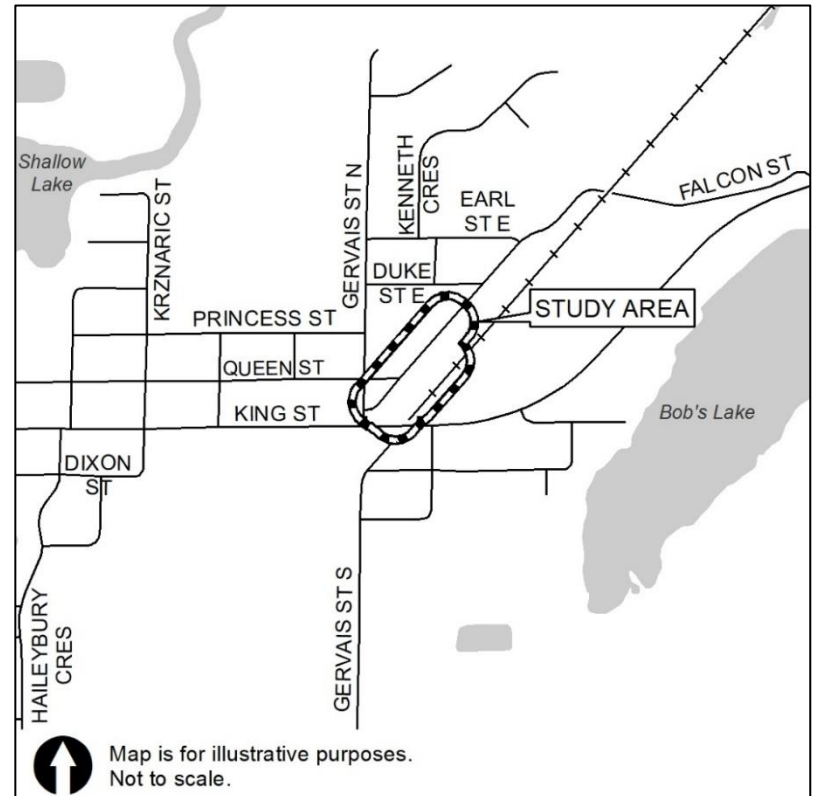
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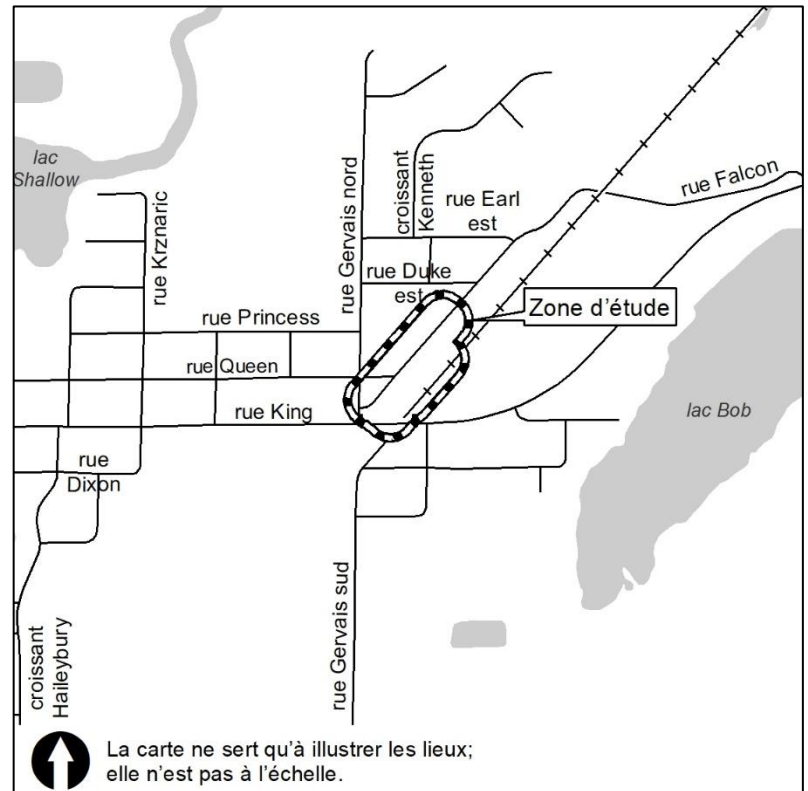
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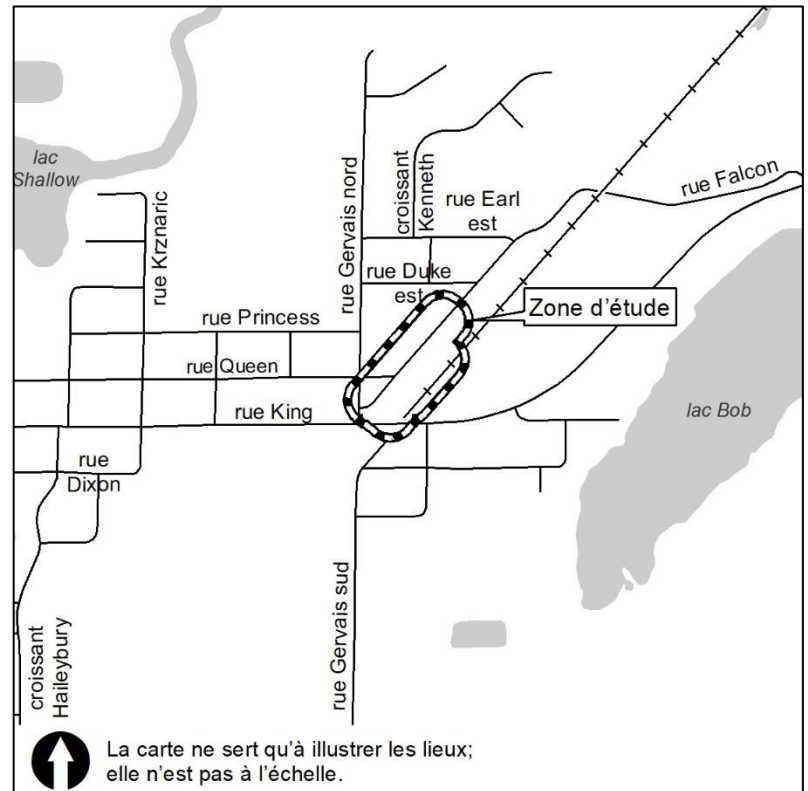
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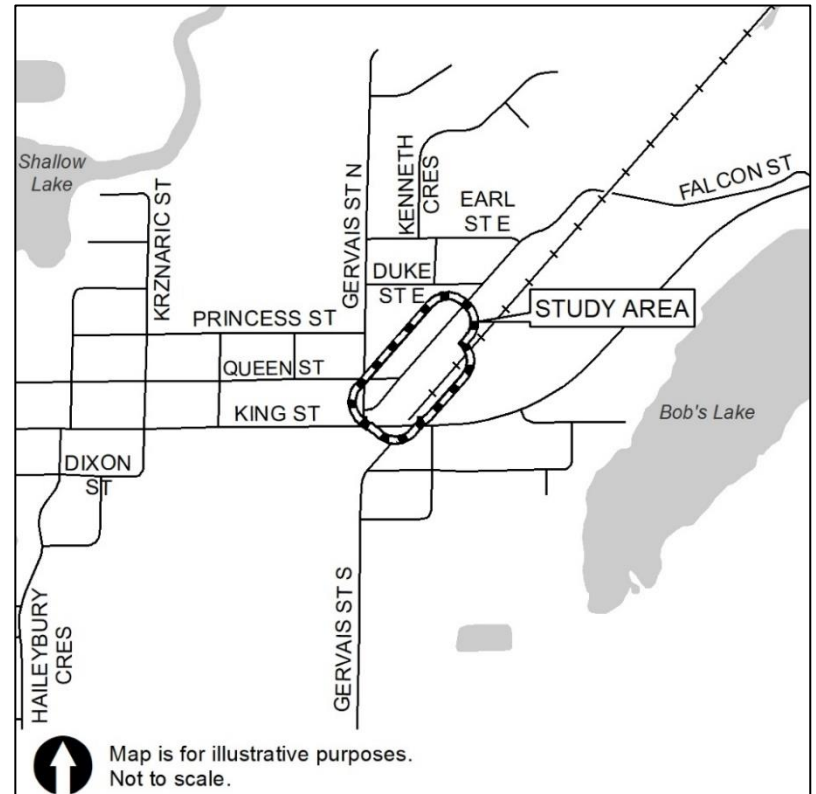
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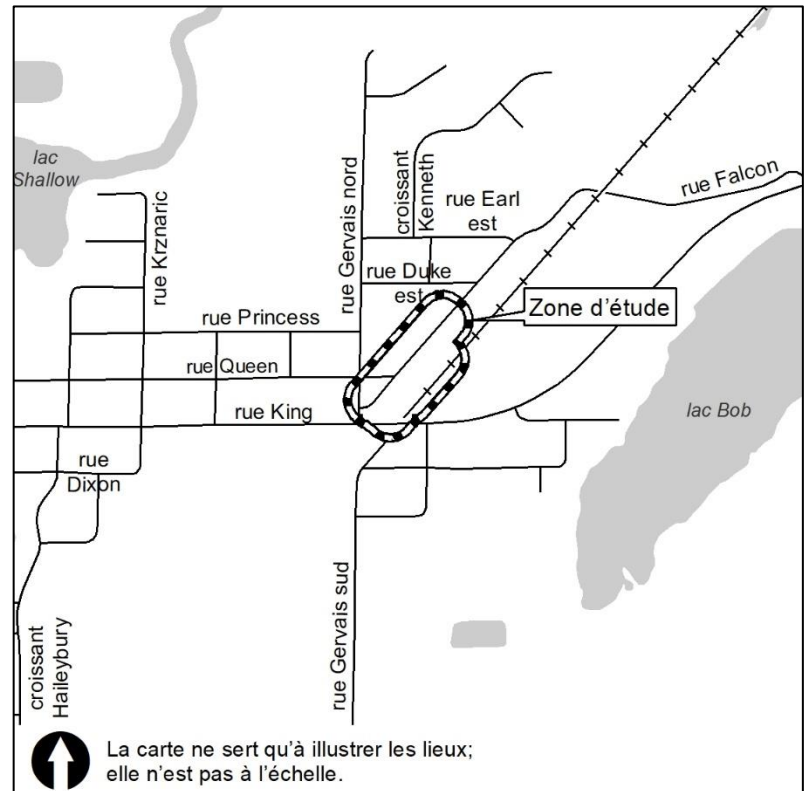
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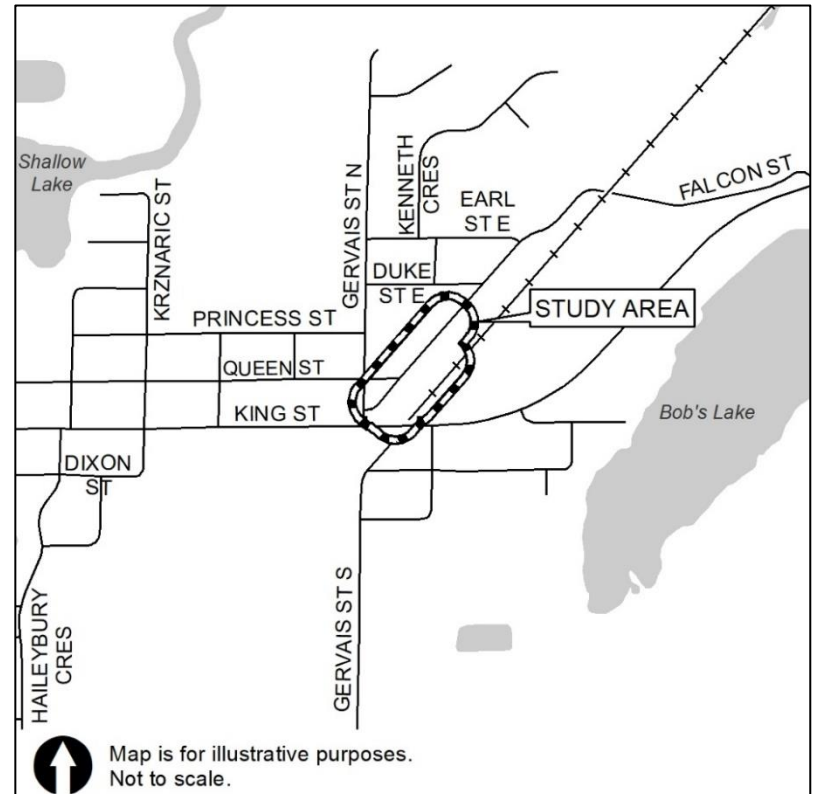
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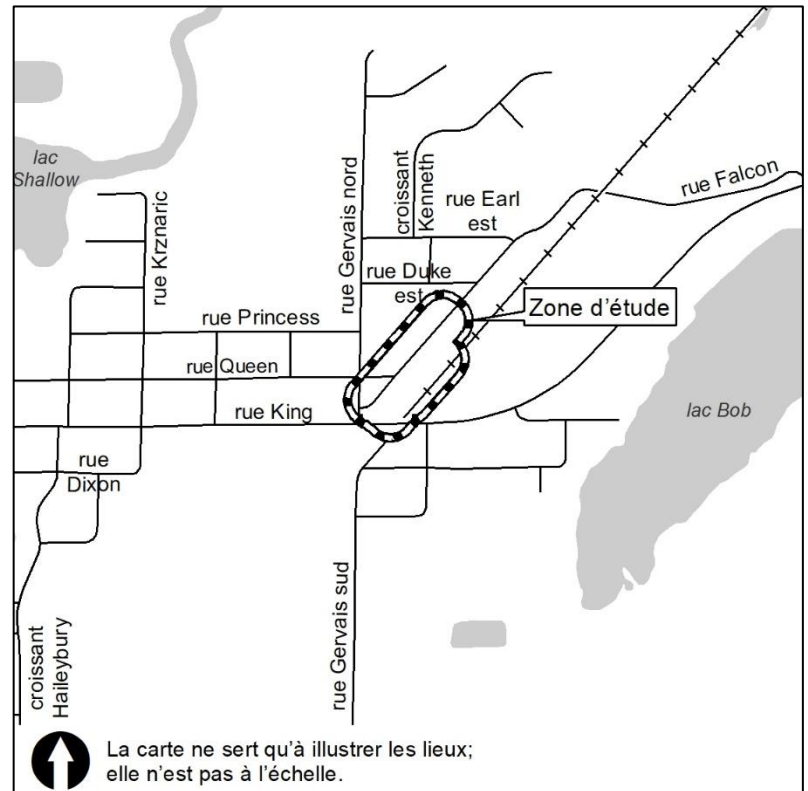
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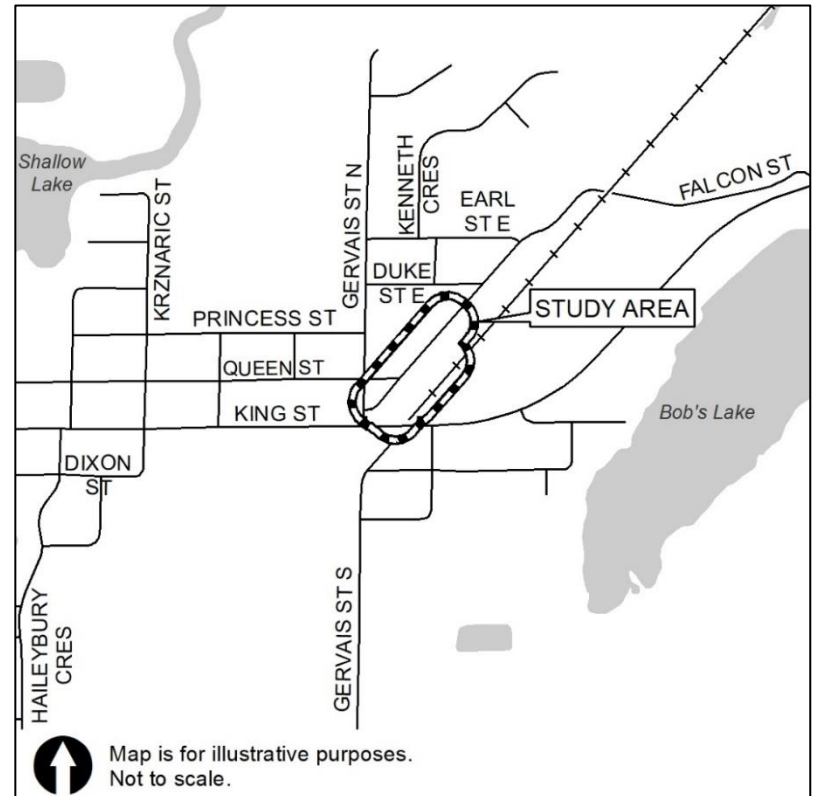
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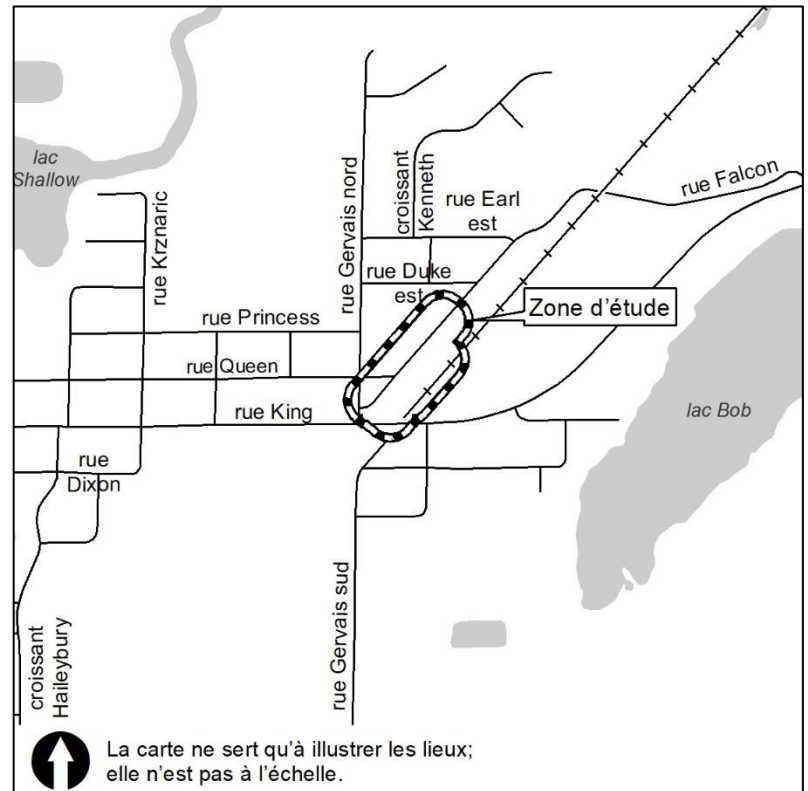
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Dear Chief and Council:

I am writing to you about the transit and rail project assessment process regulation for the proposed Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine Station (project).

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Consultation with potentially affected or interested Indigenous communities is required during the project assessment process. Based on Ontario’s current understanding of treaties, traditional land use areas, claims and assertions in the project area, Ontario has identified that your community has constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be impacted by the project. The ministry has therefore directed the proponent to consult with you during the project assessment process (see attached letter from the ministry to the proponent).

The ministry is committed to environmental protection and engaging Indigenous communities and other interested persons throughout the project assessment process. The ministry encourages you, and your community, to participate in the consultation process led by the proponent. The ministry will be available throughout should you have any questions or concerns about the process.

If you have any questions or concerns at this time, please don’t hesitate to contact me. If have any questions about the project, you may also contact Krystal Perepeluk from Ontario Northland at [Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:Krystal.Perepeluk@ontarionorthland.ca).

Sincerely,

**Wai Hadlari | Project Officer** ([hear name](#))

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**Re: Project Assessment Process – Identifying Indigenous Communities**

Dear Krystal Perepeluk:

Thank you for sharing a draft Environmental Project Report for the Northland Passenger Rail – Timmins – Porcupine station (project) on April 12, 2024, to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) for review.

As you are aware, the Government of Ontario (the "Crown") has a constitutional duty to consult Indigenous communities when Crown project approvals could lead to an adverse impact on established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights. The Crown may use existing regulatory processes as a vehicle for fulfilling its constitutional duty, including a project assessment process under the [Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process \(Ontario Regulation 231/08\)](#) (Transit and Rail Regulation).

The Crown has a duty to consult Indigenous communities when it knows about established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights and contemplates decisions or actions that could adversely affect them. **The ministry is delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to you through this letter.**

As the proponent of the project, Ontario Northland is in the best position to lead the consultation process on behalf of the Crown with the ministry collaborating with the Ontario Northland during the project assessment process. Please contact the ministry if an Indigenous community identifies a potential negative impact on an existing constitutionally protected Indigenous or treaty right.

List of Communities to Consult

Based on the information you have provided, the Crown's preliminary assessment of Indigenous community rights, potential project impacts, and the communities identified, the ministry would ask that the following communities be included in the consultation process:

- Apitipi Anicinapek Nation
- Matachewan First Nation
- Mattagami First Nation
- MNO Region 3 - Abitibi/Temiskamingue and James Bay
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation

### Consultation Activities

Steps that you may need to take in relation to Indigenous consultation for your project are outlined in the ministry's *Guide to Ontario's Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process* (attached) and *Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process* which can be found here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/document/consultation-ontarios-environmental-assessment-process>.

The ministry relies on consultation conducted by proponents when it assesses the Crown's obligations and directs proponents during the regulatory process. The proponent's responsibilities for procedural aspects of consultation include:

- Providing Indigenous communities with information about the proposed project including anticipated impacts, and information on timelines;
- Following up with Indigenous communities to ensure they received project information and that they are aware of the opportunity to express comments and concerns about the project;
- Gathering information about how the project could adversely impact the relevant Aboriginal and/or Treaty rights (e.g., hunting, fishing) or sites of cultural significance (e.g., burial grounds, archaeological sites);
- Considering the comments and concerns provided by Indigenous communities and providing responses;
- Where appropriate, discussing potential mitigation strategies with Indigenous communities;
- Where appropriate, bearing the reasonable costs associated with these consultation opportunities; and,
- Maintaining a Consultation Record and providing copies to the ministry.

### Notice of Commencement

The ministry is pleased that you intend to follow the project assessment process as per the Transit and Rail Regulation for the project. Please be advised that when you initiate

the project assessment process, a Notice of Commencement should be sent to Kathleen O'Neill, Director of Environmental Assessment Branch (EAB) and the Project Officer, as well as to the Indigenous communities identified above. Prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement, proponents are encouraged to contact EAB and other government agencies to determine their level of interest in the project.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the material above, please contact me at (416) 786-4944 or by email [wai.hadlari@ontario.ca](mailto:wai.hadlari@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Wai Hadlari', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wai Hadlari  
Project Officer  
Environmental Assessment Branch

Attachment

c: Cindy Batista, Transit Coordinator/Special Project Officer, EAB  
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## Your Opportunity to Have Your Say

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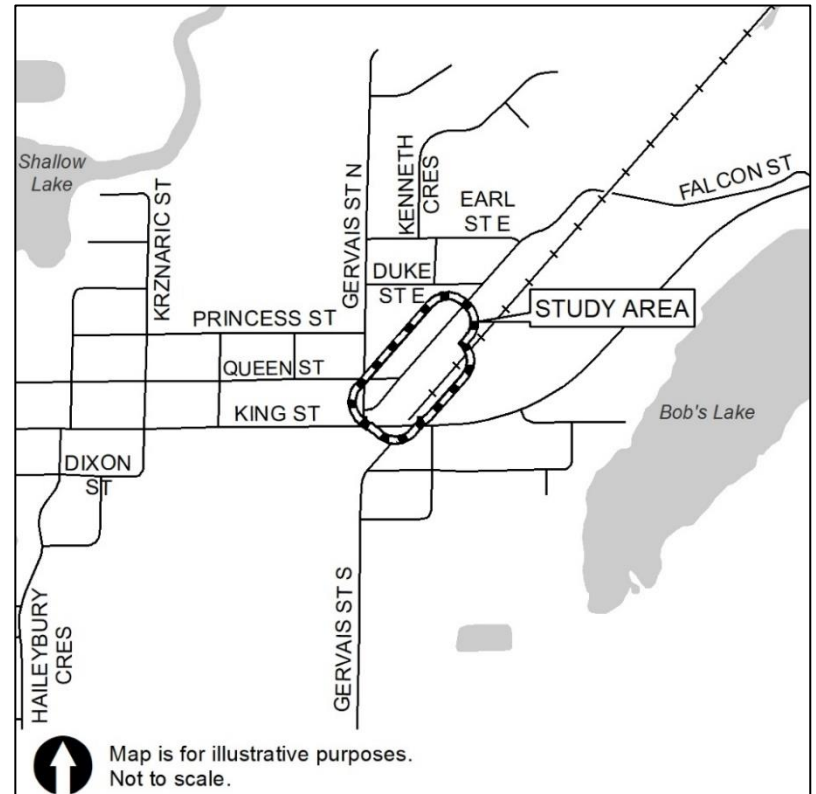
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### Le projet

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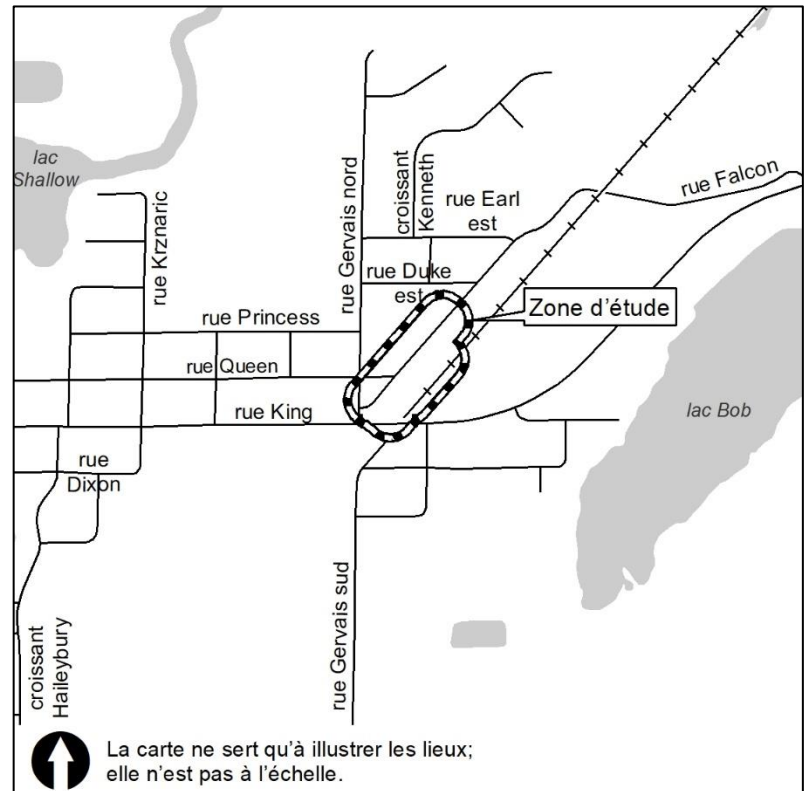
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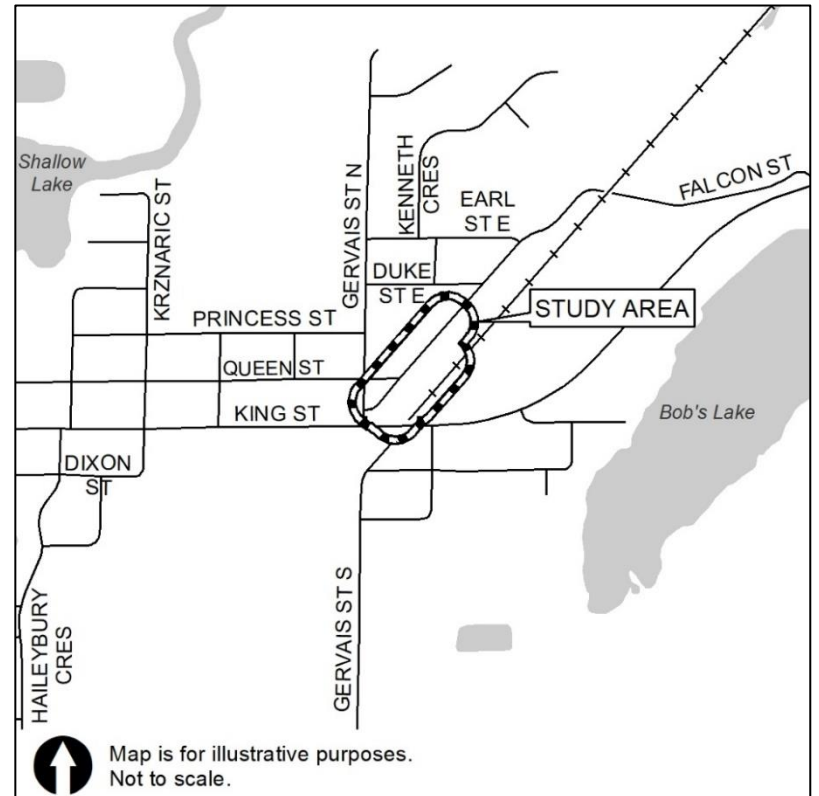
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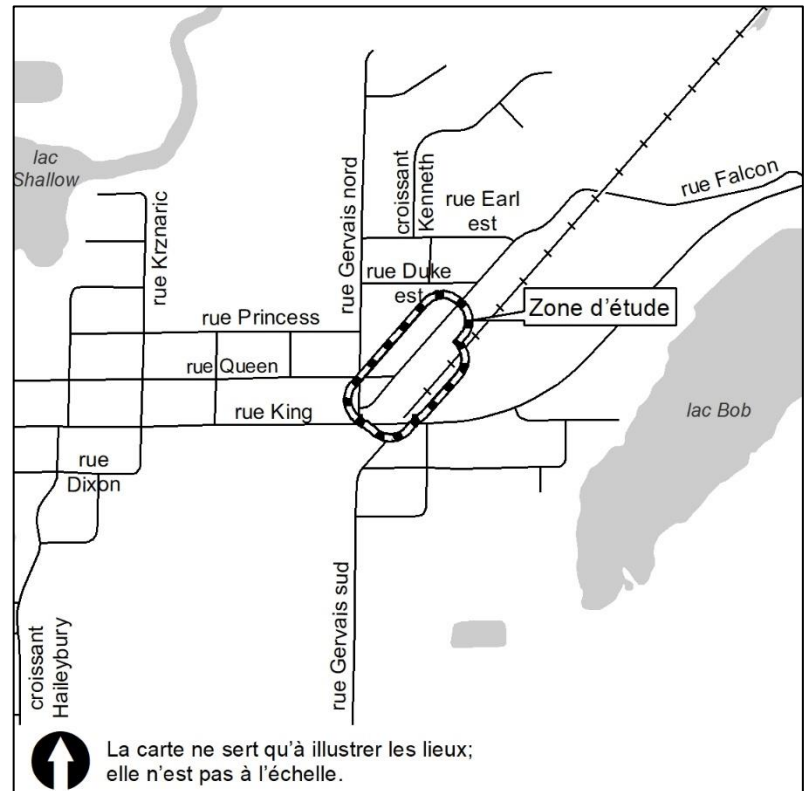
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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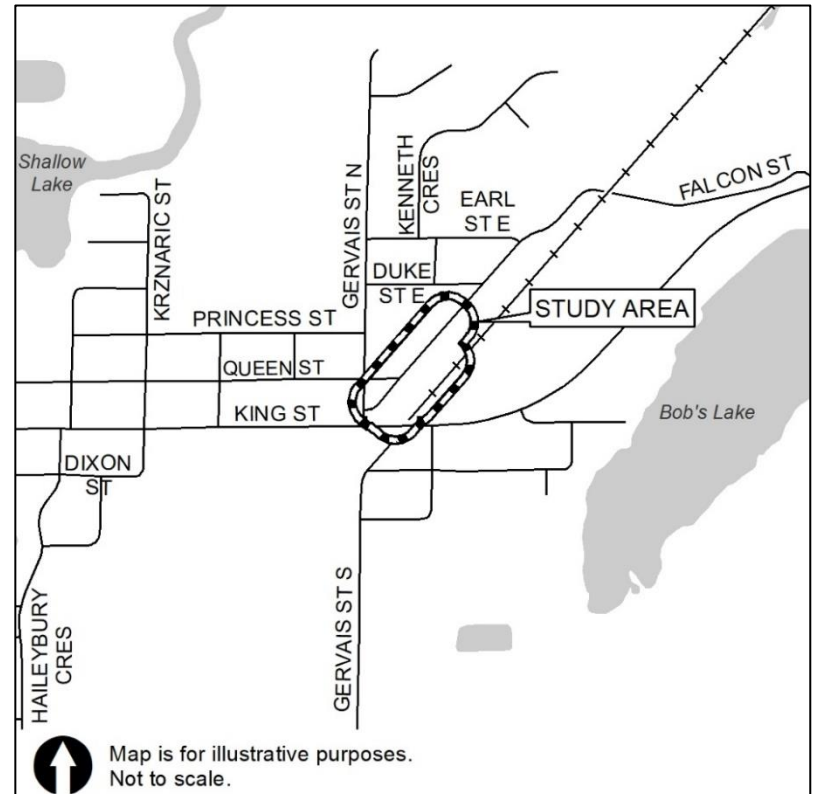
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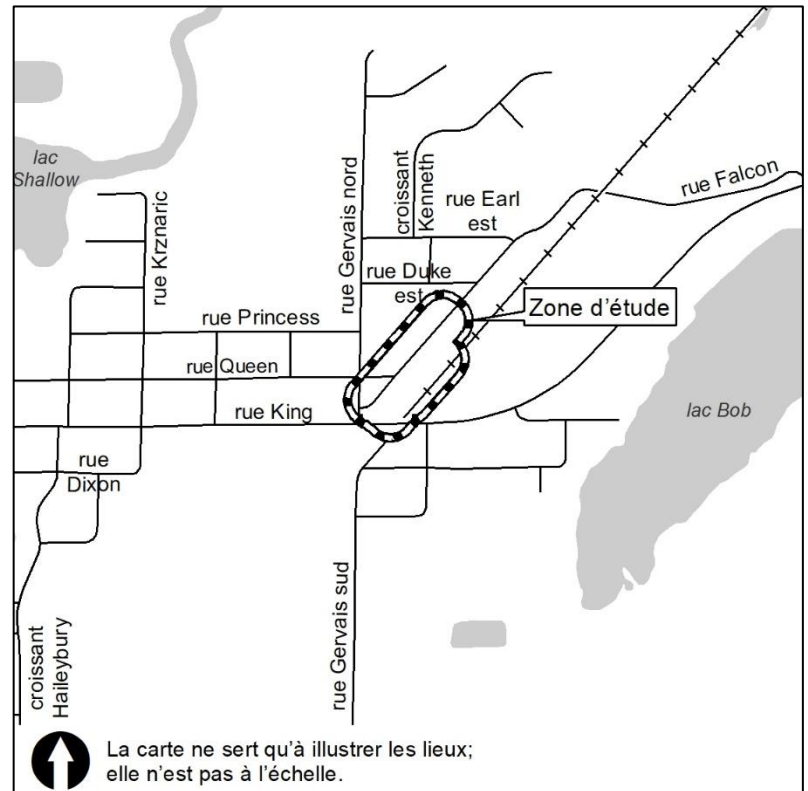
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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# Notice of Commencement of Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process & Public Information Centre Timmins-Porcupine Station

Ontario Northland is an agency of the Province of Ontario responsible for providing efficient, safe, and reliable transportation services in Northern Ontario. Ontario Northland is reinstating passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Northeastern Ontario, which includes a new station in the City of Timmins. The passenger train service, also known as the Northlander, will fundamentally shift how people move across the province, creating a more connected, integrated transportation network.

## The Project

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For additional information, please visit:

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## The Process

The environmental impacts associated with the Project are being assessed according to the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP), as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*). As part of the TRPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared for the project. If you would like to be added to our project mailing list, submit a comment or question, or receive additional information related to the project, please contact us at [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

## Your Opportunity to Have Your Say

Building on the first Public Information Centre held on March 14, 2024, we invite you to participate in the second Public Meeting, to be held on June 19, 2024. During this round of consultation, Ontario Northland will present the findings of the draft technical and environmental studies undertaken to date for the new Timmins-Porcupine Station. Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous Communities and Organizations, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend in order to learn more and to provide feedback to the project team.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024

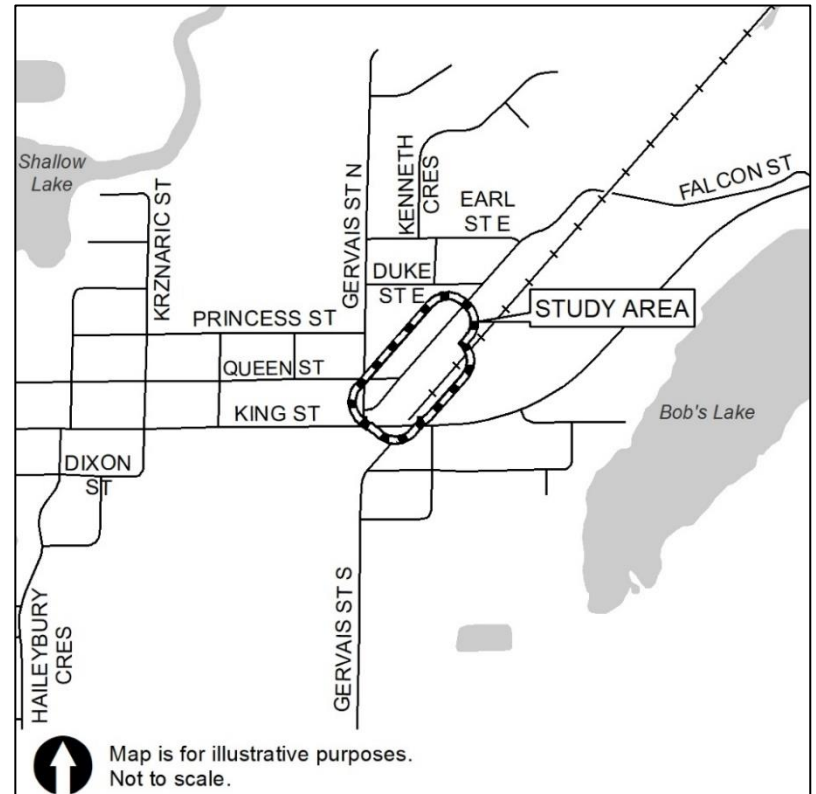
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**Address:** 4715 Highway 101 East, South Porcupine

Comments and information regarding the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca) or [MECP Freedom of Information Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434](#).

**This Notice was first issued on May 30, 2024.**



# Avis de lancement de la procédure d'évaluation des projets ferroviaires et de transport en commun et du Centre d'information du public

## Gare de Timmins-Porcupine

Ontario Northland est un organisme de la province de l'Ontario chargé de fournir des services de transport efficaces, sûrs et fiables dans le nord de l'Ontario. Ontario Northland rétablit le transport ferroviaire de passagers entre Toronto (gare Union) et le Nord-Est de l'Ontario, qui comprend une nouvelle gare dans la ville de Timmins. Le service de train de passagers, aussi connu sous le nom de « Northlander », changera fondamentalement la façon dont les gens se déplacent dans la province, en créant un réseau de transport plus connecté et mieux intégré.

### Le projet

Une nouvelle gare Timmins-Porcupine (le projet) est prévue dans le cadre du rétablissement du service de train de passagers Northlander. Elle sera située le long du corridor ferroviaire existant, dans la ville de Timmins, juste à l'ouest du lac de Bob. Les éléments de la gare comprendront : le quai de gare, le bâtiment de la gare, le stationnement extérieur, la voie piétonne, les baies d'autobus, un poste de taxis, une zone désignée pour l'embarquement et le débarquement des passagers, et un arrêt d'autobus municipal. La zone d'étude comprend un terrain réservé qui pourrait être nécessaire pour une future installation d'entreposage et d'entretien des autobus. Cette future installation devra faire l'objet d'une étude d'impact et d'une consultation.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez consulter le site : <https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>

### Le processus

Les impacts environnementaux associés au projet sont évalués conformément au Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (processus d'évaluation des projets de transport en commun et de transport ferroviaire) (TRPAP), comme le prescrit le *Règlement de l'Ontario 231/08* (anglais seulement) (pris en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*). Dans le cadre du TRPAP, un rapport environnemental de projet (EPR) est en cours de préparation pour le projet. Si vous souhaitez être ajouté à la liste de diffusion de notre projet, soumettre un commentaire ou une question, ou recevoir des renseignements supplémentaires concernant le projet, veuillez communiquer avec nous au : [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

### L'occasion de vous exprimer

En misant sur notre premier centre d'information publique qui a eu lieu le 14 mars 2024, nous vous invitons à participer à la deuxième réunion publique, qui aura lieu le 19 juin 2024. Au cours de cette ronde de consultations, Ontario Northland présentera les conclusions des études techniques et environnementales préliminaires réalisées à ce jour pour la nouvelle gare de Timmins-Porcupine. Les membres du public, les organismes gouvernementaux, les communautés et organisations autochtones et les autres parties intéressées sont invités à y participer afin de se renseigner et de faire part de leurs commentaires à l'équipe du projet.

**Date :** Le mercredi 19 juin 2024

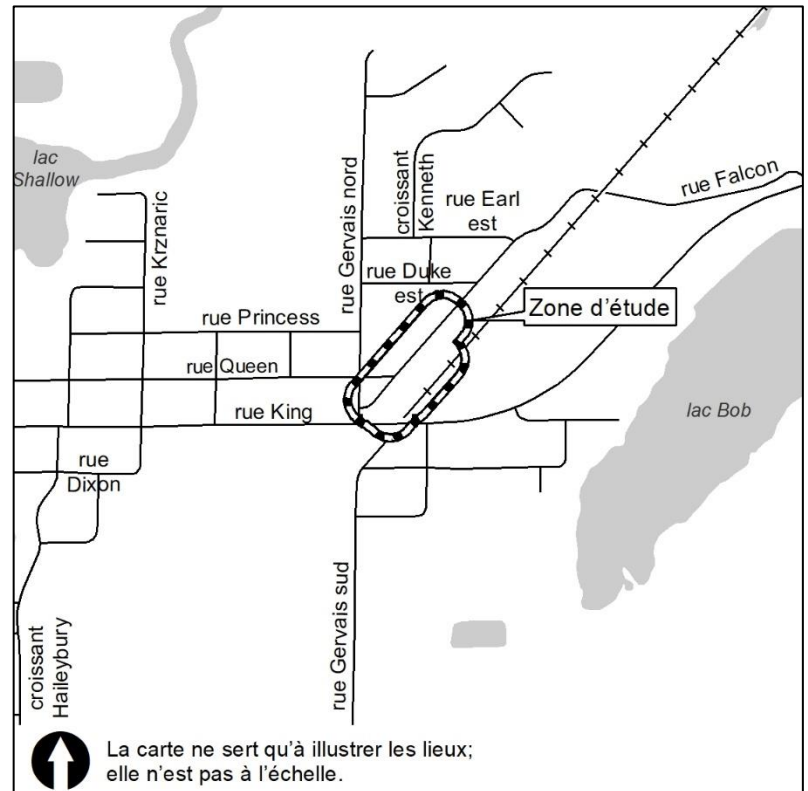
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**Le présent avis a été publié pour la première fois le 30 mai 2024.**



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Yours sincerely,

**Triage and Planning**

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Hello Alexia Miljus,

Thank you for the update. I can confirm that we do not have any comments at this time. Also, the Agency no longer requires to be updated on this project.

Thanks,  
Stephen

**Stephen Karasmanis, P. Eng, M. Eng, BSc**

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Please advise if additional information is needed.

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 21, 2024 9:55:00 AM  
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Hello Léticia,

At the outset of the TRPAP, an initial conservative approach is taken to developing the stakeholder contact list, which includes identifying all government agencies who may have a potential interest in the Project. With this in mind, Parks Canada was identified in the early stages of the project as a stakeholder that may have a potential interest in the project as it relates to:

- Potential effects on natural heritage features;
- Potential effects on recreational areas;

However, as part of progressing the impact assessment studies for the TRPAP, it should be noted that there are no anticipated impacts on Parks Canada. Please confirm you wish to be removed from the project contact list.

Thank you,

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With regards,

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Good Afternoon,

We're writing in regards to the Ontario Northland: Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process. As a follow up to our circulation of the Draft Environmental Project Report in April 2024, and Notice of Commencement message from July 19 (**attached here**), we are writing to confirm that you have no outstanding comments or concerns related to the project. If you could please respond via e-mail to confirm this by August 16, it would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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With regards,

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Hi Cindy,

Apologies for the delay, we were just giving it another read through. Please see the document at the link below and let us know if you have any issues with access.

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Cheers,  
-Krystal

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Morning Krystal.

Just following up on the email below and the ministry's request to see a copy of the Record of Consultation.

As per section 9 of the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process regulation, a Record of Consultation is required. The ministry did not receive a copy of the record during the draft EPR review stage. We understand that the record is a live document and will require updates as a proponent moves through the process. We are requesting you sharing what you have now with the ministry for our review and the final record to be included in the final EPR.

Thank you,

Cindy

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**From:** Hadlari, Wai (MECP) <Wai.Hadlari@Ontario.ca>  
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Hi Krystal,

Please see responses from the ministry below.

Please add a section in the final EPR that speaks to the reason for a time-out, why it was necessary, and summarize the agency comments and ONTC's response to those outstanding comments. This section should include the dates of timing out and timing back into the transit and rail project assessment process. [This narrative will be added within Section 5.3 of the EPR.](#)

MECP: Thank you.

In Section 5.2.4 of the draft EPR (dated August 8, 2024) there is reference to an April 26, 2024, email the ministry sent to several Indigenous communities. The email was sent to the specific communities to inform them that, on April 25,



2024, the ministry delegated the procedural aspects of consultation to ONTC. Please revise the summary paragraph in the final EPR to include this information. Please also include a summary that speaks to the April 25, 2024, delegation letter to ONTC. [This section will be updated as requested.](#)

MECP: Thank you.

This is a friendly reminder that the Record of Consultation, as an appendix to the EPR, should include all copies of correspondence between interested persons, agencies, and Indigenous communities. This includes, meeting minutes, all comments received and responses to those comments in a table format organized by groups (e.g., government agencies, public and Indigenous communities.) [The Record of Consultation will be included as an Appendix to the EPR and includes copies of correspondence between interested persons, agencies, and Indigenous communities, as well as meeting minutes, copies of Public Meeting material, etc. Please note that all comments received and responses to those comments \(in a table format organized by groups\) have been included within Sections 5.2 and 5.3 of the EPR. We request that MECP confirm that these tables can remain in Section 5.3 rather than include them in the Consultation Record appendix. Alternatively, the tables can also be added to the Consultation Record appendix so that they are included in both locations of the documentation. Please confirm which approach is preferred.](#)

MECP: The Tables should remain in Section 5.3 of the EPR. But you can also include the Tables in the Consultation records as well. More importantly, copies of all correspondence, including comments and responses (i.e. emails, letters, phone logs), and meeting minutes should be incorporated in the Record of Consultation.

Any comments/concerns raised by Indigenous communities in meetings or through correspondence should be summarized in the final EPR and the ONTC's response to those comments/concerns should also be included. All correspondence, meeting minutes, follow up calls etc., should be included in the Indigenous consultation record as an Appendix. [Sections 5.2.2 and 5.3.3 within the EPR contain a summary of any comments/concerns raised by Indigenous communities in meetings or through correspondence, as well as](#)

ONTC's responses, where applicable. In addition, all available correspondence, meeting minutes, etc., have been included in the consultation record as an Appendix. We wish to note that with respect to meetings with Indigenous communities, there were typically several different topics discussed at these meetings - including the Timmins Station project/TRPAP as well as other subjects that ONTC was consulting on. Therefore, with respect to the content of these meeting minutes, anything that is confidential and does not apply to the Timmins Station TRPAP has been redacted.

MECP: Noted, re: redaction of topics not relevant to the current project. Please ensure all copies of correspondence, including emails, phone logs, and letters, etc., are provided in the consultation records.

Page 80 of the draft EPR referenced an October 2024 meeting with the Wabun Tribal Council. Did this meeting happen? If so, what was the outcome? Please update this accordingly as well as any other updates regarding to the consultation since the draft EPR was shared with the ministry in August 2024. We confirm that this meeting occurred on October 23, 2024 and the EPR was updated accordingly to summarize the outcome of this meeting.

MECP: Thank you for confirming.

The ministry would like to see the Record of Consultation (Appendix I) as soon as possible, even in draft form, as ONTC works on finalizing this appendix for final submission with the Notice of Completion of the EPR. A copy of the draft Record of Consultation (Appendix I) will be provided to MECP shortly per your request.

MECP: We look forward to receiving the draft Record of Consultation.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

Wai

**Wai Hadlari** | Project Officer ([hear name](#))

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Good Morning Cindy,

I am now back from vacation, please see responses to your comments below. Thank you for your assistance in moving this across the finish line.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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the Consultation Record appendix. Alternatively, the tables can also be added to the Consultation Record appendix so that they are included in both locations of the documentation. Please confirm which approach is preferred.

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Page 80 of the draft EPR referenced an October 2024 meeting with the Wabun Tribal Council. Did this meeting happen? If so, what was the outcome? Please update this accordingly as well as any other updates regarding to the consultation since the draft EPR was shared with the ministry in August 2024. We confirm that this meeting occurred on October 23, 2024 and the EPR was updated accordingly to summarize the outcome of this meeting.

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Please reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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Very helpful Cindy – appreciate the clarification. The EPR will be updated per your recommendations.

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Good morning, Amber.

Thank you for seeking clarification. The ministry is recommending that the final EPR include separate a description of the ministry's April 25, 2024, letter to ONTC and a revised description

of the ministry's April 26, 2024, email to the communities. The purpose of the ministry's April 26, 2024, email was to inform the Indigenous communities regarding the April 25, 2024 letter in which the ministry confirmed the community list and provided direction to ONTC regarding consultation expectations with Indigenous communities. The current wording in the August 2024 EPR does not describe the purpose of the ministry's April 25, 2024 letter to ONTC.

As per the transit regulation, before distributing the notice of commencement, the proponent shall contact the Director of this branch to obtain a list of Indigenous communities that may be interested in the project. Further to my email below, starting the paragraph with reference to the regulation, followed by describing the April 25, 2024 letter and then the ministry's April 26, 2024 email would be recommended for clarity and transparency regarding the consultation process followed by ONTC for this project. I hope this is helpful.

Thanks,

Cindy

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Good Afternoon Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, thanks for reaching out. I'm replying to acknowledge receipt of your 8:34 AM email. I have numbered each item below in the original correspondence for ease of this response.

For item #2, can you please clarify whether you are requesting 2 different summaries in this section of the EPR or are the yellow and blue items one and the same?

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We will provide responses to the other items shortly.

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon Cindy,

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Hi Cindy,

I'm adding Justin Haight from ONTC to the email thread, as he is covering for Krystal while she is on vacation this week.

Thanks,  
Natalie

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Will do. Thank you.

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Yes. Please.

Cindy

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Hi Cindy,

I assume you'd like the green language below reflected in the EPR? Please advise asap as we're in the process of starting to execute the Final PDFs.

Thanks,  
Amber

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**Subject:** RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution

Hello Amber.

The calculations are now in the correct units. Thank you.

Gouwang has made a minor edit to his previous comment (see below in green) based on the results from the recalculations:

Based on the information from the proponent's response, PM2.5 and B(a)P emissions and modelled PM2.5 results were used to estimate B(a)P concentrations from the proposed project. It should be noted that B(a)P concentrations will be higher compared to the estimated results shown in the proponent's response due to the particle deposition option and multi-year averages used for PM2.5 modelling. **The estimated B(a)P concentrations were low when Tier 4 engines (with 95% emission control efficiency) were used, and the new trains will meet the latest EPA Tier 4 emission standards as indicated in the report.** It is expected that B(a)P contribution from the proposed project would also be low with the consideration of the impacts from the particle deposition option and multi-year averages used for PM2.5 modelling and B(a)P contribution from nearby traffic. **It will not change the conclusions of the assessment. No further actions required.**

Regards,

Cindy

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**RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**

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Good Afternoon Cindy,

Our team reran the calculations with the units provided below – please see attached updated table.

