



# Indigenous Driven Infrastructure Development: Insights from Proponent First Nations on Road Development

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# About Us

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# Third World Conditions

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## THIRD WORLD CANADA

### THE FILM

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Kitchenumaykoosib Inninuwig (the people of the lake) is a remote Native community bound by reserve laws in the forgotten North of Ontario. This Nation dates back to 7,000 years where bones of their ancestors were discovered on the shores of Big Trout Lake.

Today this proud Nation is deeply impoverished in 3rd World conditions bound by Treaty laws signed, by their non-English speaking ancestors.

Set in the backdrop of the aftermath of the suicide of three parents, the documentary explores the impact of 3rd world conditions on the children left behind and a community's courage in looking after them.



- About the Film
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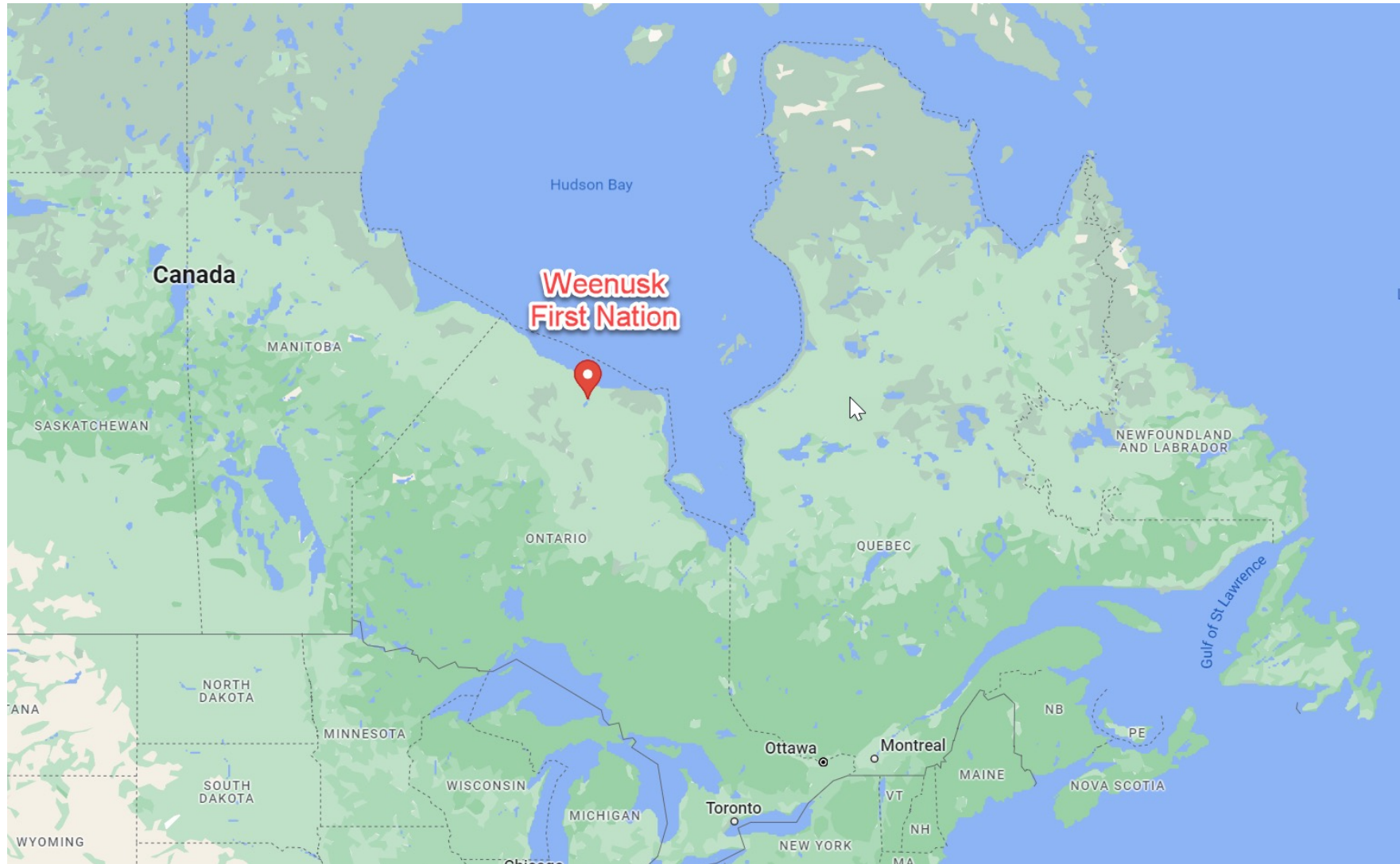
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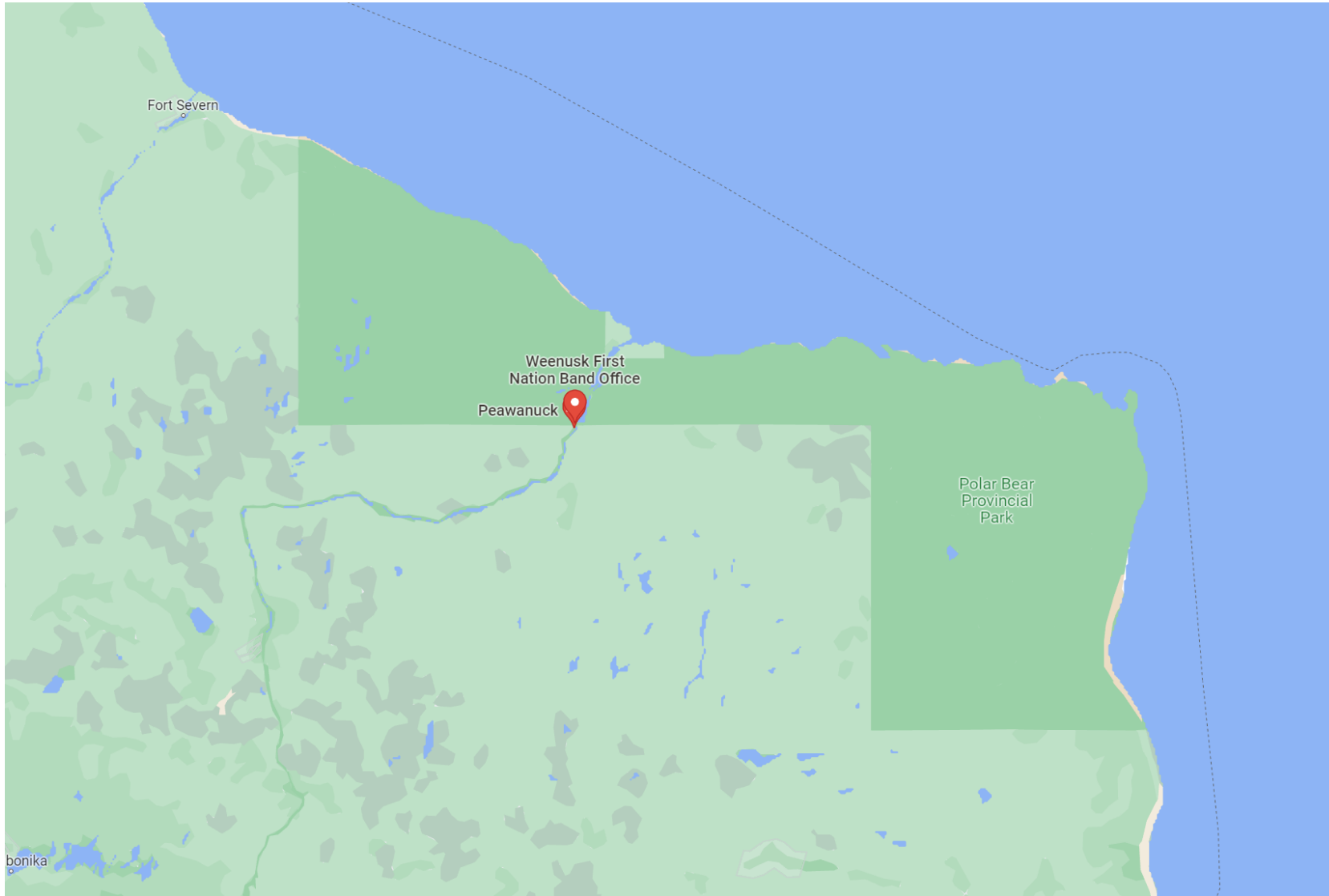
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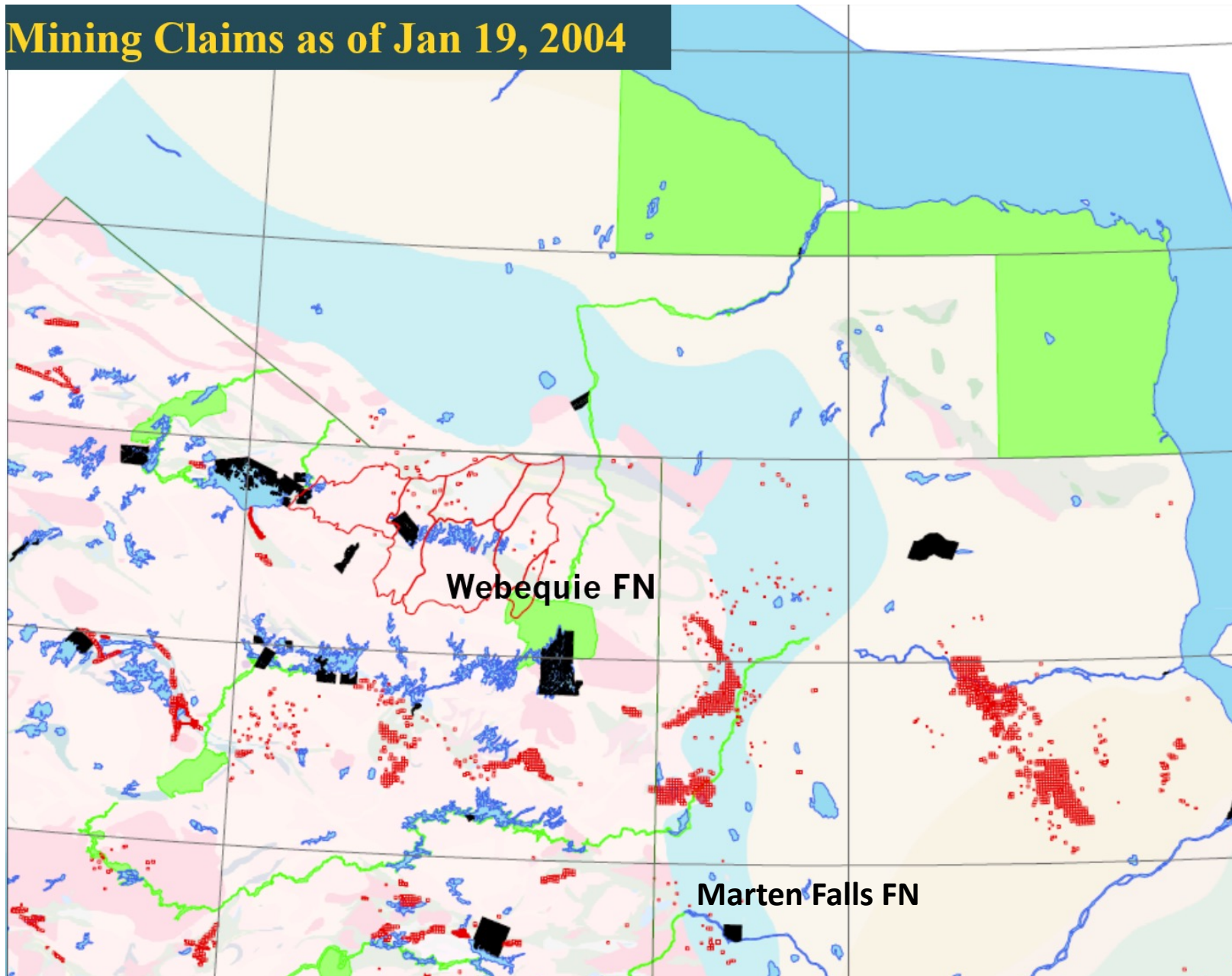




