

INSIDE THE WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Construction Updates

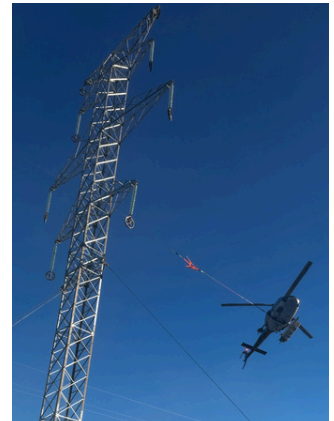
Work on the Waasigan Transmission Line continues. However, for the upcoming holiday season, work will slow down, with activities reduced from December 14–20 and most work pausing from December 22 to January 2, except for essential access and road maintenance.

Phase 1 Activities

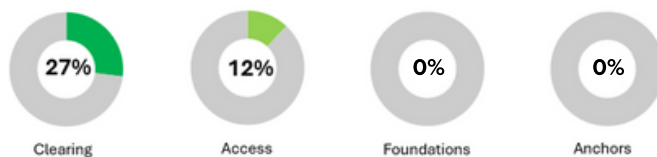


Clearing, access development, and winter preparation work are ongoing across Phase 1. Drilling and foundation activities continue steadily, with more planned as access continues.

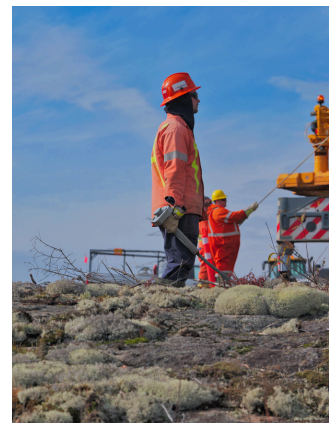
Phase 1 stringing began in late November using helicopters and implosive splicing. Please be aware that implosive splicing makes a brief gunshot-like sound each time sections of wire are joined, about every 3–4 km.



Phase 2 Activities



Phase 2 clearing and access work is picking up for the winter. Crews are clearing trees, building access roads, and preparing frozen ground so equipment can move safely. Crossings will follow previous years' practices, with construction dependent on adequate freezing and snowfall. Ice roads and water crossings will be built using snow and fills once conditions allow.



Burn Program Reminder

Valard is committed to reducing waste and protecting the environment across its projects. The burn program will continue through the winter, to safely dispose of timber that cannot be reused.

Salvaged timber is allocated to licensed commercial operators. Any surplus timber will be offered to Indigenous communities or smaller operators within proximity. Participating Indigenous communities (PICs) have been provided with a [burn program notification](#) and [FAQs](#) to answer questions on the program.



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Camp Life & Employee Activity

Celebrating Employee Excellence

Valard proudly recognizes its employees for their dedication to the Project. Anna Klippenstein from the Environment team received the Safety-First Award for her proactive actions during a site inspection to help prevent safety risks ahead of snowfall.

The Work Ethic Award was also presented to Trevor Bolt in recognition of his positive attitude and valuable contributions to the recent Hand Injury Learning Workshop and Good Catch safety program.



Anna Klippenstein and Michael Chaffey | Drew Williams, Trevor Bolt, and Shane Bryde

Employment Update

The number of PIC and Indigenous employees on the project remains steady. While we've completed the majority of the hiring for the project, we'll continue to make opportunities available to PIC and Indigenous candidates. We're also making opportunities available to for Indigenous apprenticeships. To date we have one apprentice working and four more apprentices working towards completing requirements to join the program.

Pictured are Bradley Howderson, Construction Liaison, Maggie Kavanaugh, Indigenous Relations Advisor, and Jordan Pitchenese from Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.



Holiday Health & Safety

The holidays are a special time to recharge, connect, and celebrate safely! As we wrap up the year, let's take care of ourselves and each other by staying active, enjoying the outdoors, and reaching out for support when needed. Winter can bring its own adventures—so plan ahead, drive carefully on icy roads, and keep a few essentials like a shovel and windshield fluid handy. By staying connected, prepared, and positive, we can all enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season.

Valard looks forward to continuing to strengthen our partnerships and celebrate new opportunities with Indigenous communities in the New Year.



Valard is dedicated to strengthening partnerships with Indigenous Communities, local businesses, and Hydro One, ensuring that construction is conducted safely, responsibly, and with lasting positive impact.



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