Thank you,

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Item #	I.D (Last name and comment #)	Dept/Section	Report Section and Page or Drawing #	Comment	Response	ACTION 1 - Will Comply 2 - Clarification Needed 3 - N/A
Received February 7, 2025						
1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration.	Acknowledged.	3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Air monitoring data from Sudbury and New Market stations were used to estimate background concentrations for the controlling contaminants and ozone concentrations, and 90th percentile concentrations were used for estimation of 1-hr and 24-hr background concentrations as recommended by the MECP.	Acknowledged.	3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Nine receptors near the project site were selected and represent the most sensitive and closest locations as indicated in the report.	Acknowledged.	3
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Road emissions from the predicted increase in vehicular traffic from 2026 to 2046 and emissions from train station operation including train idling, heating, comfort, and emergency equipment were included in the modelling.	Acknowledged.	3
5	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			AERMOD was used to assess the air quality impacts from the proposed project and MECP preprocessed meteorological data were used.	Acknowledged.	3
6	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the project were estimated.	Acknowledged.	3
7	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Potential impacts and mitigation measures during the construction phase were discussed.	Acknowledged.	3
8	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that the modelled cumulative concentrations (modelled plus background) for selected contaminants were lower than applicable strict criteria/standards and the project has minor impacts on air quality.	Acknowledged.	3
9	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The estimated result of GHG emissions is roughly 5.9% of the threshold of being required to report CO2 emissions in Ontario and 0.00030% of CO2 emissions from transport in Canada in 2022 based on the information from the report.	Acknowledged.	3
10	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration as indicated in the report. The emission to criteria/standard ratio for benzo(a)pyrene is also high, even higher compared to those for PM2.5 and benzene. It is unclear why benzo(a)pyrene was not selected and included in the air quality assessment.	B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins) that have data from the last decade are: • 125 Resources Road in west Toronto. This monitoring station is situated in generally proximity to the travelled portion of Highway 401 (410,900 AADT in 2021) – therefore, this station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area. • Toronto North Downsview at 4905 Dufferin Street, Toronto. The data from the Toronto North Downsview station is not viable (there is data published for 2018 only, with just 13 readings). This station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area. In our professional opinion, none of the B(a)P data sets available in Canada, are representative of Timmins. It is noted that Oxides of Nitrogen were chosen because they have the highest emission rate-to-concentration limit ratio. PM2.5 and Benzene were chosen because they have relatively high background concentrations. Refer to pages 4, 13, 32 & 58 of the report.	3

11	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		<p>a) For emission rates estimates, the road emissions due to traffic increase were estimated using MOVES and the majority of the emission estimates from train station operation were based on the supplier information and/or USEPA AP-42 emission factors except for the proposed natural gas boiler. It is unclear where the emission factors come from for the proposed natural gas boiler as no reference was provided in the report.</p> <p>b) In addition, the report indicated that the equations used to calculate flue gas exit properties represent a linear best fit to the boilers that Theakston has been involved in. Please provide more information to support these equations.</p>	<p>a) The emissions rates / reference for the natural gas boiler is based on industry standard boiler equipment that emits maximum NOX output of 30ppm. US EPA AP-42 emission factors were used for particulate and benzene.</p> <p>b) In regard to the equations used to estimate the flue gas exit velocity, a combustion emission flow rate calculation was undertaken that accounted for the volume of air required per volume of natural gas, an excess air requirement, and flue gas recirculation). The result of the equation was subsequently adjusted to represent the best linear fit to similar comfort heating combustion equipment that provides a combustion emission mass flow rate in their technical data sheets.</p> <p>To illustrate the functionality and accuracy of this equation, the following is an example of a piece of comfort heating equipment (that listed a combustion emission mass flow rate in its technical data): Input capacity = 1.8 MMBH, and Flue gas mass flow = 1,587 lb/h, at the rated input. Using the formula for input capacity (MMBH), results in a Flue gas mass flow = 1,533.8 lb/h, which is within 3.5% of that stated in the specifications for Boiler model Vitocrossal 200, CM2 500 (which is representative of similar type of heating equipment).</p> <p>In addition, please note that the heated station area is very small; therefore the emissions associated with comfort heating is expected to be negligible. We included such equation above and details within the report as a means of demonstrating the extra level of due diligence and rigour that was carried out to ensure the accuracy of the modelling results.</p>	1 and 3
12	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Fugitive dust can be emitted from vehicle traffic on paved or unpaved roads. It appears fugitive dust from vehicles travelling on the roads was not included in the assessment. It is unclear why fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was not mentioned and included in the air quality assessment.	Traffic emissions of dust including break and tire wear, are included in the MOVES emission factors, and therefore was included in the assessment. Table 7 as well as Appendix C contain details regarding how fugitive dust impacts were considered as well as the recommended mitigation measures that will be employed to control construction dust, which will include any unpaved roads.	3
13	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		The report indicated that Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was used to convert NOx to NO2, but in the Control Pathway – NO2 from A5, AERMOD Summary report, the OLM option was not selected.	We confirm that the Ozone Limiting Method was applied in the conversion of NOx to NO2 as outlined in the report; however, this selection was not displayed in the Control Pathway Dispersions Options printout from AERMOD – this is due to an error/oversight in "Lakes Program". As a result, an e-mail was sent to Lakes Software alerting them to this - a copy of the email has been <b>attached</b> for your reference.	3
14	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		A5, AERMOD Summary Report. NAAQS option was selected for both NO2 and PM2.5. It should be noted that the output is based on a multi-year average. The report should state clearly that the predicted maximum concentrations at these receptors are multi-year averages.	<p>The note at the bottom of Table 2 on page 12 of the report states:</p> <p>"*3-year average of the 98th percentile. It should be noted that the U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) was used for 1-hour NO2, and PM2.5 NAAQS was used in the AERMOD modeling for this analysis. NAAQS was selected to ensure alignment with the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards' 3-year average of the 98th percentile. Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."</p> <p>In addition, the report states the following on page 29: "Note: The 1-hour CAAQS limit for NO2 is based on the 98th percentile of the 3-year average of the hourly NO2 concentrations. As such, the AERMOD result presented represents the 98th percentile of the 3-year average."</p> <p>We trust this sufficiently addresses your comment regarding noting multi-year averages in the report.</p>	1 and 3
15	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		A5, AERMOD Summary Report. Non-default options were selected for all three contaminants. Provide more information regarding what non-default options used in the modelling for these contaminants.	For AERMOD we used flat terrain. This is a reasonable assumption since the terrain varies by 7m at most, over 1000m in the north south axis (0.7%). The terrain proximate to the site is effectively flat. When the "FLAT" Option is selected in AERMOD, it invokes the "Non-default "Model options. This was the only non-default option used.	3



1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		<p><b>Follow up comment on previous item #10.</b> Background concentrations for all controlling contaminants were estimated from AQHI and NAPS stations as no on-site ambient air monitoring was conducted. In addition to two NAPS stations with B(a)P data as mentioned in the response, there are a few more stations with B(a)P data available before the year of 2021, for example Experimental Farm in Simcoe located near Agricultural land in a small town. It appears this monitoring station is similar as proposed site/area although it is far away from the proposed site. Compared to PM2.5 and benzene concentrations, 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hr B(a)P concentrations are about 60% to 80% of AAQC, and annual concentration are around 1.6 to 1.9 times of annual AAQC based on the data from the Experimental Farm station for the year of 2017-2019. Provide a rationale as to why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.</p>	<p>As previously stated in our February 18th response, B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins). Similarly, it should be acknowledged the Simcoe Experimental farm is 631km away from Timmins.</p> <p>The Simcoe Experimental farm is not suitable a monitoring station given that it is influenced by the proximity of Windsor, Detroit and Toledo (which are within approximately 300km of Simcoe); all of which are industrial areas which contribute to B(a)P emissions. Additional information is provided as follows:</p> <p>Wind directions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simcoe: Dominant wind direction is southwest (Canadian climate normals).</li> <li>• Timmins: Dominant wind direction is south (Canadian climate normals).</li> </ul> <p>Proximity of cities and related populations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo are within 300km of Simcoe and lie to the southwest. The combined population of Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo is approximately 1,132,370.</li> <li>• Sudbury is south of Timmins and within 300km, the population of Greater Sudbury is 166,000.</li> </ul> <p>Potential Emission Sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo are urban and industrial areas that could contribute to B(a)P emissions.</li> <li>• Sudbury has a history of industrial activities, particularly mining and smelting, which could contribute to B(a)P emissions.</li> </ul> <p>Given these factors, it is reasonable to conclude that background B(a)P emissions in Simcoe and Timmins are influenced by significantly different sources, and at different source intensities, due to the respective populations and types of industries upwind of the dominant wind directions. Therefore, it is not reasonable to assume that background B(a)P emissions in Simcoe are representative of those in Timmins. For all of the reasons summarized above, B(a)P was not captured in the assessment.</p>	1 and 3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		<p><b>Follow up comment on previous item #12.</b> PM emissions from vehicles on paved roads include emissions in the form of exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear as well as resuspended road surface material. The particulate emissions in the form of vehicle exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear were estimated using MOVES as mentioned, however, particulate emissions from resuspended road surface material were not mentioned and included in the assessment. Provide a rationale/justification as to why emissions from resuspended road surface material were not included in the modelling.</p>	<p>For clarification, MECP's previous comment was related to clarifying how fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was considered/ included in the air quality assessment. Our response to this was provided on February 18th. In MECP's latest February 28th comment, the question is about emissions from resuspended road surface material.</p> <p>Emissions from resuspended road surface material were not captured in the assessment because they are negligible.</p> <p>It is also worth noting that Falcon Street is comprised of deteriorated asphalt, which is in disrepair and will be resurfaced after construction of Timmins Station.</p> <p>The following supplementary information has also been provided to support our response:</p> <p>Receptor #6 (101 Gervais Street North) is the receptor most affected by the emissions from the roads. It is 0.021ug/m3 (24-h) for the max predicted concentration for AADT increase from 2026 to 2046 (Table 5). This represents 0.14% of the cumulative concentration.</p> <p>Employing the daily basis equation from US EPA AP-42 13.4.2 (for King Street – Highway 101) for emissions from resuspended road surface material, using the values in Table 13.2.1-1 for k, table 13.2.1-1 for the silt loading, Ontario fleet data for W, and Canadian climate normal for the days per year of precipitation, results in an emission rate of 0.026 grams / road km / day (0.000000227 grams / road km / second). This is 0.16% of the emission predicted by MOVES for King Street – Highway 101.</p> <p>In summary, the King Street (101) road emissions account for a maximum of 0.14% of the cumulative pm2.5 (24-h) concentrations in Table 5, and the emissions from resuspended road surface material would be 0.16% (0.0016 as a fraction) of that 0.14% (0.0014 as a fraction), or 0.00022% (0.0000224 as a fraction). As such, the emissions from resuspended road surface material for King Street are negligible at Receptor #6 (101 Gervais Street North), which is the receptor most affected by potential emissions from the roads.</p>	1 and 3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		<p><b>Follow up comment on previous item #14.</b> The comment is about predicted maximum concentrations mentioned in the report, not the NAAQS, 3-year average of the 98th percentile. I believe the highest concentrations mentioned in the note are multi-year averages as NAAQS option was chosen for the modelling. The note should mention that the highest concentrations are multi-year averages. Please add.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. An additional note in the particulate section of page 29 will be added to the updated report as follows: "Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest 3-year average concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."</p>	1
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		<p><b>Follow up comment on previous item #15.</b> For particle deposition, I believe Method 2 was used in the assessment. The Method 2 option is considered a non-default option based on the information from the AERMOD Users Guide (US EPA, November 2024). Non-default options used in the modelling should be mentioned in the report. Please add.</p>	<p>As per our previous February 18th response, the non-default option for flat terrain was employed and a note has now been added to Appendix A.2, report page 52 of the updated report to state this accordingly. A screen capture from AERMOD has also been provided as an <i>attachment</i> to our response.</p> <p>In addition, we confirm that Method 2 was used. Within the AERMOD version 22112 that was employed, Method 2 is considered a non-default option. Therefore, the report will be updated within Appendix A.2, report page 52 to state that non-default options were used for modelling as follows: for Flat Terrain and Method 2 for PM2.5.</p>	1

Qiu, Guowang (MECP)

Item #1. For this proposed project, the background concentrations for all selected contaminants were estimated based on the ambient air monitoring data from AQHI and NAPA stations in Sudbury and Newmarket as no on-site ambient air quality monitoring was conducted for this case. Newmarket station is close to the City of Toronto, and measured benzene concentrations from Newmarket station were used for background concentrations for the study area. Among the limited available PAH monitoring stations, the Simcoe station is considered more representative as it is located in a non-urban area as I mentioned before and also not impacted by any significant emission sources nearby (Windsor, Detroit and Toledo as mentioned by the proponent's response are far away from this station). The proponent needs to do on-site measurements if they would like to know whether the actual background concentrations for the study area higher or lower compared to those estimated ones. Not knowing whether the study area has relatively high background B(a)P cannot be the excuse for not choosing B(a)P as a contaminant for the assessment. **Please provide a reasonable rationale and discuss why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.**

In response to your latest comments regarding B(a)P, below is supporting information to justify why levels at the station are considered negligible. It's based on the train operating at notch 2, which consumes fuel at approximately 140L/h. We've looked at two scenarios: one with Uncontrolled B(a)P emissions and one with 95% reduction with the Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) and Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) that come with Tier 4 engines (note the literature describes this 95% reduction.) Since the idling engine is the station's primary source of PM2.5 and B(a)P, a reasonable estimate of B(a)P concentration at the most affected receptor can be scaled based on the PM2.5 and B(a)P emission rates.

The results are summarized below:



@ notch 2		10.0%	140.8	L/h	34210 Btu/L	
Engines [lb/MMBtu]	MMBtu/h	g/h	1-h g/s	24-h g/s *		
B(a)P (Uncontrolled) AP-42	3.4	0.000000257	4.82	0.0005615033	0.00000015597	2.17E-08
B(a)P (Tier 4) *	1.285E-08	4.82	0.0000280696	0.000000007797	0.00000000108293	

Tier 4 engines employ both Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) and Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF). These emission control devices reduce B(a)P emissions by >95%.

References – 1) *Journal of Health Science*, 56(1) 31–40 (2010) “Reduction in the Emissions and Toxicity of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons from a Heavy-duty Diesel Engine with the Latest Aftertreatment Devices”, [https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jhs/56/1/56\\_1\\_31/\\_pdf/-char/en](https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/jhs/56/1/56_1_31/_pdf/-char/en), 2) *White Paper - A Review of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon and Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon Derivative Emissions from Off-Road, Light-Duty, Heavy-Duty, and Stationary Sources*, California Air Resources Board, June 2020, [https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/PAH\\_White\\_Paper\\_ADA.pdf](https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-08/PAH_White_Paper_ADA.pdf)

\* The train is therefore expected to idle at the proposed Timmins station for 3 hours and 20 minutes per day.

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Max Receptor (#9) PM2.5 (24-h)					
0.554 ug/m3 from Station					
B(a)P emission rate % of PM2.5 emission rate	Estimated 24-h B(a)P Conc (ug/m3)	24-h B(a)P Limit (ug/m3)	Fraction of B(a)P Limit (ug/m3)	% of 24-h B(a)P Limit	
0.0042732%	2.36737E-05	0.00005	0.47347	47.347%	B(a)P (Uncontrolled)
0.00021362%	1.18345E-06	0.00005	0.02367	2.367%	B(a)P (Tier 4)

Max Receptor (#9) PM2.5 (annual)					
0.079 ug/m3 from Station					
B(a)P emission rate % of PM2.5 emission rate	Estimated Annual B(a)P Conc (ug/m3)	Annual B(a)P Limit (ug/m3)	Fraction of B(a)P Limit (ug/m3)	% annual of B(a)P Limit	
0.00427324%	0.000003375857	0.00001	0.33759	33.759%	B(a)P (Uncontrolled)
0.00021362%	0.000000168759	0.00001	0.01688	1.688%	B(a)P (Tier 4)

Therefore, it can reasonably be concluded that the B(a)P emissions from the idling train are insignificant.

If MECP does not agree with this rationale, we will endeavor to update the report to include modeling of B(a)P. AERMOD will model separately the emissions from the station and then the emissions from the roads. Each of these concentrations will be put into Table 5, for each of the receptors, in their respective columns, along with the background B(a)P data from Simcoe. These three concentrations (background from Simcoe, the contribution from the station, and the contribution from the additional traffic) will be added together and compared to the limit.

We request concurrence from MECP that using background concentrations from Simcoe is acceptable, if this is the preferred path forward.

2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Item #2. My understanding is fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment is the same thing as fugitive dust from resuspended road surface. It appears the proponent misunderstood the concept of the fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment. That is why I used the term directly from the US EPA AP-42 document when I commented on the proponent's response last time. <b>No further actions required on this item.</b>	Acknowledged.	3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Item #3. Instead of due to Ontario's AAQC PM2.5 limit, the highest multi-year average concentrations shown in the report are due to NAAQS option chosen for the modelling. <b>Please revise the note to include the wording.</b>	Wording in the report was revised accordingly.	1
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Item #4. The report will be updated to include Method #2 as pointed out in the comment. <b>No further comments on this item.</b>	Acknowledged.	3
<b>Received March 21, 2025</b>					
1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Here is the ministry response to your email below (item #1) (from Mar 14 comments):  Based on the information from the proponent's response, PM2.5 and B(a)P emissions and modelled PM2.5 results were used to estimated B(a)P concentrations from the proposed project. It should be noted that B(a)P concentrations will be higher compared to the estimated results shown in the proponent's response due to the particle deposition option and multi-year averages used for PM2.5 modelling. Consider the estimated low B(a)P concentrations, it is expected that B(a)P contribution from the proposed project would also be low with the consideration of the impacts from the particle deposition option and multi-year averages used for PM2.5 modelling and B(a)P contribution from nearby traffic. It will not change the conclusions of the assessment. <b>No further actions required.</b>	Acknowledged.	3
2	Batista, Cindy (MECP)		With item #1 now resolved, the ministry has no further outstanding comments from an air quality perspective, which means ONTC can resume back into the project assessment process by way of a Notice of Resumption. It is the ministry's understanding that, there are 7 calendar days left of the 120-day period to incorporate all comments about the project and to finalize the EPR. The Notice of Completion must be given within 120 days of the distribution of the Notice of Commencement. The Notice of Resumption must be given before a Notice of Completion is issued. Please see the Notice of Resumption Template in Appendix A of the Transit Guide for reference.	Acknowledged.	1 and 3

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Good morning, Krystal.

Is it possible at add, in row 26, the emission factor and reference, or sample calculation used to estimate B(a)P emissions in the response.

Thanks,

Cindy

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**Re: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**


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Hi Cindy,

Thank you!

In order to ensure the final/last two rounds of MECP comments are documented, please find attached the final Comment/Response table – **refer to Row 25 and onward**. We're providing it to ensure there is documentation of the comments being responded to and closed out. These comment/responses will also be reflected in the Final EPR.

We will be back in touch shortly to schedule a call to discuss Notice of Resumption and a few logistics around the Notice of Completion.

Have a good weekend!

-Krystal

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Received February 7, 2025						
1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration.	Acknowledged.	3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Air monitoring data from Sudbury and New Market stations were used to estimate background concentrations for the controlling contaminants and ozone concentrations, and 90th percentile concentrations were used for estimation of 1-hr and 24-hr background concentrations as recommended by the MECP.	Acknowledged.	3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Nine receptors near the project site were selected and represent the most sensitive and closest locations as indicated in the report.	Acknowledged.	3
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Road emissions from the predicted increase in vehicular traffic from 2026 to 2046 and emissions from train station operation including train idling, heating, comfort, and emergency equipment were included in the modelling.	Acknowledged.	3
5	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			AERMOD was used to assess the air quality impacts from the proposed project and MECP preprocessed meteorological data were used.	Acknowledged.	3
6	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the project were estimated.	Acknowledged.	3
7	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Potential impacts and mitigation measures during the construction phase were discussed.	Acknowledged.	3
8	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that the modelled cumulative concentrations (modelled plus background) for selected contaminants were lower than applicable strict criteria/standards and the project has minor impacts on air quality.	Acknowledged.	3
9	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The estimated result of GHG emissions is roughly 5.9% of the threshold of being required to report CO2 emissions in Ontario and 0.00030% of CO2 emissions from transport in Canada in 2022 based on the information from the report.	Acknowledged.	3
10	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration as indicated in the report. The emission to criteria/standard ratio for benzo(a)pyrene is also high, even higher compared to those for PM2.5 and benzene. It is unclear why benzo(a)pyrene was not selected and included in the air quality assessment.	<p>B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins) that have data from the last decade are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*125 Resources Road in west Toronto. This monitoring station is situated in generally proximity to the travelled portion of Highway 401 (410,900 AADT in 2021) – therefore, this station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area.</li> <li>*Toronto North Downsview at 4905 Dufferin Street, Toronto. The data from the Toronto North Downsview station is not viable (there is data published for 2018 only, with just 13 readings). This station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area.</li> </ul> <p>In our professional opinion, none of the B(a)P data sets available in Canada, are representative of Timmins.</p> <p>It is noted that Oxides of Nitrogen were chosen because they have the highest emission rate-to-concentration limit ratio. PM2.5 and Benzene were chosen because they have relatively high background concentrations. Refer to pages 4, 13, 32 &amp; 58 of the report.</p>	3

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11	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<p>a) For emission rates estimates, the road emissions due to traffic increase were estimated using MOVES and the majority of the emission estimates from train station operation were based on the supplier information and/or USEPA AP-42 emission factors except for the proposed natural gas boiler. It is unclear where the emission factors come from for the proposed natural gas boiler as no reference was provided in the report.</p> <p>b) In addition, the report indicated that the equations used to calculate flue gas exit properties represent a linear best fit to the boilers that Theakston has been involved in. Please provide more information to support these equations.</p>	<p>a) The emissions rates / reference for the natural gas boiler is based on industry standard boiler equipment that emits maximum NOx output of 30ppm. US EPA AP-42 emission factors were used for particulate and benzene.</p> <p>b) In regard to the equations used to estimate the flue gas exit velocity, a combustion emission flow rate calculation was undertaken that accounted for the volume of air required per volume of natural gas, an excess air requirement, and flue gas recirculation). The result of the equation was subsequently adjusted to represent the best linear fit to similar comfort heating combustion equipment that provides a combustion emission mass flow rate in their technical data sheets.</p> <p>To illustrate the functionality and accuracy of this equation, the following is an example of a piece of comfort heating equipment (that listed a combustion emission mass flow rate in its technical data): Input capacity = 1.8 MMBH, and Flue gas mass flow = 1,587 lb/h, at the rated input. Using the formula for input capacity (MMBH), results in a Flue gas mass flow = 1,533.8 lb/h, which is within 3.5% of that stated in the specifications for Boiler model Vitocrossal 200, CM2 500 (which is representative of similar type of heating equipment).</p> <p>In addition, please note that the heated station area is very small; therefore the emissions associated with comfort heating is expected to be negligible. We included such equation above and details within the report as a means of demonstrating the extra level of due diligence and rigour that was carried out to ensure the accuracy of the modelling results.</p>	1 and 3
12	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Fugitive dust can be emitted from vehicle traffic on paved or unpaved roads. It appears fugitive dust from vehicles travelling on the roads was not included in the assessment. It is unclear why fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was not mentioned and included in the air quality assessment.	Traffic emissions of dust including break and tire wear, are included in the MOVES emission factors, and therefore was included in the assessment. Table 7 as well as Appendix C contain details regarding how fugitive dust impacts were considered as well as the recommended mitigation measures that will be employed to control construction dust, which will include any unpaved roads.	3
13	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was used to convert NOx to NO2, but in the Control Pathway – NO2 from A5, AERMOD Summary report, the OLM option was not selected.	We confirm that the Ozone Limiting Method was applied in the conversion of NOx to NO2 as outlined in the report; however, this selection was not displayed in the Control Pathway Dispersions Options printout from AERMOD – this is due to an error/oversight in "Lakes Program". As a result, an e-mail was sent to Lakes Software alerting them to this - a copy of the email has been <b>attached</b> for your reference.	3
14	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			A5, AERMOD Summary Report. NAAQS option was selected for both NO2 and PM2.5. It should be noted that the output is based on a multi-year average. The report should state clearly that the predicted maximum concentrations at these receptors are multi-year averages.	<p>The note at the bottom of Table 2 on page 12 of the report states:</p> <p>"*3-year average of the 98th percentile. It should be noted that the U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) was used for 1-hour NO2, and PM2.5 NAAQS was used in the AERMOD modeling for this analysis. NAAQS was selected to ensure alignment with the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards' 3-year average of the 98th percentile. Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."</p> <p>In addition, the report states the following on page 29: "Note: The 1-hour CAAQS limit for NO2 is based on the 98th percentile of the 3-year average of the hourly NO2 concentrations. As such, the AERMOD result presented represents the 98th percentile of the 3-year average."</p> <p>We trust this sufficiently addresses your comment regarding noting multi-year averages in the report.</p>	1 and 3
15	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			A5, AERMOD Summary Report. Non-default options were selected for all three contaminants. Provide more information regarding what non-default options used in the modelling for these contaminants.	For AERMOD we used flat terrain. This is a reasonable assumption since the terrain varies by 7m at most, over 1000m in the north south axis (0.7%). The terrain proximate to the site is effectively flat. When the "FLAT" Option is selected in AERMOD, it invokes the "Non-default" Model options. This was the only non-default option used.	3

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1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #10.</b> Background concentrations for all controlling contaminants were estimated from AQHI and NAPS stations as no on-site ambient air monitoring was conducted. In addition to two NAPS stations with B(a)P data as mentioned in the response, there are a few more stations with B(a)P data available before the year of 2021, for example Experimental Farm in Simcoe located near Agricultural land in a small town. It appears this monitoring station is similar as proposed site/area although it is far away from the proposed site. Compared to PM2.5 and benzene concentrations, 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hr B(a)P concentrations are about 60% to 80% of AAQC, and annual concentration are around 1.6 to 1.9 times of annual AAQC based on the data from the Experimental Farm station for the year of 2017-2019. Provide a rationale as to why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.	As previously stated in our February 18th response, B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins). Similarly, it should be acknowledged the Simcoe Experimental farm is 631km away from Timmins.  The Simcoe Experimental farm is not suitable a monitoring station given that it is influenced by the proximity of Windsor, Detroit and Toledo (which are within approximately 300km of Simcoe); all of which are industrial areas which contribute to B(a)P emissions. Additional information is provided as follows:  Wind directions: •Simcoe: Dominant wind direction is southwest (Canadian climate normals). •Timmins: Dominant wind direction is south (Canadian climate normals). Proximity of cities and related populations: •Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo are within 300km of Simcoe and lie to the southwest. The combined population of Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo is approximately 1,132,370. •Sudbury is south of Timmins and within 300km, the population of Greater Sudbury is 166,000. Potential Emission Sources: •Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo are urban and industrial areas that could contribute to B(a)P emissions. •Sudbury has a history of industrial activities, particularly mining and smelting, which could contribute to B(a)P emissions.  Given these factors, it is reasonable to conclude that background B(a)P emissions in Simcoe and Timmins are influenced by significantly different sources, and at different source intensities, due to the respective populations and types of industries upwind of the dominant wind directions. Therefore, it is not reasonable to assume that background B(a)P emissions in Simcoe are representative of those in Timmins. For all of the reasons summarized above, B(a)P was not captured in the assessment.	1 and 3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #12.</b> PM emissions from vehicles on paved roads include emissions in the form of exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear as well as resuspended road surface material. The particulate emissions in the form of vehicle exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear were estimated using MOVES as mentioned, however, particulate emissions from resuspended road surface material were not mentioned and included in the assessment. Provide a rationale/justification as to why emissions from resuspended road surface material were not included in the modelling.	For clarification, MECP's previous comment was related to clarifying how fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was considered/ included in the air quality assessment. Our response to this was provided on February 18th. In MECP's latest February 28th comment, the question is about emissions from resuspended road surface material.  Emissions from resuspended road surface material were not captured in the assessment because they are negligible.  It is also worth noting that Falcon Street is comprised of deteriorated asphalt, which is in disrepair and will be resurfaced after construction of Timmins Station.  The following supplementary information has also been provided to support our response:  Receptor #6 (101 Gervais Street North) is the receptor most affected by the emissions from the roads. It is 0.021ug/m3 (24-h) for the max predicted concentration for AADT increase from 2026 to 2046 (Table 5). This represents 0.14% of the cumulative concentration.  Employing the daily basis equation from US EPA AP-42 13.4.2 (for King Street – Highway 101) for emissions from resuspended road surface material, using the values in Table 13.2.1-1 for k, table 13.2.1-1 for the silt loading, Ontario fleet data for W, and Canadian climate normal for the days per year of precipitation, results in an emission rate of 0.026 grams / road km / day (0.000000227 grams / road km / second). This is 0.16% of the emission predicted by MOVES for King Street – Highway 101.  In summary, the King Street (101) road emissions account for a maximum of 0.14% of the cumulative pm2.5 (24-h) concentrations in Table 5, and the emissions from resuspended road surface material would be 0.16% (0.0016 as a fraction) of that 0.14% (0.0014 as a fraction), or 0.00022% (0.00000224 as a fraction). As such, the emissions from resuspended road surface material for King Street are negligible at Receptor #6 (101 Gervais Street North), which is the receptor most affected by potential emissions from the roads.	1 and 3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #14.</b> The comment is about predicted maximum concentrations mentioned in the report, not the NAAQS, 3-year average of the 98th percentile. I believe the highest concentrations mentioned in the note are multi-year averages as NAAQS option was chosen for the modelling. The note should mention that the highest concentrations are multi-year averages. Please add.	Acknowledged. An additional note in the particulate section of page 29 will be added to the updated report as follows: "Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest 3-year average concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."	1



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4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #15.</b> For particle deposition, I believe Method 2 was used in the assessment. The Method 2 option is considered a non-default option based on the information from the AERMOD Users Guide (US EPA, November 2024). Non-default options used in the modelling should be mentioned in the report. Please add.	As per our previous February 18th response, the non-default option for flat terrain was employed and a note has now been added to Appendix A.2, report page 52 of the updated report to state this accordingly. A screen capture from AERMOD has also been provided as an <i>attachment</i> to our response. In addition, we confirm that Method 2 was used. Within the AERMOD version 22112 that was employed, Method 2 is considered a non-default option. Therefore, the report will be updated within Appendix A.2, report page 52 to state that non-default options were used for modelling as follows: for Flat Terrain and Method 2 for PM2.5.	1
<p>Received March 14, 2025 (MECP Comments in Blue text)</p>						
1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Item #1. For this proposed project, the background concentrations for all selected contaminants were estimated based on the ambient air monitoring data from AQHI and NAPA stations in Sudbury and Newmarket as no on-site ambient air quality monitoring was conducted for this case. Newmarket station is close to the City of Toronto, and measured benzene concentrations from Newmarket station were used for background concentrations for the study area. Among the limited available PAH monitoring stations, the Simcoe station is considered more representative as it is located in a non-urban area as I mentioned before and also not impacted by any significant emission sources nearby (Windsor, Detroit and Toledo as mentioned by the proponent's response are far away from this station). The proponent needs to do on-site measurements if they would like to know whether the actual background concentrations for the study area higher or lower compared to those estimated ones. Not knowing whether the study area has relatively high background B(a)P cannot be the excuse for not choosing B(a)P as a contaminant for the assessment. <b>Please provide a reasonable rationale and discuss why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.</b>	<p>In response to your latest comments regarding B(a)P, below is supporting information to justify why levels at the station are considered negligible. It's based on the train operating at notch 2, which consumes fuel at approximately 140L/h. We've looked at two scenarios: one with Uncontrolled B(a)P emissions and one with 95% reduction with the Diesel Oxidation Catalyst (DOC) and Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) that come with Tier 4 engines (note the literature describes this 95% reduction.) Since the idling engine is the station's primary source of PM2.5 and B(a)P, a reasonable estimate of B(a)P concentration at the most affected receptor can be scaled based on the PM2.5 and B(a)P emission rates.</p> <p>The results are summarized below:  Max Receptor (#9) PM2.5 (24-h) □  0.554ug/m3 from Station □  B(a)P emission rate % of PM2.5 emission rate Estimated 24-h B(a)P Conc (ug/m3) 24-h B(a)P Limit (ug/m3) Fraction of B(a)P Limit (ug/m3) % of 24-h B(a)P Limit □  0.00000942% 5.21919E-08 0.000050.00104 0.104%B(a)P (Uncontrolled)  0.00000047% 2.6096E-09 0.000050.00005 0.005%B(a)P (Tier 4)</p> <p>Max Receptor (#9) PM2.5 (annual) □  0.079ug/m3 from Station □  B(a)P emission rate % of PM2.5 emission rate Estimated Annual B(a)P Conc (ug/m3) Annual B(a)P Limit (ug/m3) Fraction of B(a)P Limit (ug/m3) % annual of B(a)P Limit □  0.00000942% 0.00000007443 0.000010.00074 0.074%B(a)P (Uncontrolled)  0.00000047% 0.00000000372 0.000010.00004 0.004%B(a)P (Tier 4)</p> <p>Therefore, it can reasonably be concluded that the B(a)P emissions from the idling train are insignificant.</p> <p>If MECP does not agree with this rationale, we will endeavor to update the report to include modeling of B(a)P. AERMOD will model separately the emissions from the station and then the emissions from the roads. Each of these concentrations will be put into Table 5, for each of the receptors, in their respective columns, along with the background B(a)P data from Simcoe. These three concentrations (background from Simcoe, the contribution from the station, and the contribution from the additional traffic) will be added together and compared to the limit.</p> <p>We request concurrence from MECP that using background concentrations from Simcoe is acceptable, if this is the preferred path forward.</p>	3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Item #2. My understanding is fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment is the same thing as fugitive dust from resuspended road surface. It appears the proponent misunderstood the concept of the fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment. That is why I used the term directly from the US EPA AP-42 document when I commented on the proponent's response last time. <b>No further actions required on this item.</b>	Acknowledged.	3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Item #3. Instead of due to Ontario's AAQC PM2.5 limit, the highest multi-year average concentrations shown in the report are due to NAAQS option chosen for the modelling. <b>Please revise the note to include the wording.</b>	Wording in the report was revised accordingly.	1
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Item #4. The report will be updated to include Method #2 as pointed out in the comment. <b>No further comments on this item.</b>	Acknowledged.	3
<p>Received March 21, 2025</p>						

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1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<p>Here is the ministry response to your email below (Item #1) (from Mar 14 comments):</p> <p>Based on the information from the proponent's response, PM2.5 and B(a)P emissions and modelled PM2.5 results were used to estimated B(a)P concentrations from the proposed project. It should be noted that B(a)P concentrations will be higher compared to the estimated results shown in the proponent's response due to the particle deposition option and multi-year averages used for PM2.5 modelling. Consider the estimated low B(a)P concentrations, it is expected that B(a)P contribution from the proposed project would also be low with the consideration of the impacts from the particle deposition option and multi-year averages used for PM2.5 modelling and B(a)P contribution from nearby traffic. It will not change the conclusions of the assessment. <b>No further actions required.</b></p>	Acknowledged.	3
2	Batista, Cindy (MECP)			<p>With item #1 now resolved, the ministry has no further outstanding comments from an air quality perspective, which means ONTC can resume back into the project assessment process by way of a Notice of Resumption. It is the ministry's understanding that, there are 7 calendar days left of the 120-day period to incorporate all comments about the project and to finalize the EPR. The Notice of Completion must be given within 120 days of the distribution of the Notice of Commencement. The Notice of Resumption must be given before a Notice of Completion is issued. Please see the Notice of Resumption Template in Appendix A of the Transit Guide for reference.</p>	Acknowledged.	1 and 3

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**RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**

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Please let me know if ONTC would like to have a meeting with the ministry to clarify next steps.

Thanks,

Cindy

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0.00000047%	2.6096E-09	0.00005	0.00005	0.005%	B(a)P (Tier 4)

Max Receptor (#9) PM2.5 (annual) 0.079ug/m3 from Station					
B(a)P emission rate % of PM2.5 emission rate	Estimated Annual B(a)P Conc (ug/m3)	Annual B(a)P Limit (ug/m3)	Fraction of B(a)P Limit (ug/m3)	% annual of B(a)P Limit	
0.00000942%	0.00000007443	0.00001	0.00074	0.074%	B(a)P (Uncontrolled)
0.00000047%	0.00000000372	0.00001	0.00004	0.004%	B(a)P (Tier 4)

Therefore, it can reasonably be concluded that the B(a)P emissions from the idling train are insignificant.

If MECP does not agree with this rationale, we will endeavor to update the report to include modeling of B(a)P. AERMOD will model separately the emissions from the station and then the emissions from the roads. Each of these concentrations will be put into Table 5, for each of the receptors, in their respective columns, along with the background B(a)P data from Simcoe. These three concentrations (background from Simcoe, the contribution from the station, and the contribution from the additional traffic) will be added together and compared to the limit.

**We request concurrence from MECP that using background concentrations from Simcoe is acceptable, if this is the preferred path forward. Please let us know.**

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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**RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**


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Happy Friday, everyone.

Guowang has reviewed the responses shared with the ministry on March 7 and he has provided further clarification on the Feb 28 comments below:

Item #1. For this proposed project, the background concentrations for all selected contaminants were estimated based on the ambient air monitoring data from AQHI and NAPA stations in Sudbury and Newmarket as no on-site ambient air quality monitoring was conducted for this case. Newmarket station is close to the City of Toronto, and measured benzene concentrations from Newmarket station were used for background concentrations for the study area. Among the limited available PAH monitoring stations, the Simcoe station is considered more representative as it is located in a non-urban area as I mentioned before and also not impacted by any significant emission sources nearby (Windsor, Detroit and Toledo as mentioned by the proponent's response are far away from this station). The proponent needs to do on-site measurements if they would like to know whether the actual background concentrations for the study area higher or lower compared to those estimated ones. Not knowing whether the study area has relatively high background B(a)P cannot be the excuse for not choosing B(a)P as a contaminant for the assessment. **Please provide a reasonable rationale and discuss why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.**

Item #2. My understanding is fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment is the same thing as fugitive dust from resuspended road surface. It appears the proponent misunderstood the concept of the fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment. That is why I used the term directly from the US EPA AP-42 document when I commented on the proponent's response last time. **No further actions required on this item.**

Item #3. Instead of due to Ontario's AAQC PM2.5 limit, the highest multi-year average concentrations shown in the report are due to NAAQS option chosen for the modelling. **Please revise the note to include the wording.**

Item #4. The report will be updated to include Method #2 as pointed out in the comment. **No further comments on this item.**

I hope this is helpful.

Thanks

Wai

**Wai Hadlari | Project Officer** ([hear name](#))

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Good Morning Guowang & Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, please find attached responses to your February 27/28 comments (starting on Row 21 of the excel sheet).

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1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration.	Acknowledged.	3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Air monitoring data from Sudbury and New Market stations were used to estimate background concentrations for the controlling contaminants and ozone concentrations, and 90th percentile concentrations were used for estimation of 1-hr and 24-hr background concentrations as recommended by the MECP.	Acknowledged.	3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Nine receptors near the project site were selected and represent the most sensitive and closest locations as indicated in the report.	Acknowledged.	3
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Road emissions from the predicted increase in vehicular traffic from 2026 to 2046 and emissions from train station operation including train idling, heating, comfort, and emergency equipment were included in the modelling.	Acknowledged.	3
5	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			AERMOD was used to assess the air quality impacts from the proposed project and MECP preprocessed meteorological data were used.	Acknowledged.	3
6	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the project were estimated.	Acknowledged.	3
7	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Potential impacts and mitigation measures during the construction phase were discussed.	Acknowledged.	3
8	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that the modelled cumulative concentrations (modelled plus background) for selected contaminants were lower than applicable strict criteria/standards and the project has minor impacts on air quality.	Acknowledged.	3
9	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The estimated result of GHG emissions is roughly 5.9% of the threshold of being required to report CO2 emissions in Ontario and 0.00030% of CO2 emissions from transport in Canada in 2022 based on the information from the report.	Acknowledged.	3
10	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration as indicated in the report. The emission to criteria/standard ratio for benzo(a)pyrene is also high, even higher compared to those for PM2.5 and benzene. It is unclear why benzo(a)pyrene was not selected and included in the air quality assessment.	B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins) that have data from the last decade are: •125 Resources Road in west Toronto. This monitoring station is situated in generally proximity to the travelled portion of Highway 401 (410,900 AADT in 2021) – therefore, this station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area. •Toronto North Downsview at 4905 Dufferin Street, Toronto. The data from the Toronto North Downsview station is not viable (there is data published for 2018 only, with just 13 readings). This station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area.  In our professional opinion, none of the B(a)P data sets available in Canada, are representative of Timmins.  It is noted that Oxides of Nitrogen were chosen because they have the highest emission rate-to-concentration limit ratio. PM2.5 and Benzene were chosen because they have relatively high background concentrations. Refer to pages 4, 13, 32 & 58 of the report.	3
11	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			a) For emission rates estimates, the road emissions due to traffic increase were estimated using MOVES and the majority of the emission estimates from train station operation were based on the supplier information and/or USEPA AP-42 emission factors except for the proposed natural gas boiler. It is unclear where the emission factors come from for the proposed natural gas boiler as no reference was provided in the report.  b) In addition, the report indicated that the equations used to calculate flue gas exit properties represent a linear best fit to the boilers that Theakston has been involved in. Please provide more information to support these equations.	a) The emissions rates / reference for the natural gas boiler is based on industry standard boiler equipment that emits maximum NOX output of 30ppm. US EPA AP-42 emission factors were used for particulate and benzene.  b) In regard to the equations used to estimate the flue gas exit velocity, a combustion emission flow rate calculation was undertaken that accounted for the volume of air required per volume of natural gas, an excess air requirement, and flue gas recirculation. The result of the equation was subsequently adjusted to represent the best linear fit to similar comfort heating combustion equipment that provides a combustion emission mass flow rate in their technical data sheets.  To illustrate the functionality and accuracy of this equation, the following is an example of a piece of comfort heating equipment (that listed a combustion emission mass flow rate in its technical data): Input capacity = 1.8 MMBH, and Flue gas mass flow = 1,587 lb/h, at the rated input. Using the formula for input capacity (MMBH), results in a Flue gas mass flow = 1,533.8 lb/h, which is within 3.5% of that stated in the specifications for Boiler model Vitocrossal 200, CM2 500 (which is representative of similar type of heating equipment).  In addition, please note that the heated station area is very small; therefore the emissions associated with comfort heating is expected to be negligible. We included such equation above and details within the report as a means of demonstrating the extra level of due diligence and rigour that was carried out to ensure the accuracy of the modelling results.	1 and 3
12	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Fugitive dust can be emitted from vehicle traffic on paved or unpaved roads. It appears fugitive dust from vehicles travelling on the roads was not included in the assessment. It is unclear why fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was not mentioned and included in the air quality assessment.	Traffic emissions of dust including break and tire wear, are included in the MOVES emission factors, and therefore was included in the assessment. Table 7 as well as Appendix C contain details regarding how fugitive dust impacts were considered as well as the recommended mitigation measures that will be employed to control construction dust, which will include any unpaved roads.	3
13	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was used to convert NOx to NO2, but in the Control Pathway – NO2 from A5, AERMOD Summary report, the OLM option was not selected.	We confirm that the Ozone Limiting Method was applied in the conversion of NOx to NO2 as outlined in the report; however, this selection was not displayed in the Control Pathway Dispersions Options printout from AERMOD – this is due to an error/oversight in "Lakes Program". As a result, an e-mail was sent to Lakes Software alerting them to this - a copy of the email has been <b>attached</b> for your reference.	3
14	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			A5, AERMOD Summary Report, NAAQS option was selected for both NO2 and PM2.5. It should be noted that the output is based on a multi-year average. The report should state clearly that the predicted maximum concentrations at these receptors are multi-year averages.	The note at the bottom of Table 2 on page 12 of the report states:  "3-year average of the 98th percentile. It should be noted that the U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) was used for 1-hour NO2, and PM2.5 NAAQS was used in the AERMOD modeling for this analysis. NAAQS was selected to ensure alignment with the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards' 3-year average of the 98th percentile. Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."  In addition, the report states the following on page 29: "Note: The 1-hour CAAQS limit for NO2 is based on the 98th percentile of the 3-year average of the hourly NO2 concentrations. As such, the AERMOD result presented represents the 98th percentile of the 3-year average."  We trust this sufficiently addresses your comment regarding multi-year averages in the report.	1 and 3

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15	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			A5, AERMOD Summary Report. Non-default options were selected for all three contaminants. Provide more information regarding what non-default options used in the modelling for these contaminants.	For AERMOD we used flat terrain. This is a reasonable assumption since the terrain varies by 7m at most, over 1000m in the north south axis (0.7%). The terrain proximate to the site is effectively flat. When the "FLAT" Option is selected in AERMOD, it invokes the "Non-default" Model options. This was the only non-default option used.	3
Received February 27/28, 2025						
1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #10.</b> Background concentrations for all controlling contaminants were estimated from AQHI and NAPS stations as no on-site ambient air monitoring was conducted. In addition to two NAPS stations with B(a)P data as mentioned in the response, there are a few more stations with B(a)P data available before the year of 2021, for example Experimental Farm in Simcoe located near Agricultural land in a small town. It appears this monitoring station is similar as proposed site/area although it is far away from the proposed site. Compared to PM2.5 and benzene concentrations, 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hr B(a)P concentrations are about 60% to 80% of AAQC, and annual concentration are around 1.6 to 1.9 times of annual AAQC based on the data from the Experimental Farm station for the year of 2017-2019. Provide a rationale as to why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.	As previously stated in our February 18th response, B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins). Similarly, it should be acknowledged the Simcoe Experimental farm is 631km away from Timmins.  The Simcoe Experimental farm is not suitable a monitoring station given that it is influenced by the proximity of Windsor, Detroit and Toledo (which are within approximately 300km of Simcoe); all of which are industrial areas which contribute to B(a)P emissions. Additional information is provided as follows:  Wind directions: •Simcoe: Dominant wind direction is southwest (Canadian climate normals). •Timmins: Dominant wind direction is south (Canadian climate normals). Proximity of cities and related populations: •Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo are within 300km of Simcoe and lie to the southwest. The combined population of Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo is approximately 1,132,370. •Sudbury is south of Timmins and within 300km, the population of Greater Sudbury is 166,000. Potential Emission Sources: •Windsor, Detroit, and Toledo are urban and industrial areas that could contribute to B(a)P emissions. •Sudbury has a history of industrial activities, particularly mining and smelting, which could contribute to B(a)P emissions.  Given these factors, it is reasonable to conclude that background B(a)P emissions in Simcoe and Timmins are influenced by significantly different sources, and at different source intensities, due to the respective populations and types of industries upwind of the dominant wind directions. Therefore, it is not reasonable to assume that background B(a)P emissions in Simcoe are representative of those in Timmins. For all of the reasons summarized above, B(a)P was not captured in the assessment.	1 and 3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #12.</b> PM emissions from vehicles on paved roads include emissions in the form of exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear as well as resuspended road surface material. The particulate emissions in the form of vehicle exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear were estimated using MOVES as mentioned, however, particulate emissions from resuspended road surface material were not mentioned and included in the assessment. Provide a rationale/justification as to why emissions from resuspended road surface material were not included in the modelling.	For clarification, MECP's previous comment was related to clarifying how fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was considered/ included in the air quality assessment. Our response to this was provided on February 18th. In MECP's latest February 28th comment, the question is about emissions from resuspended road surface material.  Emissions from resuspended road surface material were not captured in the assessment because they are negligible.  It is also worth noting that Falcon Street is comprised of deteriorated asphalt, which is in disrepair and will be resurfaced after construction of Timmins Station.  The following supplementary information has also been provided to support our response:  Receptor #6 (101 Gervais Street North) is the receptor most affected by the emissions from the roads. It is 0.021ug/m3 (24-h) for the max predicted concentration for AADT increase from 2026 to 2046 (Table 5). This represents 0.14% of the cumulative concentration.  Employing the daily basis equation from US EPA AP-42 13.4.2 (for King Street – Highway 101) for emissions from resuspended road surface material, using the values in Table 13.2.1-1 for k, table 13.2.1-1 for the silt loading, Ontario fleet data for W, and Canadian climate normal for the days per year of precipitation, results in an emission rate of 0.026 grams / road km / day (0.000000227 grams / road km / second). This is 0.16% of the emission predicted by MOVES for King Street – Highway 101.  In summary, the King Street (101) road emissions account for a maximum of 0.14% of the cumulative pm2.5 (24-h) concentrations in Table 5, and the emissions from resuspended road surface material would be 0.16% (0.0016 as a fraction) of that 0.14% (0.0014 as a fraction), or 0.00022% (0.00000224 as a fraction). As such, the emissions from resuspended road surface material for King Street are negligible at Receptor #6 (101 Gervais Street North), which is the receptor most affected by potential emissions from the roads.	1 and 3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #14.</b> The comment is about predicted maximum concentrations mentioned in the report, not the NAAQS, 3-year average of the 98th percentile. I believe the highest concentrations mentioned in the note are multi-year averages as NAAQS option was chosen for the modelling. The note should mention that the highest concentrations are multi-year averages. Please add.	Acknowledged. An additional note in the particulate section of page 29 will be added to the updated report as follows: "Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest 3-year average concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."	1
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<b>Follow up comment on previous item #15.</b> For particle deposition, I believe Method 2 was used in the assessment. The Method 2 option is considered a non-default option based on the information from the AERMOD Users Guide (US EPA, November 2024). Non-default options used in the modelling should be mentioned in the report. Please add.	As per our previous February 18th response, the non-default option for flat terrain was employed and a note has now been added to Appendix A.2, report page 52 of the updated report to state this accordingly. A screen capture from AERMOD has also been provided as an <i>attachment</i> to our response.  In addition, we confirm that Method 2 was used. Within the AERMOD version 22112 that was employed, Method 2 is considered a non-default option. Therefore, the report will be updated within Appendix A.2, report page 52 to state that non-default options were used for modelling as follows: for Flat Terrain and Method 2 for PM2.5.	1

Control Pathway

Model: AERMOD

Control Options

- Dispersion Options
- Pollutant / Averaging
- Terrain Options (Flat)
- NOx to NO2 Options
- Background Ozone

Non-Default Options

- Background NOx (GRSM)
- Downwash Options
- Low Wind Options
- Gas Deposition

Optional Files

- Re-Start/Multi-Year Files
- Event/Error Files
- Debug Files

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Regulatory Options

Default  
 Non-Default

Output Type

Concentration  
 Total Deposition  
 Dry Deposition  
 Wet Deposition

Depletion Options

Dry Depletion  
 Wet Depletion  
 Disable Dry Depletion  
 Disable Wet Depletion

Model Options (Version #22112)

Flat (FLAT)  
 Flat & Elevated (FLAT ELEV)  
 Fast All Sources (FASTALL)  
 Fast Area Sources (FASTAREA)  
 Optimized Area Source Plume Depletion (AREADPLT)  
 No Stack-Tip Downwash (NOSTD)  
 No Output Warnings (NOWARN)  
 Non-Fatal Warnings for Non-Sequential Met Data (WARNCHKD)  
 No Checks for Non-Sequential Met Data (NOCHKD)  
 Run in Screening Mode (SCREEN)  
 Sampled Chronological Input Model (SCIM)  
 Ignore Urban Night / Daytime Transition (NOURBTRAN)  
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Hi there,

B(a)P data I mentioned are from 2017-2019. I made a correction to the comment.

Regards,  
Guowang

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**Subject:** RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution

**Importance:** High

Hello Krystal.

The ministry has added additional clarification wording, following each of Guowang's comments, to better identify what is the remaining ask in order for our ministry to be in a position to sign-off on the air quality report for the Timmins Station.