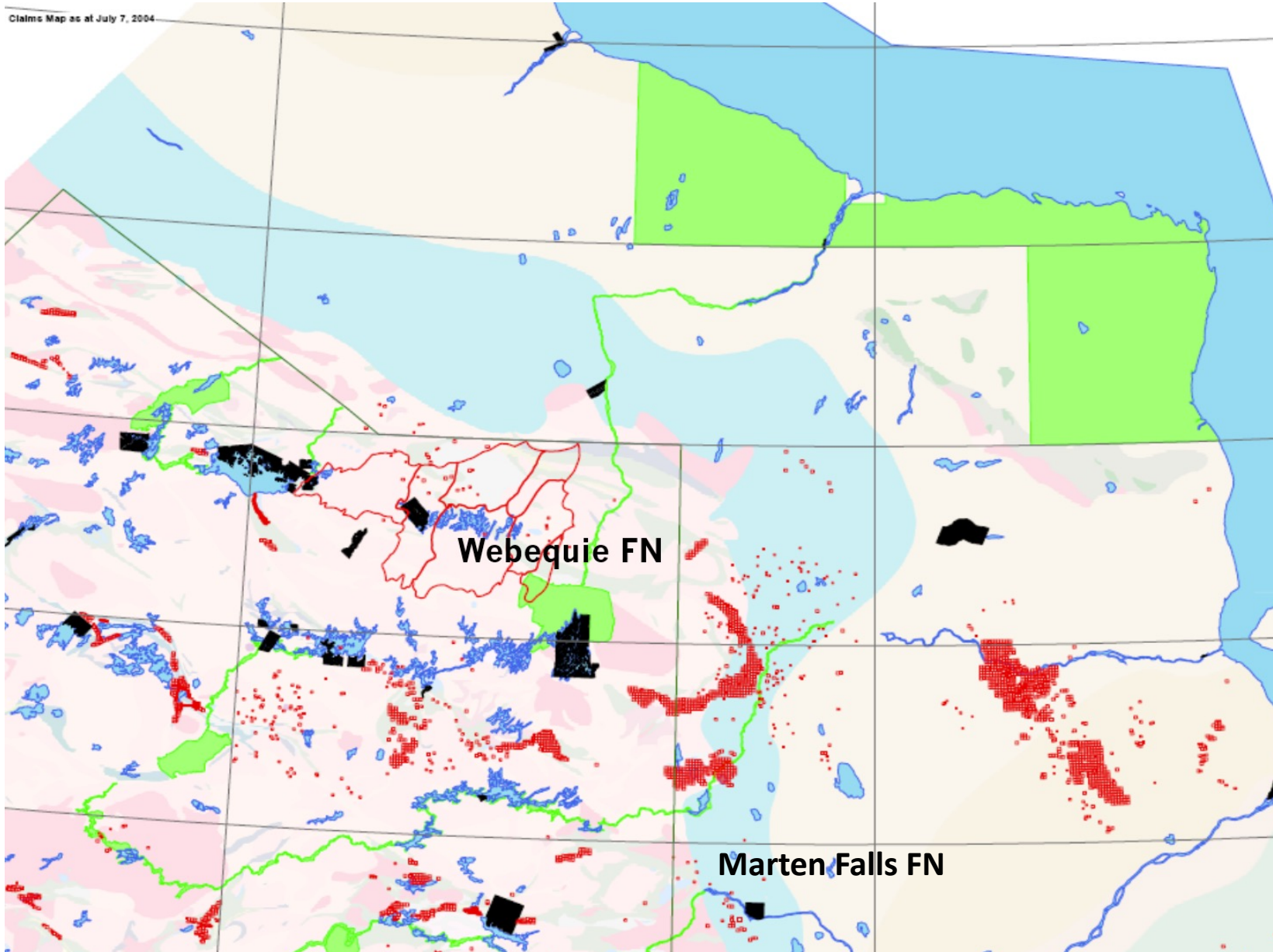




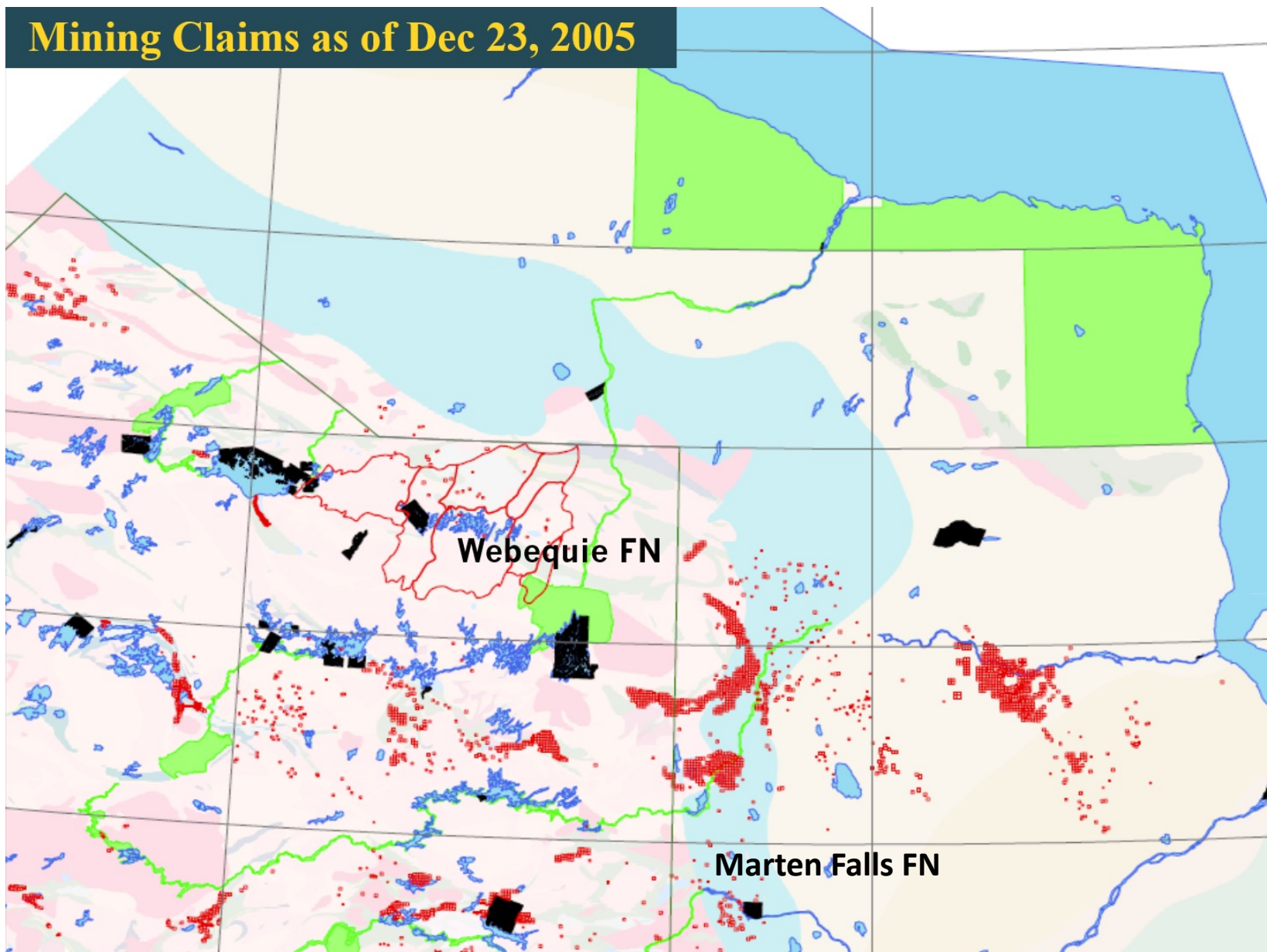
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