

LGA STUDY BRIEF

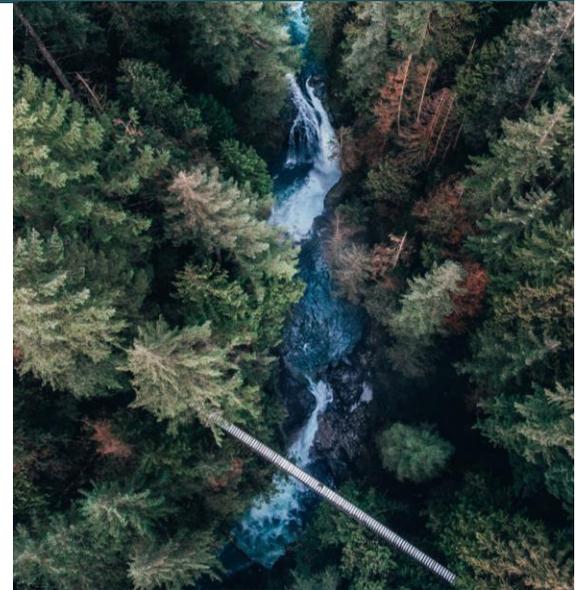
LAND-USE ENGAGEMENT

As part of the process for engaging the population in the prefeasibility study for the Grande Alliance transportation infrastructures studies, WSP and Maamuu Consultants have completed preparations to meet with tallymen and trapline users that fall in the studied areas. The land use interviews are part of the social and environmental study.

The purpose of the social and environmental study is to analyze and select the best scenarios for a potential project, along with the technical and market studies, as a prefeasibility study, it is an early-stage analysis with only interviews and desktop research. The prefeasibility study for the transportation infrastructure of LGA focuses on two phases:

- Phase 2: Railway along the Billy-Diamond Highway (BDH) between km 257 and km 544; Road connecting Radisson and Whapmagoostui (+- 175 km); Extension of Route 167 to connect with the Trans-Taiga road (+- 125 km).
- Phase 3: Railway connecting Radisson and Whapmagoostui (+- 225 km); Deep-water port at Whapmagoostui/Kuujjuarapik; Extension of Trans-Taiga road to Schefferville (+- 200 km).

The main goal of the prefeasibility study is to document every aspect of the study to give the Cree Development Corporation an overview of the capital requirements, key challenges, constraints, and other information deemed important to the decision-making process of infrastructure development.



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Two firms have been hired by the CDC to conduct the studies for the LGA. Each firm has an Eeyou Liaison Officer:

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LAND-USE INTERVIEWS

The main objectives of the land use interviews are:

- Document the general aspects of the Cree land uses, in this case your trapline.
- Identify the areas of interest on your trapline and assess their tolerance to potential transportation infrastructures.
- Identify the potential impacts on your trapline and activities from potential transportation infrastructures development.
- Document your concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions about the project under study.
- Identify mitigation measures to potential negative impacts.

As part of a validation process, the reports of the interviews will be forwarded to each Community Information Officer (CIO) who will meet with each interviewee to review, comment, and validate the contents that will serve as the report.

The tallymen and users of the 70 traplines covered in the interviews will have the opportunity to contribute to the study. It is important to note that participation in interviews is not considered as support for the process.

The information provided during these interviews and the subsequent validation process will be recorded. The recorded information will be entered into a database that will allow information to be processed and analyzed. The recordings will serve solely for accuracy in transcribing the interview.

The topics covered during the land use interviews are as follows:

1. Land use elements
2. Archeological elements
3. Road and rail infrastructures and their impacts
4. Climate change and resilience
5. Other specific questions

The interviews for phases 2 & 3 will take place during the months of November to February with 2 teams, each composed of an anthropologist and a Cree interviewer and working with tools, such as maps, consent, and confidentiality forms along with an online platform to facilitate the data analysis.



- The LGA Study Briefs are periodical publications that highlight key findings and present key questions that can provide Eeyou perspective to the pre-feasibility study for the LGA.

