

WASOQONATL

TRANSMISSION LINE

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Welcome to the first of our regular monthly construction updates on the Wasoqonatl Transmission Line.

Over the past two months, construction has been underway across the corridor while our Valard team has continued building relationships with the communities we are honoured to work alongside. This construction update shares where the work stands, how community members can take part in the project, and how to invite our team to visit. We look forward to sharing these construction updates with you throughout the life of the project.

BUILDING THE LINE CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

NOVA SCOTIA

- Field activities underway at the Amherst yard and laydown — site preparation, material and equipment receiving, and structure staking.
- Environmental crews completed wildlife sweeps, including wood turtle, bat roosting, rare plant, and reptile surveys.
- Right of way signage, access road development, and geotechnical drilling continued along the corridor.
- Substations project kick-off will take place in July



DRILLING WITHIN CLEARED ROW



ACCESS CONSTRUCTION

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Substation work continued at both the Salisbury and Maramcook sites.
- Salisbury: site signage installed, temporary power connected, and soil testing completed.
- Maramcook: site signage installed, access road construction and windrow work completed.
- Foundation activities scheduled to begin in July 2026; transmission line construction anticipated in 2027.



STOCKPILING SOILS AT MEMRAMCOOK



EXCAVATIONS TO SUBGRADE AT MEMRAMCOOK

CAREER FAIR PICTOU LANDING FIRST NATION

On May 15, Valard was proud to take part in the **1st Annual Pictou Landing First Nation Career Fair**. It was a wonderful chance to meet community members face to face, share what work is coming on the project, and answer questions about employment opportunities.

We connected with roughly 50 attendees over the day — including community leadership, the Communications Director, and the Indigenous Employment and Development Officer — and were grateful for an introduction to the Chief. We look forward to attending more community events across the region.



GROWING OUR TEAM

Employment on the Wasoqonatl Transmission Line is ramping up, and we are committed to connecting community members with the opportunities ahead. In Nova Scotia we are working with the Mi'kmaq Employment Training Secretariat (METS) and the Mi'kmaq Economic Benefits Office (MEBO), and in New Brunswick with the Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI), to share openings widely.

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ACTIVE JOB POSTINGS



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COMMUNITIES ENGAGED



BE THE FIRST TO HEAR ABOUT OPENINGS

Scan the Candidate Registration code to be added to our candidate tracker. We will keep your information on file and reach out about future postings as they become available.

CURRENT OPENINGS

Project Administrator · Groundman · Heavy Equipment Operator ·
Heavy Duty Equipment Technician · Utility Worker / Labourer · Safety Advisor



SCAN TO JOIN THE
CANDIDATE TRACKER

HOST AN OPEN HOUSE

We would love to visit your community.

If your community would like to host an open house or information session, we would be glad to come, share project details, and answer questions about employment and procurement opportunities. We have already been welcomed to Eskasoni Mi'kmaq Nation for an information session and are coordinating additional sessions with Kwilmu'kw Maw-klusuaqn (KMK).



TO ARRANGE A VISIT, REACH OUT ANY TIME: Wasoqonatl_IR@valard.com

IN THE COMMUNITY MEET OUR IR TEAM

Two Indigenous Relations Advisors have joined the project to lead day-to-day communications and engagement with the communities.

Kateri Stevens

IR ADVISOR NOVA SCOTIA

Kateri is an Indigenous woman from Eskasoni Mi'kmaw Nation, supporting engagement across the Nova Scotia communities.

Shannon Polches

IR ADVISOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Shannon is a Wolastoqey woman from Sitansisk First Nation, supporting engagement across the New Brunswick communities.

HONOURING NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH



APPRECIATION PACKAGES FOR THE COMMUNITIES

To mark June as National Indigenous History Month, we shared appreciation packages with every community and our partners. The packages featured books by Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Mi'kmaw artists and authors, celebrating the communities we are honoured to work with.

MI'KMAQ TRANSLATION ON SITE



MI'KMAQ SIGNAGE AT THE AMHERST SITE

Working with a translator from Eskasoni Mi'kmaw Nation, we added Mi'kmaw translations to the signage at our Amherst site and laydown — so the language is present where the work is taking place.

Illuminating the path we are building together.

The Wasoqonatl Transmission Line connects communities and grids across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick — built on partnership, resilience, and respect for the land and its people.

Questions, or interested in an open house?

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