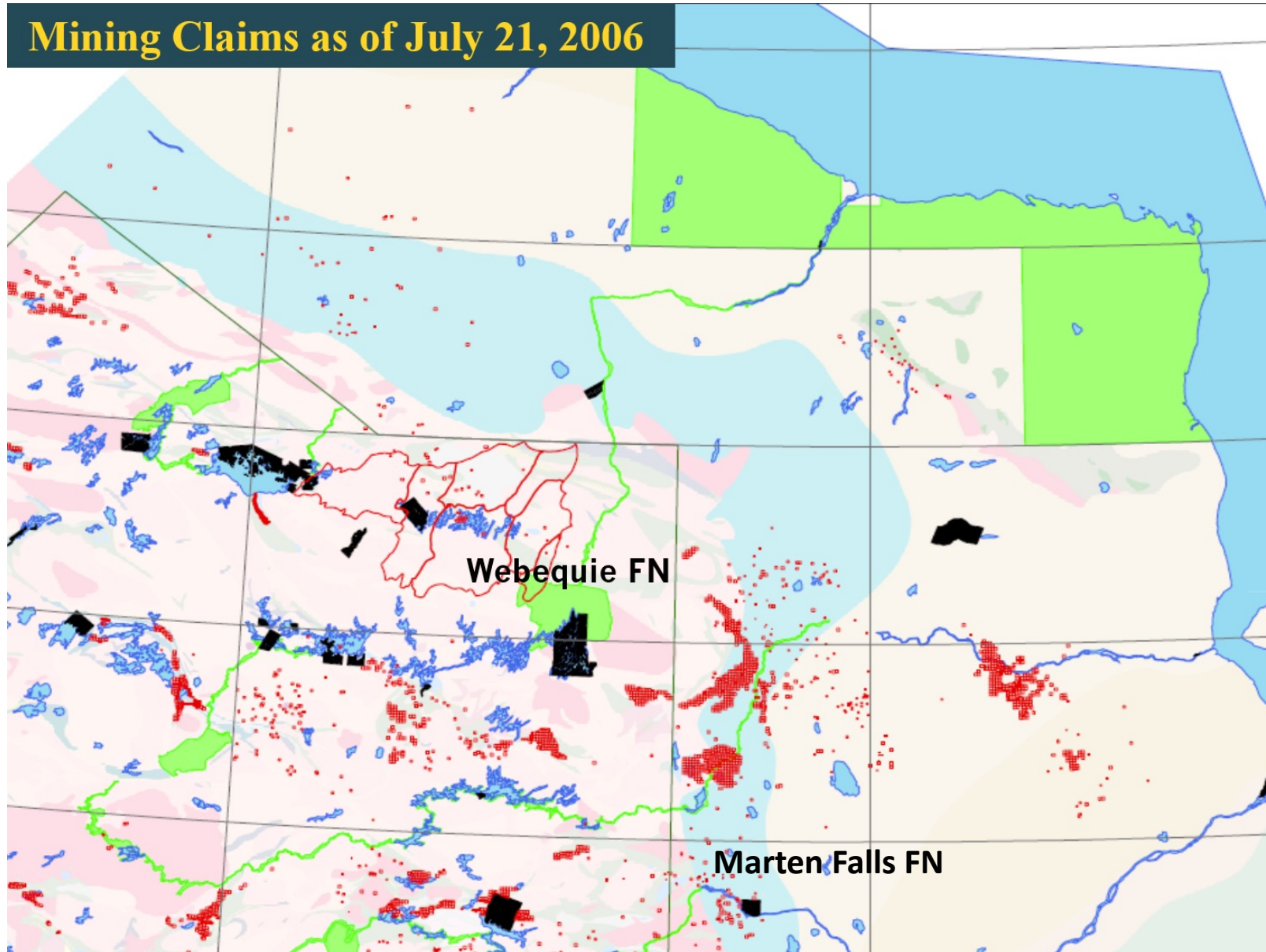


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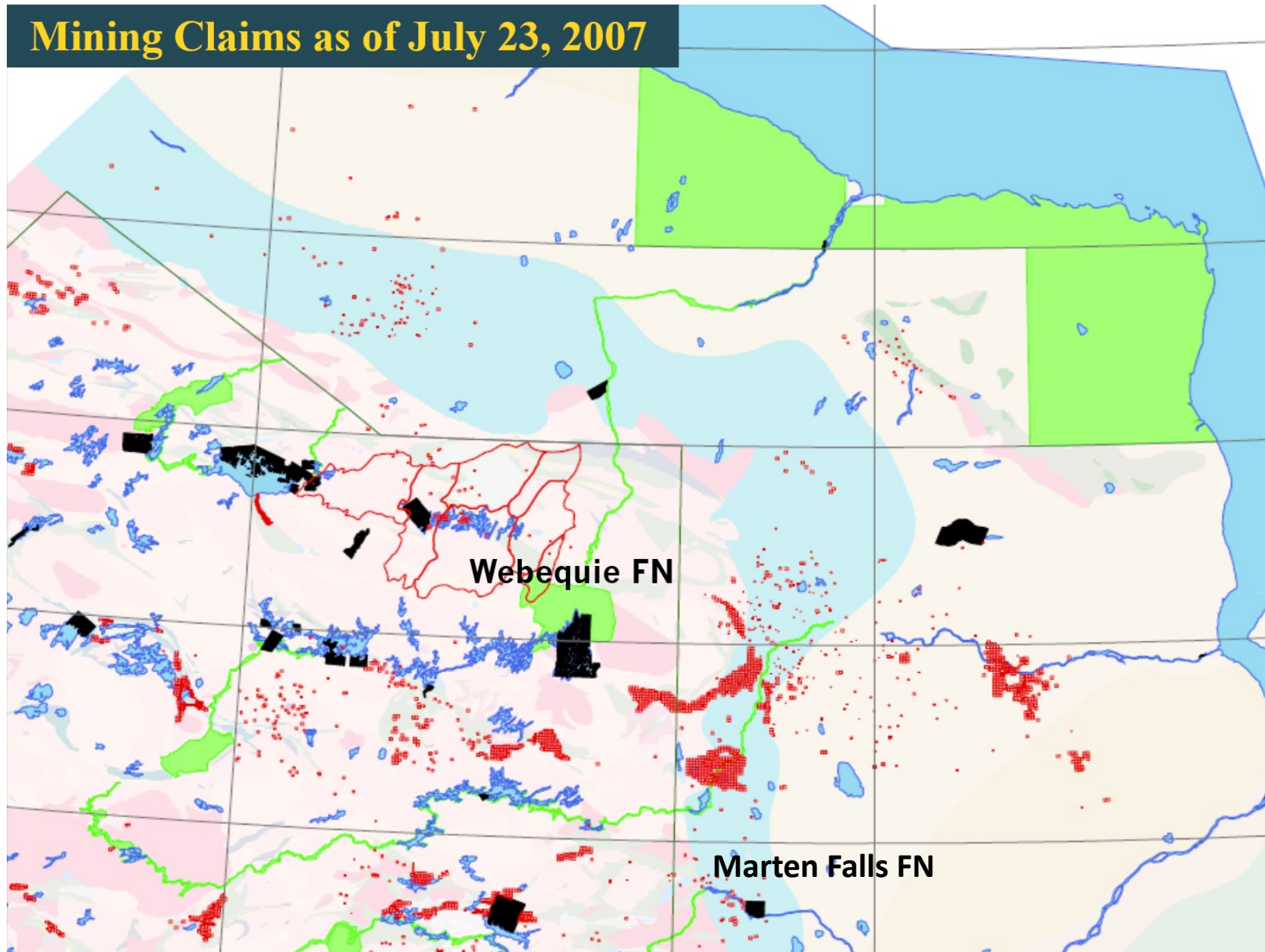


