

Little Smith Creek Maintenance Project

Project completion update

About the Project

Enbridge operates Line 21 (the Norman Wells Pipeline) which runs parallel to Little Smith Creek, approximately 67 km southeast of the Hamlet of Tulita. This area has been monitored for slope movement since 1985, and engineering assessments determined that preventative maintenance was required due to the continued slope movement. To avoid any potential future impact to Line 21 from the encroaching bank of the creek, Enbridge replaced an approximately 515-metre segment of the pipe during January – March 2021.

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After nearly three years of planning, collaborating with communities in the Tulita District to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, and braving extreme low temperatures down to -60C, the construction and operation crews completed the maintenance work required on the system, and on March 4, 2021 the line was returned to service and the old segment was removed – a great accomplishment by all involved in such a short time.



Project Committee

A Project Committee was established between Enbridge and the Tulita District Benefits Corporation (TDBC). The purpose of the committee was to ensure consistent and timely communication with the local community, and to collaboratively address any issues that came up on the Project. Enbridge wishes to thank all those involved for their time and commitment during planning and construction. Enbridge remains committed to working with the committee throughout demobilization, clean up and post-construction environmental monitoring.

Demobilization and post-construction environmental monitoring

The temporary work camps and infrastructure which provided lodging for the crews has been removed. Enbridge has completed demobilization and removed all equipment before the spring thaw.

We have committed to two years of post-construction environmental monitoring, with a focus on natural regeneration of the area to avoid introducing any foreign grass or vegetation species. Post-construction environmental monitoring inspections will take place in the summer and fall of 2021 and 2022. Remediation touch-ups will occur in winter 2022, and if needed, again in winter 2023. We will work with the Project Committee and the Renewable Resource Councils to ensure involvement of local environmental guardians during any remediation work.



Thank You!

Enbridge wishes to thank the communities in the Sahtu region for their support and cooperation during the Little Smith Creek Maintenance Project. By working together with a focus on safety, we are proud to have completed the project with zero injuries to date. COVID-19 protection plans were effective in mitigating the risk of transmission during this work. We are also proud of – cleaning up the riverbank in areas outside of the direct project area, providing twenty-six dump truck loads of wood delivered to the communities of Tulita and Norman Wells, maintaining the winter roads, and much more. Thank you very much to all involved.

Contact information

While the main construction phase of the Project is complete, Enbridge will be active in the area for post-construction environmental monitoring, remediation, and ongoing operations of Line 21.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at anytime on our toll free line at **1-888-263-3654**, or by emailing one of the contacts listed below.

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