



ROAD STUDY COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Access & Community Roads



STUDY PURPOSE AND PROCESS:

TBT Engineering Consulting Group (TBTE) was commissioned by Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (WLON) to complete a preliminary study of the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation access and community roads. The road study and preliminary design aimed to assist in socio-economic challenges caused by remoteness by improving the flow of goods, road user safety, emergency services, community needs, and help provide a direct and safer method of transportation between the First Nation Community and Highway 17. Alternative improvements were evaluated, considering the following criteria: Transportation Geometrics & Safety, Environmental, Constructability and Capital & Operating Cost.

BACKGROUND:

Access Road

The existing main access identified as Wabigoon Lake Road, crosses private land and traverses the municipal Township of Southworth from Highway 17 to the Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation Community. The road is maintained by the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) through a local roads boards and WLON. In addition to providing access for community members and visitors to Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation, the road services delivery vehicles, fuel transportation, emergency services, private owners, non-resident fishing and hunting, and the general public.

The community road identified as Spruce Road exists as an alternate route to the community and traverses Wabigoon Lake I.R. 27 and the municipal Township of Satterly. The access road's poor surface, distortions, alignment, sight distances, road widths and drainage results in unfavourable and unsafe driving conditions.

Community Roads

Dock Road and Main Street traverse through Wabigoon Lake I.R. 27 and act as the main route of transportation through the community, providing access to local stores, offices, fuel stations and residence.

ALTERNATIVES:

Access Road

Alternatives include upgrading the existing access road or constructing a new access road to the community.

Community Roads

Alternative road improvements were considered including widening, drainage improvements, granular base rehabilitation, and future surface treatment.

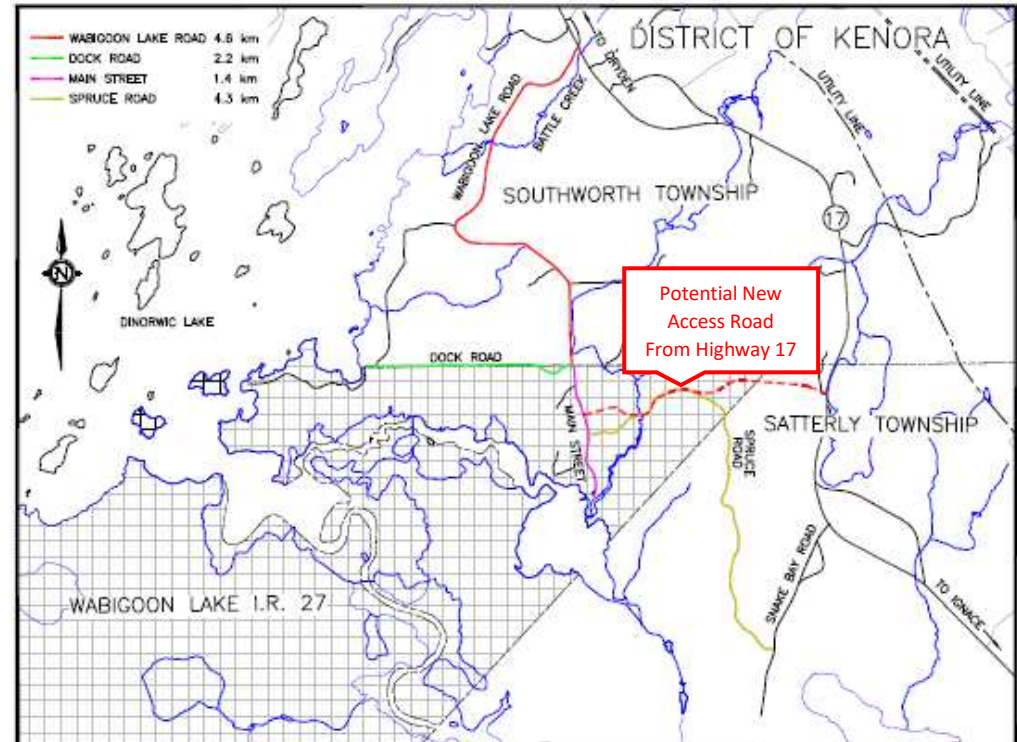
RECOMMENDATION:

Access Road

New access road from Highway 17 to First Nation Community including a new intersection at Main Street.

Community Roads

Improvements including widening of the road platform, drainage improvements and granular base rehabilitation that will accommodate future surface treatment of the roads and ensure WLON needs are met.



BEFENITS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- New access road provides more direct and safe method to and from the First Nation Community.
- New road surface reduces maintenance costs, increase skid resistance, provides higher quality ride surface, controls dust and increases safety for travelling public.
- New access road provides funding opportunities.
- Assists in socio-economic challenges caused by remoteness.
- New access road provides an additional route for emergency services and potential evacuations.

NEXT STEPS:

- Review the comments received and respond to any questions / concerns.
- Finalize the Study Design Report and proceed with detail design and investigations.