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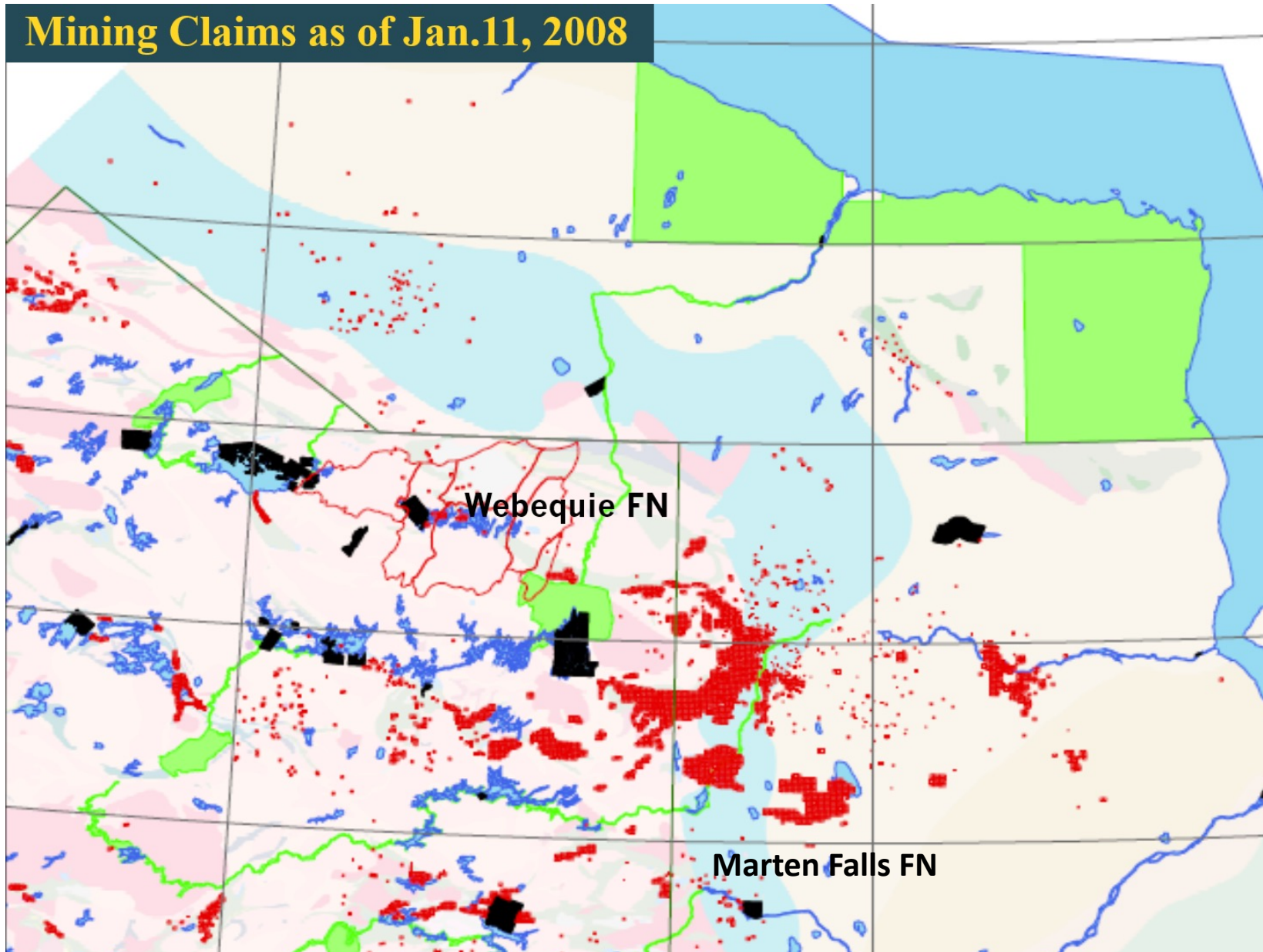




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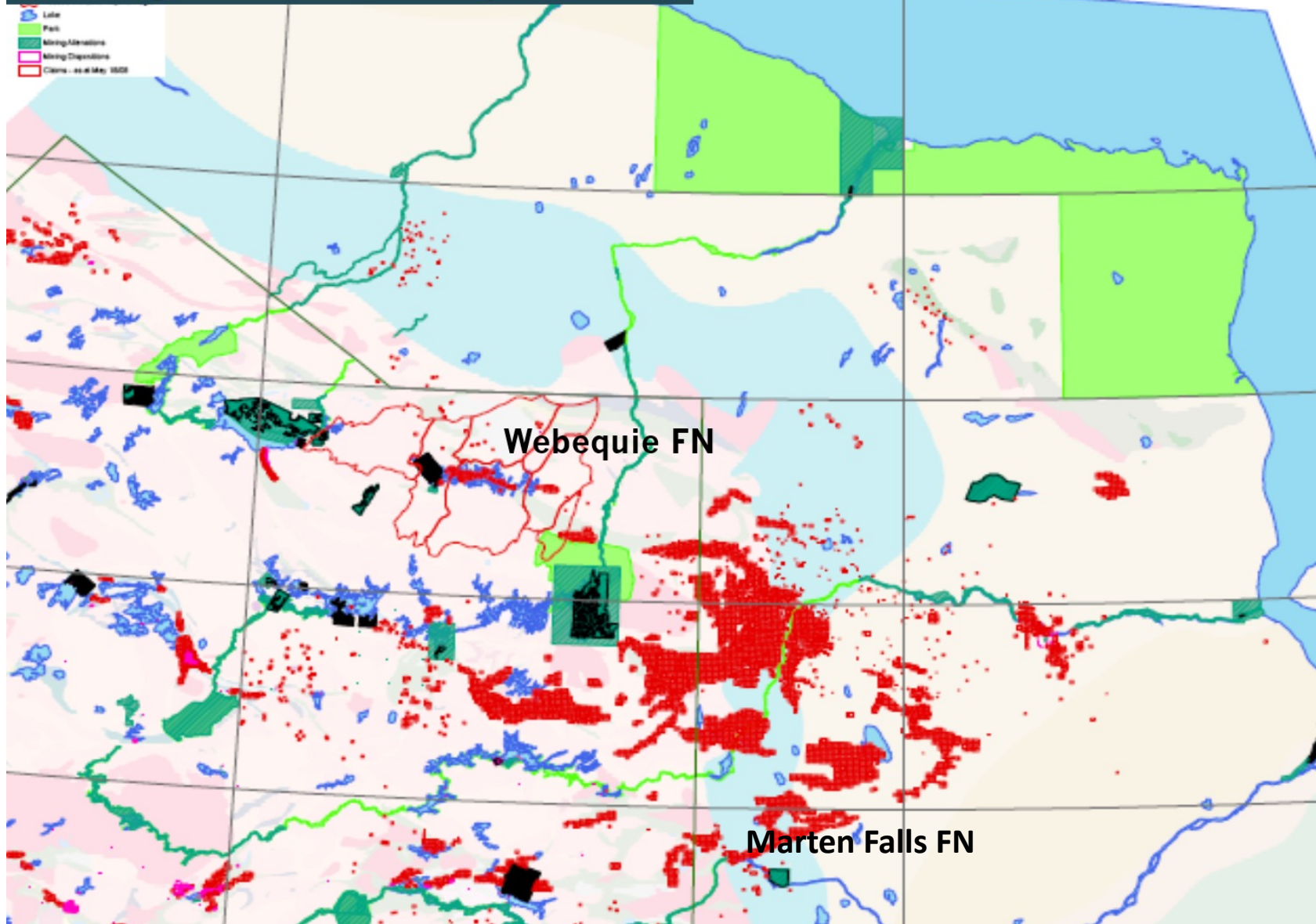


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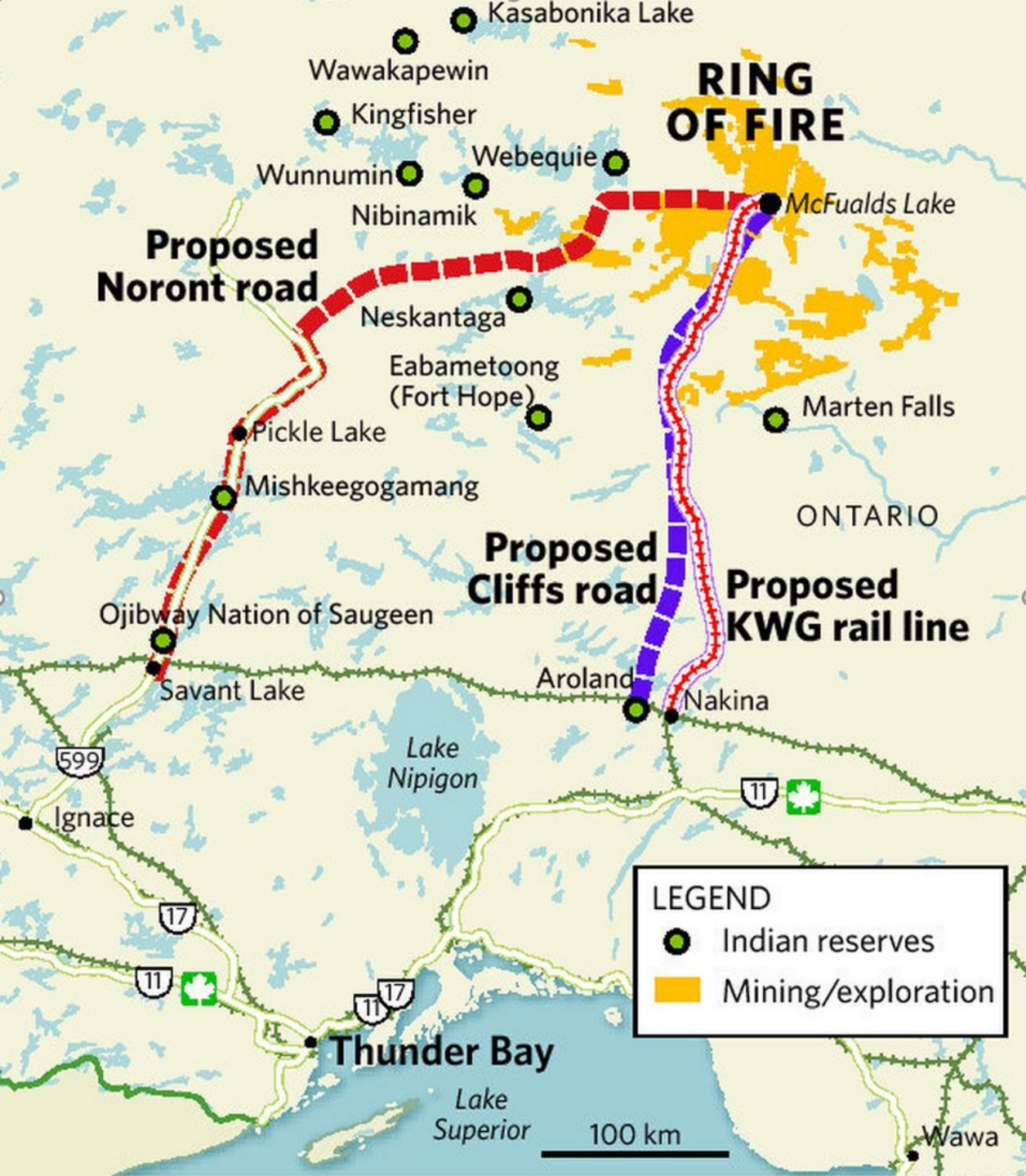




