

PELICAN NARROWS TO McILVENNA BAY

POWER LINE PROJECT





ABOUT THE PROJECT

SaskPower is building a new power line to support the additional power needed for the Foran Mining's McIlvenna Bay project in northern Saskatchewan. The site of the mine is located near the south end of Hanson Lake, approximately 60 kilometres west of Flin Flon, Manitoba. To provide the power the mine will need, we'll build a new 138-kilovolt (kV) power line (operated at 110 kV capacity) that's about 80 kilometres long. The new line will connect an existing line south of the village of Pelican Narrows to the site.

YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US PLAN BETTER

Your input is important as we plan and route the new power line.

Since February 2023, SaskPower has been reaching out to Rightsholders, First Nation and Métis communities, cabin owners, rural municipality and commercial land users to share information about the new power line. We thank everyone who took time to provide us feedback through emails, phone calls, returned completed feedback forms or participated in scheduled meetings.

Overall, we received comments, concerns and suggestions on how impacts from the project could be reduced. From what we heard, Rightsholders and stakeholders want us to:

- Plan the new power line to follow the roads and avoid direct impact to properties.
- Consider the airstrip at the junction of Highways 106 and 135 and ensure proper setbacks are used.
- Minimize power outages while building the project.
- Be aware of possible overlap with ongoing projects in the area.
- Consider locals for job opportunities including vegetation clearing for the new power line.

FINAL ROUTE FOR THE NEW POWER LINE

We've used your feedback along with our routing considerations to identify a final route corridor where the new line will be built. We're now finalizing the design and preparing for construction.

Here's what the power line could look like:



REDUCING IMPACT AND ACCOMMODATING NEEDS

With the feedback we received in mind, SaskPower plans to design the line route and build the new power line to:

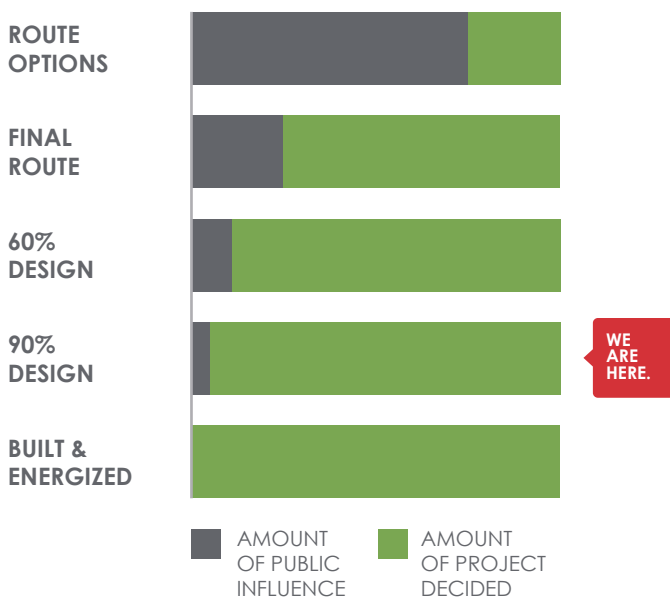
- Follow along the road as much as possible to minimize environmental impact while avoiding direct impacts to properties;
- Ensure proper setbacks are maintained from the airstrip and other areas as required; and
- Minimize power outages during construction as much as possible while making it safe for our crews.
- Avoid working during sensitive environmental seasons, such as during caribou calving.

While we're building this project, we are committed to:

- keeping Rightsholders, local residents, local stakeholders and other land users in the area informed as SaskPower's project advances;
- sharing information about job opportunities when available;
- working with provincial regulators to meet all environmental requirements.

WE WELCOME FEEDBACK

We continue to proactively share information with Rightsholders and stakeholders, and we welcome ongoing feedback on how we can further reduce impacts from the power line project. More information is available at saskpower.com/mbay.



What we'll be taking feedback on:

- general knowledge of the area, including environmental and heritage resources and any areas of special concern or consideration
- concerns about the project, and how we can further reduce impacts

Please call or email us to share your feedback or to book your in-person or online meeting:

- **For Indigenous Relations**
Call: 306-535-0161 or 306-566-1005
Email: IndigenousRelations@saskpower.com
- **For Stakeholder Engagement**
Call: 1-833-223-3370
Email: PublicEngagement@saskpower.com

Also, let us know if there are additional ways we could make it easier for you to get involved and share your feedback.

WHAT ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT?

What we do today impacts our future. We're always working hard to reduce our impact and protect the environment.

As we plan projects, we use tools like databases, satellite imagery, local knowledge of the area and field surveys to understand the environment we're working in.

As projects move forward, we'll make sure environmental protection standards are in place to reduce our impact on features like:

- waterbodies
- sensitive lands
- wildlife and their habitats
- culturally sensitive sites

We also work with the Ministry of Environment and other regulatory agencies to ensure we meet all environmental requirements.

WHAT'S NEXT

SaskPower is working with regulators to make sure we meet all environmental requirements. We're currently working on our Environmental Impact Assessment. Once completed, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be issued and will be available to the public for 30 days. A public notice will be provided once the document is published by the Government of Saskatchewan.

WHAT ABOUT LAND USE?

The power line will be located on Crown land administered by the Ministry of Environment. SaskPower will ensure proper authorizations are in place prior to construction and maintenance.

The 60-metre right-of-way for this power line is needed to ensure proper clearance for its construction, maintenance and operation. We also proactively monitor and manage vegetation around our power lines throughout the province to mitigate threats to public safety and service reliability.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Schedules are estimates and may change due to weather and other conditions.

Follow-up Engagement:	Underway
Engineering / Design Complete:	Spring 2024
Construction Start:	January 2025
Construction Complete / Power-up:	September 2026

THINGS WE CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT



INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE:

We engage Indigenous communities to seek invaluable knowledge. Local and Indigenous knowledge refers to the understandings, skills and philosophies developed by societies with long histories of interaction with their natural surroundings like hunting, fishing, trapping, ceremonial and spiritual uses.



ENVIRONMENT:

We consider our potential impacts on many environmental aspects like designated lands, land cover, and heritage resources, as well as on sensitive plants, animals, and their habitats. When avoidance of these environmental features is not possible, we will work with Rightsholders, stakeholders, and regulators to find the most responsible way to mitigate impacts. We follow SaskPower's Environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



LAND USE:

We recognize that land and resource use is important to agricultural operations, property owners, communities and resource users like hunters and trappers, commercial operators, nature, environmental organizations and the public. We consider how resources or access to resources may be affected as well as community land use plans and proximity to communities, residences, habitable buildings, outbuildings.



SOCIAL:

We consider the social value communities place on landscapes, points of interest, economic benefits to local communities, job opportunities and recreation activities.



TECHNICAL:

We consider engineering and construction standards as well as access, terrain, design, system reliability, proximity to required and other existing infrastructure. SaskPower is committed to ensuring public safety and safe access for construction and maintenance activities.



COST:

We consider capital costs (project budget), operating budget (long term maintenance), land acquisition costs and impact on power rates.



WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

Tell us in the feedback form provided.