# 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



- What has been done before?
- How do we connect with the communities?



- Who would use it?
- Where would it go?
- How much would it cost?



- What needs repairs and upgrades?
- How much would those cost?



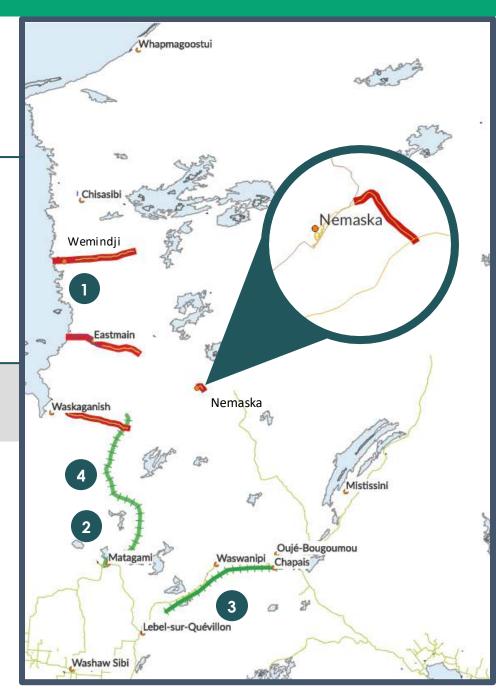
- How would it affect the community?
- How would it affect the environment?



- Who would benefit?
- How would the railway operate?
- How would it help the local economy?



- What would be the risks?
- What would be the limits?









# - THE COMMUNITY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT -



# WHAT IS THE SHARED VISION APPROACH TO THE STUDY?



## - 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.

## **PROCESS**

Provide information throughout the process through a Cree Liaison team

Consult the tallymen, other land users and communities in a respectful and ethical manner

Restitute and transfer ecological knowledge acquired to the Cree owner of the land

Provide an effective mechanism for fair redress and appropriate measures to mitigate potential adverse environmental impacts

Actively engage Cree people in the creation of outcomes with social value such as...

## **& OUTCOMES**

- Training (professional, technical, post-secondary)
- Traineeships and bursaries
- Employment strategy on site
- Employment strategy in communities
- Procurement strategy
- Contracts, furniture, supply chain
- Research opportunity & innovation
- Protected areas
- Sustainable social impact & well-being
- Protection of archeological sites



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



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