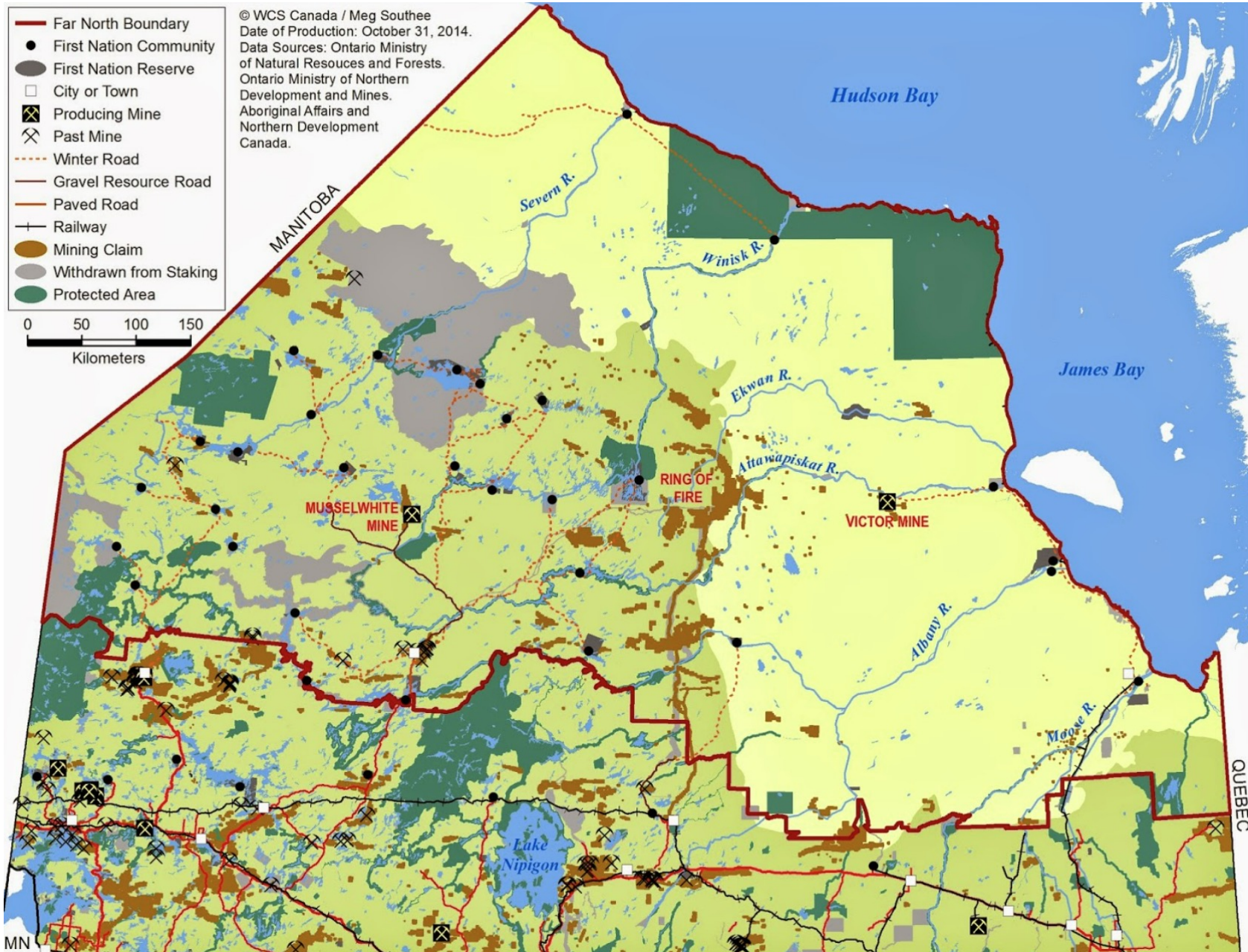
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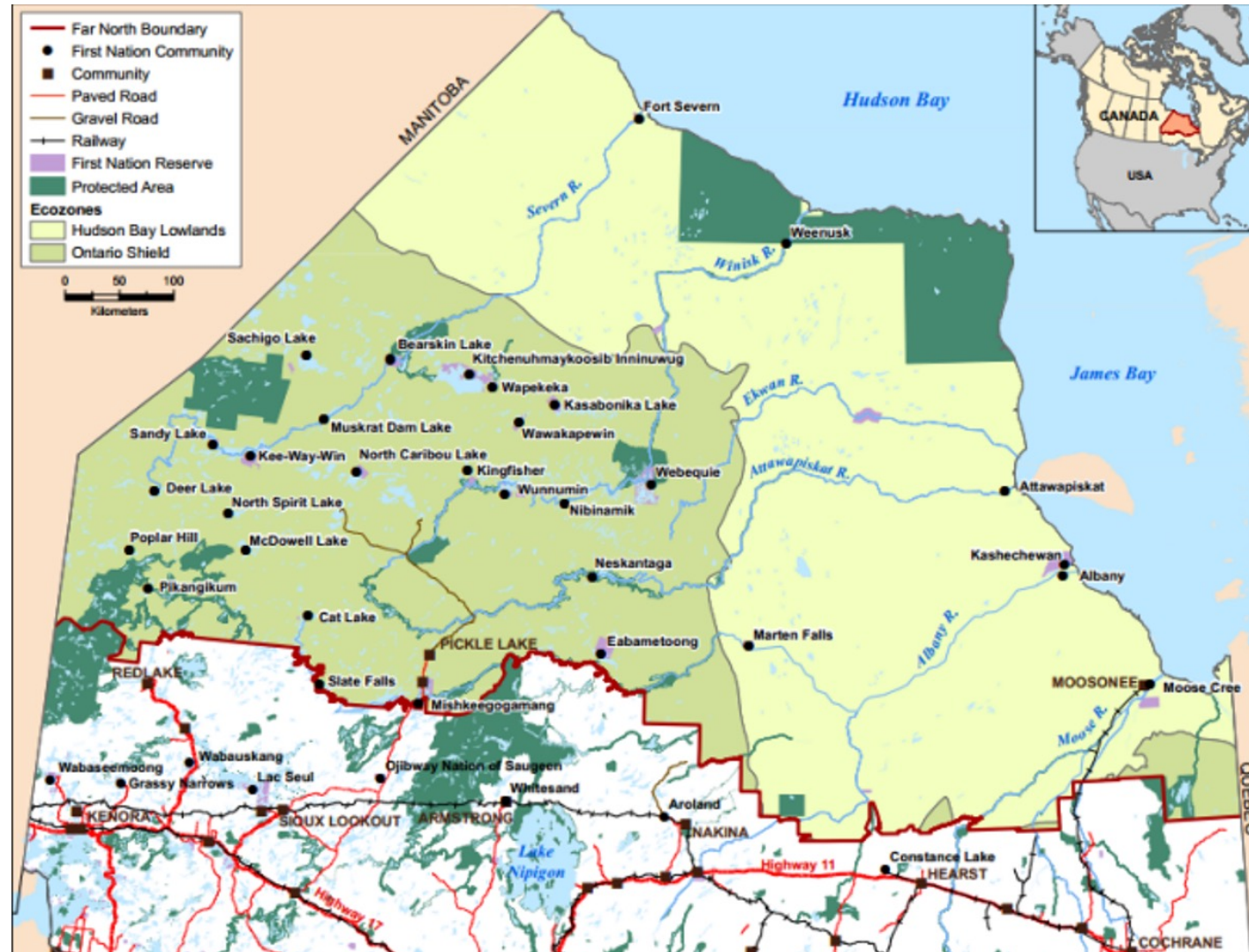