Directly below are Guowang's comments again with new additional text in **green**.

Items #1 - 9 are a summary of the assessment, not comments. **No further action required.**

Item #10. Background concentrations for all controlling contaminants were estimated from AQHI and NAPS stations as no on-site ambient air monitoring was conducted. In addition to two

NAPS stations with B(a)P data as mentioned in the response, there are a few more stations with B(a)P data available before the year of 2020, for example Experimental Farm in Simcoe located near Agricultural land in a small town. **It appears this monitoring station is similar as proposed site/area although it is far away from the proposed site.** Compared to PM2.5 and benzene concentrations, 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hr B(a)P concentrations are about 60% to 80% of AAQC, and annual concentration are around 1.6 to 1.9 times of annual AAQC based on the data from the Experimental Farm station for the year of 2017-2019. ~~Anyway, the B(a)P contribution from the proposed project also expects to be low based on the modelled results for other contaminants.~~ **Provide a rationale as to why B(a)P was not included in the assessment.**

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Item #15. For particle deposition, I believe Method 2 was used in the assessment. The Method 2 option is considered a non-default option based on the information from the AERMOD Users Guide (US EPA, November 2024). **Non-default options used in the modelling should be mentioned in the report. Please add.**

Please reach out if additional clarification is required. Happy to set up a call.

Thanks,

Cindy

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**Subject:** RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution

Good morning,

I have reviewed the responses to MECP comments on the air quality report. Below is a summary of my comments on the responses.

Items #1 - 9 are a summary of the assessment, not comments.

Item #10. Background concentrations for all controlling contaminants were estimated from AQHI and NAPS stations as no on-site ambient air monitoring was conducted. In addition to two NAPS stations with B(a)P data as mentioned in the response, there are a few more stations

with B(a)P data available before the year of 2020, for example Experimental Farm in Simcoe located near Agricultural land in a small town. Compared to PM2.5 and benzene concentrations, 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of 24-hr B(a)P concentrations are about 60% to 80% of AAQC, and annual concentration are around 1.6 to 1.9 times of annual AAQC based on the data from the Experimental Farm station for the year of 2017-2019. Anyway, the B(a)P contribution from the proposed project also expects to be low based on the modelled results for other contaminants.

Item #12. PM emissions from vehicles on paved roads include emissions in the form of exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear as well as resuspended road surface material. The particulate emissions in the form of vehicle exhaust, brake wear, and tire wear were estimated using MOVES as mentioned, however, particulate emissions from resuspended road surface material were not mentioned and included in the assessment.

Item #14. The comment is about predicted maximum concentrations mentioned in the report, not the NAAQS, 3-year average of the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile. I believe the highest concentrations mentioned in the note are multi-year averages as NAAQS option was chosen for the modelling.

Item #15. For particle deposition, I believe Method 2 was used in the assessment. The Method 2 option is considered a non-default option based on the information from the AERMOD Users Guide (US EPA, November 2024).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Guowang

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Afternoon Guowang,

Just checking into see how your review is going and reaching out to see if you need anything further from us.

Hope you have a good rest of the week!

Cheers,

-Krystal

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**Re: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**

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Morning Guowang,

Please find attached responses to your February 7th comments on the Air Quality Report.

We have provided responses in the attached excel table, which we hope satisfies any outstanding and new queries to allow us to finalize the Timmins Station EPR and proceed with the TRPAP process. We look forward to receiving your sign off on the report, please let us know if you have any questions.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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Received February 7, 2025						
1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration.	Acknowledged.	3
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Air monitoring data from Sudbury and New Market stations were used to estimate background concentrations for the controlling contaminants and ozone concentrations, and 90th percentile concentrations were used for estimation of 1-hr and 24-hr background concentrations as recommended by the MECP.	Acknowledged.	3
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Nine receptors near the project site were selected and represent the most sensitive and closest locations as indicated in the report.	Acknowledged.	3
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Road emissions from the predicted increase in vehicular traffic from 2026 to 2046 and emissions from train station operation including train idling, heating, comfort, and emergency equipment were included in the modelling.	Acknowledged.	3
5	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			AERMOD was used to assess the air quality impacts from the proposed project and MECP preprocessed meteorological data were used.	Acknowledged.	3
6	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the project were estimated.	Acknowledged.	3
7	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Potential impacts and mitigation measures during the construction phase were discussed.	Acknowledged.	3
8	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that the modelled cumulative concentrations (modelled plus background) for selected contaminants were lower than applicable strict criteria/standards and the project has minor impacts on air quality.	Acknowledged.	3
9	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The estimated result of GHG emissions is roughly 5.9% of the threshold of being required to report CO2 emissions in Ontario and 0.00030% of CO2 emissions from transport in Canada in 2022 based on the information from the report.	Acknowledged.	3
10	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standard ratio and background concentration as indicated in the report. The emission to criteria/standard ratio for benzo(a)pyrene is also high, even higher compared to those for PM2.5 and benzene. It is unclear why benzo(a)pyrene was not selected and included in the air quality assessment.	<p>B(a)P was not chosen because it is not known to have relatively high background concentrations in the Porcupine / Timmins area. In addition, there is no monitoring station with representative B(a)P concentration data in the last decade. The two closest NAPS stations (which are located more than 500km away from Timmins) that have data from the last decade are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•125 Resources Road in west Toronto. This monitoring station is situated in generally proximity to the travelled portion of Highway 401 (410,900 AADT in 2021) – therefore, this station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area.</li> <li>•Toronto North Downsview at 4905 Dufferin Street, Toronto. The data from the Toronto North Downsview station is not viable (there is data published for 2018 only, with just 13 readings). This station is not representative of the Porcupine / Timmins area.</li> </ul> <p>In our professional opinion, none of the B(a)P data sets available in Canada, are representative of Timmins.</p> <p>It is noted that Oxides of Nitrogen were chosen because they have the highest emission rate-to-concentration limit ratio. PM2.5 and Benzene were chosen because they have relatively high background concentrations. Refer to pages 4, 13, 32 &amp; 58 of the report.</p>	3



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11	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			<p>a) For emission rates estimates, the road emissions due to traffic increase were estimated using MOVES and the majority of the emission estimates from train station operation were based on the supplier information and/or USEPA AP-42 emission factors except for the proposed natural gas boiler. It is unclear where the emission factors come from for the proposed natural gas boiler as no reference was provided in the report.</p> <p>b) In addition, the report indicated that the equations used to calculate flue gas exit properties represent a linear best fit to the boilers that Theakston has been involved in. Please provide more information to support these equations.</p>	<p>a) The emissions rates / reference for the natural gas boiler is based on industry standard boiler equipment that emits maximum NOx output of 30ppm. US EPA AP-42 emission factors were used for particulate and benzene.</p> <p>b) In regard to the equations used to estimate the flue gas exit velocity, a combustion emission flow rate calculation was undertaken that accounted for the volume of air required per volume of natural gas, an excess air requirement, and flue gas recirculation). The result of the equation was subsequently adjusted to represent the best linear fit to similar comfort heating combustion equipment that provides a combustion emission mass flow rate in their technical data sheets.</p> <p>To illustrate the functionality and accuracy of this equation, the following is an example of a piece of comfort heating equipment (that listed a combustion emission mass flow rate in its technical data): Input capacity = 1.8 MMBH, and Flue gas mass flow = 1,587 lb/h, at the rated input. Using the formula for input capacity (MMBH), results in a Flue gas mass flow = 1,533.8 lb/h, which is within 3.5% of that stated in the specifications for Boiler model Vitocrossal 200, CM2 500 (which is representative of similar type of heating equipment).</p> <p>In addition, please note that the heated station area is very small; therefore the emissions associated with comfort heating is expected to be negligible. We included such equation above and details within the report as a means of demonstrating the extra level of due diligence and rigour that was carried out to ensure the accuracy of the modelling results.</p>	1 and 3
12	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			Fugitive dust can be emitted from vehicle traffic on paved or unpaved roads. It appears fugitive dust from vehicles travelling on the roads was not included in the assessment. It is unclear why fugitive dust from vehicle re-entrainment was not mentioned and included in the air quality assessment.	Traffic emissions of dust including break and tire wear, are included in the MOVES emission factors, and therefore was included in the assessment. Table 7 as well as Appendix C contain details regarding how fugitive dust impacts were considered as well as the recommended mitigation measures that will be employed to control construction dust, which will include any unpaved roads.	3
13	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			The report indicated that Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was used to convert NOx to NO2, but in the Control Pathway – NO2 from A5, AERMOD Summary report, the OLM option was not selected.	We confirm that the Ozone Limiting Method was applied in the conversion of NOx to NO2 as outlined in the report; however, this selection was not displayed in the Control Pathway Dispersions Options printout from AERMOD – this is due to an error/oversight in "Lakes Program". As a result, an e-mail was sent to Lakes Software alerting them to this - a copy of the email has been <b>attached</b> for your reference.	3
14	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			A5, AERMOD Summary Report. NAAQS option was selected for both NO2 and PM2.5. It should be noted that the output is based on a multi-year average. The report should state clearly that the predicted maximum concentrations at these receptors are multi-year averages.	<p>The note at the bottom of Table 2 on page 12 of the report states:</p> <p>""3-year average of the 98th percentile. It should be noted that the U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) was used for 1-hour NO2, and PM2.5 NAAQS was used in the AERMOD modeling for this analysis. NAAQS was selected to ensure alignment with the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards' 3-year average of the 98th percentile. Due to Ontario's AAQC's PM2.5 limit, the highest concentrations (rather than the 98th percentile) are presented in the results."</p> <p>In addition, the report states the following on page 29: "Note: The 1-hour CAAQS limit for NO2 is based on the 98th percentile of the 3-year average of the hourly NO2 concentrations. As such, the AERMOD result presented represents the 98th percentile of the 3-year average."</p> <p>We trust this sufficiently addresses your comment regarding noting multi-year averages in the report.</p>	1 and 3
15	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)			A5, AERMOD Summary Report. Non-default options were selected for all three contaminants. Provide more information regarding what non-default options used in the modelling for these contaminants.	For AERMOD we used flat terrain. This is a reasonable assumption since the terrain varies by 7m at most, over 1000m in the north south axis (0.7%). The terrain proximate to the site is effectively flat. When the "FLAT" Option is selected in AERMOD, it invokes the "Non-default" Model options. This was the only non-default option used.	3

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Paul,

Thank you for contacting us. That specific option only applies to much older versions of the model where NO<sub>2</sub> conversion options had their own unique checkbox under the Model Options that had to be employed because OLM & PVMRM were not regulatory approved options. Once those options were promulgated (part of the 2017 Appendix W update), an explicit checkbox was no longer needed.

I'll make a note to review some of the report templates to see what outdated options need to be reconsidered.

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Cheers,

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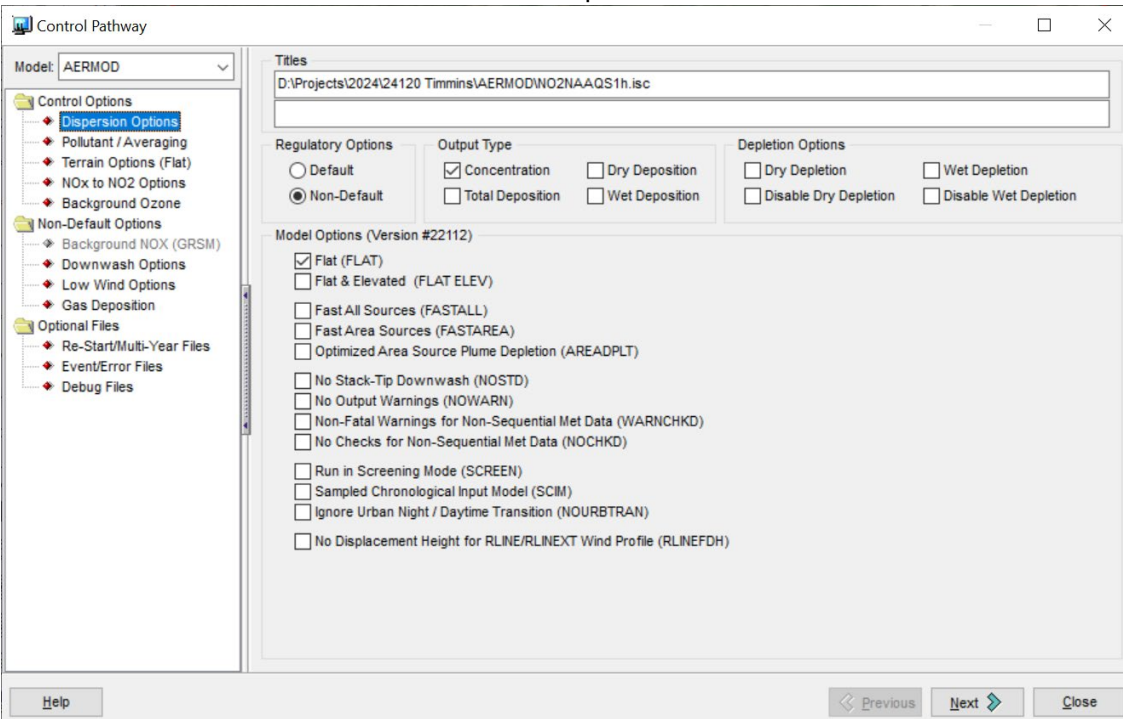
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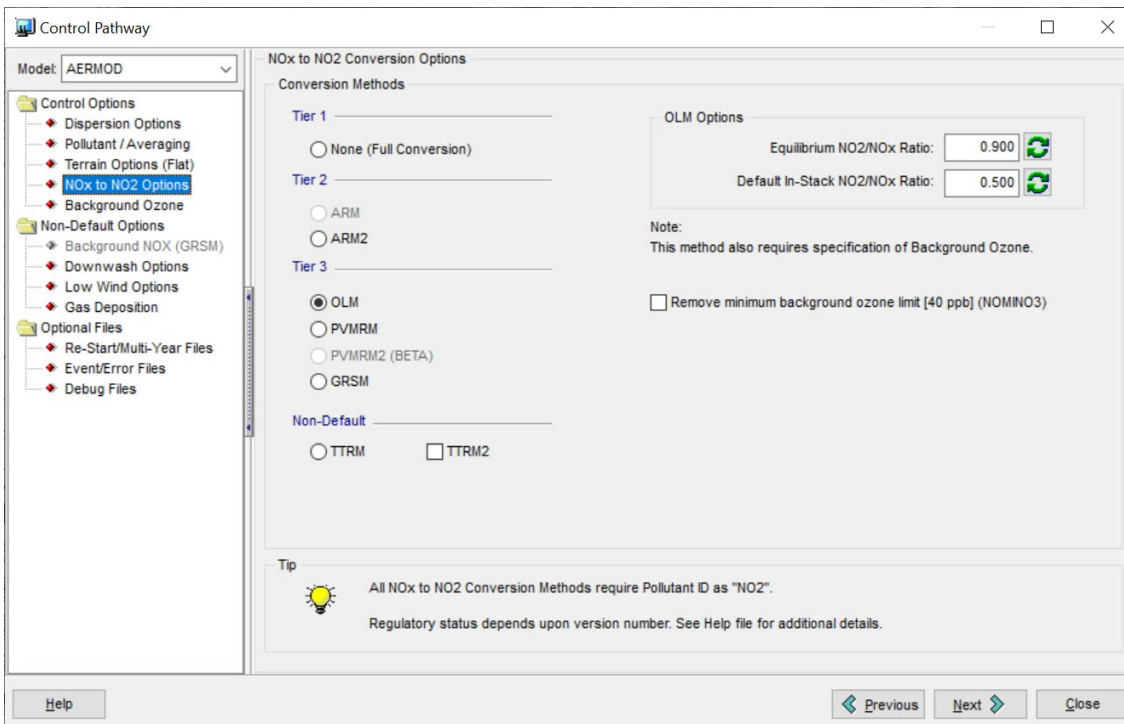
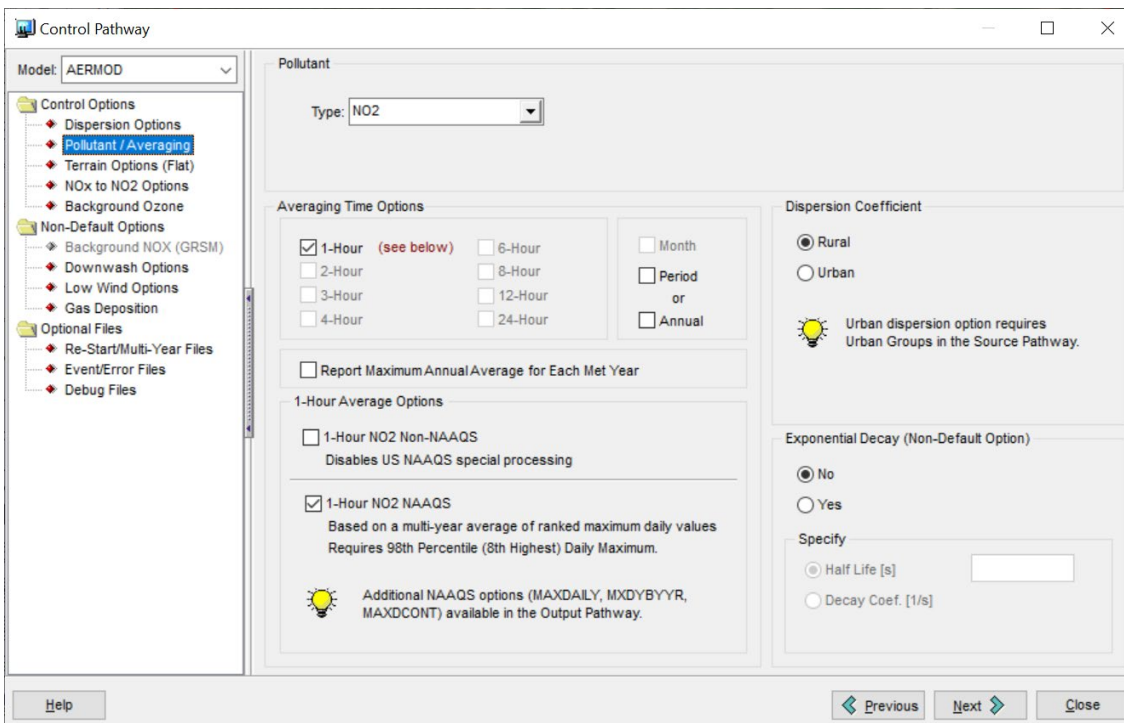
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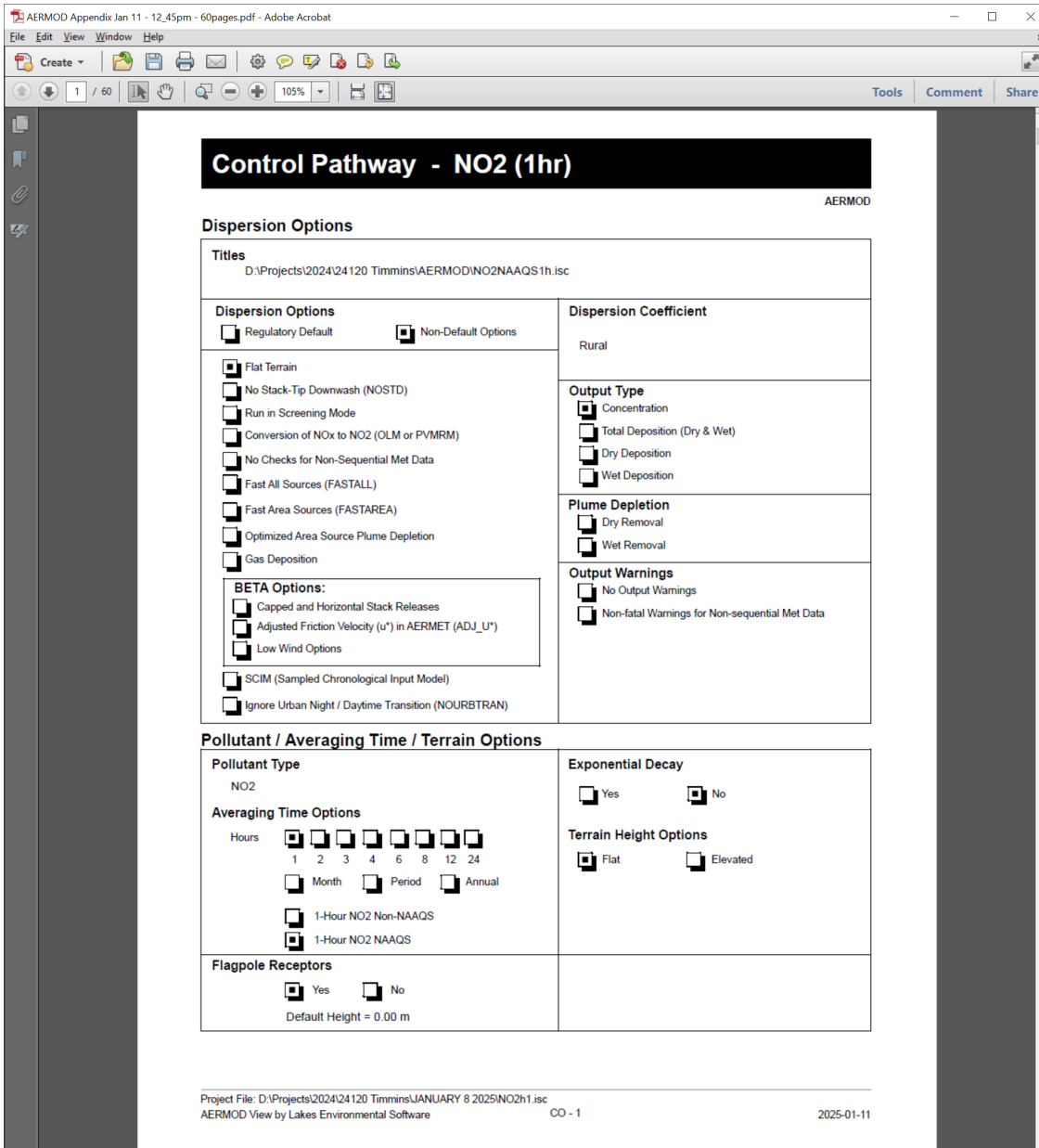
Hope you are keeping busy and well.

We are using AERMOD to model 1 hour NO2 NAAQS concentrations based on the OLM method. Included below are two screen shots of our set up:





We are confident in our setup of the remaining parameters. When we use the “Report Options” to generate a pdf report of the “Control Pathway”, the following pdf report is the result:



Why is the “Conversion of NOx to NO2 (OLM or PVMRM)” option not checked? Our client is wondering why?

Thanks

Have a great day.

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Hi there,

I have reviewed the revised Air Quality Assessment report for Ontario Northlander Passenger Rail, Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project.

Below is a summary of the air quality assessment:

- NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration.
- Air monitoring data from Sudbury and New Market stations were used to estimate background concentrations for the controlling contaminants and ozone concentrations, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile concentrations were used for estimation of 1-hr and 24-hr background concentrations as recommended by the MECP.
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- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the project were estimated.
- Potential impacts and mitigation measures during the construction phase were discussed.
- The report indicated that the modelled cumulative concentrations (modelled plus background) for selected contaminants were lower than applicable strict criteria/standards and the project has minor impacts on air quality.

- The estimated result of GHG emissions is roughly 5.9% of the threshold of being required to report CO2 emissions in Ontario and 0.00030% of CO2 emissions from transport in Canada in 2022 based on the information from the report.

Below is a summary of my comments on the air quality assessment report:

- NO2, PM2.5 and benzene were selected as the controlling contaminants for the air quality assessment consider the emission to criteria/standards ratio and background concentration as indicated in the report. The emission to criteria/standard ratio for benzo(a)pyrene is also high, even higher compared to those for PM2.5 and benzene. It is unclear why benzo(a)pyrene was not selected and included in the air quality assessment.
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Guowang



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**RE: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**

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Hi Krystal,

I will provide my comments/response, probably early next week.

Regards,  
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**Re: Timmins Station TRPAP - Meeting to discuss Air Quality Rpt Comment Resolution**

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Good Morning Guowang,

Please find attached the updated Air Quality report and answers to your comments in the attached excel comment sheet. The report has been revised to include your comments and reflect MTO / MECP direction received December 16, 2024.

If you can please provide your comments / response by January 31, 2025, that would be appreciated.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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1	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Table 1	It is unclear why the modelled maximum NO2 concentrations were not shown in the table when assessing air quality impacts from nearby roads and air quality impacts from the training station project. The modelled NO2 concentration should be included in addition to the modelled concentration plus background concentration.	We interpret this request to mean NO2 should be shown separately (without background concentrations). This has been done. From there, we have then added background concentrations, to derive the cumulative result. The report and tables have been updated accordingly.	1
2	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Table 1	90th percentile of measurements from local and/or regional air monitoring stations are usually used to establish background air quality for a time resolution of 24 hours or less as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment on the Draft Environmental Project Report. It appears only 1-hr and annual background NO2 background concentrations were provided, but 24-hr NO2 background concentration was not included in the report for the modelling of impacts from training station. Also, only 1-hr background NO2 concentrations were included in the modelling the potential impacts from the nearby roads.	24 hour concentraions have been included in Table 5 of the revised report.	1
3	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Table 1	Explain why the modelled concentration plus background concentration (3.1 ppb) is less than annual background NO2 concentration (5.7 ppb) for the nearby roads as shown in the report.	Based on MTO/MECP direction from 12/16/2024, the report has been updated using AERMOD only to model the emissions from the traffic related to the proposed train station.	1
4	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Table 1	Background concentrations of total suspended particulate matter and PM10 may be estimated based on the background PM2.5 concentration when the measurements of TSP and PM10 are not available.	PM 2.5 has been modelled and results have been presented in the revised report. See section #5 / Table #5	1
5	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Table 1 & Table 6	Use Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) instead of Canadian AAQC	Thank you for pointing this out. This typo has been corrected in a revised report.	1
6	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Section 5, Page 8	Platform area was used as a sensitive receptor to assess the potential impacts from the station project. It should be noted that sensitive receptors are defined as residential dwellings based on the MTO guideline document. Since the predicted concentrations were below applicable criteria/standards for the study area including nearby residences, it may not change the conclusion of the assessment.	The platform has been removed as a sensitive receptor within the revised report. The report has been updated accordingly. See Section 3.2, Figure 4, within the revised report for a summary of the selected sensitive receptors.	1
7	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Page 12	The report states that the MECP regulates the ambient air quality through the Ambient Air Quality Criteria .... It should be noted that an AAQC is not a regulatory value. AAQCs are used to assess the ambient air quality, i.e., the potential air quality impacts from the proposed project.	Thank you for pointing this out. This typo has been corrected in a revised report.	1
8	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		Table 5	There is a typo for Ontario interim AAQC for PM10, it should be 50 ug/m3 instead of 10 ug/m3 for 24-hr averaging period. The ministry also has 1-hr NO2 AAQC of 400 ug/m3 in addition to the 24-hr AAQC of 200 ug/m3.	Noted Thank You. This typo has been corrected in a revised report.	1
9	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		General	Units of modelled concentrations should be included/shown in the figures.	Based on MTO/MECP direction from 12/16/2024, the report has been update using AERMOD only to model the emissions from the traffic related to the proposed train station.	1

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10	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		A.3 Controlling Contaminants, Page 46.	The note (*) is confused. I don't think there is any conversion method outline in modelling guideline applied to calculate the E-rate/Annual limit, and annual AAQCS of 12 ppb (or 24 ug/3).	The (*) was a remnant from the September, 2024 submission which should have been removed. Report updated accordingly.	1
11	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		General	The report used modelled TSP or PM10 concentrations as estimates for PM2.5. It should be noted that settling velocity and deposition velocity are different in the modelling for TSP, PM10 and PM2.5, which will affect the modelled concentrations. Depending on the modelling option, the modelled PM2.5 concentration may be higher with lower settling velocity and deposition velocity compared to TSP and PM10 when the emission rates of TSP, PM10 and PM2.5 are similar, like this case. Provide modelled PM2.5 concentrations to support the assumption used in the report for this case.	<b>PM2.5 U.S. National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) was used in the AERMOD modeling for this analysis. PM 2.5 NAAQS was selected to ensure alignment with the Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards' 3-year average of the 98th percentile criteria. The report has been updated accordingly.</b>	1
12	Qiu, Guowang (MECP)		General	It appears the modelled NO2 concentrations can be shown as ug/m3. Check the link for detailed information: <a href="#">CALRoads View - Modifying Model Output Units   Lakes Environmental Software</a>	Based on MTO/MECP direction from 12/16/2024, the report has been update using AERMOD only to model the emissions from the traffic related to the proposed train station.	1

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Hi Krystal,

Below are some major issues based on my previous comments:

1. The predicted maximum concentrations were not shown in Table 1 of the report.
2. The modelled 24-hr NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were not shown in the report.
3. The report used modelled TSP or PM<sub>10</sub> concentrations as estimates for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. The settling velocity and deposition velocity may be different in the modelling for TSP, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>, which can impact the modelled concentrations as I mentioned before. It is suggested providing modelled PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations to support the assumption used in the report for this case.

Generally the CAL3QHCR model is used for roadway assessments, including for NO<sub>2</sub>. This model also has the ability to add variable ambient background concentrations, and can be run using a year of hourly meteorological data.

As for the modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentration unit, the consultant mentioned that modelled concentration unit cannot change to ug/m<sup>3</sup> during meeting discussion. I provided the link from Lakes Environmental, which indicated that the modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations can be shown in ug/m<sup>3</sup>.

Regards,  
Guowang

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Good Evening Guowang,

We are working to update the report as per your comments but have a few points of clarification to allow us to move forward with edits to the report. I think we can all agree that the intent of this study is to assess potential air quality impacts for the project, meaning potential operational and construction related impacts to sensitive receptors. We are working diligently to move this across the line to meet mandated in-service timelines.

## Modelling

- There has been some discussion on modelling so I wanted to provide further background and approach
- AERMOD was used as the base modeling tool for this AQ study; and is consistently used in other previously approved TRPAPs completed for other Transit Authorities (i.e. Metrolinx Caledonia GO Station EPR and City of Toronto/TTC/Metrolinx Scarborough Subway Extension EPR).
- For this project, CALINE 4 was used in addition to AERMOD, to further model and establish existing background ambient air quality conditions from vehicle traffic on nearby roads. This was done to ensure a more accurate assessment of ambient background conditions, as there are no monitoring stations that are reasonably close to the Timmins Station site (unlike the Metrolinx Caledonia GO Station and Scarborough Subway Extension examples where there are nearby MECP/NAPS monitoring stations, that provide representative background data, in the respective study areas). The closest one is in Sudbury so this was done to make the study MORE accurate.
- CALINE4 was also used in the prediction of emissions related to future traffic estimates when considering the future build scenario. Note: the previously referenced Metrolinx projects are all located within highly urbanized environments, where the nearest MECP/NAPS monitoring stations can be relied upon for accurate ambient data, which incorporates traffic emissions from nearby roads, negating the need for additional modeling as completed in this AQ study using CALINE4.

## NO<sub>2</sub>

- Please confirm if MECP classifies NO<sub>2</sub> as a highly reactive vs inert gas as it changes the approach
  - CALINE 4 is the only model within the CALRoads suite specifically designed to model NO<sub>2</sub>, the controlling contaminant for the train station project.
  - Unlike other models in the suite (e.g., CALQHC(R)), which are suitable for inert gases, CALINE 4 accounts for NO<sub>2</sub>'s highly reactive nature, ensuring more accurate results by allowing background concentration to be input into the model.
  - CALQHC(R) can present results with units integrated into the output, as requested by MECP, but it is not suitable for assessing NO<sub>2</sub> as a reactive gas.

## Methodology

- Please provide clarification on approach to allow us to address some outstanding comments

- Current request is to use background concentration of total suspended particulate matter and PM10 be estimated based on the background PM 2.5 when measurements of TSP and PM10 are not available. PM 2.5 was used for modelling purposes as it represents the worst-case scenario. Research into literature is required for the background assumptions needed to estimate PM10. Please confirm if you are aligned with PM 2.5.

### **Previous Comments**

- In order to move the study forward, ONTC is requesting we address outstanding comments and leave comments previously closed, as resolved. Example provided in the attached email from October 11th confirming NO<sub>2</sub> output as PPM is acceptable, but November 14<sup>th</sup> comment says output should be ug/m<sup>3</sup>. Requesting we leave it as PPM.

We thank you for your continued support on this priority project and are happy to meet if further clarification is required.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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Hi Amber,

I have reviewed the revised Timmins Station Air Quality Report. Below is a summary of my comments:

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4. Table 1. Background concentrations of total suspended particulate matter and PM<sub>10</sub> may be estimated based on the background PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration when the measurements of TSP and PM<sub>10</sub> are not available.
5. Table 1 & Table 6. Use Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) instead of Canadian AAQC
6. Section 5, page 8. Platform area was used as a sensitive receptor to assess the potential impacts from the station project. It should be noted that sensitive receptors are defined as residential dwellings based on the MTO guideline document. Since the predicted

concentrations were below applicable criteria/standards for the study area including nearby residences, it may not change the conclusion of the assessment.

7. Page 12. The report states that the MECP regulates the ambient air quality through the Ambient Air Quality Criteria .... It should be noted that an AAQC is not a regulatory value. AAQCs are used to assess the ambient air quality, i.e., the potential air quality impacts from the proposed project.
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Guowang

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Example	Smith 1	Section 4.0 Methodology	Second Bullet	Insert text here...			
1	Qiu, Guowang	Contaminants of Concern		Key pollutants related to transportation air quality impact assessments are carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxide (NOx) with a focus on NO and NO2, particulate matter (TSP, PM10 and PM2.5), selected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (benzene, 1-3 butadiene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein) and benzo(a)pyrene. However, the air quality impact assessment included only some pollutants, i.e., NOx, TSP, and benzene. The list of key pollutants related to transportation mentioned above should all be included in the air quality impact assessment.	Theakston Environmental	See Appendix Sections A.3 and B.3, in updated report. The information contained in the referenced appendices demonstrate that the controlling contaminants have been presented in the body of the report by comparing the emission factors of the key pollutants ( carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxide (NOx) with a focus on NO and NO2, particulate matter (TSP, PM10 and PM2.5), selected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (benzene, 1-3 butadiene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein) and benzo(a)pyrene) to their respective limits. The particulate matter concentrations are low enough that the TSP and / or PM10 concentrations are less than the PM2.5 limits. This is highlighted in the particulate Figures in the body of the report.	1
2	Qiu, Guowang	Study Area		According to the information from the Ministry of Transportations' Environmental Guide for Assessing and Mitigating the Air Quality Impacts and Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Provincial Transportation Projects (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDE FOR ASSESSING AND MITIGATING THE AIR QUALITY IMPACTS AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OF PROVINCIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com)), "The local air quality impacts are assumed to be limited to a distance of approximately 500 m from the transportation facility, in each direction."	Theakston Environmental	See Appendix Section A.5 and B.4 in updated report, where the local air quality impacts are depicted to a distance of approximately 500 m from the transportation facility, in each direction.	1
3	Qiu, Guowang	Section 1.8		The predicted results from the proposed project including cumulative effects are usually compared with applicable Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC) and/or Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) to assess the air quality impacts from the project. Update Table 4 to include all applicable criteria/standards for all key pollutants with all applicable averaging periods. In addition, the ministry has updated criteria and standards for SO2. Please refer to the following link for the updated AAQC: AMBIENT AIR QUALITY CRITERIA (ontario.ca). In addition to the annual AAQC of 0.45 µg/m3, the ministry also has a 24-hour AAQC of 2.3 µg/m3 for benzene.	Theakston Environmental	The Table has been updated. The method used in MECP Guideline A-11 (2017) was used to address the 2.3µg/m3 limit on Figures 7a and 7b.	1

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4	Qiu, Guowang	Background Air Quality		<p>Ambient air quality monitoring data from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and National Ambient Pollution Surveillance (NAPS) program ambient air monitoring stations in Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Toronto were reviewed and maximum concentrations were used as background concentrations. These stations are far away from the project site, which may not be an appropriate representative for the study area. Provide a rationale to explain why ambient air quality monitoring data from these stations can be used to estimate background air quality for the study area.</p> <p>As provided in the ministry's previous comment on the Draft Environmental Project Report, the 90th percentile of measurements from local and/or regional air monitoring stations are usually used to establish background air quality for a time resolution of 24 hours or less. Please add a table to show a statistical summary of ambient air monitoring data and comparison with applicable criteria/standards.</p>	Theakston Environmental	Page 13 states that the "nearest locations to Timmins are: Sudbury, North Bay, and Sault Ste Marie, where Ontario has data, with Sudbury being the closest". The rationale is that these are the closest stations with air quality data. See Appendix C for 90 percentile data, in updated report.	1
5	Qiu, Guowang			<p>Benzene concentration at the Porcupine Public Health Unit from a Carex Canada Study in 2011 and the assumption of a 50% reduction over 10 years were used to estimate the maximum background benzene concentration for the study area based on the information from the report. It should be noted that the decrease trends varied by location, from 21% at Ottawa Downtown station to 42% at Sania station, with an average reduction of 41% based on the measurements from 2010 to 2019 (10-year trends and annual results   Air Quality in Ontario 2019 Report   ontario.ca). From 2012 to 2021, the annual mean benzene concentration has decreased by 36% on average (Air Quality in Ontario 2021 Report   ontario.ca). A reasonable reduction rate should be used to estimate background benzene concentration if benzene concentration at the Porcupine Public Health Unit from a Carex Canada Study in 2011 is used.</p> <p>In addition to the annual AAQC, the ministry also has 24-hour AAQC, 2.3 µg/m3 for benzene as mentioned in the previous comment. The Carex Canada Study (2011) provided predicted annual mean benzene concentrations. 24-hour background benzene concentration is also required to assess the cumulative effects.</p>	Theakston Environmental	See Appendix C, in updated report. The MECP data for the larger of 2010 or 2012 is an average of 67% of the values the Carex Study found for Benzene for 2011. The average reduction from the MECP 2012 data to the MECP 2019 data was 65%. As such, (on average) the MECP 2019 values were 43.5% of the Carex Study values. Therefore using 50% of the Carex Study values (estimated in Figure 3) is conservative. 24 hour benzene concentrations have been added to Figures 7a and 7b in the body of the report.	1
6	Qiu, Guowang	Sensitive Receptors		It seems the report didn't provide detailed information of sensitive receptors in the study area, which could be impacted by the proposed project. Sensitive receptors within the study area should be identified and presented in the report.	Theakston Environmental	Report pages 4, 19 and 21 describe the Train Station itself as the location with sensitive receptors within the of influence of the emission sources modelled. The public and catholic schools (Figure 1a) are outside the zone of influence of the train station's potential emissions and concentrations at the closest residences are low. In our professional opinion, the GLC grid conservatively captures the sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the proposed train station. To demonstrate, Appendix B.4 provides the worst-case concentrations for sensitive receptors while Figures 5a through 7b provide the concentrations from the GLC grid.	1
7	Qiu, Guowang	Sections 1.4, 1.7 and 3.3		Emissions from industries in the vicinity of the site, such as Sarjeant Propane, City of Timmins Public Works, Porcupine Machining, City of Timmins Bob's Lake Lagoon sewage collection system and City of Timmins 815 Gervais Street North sewage collection system were identified, and noise, odour, and dust impacts from these industries were reviewed based on land use compatibility guideline (D-6). Emissions from these industrial sources were excluded from the modelling assessment for the proposed project based on information from the report. If possible, provide more information to support impacts from these industries are insignificant, for example, emissions/modelled concentrations from Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling (ESDM) reports, and/or complaint reports from these facilities.	Theakston Environmental	None of these industries have ECAs or EASRs, so no emission rates or modelling is available. Appendix D contains literature discussing the sewage collection systems.	1

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8	Qiu, Guowang			Emissions from nearby roads for the year 2021 and year 2046 were estimated using the U.S. EPA's Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES4) and modelled using CALRoads View as indicated in the report. It is unclear whether the predicted concentrations shown in the report are for the existing situation (2021) or the future situation (2046). Considering the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) near the proposed site, especially the AADT for King Street based on the information from the Traffic Assessment Report, it is recommended emissions from nearby roads for the year 2046 be included when modelling air quality impacts from the proposed project (modelling emissions from both nearby traffic and the proposed project). In addition, MOVES inputs, outputs and traffic conditions should be included and presented in the report.	Theakston Environmental	We confirm that emissions from nearby roads for the year 2046 were already included as part of modelling air quality impacts from the proposed project as outlined on page 17 where we state "The NPR TRPAP Traffic Assessment Report, from June 2024 was used for an estimate of peak traffic flows in 2046." See Appendix B.2 for MOVES4 inputs.	1
9	Qiu, Guowang			As the report didn't provide enough detailed information, it is unclear whether the proponent followed the MTO's guide for transportation projects when assessing impacts from nearby roads, for example, conducting one-hour and 24-hour worst-case analysis and using worst-case meteorological inputs, etc, even though more detailed traffic information was provided in the Traffic Assessment Report.	Theakston Environmental	For the Figures 5a through 7b, in the body of the report, our experience was used to provide a conservative result. Appendix B.4 demonstrates that the worst-case concentrations, when using MTO's guide, are slightly less conservative than those shown in the body of the report. Appendix B.1 tabulates the differences between the parameters from Theakston's typical analysis and those suggested in the MTO guide. AERMOD calculates 5 years of hourly data and chooses the worst-case. AERMOD has the option of eliminating meteorological anomalies. The highest concentrations were reported in the original Report.	1
10	Qiu, Guowang			In addition to emissions from nearby roads, the emission rates estimation for the key pollutants for the railway station including methods and results should be described and presented in the report.	Theakston Environmental	Sample calculations for the controlling pollutants for the railway station, namely the train, the emergency generator, and the comfort heating equipment have been provided in Appendix A.4 - Emission Rate Sample Calculations.	1
11	Qiu, Guowang			The report doesn't provide sufficient information about air dispersion modelling, i.e., meteorological data, terrain data, emission heights, information on receptors, etc. In addition, NO2 concentrations were reported, it is unclear what method was used as there are several options available for the conversion of NOx to NO2 in the AERMOD.	Theakston Environmental	The OLM method also requires values for the "In Stack NO2/NOx Ratio". The following values were used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diesel Locomotive = 0.083</li> <li>• Nit Heaters and AHU = 0.100</li> <li>• Generac Generator = 0.187</li> </ul> See Appendix A.2, in updated report.	1
12	Qiu, Guowang			In addition to the maximum point of impingement concentration, modelled results for sensitive receptors should also be provided. In addition to the isopleth/contour plots, the modelled results including cumulative effects for all key pollutants should be presented in the tables and compared with applicable criteria/standards.	Theakston Environmental	See Appendix Sections A.3 and B.3, within the updated report. These appendices demonstrate that the controlling contaminants have been presented in the body of the report by comparing the emission factors of the key pollutants (carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxide (NOx) with a focus on NO and NO2, particulate matter (TSP, PM10 and PM2.5), selected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (benzene, 1-3 butadiene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein) and benzo(a)pyrene) to their respective limits. Further, in our professional opinion, the GLC grid conservatively captures the sensitive receptors in the vicinity of the proposed train station. To demonstrate, Appendix B.4 provides the worst-case concentrations for sensitive receptors while Figures 5a through 7b provide the concentrations from the GLC grid.	1
13	Qiu, Guowang			In addition to the operation phase, potential effects from the construction activities associated with the proposed project should be discussed in the report, including but not limited to: sources, emissions, potential effects and mitigation measures, etc.	Theakston Environmental	Table 6 of the report addresses potential effects from the construction activities associated with the proposed project. Further, see Appendix E, in updated report.	1
14	Qiu, Guowang	Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report		The Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report doesn't mention the potential air quality effects from the construction activities of the proposed project. Potential adverse effects to air quality including mitigation measures during construction should be discussed and included in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report.	Theakston Environmental	Table 6 of the report addresses potential effects from the construction activities associated with the proposed project. Further, see Appendix E, in updated report.	1

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15	Qiu, Guowang	Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions		Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the Timmins-Porcupine Station were estimated. The report doesn't mention a reduction in carbon sinks due to vegetation removal. The impacts of vegetation removal on GHG emissions from the proposed project should be discussed in the report. In addition, Timmins-Porcupine Station GHG emissions from the operations phases including train service should also be estimated. The estimated GHG emissions should be compared with the provincial and national totals.	Theakston Environmental	Added to report within Section 6. "The grass and shrubs on the existing site may be sequestering more carbon dioxide than is emitted from mowing and maintaining the area. Conservatively, B. Jason West and Danelle Haake ( <a href="https://www.litzinger.org/research/west-haake.pdf">https://www.litzinger.org/research/west-haake.pdf</a> ) measured 11.7Mg C per year sequestered by 7.2 acres by a restored tallgrass prairie. The result at this site, is sequestering carbon dioxide at a rate of 3.5 Mg C per year, if sequestering is at the rate of a restored Missouri tallgrass prairie."	1
16	Qiu, Guowang			There is a typo in the sentence "These industries are considered from a Guideline D-6 perspective, described in section 1.4, below." It should be sections 1.7 and 3.3 instead of section 1.4.	Theakston Environmental	Corrected in updated Report.	1
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1	Qiu, Guowang	General Comment		It is expected that some summary tables are added to main sections of the report, for example, summary tables for background concentrations with applicable AAQC/CAAQS, emission rates, modelled results with and without background concentrations with applicable AAQC/CAAQS based on the ministry's previous comments, however, no summary tables were added to the report.	Theakston Environmental	Summary tables for background concentrations with applicable AAQC/CAAQS, emission rates, modelled results with and without background concentrations with applicable AAQC/CAAQS have been added to the body of the revised report.	1
2	Qiu, Guowang	Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC) and/or Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS).		The background concentrations and modelled results should be compared to applicable AAQC and/or CAAQS as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment. Applicable CAAQS were not included in the report. Please include the applicable CAAQS in the report in addition to the applicable AAQCs. In addition to annual AAQC, benzo(a)pyrene also has a 24-hr AAQC. SO2 has an AAQC based on 10-min averaging period in addition to annual and 1-hour AAQCs. Also, 1-hour SO2 standard is 100 ug/m3 and annual standard is 10 ug/m3.	Theakston Environmental	The background concentrations and modelled results have been compared to applicable AAQC and/or CAAQS.	1
3	Qiu, Guowang	Background Concentrations		For the appendix C, copies of summary for some contaminants from ministry's 2021 report were added. It should be noted that the background concentrations are generally summarized from the most recent 3-5 years' data when data from nearest MECP AQHI and/or NAPS stations are used instead of site-specific measurements. Provide tables showing a summary of 3-5 year's data, for example, minimum, maximum, average, and 90th percentile, etc. and a summary table with background concentrations of contaminants of concern (COC) and applicable AAQCs and/or CAAQS. 24-hour background benzene concentration is also required to assess the cumulative effects as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment.	Theakston Environmental	Tables showing a summary of 3 year's data, for mean, maximum, and 90th percentile have been added to the body of the revised report.	1
4	Qiu, Guowang	Emission Rates		A summary table with emission rate for each contaminant should be reported and presented in the report.	Theakston Environmental	A summary table with emission rate for each contaminant has been reported and presented in the report.	1
5	Qiu, Guowang	Section 1.6		PM<44um concentrations from the proposed project were not reported based on the comparison of the ratios of NOx/PM<44um between applicable limits and emission factors as indicated in the report. It should be noted that PM<44um, PM10 and PM2.5 emissions from the proposed project are almost the same. Consider about the relative low limits for PM10 and PM2.5 compared to PM<44um, the predicted PM10 and PM2.5 concentration should be reported and presented in the report, which also applied to emissions from the nearby roads.	Theakston Environmental	The predicted PM10 and PM2.5 concentration have been reported and presented in the report.	1

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6	Qiu, Guowang			The air dispersion modelling should include emissions from both nearby roads and the proposed project as suggested by the ministry. It appears air quality impacts from the nearby roads and the proposed project were modelled separately. If that is the case, the predicted concentrations from the nearby road should also be included as part of background concentrations to assess the cumulative impacts from the proposed project.	Theakston Environmental	There will be no overlap of the idling train and the peak traffic hours, therefore no changes to the report were required.	3
7	Qiu, Guowang			Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was used to convert NOx to NO2, and the annual O3 concentration from AQHI station in Sudbury was used. It is recommended that 90th percentile of 1-hour or 24-hour background O3 values be used to obtain conservative results. In addition, it is unclear where the initial in stack NO2/NOx ratios shown in the report come from.	Theakston Environmental	The 90th percentile of 1-hour or 24-hour background O3 values have been used to obtain conservative results, as recommended by the MECP. The OLM method requires values for the "In Stack NO2/NOX Ratio". The following values were used Diesel Locomotive = 0.083, Unit Heaters and AHU = 0.100, and Generac Generator = 0.187. These values are from GUIDANCE FOR NO2 DISPERSION MODELLING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, (Guidance for NO2 Dispersion Modelling (gov.bc.ca)) were used for the in-stack ratios, page 30.	1
8	Qiu, Guowang			Some key contaminants were selected for modelling based on the ratios between emission rates and applicable limits. In addition to NO2, PM10, PM2.5 and benzene should also be included as one of the controlling contaminants to assess the impacts of the project.	Theakston Environmental	Benzene has been considered as one of the controlling contaminants to assess the impacts of the project, as recommended by the MECP. PM10 and PM2.5 are also included as controlling contaminants.	1
9	Qiu, Guowang			It is hard for readers to verify the statements about the modelling results in the summary of the report as no modelled results were presented in a summary table. Modelled results with and without background concentrations should be summarized and presented in a table and compared with the applicable AAQCs and/or CAAQs as previously suggested by the Ministry.	Theakston Environmental	Modelled results with and without background concentrations have been summarized and presented in a table and compared with the applicable AAQCs and/or CAAQs, as per Table 1 within the Executive Summary of the revised report.	1
10	Qiu, Guowang	Controlling contaminants		Some key contaminants were selected for modelling based on the ratios between emission rates and applicable limits as mentioned before. It is unclear how the proponent calculated the high ratios of E-rate/24 h limit for NOx and NO2 as shown in the A.3	Theakston Environmental	This was a typo and has been corrected.	1
11	Qiu, Guowang			Benzene concentrations from the nearby roads were modelled and presented in the report, however, benzene concentrations from the proposed project were not reported and presented even though benzene was one of the key contaminants.	Theakston Environmental	Benzene has been included as one of the controlling contaminants to assess the impacts of the project. Refer to section 2.2 of the revised report.	1
12	Qiu, Guowang			It is unclear why 1/10000 was used when presented the modelled benzene concentrations from the nearby roads. Provide an explanation for adding 1/10000 for the modelled results.	Theakston Environmental	When modelling Benzene with CALRoads, the Benzene concentrations were 0 at the emission rates given by the MOVES4 program, and as such, the emission rates were multiplied by 10,000 to increase resolution and the displayed concentrations were subsequently divided by 10,000.	n/a
13	Qiu, Guowang	Figures 5a and 5b		The modelled NO2 concentrations were shown in mg/m3. To better shown the results, it is recommended the modelled concentrations be presented in ug/m3 or ppb instead of mg/m3.	Theakston Environmental	We have researched this request and attempted to provide the desired units with each of the CALROADS modeling suites from Lakes. Of these: CALINE4 predicts concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO2), suspended particulate, and inert gases near roadways. CAL3QHC predicts concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO), suspended particulate, and inert gases near roadways. CAL3QHCR is an enhanced version of CAL3QHC that can process up to a year of meteorological data.  Of the above models, only CALINE4 includes provisions to predict NO2 concentrations. It includes the ability to use background concentrations for O3, NO, and NO2. The output results for NO2 concentrations are in ppm. We approached the tech support people at Lakes Environmental and were advised the POI concentrations for NO2 cannot be displayed in ug/m3 within the model. We understand your preference for ug/m3 over ppm but regrettably we cannot comply. The best we can do is convert the maximum concentration value which is what is presented in Figures 5a and 5b.	1 and 3

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14	Qiu, Guowang	Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions		It is recommended the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) methodology (2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories) be used in the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions as a results of land use changes. In addition to GHG emissions from construction, GHG emissions from the operation phase should also be estimated. The estimated GHG emissions should be compared with the national and provincial GHG emissions as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment.	Theakston Environmental	The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) methodology (2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories) was used in the estimation of the one-time loss of carbon storage as a results of land use changes. Refer to Section 6 within the revised report. GHG emissions from the operation phase are also estimated in Section 6.	1



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Good Morning Cindy, Wai and Guowang,

As a follow up to our meeting on September 27th, and subsequent emails, please find attached the revised Timmins Station Air Quality Report that addresses MECP's comments, along with the Comment/Response table for your review. We look forward to hearing back from you by November 13.

