

# Waasigan White Otter Camp Engagement Summary

\*Camp information was originally distributed to Indigenous communities in September 2023. Initial feedback from some communities expressed concern with the location of the White Otter Camp. Following adjustment of the White Otter Camp, additional engagement was completed with Indigenous communities on the new location as described below.

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Nation	Communication follow-up	Community Comments/Concerns/Feedback
Fort William First Nation (Anemki Wajiw)	Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package. Jan 31, 2024: Valard and Fort William First Nation reviewed camp information in person; confirmed no concerns with new White Otter Camp location. May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.
Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation	Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package. Feb 6, 2024: Community is reviewing camp information and will provide feedback soon. Feb 12, 2024: Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation responded to confirm there were no concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.
Red Sky Métis Independent Nation	Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package. Feb 6, 2024: Valard sent follow-up email. Feb 9, 2024: Red Sky Métis Independent Nation indicated they are still reviewing the information package and will advise. Feb 20, 2024: Red Sky Métis Independent Nation sent in inquiries on the camps. Feb 29, 2024: Valard responded to questions. Mar 5, 2024: Valard followed up with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation for confirmation they had no further issues. Mar 14, 2024: Red Sky Métis Independent Nation responded that there were no concerns with the responses provided from Valard.	No concerns with new camp location.
Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)	Dec 19 and 23, 2023: Valard emailed camps information package. Jan 8, 2024: Valard reviewed camp locations with MNO. Jan 17, 2024: Valard re-sent camp information package. Jan 22, 2024: Valard sent shapefiles and requested feedback. Feb 6, 2024: Valard followed up to inquire if there were any concerns. Feb 8, 2024: MNO responded that there were no concerns with the White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen	Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package. Jan 30, 2024: Valard and Ojibway Nation of Saugeen reviewed information together in person; confirmed no concerns with the new White Otter Camp location. May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.
Lac Seul First Nation (Obishikokaang)	Dec 19, 2023: Valard and Lac Seul First Nation reviewed information together in person; confirmed no concerns with the new White Otter Camp location. Dec 27, 2023: Valard sent follow-up camp information with meeting minutes. Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package. May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.

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<b>Eagle Lake First Nation (Migisi Sahgaigan)</b>	<p>Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package.</p> <p>Jan 18, 2024: Valard and Migisi Sahgaigan reviewed information together in person; concerns addressed by new White Otter Lake camp location.</p> <p>Feb 7, 2024: Valard sent meeting minutes.</p> <p>May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.</p>	<p>Acknowledged there were concerns with original proposed location; have been resolved by new location.</p>
<b>Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (Waabigonii Zaaga'igan)</b>	<p>Dec 12, 2023: Valard and Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation reviewed camp information together in person.</p> <p>Dec 19, 2023: Valard emailed follow-up information with meeting minutes.</p> <p>Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package.</p> <p>Jan 23, 2024: Call received from Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation noting concerns with White Otter Camp location. Follow-up meeting to be scheduled.</p> <p>Feb 9, 2024: Valard met with Chief and Council who confirmed no concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.</p> <p>Feb 28, 2024: Valard met with Wabigoon's Community Engagement Coordinator (CEC). Request to reassess additional areas for a camp farther away from the lake to confirm if the currently identified location is still best overall.</p> <p>Apr 4, 2024: Wabigoon's CEC acknowledged they have no further concerns with the new White Otter Camp location provided that access restrictions to White Otter Lake are imposed.</p> <p>May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.</p>	<p>Wabigoon indicated they had concerns with the original White Otter Camp location proposed.</p> <p>Meeting with Chief and Council indicated no concerns with revised camp location. Additional meeting held with Wabigoon CEC to discuss camp concerns and review analysis of other camp locations considered in the area. Valard will be imposing access restrictions to the lake during construction. CEC confirmed that concerns have been addressed.</p>
<b>Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation (formerly Lac La Croix)</b>	<p>Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package.</p> <p>Feb 7, 2024: Valard sent follow-up email.</p> <p>Feb 12, 2024: Valard called the band office: CEC was unavailable and there is no current replacement. Valard asked if they could communicate with Leadership to confirm if there were any concerns regarding the camp. Band admin advised that camp information can only be addressed by the CEC noting that if there was a concern, he would have advised prior to going on medical leave. Valard unable to communicate with Leadership.</p> <p>Feb 29, 2024: Valard called Band office twice - no answer.</p> <p>Mar 5, 2024: Valard called Band office twice - no answer.</p> <p>Mar 14, 2024: Valard contacted the new interim CEC noting they had tried to contact the Nation multiple times to discuss the camp locations.</p> <p>Mar 15, 2024: The interim CEC responded to Valard noting he is filling the position until April. The CEC requested a brief overview and update on what Valard was looking for. Valard thanked the CEC and introduced the team members. Valard shared the camps information package and noted it had been difficult to contact the Nation to discuss the locations. Valard noted a meeting could be scheduled to discuss the camp locations.</p> <p>May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location and that the area is outside of Gakijiwanong Anishinaabe Nation's area of interest.</p>	<p>No concerns with new camp location; located outside Nation's area of interest.</p>
<b>Mitaanjigamiing First Nation</b>	<p>Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package.</p> <p>Feb 7, 2024: Valard sent follow-up email.</p> <p>Feb 12, 2024: Valard discussed camp information with community representative. No concerns were identified, but will review files in more detail and follow up if there are concerns.</p> <p>Feb 15, 2024: Landbase Coordinator confirmed no concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.</p>	<p>No concerns with new camp location.</p>
<b>Couchiching First Nation</b>	<p>Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package.</p> <p>Jan 24, 2024: Valard and Couchiching First Nation reviewed the camp information together in person.</p> <p>Feb 1, 2024: Valard and Couchiching First Nation reviewed information in person again and confirmed no concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.</p>	<p>No concerns with new camp location.</p>

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<b>Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation (Red Gut)</b>	Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camps information package. Jan 18, 2024: Valard and Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation reviewed camp information together in person and confirmed no concerns with the new White Otter Lake camp location. May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.
<b>Seine River First Nation (Chima'aganing)</b>	Jan 17, 2024: Valard emailed camp information package. Feb 7, 2024: Valard sent follow-up email. Feb 27, 2024: Valard had a call with the Chief. Chief advised no concern with camp location. May 1, 2024: GLP sent an email to Hydro One confirming the Nations have no outstanding comments or concerns with the new White Otter Camp location.	No concerns with new camp location.