# Ontario's Far North Act





# STATUS OF PLANNING



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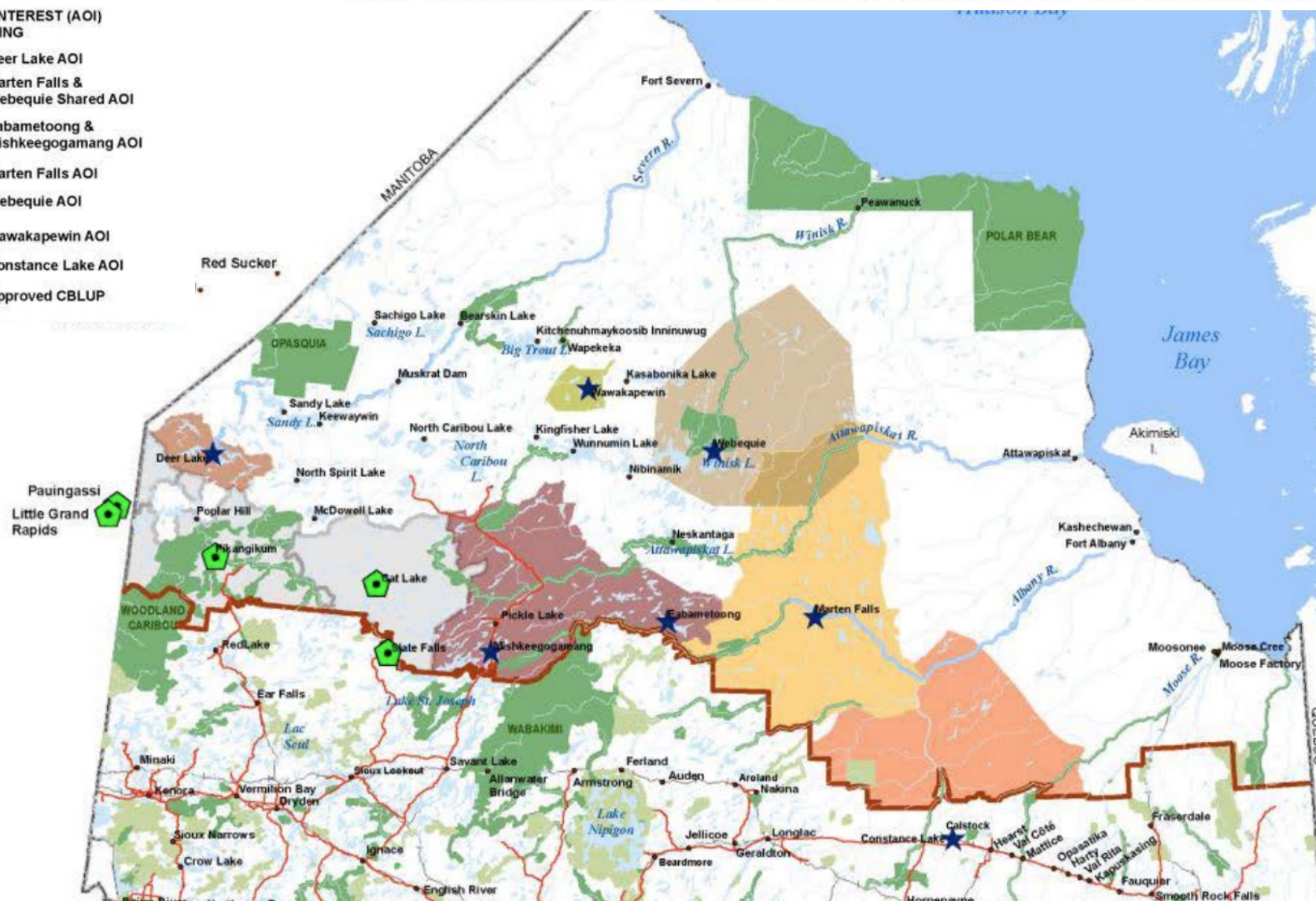


Approved Terms of Reference

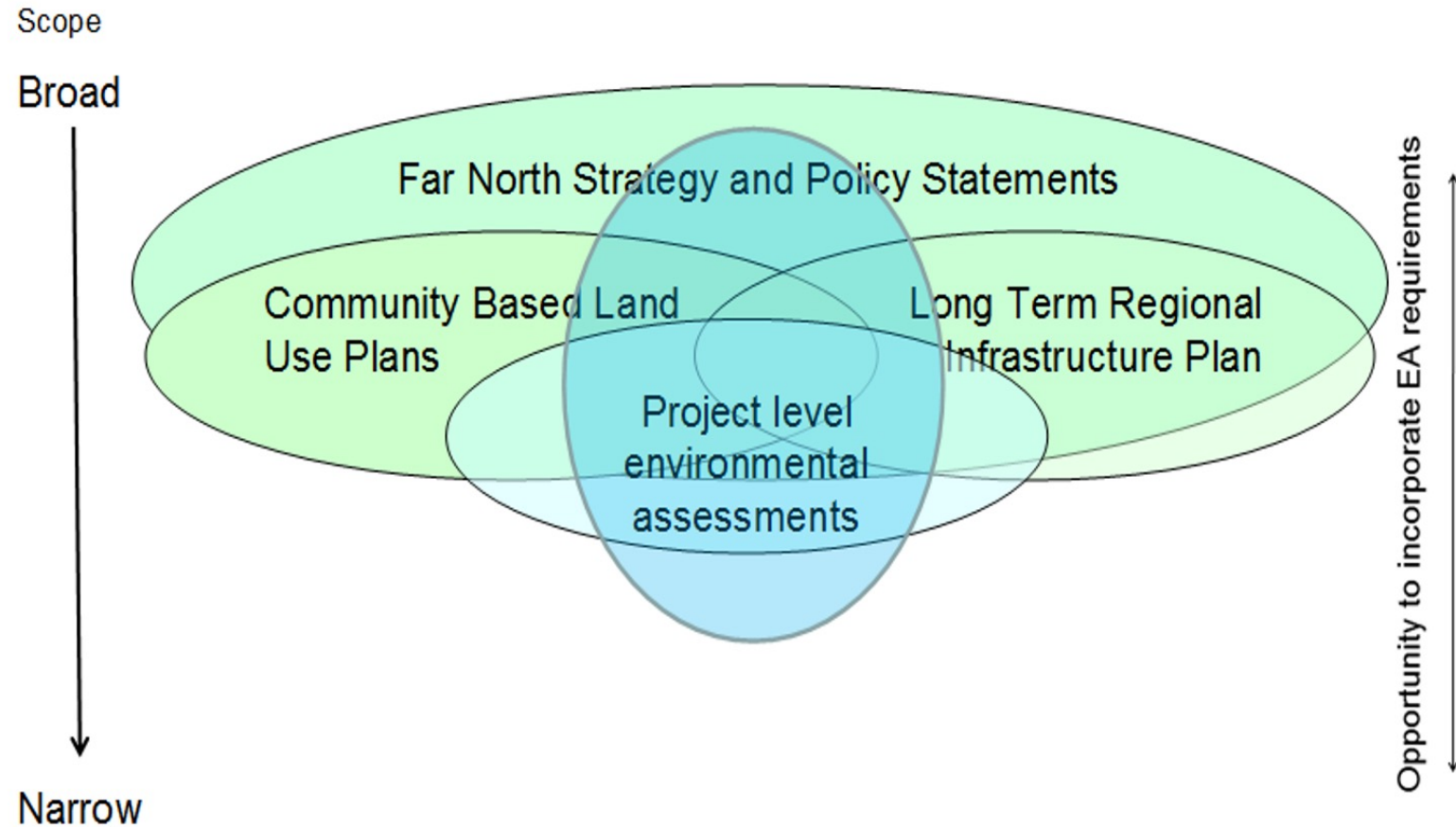
## AREAS OF INTEREST (AOI) FOR PLANNING

- Deer Lake AOI
- Marten Falls & Webequie Shared AOI
- Eabametoong & Mishkeegogamang AOI
- Marten Falls AOI
- Webequie AOI
- Wawakapewin AOI
- Constance Lake AOI
- Approved CBLUP

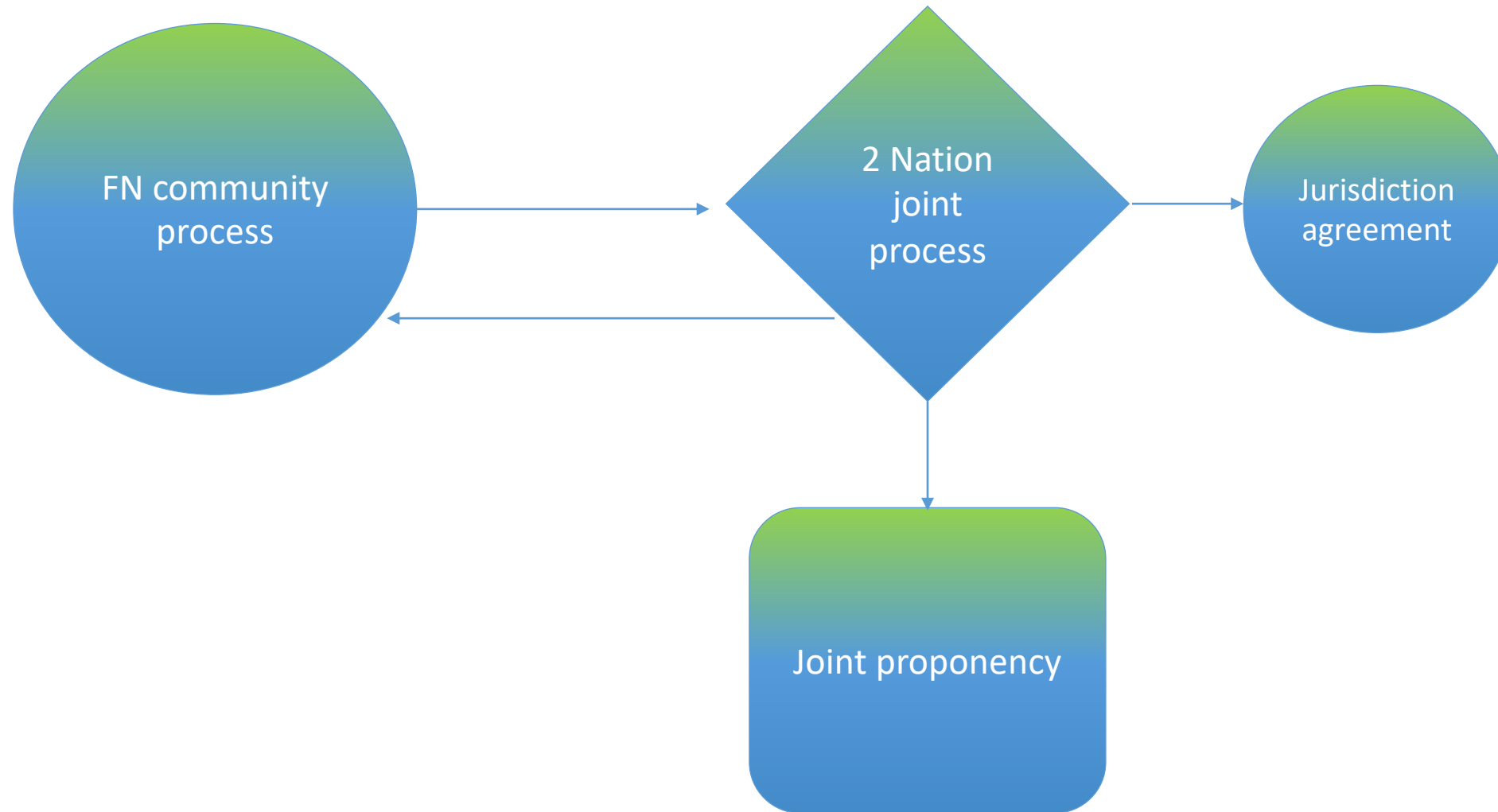
## Far North of Ontario Ongoing Community Based Land Use Planning Approved Community Based Land Use Plans and Approved Terms of Reference



# Inter-Relationship of Planning and EA Components



# Transition to Being a Proponent





# The Projects





## WSR WEBEQUIE SUPPLY ROAD

### WHAT:

- A proposed 107 km all-season multipurpose supply road.
- Runs from Webequie First Nation's Airport to nearby mineral exploration and proposed mining development areas.



