

Valued Components

Heritage Resources

and the Manitoba–Minnesota Transmission Project

Why do we assess heritage resources?

Heritage resources are valued by First Nations, Metis, historians, professionals, and the public. Important features have been identified through routing, engagement and assessment processes and include previously recorded archaeological sites, cemeteries, burial sites, plaques, centennial farms and provincially and municipally designated sites. Heritage resources are protected under *The Heritage Resources Act*.

How will we determine potential effects on heritage resources?

We will undertake desktop and field surveys to understand the potential effects of the Project on heritage resources. Feedback received throughout the engagement process and traditional knowledge studies will assist in assessment work.

What assessment activities are underway?

We are undertaking provincial and federal database reviews regarding heritage and cultural sites in the Project area. We are also undertaking predictive modelling to understand where there is potential to find heritage resources and to assist in locating sites that are not readily seen.

We will continue to gather feedback and traditional knowledge from the First Nations, Metis, provincial and federal departments and the public to determine potential effects and design mitigation measures.



This creek crossing near Greenridge, Manitoba is a heritage resource.

What are some of the potential effects on heritage resources?

Potential effects on heritage resources that will be reviewed as part of the environmental impact statement related to the construction and operation of the transmission line could include but are not limited to:

- loss or alteration of archaeological sites;
- disturbance or destruction of all or part of an historic resource.

What are we considering to minimize the potential effects on heritage resources?

During construction, the Project archaeologist will work with the construction supervisor and site manager to ensure that staff are informed of and understands the process of implementing heritage protection measures and *The Heritage Resources Act*.

Appropriate heritage protection measures will be reviewed with First Nations, Metis and local interested parties when appropriate. They will assist in the protection of known and unrecorded heritage resource sites.

Valued components (VCs) are components of the natural and human environment that are considered by the proponent, public, First Nations groups, Metis, scientists and other technical specialists and government agencies involved in the assessment process to have scientific, ecological, economic, social, cultural, archaeological, historical, or other importance.

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