Thank you,

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Hi Amber,

I've consulted with Guowang - the ministry will require 5-7 business days to review the updated AQ report once it is submitted.

Thanks,

Wai

**Wai Hadlari | Project Officer** ([hear name](#))

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Guowang,

We are reviewing this information and will get back to you if we need any clarification.

[@Batista, Cindy \(MECP\)](#) we are trying to prepare a workback schedule. Please advise how many business days MECP is going to require to review the updated AQ Report once you receive it.

Thank you,

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Hi Stephen,

It is easier for readers to understand the outputs in the Figures when output unit of NO<sub>2</sub> is the same as the applicable criteria. Anyway, it is okay if CALINE4 can only output NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations in ppm. If the predicted maximum concentration is above the applicable criteria, frequency of exceedance should be presented (I guess you mean the predicted maximum concentration is below the applicable criteria from your last sentence?)

Regards,  
Guowang

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Dear Guowang:

We hope you are keeping busy and well.

We are working through you're your comments for No. 13. *Figures 5a and 5b: The modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations shown were in mg/m<sup>3</sup>. To better show the results, it is recommended the modelled concentrations be presented in ug/m<sup>3</sup> or ppb instead of mg/m<sup>3</sup>.*

We have researched your request and attempted to provide the desired units with each of the CALROADS modeling suites from Lakes. Of these:

- CALINE4 predicts concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), suspended particulate, and inert gases near roadways.
- CAL3QHC predicts concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO), suspended particulate, and inert gases near roadways.
- CAL3QHCR is an enhanced version of CAL3QHC that can process up to a year of meteorological data.

Of the above models, only CALINE4 includes provisions to predict NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. It includes the ability to use background concentrations for O<sub>3</sub>, NO, and NO<sub>2</sub>. The output results for NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are in ppm. We approached the tech support people at Lakes Environmental and were advised the POI concentrations for NO<sub>2</sub> cannot be displayed in ug/m<sup>3</sup> within the model. We understand your preference for ug/m<sup>3</sup> over ppm but regrettably we cannot comply. The best we can do is convert the maximum concentration value.

Note that the CALINE4 model does display the results for other pollutants in ug/m3 and were so presented in the original submission.

We propose submitting the CALROADS plots as in the original submission, except for the background concentrations being modified to the 90<sup>th</sup> percent levels, as requested. The NO2 plots will have units in ppm, with the maximum value listed converted to ug/m3. If the maximum value predicted passes NO2 criteria, then we are good to go.

We welcome your thoughts.  
Have a wonderful day Guowang and stay well.  
Stephen

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Hi Stephen,

Attached please find my responses to your follow-up questions (in blue).

Regards,

Guowang

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Dear Guowang:

We hope you found time to relax over the weekend.

Thank you for your responses.

Can we trouble you for a response to the attached follow-up questions.

Thank you Guowang and have a wonderful day.

Stephen

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Hi Amber,

Please see my responses below regarding our discussion during the meeting:

For the daily and annual VOC concentrations, Theakston should do the search by themselves. Anyway, they can get the data from NAPS stations:

<http://data.ec.gc.ca/data/air/monitor/national-air-pollution-surveillance-naps-program/Data-Donnees/?lang=en>. Keep in mind, there are fewer monitoring stations from 2021 and no complete monitoring data for the year of 2020 due to the impacts of COVID. In addition, Theakston Environmental is doing the assessment instead of the MECP. Theakston should provide appropriate baseline data to represent study area with a justification/rationale.

We discussed the unit of modelled concentrations using CALINE during the meeting. The results can be automatically converted to ug/m<sup>3</sup> if using Lakes CALINE. Theakston needs to enter the molecular weight of the contaminant in one of the control windows when setting up the model runs. They need to do this before they run the model.

For greenhouse gas emissions from grassland including grass removal, please refer to the following IPCC method:

[4 \(iges.or.jp\)](#)

Another comment on emissions from idle. Below is the information from the report:

The train is expected to idle at station for one hour in the southbound direction and 2hrs 20min in the northbound direction. In this report, the analysis of the train will be carried out at notch setting of 2, which is understood to be the maximum setting for departing due to speed restrictions and will provide a conservative estimate of the maximum concentration of exhaust emissions from the train station.

We usually think the emissions from idle will be higher. To support using emissions from a notch setting of 2 as a conservation estimate, please provide emission estimates from both idle and a notch setting of 2.

For the previous comment #5, Section 1.6. PM<44um concentrations from the proposed project were not reported based on the comparison of the ratios of NOx/PM<44um between applicable limits and emission factors as indicated in the report. It should be noted that PM<44um, PM10 and PM2.5 emissions from the proposed project are almost the same. Consider about the relative low limits for PM10 and PM2.5 compared to PM<44um, the predicted PM10 and PM2.5 concentration should be reported and presented in the report, which also applied to emissions from the nearby roads.

Settling velocity and deposition velocity were considered when modelling PM<44um concentrations using CALINE, which would impact the modelled PM<44um concentrations compared to modelled PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations. Provide evidence to support that the predicted PM<44um, PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations are the same when using CALINE for the same emission rate. For AERMOD, we discussed the default option when modelling PM<44um, that is only applied to Canadian version.

We spent a lot of time to discuss the impacts from nearby roads for the following comment: The air dispersion modelling should include emissions from both nearby roads and the proposed project as suggested by the ministry. It appears air quality impacts from the nearby roads and the proposed project were modelled separately. If that is the case, the predicted concentrations from the nearby road should also be included as part of background concentrations to assess the cumulative impacts from the proposed project.

If you don't want to include emissions from all vehicles from nearby roads, there is another option. In addition to the emissions from train idle, emergency diesel generator and comfort heating equipment, there are also emissions from vehicles including buses on the adjacent roads due to train service, that should be included in the modelling using AERMOD. Model emissions from train idle, emergency diesel generator, comfort heating equipment and vehicle emissions nearby due to train service.

Regards,

Guowang

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Hello Cindy & Guowang,

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the Air Quality Report comments on our call last Friday. There are two action items for MECP to advise on so that we can update these aspects of the report – they are as follows:

1. We understand Guowang will provide a link to a website that has 24-hour concentration data for Benzene. We note the following in this regard:

i) If there is no annual data at the same site, Guowang will need to please provide guidance as to how to use that data in Timmins in a way that is acceptable to MECP;

ii) If there is no 24-hour data, Guowang to provide guidance as to how to use the annual data in Timmins in a way that is acceptable to MECP.

2. Guowang to get back to us regarding IPCC – i.e., whether or not it includes a category for a cultural meadow. If not, please confirm that our approach of relying on peer reviewed studies is acceptable.

Please get back to us on these 2 items as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are proceeding with the other agreed upon updates to the report.

Thank you,

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Hi Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, thank you and we acknowledge the Ministry's comments relating to Hydrogeology. Upon review of the comments, it has been determined that no revisions to the Hydrogeological report are required.

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Good morning, Amber,

Please find attached the ministry's comments relating to hydrogeology.

Thanks,

Cindy

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September 27, 2024

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**RE:** Ontario Northland., Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project  
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I have examined the documents entitled:

- *“ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT, REVISED, Ontario Northland, Northlander Passenger Rail Service, Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process”* Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., August 8, 2024.
- *NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EXISTING CONDITIONS & IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT, Final, Ontario Northland, Northlander Passenger Rail, Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process.”* Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., July 26, 2024.

I additionally visited the subject site on September 12, 2024.

My judgement is further informed by the supplementary documents received on September 12, 2024, entitled:

- *“ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, PRELIMINARY SOIL AND GROUNDWATER CHARACTERIZATION REPORT”* Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., March 2024.

- “*Geotechnical Investigation – Ontario Northland, Northeastern Passenger Rail Service: New Timmins Station, Timmins, Ontario (Draft Rev 3)*” Palmer, aka SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd., August 9, 2024.
- “RE: Hydrogeological Assessment – Ontario Northland Northeastern Passenger Rail Service: New Timmins Station, Timmins, Ontario” Palmer, aka SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd., September 10, 2024.

Based upon the provided information, I give the following comments for your consideration.

- The above-captioned documents satisfactorily describe existing soil and groundwater conditions at the subject site.
- The historical ground surface in the study area might have originally been naturally saturated or flooded, necessitating the importation of the present fill materials.
- Groundwater flow might be from north to south through the fill and upper silt and clay layer. The estimated flow velocity is about one metre per year with a downward component toward a more conductive underlying sand layer approximately 10 meters or more below ground surface.
- The provided data show shallow soil and groundwater impacts by sodium and chloride consistent with the long-term application of road de-icing salt within an urban area. This might have implications for the re-use of excess soils in an agricultural application.
- The sample results do not indicate any significant or widespread contamination by metals, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC’s) or Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC’s) at the site.
- There do not appear to be any overt geological or hydrogeological factors reported that would prohibit consideration of future Permit to Take Water (PTTW), Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) or Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) applications for this location.

### **Summary of Geology and Hydrogeology Conditions**

I have examined twenty-seven borehole logs included in Appendix A of the recently provided Geotechnical Investigation report. Published geological maps and available water well records also informed my judgement. I note the following:

### Overburden:

Fill material of unspecified origin overlies the site.

The mapped natural overburden material is Glaciolacustrine plain. Primary natural material clay, secondary natural material silt, low topographic relief (ref. NOEGTS Map 42ASW).

On-site boreholes did not encounter bedrock within sixteen metres of ground surface. Private well records in the vicinity suggest a local overburden thickness of about 18 to 24 metres (ref. well records Z182145 (800 m SW) and Z376669 (500 m SW)).

Borehole logs indicate the following general overburden composition (from upper to lower)

- Fill: median thickness 2.3 m
- Silt and Clay: median thickness 9 metres
- Silty sand and sand: thickness +7 metres

### Bedrock (ref: Ontario Geological Survey Map P.3547-Revised)

- Northwest half = Precambrian clastic sedimentary rocks (Porcupine Assemblage)
- Southeast half = Precambrian Intermediate volcanic rocks

### Hydrogeology:

The consultant completed ten boreholes as groundwater monitoring wells. The consultant screened eight wells in the upper silt and clay layer and two wells in the deeper sand layer.

The consultant reports one set of groundwater level measurements taken on August 30, 2023 after a prolonged rainless period. The reported groundwater levels might be lower than normal.

I note the following:

### Depth to Groundwater

- Shallow screened wells: Median depth 1.5 mbgs. Range 0.6 mbgs to 3.9 mbgs.
- Deeper screened wells: Median depth 5 mbgs. Range 4.84 mbgs to 5.09 mbgs.

The results indicate that the historical ground surface might have been naturally saturated (if not flooded) necessitating the importation of the observed fill materials.

### Horizontal and Vertical Hydraulic Gradients

The provided data suggests a horizontal hydraulic gradient of about 0.01 m/m from north to south. This is a moderate gradient.

The site lacks multi-level groundwater monitors; thus, I could not calculate an exact vertical gradient. However, the lower water levels in the deeper sands suggests a downward flow component (i.e., recharging conditions).

### Groundwater Flow Velocity

I have examined the particle size data for multiple soil samples (ref. Geotechnical Investigation, Appendix B). Table 2 of the same report also presents infiltration test results conducted in shallow sandy silt fill material at two locations.

The upper fill materials had an average infiltration rate of 44.5 mm/hr which the consultant interprets as an average hydraulic conductivity of  $8.9 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s. This would be a moderate to low hydraulic conductivity typical of silty sand.

Grain size analysis suggests that the silt and clay layer is approximately one hundred times less conductive than the overlying fill (estimated hydraulic conductivity not greater than  $1 \times 10^{-8}$  m/s, typical of that material).

The silty sand layer underlying the above-noted clay layer is likely to be at least ten times more conductive than the silt/clay layer, with a hydraulic conductivity of about  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  m/s or more, typical of that material.

Based upon the estimated hydraulic conductivity and horizontal hydraulic gradient, the groundwater flow velocity within the upper silt and clay layer might be from north to south at a velocity of about one metre per year with a downward component toward the more conductive underlying sand layer.

### Soil and Groundwater Quality

Tables I-I through XI-I of the Hydrogeological Assessment Document present the results of soil and groundwater sample analyses for the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station.

Natural soil and groundwater quality at multiple locations throughout the site satisfied Table 1 (Full Depth Background Site Condition Standards) of the Soil, Ground Water and Sediment Standards for Use Under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act. Background soil and groundwater quality are satisfactory.

The soil and groundwater samples showed sodium and chloride impacts in soil and shallow groundwater at multiple locations, typically near the site perimeter. These impacts are consistent with the long-term application of road de-icing salt within an

urban area.

The reported sample results do not indicate any significant or widespread contamination by metals, Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH), Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC's) or Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's) which might be exist within former commercial or industrial areas.

The salt-impacted soils encountered sporadically around the perimeter of the site might have implications for the re-use of excess soils in an agricultural application.

### **Conclusions**

- The above-captioned documents satisfactorily describe existing soil and groundwater conditions at the subject site.
- There do not appear to be any overt geological or hydrogeological factors that would prohibit consideration of future Permit to Take Water (PTTW), Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) or Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) applications for this location.

### **Statement of Limitations**

The purpose of the preceding review is to provide advice to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding subsurface conditions based on a review of the information provided in the above-referenced documents.

The conclusions, opinions and recommendations of the reviewer are based on information provided by others, except where otherwise noted. The Ministry cannot guarantee that the information that is provided by others is accurate or complete. A lack of specific comment by the reviewer is not to be construed as endorsing the content or views expressed in the reviewed material.

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Hello Amber.

Ministry staff are available Friday morning between 10 – noon. The ministry is not available on Monday.

As for the status of the hydrogeology comments, ministry staff are targeting responses by the end of this week.

Thanks,

Cindy

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Good Morning Cindy,

Following up on schedule a meeting to discuss the AQ report comments - can you please provide your team's availability on Friday morning and Monday morning? We will compare this with our team's availability and then set up a call.

In the meantime, can you please also provide an update on the status of the Hydrogeology comments?

Thank you,

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Good morning, Amber:

Below are ministry comments from our air quality analyst, based on his review of the additional data and revised report shared on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if clarification is required on any of the comments below. I can arrange a call to discuss, if needed.

Thanks,

Cindy

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Hi Cindy,

I had a quick look at the revised report and the responses from the proponent. Some appendixes were added to address the ministry's previous comments, but it appears no changes were made for the main sections of the report. Below are my comments:

#### General comment

1. It is expected that some summary tables are added to main sections of the report, for example, summary tables for background concentrations with applicable AAQC/CAAQS, emission rates, modelled results with and without background concentrations with applicable AAQC/CAAQS based on the ministry's previous comments, however, no summary tables were added to the report.

#### Detailed comments

2. Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC) and/or Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS). The background concentrations and modelled results should be compared to applicable AAQC and/or CAAQS as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment. Applicable CAAQS were not included in the report. Please include the applicable CAAQS in the report in addition to the applicable AAQCs. In addition to annual AAQC, benzo(a)pyrene also has a 24-hr AAQC. SO<sub>2</sub> has an AAQC based on 10-min averaging period in addition to annual and 1-hour AAQCs. Also, 1-hour SO<sub>2</sub> standard is 100 ug/m<sup>3</sup> and annual standard is 10 ug/m<sup>3</sup>.
3. Background Concentrations. For the appendix C, copies of summary for some contaminants from ministry's 2021 report were added. It should be noted that the background concentrations are generally summarized from the most recent 3-5 years' data when data from nearest MECP AQHI and/or NAPS stations are used instead of site-specific measurements. Provide tables showing a summary of 3-5 year's data, for example, minimum, maximum, average, and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile, etc. and a summary table with background concentrations of contaminants of concern (COC) and applicable AAQCs and/or CAAQS. 24-hour background benzene

concentration is also required to assess the cumulative effects as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment.

4. Emission Rates. A summary table with emission rate for each contaminant should be reported and presented in the report.
5. Section 1.6. PM<sub><44um</sub> concentrations from the proposed project were not reported based on the comparison of the ratios of NO<sub>x</sub>/PM<sub><44um</sub> between applicable limits and emission factors as indicated in the report. It should be noted that PM<sub><44um</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions from the proposed project are almost the same. Consider about the relative low limits for PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> compared to PM<sub><44um</sub>, the predicted PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration should be reported and presented in the report, which also applied to emissions from the nearby roads.
6. The air dispersion modelling should include emissions from both nearby roads and the proposed project as suggested by the ministry. It appears air quality impacts from the nearby roads and the proposed project were modelled separately. If that is the case, the predicted concentrations from the nearby road should also been included as part of background concentrations to assess the cumulative impacts from the proposed project.
7. Ozone Limiting Method (OLM) was used to convert NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub>, and the annual O<sub>3</sub> concentration from AQHI station in Sudbury was used. It is recommended that 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of 1-hour or 24-hour background O<sub>3</sub> values be used to obtain conservative results. In addition, it is unclear where the initial in stack NO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> ratios shown in the report come from.
8. Some key contaminants were selected for modelling based on the ratios between emission rates and applicable limits. In addition to NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and benzene should also be included as one of the controlling contaminants to assess the impacts of the project.
9. It is hard for readers to verify the statements about the modelling results in the summary of the report as no modelled results were presented in a summary table. Modelled results with and without background concentrations should be summarized and presented in a table and compared with the applicable AAQCs and/or CAAQS as previously suggested by the Ministry.
10. Controlling contaminants. Some key contaminants were selected for modelling based on the ratios between emission rates and applicable limits as mentioned before. It is unclear how the proponent calculated the high ratios of E-rate/24 h limit for NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>2</sub> as shown in the A.3

11. Benzene concentrations from the nearby roads were modelled and presented in the report, however, benzene concentrations from the proposed project were not reported and presented even though benzene was one of the key contaminants.
12. It is unclear why 1/10000 was used when presented the modelled benzene concentrations from the nearby roads. Provide an explanation for adding 1/10000 for the modelled results.
13. Figures 5a and 5b. The modelled NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were shown in mg/m<sup>3</sup>. To better shown the results, it is recommended the modelled concentrations be presented in ug/m<sup>3</sup> or ppb instead of mg/m<sup>3</sup>.
14. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. It is recommended the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) methodology (2019 Refinement to the 2006 IPCC Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories) be used in the estimation of greenhouse gas emissions as a results of land use changes. In addition to GHG emissions from construction, GHG emissions from the operation phase should also be estimated. The estimated GHG emissions should be compared with the national and provincial GHG emissions as mentioned in the ministry's previous comment.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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Hi Cindy

On behalf of ONTC, please find attached responses to MECP's comments on the Air Quality report, along with a copy of the updated Report.

As discussed this afternoon, if you could kindly confirm for us that your technical review team will be able to respond by ***EOD Wednesday September 18***, that would be greatly appreciated. As also mentioned, our AQ technical team can make themselves available for a phone call to discuss any outstanding questions on the report, as required between Monday – Wednesday next week. Please just let me know.

Thank you,

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Hello Amber.

I don't believe I responded to your email below regarding responses to ministry comments from the Environmental Assessment Branch, as well as comments from our surface water reviewer. We have reviewed the responses and have no further comments.

Thank you,

Cindy

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Good Morning Wai and Cindy,

Please find attached responses to MECP's latest set of comments – please note we've compiled all of the e-mails and comments into one consolidated table. We have also included the attached PDF document as a supporting document to comment/response #16.

If there are any further questions pertaining to these comments, let's please discuss as part of our scheduled call on Friday.

Thanks,

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Hi Amber,

Besides AQ, which you flagged, hydrogeology, and our (environmental assessment branch) comments, there are no other outstanding comments from MECP on the updated EPR.

I do have a couple of questions about sign-offs and hope you can clarify:

1. In July, you shared a couple of follow-up emails with MNR to me and Cindy – can you confirm whether MNR provided their comments since July's email?
2. Item 16 in the updated EPR comment response table, ONTC indicates no comments were received from Mattagami Region Conservation Authority. However, 5.2.4.4 of the comment table, indicates the conservation authority has no comments or concerns about the project. Can you clarify? Please kindly provide a copy of their email if the conservation authority has provided their sign-off.

Thanks,

Wai

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Wai/Cindy,

Keeping in mind we are aware that the AQ report with responses to comments is still to be provided to MECP and knowing we are providing additional information regarding Appendix H (both of these are in progress/pending), I'm writing to confirm that there are **no other** outstanding/forthcoming comments from MECP on the Updated EPR that was circulated August 9.

Please confirm asap.

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Hi Shawn

Based on the photo you provided, they do look like the wells our team installed but as indicated previously, we haven't used them since the 2023 sampling program. If there is a larger issue/questions you'd like to discuss in this regard, please let me know and we can set up a call.

Thanks,

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Thank you.

The borehole logs do show that the five new 2024 boreholes were not completed as monitoring wells. I would not have expected groundwater elevations or gw samples from those..

I'm curious because, as of last week, most of the monitoring wells had sample tubing coiled around or near the bases of the monuments (see attached photo example). I don't often see such equipment left sitting on the ground in an open and accessible field for a year +. Relics of recent monitoring event would have been the simplest explanation.

Given that the consultants were back at the site just a few months ago, I needed to verify whether any new measurements or samples were taken from the existing monitoring wells they installed last year summer.

To confirm, that's a definitive "no" re the existing wells then?

Regards,  
Shawn

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Hi Shawn

There is no additional water level data available as the 2024 boreholes were strictly for geotechnical purposes to help inform foundation designs.

Hope this answers your question.

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Hi Amber,

Further to my last.

I note that Palmer / SLR most recently deployed to the site between Jun 11<sup>th</sup> and Jun 14<sup>th</sup> 2024 to drill boreholes BH24-NT101 through BH24-NT105.

Were groundwater levels measured in the existing monitoring wells during 2024? Were additional groundwater samples acquired? If so, please provide all that data.

As an aside, when I visited the site last Thursday, I observed that none of the monitoring wells were locked or otherwise secured to prevent tampering by unauthorized persons (see photo below). That should be addressed.

Regards  
Shawn

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Hi Amber.

I am going through the supplementary information that you have provided. At first appearances much of what was requested appears to be here. The analysis of the data is proceeding. If I need anything further I will advise you.

Regrettably, comments will not be forthcoming by EOD tomorrow. I will provide a review memorandum to Scott as soon as it is complete.

Regards,  
Shawn

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Hello Shawn,

Just checking in to see if the additional information we sent last Thursday is what you were looking for to support Appendix H.

We're running up against the clock for our Notice of Completion as you know. **Will it be at all possible for you to provide your comments by tomorrow EOD?** We are also happy to hop on a call with you to talk through any questions or comments you may have on the report.

Thank you in advance. I'm in calls until 3:00pm but can give you a shout after that if you'd like.

Amber

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Good Morning Shawn,

As discussed last Friday, please find attached *Appendix H – Hydrogeological Assessment Technical Memo* along with *two supporting documents* (link below) which contain the additional information you

requested.

<https://gfnet.sharefile.com/d-sd3c787d7fa0d469596e4f959b28c0a26>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** ONTC - Timmins Station TRPAP - Hydrogeology Assessment Follow up

Hi Shawn

Thank you for the call this afternoon and for clarifying what additional supporting information you're requesting in order to facilitate your review of EPR Appendix H – Hydrogeological Assessment.

Here is a summary of the supporting information you requested:

- Borehole log data – [this is available and included in the Geotechnical Report](#)
- Test pit logs - [this is available and included in the Geotechnical Report](#)
- Lab analysis results for groundwater and soil samples - [38 soil samples \(including three field duplicates\) and 11 groundwater samples \(including one field duplicate\) were collected at Timmins-Porcupine. Details are contained within the Preliminary Soil and Groundwater Characterization Report](#)
- Grain size analysis – [this is available and included in the Geotechnical Report](#)

With this in mind, we will provide these additional reports/documents to you asap next week.

I understand you will be unavailable next week to review, however you mentioned your targeted timeline would be to complete your review by September 20.

I will be in touch shortly with the additional information.

Have a great weekend.

Amber

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**To:** [Krystal Perepeluk](#); [Saltarelli, Amber](#)  
**Cc:** [Batista, Cindy \(MECP\)](#)  
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**Date:** Wednesday, September 4, 2024 1:54:53 PM  
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached comments from the ministry's Surface Water Specialist.

Thanks,

Wai

**Wai Hadlari** | Project Officer ([hear name](#))

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Hi Wai,

Please find attached, my comments in responses to how Ontario Northland considered MECP's earlier comments. Please see Item No. 32 in the attached table, starting on page 12.

Please let me know if you have any questions and have a great weekend!

Thanks,

**Jacinth Gilliam-Price, Surface Water Specialist**  
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Good morning,

I sent the attached table response and an EAB memo on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please ignore the EAB memo. Our comments are reflected in the response table for the project's public record.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Wai

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**Subject:** RE: Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP - Revised Environmental Project Report (EPR)

Good afternoon,

Cindy and I have reviewed the response table and revised draft EPR. Please see the attached EAB comments in the response table. I am also including the May 17, 2024 EAB memo with our comments embedded below each item.

Thanks,

Wai

**Wai Hadlari** | Project Officer ([hear name](#))

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Hi Cindy

Do you have availability Friday or Monday for a quick call so we can work this all out together?

Cheers  
Krystal

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Hi Cindy

I previously confirmed that this study was performed by a Professional Geologist (P. Geo.) and you will see that in the signatures.

Can you please clarify what you mean by the **item in yellow**? We are working on responding to final comments received as of yesterday's due date and making any critical updates to the EPR.

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Hello Amber.

Thank you for sharing the technical memo with the ministry – it is now with the ministry's hydrogeologist. Verification that this memo was prepared by a licensed Professional Geoscientist or qualified Professional Engineer is necessary for the hydrogeological review eligibility.

I have asked the hydrogeologist to confirm an approximate time as to when he can complete his review. He is away next week doing fieldwork and as a result, may not be able to get to this until the week of September 16<sup>th</sup>, which is cutting it really close to the 120-day (6-month timeline) for completion of the final EPR.

**Any updates you can provide regarding the remaining outstanding comments (e.g., air, surface water and MCM)?**

Thank you,

Cindy

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Hello Wai,

Please find attached *Appendix H – Hydrogeological Technical Memo*.

I need to kindly reiterate that the content and analysis reflected in this Memo is **essentially identical** (and in some cases verbatim) to what is/was included the Updated EPR that we shared with you on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Please don't hesitate to call me on my cell if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Good morning, Amber and Krystal,

It has been a week since I reached out about Appendix H, Hydrogeology Technical memo. In order for the ministry's Hydrogeologist to complete the review and provide comments, they will need to review the hydrogeology memo.

For your information, if Appendix H is received today, the targeting review for hydrogeology comments may be Sept 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know when the ministry can expect Appendix H submission.

Thanks,

Wai

**Wai Hadlari | Project Officer** ([hear name](#))

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Hi Wai

Appendix H will be provided shortly. In the meantime, you may let your Hydrogeologist know that the relevant Hydrogeology sections of the EPR (provided on Aug 9) can be reviewed - as the content of these sections mirrors what's in Appendix H, so there's no need to hold off on reviewing.

I can also confirm that the Hydrogeology study was prepared by a P. Geo.

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Hi Amber,



It has come to my attention that Appendix H – Hydrogeology Technical Memo is missing from the Appendices. I just want to confirm that I didn't any emails while I was away where Appendix H was sent. Could you advise or send it to us ASAP so that the ministry's Hydrogeologist can review. The ministry will need verification that the hydrogeology technical memo was prepared by a Professional Geoscientist or qualified Professional Engineer.

Thanks,

Wai

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**To:** [Hadlari, Wai \(MECP\)](#); [Krystal Perepeluk](#)  
**Cc:** [Batista, Cindy \(MECP\)](#); [Miljus, Alexia L](#)  
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Received, thank you.

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Hello,

The ministry's Senior Noise Engineer has not further comments. Please see below for your records.

Thanks,

Wai

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Hi Wai,

I reviewed the revised documents and also have no further comments at the moment.  
Thank you.

**Enoch Tse**, PhD, P.Eng.

Senior Noise Engineer  
Noise Approvals Unit  
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Thanks,

Wai

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Hi Wai,

ARB has no further comments to provide.

Thank you,  
Karin

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Received Cindy - thank you.

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Hello Amber.

Please see comments below from the ministry's air quality analyst on the draft air quality assessment report. Please let me know if a call to clarify any of the comments being made would be helpful.

Thanks,

Cindy

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**Subject:** RE: Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP - Responses to GRT Comments on dEPR

Hi Cindy,

I have reviewed the following documents:

Draft Air Quality Assessment Report, Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project, Timmins, Ontario, prepared by Treakston Environmental, on behalf of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (Ontario Northland), and dated July 24, 2024, and

- Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project, Timmins, Ontario, prepared by Gannett Fleming, on behalf of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (Ontario Northland), and dated July 26, 2024.

The Draft Air Quality Assessment Report didn't provide enough information/details related to each component of the air quality assessment and the report wasn't presented as expected. Below is a summary of my comments:

1. Contaminants of Concern. Key pollutants related to transportation air quality impact assessments are carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) with a focus on NO and NO<sub>2</sub>, particulate matter (TSP, PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>), selected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) (benzene, 1-3 butadiene, formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein) and benzo(a)pyrene. However, the air quality impact assessment included only some pollutants, i.e., NO<sub>x</sub>, TSP, and benzene. The list of key pollutants related to transportation mentioned above should all be included in the air quality impact assessment.
2. Study area. According to the information from the Ministry of Transportations' *Environmental Guide for Assessing and Mitigating the Air Quality Impacts and Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Provincial Transportation Projects* ([MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDE FOR ASSESSING AND MITIGATING THE AIR QUALITY IMPACTS AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS OF PROVINCIAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS](#) ([prod-environmental-registry.s3.amazonaws.com](#))), "The local air quality impacts are assumed to be limited to a distance of approximately 500 m from the transportation facility, in each direction." Therefore, the study area should cover the local air quality impacts range, around 500 m from the facility.
3. Section 1.8. The predicted results from the proposed project including cumulative effects are usually compared with applicable Ontario Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC) and/or Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) to assess the air quality impacts from the project. Update Table 4 to include all applicable criteria/standards for all key pollutants with all applicable averaging periods. In addition, the ministry has updated criteria and standards for SO<sub>2</sub>. Please refer to the following link for the updated AAQC: [AMBIENT AIR QUALITY CRITERIA](#) ([ontario.ca](#)). In addition to the annual AAQC of 0.45 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, the ministry also has a 24-hour AAQC of 2.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for benzene.
4. Background air quality. Ambient air quality monitoring data from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and National Ambient Pollution Surveillance (NAPS) program ambient air monitoring stations in Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Toronto were reviewed and maximum concentrations were used as background concentrations. These stations are far away from the project site, which may not be an appropriate representative for

the study area. Provide a rationale to explain why ambient air quality monitoring data from these stations can be used to estimate background air quality for the study area.

As provided in the ministry's previous comment on the Draft Environmental Project Report, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of measurements from local and/or regional air monitoring stations are usually used to establish background air quality for a time resolution of 24 hours or less. Please add a table to show a statistical summary of ambient air monitoring data and comparison with applicable criteria/standards.

5. Benzene concentration at the Porcupine Public Health Unit from a Carex Canada Study in 2011 and the assumption of a 50% reduction over 10 years were used to estimate the maximum background benzene concentration for the study area based on the information from the report. It should be noted that the decrease trends varied by location, from 21% at Ottawa Downtown station to 42% at Sania station, with an average reduction of 41% based on the measurements from 2010 to 2019 ([10-year trends and annual results | Air Quality in Ontario 2019 Report | ontario.ca](#)). From 2012 to 2021, the annual mean benzene concentration has decreased by 36% on average ([Air Quality in Ontario 2021 Report | ontario.ca](#)). A reasonable reduction rate should be used to estimate background benzene concentration if benzene concentration at the Porcupine Public Health Unit from a Carex Canada Study in 2011 is used.

In addition to the annual AAQC, the ministry also has 24-hour AAQC, 2.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for benzene as mentioned in the previous comment. The Carex Canada Study (2011) provided predicted annual mean benzene concentrations. 24-hour background benzene concentration is also required to assess the cumulative effects.

6. Sensitive receptors. It seems the report didn't provide detailed information of sensitive receptors in the study area, which could be impacted by the proposed project. Sensitive receptors within the study area should be identified and presented in the report.
7. Sections 1.4, 1.7 and 3.3. Emissions from industries in the vicinity of the site, such as Sarjeant Propane, City of Timmins Public Works, Porcupine Machining, City of Timmins Bob's Lake Lagoon sewage collection system and City of Timmins 815 Gervais Street North sewage collection system were identified, and noise, odour, and dust impacts from these industries were reviewed based on land use compatibility guideline (D-6). Emissions from these industrial sources were excluded from the modelling assessment for the proposed project based on information from the report. If possible, provide more information to support impacts from these industries are insignificant, for example, emissions/modelled concentrations from Emission Summary and Dispersion Modelling (ESDM) reports, and/or complaint reports from these facilities.
8. Emissions from nearby roads for the year 2021 and year 2046 were estimated using the U.S. EPA's Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES4) and modelled using CALRoads View as indicated in the report. It is unclear whether

the predicted concentrations shown in the report are for the existing situation (2021) or the future situation (2046). Considering the Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) near the proposed site, especially the AADT for King Street based on the information from the Traffic Assessment Report, it is recommended emissions from nearby roads for the year 2046 be included when modelling air quality impacts from the proposed project (modelling emissions from both nearby traffic and the proposed project). In addition, MOVES inputs, outputs and traffic conditions should be included and presented in the report.

9. As the report didn't provide enough detailed information, it is unclear whether the proponent followed the MTO's guide for transportation projects when assessing impacts from nearby roads, for example, conducting one-hour and 24-hour worst-case analysis and using worst-case meteorological inputs, etc, even though more detailed traffic information was provided in the Traffic Assessment Report.
10. In addition to emissions from nearby roads, the emission rates estimation for the key pollutants for the railway station including methods and results should be described and presented in the report.
11. The report doesn't provide sufficient information about air dispersion modelling, i.e., meteorological data, terrain data, emission heights, information on receptors, etc. In addition, NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations were reported, it is unclear what method was used as there are several options available for the conversion of NO<sub>x</sub> to NO<sub>2</sub> in the AEROMOD.
12. In addition to the maximum point of impingement concentration, modelled results for sensitive receptors should also be provided. In addition to the isopleth/contour plots, the modelled results including cumulative effects for all key pollutants should be presented in the tables and compared with applicable criteria/standards.
13. In addition to the operation phase, potential effects from the construction activities associated with the proposed project should be discussed in the report, including but not limited to: sources, emissions, potential effects and mitigation measures, etc.
14. The Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report doesn't mention the potential air quality effects from the construction activities of the proposed project. Potential adverse effects to air quality including mitigation measures during construction should be discussed and included in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report.
15. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the construction of the Timmins-Porcupine Station were estimated. The report doesn't mention a reduction in carbon sinks due to vegetation removal. The impacts of vegetation removal on GHG emissions from the proposed project should be discussed in the report. In addition, Timmins-Porcupine Station GHG emissions from the operations phases including train service should also be estimated. The estimated GHG emissions should be compared with the provincial and national totals.



16. There is a typo in the sentence "*These industries are considered from a Guideline D-6 perspective, described in section 1.4, below.*" It should be sections 1.7 and 3.3 instead of section 1.4.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,  
Guowang

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Good Afternoon Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, as a follow up to the comments previously provided by MECP on the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR)*, ONTC has considered your feedback and provided responses accordingly within the Revised EPR. With this in mind, the following documents have been provided for your review/reference:

- Responses to MECP's comments contained within Table 5-6 of the Revised EPR (see link below)
- Revised Environmental Project Report that reflects updates associated with comments received from MECP and other review agencies, as applicable
- Revised EPR Appendices that reflect updates associated with comments received from MECP and other review agencies, as applicable

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We kindly request that you review these documents and our responses to your Draft EPR Comments, and provide confirmation that you have no additional outstanding concerns or comments related to the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Project* by no later than **September 4, 2024**. If you wish to arrange a meeting with ONTC to discuss any aspect of the Project, please contact us and we'd be happy to arrange a phone call.

Thank you,

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Morning Amber.

Thank you for sharing the air quality report. It's now with our air quality analyst for his review.

Cindy

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Hi Cindy,

Please find attached the *Draft Air Quality Report* for Timmins Station TRPAP for MECP's review. We request that you please provide comments *by August 22, 2024*.

We will also be providing an update to you shortly regarding the workback schedule for the Revised EPR.

Thank you,

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Good morning, Amber,

Thank you for sending the response table for the GRT comments on the draft EPR in advance of the revised draft EPR. We will share the table with the ministry's Technical Reviewers and the regional Technical Support Team who provided comments to the first draft EPR before the updated version is available. Please advise if there are changes to the revised draft EPR submission date otherwise we look forward to receiving it on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

**Wai Hadlari** | Project Officer ([hear name](#))

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May 22, 2024

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I have examined the documents entitled:

- *“ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT, DRAFT, Ontario Northland, Northlander Passenger Rail Service – Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process, Ontario, Canada”* Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., April 9, 2024.
- *NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EXISTING CONDITIONS & IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT, DRAFT, Ontario Northland, Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Projects Assessment Process.”* Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., April 9, 2024.

Based upon the provided information, I give the following comments for your consideration.

- Both supplied documents are silent on existing groundwater conditions within the study area. Existing soil conditions are similarly not discussed in detail.

- Neither report supplies a meaningful description of the local groundwater regime's current role in supporting pre-existing users and the natural functions of the ecosystem, or how these factors might constrain or otherwise affect the proposed activity.
- In lieu of this key information, I cannot confirm that future groundwater takings associated with the project are unlikely to cause serious harm to human health or serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life or the natural environment.
- The Ministry should not make assurances that it will consider water taking requests under the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) or Permit to Take Water (PTTW) programs until this information gap is corrected.
- **Recommendation:** The proponent must supply the currently omitted Section 3.3.7 of the Environmental Project Report (discussion of the existing soil and groundwater conditions).
- **Recommendation:** The above-noted section must be prepared and authenticated by either a registered member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario or a professional engineer who meets the requirements set out in paragraph 2 of subsection 3 (3) of the Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000.
- **Recommendation:** The proponent must supply sufficient soil and hydrogeological information to substantiate that the project will not affect groundwater resources to a degree that would 1) cause serious harm to human health or 2) serious and irreversible harm to plant life, animal life or the natural environment.

### **Statement of Limitations**

The purpose of the preceding review is to provide advice to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding subsurface conditions based on a review of the information provided in the above-referenced documents.

The conclusions, opinions and recommendations of the reviewer are based on information provided by others, except where otherwise noted. The Ministry cannot guarantee that the information that is provided by others is accurate or complete. A lack of specific comment by the reviewer is not to be construed as endorsing the content or views expressed in the reviewed material.

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Hello again.

This email confirms that the ministry's Conservation and Source Protection Branch is satisfied with the responses and issues have been addressed.

Regards,

Cindy



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Good morning,

Please see the ministry's Sr. Wastewater Engineer has indicated to us that the response on item 34 was added without elaborating on the need for application of stormwater management application and sewage treatment and effluent disposal plans for the development site as per the Ministry's guiding documents and section 53 of the OWRA. Please include this information in the revised dEPR.

Thanks,

Wai

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Project Report\_ONTC Timmins-Porcupine Station

Hi Mohammed,

Thank you for your comments. I will let the proponent regarding the additional studies you have recommended.

Thanks,

Wai

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Project Report\_ONTC Timmins-Porcupine Station

Hello Wai,

Looks good to me. Thanks!

In the approval phase a separate (1) industrial stormwater management plan and design and (2) a sanitary sewage system of the Project Areas will be required at a minimum. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

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Senior Wastewater Engineer

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Good morning, Krystal,

Thank you for your patience. We have received comments from the ministry's Senior Noise Engineer and they have no additional comments at this time. I've attached a PDF of their correspondence for your records.

Thanks,

Wai

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Hi Wai,

I have reviewed the attached documents and have no additional comments at this time. Thank you.

**Enoch Tse**, PhD, P.Eng.

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Hi Krystal,

Thank you for your email. We are hoping to provide something to you by the end of Wednesday.

Thanks,

Wai

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Hi Cindy,

Wondering if you have heard from the noise reviewer?

Thanks!

-Krystal

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Good morning, Krystal,

We have received comments from the ministry's Surface Water specialist (attached) for the ONTC – Timmins-Porcupine Station. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thanks,

Wai

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## **MEMORANDUM**

June 5, 2024

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FROM: Eric Grimm  
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Northern Region Technical Support

RE: ECHO Support Request 1-360815349; ONTC Northlander  
Passenger Rail – Timmins-Porcupine Station project: Surface  
Water Review

### **INTRODUCTION**

As requested, we have reviewed the supporting documentation submitted regarding the proposed Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins-Porcupine Station project. I have considered the surface water related components of the following documents as part of my review:

1. *ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT, DRAFT, Ontario Northland, Northlander Passenger Rail Service – Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process, Ontario, Canada” Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., April 9, 2024.*
2. *NATURAL ENVIRONMENT EXISTING CONDITIONS & IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT, DRAFT, Ontario Northland, Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Projects Assessment Process.” Gannett Fleming Canada ULC., April 9, 2024.*

An environmental assessment (EA) study is required for this project under Ontario Regulation 231/08: Transit and Rail Projects Assessment Process (February 16, 2024); specifically following the Transit and Rail Projects Assessment Process (TRPAP)

The purpose of the EA supporting documentation was to provide a systematic evaluation of the potential environmental effects of the project and assess the advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the proposed undertaking. The purpose of this review was to assess the adequacy of the draft EA supporting documentation to characterize existing environmental conditions and assess potential surface water related environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station project.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Ontario Northland Transportation Commission is an agency of the Province of Ontario responsible for public transport in northern Ontario. The project will involve the construction of a new train station for the Ontario Northland train route within the City of Timmins.

The proposed station location is approximately 400m from Bob's Lake, 1km from Porcupine Lake, and 750m from the Porcupine River.

The proponent has indicated that an erosion and sediment control (ESC) plan will be prepared and implemented in advance of construction work as per Ministry guidance found in the Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual (MECP, 2003).

## **DISCUSSION**

The construction and operation of this site will increase the quantity of sanitary sewage being treated and subsequently discharged by the City of Timmins from their Whitney Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) site.

A previously completed surface water review (Dubois, 2011) indicates that the Porcupine River is the receiver for effluent discharge from the WWTP, and that the portion of the river downstream of Porcupine Lake is considered a Policy 2 receiver with respect to total phosphorus (TP), as concentrations exceed the provincial water quality objective (PWQO).

A mixing zone, as defined in the Ministry's Water Management Policies, is not applicable to a Policy 2 receiver. Unless significant additional dilution is available in the downstream environment (i.e. tributaries contributing substantial flow to the system), contaminant concentrations downstream of an effluent discharge cannot meet PWQOs or background conditions if the effluent contains higher than background concentrations of a contaminant.

**If the Environmental Approvals Branch (Approvals) and the Wastewater Engineers therein determine the possible flow increase resulting from the construction and operation of this facility is acceptable, the possible impacts of increased flows and phosphorus loading to the Porcupine River should be considered.**

At this time there is not sufficient information in the form of possible flow increases to provide further guidance from a surface water perspective, however additional discussion can be had with Approvals and the District Office as needed.

### **General Requirements for Development in Ontario**

Any prospective water taking must be carried out in compliance with the conditions for registration on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) or a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) as applicable. If dewatering for foundations is required, excavation dewatering must not be discharged into any surface water feature. Mitigation measures such as filter fabric on inlet pump head and/or straw bale/filter fabric device or equivalent should be utilized to minimize sediment transport during excavation/construction dewatering.

Consideration should be given far enough in advance to allow enough time to prepare and submit applications to the MECP for PTTWs and/or ECAs if required. This is especially important where surface water and hydrogeological technical studies are required.



Mitigation measures must remain in place until final rehabilitation of temporary work areas is completed. Similarly, mitigation measures are required at construction and/or laydown sites until they are remediated or reclaimed to minimize the potential for off-site movement of sediment-laden water and any contaminant toward any surface water feature. Stormwater management during the construction phase must also be designed to effectively mitigate stormwater runoff.

## **CLOSURE AND STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS**

If you have any questions regarding the above comments, do not hesitate to contact me. The purpose of the preceding review is to provide advice to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding surface water conditions based on a review of the information provided in the above referenced documents. The conclusions, opinions and recommendations of the reviewer are based on information provided by others. The Ministry cannot guarantee that the information that has been provided by others is accurate or complete. A lack of specific comment by the reviewer is not to be construed as endorsing the content or views expressed in the reviewed material.



Eric Grimm  
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Cc: Jacinth Gilliam-Price, A/Surface Water Group Leader/Surface Water Specialist  
Chris Mahon, Water Resources Supervisor  
Carroll Leith, Technical Support Section Manager  
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### References:

- MECP Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual. 2003.
- Surface Water Review of the City of Timmins, Whitney-Tisdale Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Receiving Water Assessment for Phosphorous Removal (IDS Reference No. 6847-8BCMHN) dated January 4, 2011, prepared by SWS Nadine Dubois and addressed to Sr EO Daryl Firlotte.

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Good morning, Krystal,

Please find attached comments from ministry's Species at Risk Branch technical reviewer for the ONTC Timmins-Porcupine Station project.

Thanks,

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**MECP Species at Risk Branch  
Comment Table**

Project Name: Northlander Passenger Rail – Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment (Class EA)  
Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report (Draft)

Project Proponent: Ontario Northland

MECP SARB Commenter Name and Job Title: Lindsay McColm, Northern Species at Risk Specialist

Comment #	Reference to Section	Comments & Rationale
1	Photo Appendix	<p>It does not appear that field surveys were undertaken that were specific to any particular species at risk. Photo 12 and Photo 13 appear to show mature trees that species at risk bats such as little brown myotis and northern myotis may select for roosting during the active season (May 1 to Aug 31). It is not clear from the report whether these trees will be removed during site clearing, but if they are, MECP SARB is recommending that clearing occur outside of the active season. If this cannot be avoided, it is possible that further surveys specific to SAR bats and a possible authorization under the ESA may be required.</p> <p>Similarly, Photo 4 appear to contain trees that may be larger than 10 cm diameter at breast height making them possible candidate trees for SAR bat roosting habitat. It is not clear from the report whether these trees will be removed during site clearing, but if they are, MECP SARB is recommending that clearing occur outside of the active season. If this cannot be avoided, it is possible that further surveys specific to SAR bats and a possible authorization under the ESA may be required.</p>
2	Table 6 and page vii	<p>It is currently understood that the Proponent plans to undertake vegetation removal outside of the breeding bird sensitive time period (May 1 to Aug 31). However, there are references to performing nest sweeps if vegetation and tree clearing must occur within the breeding bird sensitive time period. If vegetation/tree removal occurs within the breeding bird sensitive time period, nest sweeps prior to vegetation/tree removal activities are generally not considered sufficient mitigation to avoid the need for an ESA authorization if SAR are present.</p> <p>If the proponent must clear vegetation/trees within the breeding bird sensitive time period, MECP SARB recommends that short-eared owl (SEOW) and eastern whip-poor-will (EWPW)* be considered in more detail for this project site. These species have a medium likelihood of being present on site based on multiple observations east and west of the site available on eBird and iNaturalist. See comment below about EWPW and the potential changes to its status on the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) list in context of project timelines (i.e. project commencement after Jan 31, 2025, EWPW may not be relevant from an ESA perspective)</p>
3	General	<p>A note that the <a href="#">2023 Annual Report by the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario (COSSARO)</a> is now available as required under the <i>Endangered Species Act, 2007</i> (ESA), and a <a href="#">bulletin has been posted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario</a>. Included in</p>

		<p>COSSARO's 2023 Annual Report is <b>the downlisting of Eastern Whip-poor-will to Special Concern and the listing of three bat species (Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, Silver-haired Bat) as Endangered</b>. In accordance with the ESA, the <a href="#">Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List</a> (O. Reg. 230/08) will be amended to reflect the species assessments included in the COSSARO report, within one year from the date the report was received by the Minister, on or before January 31, 2025. In accordance with the provisions of the ESA, species that have been reclassified as Special Concern will no longer receive protections under the ESA and newly listed Endangered species will receive automatic species and general habitat protection under the ESA upon listing. However, it should be noted that although the COSSARO report includes recommendations for (re)classification of species under the ESA, there is no guarantee these recommendations will be accepted until the SARO list is officially amended to reflect the changes.</p> <p>MECP SARB recommends that the proponent check the Environmental Registry of Ontario for notices of SARO amendments in January 2025 as this may influence an ESA authorization, if any, for the project with respect to impacts to members of a SAR bat species, impacts to bat maternity roost habitat, and/or other SAR.</p>
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Hi Krystal,

Please find attached comments from the ministry's Adaptation and Resilience Branch for the Timmins-Porcupine Station.

Thanks,

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## Comments Table

**Proposal:** Draft Environmental Project Report ONTC Northlander Passenger Rail Service – Timmins-Porcupine Station

**Proponent:** Ontario Northland

**Commenter Name:** Karin Ajderian, Policy Advisor, Adaptation and Resiliency Branch

Comment #	Document Section and page number	Page #	Comment (May 22, 2024)	Proponent Response (MMM DD, YYYY)
1	Throughout the document		<p><b>Overall comment:</b> The report does not consider future changes in climate and the potential impacts of a changing climate on the project. These considerations should be made throughout the report where appropriate.</p> <p>To assist the proponent with addressing this issue, MECP is pleased to suggest the following resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario's MECP's <a href="#">guide on considering climate change in the environmental assessment process, 2017 to integrate considerations of climate change in identifying environmental components, identifying consideration of alternatives, and describing potential effects of the undertaking</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment (PCCIA) Technical Report, 2023</a>, a regional and sector-based climate change impact assessment to support informed decisions that address regional and sector-specific impacts of climate change.</li> </ul> <p>Other resources and data sources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ontario Climate Change Data Portal</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Environment and Climate Change Canada's Climate Atlas of Canada</a> and</li> <li>• <a href="#">Canadian Climate Data and Scenarios</a>.</li> </ul>	
2	2.4.1 Site Servicing	p. 23	This section indicates anticipated localized runoff volumes. When calculating the specific runoff volumes for different localized areas within	

Comment #	Document Section and page number)	Page #	Comment (May 22, 2024)	Proponent Response (MMM DD, YYYY)
			<p>the site, consider using data from the <a href="#">Ontario Climate Change Data Portal</a>. This could help incorporate climate change impacts into the evaluation of pre- and post-development runoff volumes to assess the potential impacts of stormwater runoff.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> While climate change impacts are not considered, the proponent plans on using green infrastructure as a mitigation measure for increased runoff, such as bio-retention swales, and/or LID.</p>	
3	2.5.1 Timmins-Porcupine Station (Operations + Maintenance)	27	<p>This section discusses the need for regular platform maintenance, including the inspections to determine how platform deteriorates over time as a result of environmental factors such as rain, snow, ice, wind, and effects of salting.</p> <p>The proponent is encouraged to consider the increased impact of climate change (i.e., changes in temperature, precipitation, extreme weather event frequency) on the environmental factors that will contribute to all aspects of the project including platform deterioration.</p>	
4	3.2.1.1 Methodology of natural environment, data gathering	p.31	Consider supplementing this section with climate data sources (listed in comment 1) to support the report with climate change considerations.	
5	4.10 Stormwater Management/Drainage	p.61	<p>This section recognizes that the proposed project will result in increases to impervious areas, with potential effects to water quantity and quality, and potential alterations to local drainage systems. A SWM assessment with mitigation measures (if required) is being completed. Proponent is encouraged to base the related analysis on data that takes into account f the impacts of climate change.</p>	

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## MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** Cindy Batista, Special Project Officer  
Environmental Assessment Services Section

**RE:** Draft Environmental Project Report for the Northlander Passenger Rail  
Service – Timmins-Porcupine Station

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The ministry has completed its review of the draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Ontario Northland's (the proponent) Timmins-Porcupine Station (the project), received by the ministry on April 12, 2024.