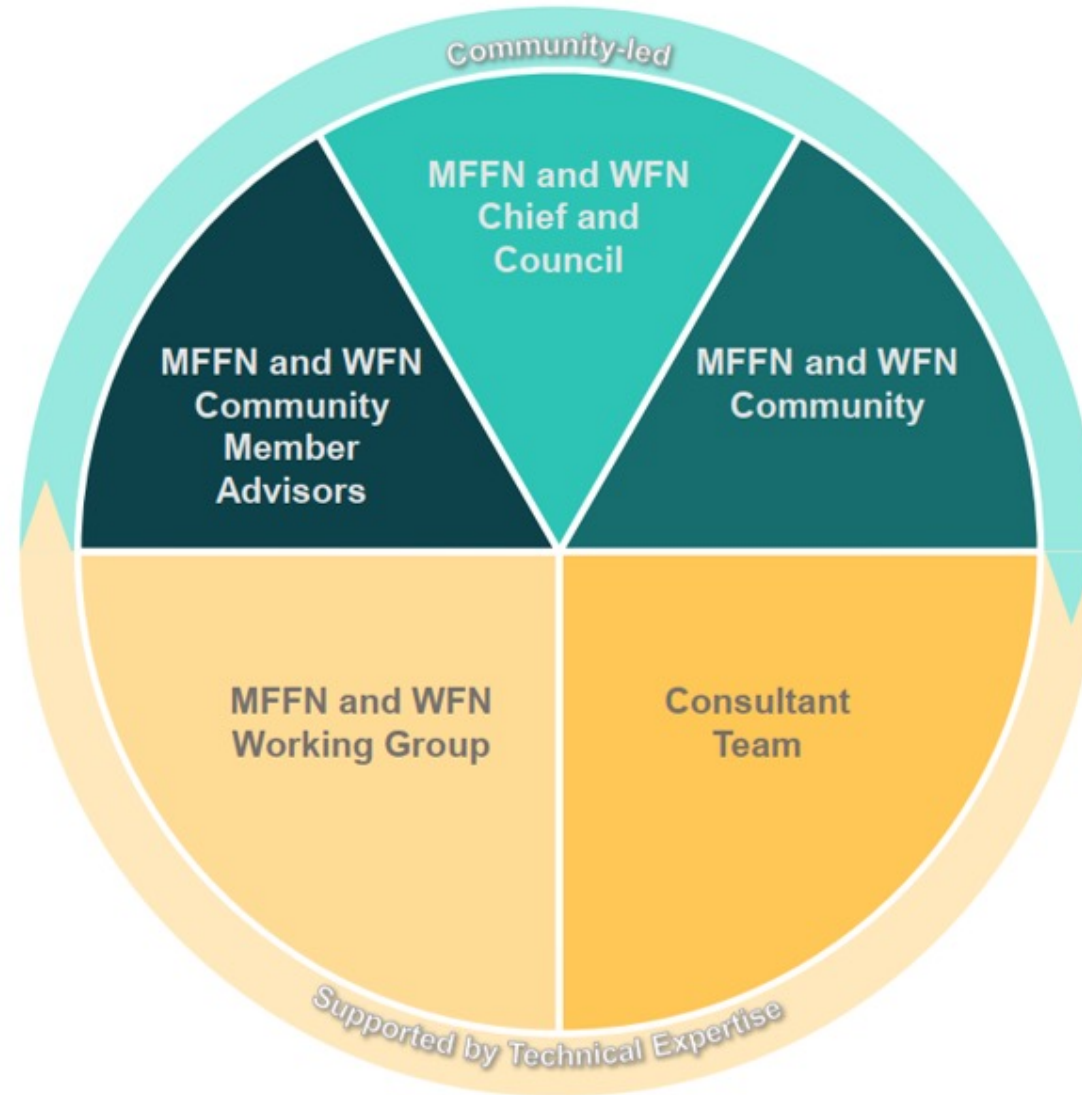
## Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road

### WHAT:

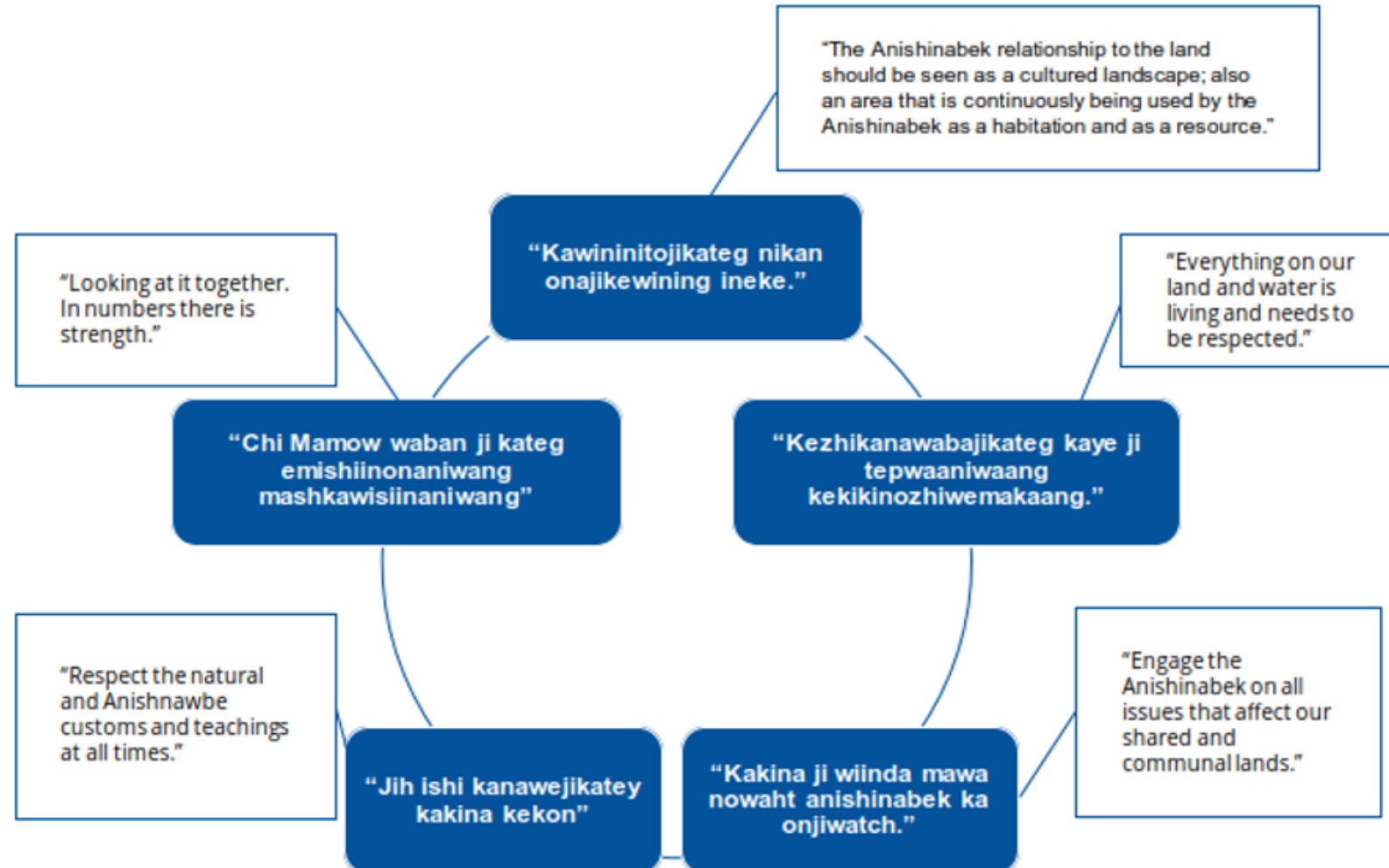
- A multi-purpose all-season road access connecting Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) to the existing provincial highway network.
- Between 190 km to 230 km of an all season, two-lane gravel road.



