

WHAT IS PHASE 1 OF THE GRANDE ALLIANCE STUDY?

Vision Eeyou Itschee, a consortium of consultants, was mandated by the Cree Nation Government to **evaluate the feasibility** of 4 new infrastructure projects in a **shared value approach**.

- 1 Upgrade of community access roads
- 2 Railway along Billy-Diamond highway
- 3 Return to service of Grevet-Chapais railway
- 4 Passenger stations & transshipment areas



CREE INITIATIVE, CREE DIRECTION CREE FINAL WORD

Considerations for Infrastructure Studies

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 - What has been done before?
 - How do we connect with the communities?
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 - Who would use it?
 - Where would it go?
 - How much would it cost?
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 - What needs repairs and upgrades?
 - How much would those cost?
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 - How would it affect the community?
 - How would it affect the environment?
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 - Who would benefit?
 - How would the railway operate?
 - How would it help the local economy?
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 - What would be the risks?
 - What would be the limits?



– THE COMMUNITY IN THE DRIVER’S SEAT –



– TIMELINE –

2018

First Discussion at Grand Council

2020 - FEBRUARY

Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding

2021 - FEBRUARY

Launch of the Community Information Committee

2021-2022

Phase 1 – Feasibility Study

2021-2022

Phases II & III – Prefeasibility Study

2022-2023

Financing of individual projects

2025

Environmental & social impact assessment of individual projects

Completion years are estimated as any potential project will depend on the results of the Pre-Feasibility Study and the approval of all projects by communities.

Community Consultation & Engagement at Every Step



SHARED VALUE APPROACH

- A new way of engaging and respecting the Cree people as Indigenous People;
- Takes into consideration specific rights such as Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), which is recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
- Engages communities to showcase the value of the projects;
- Facilitated by the Grande Alliance Community Information Officers and Vision Eeyou Itschee's Cree Liaison Officer taskforce.
- **It is a joint business and social value creation process.**

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OUTCOMES

Provide information throughout the process through a Cree Liaison team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training (professional, technical, post-secondary) • Traineeships and bursaries
Consult the tallymen, other land users and communities in a respectful and ethical manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment strategy on site • Employment strategy in communities
Restitute and transfer ecological knowledge acquired to the Cree owner of the land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement strategy • Contracts, furniture, supply chain
Provide an effective mechanism for fair redress and appropriate measures to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research opportunity & innovation • Protected areas
Actively engage Cree people in the creation of outcomes with social value such as...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable social impact & well-being • Protection of archeological sites



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➤ Wildlife crossings will be added across future railways at strategic locations. Wildlife behavior should be disturbed as little as possible.