The review was carried out to determine whether the draft EPR meets the expectations set forth in the ministry's Guide to Ontario's Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Transit Guide) and the requirements set forth in the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process regulation (Transit and Rail Process Regulation) (O.Reg.231/08).

Please find Environmental Assessment Branch comments below:

### **General**

1. In the 'Acronyms, Abbreviations & Measurements Units' table (page 11) and several other places of the draft EPR (e.g., Section 1.2.2 Project Proponent), the process and regulation are referred to as the 'Transit and Rail Projects Assessment' when it should be 'Transit and Rail Project Assessment'. Please correct typo.



2. In the 'Glossary of Terms' table (page 15), under the term 'Statement of Completion', it states 'MECP Environmental Approvals Branch', the correct branch name is Environmental Assessment Branch. Please revise.
3. Various relevant sections are incomplete throughout the draft EPR. For example, sections 3.2.6, 3.3.6, 3.3.7, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.13.6, 4.13.7, 4.13.8, 5.2.3, 5.2.5, and 5.3. These sections will need to be completed for ministry's review before finalizing the EPR.

### **Air Quality**

4. As communicated in the ministry's April 24, 2024, email, an air quality assessment report is required for the project. Please share a draft report with the ministry as soon as it is available and update the EPR accordingly to discuss the findings of the study. Please also revise Sections 3 and 4 of the draft EPR to include a discussion on the air quality assessment study.

### **Climate Change**

5. The draft EPR is missing a discussion on climate change considerations both in the context of the potential effects of the project on climate change (climate change mitigation) and the potential effects of climate change on the project (climate change adaptation). You may refer to the ministry's guideline on climate change for additional information [here](#). Please revise the EPR accordingly to include climate change considerations.

### **Source Water Protection**

6. Projects that are subject to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) that fall under a Class EA, or one of the Regulations, have the potential to impact sources of drinking water if they occur in designated vulnerable areas in the vicinity of other at-risk drinking water systems (i.e., systems that are not municipal residential systems), and source protection plan policies could apply. The draft EPR does not include a discussion on source water protection, and this should be included. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, EAB shared more detailed comments from ministry's Conservation and Source Protection Branch for review and response.

### **Project Study Area**

7. The terms study area, "TRPAP study area", 'Timmins-Porcupine Station study area', and 'project study area' are used interchangeably throughout the draft EPR. Do they refer to the same area as the 'preliminary EA study area' as depicted in Figure 2-1? The term used to describe the project study

area should be consistent throughout the EPR and correspond to the boundaries delineated in mapping when referring to the project study area.

## Section 1.0

8. Section 1.3.1 (page 22) refers to Schedule 1 of the Transit and Rail Process Regulation. The Transit and Rail Process Regulation (as amended in February 2024) no longer includes 'Schedule 1'. Transit projects are now designated under Part III of Ontario Regulation 50/24 (Part II. 3 – Designations and Exemptions Regulation) of the EAA. Please update this section of the EPR with reference to the new regulation under the EAA.
9. Figure 1-3: Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process shows that the final EPR is posted after the 30-day review period following the issuance of the Notice of Completion. As per the Transit and Rail Process Regulation, the final EPR is posted together with the Notice of Completion. Please refer to section 3.2.5 of the Transit Guide. If changes are required after the final EPR, please discuss with ministry as changes can only be made through an erratum or as agreed to by the ministry. Figure 1-3: Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process does not depict the process as per the Transit and Rail Process Regulation. The process depicted in this figure is customized for the project and attempts to demonstrate some aspects of the regulated process. It is strongly suggested that the figure clarify this distinction. If the proponent wishes to include a figure that describes the regulated process, it may do so by directly adding Figure 1 found in the Transit Guide into the EPR.

## Section 2.0

10. In 'Table 1-1: Proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station Elements' it lists a bus storage and maintenance facility as part of the 'Project Component' and the 'Description' states the following: Protecting for land that may be required for potential future construction of a Bus Storage & Maintenance Facility.

The project title is the Timmins-Porcupine Station and the purpose of the project, as per the draft EPR, is to build a new rail station in the city that will operate as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Service. The purpose in the draft EPR does not refer to a bus storage and maintenance facility. A bus station and the maintenance facility are different facilities with different purposes, so it is unclear to the ministry why it is considered as an element of the Timmins-Porcupine Station. Furthermore, the draft EPR provides for an impact assessment and mitigation on the Timmins-Porcupine Station, however, the impact assessment for the bus storage and maintenance facility is incomplete. Please revise the EPR accordingly.

11. To do an addendum to the EPR, the bus storage and maintenance facility should be part of the Timmins-Porcupine Station project. It is noted that under the EAA, a bus storage and maintenance facility is a designated project and therefore the process as per the Transit and Rail Process Regulation must be followed. The EPR, in addition to showing the proposed location of the facility, facility components should be described as well. The EPR should also provide an overview of some the expected potential effects and standard mitigation measures of the bus storage and maintenance facility. The EPR should include a commitment to undertake an Addendum for this facility. Please note, the addendum consultation process is limited, so the proponent should consider whether additional consultation for this facility may be necessary.

*Ministry staff would like to meet with the proponent to learn more about the future bus storage and maintenance facility.*

12. Section 2.4.2 (Page 35) and Table 2-3 of the draft EPR states ‘property requirements will be further reviewed as the design progresses. If required, the proponent will proceed with property acquisition.’ This section is meant to describe potential project impacts and it is incomplete. The proponent will have to share this section of the report for ministry review before finalizing the EPR.
13. Further to comment 7, Section 2.4.2 also states “It should be noted that properties with negligible encroachments were not listed, as it is anticipated that reasonable engineering solutions can be established at detailed design to address/avoid property impacts wherever feasible.” Please define the criteria used to determine ‘negligible’ encroachment and the activities that will occur in these areas.

### **Section 3.0**

14. Section 3.2.1.3 states that the project study area is within an area regulated by the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority (MRCA) and consultation with this conservation authority may be required. The ministry understands that the proponent did share a draft EPR with MRCA. The ministry would like to obtain a copy of MRCA’s comments on the draft EPR as soon as they provide comments. As per page 45 of the Transit Guide, proponents should address issues raised by any regulatory agency before releasing the final EPR for review (when the Notice of Completion is published). The Conservation Authority’s comments are particularly important as they deal with matters of provincial importance and the ministry needs to confirm there are no outstanding issues in this regard. As such, the EAB will be requesting

'sign-off' from all commenting regulatory agencies from the proponent before posting the Notice of Completion.

15. Please include the conclusions and recommendations of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment in Section 3.2.4.2 of the draft EPR.
16. Section 3.3.3 of the draft EPR states "The study area does not feature any structure or areas believed to have CHVI." Please provide MCM comments that support this conclusion. As per comment 13 above, we will require sign-off from MCM for heritage and archaeology before the EPR is finalized.
17. Section 3.3.4: This section indicates the Timmins-Porcupine station study area exhibits evidence of disturbance. The section further states that "forested lands east of the railway north of Highway 101/King Street retain archaeological potential and will require Stage 2 test pit survey if impacted by the project designs." It is unclear why a Stage 2 archaeological assessment is optional when the wooded area is within the 'preliminary EA study area'. Please clarify and revise the report accordingly.

#### **Section 4.0**

18. Section 4.3: The Impact Assessment Criteria table does not include any air quality criteria as an environmental factor for evaluating potential effects associated with the project. Please provide a summary and discussions on air quality impacts from both construction activities (dust and air emission), operations and associated mitigation measures, and monitoring activities in the EPR.
19. Section 4.7 in the draft EPR states "Based on review and field review, the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station does not retain any archaeological potential." However, according to Section 3.3.4 of the draft EPR, Stage 2 archaeological assessment is recommended. Please clarify and revise the report accordingly.

#### **Section 5.0**

20. The draft EPR did not include the names of the Indigenous communities that have been consulted or engaged for this project. At minimum, the EPR should include a list of Indigenous communities that have been consulted/engaged, a discussion of why they were included on the list (i.e., treaty rights, interest-based) and a summary of their comments or concerns, if any. The EPR should also include a discussion on whether there are

impacts on the Indigenous communities' hunting, fishing, or harvesting rights of Indigenous communities given the surrounding wildlife and wildlife habitat. Please refer to section 10 of Transit and Rail Process Regulation that describes the consultation record requirements for the EPR. Please note that the ministry would like to see all records of consultation (public, stakeholders, or Indigenous communities) before the EPR is finalized.

### **Next Steps**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft EPR for the Northlander Passenger Rail Service – Timmins-Porcupine Station.

The ministry's comments should be addressed prior to submitting a final EPR to the ministry, by way of a comment response table. The proponents' responses to ministry comments will also include the location of any revisions in the final EPR and/or supporting technical reports that were made to address ministry comments, where applicable.

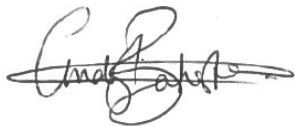
Please note that the ministry's comments (EA-related and technical), along with any comments received by other government agencies, Indigenous communities and the public should be considered by the proponents as it prepares the final EPR for submission.

Please provide to the ministry as soon as possible, comments with respect to natural and cultural heritage features provided by relevant agencies such as the local conservation authority, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Please also advise if there have been any significant comments from any Indigenous communities on the draft EPR.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on addressing our comments identified in the draft EPR. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 437-248-0058 or by email at [Cindy.Batista@ontario.ca](mailto:Cindy.Batista@ontario.ca).

Sincerely,



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Cindy Batista  
Special Project Officer

### **Attachments**

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Good afternoon,

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Environmental Project Report\_ONTC NorthlanderPassengerRail  
**Date:** May 14, 2024 3:22:11 PM

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Hi Wai,

We provide the following comments to be provided back to the proponent:

**Section 6.2.1.5 MECP – Clean Water Act:**

This section of the EPR misrepresents the purpose of and responsibility for Source Protection Plans. *The Clean Water Act, 2006* (CWA) aims to protect existing and future sources of drinking water. To achieve this, Source Protection Authorities develop Assessment Reports wherein several types of vulnerable areas are delineated for every municipal residential drinking water system located in a source protection area. From this, Source Protection Authorities develop Source Protection Plans and the policies within them, which are approved and made effective by the MECP Minister per the CWA.

The Mattagami Source Protection Region operates in the Timmins – Porcupine project area, therefore the Source Protection Plan is applicable to this station in the proposed project area which enters the Mattagami Source Protection Region. Policies outlined in the Source Protection Plan may impact how or where that activity is undertaken. Policies may prohibit certain activities, or they may require risk management measures for these activities if they are located in identified vulnerable areas. Municipal Official Plans, planning decisions, and prescribed instruments must conform with policies that address significant risks to drinking water and must have regard for policies that address moderate or low risks. Please review the Mattagami Source Protection Plan at [Source Protection Plan - \(dwspp.ca\)](#) or connect with the Mattagami Source Protection Region Project Manager to determine which policies may apply to the proposed project activities.

It is recommended that the proponent also consider how drinking water sources may be affected by the project proposals and any alternatives considered. Consider impacts to sensitive hydrologic features including current or future sources of drinking water that are not explicitly addressed in the source protection plan (i.e., private systems – individual or clusters, and designated facilities within the meaning of O. Reg. 170/03 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act* – i.e., camps, schools, health care facilities, seasonal users, etc.).

The proposed project area is outside of any vulnerable areas, however, [MECP's Best Management Practices for Source Protection](#) is a useful resource which proponents can consider to support the actions outlined in section 6.3.6 and others.

Thank you kindly,  
Laura

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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism





December 10, 2024

Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
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**RE: Request for Expedited Review**

**Original Report: Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Ontario Northland Northlander Passenger Rail Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Lots 8 Concessions 4, Geographical Township of Whitney), District of Cochrane (PIF PP094-0429-2024)**

Ontario Northland is an agency of the Province of Ontario responsible for providing efficient, safe, and reliable transportation services in Northern Ontario. Ontario Northland is reinstating passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Northeastern Ontario, which includes a new station in the City of Timmins. The passenger train service, also known as the Northlander, will fundamentally shift how people move across the province, creating a more connected, integrated transportation network.

A new Timmins-Porcupine Station (the Project) is being planned as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Rail service and will be located along the existing rail corridor, within the City of Timmins, just west of Bob's Lake. Station elements will include: train platform, station building, outdoor parking, pedestrian walkway, bus bays, a taxi stand, and designated passenger pick-up and drop-off area. Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) was contracted by Gannett Fleming, on behalf of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC), to conduct a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project.

Please accept this letter requesting an expedited review of the above-noted archaeological assessment report, conducted under archaeological consulting license #PP094-0429-2024. This letter is being submitted by ASI (on behalf of ONTC) as part of the digital report package.

The purpose of requesting an expedited review is to ensure the report is accepted into the Ontario Public Register in advance of ground disturbing activities related to construction. MCM review is requested **by January 22, 2025**. Your assistance in expediting a review of the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Ontario Northland Northlander Passenger Rail Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Lots 8 Concessions 4, Geographical Township of Whitney), District of Cochrane (PIF PP094-0429-2024) report is appreciated and will ensure scheduled project timelines are met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Krystal Perepeluk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Krystal" being more prominent than the last name "Perepeluk".

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Dec 23, 2024

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**RE: Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment Ontario Northland Northlander Passenger Rail Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Lots 8 Concessions 4, Geographical Township of Whitney), District of Cochrane", Dated Dec 11, 2024, Filed with MCM on N/A, MCM Project Information Form Number P094-0429-2024, MCM File Number 0019419**

Dear Ms. Merritt:

The above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18, has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports without technical review.<sup>1</sup>

Please note that the ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of reports in the register.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to send your inquiry to [Archaeology@Ontario.ca](mailto:Archaeology@Ontario.ca)

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer  
Amber Saltarelli, Gannett Fleming Inc  
Krystal Perepeluk, Ontario Northland

<sup>1</sup>In no way will the ministry be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result: (a) if the Report(s) or its recommendations are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent; or (b) from the issuance of this letter. Further measures may need to be taken in the event that additional artifacts or archaeological sites are identified or the Report(s) is otherwise found to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

#### 4.15.4 Archaeology

Table 4-9: Archaeology Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments

Project Component	Project Activities	Potential Effect	Mitigation Measures/ Commitments	Monitoring/Future Work Commitments
<b>Proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations and Maintenance</li> <li>• Construction</li> </ul>	<p>Impact to previously undocumented archaeological resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All work shall be performed in accordance with Applicable Law, including but not limited to the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), formerly the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (2011), and the MCM document, <i>Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology: A Draft Bulletin for Consultant Archaeologists in Ontario</i> (2011).</li> <li>• Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48 (1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</li> <li>• If any suspected human remains are found, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Project Manager/Environmental Planner should be contacted. MTO will approve a licensed archaeologist to confirm the finds as human remains.</li> <li>• The <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33</i> requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD), which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites.</li> <li>• If police/coroner determine that the finds are archaeological, then the licensed archaeologist will notify the Registrar of Burials at MPBSD and a Burial Site Investigation process will be initiated.</li> <li>• In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the MCM should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any site personnel responsible for carrying out or overseeing land-disturbing activities will be informed of their responsibilities in the event that an archaeological resource is encountered.</li> <li>• Should the proposed work extend beyond the assessed Project Area or should changes to the project design or temporary workspace requirements result in the inclusion of previously un-surveyed lands, these lands should be subject to further archaeological assessment conducted by a professionally licensed archaeologist prior to any disturbance or construction activities.</li> </ul>

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**Re: File 0021147: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station**

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Table 4-9\_Timmins Station TRPAP\_Updated EPR\_Jan2025.pdf;

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Hi Laura,

Thank you for your final comments on Table 4-9. We can confirm that the suggested edits have been made, and you can find them attached. Thank you also for confirming that MCM has no additional comments on the EPR.

We will continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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1	MCM Letter	<p>Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the draft EPR for the above-referenced project, which is following the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP) as defined in Ontario Regulation 231/08 under the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. O. Reg 231/08 identifies the MCM's interest in cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeological resources, including land and marine;</li> <li>• Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,</li> <li>• Cultural heritage landscapes.</li> </ul>	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A
2	MCM Letter	<p>Under the TRPAP, the proponent is required to consider whether its proposed transit project could have potential negative impact on the environment. Under the process an objection can be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) about a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest. The MECP expects a transit project proponent to make reasonable efforts to avoid, prevent, mitigate or protect matters of provincial importance.</p> <p>The MECP's Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transit Projects (Transit Guide) provides guidance to proponents on how to meet the requirements of O.Reg 231/08. The Transit Guide encourages proponents to obtain information and input from appropriate government agency technical representatives before starting the TRPAP to assist in meeting the timelines specified in the regulation, including the submission of a draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) for review and comment prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement.</p> <p>Among the pre-planning activities outlined in Section 4.1 of the Transit Guide, a proponent is advised to conduct studies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify existing baseline environmental conditions;</li> <li>• identify project-specific location or alignment (including construction staging, land requirements); and,</li> </ul>	Acknowledged. A detailed project description is contained in <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> , existing environmental conditions are contained throughout <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> , and expected environmental impacts and mitigation measures are contained throughout <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> of this EPR.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identify expected environmental impacts and proposed measures to mitigate potential negative impacts.</li> </ul> <p>This letter provides advice on how to incorporate consideration of cultural heritage in the above mentioned pre-planning activities, and also expands on section 3.4 of the Transit Guide by outlining the technical studies and level of detail required to address the cultural heritage component for transit projects that are covered by O.Reg 231/08. The outcomes and recommendations of the studies will be reported in the draft EPR and form the basis for any future commitments outlined in the EPR.</p>					
3	MCM Letter	<p>MCM will comment on the draft EPR prior to the Notice of Commencement for the project, but to do so, we request that the Cultural Heritage Report be sent to the Heritage Planning Unit for review, and that the archaeologist submit the Stage 1 AA directly to the ministry for review. Please see our more detailed comments on these aspects of the project reporting below. These comments are consistent with the advice we provide on all TPAP projects.</p>	<p>Copies of the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment were provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.</p>	<p>While the referred reports were sent to Heritage Planning Unit on May 17, 2024, the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report (under Project Information Form number P094-0359-2023) was submitted to the Archaeology Program Unit at MCM on August 2, 2024. Upon the suggestion of MCM, a request for expedited review was submitted by the proponent's licensed archaeologist on August 21, 2024.</p> <p>Before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities, approval authorities and/or proponents should wait for MCM's letter confirming that the archaeological assessment report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports (Section 65 of the Ontario Heritage Act). The letter will also indicate either that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns. MCM's letter needs to be included in the Final EPR.</p>	<p>Ontario Northland acknowledges the comment and confirms our commitment to not undertaking any ground disturbing activities until we are in receipt of MCM's letter. The expedited review request indicated a respond by date of December 2, 2024 which does not align with the TRPAP Notice of Completion timeline (currently targeted for September 26<sup>th</sup>). With this in mind, and considering that there is no archaeological potential in the portion of the study area where the Station is to be constructed, <b>and</b> that MCM has confirmed that all previous comments on the Stage 1 AA Report have been adequately addressed, Ontario Northland proposes that we will proceed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Final EPR that will be submitted along with the Notice of Completion will</li> </ul>	<p>Please, refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.</p>	<p>Addressed.</p> <p>AA reports have now been entered onto the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports and EPR text reflects this.</p>

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					<p>include the current version of the Stage 1 AA Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If MCM's letter requires further revisions to the Stage 1 AA Report (and/or the EPR), once it is received, the EPR/AA report will be updated post Notice of Completion via the Errata process, in coordination with MECP and MCM.</li> <li>• Similarly, once MCM's letter is received, it will be appended to the EPR – via an Errata.</li> <li>• No ground disturbing activities will occur until Ontario Northland receives MCM's letter – the commitments in <b>Section 6.0</b> of the EPR will be updated to reflect this.</li> </ul>		
4	MCM Letter	<p>Please note that the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (S&amp;G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> (OHA), came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&amp;Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.</p> <p>Ontario Northland is not currently prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10. If this status changes, MCM may have updated advice on this project.</p>	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A



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5	MCM Letter	The purpose of the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project is to build a new rail station in the City of Timmins that will operate as part of the reinstated Northlander passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Timmins, with a rail connection to Cochrane. The new Timmins-Porcupine Station will include a train platform, station building, parking facilities, a pedestrian walkway, bus bays, and a municipal bus stop.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A
6	MCM Letter	<p>While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.</p> <p>Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.</p> <p>Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.</p>	<p>Acknowledged.</p> <p>Community input was sought by ASI, information has been included in Sections 3.1 and 3.5 in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment. The following groups were contacted during preparation of the Cultural Heritage Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum (email communication 6 July 2023). A request was made for any archival images or information on the construction of the T&amp;NO in Timmins. A response on 6 July 2023 provided archival images of the T&amp;NO Timmins Station outside of the Study Area.</li> <li>Timmins Museum and Archives (7 July 2023). A request was made for any available historical maps of the Study Area. No response was received at the time of draft report preparation, therefore available maps from other sources were used in the report.</li> </ul> <p>Documentation of how community and Indigenous input was sought is included in Section 3.5 of the Cultural</p>	<p>Information was included in the Cultural Heritage Report (dated July 26, 2024). Note that there is no Section 3.5 in the Cultural Heritage Report, the content relates to Section 3.1.5. We note that the bullet list in Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report mirrors text from Section 3.2.3.1 of the EPR. The date of the engagement sessions needs to be updated as indicated in comment 19 and 31.</p>	<p>Acknowledged – content relates to Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report.</p> <p>Dates of engagement have been revised for consistency and accuracy in Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report to October 19, 2021, September 13, 2021, and November 15, 2021.</p>	<p>Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.</p>	<p>Addressed.</p> <p>This information has now been updated in the EPR.</p>

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			Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.  Also refer to <b>Section</b> Error! Reference source not found. of the EPR.  Please also refer to response to comment #19 below.				
7	MCM Letter	<p>MCM recommends that, as a best practice, a combined Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment (AA) be completed for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase.</p> <p>At a minimum, a Stage 1 AA will be undertaken for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase. The results of the Stage 1 AA will inform the TRPAP and will be summarized in the draft EPR. If the Stage 1 AA recommends further AA(s), then MCM recommends that further stages of AA be completed as early as possible during the planning or design phase of the project, and prior to the completion of detailed design.</p> <p>Archaeological assessments are required to be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.</p> <p>The EPR must include specific information from the AA report(s). The Executive Summary of each AA report provides a brief summary of the work completed and the recommendations for next steps, whether for further archaeological assessment, in which case the report will include a map that identifies those areas, or for no further assessment. The EPR must also include clear commitments to undertake the recommended AA and a timeline for their completion.</p> <p>MCM is aware that a Project Information Form Number (PIF#) for a Stage 1 AA has been issued for this project, and that the AA report has not yet been submitted to the ministry. MCM recommends that this report is submitted as soon as possible so that it may be reviewed, and the information incorporated into the draft EPR.</p>	A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was completed as part of the Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP and will be included as an Appendix to the EPR. A summary of the results for this assessment is included in <b>Section</b> Error! Reference source not found. of this EPR. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted to the ministry for review and incorporation into the archaeological register by a licensed Archaeologist.	See comment 3 above. At this time, the findings of the Stage 1 AA report should be considered preliminary. Note that the EPR may need to be revised once the Stage 1 AA is entered into the Register. The Stage 1 AA report and MCM's letter indicating that the report has been entered into the Register shall be included as an Appendix.	Please see response to comment #3.	Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.	Addressed.  AA reports have now been entered onto the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports and EPR text reflects this.
8	MCM Letter	A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment will be undertaken for the	A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment has been prepared for the Timmins- Porcupine Station	See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.	Please see responses to comments #27-31 below.	Addressed.	N/A

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		<p>entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase to inform the TRPAP. This study will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify existing baseline cultural heritage conditions within the Project Study Area. The consultants preparing the Cultural Heritage Report will need to define a Project Study Area and explain their rationale. MCM recommends that the Project Study Area for the report include, at minimum, the project footprint and adjacent properties. Alternatively, the Project Study Area may include the project footprint and a study zone that is located immediately beside the footprint and extends a certain distance. The report will include a historical summary of the development of the Project Study Area and will identify all known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes in the Project Study Area. MCM has developed screening criteria that may assist with this exercise: Criteria for Evaluating for Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes.</li> <li>2. Identify preliminary potential project-specific impacts on the known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes that have been identified. The report should include a description of the anticipated impact to each known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape that has been identified.</li> <li>3. Propose and recommend measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The proposed mitigation measures are to inform the next steps of project planning and design.</li> </ol>	<p>TRPAP and will be included as an Appendix to the EPR. A summary of the results of this assessment is included in <b>Section Error!</b> Reference source not found. of this EPR.</p>				
9	MCM Letter	<p>Where a known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape may be directly and adversely impacted, and where it has not yet been evaluated for Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI), completion of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) is required to fully understand its CHVI and level of significance. The CHER must be completed within the TRPAP. If a built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape is found to be of CHVI, then a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)</p>	<p><b>Section Error!</b> Reference source not found. of this EPR states that there no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area, and therefore, a CHER and/or HIA is not recommended.</p>	<p>See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.</p>	<p>Please see responses to comments #27-31 below.</p>	<p>Addressed.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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		will be undertaken by a qualified person. The HIA will be completed in consultation with MCM and the proponent as early as possible during detail design, following the TRPAP.					
10	MCM Letter	While some cultural heritage landscapes are contained within individual property boundaries, others span across multiple properties. For certain cultural heritage landscapes, it will be more appropriate for the CHER and HIA to include multiple properties, in order to reflect the extent of that cultural heritage landscape in its entirety.	<b>Section</b> Error! Reference source not found. of this EPR states that there no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area, and therefore, a CHER and/or HIA is not recommended.	See comment 28 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.	Please see response to comment #28 below.	Addressed.	N/A
11	MCM Letter	More detailed advice on how to document some of the information above is attached to this letter.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A
12	MCM Letter	Proponents that are subject to the S&Gs should refer to Information Bulletin 3 - Heritage Impact Assessments for Provincial Heritage Properties. Proponents that are not subject to the S&Gs may still find this document helpful.  Technical cultural heritage studies will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.	A qualified person has prepared the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment contained within <b>Appendix C</b> .	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A
13	MCM Letter	The findings of the above-mentioned studies should be summarized as part of the EPR discussion of existing conditions, impact assessment, mitigation, and future commitments. Commitments for further studies should clearly state what is to be done, who is responsible for implementation, and when.	<b>Section 6</b> of the EPR outlines in detail the commitments that ONTC will comply with and implement as part of the Project.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A
14	MCM Letter	Ideally, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with MCM before the draft EPR is provided, so that any feedback on the Cultural Heritage Report can be incorporated into the draft EPR. At a minimum, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with the draft EPR.	A copy of the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.	Please see responses to comments #27-31 below.	Addressed.	N/A
15	MCM Letter	MCM will comment on the draft EPR for the project, but we are not in a position to do so until we review the above-mentioned technical studies.  Please note that the responsibility for administration of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> and matters related to cultural	Copies of the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment were	See comment 3 above.	Please see response to comment #3 above.	Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.	Addressed.  AA reports have now been entered onto the Ontario Public Register of

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		<p>heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, reports and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and me.</p> <p>Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the TRPAP process. If you have any questions, require clarification, or would like additional examples to assist with project reporting, do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely,                      Laura Hatcher                      Heritage Advisor                      laura.e.hatcher@ontario.ca                      Heritage Planning Unit</p>	provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.				Archaeological Reports and EPR text reflects this.
16	MCM Letter	MCM's Heritage Planning Unit will have additional comments on the Draft EPR and the Cultural Heritage Report. Our standard service offer is to provide comments within 30 days from the time a document is submitted to us for review. As I am sure you know, the Archaeological Assessment follows its own review process, once the archaeologist submits it to the MCM Archaeology Program Unit for review.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A	N/A
17	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.1 Data Gathering	<p>'Cultural heritage resources' include archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes. We recommend changing the title of 3.2.3 to 'Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes' as archaeological resources are discussed in another section.</p> <p>The bulleted list on pages 33-34 which itemizes all data sources is not necessary as this information is outlined in the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C. This list could be deleted or summarized further.</p> <p>On pages 34-35, where the report describes the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) guidance on TRPAP reporting, we recommend that this language be updated and be made more concise to say that the Cultural Heritage Report followed this guidance. Where appropriate, explain how the guidance was applied to this project (e.g., in paragraph 1, state that the CHR used a buffer a certain distance from the project footprint to define the Project Study Area). We recommend that the</p>	The suggested edits have been reflected in the applicable sections of the updated EPR, as well as within the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.	<p>Partially addressed.</p> <p>The description of MCM guidance on TRPAP reporting was deleted from the EPR, but it remains the same in the Cultural Heritage Report and was not updated as suggested.</p> <p>The information that there is no known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes is not found under Section 3.2.3 of the EPR. This information is only found in Section 3.3.3. In order to clearly inform readers about this, we recommend adding a reference to Section 3.3.3 or moving up the information to Section 3.2.3.</p> <p>The paragraph in the beginning of section 3.2.3 does not identify the</p>	The EPR will be edited as follows: <b>Section 3.2.3</b> will be revised to acknowledge that there are no known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes; will also include reference to ASI as firm responsible for completed Cultural Heritage report.  The Table of Contents /page numbering to be reviewed and updated as required to correct any errors.	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.	Addressed.

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		<p>following text be included at the beginning of section 3.2.3, to summarize the outcome of the Cultural Heritage Report:</p> <p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was undertaken on [date] by [heritage consultant] for [name of project or Project Study Area]. The assessment for this report consisted of data collection, background historic research, review of secondary source material and field review. No known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes were identified within or adjacent to the Project Study Area. The Cultural Heritage Report is included in Appendix C.</p> <p>Please also note that the Cultural Heritage Report should be considered preliminary until the Indigenous communities, municipal planning staff and other interested parties have had an opportunity to review and provide comments.</p>		<p>heritage consultant that prepared the Cultural Heritage Report, instead Gannett Fleming is mentioned. As the Cultural Heritage Report was prepared by ASI, we recommend to also include their name in the paragraph.</p> <p>We note that MTO comment 47 and 49 suggest adding a reference to the Criteria for Evaluating Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes. MCM does not recommend that this reference is included in the EPR as it has been included in the Cultural Heritage Report. The EPR will include an overview of the purpose of the Cultural Heritage Report as recommended in our comments dated June 11, 2024, and not extensive and detailed information about the methodology.</p> <p>Also, there is a problem in the Table of Contents pages numbers, page 35 is repeated. Section 3.2.5 is on page 35 (PDF page 74) and Section 3.3.3 is also on page 35 (PDF page 91).</p>			
18	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.2 Field Investigations	We recommend deleting the paragraph that starts with "Background historical research..." as it contains unnecessary detail and some language that is not consistent with the Cultural Heritage Report. It may be more appropriate to refer the reader to the Cultural Heritage Report (see recommended language above).	This paragraph was deleted in the EPR, as well as the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A	N/A
19	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage	The report states: "There has been no correspondence from First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about known or potential BHRs and CHLs at the time of preparing this report." Please clarify whether the project team asked First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about this component of the environment. Please clarify what is meant by "Provincial Territorial	<p>The term "Provincial Territorial Organizations" was included in error in the Draft EPR and therefore removed.</p> <p>Information sessions were held with three of the Indigenous communities and/or organizations who expressed</p>	<p>Partially addressed.</p> <p>ONTC comment dated August 8, 2024, state that information sessions with Indigenous communities who demonstrated interest in the project were held in 2021. However, the bullet text in Section 3.2.3.1 state the</p>	EPR will be edited as follows: <b>Section 3.2.3.1</b> – dates of information sessions will be updated (see response to comment 6 above.	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.	Addressed.

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	3.2.3.4 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities	Organizations" in this context and include a list of organizations that were contacted.  Additionally, the title of this subsection "Consultation with Regulatory Authorities" does not capture the above-mentioned communities and the nature of their potential comments, which may fall outside of a strictly regulatory role. The activities described in this section do not appear to be "consultation", but rather "information gathering". We suggest revising the sub-title accordingly – e.g., to "Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations" (or similar wording).	interest in this project. As part of those sessions, no additional information was provided specifically about known BHRs/CHLs in the Study Area that may be of known or potential cultural heritage value or interest. The information sessions were held with the Moose Cree First Nation on October 19, 2021, with Nipissing First Nation on September 13, 2021, and with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres on November 15, 2021.  Section title for Error! Reference source not found. has been updated.	same sessions were in 2023. Please revise and update accordingly. This information should also align with the Cultural Heritage Report (see comment 31 below).  Section title for 3.2.3.1 remains the same and was not updated as stated. Please revise. We note that the equivalent title of the Cultural Heritage Report was updated to "Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations".	Section title for 3.2.3.1 will be updated to "Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations."		
20	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology	We note that the licensed archaeologist has yet to submit the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for this project (under Project Information Form (PIF) P094-0359-2023) for MCM review. We understand that the proponents hope to begin the TRPAP study period soon.  This being the case, we strongly recommend that the report be submitted to MCM as soon as possible to allow for the Ministry's review and for any revisions to be made. We also recommend that the archaeologist submit to MCM a request for expedited archaeological report review.  Please note that archaeological concerns have not been fully addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports ('the Register') where those reports recommend that:  1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and  2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> ) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy.  Approval authorities and proponents should wait to receive the MCM's written confirmation that the archaeological assessment report(s) has been entered	The Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was provided to MCM for review on May 17, 2024. The finalized Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted into the MCM register once it is ready and comments received during the Draft EPR review have been addressed.	Refer to comment 3 and 7 above.	Please see response to comment #3 above.	Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.	Addressed.  AA reports have now been entered onto the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports and EPR text reflects this.

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		into the Register before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities. The letter will also indicate that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns.  The MCM's letter shall be included in the EPR.					
21	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology 3.2.4.2 Field Investigations	The information about terms and conditions for archaeological licenses and PIFs is not necessary and should be removed.	This was removed from the EPR.	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A	N/A
22	EPR: 3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.3 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes of the Revised EPR	N/A	N/A	Comment 18 from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks suggests providing MCM comments to support the following conclusion: "The Project Study Area does not feature any structure or areas believed to have CHVI.". The former sentence was deleted, as also suggested in MTO comment 50, leaving under this section a single sentence that no known or potential built heritage resources (BHRs) or cultural heritage landscapes (CHLs) were identified in the Study Area.  <i>We recommend adding a reference to the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C to support this section.</i>	The EPR will be updated accordingly with the suggested reference to direct the reader to Appendix C.	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.	Addressed.
23	Draft EPR: 3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.4 Archaeology	The information on Borden numbers is not necessary and should be removed. Removing this information will allow this section focus on the Project Study Area's archaeological potential.  We recommend deleting all the text in this section and replacing it with the following:  A Stage 1 archaeological assessment was undertaken on [date] by [consultant archaeologist] for [property or Project Study Area]. A Stage 1 AA consists of a review of geographic, land use and historical information for the property and the relevant surrounding area, a property	The Borden numbers have been removed as suggested.  The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report has been updated to reflect the revised text suggested by MCM.  The parts of the Study Area proposed for construction and operations/maintenance activities, including the land that may be required for future construction of a	Partially addressed.  The paragraph that mentioned Borden number was deleted, but the rest of the text remains the same.  No direct reference to Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment was included as suggested. Stage 1 AA was submitted on August 2, 2024. After MCM review, the EPR should require revision. The current information in the EPR should be	EPR will be updated accordingly to reflect the following suggestion: "We recommend moving up the statement and map from <b>Section 4.6.1</b> to <b>Section 3.3.4</b> to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.  Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.	Addressed.



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		<p>visit to inspect its current condition and contacting MCM to find out whether, or not, there are any known archaeological sites on or near the property. Its purpose is to identify areas of archaeological potential and further archaeological assessment (e.g., Stage 2-4) as necessary. The Stage 1 AA is included in Appendix X.</p> <p>[Then include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, which can usually be extracted from the AA's Executive Summary]</p> <p>As stated in comment 4 above, the Stage 1 AA has not been submitted to MCM for review. The findings of the Stage 1AA are subject to review and the report may require revision. The information in this EPR should be considered preliminary.</p> <p>The mapping in the draft Stage 1 AA shared with MCM shows that a portion of the Project Study Area (station footprint plus a buffer area) has archaeological potential. However, the text in this EPR section states the following:</p> <p>The property inspection confirmed that the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station Project Study Area exhibits evidence of disturbance in the existing facilities on site, the surrounding twentieth-century development, and evidence of artificial drainage. Undeveloped lands within the project components exhibit low archaeological potential due to poor drainage.</p> <p>Forested land east of the railway north of Highway 101/King Street retain archaeological potential and will require Stage 2 test pit survey if impacted by the project designs.</p> <p>The discussion in this section of the EPR is not clear, and it creates a misapprehension that the Project Study Area does not have any archaeological potential. The report should clearly state that a portion of the Project Study Area has archaeological potential and should include maps showing this. More information is required to support the EPR's recommendations that Stage 2 AA is not required unless this area will be disturbed.</p>	<p>Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility, do not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance or permanently saturated conditions. These lands therefore do not require further archaeological assessment.</p> <p>If the project design changes during detail design (post TRPAP) and encroachment on the lands identified to retain archaeological potential is expected, Ontario Northland will complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment survey prior to any disturbance or construction activities.</p> <p><b>Section</b> Error! Reference source not found. of the EPR (as well as the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report) has been updated accordingly to reflect this language.</p> <p>The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted into the register as soon as it is finalized.</p>	<p>considered preliminary. See comment 7.</p> <p>A clear statement that a portion of the Study Area has archaeological potential and supporting maps were not included in Section 3.3.4, as recommended. A statement and a map were included later, under Section 4.6.1. Also, MTO comments 27, 29 and 30 point out the necessity of clarity in the Study Area regarding the archaeology potential.</p> <p>We recommend moving up the statement and map from Section 4.6.1 to Section 3.3.4 to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information and a map can be found in Section 4.6.1.</p> <p>Please revise the EPR accordingly.</p>	and a map can be found in <b>Section 4.6.1.</b>		
24	Draft EPR: 4.7 Archaeology	Please see the comment above and revise this section accordingly.	The report has been updated accordingly – please refer to responses above.	Addressed. Section 4.7 (now 4.6) was updated. See comment 23 above.	No response required.	N/A	N/A

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25	Draft EPR: 4.13 Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments Table 4-6: Archaeology Impacts, Mitigation, and Monitoring Commitments	<p>It is not clear how the proponent has arrived at a conclusion that there is no potential for the disturbance of archaeological resources.</p> <p>In the Mitigation Measures/Commitments column:</p> <p>Under the first bullet, please see comment 6 above and ensure that it aligns with revised text.</p> <p>Under the third bullet, we recommend deleting this text and replacing it with the following standard text developed by MCM:</p> <p>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>Under the fifth bullet, please remove the reference to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO). The BAO does not become involved in an investigation unless it is establishing the boundary of a cemetery, or investigating remains discovered within or adjacent to a cemetery. Additionally, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is now the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery. Please update the text to reflect this.</p> <p>We recommend the following standard text for the fifth bullet:</p> <p>The <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002</i>, S.O. 2002, c.33 requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to</p>	<p>First bullet: report updated as per comments.</p> <p>Third bullet: agree with suggested text for replacement, report updated.</p> <p>Fifth bullet: agree with suggested text for replacement, report updated.</p> <p>Bullets 6 and 7 have been removed.</p>	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A	N/A

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		<p>unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>The purpose of the 6th bullet is not clear. It states that future archaeological assessments would be shared with ONTC, but it is not clear who would be commissioning the archaeological assessment, if not Ontario Northland.</p> <p>In bullet 7, it is not clear how an Archaeological Risk Management Plan will be of assistance to this project, as it has a relatively small Project Study Area, and the archaeological assessment already outlines the protocols for the discovery of human remains and undocumented archaeological resources.</p>					
26	Section 6.2.1.7 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	N/A	N/A	<p>MTO comment 32 and 51 suggested changes in Section 6.2.1.9 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (now 6.2.1.7, page 84) regarding MCM responsibilities.</p> <p>We recommend that the text be revised as follows (see also MCM's initial letter dated June 11):</p> <p><i>MCM has an interest in undertakings such as this under its, mandate to develop policies and programs for the conservation of Ontario's cultural heritage. MCM is responsible for the administration of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) including its regulations. The OHA provides the primary statutory framework for the conservation of cultural heritage resources in Ontario. Including their identification, protection and wise management. The conservation of cultural heritage resources is also a matter of provincial importance as reflected in Ontario Regulation 231/08.</i></p> <p><i>As a member of the Government Review Team, MCM reviews various applications and associated technical studies to ensure compliance with the Ontario Heritage Act and fulfilment of due diligence</i></p>	The applicable section of the EPR will be updated to reflect the following text as suggested by MCM: "We recommend moving up the statement and map from <b>Section 4.6.1</b> to <b>Section 3.3.4</b> to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information and a map can be found in <b>Section 4.6.1.</b> "	ONTC's response doesn't address MCM comment dated September 4, 2024.	Addressed.

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				<p><i>related to cultural heritage more generally.</i></p> <p>Also, there is a typo in last sentence, the accurate section number is 6.6.3 Further Archaeological Assessment Studies, not Section 6.6.4 (that do not exist in the EPR) and should be revised.</p>			

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27	Table of contents and Figures	N/A	N/A	Page numbers are missing in the Table of Contents (Sections 8.1 to 8.3) and in the Figures list.	Table of Contents formatting has been corrected.	Addressed.
28	Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment 2.3 Report Purpose	The report should explain the rationale for the Project Study Area (project footprint plus a 50m buffer) from a cultural heritage perspective, i.e., explain why a 50m buffer was selected.	Report revised to include information on why 50m buffer was applied.	<p>Not addressed.</p> <p>The following sentence was added: "The selected buffer area is inclusive of lands that may contain BHRs and CHLs that may be subject to direct or indirect impacts as a result of the Project.". While it justifies the purpose of the buffer area, it is not clear why 50m was chosen rather than 25m or 100m. A similar concern was also highlighted in MTO comment 48 and 71.</p> <p>While 50m may be considered sufficient for potential noise and vibration impacts, it does not account for all potential impacts to built heritage resources/cultural heritage landscapes. Additional impacts to BHR/CHLs may include but are not limited to the following: shadows that alter the appearance or change the visibility of a heritage attribute, isolation of a heritage attribute from its surrounding environment, context or a significant relationship and/or changing</p>	<p>Additional information has been added to Section 2.3 to provide appropriate analysis and rationale regarding determination of study area boundaries used to define scope of data collection and impact assessment activities (50 m buffer).</p> <p>Added text demonstrates that the study area is appropriately sized in relation to the site's characteristics, supporting appropriate assessment of all types of impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.</p>	Addressed.

Ontario Northland Timmins-Porcupine Station [MCM File 0021147]

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				the character of a potential BHR/CHL through the obstruction of significant views or vistas to or from a property. An appropriate Study Area shall be defined by the analysis of site characteristics including potential staging area and should not focus on a single element, the proposed project footprint.		
29	Section 2.4 Report Purpose of the Revised Cultural Heritage Report	N/A	N/A	There is a typo in the second paragraph of Section 2.4, page 6. The first word of the second phrase is missing a letter: "The selected buffer area is..."	Typo revised in Cultural Heritage Report.	Addressed.
30	Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment 3.0 Methodology 3.3 Identification of Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes	We recommend editing the introductory paragraph as follows, to acknowledge that the MHSTCI 2019 TPAP guidance is one of the main documents guiding this report.  This Cultural Heritage Report follows the above-mentioned TPAP guidance prepared by the then MHSTCI (now MCM) in 2019, as well as guidance presented in the Ontario Heritage Tool Kit (Ministry of Culture 2006) and Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport 2016).  The objective of this report is to present an inventory of known and potential BHRs and CHLs, and to provide a preliminary understanding of known and potential BHRs and CHLs located within areas anticipated to be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project.	Text revised as suggested.	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A
31	Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment	See comment 2 on the Draft EPR, which applies to this section as well. We suggest changing the title of this section to be consistent with the change to the EPR.  The first bullet in this section states that the City of Timmins was contacted for information in 2023 but the team received no response. We recommend follow-up with the City.  The last bullet in this section says:  At project start-up, ASI made a request to the proponent that any engagement with Indigenous communities undertaken as	Comment 2 in EPR addressed in Cultural Heritage Report, as suggested. Title of Section 3.5 in Cultural Heritage Report revised.  Response from City of Timmins on 18 July 2023 added, no follow up required.  Final bullet regarding ASI's request for information on Indigenous	Partially addressed.  See comment 19 above. Please confirm the date in which information sessions with Indigenous communities who demonstrated interest in the project were held. ONTC's comment 19 states a different year (2021) from the Cultural Heritage Report and Revised EPR (2023).	As per response to comment #6 above, dates of engagement have been revised for consistency and accuracy in the Cultural Heritage Report.	Addressed.

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	3.0 Methodology 3.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities	part of this project include a discussion about known or potential BHRs and CHLs that are of interest to the respective communities. No feedback was received by the time of report submission.  It is unclear if the requested discussions regarding cultural heritage took place. Please clarify.	Engagement was removed as it repeats information contained in the bullet point immediately before. Information on which groups were contacted added into preceding paragraph noting information from Summary Report on Indigenous Engagement completed by Ontario Northland.			

**RE: File 0021147: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station**

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Good afternoon Krystal,

Thank you for providing a copy of the Revised Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment (dated January 15, 2025, prepared by Gannett Fleming) for MCM review and comment.

I have reviewed the document against our previous comments and can confirm that all of our previous comments have been addressed – see attached table.

I have additional comments on Table 4-9: Archaeology Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments. The current “Potential Effect” identified is already included in the “Monitoring/Future Work Commitments” column. This information is placed more appropriately in the latter section of the table, because it describes a commitment rather than a potential effect. In the “Potential Effect” column, please edit the text as follows:

Add to Potential Effect column:

- Impact to previously undocumented archaeological resources

Delete the following text from the Potential Effect column:

- Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Project Area or should changes to the project design or temporary workspace requirements result in the inclusion of previously un-surveyed lands, these lands should be subject to further archaeological assessment conducted by a professionally licensed archaeologist prior to any disturbance or construction activities.

In the “Monitoring/Future Work Commitments” column please break each sentence out into a separate bullet point as they represent distinct commitments.

MCM finds that the proponent has undertaken due diligence with respect to cultural heritage resources under this project by:

- Preparing a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment of the study area which determined that no further archaeological assessment is required, and which has been entered onto the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.
- Preparing a Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment, which determined that there are no known or potential built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.

Provided that the above edits can be made to the EPR text, MCM has no further comments on the document.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. Please continue to keep us updated as the project proceeds.

Regards,  
Laura



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**Re: File 0021147: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station**

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Hi Laura,

Hope you had a good weekend!

We appreciate that you are reviewing to confirm any final comments on the EPR related to Archaeology. You may disregard the sticky notes that appear on the PDF in Table 5-12 – these are notes to draft that will be omitted in the final EPR and don't represent content that we require MCM comments on (they are just left over from the Word version of the report as it was PDF'd from mark-up mode). We confirm that we will avoid using the 'sign off' terminology in the Final EPR per your request. Rather, you will notice we have used language such as "The relevant EPR excerpts were sent to MCM on September 23 and 25, 2024. MCM provided confirmation via e-mail on October 9, 2024 that the changes made to Section 3.2.3.1 were acceptable" within Table 5-12.

With this in mind, in lieu of using the term "sign-off", I would characterize our request by saying that we're looking for MCM's final agreement / acceptance of the EPR content. As mentioned, MCM confirmed via e-mail on October 9th that cultural heritage comments were addressed in full so we consider them closed and those sections finalized. We need to move the final EPR forward towards Notice of Completion and appreciate you working with us to meet the January 23 deadline.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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Hi Krystal,

I will do what I can to review by your requested date of January 23.

I have taken a very quick look at the report and see that it includes Table 5-12, tracking MCM comments and ONTC responses, with a sticky note to draft on row 6 regarding MCM “sign-off” on October 9 – I am not sure if that note is asking for a further revision to the report. I think the text in that box as it appears now is fine, and I would like to request that MCM’s comments/review/feedback on extracted draft text is not characterized as “sign-off” in the EPR documentation, as that can be taken to mean a final and locked in, and implies an approval role for MCM. As we have said along the way, we can provide feedback on text, but may have additional comments once we can look at all documentation together (as we are now).

Thank you, and have a nice weekend,  
Laura

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Hi Laura,

Please find responses to your comments below:

- Please edit the last paragraph in 4.6.1 as follows: “The Stage 1 AA report was accepted **entered** by MCM into the Ontario Public Register of...”. ***The text has been revised as suggested.***

- The text in section 4.6.1 is silent on whether the Stage 1 AA will be included in Appendix D as it only mentions the MCM letter. Based on our reading of the previous draft EPR, which included the archaeological assessment in the appendices, we assume the archaeological assessments will be provided. But if not, please include the PIF Number for this report within the EPR text.

***Confirming that the Stage 1 AA report as well as the Stage 2 AA report will be included in Appendix D to the EPR. The text in this section has been updated accordingly.***

- The comments above apply to section 4.6.2. ***The text has been revised as suggested.***
- Please make a minor edit to a ministry name in section 6.6.2: Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery **and Procurement**. ***The text has been updated.***

In addition, we have provided the current Draft EPR at the **link below** to review sections relevant to MCM. MCM confirmed that cultural heritage comments were addressed and signed-off October 9<sup>th</sup> so we consider them closed and those sections finalized. For Archeology, we have listed archeology sections below to aid in the final review that comments have been incorporated.

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Sections for review:

- Section 3.3.4
- Section 4.6
- Section 6.6
- Table 4-9

If you can please review and confirm your written sign-off on the EPR by no later than **January 23, 2025**.

Cheers,

-Krystal

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Good afternoon Krystal,

Thank you for providing these extracts related to archaeology for MCM's review. We have reviewed these sections and compared them to our previous comments, and have the following edits and comments:

- Please edit the last paragraph in 4.6.1 as follows: "The Stage 1 AA report was ~~accepted~~ **entered** by MCM into the Ontario Public Register of..."
- The text in section 4.6.1 is silent on whether the Stage 1 AA will be included in Appendix D as it only mentions the MCM letter. Based on our reading of the previous draft EPR, which included the archaeological assessment in the appendices, we assume the archaeological assessments will be provided. But if not, please include the PIF Number for this report within the EPR text.
- The comments above apply to section 4.6.2.
- Please make a minor edit to a ministry name in section 6.6.2: Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery **and Procurement**.

Please continue to keep us updated as the project proceeds. When a complete EPR is ready, please send it to MCM for review. We may have additional comments once we can see the report in full.

Sincerely,  
Laura

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Hi Krystal,

I will focus on this version and January 17 should be fine.

Regards,  
Laura



August 21, 2024

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**RE: Request for Expedited Review**

**Original Report: Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Northlander Passenger Rail Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Lots 8-9 Concessions 3-4, Geographical Township of Whitney) District of Cochrane (PIF P094-0359-2023)**

Ontario Northland is an agency of the Province of Ontario responsible for providing efficient, safe, and reliable transportation services in Northern Ontario. Ontario Northland is reinstating passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Northeastern Ontario, which includes a new station in the City of Timmins. The passenger train service, also known as the Northlander, will fundamentally shift how people move across the province, creating a more connected, integrated transportation network.