# Structure



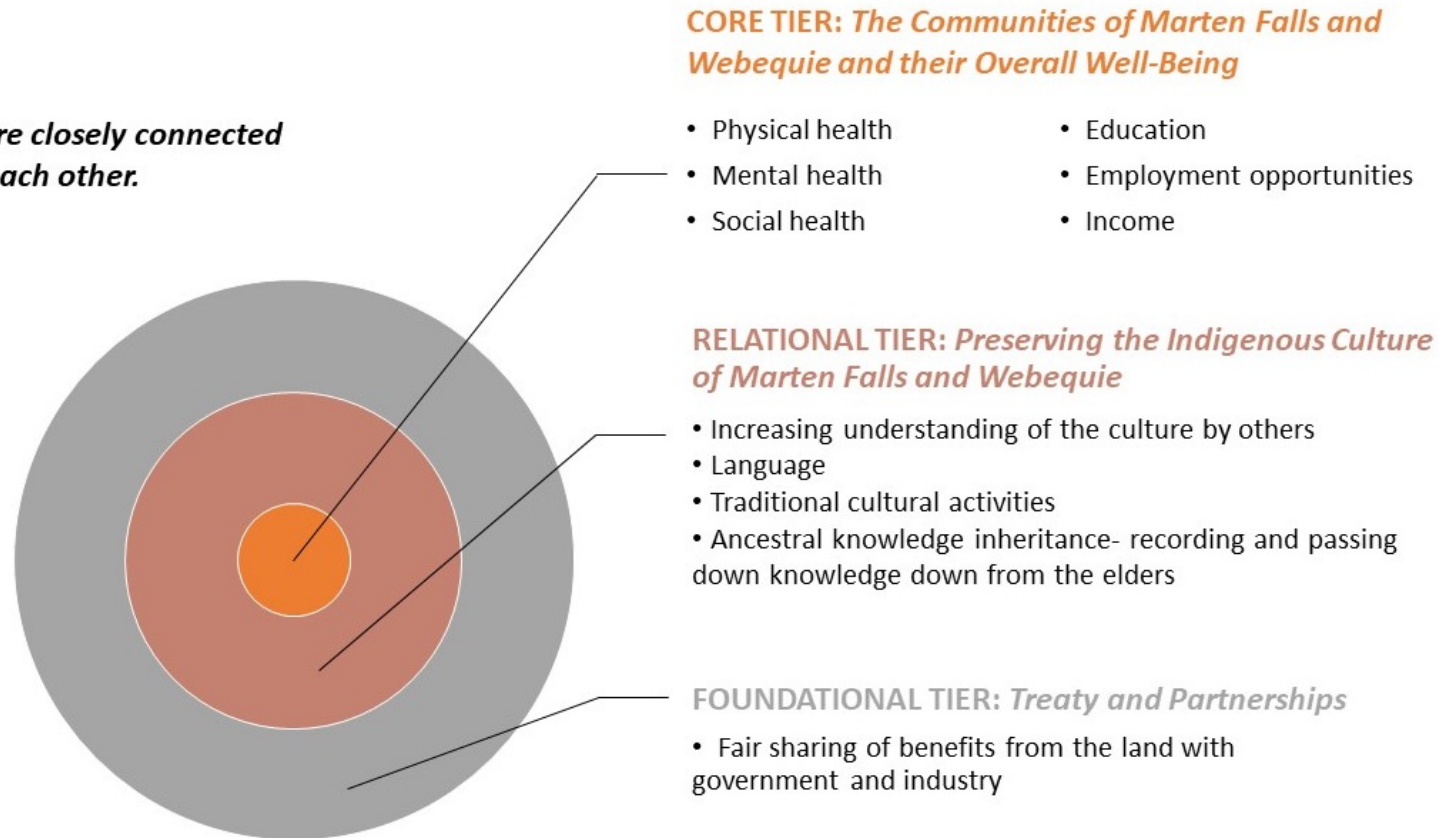
# MFFN Guiding Principles





# WFN's Three Tier Approach

*The three tiers are closely connected and depend on each other.*



# Elder's Guiding Principles

## **Core principles adopted in the ToR Consultation Plan:**

- Mutual recognition of inherent rights;
- Mutual recognition of ancestral knowledge;
- Mutual recognition of traditional knowledge and practices;
- Mutual recognition of clan families and relationships;
- Mutual recognition of sustainable livelihood; and
- Mutual recognition of traditional protocols



# Broad Consultation Requirements



## Indigenous Communities including:

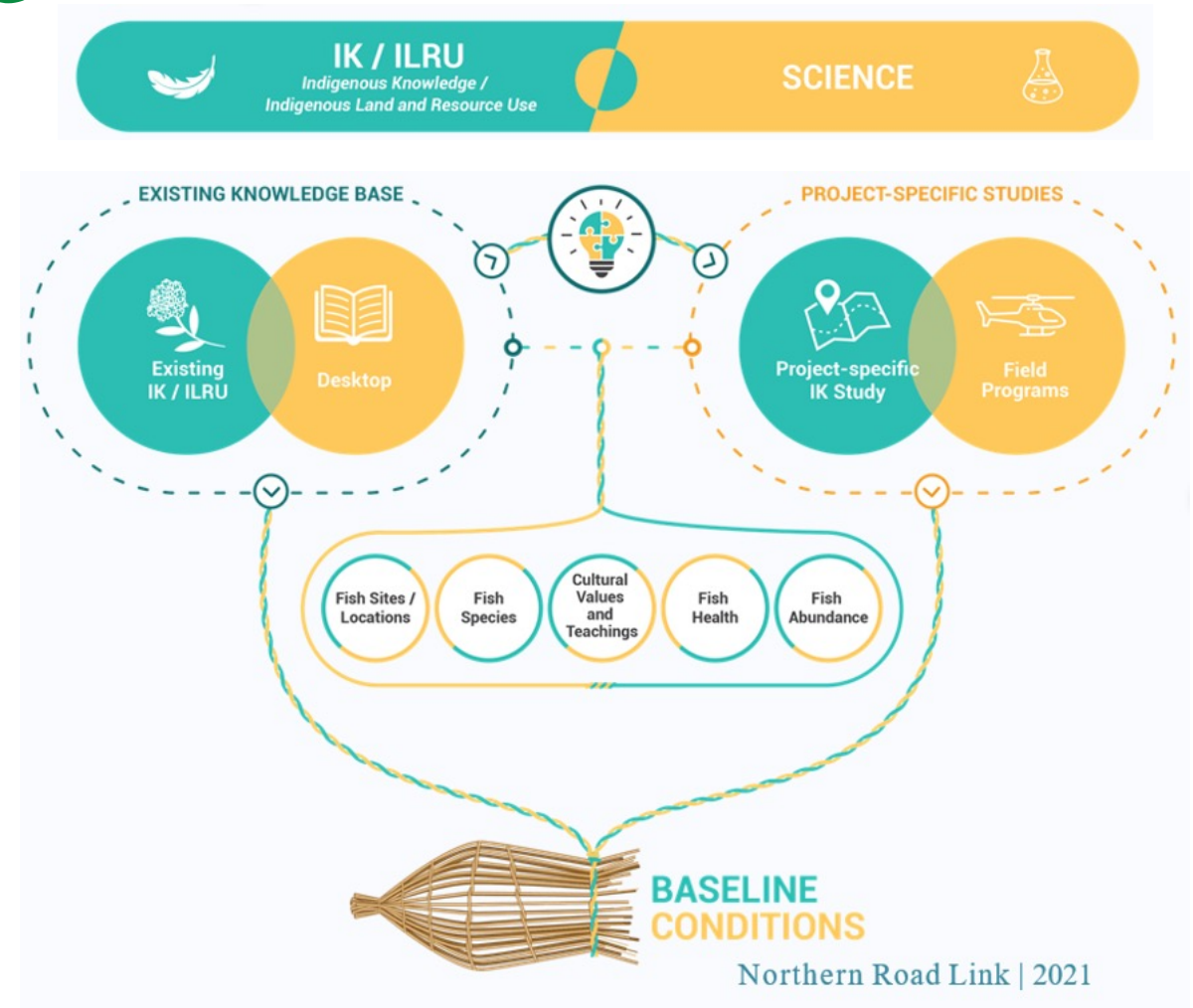
Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek	Long Lake #58 First Nation
Aroland First Nation	Marten Falls First Nation
Attawapiskat First Nation	Métis Nation of Ontario – Region 2
Constance Lake First Nation	Neskantaga First Nation
Eabametoong First Nation	Nibinamik First Nation
Fort Albany First Nation	Red Sky Independent Métis Nation
Ginoogaming First Nation	Wapekeka First Nation
Kasabonika Lake First Nation	Wawakapewin First Nation
Kashechewan First Nation	Weenusk (Peawanuck) First Nation
Kingfisher Lake First Nation	Webequie First Nation
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug	Wunnumin First Nation

Tribal Councils & Provincial Territorial Organizations (PTOs)

# Indigenous Knowledge

**Purpose:** to collect information on traditional land use areas, sacred sites and other cultural important locations in the Study Area for both historic and current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes.

Indigenous Knowledge will be considered in all aspects of the Project.





# Capacity Opportunities

## Sharing and Use of Indigenous Knowledge

- ❖ Communities have existing IK studies they would be willing to share with permission and information sharing agreements in place;
- ❖ Communities undertake an IK study with their own consultant(s) with support of capacity funding; and
- ❖ Communities would like the support of the NRL Project team and those with relevant expertise affiliated with the Project to prepare and carry out an IK study with and for them.



## Community Consultation Coordinators

- ❖ Community consultation coordinators may be identified for consultation and Indigenous knowledge.



## Field studies

- ❖ Adequate Socio-cultural studies will be done in all communities.
- ❖ Community specific species study such as Fish and Caribou would be conducted.

# MFFN and WFN Insights

- Link to video:

<https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21AKKsF2rY8NOGx24&cid=08B81A6C8FACAD99&id=8B81A6C8FACAD99%2167927&parId=root&o=OneUp>

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# Takeaways

- This is about economic reconciliation
- 2 First Nations are proponents of roads to the Ring of Fire
- Being a proponent is hard work but its possible
- Just because you are a First Nation proponent does not mean you don't need to consult with the nations
- Other First Nations may not support the project and some may even oppose it (and that is okay)
- Just because you are a proponent does not mean that all past challenges and prejudice are gone... they linger and persist... some will continue to question if you really are a proponent

# Questions to Consider

- How can project development as a proponent lead to economic reconciliation?
- How can you support First Nation proponentcy as planners?



# See you in Toronto in September 2022!



- Conference on Indigenous led projects
- September 27-28 in Toronto

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