A new Timmins-Porcupine Station (the Project) is being planned as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Rail service and will be located along the existing rail corridor, within the City of Timmins, just west of Bob's Lake. Station elements will include: train platform, station building, outdoor parking, pedestrian walkway, bus bays, a taxi stand, and designated passenger pick-up and drop-off area. The study area includes reserved land that may be required for a future bus storage and maintenance facility. Should the bus facility go forward in the future, the environmental impact assessment studies undertaken as part of this Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP will need to be revisited and updated, as required, to address the potential operations and construction phase impacts associated with the bus facility. These updated/additional impact assessment studies will be carried out as part of completing an EPR Addendum process, which would also entail Ontario Northland carrying out public, stakeholder, and Indigenous Communities consultation. Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI) was contracted by Gannett Fleming, on behalf of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC), to conduct a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project.

Please accept this letter requesting an expedited review of the above-noted archaeological assessment report, conducted under archaeological consulting license #P094-0359-2023. This letter is being submitted by ASI (on behalf of ONTC) as part of the digital report package.

The purpose of requesting an expedited review is to ensure the report is accepted into the Registrar in advance of commencing the procurement process for the project. Therefore, MCM clearance is required **by December 2, 2024** in order to ensure that is obtained prior to the Timmins-Porcupine Station procurement being released to market. Construction is scheduled to begin in March, 2025.

Your assistance in expediting a review of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Northlander Passenger Rail Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Lots 8-9 Concessions 3-4, Geographical Township of Whitney) District of Cochrane (PIF P094-0359-2023) report is appreciated and will ensure scheduled project timelines are met.

Sincerely,

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Dec 11, 2024

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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Ontario Northland Northlander Passenger Rail Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Lots 8-9 Concessions 3-4, Geographical Township of Whitney), District of Cochrane", Dated Nov 15, 2024, Filed with MCM on Nov 23, 2024, MCM Project Information Form Number P094-0359-2023, MCM File Number 0019419**

Dear Ms. Merritt:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18.<sup>1</sup> This review has been carried out in order to determine whether the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their licence, that the licensee assessed the property and documented archaeological resources using a process that accords with the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* set by the ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations are consistent with the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

The report documents the assessment of the study area as depicted in Figure 7 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

- 1) Parts of the Project Area exhibit low archaeological potential. This land requires Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit survey at five metre intervals, where appropriate (Figure 7: areas highlighted in grey). Stage 2 is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands;
- 2) The remainder of the Project Area does not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance (Figure 7: area highlighted in yellow). These lands do not require further archaeological assessment; and,
- 3) Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Project Area, further archaeological assessment should be conducted to determine the archaeological potential of the surrounding lands.

Based on the information contained in the report, the ministry is satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for

the archaeological assessment are consistent with the ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences. This report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. Please note that the ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of reports in the register.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Good Morning Laura,

In light of the recent letters received from MCM stating that the Stage 1 AA and Stage 2 AA Reports have now been accepted into the Ontario Public Register (attached for awareness), we have updated the applicable EPR sections accordingly. If you can please focus your review on the attached versions instead and confirm MCM's sign-off on the EPR by January 17th.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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Hi Amber,

Thank you for letting us know.

Regards,  
Laura

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Good Morning Karla / Laura,

Just to keep you informed, we are in receipt of the attached comments on the Timmins Station Stage 1 AA Report and are aiming to submit the revised Stage 1 AA Report to MCM on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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Dear Lisa Merritt,

The ministry has reviewed the Original report for PIF P094-0359-2023 submitted by you as a condition of your licence. Please refer to the attached letter to see the result of this review.

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Thank you,

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**RE: Northlander TRPAP Archaeology**


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Good Afternoon Shannon & Zeeshan,

As requested on the call yesterday, please find below a link containing additional photos that were taken as part of the Stage 1 AA work at Timmins Station.

<https://gfnet.sharefile.com/d-s7ed89b820b354d638bffe934dff1164>

Also attached here is the alternate version of the study area map with the project components removed, per your request.

Please let us know if you have any follow up questions or comments.

Thanks,

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4.15.4 Archaeology

Table 4-9: Archaeology Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments

Project Component	Project Activities	Potential Effect	Mitigation Measures/ Commitments	Monitoring/Future Work Commitments
<p><b>Proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations and Maintenance</li> <li>• Construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parts of the Project Area exhibit low archaeological potential. This land requires Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit survey at five metre intervals, where appropriate (Figure 4-1: areas highlighted in grey). Stage 2 is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands; Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Project Area or should changes to the project design or temporary workspace requirements result in the inclusion of previously un-surveyed lands, these lands should be subject to further archaeological assessment conducted by a professionally licensed archaeologist prior to any disturbance or construction activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All work shall be performed in accordance with Applicable Law, including but not limited to the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), formerly the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (2011), and the MCM document, <i>Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology: A Draft Bulletin for Consultant Archaeologists in Ontario</i> (2011).</li> <li>• Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48 (1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</li> <li>• If any suspected human remains are found, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Project Manager/Environmental Planner should be contacted. MTO will approve a licensed archaeologist to confirm the finds as human remains.</li> <li>• The <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33</i> requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD), which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites.</li> <li>• If police/coroner determine that the finds are archaeological, then the licensed archaeologist will notify the Registrar of Burials at MPBSD and a Burial Site Investigation process will be initiated.</li> <li>• In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the MCM should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any site personnel responsible for carrying out or overseeing land-disturbing activities will be informed of their responsibilities in the event that an archaeological resource is encountered. Should the proposed work extend beyond the assessed Project Area or should changes to the project design or temporary workspace requirements result in the inclusion of previously un-surveyed lands, these lands should be subject to further archaeological assessment conducted by a professionally licensed archaeologist prior to any disturbance or construction activities.</li> </ul>

#### 4.15.3 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

*Table 4-8: Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments*

Project Component	Project Activities	Potential Effect	Mitigation Measures/ Commitments	Monitoring/Future Work Commitments
<b>Proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations and Maintenance</li> <li>• Construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No potential effects as no BHRs or CHLs were identified.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No mitigation measures are required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and/or future work commitments are not required.</li> </ul>

#### 4.15 Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments

##### 4.15.1 Natural Environment

Table 4-6: Natural Environment Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments

Project Component	Project Activities	Potential Effect	Mitigation Measures/ Commitments	Monitoring/Future Work Commitments
<b>Proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations and Maintenance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incidental encounters of wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allow incidentally encountered wildlife to passively move out of the work area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>While no SAR vegetation was observed, nuts or other seeds may be dispersed by wildlife. Educate personnel with respect to seedling identification.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of vegetation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vegetation removal should be minimized where possible.</li> <li>Any post-construction planting and landscaping efforts should include native vegetation species that are consistent with the current vegetation communities (i.e., native grasses and pollinator plants) and contribute to wildlife habitat.</li> <li>Use previously disturbed/paved areas or cultural/manicured areas for construction laydown and staging to the extent possible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The health and success of any planted or revegetated areas should be confirmed post construction and documented through a site visit.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased silt or sedimentation of retained vegetation communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement an erosion and sediment control plan; control access and movement of equipment and people; designate areas for equipment storage; minimize the area and duration of soil exposure; control erosion, sedimentation, and nutrient inputs through use of best management practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erosion and sediment control measures are to remain in place until vegetation is confirmed to be established (through a site visit) and/or soils are stabilized.</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disturbance of wildlife species and habitat due to increased loss of vegetation and noise produced by clearing/grading or general construction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiate construction during the late/fall winter, if possible, to avoid disturbing sensitive species.</li> <li>Vegetation clearing is to occur outside of the breeding bird window of April 1-August 31. If tree clearing is required to be completed during the breeding bird window, a nest sweep will be completed by a qualified biologist no more than 48 hours prior to vegetation removal. The results of the nest sweep will be documented in a technical memo and provided to the MNR for review prior to the commencement of work.</li> <li>If an active nest or den is found, work in the vicinity will cease and MECP/MNR be notified prior to any action being taken. Consultation with a qualified biologist and the agencies having jurisdiction (e.g., MECP, MNR) will be required to determine the extent of protection and mitigation measures (e.g., protective buffer established around the nest).</li> <li>Vegetation clearing to occur outside of the bat roosting season of May 1-August 31. Should removal of potential SAR bat habitat be required, SAR bat surveys will be completed by a qualified specialist in advance of the removal activities to confirm SAR bat habitat presence.</li> <li>If removal of confirmed SAR bat habitat is required, all requirements under the ESA will be met, including any registration, compensation, replacement structures and/or permitting requirements.</li> <li>All requirements of the ESA and/or SARA Species-specific mitigation measures will be implemented, in consultation with MECP, as required.</li> <li>Allow incidentally encountered wildlife during construction to passively move out of the work area.</li> <li>Delineate all work areas using erosion fencing or similar barriers to avoid incidental intrusion into any adjacent wildlife habitat.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site inspection will be undertaken to confirm the implementation of the mitigation measures and identify corrective actions if required.</li> <li>Corrective actions may include additional site maintenance and alteration of activities to minimize impacts.</li> <li>Species-specific monitoring activities will be developed in accordance with any registration and/or permitting requirements under the ESA.</li> </ul>





Figure 4-1: Archaeological Potential within Project Area

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**Re: File 0021147: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station**


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Hi Laura,

Attached are the Figures and Tables referenced in the archeology EPR excerpts to aid in your review, instead of the full EPR which we aren't recirculating at this time.

- Table 4-6, Table 4-8, Table 4-9, Figure 4-1

We look forward to receiving your comments.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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**RE: File 0021147: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station**

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Hi Krystal,

Thank you for sharing these sections for our review. While we can focus our review at this time on the sections related to archaeology that you have identified, we are wondering if you could send the please entire EPR document to us to assist with the review. The text you have asked us to review references figures and appendices that are provided in other parts of the report and it would be helpful to be able to see it all together.

With staff vacation and workload January 6 will not be possible, unfortunately. We understand this is a priority project but would like to propose January 16 for comments, which is more in line with the Heritage Planning Unit's 30 day service offer.

Regards,

Laura

- Silt fencing will be installed around all designated work areas to prevent any offsite transport of sediment;
- Exposed soils will be hydroseeded within 45 days, both for temporary work areas and final grades;
- Existing vegetation on embankments shall be maintained as long as possible and exposed areas shall be stabilized as soon as possible by seeding and mulching;
- Appropriate lengths of silt fencing will be installed along the perimeter of minimized, designated work areas to limit construction impacts;
- Design and implement erosion and sediment controls to contain/isolate the construction zones, manage site drainage/runoff and prevent erosion of exposed soils and migration of sediment to any watercourses, and ensure sites are stabilized prior to removal following construction; and,
- Stockpiles to be located at a minimum of 30 metres from watercourses and isolated to ensure material will not enter any watercourse or ditchline. All stockpiles are to be removed upon completion of the works and the site restored, as appropriate.

## 6.4 Natural Environment

### 6.4.1 Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

The following measures will be adhered to in the event that disturbance, displacement or mortality of wildlife is anticipated as a result of the design or construction of the Project:

- Prior to construction, investigation of the project footprint for wildlife and wildlife habitat that may have established following the completion of previous surveys will be undertaken, as appropriate;
- If wildlife is encountered, measures will be implemented to avoid destruction, injury, or interference with the species, and/or its habitat. For example, construction activities will cease or be reduced and wildlife will be encouraged to move offsite and away from the construction area on its own. A qualified biologist will be contacted to define the appropriate buffer required from wildlife; and,
- Onsite inspection will be undertaken to confirm the implementation of the mitigation measures and identify corrective actions if required. Corrective actions may include additional site maintenance and alteration of activities to minimize impacts.

### 6.4.2 Migratory Breeding Birds & Nests

Where removal of vegetation cannot occur outside of the breeding bird window (late April to late August), consultation with Environment and Climate Change Canada's Canadian Wildlife Service office is required. The mitigation measures as outlined in **Table 4-6** will be implemented and adhered to in order to reduce or mitigate the potential for adverse effects on birds and their nests.

## 6.5 Land Use Approvals

Refer to **Section 6.2.2**.

## 6.6 Archaeological Resources

Ontario Northland acknowledges that the Stage 1 AA Report is currently with MCM for review and has yet to be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. The Stage 1 AA is not considered complete until it has been entered into the register.

*NTD - Once MCM issues a letter confirming that the Stage 1 AA has been entered into the register, Ontario Northland, in consultation with MCM and MECP, will revisit the EPR text to ensure that any commitments are aligned*

with the recommendations of the Stage 1. Project reporting may need to be updated through an addendum or errata.

Similarly, once MCM's letter is received, it will be appended to the EPR via an errata. No ground disturbing activities will occur until Ontario Northland receives MCM's letter.

Further archaeological assessment, if recommended by the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, will also be completed as soon as possible during detailed design. Archaeological concerns have not been addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports where those reports recommend that:

1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete; and,
2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through an avoidance and protection strategy.

### 6.6.1 Previously Undocumented Archaeological Resources

Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

### 6.6.2 Discovery of Human Remains

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33, requires that any person discovering or having knowledge of human remains shall immediately notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at [archaeology@ontario.ca](mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca)) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It is recommended that the Registrar of Cemeteries at the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery is also immediately notified.

### 6.6.3 Further Archaeological Assessment Studies

Parts of the Project Area exhibit low archaeological potential. This land requires Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit survey at five metre intervals, where appropriate (Figure 4-1: areas highlighted in grey). Stage 2 AA is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands.

If the project design changes during detail design (post TRPAP) and encroachment on the lands identified to retain archaeological potential is expected, Ontario Northland will complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment survey prior to any disturbance or construction activities.

## 6.7 Noise & Vibration

During detailed design of the Station, Ontario Northland will review and update the Noise assessment in order to refine the final noise mitigation strategy with respect to potential noise impacts on Receptor 1.

## 4.5 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

Based on the background research and field review, there are no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area. A summary of Cultural Heritage impacts, mitigation measures and future work commitments is presented in **Table 4-8** below.

### 4.5.1 Recommendations

As no known or potential BHRs or CHLs were identified in the Study Area, there are no potential Operations and Maintenance or Construction effects to BHRs and CHLs as part of this impact assessment. Therefore, no mitigation measures have been proposed.

## 4.6 Archaeology

### 4.6.1 Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Recommendations

Per the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, the following recommendations are made:

- 1) Parts of the Project Area exhibit low archaeological potential. This land requires Stage 2 archaeological assessment by test pit survey at five metre intervals, where appropriate (**Figure 4-1**: areas highlighted in grey). Stage 2 is required prior to any proposed construction activities on these lands;
- 2) The remainder of the Project Area does not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance (**Figure 4-1**: area highlighted in yellow). These lands do not require further archaeological assessment; and,
- 3) Should the proposed work extend beyond the current Project Area, further archaeological assessment should be conducted to determine the archaeological potential of the surrounding lands.

**Table 4-9** below also provides a summary of the key project components/activities, and proposed mitigation/monitoring activities (as applicable).

archival photographs, archaeological assessments, maps and aerial photographs, and other documentation for any previously-identified heritage properties within the Study Area, as well as any other additional information related to the Study Area. A response on July 18, 2023 provided some spatial information in GIS and imagery, however, no additional information on known or potential BHRs or CHLs in the Study Area was provided.

- The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (email communication June 30 and July 12, 2023). Email correspondence confirmed that there are no properties designated by the Minister and that they are not aware of any Provincial Heritage Properties within or adjacent to the Study Area.
- The Ontario Heritage Trust (e-mail communications June 30 and July 14, 2023). A response indicated the Ontario Heritage Trust does not own or protect via easement any properties within or immediately adjacent to the Study Area.
- Gannett Fleming provided ASI with a summary of Ontario Northland’s engagement with Indigenous Communities and Organizations. Ontario Northland contacted the following 17 Indigenous Communities and Organizations on August 13 and 30, 2021: Moose Cree First Nation, Taykwa Tagamou First Nation, Wahgoshig First Nation, Matachewan First Nation, Beaverhouse First Nation, Temagami First Nation, Nipissing First Nation, Wahta First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Shawanaga First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation, Anishnabek Nation, Metis Nation of Ontario, Chiefs of Ontario, Mushkegowuk First Nation, Ontario Native Women’s Association, and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres.
  - Responses were received from the Moose Cree First Nation, Nipissing First Nation, and the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, with information sessions held with these groups on October 19, 2021, September 13, 2021, and November 15, 2021, respectively.
  - No responses were received from other groups contacted.
  - There has been no information provided by Indigenous Communities and Organizations about known or potential BHRs or CHLs within the Study Area.
- Community information gathering was also completed by ASI through email communication with the following organizations:
  - The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum (email communication July 6, 2023), a request was made for any archival images or information on the construction of the T&NO in Timmins. A response on July 6, 2023 provided archival images of the T&NO Timmins Station outside of the Study Area.
  - Timmins Museum and Archives (July 7, 2023). A request was made for any available historical maps of the Study Area. No response was received at the time of draft report preparation, and so available maps from other sources were used in the report. This does not represent a research limitation as suitable mapping was available for reporting.

### 3.2.4 Archaeology

The following provides a summary of the methodology developed to collect and document archaeological existing conditions information within the Project Area. A more detailed overview of this methodology is provided in **Appendix D**.

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment considered background reports of previous archaeological assessments conducted within a radius of 50 metres and OASD registered archaeological sites within one (1) kilometre of the Project Area.

### 3.2.4.1 Data Gathering

Available secondary source background information was collected from available sources and reviewed. This includes, but is not limited to, air photographs, historical information, data obtained from regulatory authorities, any publicly available information from municipalities and the province, and open-source Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data, as follows:

- Historical maps and topographic maps;
- Aerial photography and orthoimagery (i.e., Google Earth);
- Municipal Archaeological Management Plans;
- The site record forms for registered archaeological sites (Ontario Archaeological Sites Database);
- Previously completed archaeological assessment reports;
- Published and unpublished documentary sources;
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) Land Information Ontario (LIO); and,
- Ontario geological survey (OGS) surficial geology, physiography, and soil drainage maps.

### 3.2.4.2 Field Investigations

The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment property inspection was conducted on June 23, 2023, in order to gain first-hand knowledge of the geography, topography, and current conditions and to evaluate and map archaeological potential of the Project Area. It was a systematic visual inspection from publicly accessible lands/public right-of-ways only and did not include excavation or collection of archaeological resources. Fieldwork was conducted when weather conditions were deemed clear with good visibility (overcast with seasonal temperatures), per S & G Section 1.2., Standard 2.

Data collected was captured within a GIS database and detailed mapping was prepared.

## 3.2.5 Noise and Vibration

The following provides a summary of the methodology developed to collect and document noise and vibration existing conditions information within the Study Area. A more detailed overview of this methodology is provided in **Appendix E**.

Available secondary source background information was collected from available sources and reviewed. This includes, but is not limited to, air photographs, historical information, data obtained from regulatory authorities, any publicly available information from municipalities and the province, and open-source GIS data, as follows:

- Aerial photography and orthoimagery (i.e., Google Earth); and,
- City of Timmins Zoning By-law.

A review of applicable legislation and guidance documents was undertaken and included the following:

- *Environmental Noise Guideline - Stationary and Transportation Sources - Approval and Planning*, 2013
  - NPC-300 (2013)
- *MOEE/GO Transit Noise and Vibration Protocol*, 1995
  - Draft Protocol for Noise and Vibration (1995)

No field investigations were undertaken as part of the TRPAP to document existing conditions. Data was collected through review of background information and aerial photography.



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**Re: File 0021147: Draft Environmental Project Report - Timmins-Porcupine Station**

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Afternoon Laura,

Please find attached updated EPR sections pertaining to archeology for review and sign off. I know the holidays are fast approaching but if you can please review by January 6, 2025, please let me know if this is possible.

Cheers,  
-Krystal

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Good afternoon Amber and Krystal,

Thank you for circulating the Updated Cultural Heritage Report (CHR, dated September 10, 2024) and ONTC's responses to MCM comments on the Revised Environmental Project Report (EPR) for Timmins-Porcupine Station to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism for review.

We have reviewed the updated CHR and ONTC's response and have the following comments:

- All MCM's comments on the Cultural Heritage Report were addressed.
- It seems that most of MCM's comments on the revised EPR will be addressed, with the exception of the archaeological assessment. MCM can confirm once it has a chance to review the revised EPR.
- Status of archaeological assessment - the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for this project (under Project Information Form number P094-0359-2023) was submitted on August 2, 2024, and a request for expedited review was submitted by the proponent's licensed archaeologist on August 21, 2024. At this time, we note that the review of the Stage 1 AA will not be completed by September 18 and is very unlikely to be completed during the 35-day period. Revisions may also be required which will extend the timeline.
- The information and recommendations regarding archaeological resources contained in the archaeological assessment report, and presented in the EPR, should not be considered final until the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. At this time, MCM is not in a position to comment on whether the project has addressed this matter of provincial importance.

Please find attached MCM's detailed comments on the response table.

We understand that a call may be arranged with MECP and the project team to discuss the matter of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out, if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,  
Laura

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We appreciate the update Laura, thank you.

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Good morning Amber,

The Archaeology Program Unit is aiming to complete the review by the end of October, with the usual caveat that revisions may be required.

Best,  
Laura

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Hi Laura

Thanks for the confirmation regarding the updated EPR excerpts.

Can you kindly provide a status update on MCM's review of the Stage 1 AA Report and potential timing for receipt of comments?

Thank you,

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Hi Amber,

The changes made to sections 3.2.3 and 6.2.1.7 look fine. For section 6.6, we recommend waiting until the project team is close to resuming the study period before finalizing the text, to make sure it reflects the current status of the archaeological assessment.

Thank you,

Laura

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Hi Laura

I'm following up on my September 25<sup>th</sup> email, as we have not yet received a response to this latest correspondence. Please confirm that the EPR excerpts provided are satisfactory and that the MCM comments pertaining to these items are now closed.

Thank you,

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Laura,

Following up on your Sept 23 email:

The one comment was addressed in the CH Report and is now carried forward in the EPR (see below). I believe the other was suggested text embedded in an e-mail chain and was never officially submitted in a comment/response format. Nevertheless this change has now also been made. Please see below updated EPR excerpts.

### **3.2.3 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes**

A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was conducted for the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station by [Gannett Fleming ASI](#) and issued to Ontario Northland in April 2024. The assessment was undertaken in order to collect and document secondary source materials, Cultural Heritage existing conditions, background historical information, and field observations within the Study Area.

Based on the results of the background research and field review, there are no known or potential Built Heritage Resources or Cultural Heritage Landscapes identified in the Study Area. Further details can be found within the Report provided in **Appendix C**.

#### **3.2.3.1 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities, Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations**

The following individuals, groups, and/or organizations were contacted to gather information on known and BHRs and CHLs, active and inactive cemeteries, and areas of identified Indigenous interest within the Study Area:

- Steph Palmateer, Director of Community Services & City Clerk, City of Timmins (email communication June 23, 2023). Email correspondence was sent by Krystal Perepeluk of Ontario Northland requesting information and location of properties on the Municipal Heritage Register, relevant heritage reports,

### 6.2.1.7 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

MCM has an interest in undertakings such as this under its mandate to develop policies and programs for the conservation of Ontario's cultural heritage. MCM is responsible for the administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA) including its regulations. The OHA provides the primary statutory framework for the conservation of cultural heritage resources in Ontario. Including their identification, protection and wise management. The conservation of cultural heritage resources is also a matter of provincial importance as reflected in Ontario Regulation 231/08.

As a member of the Government Review Team, MCM reviews various applications and associated technical studies to ensure compliance with the *Ontario Heritage Act* and fulfilment of due diligence related to cultural heritage more generally, which includes:

The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) is responsible for overseeing all approvals related to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, which generally include:

- Ensuring compliance of archaeological assessment documentation with Standards and Guidelines and the *Ontario Heritage Act*.



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## 6.6 Archaeological Resources

Ontario Northland acknowledges that the Stage 1 AA Report is currently with MCM for review and has yet to be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. The Stage 1 AA is not considered complete until it has been entered into the register.



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Once MCM issues a letter confirming that the Stage 1 AA has been entered into the register, Ontario Northland, in consultation with MCM and MECP, will revisit the EPR text to make sure that any commitments are aligned with the recommendations of the Stage 1. Project reporting may need to be updated through an addendum or errata.

Similarly, once MCM's letter is received, it will be appended to the EPR via an errata. No ground disturbing activities will occur until Ontario Northland receives MCM's letter.

Further archaeological assessment, if recommended by the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, will also be completed as soon as possible during detailed design. Archaeological concerns have not been addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports where those reports recommend that:

1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete; and,
2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through an avoidance and protection strategy.

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Hi Amber,

Thank you for providing the excerpts from the EPR for our review. We have reviewed the excerpts and have the following comments.

The title of section 3.2.3.1 has not been changed. Please see comment 19 in the comment table.

The text added to section 6.2.1.7 is missing the following text that was recommended by MCM: "As a member of the Government Review Team, MCM reviews various applications and associated technical studies to ensure compliance with the Ontario Heritage Act and fulfilment of due diligence related to cultural heritage more generally."

The EPR text includes proposed commitment language (in new section 6.6) to address the outstanding Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. As I said in my email on September 19, it would be premature to finalize this language now. It is our understanding that the project is currently suspended in order to allow Ontario Northland to examine an issue related to a matter of provincial importance. We recommend waiting until Ontario Northland is close to resuming the study period before finalizing any commitments related to archaeology to ensure it reflects the status of the report at that time.

With that said, we propose the following language for section 6.6 to address a scenario where the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment has not yet been added to the register:

*Ontario Northland acknowledges that the Stage 1 AA Report is currently with MCM for review and has yet to be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. The Stage 1 AA is not considered*



complete until it has been entered into the register.

Once MCM issues a letter confirming that the Stage 1 AA has been entered into the register, Ontario Northland, in consultation with MCM and MECP, will revisit the EPR text to make sure that any commitments are aligned with the recommendations of the Stage 1. Project reporting may need to be updated through an addendum or errata.

Similarly, once MCM's letter is received, it will be appended to the EPR via an errata. No ground disturbing activities will occur until Ontario Northland receives MCM's letter.

Further archaeological assessment, if recommended by the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, will also be completed as soon as possible during detailed design. Archaeological concerns have not been addressed until reports have been entered into the *Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports* where those reports recommend that:

1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and,
2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through an avoidance and protection strategy.

[If Ontario Northland has commitments/practices regarding sharing the Stage 1 report with Indigenous communities, this should be reiterated here]

Please let us know if you wish to discuss these comments.

We may have additional comments during the 30 day public comment period once the Notice of Completion is issued for the project.

Sincerely,

Laura

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Good Morning Laura and Karla,

As a follow up to your request, please find attached excerpts from the updated EPR that show where changes have been made to reflect MCM's prior comments up until this point. We anticipate your review of this document to be a 'final check' type review - we are not opening up the rest of the EPR to additional/new rounds of comments at this juncture.

Also, Page 13 of the attached PDF contains one follow up ONTC response (in red font).

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Hi Amber,

Further to my email yesterday on the comment table and Cultural Heritage Report, I wanted to respond to this proposal as well. Because of where we are in the process, we would like to wait to comment on this proposed language. We will be in touch later on, closer to the Notice of Completion being issued, and will review the status of the Stage 1 AA then to inform our comments/recommended approach.

Thank you,

Laura

**Laura Hatcher**



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Good Afternoon Karla & Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, and as a follow up to the call we had last week. As discussed, below is the **commitment language** we propose adding to Section 6 of the Final EPR to address the Archaeological Assessment item:

- ONTC acknowledges that the Stage 1 AA Report is currently with MCM for review (submitted August 2nd) and MCM's letter confirming that the archaeological assessment report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Report is forthcoming. Once MCM's letter is received, the EPR and/or Stage 1 AA report will be updated (if required) post Notice of Completion via the Errata process, in coordination with MECP and MCM. Similarly, once MCM's letter is received, it will be appended to the EPR – via an Errata.
- No ground disturbing activities will occur until Ontario Northland receives MCM's letter.

Please confirm that with this added commitment language and the discussion we had about other recent TPAPs proceeding with Notice of Completion in parallel with the AA report going through the Ontario Public Register process, there are no further outstanding concerns related to Archaeology for the purposes of the TRPAP. We kindly request this confirmation **by tomorrow EOD**.

Thank you,

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1	MCM Letter	<p>Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the draft EPR for the above-referenced project, which is following the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP) as defined in Ontario Regulation 231/08 under the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. O. Reg 231/08 identifies the MCM's interest in cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeological resources, including land and marine;</li> <li>• Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,</li> <li>• Cultural heritage landscapes.</li> </ul>	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A
2	MCM Letter	<p>Under the TRPAP, the proponent is required to consider whether its proposed transit project could have potential negative impact on the environment. Under the process an objection can be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) about a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest. The MECP expects a transit project proponent to make reasonable efforts to avoid, prevent, mitigate or protect matters of provincial importance.</p> <p>The MECP's Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transit Projects (Transit Guide) provides guidance to proponents on how to meet the requirements of O.Reg 231/08. The Transit Guide encourages proponents to obtain information and input from appropriate government agency technical representatives before starting the TRPAP to assist in meeting the timelines specified in the regulation, including the submission of a draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) for review and comment prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement.</p> <p>Among the pre-planning activities outlined in Section 4.1 of the Transit Guide, a proponent is advised to conduct studies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify existing baseline environmental conditions;</li> <li>• identify project-specific location or alignment (including construction staging, land requirements); and,</li> <li>• identify expected environmental impacts and proposed measures to mitigate potential negative impacts.</li> </ul>	Acknowledged. A detailed project description is contained in <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> , existing environmental conditions are contained throughout <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> , and expected environmental impacts and mitigation measures are contained throughout <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> of this EPR.	N/A	No response required.	N/A

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		This letter provides advice on how to incorporate consideration of cultural heritage in the above mentioned pre-planning activities, and also expands on section 3.4 of the Transit Guide by outlining the technical studies and level of detail required to address the cultural heritage component for transit projects that are covered by O.Reg 231/08. The outcomes and recommendations of the studies will be reported in the draft EPR and form the basis for any future commitments outlined in the EPR.				
3	MCM Letter	MCM will comment on the draft EPR prior to the Notice of Commencement for the project, but to do so, we request that the Cultural Heritage Report be sent to the Heritage Planning Unit for review, and that the archaeologist submit the Stage 1 AA directly to the ministry for review. Please see our more detailed comments on these aspects of the project reporting below. These comments are consistent with the advice we provide on all TPAP projects.	Copies of the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment were provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	While the referred reports were sent to Heritage Planning Unit on May 17, 2024, the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report (under Project Information Form number P094-0359-2023) was submitted to the Archaeology Program Unit at MCM on August 2, 2024. Upon the suggestion of MCM, a request for expedited review was submitted by the proponent's licensed archaeologist on August 21, 2024.  Before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities, approval authorities and/or proponents should wait for MCM's letter confirming that the archaeological assessment report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports (Section 65 of the Ontario Heritage Act). The letter will also indicate either that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns. MCM's letter needs to be included in the Final EPR.	Ontario Northland acknowledges the comment and confirms our commitment to not undertaking any ground disturbing activities until we are in receipt of MCM's letter. The expedited review request indicated a respond by date of December 2, 2024 which does not align with the TRPAP Notice of Completion timeline (currently targeted for September 26 <sup>th</sup> ). With this in mind, and considering that there is no archaeological potential in the portion of the study area where the Station is to be constructed, <b>and</b> that MCM has confirmed that all previous comments on the Stage 1 AA Report have been adequately addressed, Ontario Northland proposes that we will proceed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Final EPR that will be submitted along with the Notice of Completion will include the current version of the Stage 1 AA Report.</li> <li>If MCM's letter requires further revisions to the Stage 1 AA Report (and/or the EPR), once it is received, the EPR/AA report will be updated post Notice of Completion via the Errata process, in coordination with MECP and MCM.</li> <li>Similarly, once MCM's letter is received, it will be appended to the EPR – via an Errata.</li> </ul>	Please, refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No ground disturbing activities will occur until Ontario Northland receives MCM's letter – the commitments in <b>Section 6.0</b> of the EPR will be updated to reflect this.</li> </ul>	
4	MCM Letter	Please note that the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> (OHA), came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.  Ontario Northland is not currently prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10. If this status changes, MCM may have updated advice on this project.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A
5	MCM Letter	The purpose of the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project is to build a new rail station in the City of Timmins that will operate as part of the reinstated Northlander passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Timmins, with a rail connection to Cochrane. The new Timmins-Porcupine Station will include a train platform, station building, parking facilities, a pedestrian walkway, bus bays, and a municipal bus stop.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A
6	MCM Letter	While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.  Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.  Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.	Acknowledged.  Community input was sought by ASI, information has been included in Sections 3.1 and 3.5 in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment. The following groups were contacted during preparation of the Cultural Heritage Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum (email communication 6 July 2023). A request was made for any archival images or information on the construction of the T&amp;NO in Timmins. A response on 6 July 2023 provided archival images of the T&amp;NO</li> </ul>	Information was included in the Cultural Heritage Report (dated July 26, 2024). Note that there is no Section 3.5 in the Cultural Heritage Report, the content relates to Section 3.1.5. We note that the bullet list in Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report mirrors text from Section 3.2.3.1 of the EPR. The date of the engagement sessions needs to be updated as indicated in comment 19 and 31.	Acknowledged – content relates to Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report.  Dates of engagement have been revised for consistency and accuracy in Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report to October 19, 2021, September 13, 2021, and November 15, 2021.	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.

Commented [NM(1)]: Not sure if there will be another review of the EPR. Or just 'Agreed' is sufficient in this stage.

Commented [KB2R1]: @Nito, Mariana (MCM) have they addressed our comments? i.e., have they made the revisions to the Cultural Heritage Report and EPR? But it seems that we don't have the revised EPR, right?

If that is the case, just say "Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final revised EPR" as we don't have the ability to confirm whether they have updated or not.

Commented [NM(3R1)]: Yes, the response seems ok, but we didn't received the final EPR to review.

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			<p>Timmins Station outside of the Study Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Timmins Museum and Archives (7 July 2023). A request was made for any available historical maps of the Study Area. No response was received at the time of draft report preparation, therefore available maps from other sources were used in the report.</li> </ul> <p>Documentation of how community and Indigenous input was sought is included in Section 3.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Also refer to <b>Section</b> Error! Reference source not found. of the EPR.</p> <p>Please also refer to response to comment #19 below.</p>			
7	MCM Letter	<p>MCM recommends that, as a best practice, a combined Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment (AA) be completed for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase.</p> <p>At a minimum, a Stage 1 AA will be undertaken for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase. The results of the Stage 1 AA will inform the TRPAP and will be summarized in the draft EPR. If the Stage 1 AA recommends further AA(s), then MCM recommends that further stages of AA be completed as early as possible during the planning or design phase of the project, and prior to the completion of detailed design.</p> <p>Archaeological assessments are required to be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.</p> <p>The EPR must include specific information from the AA report(s). The Executive Summary of each AA report provides a brief summary of the work completed and the recommendations for next steps, whether for further archaeological assessment, in which case the report will include a map that identifies those areas, or for no further assessment. The EPR must also include clear commitments</p>	<p>A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was completed as part of the Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP and will be included as an Appendix to the EPR. A summary of the results for this assessment is included in <b>Section</b> Error! Reference source not found. of this EPR. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted to the ministry for review and incorporation into the archaeological register by a licensed Archaeologist.</p>	<p>See comment 3 above. At this time, the findings of the Stage 1 AA report should be considered preliminary. Note that the EPR may need to be revised once the Stage 1 AA is entered into the Register. The Stage 1 AA report and MCM's letter indicating that the report has been entered into the Register shall be included as an Appendix.</p>	<p>Please see response to comment #3.</p>	<p>Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.</p>

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		<p>to undertake the recommended AA and a timeline for their completion.</p> <p>MCM is aware that a Project Information Form Number (PIF#) for a Stage 1 AA has been issued for this project, and that the AA report has not yet been submitted to the ministry. MCM recommends that this report is submitted as soon as possible so that it may be reviewed, and the information incorporated into the draft EPR.</p>				
8	MCM Letter	<p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment will be undertaken for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase to inform the TRPAP. This study will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify existing baseline cultural heritage conditions within the Project Study Area. The consultants preparing the Cultural Heritage Report will need to define a Project Study Area and explain their rationale. MCM recommends that the Project Study Area for the report include, at minimum, the project footprint and adjacent properties. Alternatively, the Project Study Area may include the project footprint and a study zone that is located immediately beside the footprint and extends a certain distance. The report will include a historical summary of the development of the Project Study Area and will identify all known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes in the Project Study Area. MCM has developed screening criteria that may assist with this exercise: Criteria for Evaluating for Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes.</li> <li>2. Identify preliminary potential project-specific impacts on the known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes that have been identified. The report should include a description of the anticipated impact to each known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape that has been identified.</li> <li>3. Propose and recommend measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The proposed mitigation measures are to inform the next steps of project planning and design.</li> </ol>	<p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment has been prepared for the Timmins- Porcupine Station TRPAP and will be included as an Appendix to the EPR. A summary of the results of this assessment is included in <b>Section Error! Reference source not found.</b> of this EPR.</p>	<p>See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.</p>	<p>Please see responses to comments #27-31 below.</p>	<p>Addressed.</p>



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9	MCM Letter	Where a known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape may be directly and adversely impacted, and where it has not yet been evaluated for Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI), completion of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) is required to fully understand its CHVI and level of significance. The CHER must be completed within the TRPAP. If a built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape is found to be of CHVI, then a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be undertaken by a qualified person. The HIA will be completed in consultation with MCM and the proponent as early as possible during detail design, following the TRPAP.	<b>Section Error!</b> Reference source not found. of this EPR states that there no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area, and therefore, a CHER and/or HIA is not recommended.	See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.	Please see responses to comments #27-31 below.	Addressed.
10	MCM Letter	While some cultural heritage landscapes are contained within individual property boundaries, others span across multiple properties. For certain cultural heritage landscapes, it will be more appropriate for the CHER and HIA to include multiple properties, in order to reflect the extent of that cultural heritage landscape in its entirety.	<b>Section Error!</b> Reference source not found. of this EPR states that there no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area, and therefore, a CHER and/or HIA is not recommended.	See comment 28 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.	Please see response to comment #28 below.	Addressed.
11	MCM Letter	More detailed advice on how to document some of the information above is attached to this letter.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A
12	MCM Letter	Proponents that are subject to the S&Gs should refer to Information Bulletin 3 - Heritage Impact Assessments for Provincial Heritage Properties. Proponents that are not subject to the S&Gs may still find this document helpful.  Technical cultural heritage studies will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.	A qualified person has prepared the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment contained within <b>Appendix C</b> .	N/A	No response required.	N/A
13	MCM Letter	The findings of the above-mentioned studies should be summarized as part of the EPR discussion of existing conditions, impact assessment, mitigation, and future commitments. Commitments for further studies should clearly state what is to be done, who is responsible for implementation, and when.	<b>Section 6</b> of the EPR outlines in detail the commitments that ONTC will comply with and implement as part of the Project.	N/A	No response required.	N/A
14	MCM Letter	Ideally, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with MCM before the draft EPR is provided, so that any feedback on the Cultural Heritage Report can be incorporated into the draft EPR. At a minimum, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with the draft EPR.	A copy of the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.	Please see responses to comments #27-31 below.	Addressed.

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15	MCM Letter	<p>MCM will comment on the draft EPR for the project, but we are not in a position to do so until we review the above-mentioned technical studies.</p> <p>Please note that the responsibility for administration of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, reports and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and me.</p> <p>Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the TRPAP process. If you have any questions, require clarification, or would like additional examples to assist with project reporting, do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely,                      Laura Hatcher                      Heritage Advisor                      laura.e.hatcher@ontario.ca                      Heritage Planning Unit</p>	Copies of the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment were provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	See comment 3 above.	Please see response to comment #3 above.	Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.
16	MCM Letter	MCM's Heritage Planning Unit will have additional comments on the Draft EPR and the Cultural Heritage Report. Our standard service offer is to provide comments within 30 days from the time a document is submitted to us for review. As I am sure you know, the Archaeological Assessment follows its own review process, once the archaeologist submits it to the MCM Archaeology Program Unit for review.	Acknowledged.	N/A	No response required.	N/A
17	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.1 Data Gathering	<p>'Cultural heritage resources' include archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes. We recommend changing the title of 3.2.3 to 'Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes' as archaeological resources are discussed in another section.</p> <p>The bulleted list on pages 33-34 which itemizes all data sources is not necessary as this information is outlined in the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C. This list could be deleted or summarized further.</p> <p>On pages 34-35, where the report describes the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) guidance on TRPAP reporting, we recommend that this language be updated and be made more concise to say that the Cultural Heritage Report followed this guidance. Where appropriate, explain how the guidance was applied to this project (e.g., in</p>	The suggested edits have been reflected in the applicable sections of the updated EPR, as well as within the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.	<p>Partially addressed.</p> <p>The description of MCM guidance on TRPAP reporting was deleted from the EPR, but it remains the same in the Cultural Heritage Report and was not updated as suggested.</p> <p>The information that there is no known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes is not found under Section 3.2.3 of the EPR. This information is only found in Section 3.3.3. In order to clearly inform readers about this, we recommend adding a reference to Section 3.3.3 or</p>	<p>The EPR will be edited as follows:</p> <p><b>Section 3.2.3</b> will be revised to acknowledge that there are no known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes; will also include reference to ASI as firm responsible for completed Cultural Heritage report.</p> <p>The Table of Contents /page numbering to be reviewed and updated as required to correct any errors.</p>	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.

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		<p>paragraph 1, state that the CHR used a buffer a certain distance from the project footprint to define the Project Study Area). We recommend that the following text be included at the beginning of section 3.2.3, to summarize the outcome of the Cultural Heritage Report:</p> <p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was undertaken on [date] by [heritage consultant] for [name of project or Project Study Area]. The assessment for this report consisted of data collection, background historic research, review of secondary source material and field review. No known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes were identified within or adjacent to the Project Study Area. The Cultural Heritage Report is included in Appendix C.</p> <p>Please also note that the Cultural Heritage Report should be considered preliminary until the Indigenous communities, municipal planning staff and other interested parties have had an opportunity to review and provide comments.</p>		<p>moving up the information to Section 3.2.3.</p> <p>The paragraph in the beginning of section 3.2.3 does not identify the heritage consultant that prepared the Cultural Heritage Report, instead Gannett Fleming is mentioned. As the Cultural Heritage Report was prepared by ASI, we recommend to also include their name in the paragraph.</p> <p>We note that MTO comment 47 and 49 suggest adding a reference to the Criteria for Evaluating Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes. MCM does not recommend that this reference is included in the EPR as it has been included in the Cultural Heritage Report. The EPR will include an overview of the purpose of the Cultural Heritage Report as recommended in our comments dated June 11, 2024, and not extensive and detailed information about the methodology.</p> <p>Also, there is a problem in the Table of Contents pages numbers, page 35 is repeated. Section 3.2.5 is on page 35 (PDF page 74) and Section 3.3.3 is also on page 35 (PDF page 91).</p>		
18	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.2 Field Investigations	We recommend deleting the paragraph that starts with "Background historical research..." as it contains unnecessary detail and some language that is not consistent with the Cultural Heritage Report. It may be more appropriate to refer the reader to the Cultural Heritage Report (see recommended language above).	This paragraph was deleted in the EPR, as well as the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A
19	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage	The report states: "There has been no correspondence from First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about known or potential BHRs and CHLs at the time of preparing this report." Please clarify whether the project team asked First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about this component of the environment. Please clarify what is	The term "Provincial Territorial Organizations" was included in error in the Draft EPR and therefore removed.  Information sessions were held with three of the Indigenous communities and/or organizations who expressed interest in this project. As part of those	Partially addressed.  ONTC comment dated August 8, 2024, state that information sessions with Indigenous communities who demonstrated interest in the project were held in 2021. However, the bullet text in Section 3.2.3.1 state the same	EPR will be edited as follows:  <b>Section 3.2.3.1</b> – dates of information sessions will be updated (see response to comment 6 above.  Section title for <b>3.2.3.1</b> will be updated to "Information Gathering and	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.

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	3.2.3.4 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities	<p>meant by “Provincial Territorial Organizations” in this context and include a list of organizations that were contacted.</p> <p>Additionally, the title of this subsection “Consultation with Regulatory Authorities” does not capture the above-mentioned communities and the nature of their potential comments, which may fall outside of a strictly regulatory role. The activities described in this section do not appear to be “consultation”, but rather “information gathering”. We suggest revising the sub-title accordingly – e.g., to “Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations” (or similar wording).</p>	<p>sessions, no additional information was provided specifically about known BHRs/CHLs in the Study Area that may be of known or potential cultural heritage value or interest. The information sessions were held with the Moose Cree First Nation on October 19, 2021, with Nipissing First Nation on September 13, 2021, and with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres on November 15, 2021.</p> <p>Section title for Error! Reference source not found. has been updated.</p>	<p>sessions were in 2023. Please revise and update accordingly. This information should also align with the Cultural Heritage Report (see comment 31 below).</p> <p>Section title for 3.2.3.1 remains the same and was not updated as stated. Please revise. We note that the equivalent title of the Cultural Heritage Report was updated to “Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations”.</p>	<p>Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations.”</p>	
20	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology	<p>We note that the licensed archaeologist has yet to submit the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for this project (under Project Information Form (PIF) P094-0359-2023) for MCM review. We understand that the proponents hope to begin the TRPAP study period soon.</p> <p>This being the case, we strongly recommend that the report be submitted to MCM as soon as possible to allow for the Ministry’s review and for any revisions to be made. We also recommend that the archaeologist submit to MCM a request for expedited archaeological report review.</p> <p>Please note that archaeological concerns have not been fully addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports (‘the Register’) where those reports recommend that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and</li> <li>all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy.</li> </ol> <p>Approval authorities and proponents should wait to receive the MCM’s written confirmation that the archaeological assessment report(s) has been entered into the Register before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities. The letter will also indicate that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns.</p>	<p>The Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was provided to MCM for review on May 17, 2024. The finalized Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted into the MCM register once it is ready and comments received during the Draft EPR review have been addressed.</p>	<p>Refer to comment 3 and 7 above.</p>	<p>Please see response to comment #3 above.</p>	<p>Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.</p>

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		The MCM's letter shall be included in the EPR.				
21	Draft EPR: 3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology 3.2.4.2 Field Investigations	The information about terms and conditions for archaeological licenses and PIFs is not necessary and should be removed.	This was removed from the EPR.	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A
22	EPR: 3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.3 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes of the Revised EPR	N/A	N/A	Comment 18 from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks suggests providing MCM comments to support the following conclusion: "The Project Study Area does not feature any structure or areas believed to have CHVI.". The former sentence was deleted, as also suggested in MTO comment 50, leaving under this section a single sentence that no known or potential built heritage resources (BHRs) or cultural heritage landscapes (CHLs) were identified in the Study Area.  <i>We recommend adding a reference to the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C to support this section.</i>	The EPR will be updated accordingly with the suggested reference to direct the reader to Appendix C.	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.
23	Draft EPR: 3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.4 Archaeology	The information on Borden numbers is not necessary and should be removed. Removing this information will allow this section focus on the Project Study Area's archaeological potential.  We recommend deleting all the text in this section and replacing it with the following:  A Stage 1 archaeological assessment was undertaken on [date] by [consultant archaeologist] for [property or Project Study Area]. A Stage 1 AA consists of a review of geographic, land use and historical information for the property and the relevant surrounding area, a property visit to inspect its current condition and contacting MCM to find out whether, or not, there are any known archaeological sites on or near the property. Its purpose is to identify areas of archaeological potential and further archaeological assessment (e.g., Stage 2-4) as necessary. The Stage 1 AA is included in Appendix X.	The Borden numbers have been removed as suggested.  The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report has been updated to reflect the revised text suggested by MCM.  The parts of the Study Area proposed for construction and operations/maintenance activities, including the land that may be required for future construction of a Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility, do not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance or permanently saturated conditions. These lands therefore do	Partially addressed.  The paragraph that mentioned Borden number was deleted, but the rest of the text remains the same.  No direct reference to Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment was included as suggested. Stage 1 AA was submitted on August 2, 2024. After MCM review, the EPR should require revision. The current information in the EPR should be considered preliminary. See comment 7.  A clear statement that a portion of the Study Area has archaeological potential and supporting maps were not included in Section 3.3.4, as	EPR will be updated accordingly to reflect the following suggestion: "We recommend moving up the statement and map from <b>Section 4.6.1</b> to <b>Section 3.3.4</b> to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information and a map can be found in <b>Section 4.6.1</b> ."	Acknowledged. MCM will confirm once it has reviewed the final Revised EPR.  Please refer to MCM email response regarding the Archaeology Assessment Review process.

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		<p>[Then include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, which can usually be extracted from the AA's Executive Summary]</p> <p>As stated in comment 4 above, the Stage 1 AA has not been submitted to MCM for review. The findings of the Stage 1AA are subject to review and the report may require revision. The information in this EPR should be considered preliminary.</p> <p>The mapping in the draft Stage 1 AA shared with MCM shows that a portion of the Project Study Area (station footprint plus a buffer area) has archaeological potential. However, the text in this EPR section states the following:</p> <p>The property inspection confirmed that the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station Project Study Area exhibits evidence of disturbance in the existing facilities on site, the surrounding twentieth-century development, and evidence of artificial drainage. Undeveloped lands within the project components exhibit low archaeological potential due to poor drainage.</p> <p>Forested land east of the railway north of Highway 101/King Street retain archaeological potential and will require Stage 2 test pit survey if impacted by the project designs.</p> <p>The discussion in this section of the EPR is not clear, and it creates a misapprehension that the Project Study Area does not have any archaeological potential. The report should clearly state that a portion of the Project Study Area has archaeological potential and should include maps showing this. More information is required to support the EPR's recommendations that Stage 2 AA is not required unless this area will be disturbed.</p>	<p>not require further archaeological assessment.</p> <p>If the project design changes during detail design (post TRPAP) and encroachment on the lands identified to retain archaeological potential is expected, Ontario Northland will complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment survey prior to any disturbance or construction activities.</p> <p><b>Section Error!</b> Reference source not found. of the EPR (as well as the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report) has been updated accordingly to reflect this language.</p> <p>The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted into the register as soon as it is finalized.</p>	<p>recommended. A statement and a map were included later, under Section 4.6.1. Also, MTO comments 27, 29 and 30 point out the necessity of clarity in the Study Area regarding the archaeology potential.</p> <p>We recommend moving up the statement and map from Section 4.6.1 to Section 3.3.4 to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information and a map can be found in Section 4.6.1. Please revise the EPR accordingly.</p>		
24	Draft EPR: 4.7 Archaeology	Please see the comment above and revise this section accordingly.	The report has been updated accordingly – please refer to responses above.	Addressed. Section 4.7 (now 4.6) was updated. See comment 23 above.	No response required.	N/A
25	Draft EPR: 4.13 Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments Table 4-6: Archaeology	<p>It is not clear how the proponent has arrived at a conclusion that there is no potential for the disturbance of archaeological resources.</p> <p>In the Mitigation Measures/Commitments column:</p> <p>Under the first bullet, please see comment 6 above and ensure that it aligns with revised text.</p>	<p>First bullet: report updated as per comments.</p> <p>Third bullet: agree with suggested text for replacement, report updated.</p> <p>Fifth bullet: agree with suggested text for replacement, report updated.</p> <p>Bullets 6 and 7 have been removed.</p>	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A

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	Impacts, Mitigation, and Monitoring Commitments	<p>Under the third bullet, we recommend deleting this text and replacing it with the following standard text developed by MCM:</p> <p>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>Under the fifth bullet, please remove the reference to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO). The BAO does not become involved in an investigation unless it is establishing the boundary of a cemetery, or investigating remains discovered within or adjacent to a cemetery. Additionally, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is now the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery. Please update the text to reflect this.</p> <p>We recommend the following standard text for the fifth bullet:</p> <p>The <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33</i> requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>The purpose of the 6th bullet is not clear. It states that future archaeological assessments would be shared with ONTC, but it is not clear who would be commissioning the archaeological assessment, if not Ontario Northland.</p> <p>In bullet 7, it is not clear how an Archaeological Risk Management Plan will be of assistance to this project, as it has a relatively small Project Study Area, and the archaeological assessment already outlines the protocols for the discovery of human remains and undocumented archaeological resources.</p>				

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26	Section 6.2.1.7 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism	N/A	N/A	<p>MTO comment 32 and 51 suggested changes in Section 6.2.1.9 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (now 6.2.1.7, page 84) regarding MCM responsibilities.</p> <p>We recommend that the text be revised as follows (see also MCM's initial letter dated June 11):</p> <p><i>MCM has an interest in undertakings such as this under its, mandate to develop policies and programs for the conservation of Ontario's cultural heritage. MCM is responsible for the administration of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) including its regulations. The OHA provides the primary statutory framework for the conservation of cultural heritage resources in Ontario. Including their identification, protection and wise management. The conservation of cultural heritage resources is also a matter of provincial importance as reflected in Ontario Regulation 231/08.</i></p> <p><i>As a member of the Government Review Team, MCM reviews various applications and associated technical studies to ensure compliance with the Ontario Heritage Act and fulfilment of due diligence related to cultural heritage more generally.</i></p> <p>Also, there is a typo in last sentence, the accurate section number is 6.6.3 Further Archaeological Assessment Studies, not Section 6.6.4 (that do not exist in the EPR) and should be revised.</p>	The applicable section of the EPR will be updated to reflect the following text as suggested by MCM: "We recommend moving up the statement and map from <b>Section 4.6.1</b> to <b>Section 3.3.4</b> to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information and a map can be found in <b>Section 4.6.1.</b> "	ONTC's response doesn't address MCM comment dated September 4, 2024.

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27	Table of contents and Figures	N/A	N/A	Page numbers are missing in the Table of Contents (Sections 8.1 to 8.3) and in the Figures list.	Table of Contents formatting has been corrected.	Addressed.
28	Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment 2.3 Report Purpose	The report should explain the rationale for the Project Study Area (project footprint plus a 50m buffer) from a cultural heritage perspective, i.e., explain why a 50m buffer was selected.	Report revised to include information on why 50m buffer was applied.	<p>Not addressed.</p> <p>The following sentence was added: "The selected buffer area is inclusive of lands that may contain BHRs and CHLs that may be subject to direct or indirect impacts as a result of the Project.". While it justifies the purpose of the buffer area, it is not clear why 50m was chosen rather than 25m or 100m. A similar concern was also highlighted in MTO comment 48 and 71.</p> <p>While 50m may be considered sufficient for potential noise and vibration impacts, it does not account for all potential impacts to built heritage resources/cultural heritage landscapes. Additional impacts to BHR/CHLs may include but are not limited to the following: shadows that alter the appearance or change the visibility of a heritage attribute, isolation of a heritage attribute from its surrounding environment, context or a significant relationship and/or changing the character of a potential BHR/CHL through the obstruction of significant views or vistas to or from a property. An appropriate Study Area shall be defined by the analysis of site characteristics including potential staging area and should not focus on a single element, the proposed project footprint.</p>	<p>Additional information has been added to Section 2.3 to provide appropriate analysis and rationale regarding determination of study area boundaries used to define scope of data collection and impact assessment activities (50 m buffer).</p> <p>Added text demonstrates that the study area is appropriately sized in relation to the site's characteristics, supporting appropriate assessment of all types of impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.</p>	Addressed.
29	Section 2.4 Report Purpose of the Revised Cultural Heritage Report	N/A	N/A	There is a typo in the second paragraph of Section 2.4, page 6. The first word of the second phrase is missing a letter: "The selected buffer area is...".	Typo revised in Cultural Heritage Report.	Addressed.

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30	Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment 3.0 Methodology 3.3 Identification of Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes	We recommend editing the introductory paragraph as follows, to acknowledge that the MHSTCI 2019 TPAP guidance is one of the main documents guiding this report.  This Cultural Heritage Report follows the above-mentioned TPAP guidance prepared by the then MHSTCI (now MCM) in 2019, as well as guidance presented in the Ontario Heritage Tool Kit (Ministry of Culture 2006) and Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport 2016).  The objective of this report is to present an inventory of known and potential BHRs and CHLs, and to provide a preliminary understanding of known and potential BHRs and CHLs located within areas anticipated to be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project.	Text revised as suggested.	Addressed.	No response required.	N/A
31	Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment 3.0 Methodology 3.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities	See comment 2 on the Draft EPR, which applies to this section as well. We suggest changing the title of this section to be consistent with the change to the EPR.  The first bullet in this section states that the City of Timmins was contacted for information in 2023 but the team received no response. We recommend follow-up with the City.  The last bullet in this section says:  At project start-up, ASI made a request to the proponent that any engagement with Indigenous communities undertaken as part of this project include a discussion about known or potential BHRs and CHLs that are of interest to the respective communities. No feedback was received by the time of report submission.  It is unclear if the requested discussions regarding cultural heritage took place. Please clarify.	Comment 2 in EPR addressed in Cultural Heritage Report, as suggested. Title of Section 3.5 in Cultural Heritage Report revised.  Response from City of Timmins on 18 July 2023 added, no follow up required.  Final bullet regarding ASI's request for information on Indigenous Engagement was removed as it repeats information contained in the bullet point immediately before. Information on which groups were contacted added into preceding paragraph noting information from Summary Report on Indigenous Engagement completed by Ontario Northland.	Partially addressed.  See comment 19 above. Please confirm the date in which information sessions with Indigenous communities who demonstrated interest in the project were held. ONTC's comment 19 states a different year (2021) from the Cultural Heritage Report and Revised EPR (2023).	As per response to comment #6 above, dates of engagement have been revised for consistency and accuracy in the Cultural Heritage Report.	Addressed.

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Good afternoon Amber and Krystal,

Thank you for circulating the Updated Cultural Heritage Report (CHR, dated September 10, 2024) and ONTC's responses to MCM comments on the Revised Environmental Project Report (EPR) for Timmins-Porcupine Station to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism for review.

We have reviewed the updated CHR and ONTC's response and have the following comments:

- All MCM's comments on the Cultural Heritage Report were addressed.
- It seems that most of MCM's comments on the revised EPR will be addressed, with the exception of the archaeological assessment. MCM can confirm once it has a chance to review the revised EPR.
- Status of archaeological assessment - the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for this project (under Project Information Form number P094-0359-2023) was submitted on August 2, 2024, and a request for expedited review was submitted by the proponent's licensed archaeologist on August 21, 2024. At this time, we note that the review of the Stage 1 AA will not be completed by September 18 and is very unlikely to be completed during the 35-day period. Revisions may also be required which will extend the timeline.
- The information and recommendations regarding archaeological resources contained in the archaeological assessment report, and presented in the EPR, should not be considered final until the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. At this time, MCM is not in a position to comment on whether the project has addressed this matter of provincial importance.

Please find attached MCM's detailed comments on the response table.

We understand that a call may be arranged with MECP and the project team to discuss the matter of the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out, if you have any additional

questions.

Sincerely,  
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1	MCM Letter	<p>Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the draft EPR for the above-referenced project, which is following the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP) as defined in Ontario Regulation 231/08 under the Environmental Assessment Act. O. Reg 231/08 identifies the MCM's interest in cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archaeological resources, including land and marine;</li> <li>• Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and, Cultural heritage landscapes.</li> </ul>	Acknowledged.	N/A
2	MCM Letter	<p>Under the TRPAP, the proponent is required to consider whether its proposed transit project could have potential negative impact on the environment. Under the process an objection can be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) about a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest. The MECP expects a transit project proponent to make reasonable efforts to avoid, prevent, mitigate or protect matters of provincial importance.</p> <p>The MECP's Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transit Projects (Transit Guide) provides guidance to proponents on how to meet the requirements of O.Reg 231/08. The Transit Guide encourages proponents to obtain information and input from appropriate government agency technical representatives before starting the TRPAP to assist in meeting the timelines specified in the regulation, including the submission of a draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) for review and comment prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement.</p> <p>Among the pre-planning activities outlined in Section 4.1 of the Transit Guide, a proponent is advised to conduct studies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify existing baseline environmental conditions;</li> <li>• identify project-specific location or alignment (including construction staging, land requirements); and,</li> <li>• identify expected environmental impacts and proposed measures to mitigate potential negative impacts.</li> </ul> <p>This letter provides advice on how to incorporate consideration of cultural heritage in the above mentioned pre-planning activities, and also expands on section 3.4 of the Transit Guide by outlining the technical studies and level of detail required to address the cultural heritage component for transit projects that are covered by O.Reg 231/08. The outcomes and recommendations of the studies will be reported in the draft EPR and form the basis for any future commitments outlined in the EPR.</p>	Acknowledged. A detailed project description is contained in Section 2.0, existing environmental conditions are contained throughout Section 3.0, and expected environmental impacts and mitigation measures are contained throughout Section 4.0 of this EPR.	N/A
3	MCM Letter	MCM will comment on the draft EPR prior to the Notice of Commencement for the project, but to do so, we request that the Cultural Heritage Report be sent to the Heritage Planning Unit for review, and that the archaeologist submit the Stage 1 AA directly to the ministry for review. Please see our more detailed comments on these	Copies of the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment were provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	While the referred reports were sent to Heritage Planning Unit on May 17, 2024, the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report (under Project Information Form number P094-0359-2023) was submitted to the Archaeology Program Unit at MCM

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		aspects of the project reporting below. These comments are consistent with the advice we provide on all TPAP projects		on August 2, 2024. Upon the suggestion of MCM, a request for expedited review was submitted by the proponent's licensed archaeologist on August 21, 2024.  Before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities, approval authorities and/or proponents should wait for MCM's letter confirming that the archaeological assessment report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports (Section 65 of the Ontario Heritage Act). The letter will also indicate either that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns. MCM's letter needs to be included in the Final EPR.
4	MCM Letter	Please note that the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA), came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.  Ontario Northland is not currently prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10. If this status changes, MCM may have updated advice on this project.	Acknowledged.	N/A
5	MCM Letter	The purpose of the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project is to build a new rail station in the City of Timmins that will operate as part of the reinstated Northlander passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Timmins, with a rail connection to Cochrane. The new Timmins-Porcupine Station will include a train platform, station building, parking facilities, a pedestrian walkway, bus bays, and a municipal bus stop.	Acknowledged.	N/A
6	MCM Letter	While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.  Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.  Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.	Acknowledged.  Community input was sought by ASI, information has been included in Sections 3.1 and 3.5 in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment. The following groups were contacted during preparation of the Cultural Heritage Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum (email communication 6 July 2023). A request was made for any archival images or information on the construction of the T&amp;NO in Timmins. A response on 6 July 2023 provided archival images of the T&amp;NO Timmins Station outside of the Study Area.</li><li>• Timmins Museum and Archives (7 July 2023). A request was made for any available historical maps of the Study Area. No response was received at the time of</li></ul>	Information was included in the Cultural Heritage Report (dated July 26, 2024). Note that there is no Section 3.5 in the Cultural Heritage Report, the content relates to Section 3.1.5. We note that the bullet list in Section 3.1.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report mirrors text from Section 3.2.3.1 of the EPR. The date of the engagement sessions needs to be updated as indicated in comment 19 and 31.

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			<p>draft report preparation, therefore available maps from other sources were used in the report.</p> <p>Documentation of how community and Indigenous input was sought is included in Section 3.5 of the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.</p> <p>Also refer to Section 3.2.3.1 of the EPR. Please also refer to response to comment #19 below.</p>	
7	MCM Letter	<p>MCM recommends that, as a best practice, a combined Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment (AA) be completed for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase.</p> <p>At a minimum, a Stage 1 AA will be undertaken for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase. The results of the Stage 1 AA will inform the TRPAP and will be summarized in the draft EPR. If the Stage 1 AA recommends further AA(s), then MCM recommends that further stages of AA be completed as early as possible during the planning or design phase of the project, and prior to the completion of detailed design.</p> <p>Archaeological assessments are required to be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the Ontario Heritage Act, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.</p> <p>The EPR must include specific information from the AA report(s). The Executive Summary of each AA report provides a brief summary of the work completed and the recommendations for next steps, whether for further archaeological assessment, in which case the report will include a map that identifies those areas, or for no further assessment. The EPR must also include clear commitments to undertake the recommended AA and a timeline for their completion.</p> <p>MCM is aware that a Project Information Form Number (PIF#) for a Stage 1 AA has been issued for this project, and that the AA report has not yet been submitted to the ministry. MCM recommends that this report is submitted as soon as possible so that it may be reviewed, and the information incorporated into the draft EPR.</p>	<p>A Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was completed as part of the Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP and will be included as an Appendix to the EPR. A summary of the results for this assessment is included in Section 4.6 of this EPR. The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted to the ministry for review and incorporation into the archaeological register by a licensed Archaeologist.</p>	<p>See comment 3 above. At this time, the findings of the Stage 1 AA report should be considered preliminary. Note that the EPR may need to be revised once the Stage 1 AA is entered into the Register. The Stage 1 AA report and MCM's letter indicating that the report has been entered into the Register shall be included as an Appendix.</p>
8	MCM Letter	<p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment will be undertaken for the entire Project Study Area during the pre-planning phase to inform the TRPAP. This study will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify existing baseline cultural heritage conditions within the Project Study Area. The consultants preparing the Cultural Heritage Report will need to define a Project Study Area and explain their rationale. MCM recommends that the Project Study Area for the report include, at minimum, the project footprint and adjacent properties. Alternatively, the Project Study Area may include the project footprint and a study zone that is located immediately beside the footprint and extends a</li> </ol>	<p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment has been prepared for the Timmins- Porcupine Station TRPAP and will be included as an Appendix to the EPR. A summary of the results of this assessment is included in Section 4.5 of this EPR.</p>	<p>See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.</p>

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		<p>certain distance. The report will include a historical summary of the development of the Project Study Area and will identify all known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes in the Project Study Area. MCM has developed screening criteria that may assist with this exercise: Criteria for Evaluating for Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify preliminary potential project-specific impacts on the known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes that have been identified. The report should include a description of the anticipated impact to each known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape that has been identified.</li> <li>Propose and recommend measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The proposed mitigation measures are to inform the next steps of project planning and design.</li> </ol>		
9	MCM Letter	Where a known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape may be directly and adversely impacted, and where it has not yet been evaluated for Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI), completion of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) is required to fully understand its CHVI and level of significance. The CHER must be completed within the TRPAP. If a built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape is found to be of CHVI, then a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be undertaken by a qualified person. The HIA will be completed in consultation with MCM and the proponent as early as possible during detail design, following the TRPAP.	Section 4.5 of this EPR states that there no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area, and therefore, a CHER and/or HIA is not recommended.	See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.
10	MCM Letter	While some cultural heritage landscapes are contained within individual property boundaries, others span across multiple properties. For certain cultural heritage landscapes, it will be more appropriate for the CHER and HIA to include multiple properties, in order to reflect the extent of that cultural heritage landscape in its entirety.	Section 4.5 of this EPR states that there no known or potential BHRs or CHLs identified in the Study Area, and therefore, a CHER and/or HIA is not recommended.	See comment 28 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.
11	MCM Letter	More detailed advice on how to document some of the information above is attached to this letter.	Acknowledged.	N/A
12	MCM Letter	Proponents that are subject to the S&Gs should refer to Information Bulletin 3 - Heritage Impact Assessments for Provincial Heritage Properties. Proponents that are not subject to the S&Gs may still find this document helpful. Technical cultural heritage studies will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.	A qualified person has prepared the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment contained within Appendix C.	N/A
13	MCM Letter	The findings of the above-mentioned studies should be summarized as part of the EPR discussion of existing conditions, impact assessment, mitigation, and future commitments. Commitments for further studies should clearly state what is to be done, who is responsible for implementation, and when.	Section 6 of the EPR outlines in detail the commitments that ONTC will comply with and implement as part of the Project.	N/A
14	MCM Letter	Ideally, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with MCM before the draft EPR is provided, so that any feedback on the Cultural Heritage Report can be incorporated into the draft EPR. At a minimum, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with the draft EPR.	A copy of the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	See comments 27 to 31 below related to the Cultural Heritage Report.



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15	MCM Letter	<p>MCM will comment on the draft EPR for the project, but we are not in a position to do so until we review the above-mentioned technical studies.</p> <p>Please note that the responsibility for administration of the Ontario Heritage Act and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, reports and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and me.</p> <p>Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the TRPAP process. If you have any questions, require clarification, or would like additional examples to assist with project reporting, do not hesitate to contact me.</p> <p>Sincerely, Laura Hatcher Heritage Advisor laura.e.hatcher@ontario.ca Heritage Planning Unit</p>	Copies of the Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report and the Draft Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment were provided to the MCM via e-mail on May 17, 2024.	See comment 3 above.
16	MCM Letter	<p>MCM's Heritage Planning Unit will have additional comments on the Draft EPR and the Cultural Heritage Report. Our standard service offer is to provide comments within 30 days from the time a document is submitted to us for review. As I am sure you know, the Archaeological Assessment follows its own review process, once the archaeologist submits it to the MCM Archaeology Program Unit for review.</p>	Acknowledged.	N/A
17	3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.1 Data Gathering,  Page 33-35	<p>'Cultural heritage resources' include archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes. We recommend changing the title of 3.2.3 to 'Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes' as archaeological resources are discussed in another section.</p> <p>The bulleted list on pages 33-34 which itemizes all data sources is not necessary as this information is outlined in the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C. This list could be deleted or summarized further.</p> <p>On pages 34-35, where the report describes the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) guidance on TRPAP reporting, we recommend that this language be updated and be made more concise to say that the Cultural Heritage Report followed this guidance. Where appropriate, explain how the guidance was applied to this project (e.g., in paragraph 1, state that the CHR used a buffer a certain distance from the project footprint to define the study area).</p> <p>We recommend that the following text be included at the beginning of section 3.2.3, to summarize the outcome of the Cultural Heritage Report:</p> <p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was undertaken on [date] by [heritage consultant] for [name of project or study area]. The assessment for this report consisted of data collection, background historic research, review of secondary source material and</p>	The suggested edits have been reflected in the applicable sections of the updated EPR, as well as within the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.	<p>Partially addressed.</p> <p>The description of MCM guidance on TRPAP reporting was deleted from the EPR, but it remains the same in the Cultural Heritage Report and was not updated as suggested.</p> <p>The information that there is no known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes is not found under Section 3.2.3 of the EPR. This information is only found in Section 3.3.3. In order to clearly inform readers about this, we recommend adding a reference to Section 3.3.3 or moving up the information to Section 3.2.3.</p> <p>The paragraph in the beginning of section 3.2.3 does not identify the heritage consultant that prepared the Cultural Heritage Report, instead Gannett Fleming is mentioned. As the Cultural Heritage Report was prepared by ASI, we recommend to also include their name in the paragraph.</p> <p>We note that MTO comment 47 and 49 suggest adding a reference to the Criteria for Evaluating Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes. MCM does not recommend that this reference is included in the EPR as it has been included in the Cultural Heritage Report. The EPR will</p>

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		<p>field review. No known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes were identified within or adjacent to the study area. The Cultural Heritage Report is included in Appendix C.</p> <p>Please also note that the Cultural Heritage Report should be considered preliminary until the Indigenous communities, municipal planning staff and other interested parties have had an opportunity to review and provide comments.</p>		<p>include an overview of the purpose of the Cultural Heritage Report as recommended in our comments dated June 11, 2024, and not extensive and detailed information about the methodology.</p> <p>Also, there is a problem in the Table of Contents pages numbers, page 35 is repeated. Section 3.2.5 is on page 35 (PDF page 74) and Section 3.3.3 is also on page 35 (PDF page 91).</p>
18	<p>3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.2 Field Investigations  Page 35</p>	<p>We recommend deleting the paragraph that starts with “Background historical research...” as it contains unnecessary detail and some language that is not consistent with the Cultural Heritage Report. It may be more appropriate to refer the reader to the Cultural Heritage Report (see recommended language above).</p>	<p>This paragraph was deleted in the EPR, as well as the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment.</p>	<p>Addressed.</p>
19	<p>3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.4 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities  Page 35</p>	<p>The report states: “There has been no correspondence from First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about known or potential BHRs and CHLs at the time of preparing this report.” Please clarify whether the project team asked First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about this component of the environment. Please clarify what is meant by “Provincial Territorial Organizations” in this context and include a list of organizations that were contacted.</p> <p>Additionally, the title of this subsection “Consultation with Regulatory Authorities” does not capture the above-mentioned communities and the nature of their potential comments, which may fall outside of a strictly regulatory role. The activities described in this section do not appear to be “consultation”, but rather “information gathering”. We suggest revising the sub-title accordingly – e.g., to “Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations” (or similar wording).</p>	<p>The term “Provincial Territorial Organizations” was included in error in the Draft EPR and therefore removed.</p> <p>Information sessions were held with three of the Indigenous communities and/or organizations who expressed interest in this project. As part of those sessions, no additional information was provided specifically about known BHRs/CHLs in the Study Area that may be of known or potential cultural heritage value or interest. The information sessions were held with the Moose Cree First Nation on October 19, 2021, with Nipissing First Nation on September 13, 2021, and with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres on November 15, 2021.</p> <p>Section title for 3.2.3.1 has been updated.</p>	<p>Partially addressed.</p> <p>ONTC comment dated August 8, 2024, state that information sessions with Indigenous communities who demonstrated interest in the project were held in 2021. However, the bullet text in Section 3.2.3.1 state the same sessions were in 2023. Please revise and update accordingly. This information should also align with the Cultural Heritage Report (see comment 31 below).</p> <p>Section title for 3.2.3.1 remains the same and was not updated as stated. Please revise. We note that the equivalent title of the Cultural Heritage Report was updated to “Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations”.</p>
20	<p>3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology  Page 36</p>	<p>We note that the licensed archaeologist has yet to submit the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for this project (under Project Information Form (PIF) P094-0359-2023) for MCM review. We understand that the proponents hope to begin the TRPAP study period soon. This being the case, we strongly recommend that the report be submitted to MCM as soon as possible to allow for the Ministry’s review and for any revisions to be made. We also recommend that the archaeologist submit to MCM a request for expedited archaeological report review.</p> <p>Please note that archaeological concerns have not been fully addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports (‘the Register’) where those reports recommend that:</p>	<p>The Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was provided to MCM for review on May 17, 2024. The finalized Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted into the MCM register once it is ready and comments received during the Draft EPR review have been addressed.</p>	<p>Refer to comment 3 and 7 above.</p>

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		<p>1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and</p> <p>2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy.</p> <p>Approval authorities and proponents should wait to receive the MCM's written confirmation that the archaeological assessment report(s) has been entered into the Register before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities. The letter will also indicate that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns.</p> <p>The MCM's letter shall be included in the EPR.</p>		
21	<p>3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology 3.2.4.2 Field Investigations</p> <p>Page 36</p>	<p>The information about terms and conditions for archaeological licenses and PIFs is not necessary and should be removed.</p>	<p>This was removed from the EPR.</p>	<p>Addressed.</p>
22	<p>3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.3 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes of the Revised EPR</p> <p>PDF page90</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Comment 18 from Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks suggests providing MCM comments to support the following conclusion: "The Project Study Area does not feature any structure or areas believed to have CHVI.". The former sentence was deleted, as also suggested in MTO comment 50, leaving under this section a single sentence that no known or potential built heritage resources (BHRs) or cultural heritage landscapes (CHLs) were identified in the Study Area. We recommend adding a reference to the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C to support this section.</p>
23	<p>3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.4 Archaeology</p> <p>Page 49</p>	<p>The information on Borden numbers is not necessary and should be removed. Removing this information will allow this section focus on the study area's archaeological potential.</p> <p>We recommend deleting all the text in this section and replacing it with the following:</p> <p>A Stage 1 archaeological assessment was undertaken on [date] by [consultant archaeologist] for [property or study area]. A Stage 1 AA consists of a review of geographic, land use and historical information for the property and the relevant surrounding area, a property visit to inspect its current condition and contacting MCM to find out whether, or not, there are any known archaeological sites on or near the property. Its purpose is to identify areas of archaeological potential and further archaeological</p>	<p>The Borden numbers have been removed as suggested.</p> <p>The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report has been updated to reflect the revised text suggested by MCM.</p> <p>The parts of the Study Area proposed for construction and operations/maintenance activities, including the land that may be required for future construction of a Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility, do not retain archaeological potential on account of deep and extensive land disturbance or permanently saturated</p>	<p>Partially addressed.</p> <p>The paragraph that mentioned Borden number was deleted, but the rest of the text remains the same.</p> <p>No direct reference to Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment was included as suggested. Stage 1 AA was submitted on August 2, 2024. After MCM review, the EPR should required revision. The current information in the EPR should be considered preliminary. See comment 7.</p> <p>A clear statement that a portion of the Study Area has archaeological potential and supporting maps were not included in Section 3.3.4, as recommended. A statement and a map were included later, under Section 4.6.1. Also, MTO comments 27, 29</p>

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		<p>assessment (e.g., Stage 2-4) as necessary. The Stage 1 AA is included in Appendix X.</p> <p>[Then include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, which can usually be extracted from the AA's Executive Summary]</p> <p>As stated in comment 4 above, the Stage 1 AA has not been submitted to MCM for review. The findings of the Stage 1AA are subject to review and the report may require revision. The information in this EPR should be considered preliminary.</p> <p>The mapping in the draft Stage 1 AA shared with MCM shows that a portion of the Study Area (station footprint plus a buffer area) has archaeological potential.</p> <p>However, the text in this EPR section states the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The property inspection confirmed that the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station Study Area exhibits evidence of disturbance in the existing facilities on site, the surrounding twentieth-century development, and evidence of artificial drainage. Undeveloped lands within the project components exhibit low archaeological potential due to poor drainage.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Forested land east of the railway north of Highway 101/King Street retain archaeological potential and will require Stage 2 test pit survey if impacted by the project designs.</p> <p>The discussion in this section of the EPR is not clear, and it creates a misapprehension that the Study Area does not have any archaeological potential. The report should clearly state that a portion of the Study Area has archaeological potential and should include maps showing this. More information is required to support the EPR's recommendations that Stage 2 AA is not required unless this area will be disturbed.</p>	<p>conditions. These lands therefore do not require further archaeological assessment.</p> <p>If the project design changes during detail design (post TRPAP) and encroachment on the lands identified to retain archaeological potential is expected, Ontario Northland will complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment survey prior to any disturbance or construction activities.</p> <p>Section 4.6 of the EPR (as well as the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report) has been updated accordingly to reflect this language.</p> <p>The Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report will be submitted into the register as soon as it is finalized.</p>	<p>and 30 point out the necessity of clarity in the Study Area regarding the archaeology potential.</p> <p>We recommend moving up the statement and map from Section 4.6.1 to Section 3.3.4 to clarify any questions and misinterpretation about archaeological potential earlier in the EPR or add reference to inform the reader that more information and a map can be found in Section 4.6.1.</p> <p>Please revise the EPR accordingly.</p>
24	4.7 Archaeology Page 59	Please see the comment above and revise this section accordingly.	The report has been updated accordingly – please refer to responses above.	Addressed. Section 4.7 (now 4.6) was updated. See comment 23 above.
25	4.13 Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments Table 4-6: Archaeology Impacts, Mitigation, and Monitoring Commitments Page 64-65	<p>It is not clear how the proponent has arrived at a conclusion that there is no potential for the disturbance of archaeological resources.</p> <p>In the Mitigation Measures/Commitments column:</p> <p>Under the first bullet, please see comment 6 above and ensure that it aligns with revised text.</p> <p>Under the third bullet, we recommend deleting this text and replacing it with the following standard text developed by MCM:</p>	<p>First bullet: report updated as per comments.</p> <p>Third bullet: agree with suggested text for replacement, report updated.</p> <p>Fifth bullet: agree with suggested text for replacement, report updated.</p> <p>Bullets 6 and 7 have been removed.</p>	Addressed.

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		<p>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>Under the fifth bullet, please remove the reference to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO). The BAO does not become involved in an investigation unless it is establishing the boundary of a cemetery, or investigating remains discovered within or adjacent to a cemetery. Additionally, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is now the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery. Please update the text to reflect this.</p> <p>We recommend the following standard text for the fifth bullet:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>The Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33</i> requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with <i>Ontario Regulation 30/11</i> the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>The purpose of the 6th bullet is not clear. It states that future archaeological assessments would be shared with ONTC, but it is not clear who would be commissioning the archaeological assessment, if not ONTC.</p> <p>In bullet 7, it is not clear how an Archaeological Risk Management Plan will be of assistance to this project, as it has a relatively small study area, and the archaeological assessment already outlines the protocols for the discovery of human remains and undocumented archaeological resources.</p>		
26	Section 6.2.1.7 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  Page 84	N/A	N/A	<p>MTO comment 32 and 51 suggested changes in Section 6.2.1.9 Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (now 6.2.1.7, page 84) regarding MCM responsibilities. We recommend that the text be revised as follows (see also MCM's initial letter dated June 11):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">MCM has an interest in undertakings such as this under its, mandate to develop policies and programs for the conservation of Ontario's cultural heritage.</p>

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				<p>MCM is responsible for the administration of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) including its regulations. The OHA provides the primary statutory framework for the conservation of cultural heritage resources in Ontario. Including their identification, protection and wise management. The conservation of cultural heritage resources is also a matter of provincial importance as reflected in Ontario Regulation 231/08.</p> <p>As a member of the Government Review Team, MCM reviews various applications and associated technical studies to ensure compliance with the Ontario Heritage Act and fulfilment of due diligence related to cultural heritage more generally.</p> <p>Also, there is a typo in last sentence, the accurate section number is 6.6.3 Further Archaeological Assessment Studies, not Section 6.6.4 (that do not exist in the EPR) and should be revised.</p>

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27	Table of contents and Figures	N/A	N/A	Page numbers are missing in the Table of Contents (Sections 8.1 to 8.3) and in the Figures list.
28	2.3 Report Purpose Page 7	The report should explain the rationale for the Study Area (project footprint plus a 50m buffer) from a cultural heritage perspective, i.e., explain why a 50m buffer was selected.	Report revised to include information on why 50m buffer was applied.	<p>Not addressed.</p> <p>The following sentence was added: "The selected buffer area is inclusive of lands that may contain BHRs and CHLs that may be subject to direct or indirect impacts as a result of the Project.". While it justifies the purpose of the buffer area, it is not clear why 50m was chosen rather than 25m or 100m. A similar concern was also highlighted in MTO comment 48 and 71.</p> <p>While 50m may be considered sufficient for potential noise and vibration impacts, it does not account for all potential impacts to built heritage resources/cultural heritage landscapes. Additional impacts to BHR/CHLs may include but are not limited to the following: shadows that alter the appearance or change the visibility of a heritage attribute, isolation of a heritage attribute from its surrounding environment, context or a significant relationship and/or changing the character of a potential</p>

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				BHR/CHL through the obstruction of significant views or vistas to or from a property. An appropriate Study Area shall be defined by the analysis of site characteristics including potential staging area and should not focus on a single element, the proposed project footprint.
29	Section 2.4 Report Purpose of the Revised Cultural Heritage Report	N/A	N/A	There is a typo in the second paragraph of Section 2.4, page 6. The first word of the second phrase is missing a letter: "The selected buffer area is...".
30	3.0 Methodology 3.3 Identification of Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes  Page 8	We recommend editing the introductory paragraph as follows, to acknowledge that the MHSTCI 2019 TPAP guidance is one of the main documents guiding this report.  This Cultural Heritage Report follows the <b>above-mentioned TPAP guidance prepared by the then MHSTCI (now MCM) in 2019, as well as guidance</b> presented in the <i>Ontario Heritage Tool Kit</i> (Ministry of Culture 2006) and <i>Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</i> (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport 2016). The objective of this report is to present an inventory of known and potential BHRs and CHLs, and to provide a preliminary understanding of known and potential BHRs and CHLs located within areas anticipated to be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project.	Text revised as suggested.	Addressed.
31	3.0 Methodology 3.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities  Page 10	See comment 2 on the Draft EPR, which applies to this section as well. We suggest changing the title of this section to be consistent with the change to the EPR.  The first bullet in this section states that the City of Timmins was contacted for information in 2023 but the team received no response. We recommend follow-up with the City.  The last bullet in this section says:  At project start-up, ASI made a request to the proponent that any engagement with Indigenous communities undertaken as part of this project include a discussion about known or potential BHRs and CHLs that are of interest to the respective communities. No feedback was received by the time of report submission.  It is unclear if the requested discussions regarding cultural heritage took place. Please clarify.	Comment 2 in EPR addressed in Cultural Heritage Report, as suggested. Title of Section 3.5 in Cultural Heritage Report revised.  Response from City of Timmins on 18 July 2023 added, no follow up required.  Final bullet regarding ASI's request for information on Indigenous Engagement was removed as it repeats information contained in the bullet point immediately before. Information on which groups were contacted added into preceding paragraph noting information from Summary Report on Indigenous Engagement completed by Ontario Northland.	Partially addressed.  See comment 19 above. Please confirm the date in which information sessions with Indigenous communities who demonstrated interest in the project were held. ONTC's comment 19 states a different year (2021) from the Cultural Heritage Report and Revised EPR (2023).

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Thank you Melanie.

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Hi Amber,

Thank you for circulating the Revised Environmental Project Report (EPR) for Timmins-Porcupine Station to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism for review. Most of MCM's comments were addressed, but we have additional comments on the Revised EPR and Final Cultural Heritage Report. Please find attached MCM's comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.



We would also like to follow up on our request sent on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, to share a copy of the cultural heritage process document developed by ONTC.

Best Regards,

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Hi Amber,

Thank you for sharing these responses to our comments on the EPR and technical studies for this project. We will aim to respond to you by September 4.

Regards,  
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Good Afternoon Karla & Laura,

On behalf of ONTC, as a follow up to the comments previously provided by MCM on the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR)*, ONTC has considered your feedback and provided responses accordingly within the Revised EPR. With this in mind,

the following documents have been provided for your review/reference:

- Responses to MCM's comments contained within Table 5-6 of the Revised EPR (see link below)
- Revised Environmental Project Report that reflects updates associated with comments received from MCM and other review agencies, as applicable
- Revised EPR Appendices (i.e., Appendix C - Cultural Heritage Report and Appendix D - Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report) that reflect updates associated with comments received from MCM and other review agencies, as applicable

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In addition, please note that the Stage 1 AA Report was submitted into the MCM register on August 2nd by ASI.

We kindly request that you review these documents and our responses to your Draft EPR Comments, and provide confirmation that you have no additional outstanding concerns or comments related to the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Project* by no later than **September 4, 2024**. If you wish to arrange a meeting with ONTC to discuss any aspect of the Project, please contact us and we'd be happy to arrange a phone call.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon Amber,

Thank you for providing the Draft Cultural Heritage Report and Draft Stage 1 AA for our review. We have reviewed them alongside the Draft EPR. Please find MCM's more detailed comments on the Draft EPR, as well as our comments on the Draft Cultural Heritage Report attached. We did not provide comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, as that will follow its own review process once it is submitted by the licensed archaeologist for review.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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1	<p>3.2 Methodology                      3.2.3 Cultural Heritage                      3.2.3.1 Data Gathering,</p> <p>Page 33-35</p>	<p>'Cultural heritage resources' include archaeological resources, built heritage resources, and cultural heritage landscapes. We recommend changing the title of 3.2.3 to 'Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes' as archaeological resources are discussed in another section.</p> <p>The bulleted list on pages 33-34 which itemizes all data sources is not necessary as this information is outlined in the Cultural Heritage Report in Appendix C. This list could be deleted or summarized further.</p> <p>On pages 34-35, where the report describes the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) guidance on TRPAP reporting, we recommend that this language be updated and be made more concise to say that the Cultural Heritage Report followed this guidance. Where appropriate, explain how the guidance was applied to this project (e.g., in paragraph 1, state that the CHR used a buffer a certain distance from the project footprint to define the study area).</p> <p>We recommend that the following text be included at the beginning of section 3.2.3, to summarize the outcome of the Cultural Heritage Report:</p> <p>A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment was undertaken on [date] by [heritage consultant] for [name of project or study area]. The assessment for this report consisted of data collection, background historic research, review of secondary source material and field review. No known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes were identified within or adjacent to the study area. The Cultural Heritage Report is included in Appendix C.</p>

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		Please also note that the Cultural Heritage Report should be considered preliminary until the Indigenous communities, municipal planning staff and other interested parties have had an opportunity to review and provide comments.
2	3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.2 Field Investigations  Page 35	We recommend deleting the paragraph that starts with “Background historical research...” as it contains unnecessary detail and some language that is not consistent with the Cultural Heritage Report. It may be more appropriate to refer the reader to the Cultural Heritage Report (see recommended language above).
3	3.2 Methodology 3.2.3 Cultural Heritage 3.2.3.4 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities  Page 35	<p>The report states: “There has been no correspondence from First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about known or potential BHRs and CHLs at the time of preparing this report.” Please clarify whether the project team asked First Nations and Provincial Territorial Organizations about this component of the environment. Please clarify what is meant by “Provincial Territorial Organizations” in this context and include a list of organizations that were contacted.</p> <p>Additionally, the title of this subsection “Consultation with Regulatory Authorities” does not capture the above-mentioned communities and the nature of their potential comments, which may fall outside of a strictly regulatory role. The activities described in this section do not appear to be “consultation”, but rather “information gathering”. We suggest revising the sub-title accordingly – e.g., to “Information Gathering and Engagement with Municipal and Provincial Authorities, First Nations, and Provincial Territorial Organizations” (or similar wording).</p>
4	3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology  Page 36	We note that the licensed archaeologist has yet to submit the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report for this project (under Project Information Form (PIF) P094-0359-2023) for MCM review. We understand that the proponents hope to begin the TRPAP study period soon. This being the case, we strongly recommend that the report be submitted to MCM as soon as

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		<p>possible to allow for the Ministry’s review and for any revisions to be made. We also recommend that the archaeologist submit to MCM a request for expedited archaeological report review.</p> <p>Please note that archaeological concerns have not been fully addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports (‘the Register’) where those reports recommend that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and</li> <li>2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy.</li> </ol> <p>Approval authorities and proponents should wait to receive the MCM’s written confirmation that the archaeological assessment report(s) has been entered into the Register before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities. The letter will also indicate that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate those concerns.</p> <p>The MCM’s letter shall be included in the EPR.</p>
5	<p>3.2 Methodology 3.2.4 Archaeology 3.2.4.2 Field Investigations</p> <p>Page 36</p>	<p>The information about terms and conditions for archaeological licenses and PIFs is not necessary and should be removed.</p>
6	<p>3.3 Existing Conditions 3.3.4 Archaeology</p>	<p>The information on Borden numbers is not necessary and should be removed. Removing this information will allow this section focus on the study area’s archaeological potential.</p>

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	Page 49	<p>We recommend deleting all the text in this section and replacing it with the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A Stage 1 archaeological assessment was undertaken on [date] by [consultant archaeologist] for [property or study area]. A Stage 1 AA consists of a review of geographic, land use and historical information for the property and the relevant surrounding area, a property visit to inspect its current condition and contacting MCM to find out whether, or not, there are any known archaeological sites on or near the property. Its purpose is to identify areas of archaeological potential and further archaeological assessment (e.g., Stage 2-4) as necessary. The Stage 1 AA is included in Appendix X.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">[Then include the outcomes and recommendations of the report, which can usually be extracted from the AA's Executive Summary]</p> <p>As stated in comment 4 above, the Stage 1 AA has not been submitted to MCM for review. The findings of the Stage 1AA are subject to review and the report may require revision. The information in this EPR should be considered preliminary.</p> <p>The mapping in the draft Stage 1 AA shared with MCM shows that a portion of the Study Area (station footprint plus a buffer area) has archaeological potential.</p> <p>However, the text in this EPR section states the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The property inspection confirmed that the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station Study Area exhibits evidence of disturbance in the existing facilities on site, the surrounding twentieth-century development, and evidence of artificial drainage. Undeveloped lands within the project components exhibit low archaeological potential due to poor drainage.</p>



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		<p>Forested land east of the railway north of Highway 101/King Street retain archaeological potential and will require Stage 2 test pit survey if impacted by the project designs.</p> <p>The discussion in this section of the EPR is not clear, and it creates a misapprehension that the Study Area does not have any archaeological potential. The report should clearly state that a portion of the Study Area has archaeological potential and should include maps showing this. More information is required to support the EPR's recommendations that Stage 2 AA is not required unless this area will be disturbed.</p>
7	<p>4.7 Archaeology</p> <p>Page 59</p>	<p>Please see the comment above and revise this section accordingly.</p>
8	<p>4.13 Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments Table 4-6: Archaeology Impacts, Mitigation, and Monitoring Commitments</p> <p>Page 64-65</p>	<p>It is not clear how the proponent has arrived at a conclusion that there is no potential for the disturbance of archaeological resources.</p> <p>In the Mitigation Measures/Commitments column:</p> <p>Under the first bullet, please see comment 6 above and ensure that it aligns with revised text.</p> <p>Under the third bullet, we recommend deleting this text and replacing it with the following standard text developed by MCM:</p> <p>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p>

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		<p>Under the fifth bullet, please remove the reference to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO). The BAO does not become involved in an investigation unless it is establishing the boundary of a cemetery, or investigating remains discovered within or adjacent to a cemetery. Additionally, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services is now the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery. Please update the text to reflect this.</p> <p>We recommend the following standard text for the fifth bullet:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33</i> requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with <i>Ontario Regulation 30/11</i> the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</p> <p>The purpose of the 6th bullet is not clear. It states that future archaeological assessments would be shared with ONTC, but it is not clear who would be commissioning the archaeological assessment, if not ONTC.</p> <p>In bullet 7, it is not clear how an Archaeological Risk Management Plan will be of assistance to this project, as it has a relatively small study area, and the archaeological assessment already outlines the protocols for the discovery of human remains and undocumented archaeological resources.</p>

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1	2.3 Report Purpose  Page 7	The report should explain the rationale for the Study Area (project footprint plus a 50m buffer) from a cultural heritage perspective, i.e., explain why a 50m buffer was selected.
2	3.0 Methodology 3.3 Identification of Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes  Page 8	<p>We recommend editing the introductory paragraph as follows, to acknowledge that the MHSTCI 2019 TPAP guidance is one of the main documents guiding this report.</p> <p>This Cultural Heritage Report follows the <b>above-mentioned TPAP guidance prepared by the then MHSTCI (now MCM) in 2019, as well as guidance</b> presented in the <i>Ontario Heritage Tool Kit</i> (Ministry of Culture 2006) and <i>Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</i> (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport 2016). The objective of this report is to present an inventory of known and potential BHRs and CHLs, and to provide a preliminary understanding of known and potential BHRs and CHLs located within areas anticipated to be directly or indirectly impacted by the proposed project.</p>

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3	3.0 Methodology 3.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities  Page 10	<p>See comment 2 on the Draft EPR, which applies to this section as well. We suggest changing the title of this section to be consistent with the change to the EPR.</p> <p>The first bullet in this section states that the City of Timmins was contacted for information in 2023 but the team received no response. We recommend follow-up with the City.</p> <p>The last bullet in this section says:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">At project start-up, ASI made a request to the proponent that any engagement with Indigenous communities undertaken as part of this project include a discussion about known or potential BHRs and CHLs that are of interest to the respective communities. No feedback was received by the time of report submission.</p> <p>It is unclear if the requested discussions regarding cultural heritage took place. Please clarify.</p>

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Thank you, Amber! That is what I thought you meant, but I wanted to be sure.

MCM's Heritage Planning Unit will have additional comments on the Draft EPR and the Cultural Heritage Report. Our standard service offer is to provide comments within 30 days from the time a document is submitted to us for review. As I am sure you know, the Archaeological Assessment follows its own review process, once the archaeologist submits it to the MCM Archaeology Program Unit for review.

Have a good evening,

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Hi Laura

Apologies, I should have been more clear. If you could please let us know by end of week whether

MCM may have any additional comments forthcoming, that will be helpful.

In the meantime, we are working on responses to the comments you provided to us on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you,

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Hi Amber,

Thank you for providing these reports. I want to clarify, are you requesting that MCM let you know by the end of the week if we will have any additional comments, or are you requesting comments by the end of this week?

Regards,  
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Good Afternoon Laura,

Thank you for your comments on the Draft EPR to date – as provided on May 3rd. Please also find attached the Draft Cultural Heritage Report and Draft Stage 1 AA Report for your information/review. We note that the results of both reports were summarized in the Draft EPR previously circulated to you.

Kindly confirm *by EOD May 24<sup>th</sup>* whether MCM has any additional comments you wish to provide based on these reports.

Thank you,

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Good morning,

Thank you for circulating the Draft EPR for Timmins-Porcupine Station to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism for review. Please find attached a letter with comments from the ministry on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

On a related topic, the heritage consultants for this project contacted us as part of their research for this project, and mentioned that ONTC has developed a 'Cultural Heritage Process'. We are wondering if a copy of the document could be shared with us.

Thank you,

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Dear Ms. Bondett:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the draft EPR for the above-referenced project, which is following the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP) as defined in Ontario Regulation 231/08 under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. O. Reg 231/08 identifies the MCM's interest in cultural heritage resources. Cultural heritage resources include:

- Archaeological resources, including land and marine;
- Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- Cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the TRPAP, the proponent is required to consider whether its proposed transit project could have potential negative impact on the environment. Under the process an objection can be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) about a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest.<sup>1</sup> The MECP expects a transit project proponent to make reasonable efforts to avoid, prevent, mitigate or protect matters of provincial importance.

The MECP's [Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transit Projects \(Transit Guide\)](#) provides guidance to proponents on how to meet the requirements of O.Reg 231/08. The Transit Guide encourages proponents to obtain information and input from appropriate government agency technical representatives before starting the TRPAP to assist in meeting the timelines specified in the regulation, including the submission of a draft Environmental Project Report (EPR) for review and comment prior to issuing a Notice of Commencement.

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<sup>1</sup> The MECP's *Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Transit Projects* states that "when dealing with any property of cultural heritage value or interest, "provincial importance" is not restricted to property meeting the criteria as set out under the *Ontario Heritage Act* in *Ontario Regulation 10/06*, Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest of Provincial Significance." Consideration of provincial importance includes properties that meet the criteria set out in O. Reg 9/06.

Among the pre-planning activities outlined in Section 4.1 of the Transit Guide, a proponent is advised to conduct studies to:

- identify existing baseline environmental conditions;
- identify project-specific location or alignment (including construction staging, land requirements); and,
- identify expected environmental impacts and proposed measures to mitigate potential negative impacts.

This letter provides advice on how to incorporate consideration of cultural heritage in the above mentioned pre-planning activities, and also expands on section 3.4 of the Transit Guide by outlining the technical studies and level of detail required to address the cultural heritage component for transit projects that are covered by O.Reg 231/08. The outcomes and recommendations of the studies will be reported in the draft EPR and form the basis for any future commitments outlined in the EPR.

MCM will comment on the draft EPR prior to the Notice of Commencement for the project, but to do so, we request that the Cultural Heritage Report be sent to the Heritage Planning Unit for review, and that the archaeologist submit the Stage 1 AA directly to the ministry for review. Please see our more detailed comments on these aspects of the project reporting below. These comments are consistent with the advice we provide on all TPAP projects.

Please note that the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) is not currently prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10. If this status changes, MCM may have updated advice on this project.

### **Project Summary**

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### **Identifying Cultural Heritage Resources**

While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation.

Community input should be sought to identify locally recognized and potential cultural heritage resources. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations.

Cultural heritage resources are often of critical importance to Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them.

**Archaeological Resources (Land and Marine, if applicable)**

MCM recommends that, as a best practice, a combined Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment (AA) be completed for the entire study area during the pre-planning phase.

At a minimum, a Stage 1 AA will be undertaken for the entire study area during the pre-planning phase. The results of the Stage 1 AA will inform the TRPAP and will be summarized in the draft EPR. If the Stage 1 AA recommends further AA(s), then MCM recommends that further stages of AA be completed as early as possible during the planning or design phase of the project, and prior to the completion of detailed design.

Archaeological assessments are required to be undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MCM for review.

The EPR must include specific information from the AA report(s). The Executive Summary of each AA report provides a brief summary of the work completed and the recommendations for next steps, whether for further archaeological assessment, in which case the report will include a map that identifies those areas, or for no further assessment. The EPR must also include clear commitments to undertake the recommended AA and a timeline for their completion.

MCM is aware that a Project Information Form Number (PIF#) for a Stage 1 AA has been issued for this project, and that the AA report has not yet been submitted to the ministry. MCM recommends that this report is submitted as soon as possible so that it may be reviewed, and the information incorporated into the draft EPR.

**Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes**

A Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment will be undertaken for the entire study area during the pre-planning phase to inform the TRPAP. This study will:

1. Identify existing baseline cultural heritage conditions within the study area. The consultants preparing the Cultural Heritage Report will need to define a study area and explain their rationale. MCM recommends that the study area for the report include, at minimum, the project footprint and adjacent properties. Alternatively, the study area may include the project footprint and a study zone that is located immediately beside the footprint and extends a certain distance. The report will include a historical summary of the development of the study area and will identify all known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes in the study area. MCM has developed screening criteria that may assist with this exercise: [Criteria for Evaluating for Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#).
2. Identify preliminary potential project-specific impacts on the known and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes that have been identified. The report should include a description of the anticipated impact to each known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape that has been identified.
3. Propose and recommend measures to avoid or mitigate potential negative impacts to known or potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The proposed mitigation measures are to inform the next steps of project planning and design.

Where a known or potential built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape may be directly and adversely impacted<sup>2</sup>, and where it has not yet been evaluated for Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI), completion of a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) is required to fully understand its CHVI and level of significance. The CHER must be completed within the TRPAP. If a built heritage resource or cultural heritage landscape is found to be of CHVI, then a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) will be undertaken by a qualified person. The HIA will be completed in consultation with MCM and the proponent as early as possible during detail design, following the TRPAP.

While some cultural heritage landscapes are contained within individual property boundaries, others span across multiple properties. For certain cultural heritage landscapes, it will be more appropriate for the CHER and HIA to include multiple properties, in order to reflect the extent of that cultural heritage landscape in its entirety.

More detailed advice on how to document some of the information above is attached to this letter.

Proponents that are subject to the S&Gs should refer to *Information Bulletin 3 - Heritage Impact Assessments for Provincial Heritage Properties*. Proponents that are not subject to the S&Gs may still find this document helpful.

Technical cultural heritage studies will be undertaken by a qualified person who has expertise, recent experience, and knowledge relevant to the type of cultural heritage resources being considered and the nature of the activity being proposed.

The findings of the above-mentioned studies should be summarized as part of the EPR discussion of existing conditions, impact assessment, mitigation, and future commitments. Commitments for further studies should clearly state what is to be done, who is responsible for implementation, and when. Ideally, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with MCM before the draft EPR is provided, so that any feedback on the Cultural Heritage Report can be incorporated into the draft EPR. At a minimum, the Cultural Heritage Report should be shared with the draft EPR.

### **(Draft) Environmental Project Report**

MCM will comment on the draft EPR for the project, but we are not in a position to do so until we review the above-mentioned technical studies.

Please note that the responsibility for administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, reports and/or documentation to both Karla Barboza and me.

Thank you for consulting MCM on this project and please continue to do so throughout the TRPAP process. If you have any questions, require clarification, or would like additional examples to assist with project reporting, do not hesitate to contact me.

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<sup>2</sup> A direct adverse impact would have a permanent and irreversible negative effect on the cultural heritage value or interest of a property or result in the loss of a heritage attribute on all or part of the property. Examples include, but are not limited to: removal or demolition of a heritage attribute, land disturbance, alterations that are not sympathetic to the CHVI of the property, introduction of new elements that diminish the integrity of the property, changing the character of the property, intensification of the property without conservation of heritage attributes.

Sincerely,

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Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

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Thank you,

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Hi Jillian,

Thank you again for sharing the Notice of Commencement with us and apologies for the delayed response. Our ministry has no issues with the proposed Project Assessment Process for the Timmins-Porcupine Station. Below are some general comments about the project from our ministry perspective.

- MND understands that the Northlander, and the proposed station in Timmins, will encourage economic and regional development in the north by connecting the economies of Northern Ontario and the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH). Improved connections would also provide greater access for GGH residents to the businesses and services of Northern Ontario, such as the tourism industry, encouraging the growth and development of the northern economy.
- MND supports the promotion of environmental sustainability by providing an inter-community passenger transportation alternative for long distance trips between northern communities and the GGH. We understand the Northlander has the potential to divert trips that would have otherwise been completed using personal vehicles, lowering the total vehicle-kilometres travelled and may result in overall reduction in transportation-related emissions if enough auto trips are diverted to inter-community passenger transportation.
- MND continues to support the Draft Northern Transportation Plan, which proposes 67 actions to help build a modern and sustainable transportation system for people in Northern Ontario. MND agrees with the identified challenges in the passenger transportation options in Northern Ontario, and the opportunity for improvements.

Cheers,  
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Hi Leah and Marc,

Hope you are doing well and enjoying the summer so far! My name is Jillian and I am a Manager in MTO's Transit Division. One of the key projects managed by my office is the reinstatement of the Northlander, which will see rail return between Cochrane and Toronto by 2026. My office works closely with Ontario Northland (one of MTO's agencies) who is the project manager on this file.

I believe that your office recently received the Environmental Project Report (see exchange below and attached). I wanted to reach out as I see that Leah is off on vacation and I know reviewing these types of requests can be a challenge during summer months with vacations, etc. I wanted to reach out to offer a conversation on the project to provide you and your team with more background and context on the project in case that would be helpful. Let me know your thoughts and either myself or my Team Lead, Natalie Strachan (copied), would be happy to send out a Teams invite for an introductory chat.

Thanks!  
Jillian

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If you would like further information on the project, please visit <https://ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

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Great, thank you Jennifer.

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Hi Alexia,

My apologies on not responding to the first email. We don't have any further comments on the EPR for the Station.

Thank you for providing MNR with the opportunity to comment on this project.

Jennifer

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Good Morning Jennifer,

Following up on the e-mail below. If you could kindly confirm that you have no further comments on the EPR/project. We are currently working to finalize the EPR for public review.

Thank you,

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Good Morning Jennifer,

Thank you for your comment on the Timmins-Porcupine Station EPR - please find attached ONTC's response. Once you've reviewed, we request that you kindly confirm that you have no further comments on the EPR/project. We are currently working to

finalize the EPR for public review.

Thank you,

**Amber Saltarelli, MCIP, RPP, PMP | Vice President**

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Good Morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft environmental report for the Timmins-Porcupine train station. MNR has only one comment at this time. I have attached the comment form.

If you require anything else please feel free to contact me,

Jennifer

Item #	I.D (Last name and comment #)	Dept/Section	Report Section and Page or Drawing #	Comment	Respondent Name	Response	ACTION 1 - Will Comply 2 - Clarification Needed 3 - N/A
Example	Smith 1	Section 4.0 Methodology	Second Bullet	Insert text here...			
1	Lapointe 1	Section 5 Table 6	Mitigation Measures	If vegetation removal/tree clearing has to take place during the breeding bird window, the results of the nest sweep should be provided to the MNR for review prior to the commencement of work. Additionally, if nests or dens are encountered at any time during construction, work in their vicinity should cease and MNR notified prior to any action being taken.			

**From:** [Saltarelli, Amber](#)  
**To:** [Telford, Jennifer \(MNRF\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Rebecca McGlynn](#); [Veronica Campbell](#); [Krystal Perepeluk](#); [Kate Bondett](#); [Graham, Jessica](#); [Walker, Shaun \(MNRF\)](#); [Miljus, Alexia L](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, July 12, 2024 3:54:44 PM  
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Hi Jennifer

To add to Alexia's notes:

The project team has issued several communications to date about the project (which were sent to our entire TPAP contact list, which included MNRF) – these included:

- Initial e-mail communication – issued in December 2023 introducing the project
- Notice of PIC #1 - issued March 2024
- Draft EPR circulation for comment – issued on April 9, 2024
- Notice of Commencement and PIC 2 – issued May 30, 2024

I suspect the emails may have gone to someone who no longer works at MNRF - ? We have not received any bounce backs that I am aware of. Notwithstanding this, we have now updated our master contact list to reflect your contact information going forward.

Alexia has resent you the Draft EPR and NE Report (links below) – we welcome any comments or feedback you may have – if you can kindly let us know *by August 2<sup>nd</sup>*, that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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Hi Jennifer,

The Draft EPR and associated Natural Environment Report can be downloaded here:

<https://gfnet.sharefile.com/d-s2ce8d5edb94f4559bf4b807cc154b807>

Additionally, you can find the location of the project within the Notice of Commencement which was circulated on May 30, 2024.

Please confirm if you have any comments at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

**Alexia Miljus, ENV SP** | Environmental Planner

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Hi Alexia,

As this is the first we have seen of this project, MNR may need some time for review. The link below to the draft report does not work for me. If you could send a new link that would be appreciated. I will try to expedite this review with the district staff however vacation schedules may mean we require more time.

Thank you,

Jennifer Telford

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Hi Alexia,

I will forward your request to our district planner, Jennifer Telford.

For any questions related to external environmental assessments, please direct them to her at [jennifer.telford@ontario.ca](mailto:jennifer.telford@ontario.ca). Thanks.

Kindest Regards,

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Good Morning Adam,

I see that Tracy may no longer be with the MNRF.

As a follow up to the circulation of the Draft EPR in April 2024, we are writing to confirm that you have no outstanding comments or concerns related to the Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP. If you could please respond via e-mail to confirm this, it would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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Good Morning Tracy,

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Thank you,

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Hello Tracy,

As requested by MECP, we have provided a copy of the Draft Natural Environmental Report attached for your review. Please note that the results of this study are also summarized in detail within the Draft EPR document that was provided to you on April 9, 2024.

Thank you,

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Hi Amber and Krystal,

MTO continues to review the draft EPR and will get back to you with comprehensive comments by the deadline requested. In the meantime, I wanted to share some feedback we received from our MTO Highway's colleagues on the Traffic Assessment Report that will need to be addressed before the ministry will be in a position to sign-off on the EPR. In addition, please note that before the required building/land use permit can be considered ONTC will be required to submit an Illumination Plan (which was not part of the EPR). Comments on both items are listed below. Should you have any questions, please let me know and I would be happy to arrange a phone call.

Thanks,  
Jillian

**MTO comments on traffic Assessment Report:**

- 4.1 - Page 10; unfinished sentence "Figure 2 (above) graphically illustrates the Stud"
- 4.4.3 - Page 14; Incorrect reference of "Table 6 and Figure 7".
- 4.5.2 - Page 17; Distribution of development traffic. The 20% and 10% entering/exiting trip allocations for Gervais Street & Falcon Street, respectively, appears to be quite high given the surrounding road network characteristics. It is unlikely that 30% of the entering/exiting development trips would be from Gervais Street & Falcon Street. Rather, a smaller 5% allocation to each street for a total of 10% may be a more appropriate figure, with the remaining 90% to/from King Street (Hwy. 101).
- 4.5.3 – Page 17; King Street (Hwy. 101) AADT of 5,900 vpd used to derive hourly traffic volumes in analysis. However, roadway classification section 3.3 (Page 8) states that 2023 King Street (Hwy.101) AADT is 7020 vpd.
- 4.5.3 - Page 17; The results of the UIBC Schedule scenario traffic analysis should still be presented in the report, even if the "traffic performance at all study area roads is expected to operate with excellent level of service".
- 4.5.3 – Pages 20,21,22; The v/c ratios are not shown in any of the analysis results tables.
- The report does not review the warrants for LT lanes and/or RT lane/tapers on King Street (Hwy.101). An EB Left Turn lane on King Street (Hwy. 101) may be warranted according to Exhibit-9A-31 of the "MTO DESIGN SUPPLEMENT FOR TAC GEOMETRIC DESIGN GUIDE (GDG) FOR CANADIAN ROADS – 2017" October 2023 Edition

### **MTO Comments on Illumination Plan**

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Great, thanks for confirming!

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Hi Amber,

Confirming receipt and no issues downloading the files. Thank you!

Natalie

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Good Afternoon Jillian & Natalie,

On behalf of ONTC, as a follow up to the comments previously provided by MTO on the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR)*, ONTC has considered your feedback and provided responses accordingly within the Revised EPR. With this in mind, the following documents have been provided for your review/reference:

- Responses to MTO's comments contained within Table 5-6 of the Revised EPR (see

link below)

- Revised Environmental Project Report that reflects updates associated with comments received from MTO and other review agencies, as applicable
- Revised EPR Appendices that reflect updates associated with comments received from MTO and other review agencies, as applicable

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We kindly request that you review these documents and our responses to your Draft EPR Comments and provide confirmation that you have no additional outstanding concerns or comments related to the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Project* by no later than **September 4, 2024**. If you wish to arrange a meeting with ONTC to discuss any aspect of the Project, please contact us and we'd be happy to arrange a phone call.

Thank you,

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Hello Kate,

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has reviewed the attached Draft EPR for the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project. The subject lot where the new station is proposed is located within the MTO's permit control area; and therefore, is subject to review under the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act R.S.O. 1990* and will require proper MTO permits. The MTO supports the proposed new station in principle, with the following comments to consider:

- An **MTO building/land use permit** will be required for the placement of any building/structure on the subject lot, as well as any site grading/paving that will occur.
  - In order to properly review and issue a building/land use permit, the MTO will require the submission of multiple technical documents/studies for our review and approval. More information below.
- **MTO sign permits** will be required for any sign visible to the travelled portion of Hwy 101, within 400 meters of the Highway 101 right-of-way.
  - It should be noted that sign permits will not be required for smaller signs associated with the station platform. The above comment is intended to focus on larger signs, such as directional signs adjacent to the highway.
- If it is anticipated that any work will enter the Hwy 101 right-of-way, an **MTO encroachment permit** will also be required in order to ensure there is no impact to the highway or the travelling public.
- MTO also requests the submission of a list of highway-rail crossings along the proposed northlander route; noting if any highway improvements are required as a result of rail service reinstatement.

*As stated above, the MTO requires the submission of multiple technical documents for our review, prior to the issuance of any permits. Below you will find the detailed information regarding the required technical studies:*

## **1. SITE PLAN**

- Plan Title
- Name of the applicant
- Scale
- North point
- Highway number
- Lot and concession numbers and the limits of the property
- Location of existing and proposed buildings and structures

Proposed parking area layout with maximum number of vehicles to be accommodated at one time

- Elevation of the area adjoining the highway and the proposed drainage system for the development
- Location of existing and proposed entrances.
- Location and names of adjacent roads.

## **2. TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY**

- Submission of a full traffic impact study (TIS) for the MTO's review and approval which should consider the potential full build-out of the site for the proposed and permitted commercial uses and all phases of the development, indicate the anticipated traffic volumes and their impact upon Highway 101 intersections and the existing and proposed provincial highway network. The TIS must be completed in accordance with MTO guidelines, which can be obtained at the following web [site link](#).
- The MTO cannot accept traffic studies submitted in support of development unless the study is completed by a firm qualified by the MTO to undertake such work, and unless the report is stamped and signed by a qualified engineer. A list of consultants qualified by the MTO has been attached to this e-mail.
- The MTO requests the traffic consultant that is retained arrange for a pre-consultation meeting with the MTO prior to undertaking the TIS.
- Should highway improvements be necessary, they will be the responsibility of the developer or the municipality, and must be completed before the development opens for business. Highway improvements will typically involve preparation and execution of a legal agreement between the MTO and the proponent or the municipality before they proceed.

## **3. ILLUMINATION PLAN**

An illumination plan indicating the intended treatment of the on-site illumination. It is MTO's practice to have zero light trespass onto MTO right-of-way. For developments adjacent to a provincial highway that includes area or architectural lighting, the developer must provide the following:

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## **4. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REPORT**

- Submission of a drainage / stormwater management plan and a letter stamped and signed by an engineer qualified to do stormwater management plans indicating the intended treatment of the calculated runoff and a statement that the proposed works will not affect the highway drainage system. A full stormwater management report may be required and must be completed in accordance with MTO's "Guidelines for Stormwater Management Requirements for Land Development Proposals". For more information on ministry stormwater management requirements for Land Development Proposals, please visit the [drainage section](#) of the Ministry of Transportation website.
- The SWM plan / report must be reviewed and approved prior to the issuance of any permits by the MTO.

## 5. OTHER

In the event highway improvements are required a Legal Agreement is required between the land owner and the MTO. The Agreement would include, but is not limited to, the following terms:

- The required highway improvements must be agreed upon before Ministry permits are issued, and completed before the development opens for business.
- The land owner agreeing to assume financial responsibility for the design and construction of all associated highway improvements.
- The requirement for an irrevocable standby Letter of Credit for the full cost of the required highway works.

The '[Guideline for Highway Improvements Associated with Development](#)' outlines the respective responsibilities of MTO and proponents, where development necessitates highway improvements. In addition, the Guideline clarifies the responsibilities (financial and otherwise) and procedures to be followed by proponents who must directly or indirectly undertake the construction of highway improvements on a provincial highway right-of-way.

***I would also like to provide some additional information on the required permits. See below.***

### ***BUILDING AND LAND USE PERMITS***

*Placement of any building or structure within 45.0 meters of the MTO right-of-way or within 395.0 meters of intersections with Hwy 101 and any public road will require an MTO building / land use permit. The following documents must be submitted to the MTO for review and approval, which will include, but may not be exclusive to:*

- *Building and Land Use Permit application form for all buildings, structures and entrances. Please follow the link below and complete the application [form online](#).*

- *Detailed site plans, to scale, showing setbacks of parking areas, grading and drainage plans, new or alterations to buildings, structures, wells, septic systems, exterior illumination, landscaping (including plantings), and fencing.*
- *MTO will not issue any permits for blasting or foundation works prior to the review and approval of a stormwater management plan / report.*
- *The MTO endeavours to coordinate permit review processes with the municipality's site plan review and building permit process. The municipality cannot issue building permits until the MTO has issued building and land use permits.*
- *Proof of ownership (i.e. copy of deed/tax bill) and confirmation of zoning from the municipality. The property must be zoned appropriately for the proposed use.*
- *Payment of the appropriate fee prior to final issuance of the permit.*

## **SIGN PERMITS**

- *Submission of completed Sign Permit application for all signage within 400 metres and visible from Highway 101.*
- *Each commercial property is allowed a maximum of 46 square meters of signage. Signs may name or identify the property, occupant(s) or owner(s) or a business conducted on the property, and products or service available on the property. The sign may not advertise goods or services that are not available on the property. The property must be zoned "Commercial".*
- *The following documents must be submitted to the MTO for review and approvals prior to installation, which will include, but may not be exclusive to:*
- *A completed Sign Application form.*
- *Proof of commercial zoning.*
- *A sketch of each sign, showing the message (i.e. wording, logos, pictures, etc.), dimensions, and height from the ground.*
- *A site plan showing the location and accurate setbacks of each sign from the highway property line, if not already indicated on the site plan.*
- *If the sign is to be illuminated, we will require the manufacturer's specifications, type of lighting, wattage of bulbs, etc. All illumination must be dark sky compliant.*
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Please submit all technical documents through the Highway Corridor Management Services (HCMS) *Land Development Review (LDR) Portal* online at the following link: <https://www.hcms.mto.gov.on.ca/>

Upon review and approval of technical documents, permit applications can be made through the same link as the LDR Portal (see above).

Any questions regarding permitting or setbacks can be directed to Sylvie Leonard, Corridor Management Officer at [sylvie.leonard@ontario.ca](mailto:sylvie.leonard@ontario.ca)

If there are any additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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Hi Kate and Krystal,

Please find attached consolidated comments from MTO on the draft EPR. This includes review and/or comments from MTO colleagues in Transit Division, Integrated Policy & Planning Division, and Operations Division. We have also shared this report with our colleagues in the Oversight and Agency Governance Division for their awareness. As previously mentioned, we would appreciate the opportunity to review and feed into future iterations of the draft EPR and look forward to receiving the workback schedule I know is in progress on based on feedback rec'd from MECF at the meeting a few weeks ago.

I know that you had previously distributed this report to folks in MTO's Corridor Management office as well as to Jamie and I. In the future please send EPR and related review requests to my office (Capital Investments Office) as we will act as the one window for circulating and coordinating MTO review and comments. Likewise, if there are any follow-up questions on MTO comments, please direct those to my office and we will coordinate within MTO.

We also received a request from our internal archaeologists to review the archaeology report from ASI. Can you please share at your earliest convenience?

If you have any questions about the attached or would like to chat through our feedback please let me know and I will find some time for us to connect.

Thanks,  
Jillian

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Example	Smith 1	Section 4.0 Methodology	Second Bullet	Insert text here...			
1	Mignone 1	Section 4.13.9 Soil & Groundwater	Page 69 - Monitoring/Future Work Commitments column (2nd and 3rd bullets)	Are the second and third bullets supposed to be separate or should they be part of the same bullet? In addition, if they are part of the same bullet, does the contractor normally file a notice for each receiving site? That is typically the receiver's responsibility.			
2	Mignone 2	Section 4.13.9 Soil & Groundwater	Page 69 - Monitoring/Future Work Commitments column (5th bullet)	Any backfill brought to the site (provided it falls under the definition of excess soil and does not meet any exemption criteria) should also meet the requirements of O. Reg. 406/19.			
3	Mignone 3	Section 4.13.9 Soil & Groundwater	Page 69 - Mitigation Measures/Commitments column (2nd bullet)	Indicates that O. Reg. 406/19 was made law on July 1, 2020. E-laws website indicates it was published on December 4, 2019.			
4	Sarris 4	Table of Concerns	General	There does not seem to be a description/rationale for alternatives. Understanding TRPAP does not include alternatives to rail, were there no station alternatives evaluated? If not, this needs to be explained in the EPR (e.g., why was this site, in its configuration, chosen as the alternative alternative moving forward and why wasn't any other station locations considered).			
5	Sarris 5	Section 1.3 EA	Page 5	Suggest removing "EA Process" and just keeping the TRPAP Process. O reg 231/08 is a regulation made under the EAA but it is not an EA process as the regulation is exempt under the EAA subject to conditions identified in the regulation. Also, remove reference to "EA process" throughout the document and stick to TRPAP Process.			
6	Soule2	Section 1.3.1 EA	Page 7	Align reference to issuance of report at Notice of Completion with ONTC's plan for sharing report (during conversation with MECP week of April 22 discussion took place re: earlier release).			



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7	Soule3	Section 2.2 Northlander Service Plan	Page 10	Note that service plan of one trip per day is the anticipated schedule. The service plan is subject to change and approvals which won't occur until 2025/2026.			
8	Soule4	Section 2.3 Engineering Design Process	Page 11	Remove reference to UIBC - configuration/design/project scope has evolved significantly since publication of this document			
9	Sarris 6	Section 2.4.2 Property	Page 24	General note: Try to stay away from potential property impacts language. TRPAP requirements are for a "final project description" and if the EPR is too ambiguous, it may create issues with approving a project at a Preliminary Design level of detail. It is OK to complete this project to Preliminary Design but you should have confidence in the level of design and firm up specific requirements, including specific footprint impacts.			
10	Sarris 7	Section 3.1 Study Area	Page 30	The Study area needs to be better defined. It should include a rationale and justification for all field studies. You have identified a study area but then note investigations were undertaken beyond the study area. The study area should include all field investigation limits, which helps justify the study area boundaries.			
11	Sarris 8	Section 4.1 Impact Assessment	Page 53	Please clarify updated study area. It appears to just list the existing conditions study area, which is fine, but perhaps just note the impact assessment was refined to include the footprint of the impact vs. the buffer areas?			
12	Sarris 9	4.4.3 SAR	Page 56	Were any targeted SAR surveys completed or just secondary source and opportunistic field investigations? Specifically, any targeted SAR surveys for EM/Bobolink or Myotis bats since vegetative impacts may support habitat? If not, note that the ecologists review of the studies did not warrant targeted surveys or impacts to SAR are low.			
13	Sarris 10	4.7 archaeology	Page 59	Was the Stage 1 AA accepted in the register? It should be detailed that a Stage 1 was completed and identify the specifics from that report.			
14	Sarris 11	4.8.1 Noise	Page 59	The noise section remains unclear - was a noise report completed in accordance with some standard guideline? If so, which one(s)? This should be detailed in the section (any reports completed should be detailed in the respective sections). Suggest tightening up the noise mitigation - the study would tell you what mitigation is warranted within the policy. ESA wording is ambiguous. The SAR impacts should be confirmed as part of the EPR submission. Instead of saying potential impacts to be confirmed in DD, say at that this time NO SAR impacts are anticipated and that should anything change (e.g. introduction of new species, new uplisting, etc.) an ESA Permit or authorization will be obtained prior to construction.			
15	Sarris 12	Section 6.2.1.6 ESA	Page 78				

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16	Sarris 13	Section 6.2.1.7 MNR	Page 78	Remove this - we do not need anything from MNR re: SAR.			
17	Sarris 14	Section 6.2.1.8 MCM	Page 79	The commitments needs to better speak to the impact assessment. If you said there are no heritage features within the study area, why add a comment about removing heritage attributes? This opens the EPR up to uncertainty - instead, note that no features were observed and should footprint changes occur, you will follow the EPR addendum process and assess environmental impacts.			
18	Sarris 15	Section 6.3.1 Property	Page 79	noted previously: the TRPAP is a final project description. Try to avoid saying things like property will be confirmed. Instead, assume you have it covered to a PD level of detail. If things change in DD, you will cover it through the addendum process. "Should a change to the approved project be proposed in the future, the MECF will be consulted pursuant to Section 15 (1) of the Transit Projects Regulation to define the assessment process that would apply". At that point, the proponent can decide if its a significant or insignificant change.			
19	Hasler 16	Glossary of Terms	Pg xiii	Fisheries Act definition needs to be revised to match that from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).			
20	Hasler 17	Section 3.2.1 Natural Environment	Pg 31	Include a map that shows the Natural Environment information for terrestrial, fisheries and drainage.			
21	Hasler 18	Section 3.2.1 Natural Environment	Pg 31	Provide Appendix A for review.			
22	Hasler 19	Section 3.3.1.6 Fish and Fish Habitat	Pg 41	First sentence: DFO mapping? Regular mapping? Revise sentence as watercourses are not identified by DFO.			
23	Strachan 1	Section 1.1 Business Case	Pg 1	Business case analysis is required for projects that exceed \$20M in capital costs. Please revise \$ figure.			
24	Strachan 2	Section 1.1 Business Case	Pg 1	Suggest entire section be removed as in-depth discussion of the business case is not necessary for this document. Suggest as an alternative an additional paragraph be added to the introduction providing high level messaging on the history of the project in alignment with public messaging. Narrative should focus on identification of preferred route with termination in Timmins requiring a station build.			
25	Soule1	Section 1.2.1	Pg 4	Instead of referring to Timmins as "part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Service" refer to it as the new terminus station.			
26	Strachan 3	Section 1.3.1 EA Process	Pg 5	This reference is incorrect. Please revise to reflect the regulatory changes that went into effect February 22, 2024.			
27	Zeeshan/Denise 1	Archaeology	Pg 14, 24, 31, etc	What is the project area - figure 2-1/3-1 or 2-2? The project area within the larger study area needs to be refined. The document lacks clarity regarding what the TRPAP area refers to. Project area needs to be clarified throughout the report.			
28	Zeeshan/Denise 2	Section 3.2.4 Archaeology	Pg 36	3.2.4.2 - unclear why getting PIFs which is an administrative process with MCM is under methodology/field investigations			
29	Zeeshan/Denise 3	Section 3.3.4 Archaeology	Pg 49-50	Mentioning the forested lands that has archaeological potential is confusing since the TRPAP project area is scoped and latter sections of the EA report indicate no potential of this scoped project area. Is there a more refined design that encompasses only the footprint of the design within the current study area?			
30	Zeeshan/Denise 4	Section 4.7 Archaeology Impact Assessment	Pg 59	Section indicates no impacts due to low archaeological potential - need the project area to be clear in earlier sections of the report as the larger study area does have areas of archaeological potential that will require Stage 2 assessment prior to impact.			

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31	Zeeshan/Denise 5	Section 4.13.4 Archaeology	Pg 64-65	There is potential within the larger study area until preliminary design is refined; Under "mitigation measures/commitments" column, suggest moving bullet 2 to the end; when human remains are encountered, the steps should be as follows: 1) First, MTO PM/EP should be contacted, 2) MTO will approve a licenced archaeologist to confirm the finds as human remains, 3) Police/coroner to be called in if finds are determined to be human remains, 4) If police/coroner determine that the finds are archaeological, then the licenced archaeologist will notify the Registrar of Burials at MPBSD and a Burial Site Investigation process will be initiated, 5) BAO is only involved if it is a confirmed cemetery after all of the above steps have been carried out			
32	Zeeshan/Denise 6	Section 6.2.1.9 - MCM	Pg 79	MCM doesn't "sign-off" on archaeological assessments - they review the archaeological licence reports for compliance with the provincial S&Gs and the OHA and if compliant, concurs with the recommendations of the report.			
33	Zeeshan/Denise 7	Section 6.5.2	Pg 84	Remove reference to Cemeteries act; see comments for section 4.13.4			
34	Zeeshan/Denise 8	Section 6.5.4	Pg 84	Is this referring to future work within the larger study area or beyond?			
35	Penney 1	3.3.5 Noise and Vibration	Pages 50-51	Typically, representative noise receptors are selected in each cardinal direction from the project/site. Suggest including more noise receptors to the north and south (e.g. north of Duke St. and south of King St.). At the very least, an additional receptor should be included to represent noise impacts at the residences located south of King St.			
36	Penney 2	Section 4.3 Impact Assessment Criteria	Page 54, Table 4-2 Impact Assessment Criteria	For the environmental factor of Noise and Vibration, the criteria must also include the potential effects due to normal operation of the proposal, not just during construction.			
37	Penney 3	Section 4.8 Noise and Vibration	Page 59	The readability and flow of this section would be improved with a paragraph here describing the various aspects of operational/construction noise/vibration that were evaluated.			
38	Penney 4	Section 4.8.1 Operations and Maintenance Effects	Page 59, Train Operations Noise Impacts	Ambient levels are stated, and the guideline limit is stated, but what is the predicted impact? More information should be provided here as it is counter-intuitive to a typical reader that noise from a train would be insignificant.			
39	Penney 5	Section 4.8.1 Operations and Maintenance Effects	Page 59, Station Operations Noise Impacts	The way this section is written makes it unclear as to the differentiation between the train station and the future bus terminal.			
40	Penney 6	Section 4.8.1 Operations and Maintenance Effects	Page 59, Station Operations Noise Impacts	Consideration should be given to the design and layout of the train station, parking lot and future bus terminal that can provide significant noise mitigation to nearby receptors.			
41	Penney 7	Section 4.8.1 Operations and Maintenance Effects	Pages 59 - 61	Noise and Vibration due to maintenance activities are not mentioned in this section at all, but the topic appears in the summary table 4-7 under the heading of Monitoring/Future Work Commitments. There should be some explanation in this section.			
42	Penney 8	Section 4.8	Pages 59 - 61	The same sentence appears three times in the two sections, "A summary of Noise and Vibration impacts, mitigation measures and future work commitments is presented in Table 4-7 below." Is this a typo, or intentional repetition?			
43	Penney 9	Section 4.13.5 Noise & Vibration	Page 66, Table 4-7	It is recommended that acoustics be considered in the site design and layout so that noise and vibration effects can be mitigated by the strategic location of structures such as the station or future bus terminal. This will reduce the need for additional noise mitigation measures.			

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44	Penney 10	Section 5.2.1.2 Public Information Centre #1	Page 70 Summary of Public Meeting Noise and Vibration	Whistle cessation - While it is understandable that train whistles at crossings are disruptive, there is also concern about beginning use on any previously unused portions of the rail corridor. It may be a matter of years before the local public get accustomed to the new railway usage and additional signs before and at crossings may help to alert the public to the change. Any consideration of whistle cessation should be very carefully done given the safety risks.			
45	Penney 11	Noise and Vibration		What consideration was given to alternative sites for this project? This location is not ideal in terms of new noise and vibration impacts on existing receptors (residences). Many old train stations are located in the middle of towns because the towns built up over many years around the station. As far as noise and vibration impacts are concerned, it is ideal to situate a new station away from sensitive receptors.			
46	Strachan 4	2.4 Timmins- Porcupine Station	Pg 12	"... is situated along the Northlander route (Ramore Subdivision) between Matheson Station and Cochrane Station.." is a misleading description as Timmins is considered a terminus station. The route is Toronto to Timmins, with a connection to Cochrane. Suggest rephrasing to more accurately align with existing messaging on the route.			
47	Kiki Aravopoulos 1	3.2.3 Data Gathering	page 34	Guidance from MCM includes using their Criteria for Evaluating Potential Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes but it is unclear whether the screening form was used to screen for BHRs and CHLs within the Study Area.			
48	Kiki Aravopoulos 2	3.2.3 Data Gathering	page 34	Guidance from MCM states that a rationale/justification needs to be provided for the Study Area. It does not need to be included here but should be in the Cultural Heritage Report.			
49	Kiki Aravopoulos 3	3.2.3.2 Identification of Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes	page 35	Screening for cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) is supported by field review, stakeholder engagement and background research in conjunction with MCM's screening form, Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes. Again it is unclear whether the screening form was used.			
50	Kiki Aravopolos 4	3.3.3 Cultural Heritage	page 49	Remove second sentence. It is enough to say that no known or potential BHRs or CHLs were identified within the Study Area.			
51	Kiki Aravopolos 5	Section 6.2.1.8 MCM	page 79	This section is inaccurate. MCM does not issue approvals under the OHA. Approvals for properties that fall under Part IV and Part V are the purview of the municipality. The consent of the Minister of MCM is required for PHPPS under Section F.5 of the S&Gs. However, ONTC is not a PPB under the S&Gs so the S&Gs would not apply.			

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Example	Smith 1	Section 4.0 Methodology	Second Bullet	Insert text here...			
1	Strachan 1	Executive Summary Land Use & Socio-economic: Executive Summary Natural Environment: Executive Summary	varies by report	References incorrect. Please revise to reflect the regulatory changes that went into effect February 22, 2024.			
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3	Strachan 3	Section 1.3 Land Use & Socio-economic: Section 1.3 Noise & Vibration: Section 1.3 Natural Environment: Executive Summary	varies by report	References incorrect. Please revise to reflect the regulatory changes that went into effect February 22, 2024.			

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4	Strachan 4	Cultural Heritage: Section 2.1  Land Use & Socio- economic: Section 2.1  Natural Environment: Executive Summary  Noise & Vibration: Section 2.1  Archaeology:	varies by report	... is situated along the Northlander route (Ramore Subdivision) between Matheson Station and Cochrane Station.. is a misleading description as Timmins is considered a terminus station. The route is Toronto to Timmins, with a connection to Cochrane. Suggest rephrasing to more accurately align with existing messaging on the route.			
5	Hasler 5	Natural Environment Section 3.2.1.6	Pg. 15	First Sentence: DFO Mapping? Regular Mapping? See same comment from EPR			
6	Hasler 6	Natural Environment Section 3.2.2.3	Pg 19	Last sentence: Add in not fish habitat			
7	Hasler 7	Natural Environment Section 4.3	Pg 22	Include Figure 5			
8	Penney 12	Appendix B - Noise and Vibration Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report	Executive Summary, Page v	Under the red heading of "Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures & Monitoring, Activities" the following statement is made, "The noise impact from train operations is predicted to be insignificant at the receptors. As such, mitigation measures are not required." This statement is counterintuitive to the general public. It should be explained and given some context.			
9	Penney 13	Appendix B - Noise & Vibration	Section 4.3.1.2 - Noise Sources	This does not appear to include the daily train connections to Cochrane as well. (Compare with information in Section 2.2. from Draft EPR, April 9, 2024) The Noise and Vibration study should be updated accordingly.			
10	Penney 14	Appendix B - Noise & Vibration	Section 4.2.3 - Appro	The FTA algorithm that is implemented in CadnaA is not an approved model for prediction of transit noise in Ontario. What are the implicit assumptions made regarding train types, noise data, source heights, directivity effects, etc. and what justification is there for using this model? Was any consideration given to the type of trains (locomotive and passenger cars) and their predicted noise emissions?  It is difficult to comment on the accuracy of the numerical analysis because the engineering data and assumptions have not been included in the report.			

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11	Penney 15	Appendix B - Noise & Vibration	Section 6.2 - Provincial	This section indicates that no provincial permits will be required for noise and vibration. However, Section 4.2.2.1 discusses that there are MECP noise limits for the operation of the station under NPC-300. It is likely that an air/noise/vibration ECA or an Air Emissions EASR may be required for the station unless there are specific exemptions, which should be included here, if any.			
12	Penney 16	Appendix B - Noise & Vibration	Section 7.0 - Future Work	It is recommended that an experienced acoustical consultant be engaged in the design and layout of this project. If noise barriers are required then the site layout should be done in a manner to ensure the feasibility of such measures. For example, there cannot be a noise barrier wall where buses enter or exit the site. This early engagement of acoustical expertise can also help to ensure that proposed buildings (such as the station building or future proposed maintenance building) can be situated in a location that can provide noise shielding effects.			
13	Aravopoulos 1	Appendix C - Cultural Heritage	2.2 TRPAP Study Area p. 5	The Study Area is defined as all lands that may be affected by a proposed undertaking. The Study area should be of sufficient size to allow for an assessment of all impacts from an undertaking. The rationale provided should explain how the Study Zone meets this objective of identifying all lands that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.			
14	Aravopoulos 2	Appendix C - Cultural Heritage	3.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities p. 10	In addition to regulatory authorities, Community input should be sought from other individuals/groups provide them with opportunities to participate in understanding and articulating the property's cultural heritage value. Sources include, but are not limited to, municipal heritage committees, local ACO, historical societies, museums, archives, etc.			
15	Aravopoulos 3	Appendix C - Cultural Heritage	3.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities p. 10	Engagement with Indigenous communities should include a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to them. It is not clear whether Indigenous communities were contacted to only provide input about the new rail service or whether they were given the opportunity to share knowledge that would assist in the identification of heritage resources.			
16	Zeeshan/Denise	Appendix D - Archaeology	Executive Summary - Pg V	Reference made to two study areas which appear to be the Station study area and TRPAP study area (Station study area plus 50 m buffer); however, there is references to "study area" in this section and it needs to be clear which study area is being referred to. Commitment to future work - this needs to include that if future work is done in the 50 m buffer zone, then archaeological assessment may be required (the woodlot is within the buffer zone).			
17	Zeeshan/Denise	Appendix D - Archaeology	3.2.5 Consultation with Regulatory Authorities - Pg 8	Submission of PIFs to MCM is an administrative requirement of archaeological licences - this does not constitute consultation with regulatory authorities.			
18	Zeeshan/Denise	Appendix D - Archaeology	4.3 Operations and Maintenance Effects - Pg 23	Both sub-sections 4.3.1 and 4.3.2 refer to the TRPAP Station study area as having no potential. The majority of the appendix refers to the larger TRPAP study area (Station study area plus 50 m buffer) which includes areas of archaeological potential (woodlot). The report needs to clarify two separate study areas as it is confusing to the reader.			
19	Zeeshan/Denise	Appendix D - Archaeology	Table 3: Summary of Archaeology Potential Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments - Pg 25	There is potential within the larger study area until preliminary design is refined; Under "mitigation measures/commitments" column, suggest moving bullet 2 to the end; when human remains are encountered, the steps should be as follows: 1) First, MTO PM/EP should be contacted, 2) MTO will approve a licenced archaeologist to confirm the finds as human remains, 3) Police/coroner to be called in if finds are determined to be human remains, 4) If police/coroner determine that the finds are archaeological, then the licenced archaeologist will notify the Registrar of Burials at MPBSD and a Burial Site Investigation process will be initiated, 5) BAO is only involved if it is a confirmed cemetery after all of the above steps have been carried out			

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20	Zeeshan/Denise	Appendix D - Archaeology	7.0 Future Work - Pg 27	This section states that the Station study area does not have archaeological potential - as previous comments - the document needs to clarify the differences in TRPAP study area and the Station Study area. Areas beyond the Station study area has archaeological potential that requires Stage 2 assessment.			
21	Zeeshan/Denise	Appendix D - Archaeology	Overall	The report is not formatted in the typical format for archaeological assessments. There is general confusion throughout the report about what the "study area" entails -- whether it is the station study area or the TRPAP study area (station study area and 50 m buffer). ASI's sections and their map of recommendations (Figure 9 of the appendix) refers to the larger TRPAP study area which includes the buffer which has areas of archaeological potential. So for the book-end sections of the appendix to suggest that there is no archaeological potential or impact to resources is confusing. MTO would prefer to see originals of draft reports prepared by consultants – is it possible to see the draft report that was prepared by ASI. The appendix as it is now is not one that would be submitted to MCM by the licensed archaeologist.			
22	Sarris 1	Terrestrail Report	Page v exec summary	General comment: Try not to refer TRPAP as an environemntal assessment. Refer to the study as being subject to Ontario Regulation 242/08			
23	Sarris 2	Terrestrail Report	Page 9	Can you confirm if the methodologies for terrestrail ecosystems was completed in			
24	Sarris 3	Terrestrail Report	Page 9 Section 3.1.5	isnt ONTC exempt from the Conservation Authorities Act (under Section 28) as they are a crown agency? If so, should be started that ONTC will not obtain regulation permits under this regulation.			



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We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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Good Afternoon,

We're writing in regards to the Ontario Northland: Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process. As a follow up to our circulation of the Draft Environmental Project Report in April 2024, and Notice of Commencement message from July 19 (**attached here**), we are writing to confirm that you have no outstanding comments or concerns related to the project. If you could please respond via e-mail to confirm this by August 16, it would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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# Notice of Commencement of Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process & Public Information Centre Timmins-Porcupine Station

Ontario Northland is an agency of the Province of Ontario responsible for providing efficient, safe, and reliable transportation services in Northern Ontario. Ontario Northland is reinstating passenger rail service between Toronto (Union Station) and Northeastern Ontario, which includes a new station in the City of Timmins. The passenger train service, also known as the Northlander, will fundamentally shift how people move across the province, creating a more connected, integrated transportation network.

## The Project

A new Timmins-Porcupine Station (the Project) is being planned as part of the reinstated Northlander Passenger Rail service and will be located along the existing rail corridor, within the City of Timmins, just west of Bob's Lake. Station elements will include: train platform, station building, outdoor parking, pedestrian walkway, bus bays, a taxi stand, designated passenger pick-up and drop-off area, and a municipal bus stop. The study area includes reserved land that may be required for a future bus storage and maintenance facility. This future facility will require an impact assessment and consultation.

For additional information, please visit:

<https://www.ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>

## The Process

The environmental impacts associated with the Project are being assessed according to the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP), as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*). As part of the TRPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared for the project. If you would like to be added to our project mailing list, submit a comment or question, or receive additional information related to the project, please contact us at [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca).

## Your Opportunity to Have Your Say

Building on the first Public Information Centre held on March 14, 2024, we invite you to participate in the second Public Meeting, to be held on June 19, 2024. During this round of consultation, Ontario Northland will present the findings of the draft technical and environmental studies undertaken to date for the new Timmins-Porcupine Station. Members of the public, government agencies, Indigenous Communities and Organizations, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend in order to learn more and to provide feedback to the project team.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 19, 2024

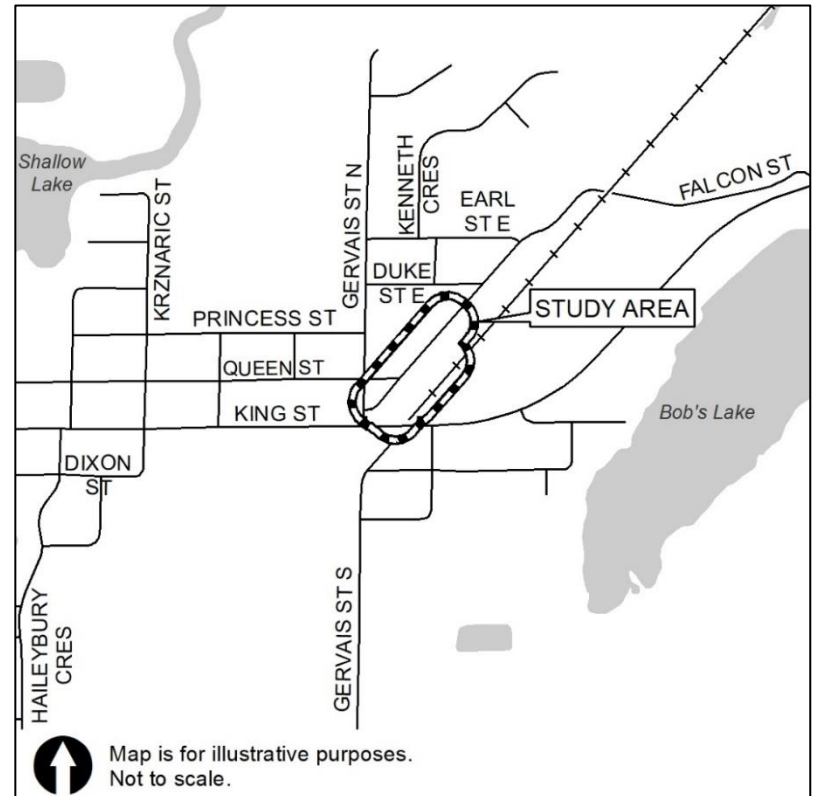
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Comments and information regarding the Timmins-Porcupine Station Project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact [pr@ontarionorthland.ca](mailto:pr@ontarionorthland.ca) or [MECP Freedom of Information Privacy Coordinator at 416-327-1434](#).

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Hi Crystal,

Thank you for the confirmation.

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Good day Alexia,

Thank you for providing the requested information.

Please be advised that the Mattagami Region Conservation Authority has no comments or concerns regarding the Timmins-Porcupine Station TRPAP.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Best regards,

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Hi Crystal,

You can find the location of the project within the Notice of Commencement, which you received a copy of on May 30, 2024.

Additionally, the Draft EPR and associated Natural Environment Report can be downloaded here: <https://gfnet.sharefile.com/d-s2ce8d5edb94f4559bf4b807cc154b807>

Please confirm if you have any comments at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon Amber,

Please note the City has reviewed the responses to our comments. At this time, City staff do not have any comments to add.

Cheers

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Good Afternoon Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, please find attached responses to comments provided on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Once you've reviewed, please confirm back to us **by tomorrow EOD** (Tues September 18<sup>th</sup>) that you are satisfied with the responses and have no further concerns regarding the EPR/TRPAP.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon Amber,

Thank you for the opportunity to review the reports that were sent to the City of Timmins, on August 9, 2024. Please find attached the City of Timmins comments relating to this review. If you or anyone from your group has questions, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you.

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1	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Environmental Project Report Revised, August 8, 2024	Table 5-8 , Item 1	The City of Timmins will circulate the site plan control application to the Ministry of Mines, when submitted for approval. It is suggested that ONTC preconsult with the Ministry of Mines, to determine if any studies are required. The City has previously provided the contact information to ONTC, for the Ministry of Mines.			
2	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix A: Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 7, Subsection 3.1.2	Second bullet point should read Provincial Policy Statement (2020).			
3	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix A: Natural Environment Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 22, Subsection 4.2.2.1, third paragraph, first sentence.	May want to include moose and bear when referring to large mammals.			
4	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix B: Land Use & Socio- economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. v, Existing Conditions	May want to use the term "Sensitive Land Uses" as per the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) instead of "sensitive facilities." Not known where the term "sensitive facilities" is from.			
5	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix B: Land Use & Socio- economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 20, Subsection 4.2.1.1., second paragraph, last sentence.	Has the ONTC consulted with the local snowmobile club to determine any required mitigation or offset measures as it relates to the snowmobile trail route?			
6	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix B: Land Use & Socio- economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 20, Subsection 4.2.1.2 Sensitive Facilities	May want to use the term "Sensitive Land Uses" as per the Provincial Policy Statement (2020) instead of "sensitive facilities."			
7	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix B: Land Use & Socio- economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 21, Subsection 4.2.2.2 , Third paragraph from the end of this section, last sentence.	The City of Timmins will circulate the site plan control application to the Ministry of Mines, when submitted for approval. It is suggested that ONTC preconsult with the Ministry of Mines, to determine if any studies are required. The City has previously provided the contact information to ONTC, for the Ministry of Mines.			

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8	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix B: Land Use & Socio-economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 21, Subsection 4.2.2.2, Last paragraph	The following is stated in the last paragraph: Based on the conceptual design for the proposed Timmins-Porcupine Station at the time of writing this report, the station requires approximately 397 square metres of lands owned by the City of Timmins (i.e., Falcon Street). Ontario Northland will obtain encroachment permits with the City of Timmins. Easements will not be required. The City of Timmins is seeking clarification on this statement.			
9	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Use & Socio-economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 23, Section 4.3.3, third bullet point.	This bullet point, at the end, states there may be work done at night. The City of Timmins has a Noise By-law, being By-law No. 2006-6339. ONTC should review this by-law to see if any exemptions, which will need to be approved via Council resolution, will need to be applied for.			
10	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Use & Socio-economic Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 29, Section 6.1 Site Plan Control	to be completed. The City of Timmins Engineering Department has identified the following: Storm Water Management Plan, Lot Grading Plan, Site Servicing Plan and the need for confirmation on bus turning radii for merging onto Queen Ave. This is a preliminary list and there may be other studies required as ONTC moves through the site plan control approval process. The City will require a final copy of the Traffic Study that has been prepared as well. A future bus maintenance and storage facility			
11	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix D: Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report, July 24, 2024	Pg. 4, Table 1: Project Components	With regards to the Municipal Bus Stop, include the following footnote: Municipal Bus Stop may no longer be required by the City of Timmins. One/If confirmed, this component will be removed from the project scope.			
12	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix E: Noise & Vibration Existing Conditions & Impact Assessment Report, July 26, 2024	Pg. 20, Section 6.3 Municipal	The report states the following: Municipal permits related to noise and vibration are not expected to be required as Ontario Northland is not required to abide by the City of Timmins's noise by-law. As such, noise exemption permits for construction activity outside the permitted hours is not required. If ONTC has an exemption from the noise by-law, please provide this to the City of Timmins. If not, ONTC will need to abide by the municipal noise by-law. Any exemptions will require approval through a Council resolution.			
13	City of Timmins Staff Comments	Appendix F: Traffic Assessment Report, August 6, 2024	Pg. 26, Table 13: Traffic- Potential Impacts, Mitigation and Monitoring Commitments	In the fourth column, bullet point eight, where it references Paramedic services, please include City of Timmins Fire Department, Timmins Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police (South Porcupine Detachment).			

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Thank you Amber,

I will circulate to City staff for review. Stay tuned for comments.

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Good Afternoon Cindy,

On behalf of ONTC, as a follow up to the comments previously provided by the City of Timmins on the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Draft Environmental Project Report (EPR)*, ONTC has considered your feedback and provided responses accordingly within the Revised EPR. With

this in mind, the following documents have been provided for your review/reference:

- Responses to the City's comments contained within Table 5-8 of the Revised EPR (see link below)
- Revised Environmental Project Report that reflects updates associated with comments received from City of Timmins and other review agencies, as applicable
- Revised EPR Appendices that reflect updates associated with comments received from City of Timmins and other review agencies, as applicable
  - Including Appendix F – Traffic Assessment Report

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We kindly request that you review these documents and our responses to your Draft EPR Comments, and provide confirmation that you have no additional outstanding concerns or comments related to the *Timmins-Porcupine Station Project* by no later than **September 4, 2024**. If you wish to arrange a meeting with ONTC to discuss any aspect of the Project, please contact us and we'd be happy to arrange a phone call.

Thank you,

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Good morning,

Please see attached the draft Environmental Project Report with the following comments:

- there is an error in regards to the fire hall on page 43 and 45 and a comment about transit on page 27

Also, the Excel spread sheet has comments listed in it.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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1	Cindy Welsh, Manager of Planning, City of Timmins	Section 4.5.2 Planned Land Use, Subsection Official Plan Designations	Page 57, second last paragraph states (in part) may be required in order to determine if the proposed station will require a review from the City's Engineering Department	Refer to Section 7.2 Circulation of New Application to MNDMF. Circulating development applications to MNDMF will help mitigate some of the uncertainties pertaining to mine hazard locations and potential conflicts with future mine/mineral development. Current guidelines recommend that MNDMF's Regional Land Use Geologist be contacted when a mining related hazard as indicated in the Abandoned Mines Information System (AMIS) database is within 1km of a proposed development. Within Timmins there are literally hundreds of these points and the information about these points varies considerably. There is uncertainty that every single mine hazard feature is captured in the AMIS database or plotted as accurately reported. MNDMF does not guarantee that the locations are precise and some research and/or ground proofing may be required by MNDMF staff to verify the type and location of mine hazard(s) in question and make recommendations accordingly. 7.2.2 Types of Applications to be Circulated to MNDMF i)New developments within 1 km of an AMIS point or within a mineral extraction zone; ii)Re-zoning applications within 1 km of AMIS point or within a mineral extraction zone; iii)Any development which is on or abutting to an existing Mine Tailings Hazard as identified in Schedule 'C'. Pierre Bousquet, P. Geo. Regional Land Use Geologist Northeast Region Resident Geologist Program Ontario Geological Survey Mines and Minerals Division Ministry of Mines Ontario Government Complex 5520 Hwy 101 East, E-Wing South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0 Cell: 705-465-0369			
2	Cindy Welsh, Manager of Planning, City of Timmins	Section 4.5.2 Planned Land Use, Zoning	See section 4. 36, Public Uses Permitted in City of Timmins Zoning By-law 2011-7100	1.The provisions of this By law shall not apply to the use of any land or the erection or use of any building or structure for the purpose of public service by the Municipality or any department of the Government of Ontario or Canada, including Ontario Power Generation, Hydro One, or any Telephone, Telegraph, Telecommunications Company or Gas Company including Trans Canada Pipelines, and such use or erection may be permitted provided that: a.The lot size, height, coverage and yard regulations required for the zone in which such land, building or structure is located are complied with; b.No goods, materials or equipment are stored in the open in a Residential Zone or in a lot adjacent to a Residential Zone; c.Any building erected in a Residential Zone under the authority of this paragraph is designed and maintained in general harmony with the residential buildings of the type permitted in the zone; d.Any parking and loading regulations prescribed for these uses are complied with; e.Areas not used for parking or other features incidental to the development or any lot used in a Residential Zone or in a Rural Zone under the authority of this paragraph shall be landscaped in general harmony with the surrounding properties.			
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The Draft EPR is available for download here: <https://gfnet.sharefile.com/d-s2a5485fbe72645d28da005a52f974c16>. Please contact us with any concerns or issues with accessing the link provided.

We are requesting your comments on the Draft EPR by **April 26, 2024**.

If you would like further information on the project, please visit <https://ontarionorthland.ca/en/travel/northlander-passenger-train>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Good morning Mayor Boileau,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to extend my gratitude for your valuable feedback regarding the naming of the station in Timmins.

After careful consideration, we have arrived at the decision to proceed with the name Timmins-Porcupine Station. Our decision was informed by several key factors, including recognition, wayfinding, local context, and public input.

We conducted a survey during the Northlander Public Information event held in March. The results were as follows:

- Timmins-Porcupine Station: 27 votes
- Timmins Station: 16 votes
- Timmins East-End Station: 5 votes
- Other (Porcupine Station): 30 votes

While there was a preference for Porcupine Station among respondents, we ultimately concluded that incorporating "Timmins" into the name was crucial for effective wayfinding and maintaining consistency with previously published communications materials.

I sincerely appreciate your contributions and personal preference in this matter. Please rest assured that we remain committed to promoting Timmins as a prominent destination in our Northlander promotions.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss this matter in more detail, the Ontario Northland team will be attending FONOM this week and would be happy to discuss.

Thank you once again for your understanding and collaboration.

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Good Afternoon,

We're writing in regards to the Ontario Northland: Timmins-Porcupine Station Transit & Rail Project Assessment Process. As a follow up to our circulation of the Draft Environmental Project Report in April 2024, and Notice of Commencement message from July 19 (**attached here**), we are writing to confirm that you have no outstanding comments or concerns related to the project. If you could please respond via e-mail to confirm this by August 16, it would be very much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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