

LAKE MANITOBA LAKE ST. MARTIN

OUTLET CHANNELS PROJECT

Heritage Resources Protection Plan

Questionnaire

General Information (Please provide your contact information)

Name

Community

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email

Do you wish to self-identify as an Indigenous Person in Canada, such as First Nations, Metis or Inuit?

Yes

No

Manitoba welcomes responses from all to this questionnaire, including Indigenous individuals. Manitoba remains committed to meaningful and respectful Crown-Indigenous Consultation with Indigenous groups.

In addition to your responses, your personal information is being collected to be able to contact you for follow up if needed. Your responses will be collected and used to help support the provincial and federal environmental assessment process for the Lake Manitoba and Lake St Martin Outlet Channels Project and will inform the Crown-Indigenous Consultation process. Responses and information collected through this questionnaire will be protected by Manitoba Infrastructure but may be shared with other provincial and federal regulatory bodies to meet environmental regulatory requirements.

Overview of Plan and Questionnaire

The Heritage Resource Protection Plan (the Plan) presented during consultation and engagement is considered draft and will not be finalized until input is obtained from potentially-affected Indigenous groups and other stakeholders. The Plan will be finalized once applicable feedback has been received, final design details are determined, and environmental regulatory approval conditions are available.

This questionnaire is intended to be completed after reviewing the Plan. It is recommended that the report is read as a whole, so that sections or parts are not read out of context.

Heritage resources are protected under Manitoba's Heritage Resources Act (1986) and are managed by the Heritage Resources Branch (HRB) under the Ministry of Sport, Culture, and Heritage. The Plan has been developed to provide for this protection. The objective of the Plan is to provide for two facets of heritage protection:

1. The protection of previously known heritage resources.
2. The protection of heritage resources and human remains should they be unearthed or discovered during the construction and operating phases of the Project.

The Plan is being developed based on the findings of a Heritage Resource Impact Assessment conducted prior to the start of construction.

A. Introduction

1. Workers for the Project will receive basic heritage resources training prior to construction to aid them in their ability to recognize heritage resources that may be uncovered during construction and report these findings to appropriate Project personnel. Is this process robust enough to ensure that chance findings of heritage resources are documented and protected?

Yes

No

If no, please explain your concerns:

2. a) Are you aware of specific areas in the Project area that contain heritage resources, such as burial grounds, artifacts (e.g., tools, pottery or other historic objects), hearths (old fire pit), stone configurations, etc.?

Yes

No

If yes, please make note of the type of heritage resources and their location on Figures 1, 2, and 3.

- b) Manitoba Infrastructure (MI) recognizes that concerns have been raised about the impact to islands in Lake Manitoba, Lake St. Martin, and Lake Winnipeg. Are you aware of any specific heritage resources in these areas that you feel may be impacted by the Project?

Yes

No

If yes, please identify the location of these resources on Figures 1, 2, and 3 and how you feel the Project may affect these in a way that the natural environment (e.g., water level fluctuations and erosion) does not.

3. MI recognizes that the Fairford Trail, a historical feature in the area, is still actively used by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the area. Please explain how you use the Fairford Trail:

4. MI recognizes that the Narrows of Lake St. Martin are considered a site of importance to Indigenous peoples. If applicable, please explain how you use the Narrows of Lake St. Martin:

B. Heritage Resources Protective Measures

5. Known heritage resources related to the Project include: heritage sensitive areas, known heritage resources in the Project Development Area, and culturally important areas. The Plan (Section 5) outlines measures for how these heritage resources will be managed during the Project. Are the measures outlined robust enough to ensure the protection of heritage resources?

Yes

No

If no, please indicate additional processes for consideration:

6. The Plan (Section 5.2 and 5.3) outlines procedures that will be followed if a “Chance Find” heritage resource is encountered. Are the procedures outlined robust enough to protect these heritage resources?

Yes

No

If no, please explain and identify other procedures that should be considered:

7. What types of “Chance Finds” of heritage resources do you feel your community should be contacted about if encountered?

8. The Plan (Section 5.3.1) identifies measures that will be followed to protect heritage resources during Project construction activities, including those found in recognized or newly discovered cemeteries or burial grounds. Are the measures outlined robust enough to ensure the protection of heritage resources in these areas?

Yes

No

If no, please indicated additional processes for consideration:

9. Manitoba Infrastructure has also considered periodic post-construction monitoring of the Bayton St. Thomas Lutheran Cemetery to ensure no alteration to headstones based on the groundwater regime has occurred (Section 9.6.8 of the EIS). Do you feel these monitoring measures should be implemented?

Yes

No

Please explain:

C. Conclusion

10. Are the procedures identified in the Plan sufficient to protect heritage resources used for your community's traditional activities from potential Project-related effects?

Yes

No

If no, please identify any concerns regarding Project-related effects to heritage resources and the practice of traditional activities:

11. How would you like to be involved with follow-up and monitoring of the heritage resources activities, including the identification of heritage sites? Please identify:

12. Would your community be interested in conducting ceremonies or spiritual activities for known or unknown heritage resources?

Yes

No

Are there any specific heritage resource types or locations for which you or your community feels a ceremony or spiritual activity is required? If so, please identify:

13. If “Chance Find” heritage resources are unearthed or discovered during the construction and operating phases of the Project, how would you like to participate or contribute your cultural, traditional, or heritage knowledge to the protection or removal of these heritage resources? Please explain:

14. How would you like to receive further information about the Plan and the Project?

Email

Mail

Website notification

All of the above

15. Was the information in the Plan presented in a manner that is understandable?

Yes

No

If no, please identify what information requires further clarification:

16. Do you have any general comments or questions about the Plan, heritage resources or relevant traditional activities?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

Thank you for your feedback. Please remember to include the maps with your questionnaire.

We want to hear from you.
Share your thoughts by highlighting or adding
sticky notes to the maps provided below.

Figure 1 – Map of Lake Manitoba Area

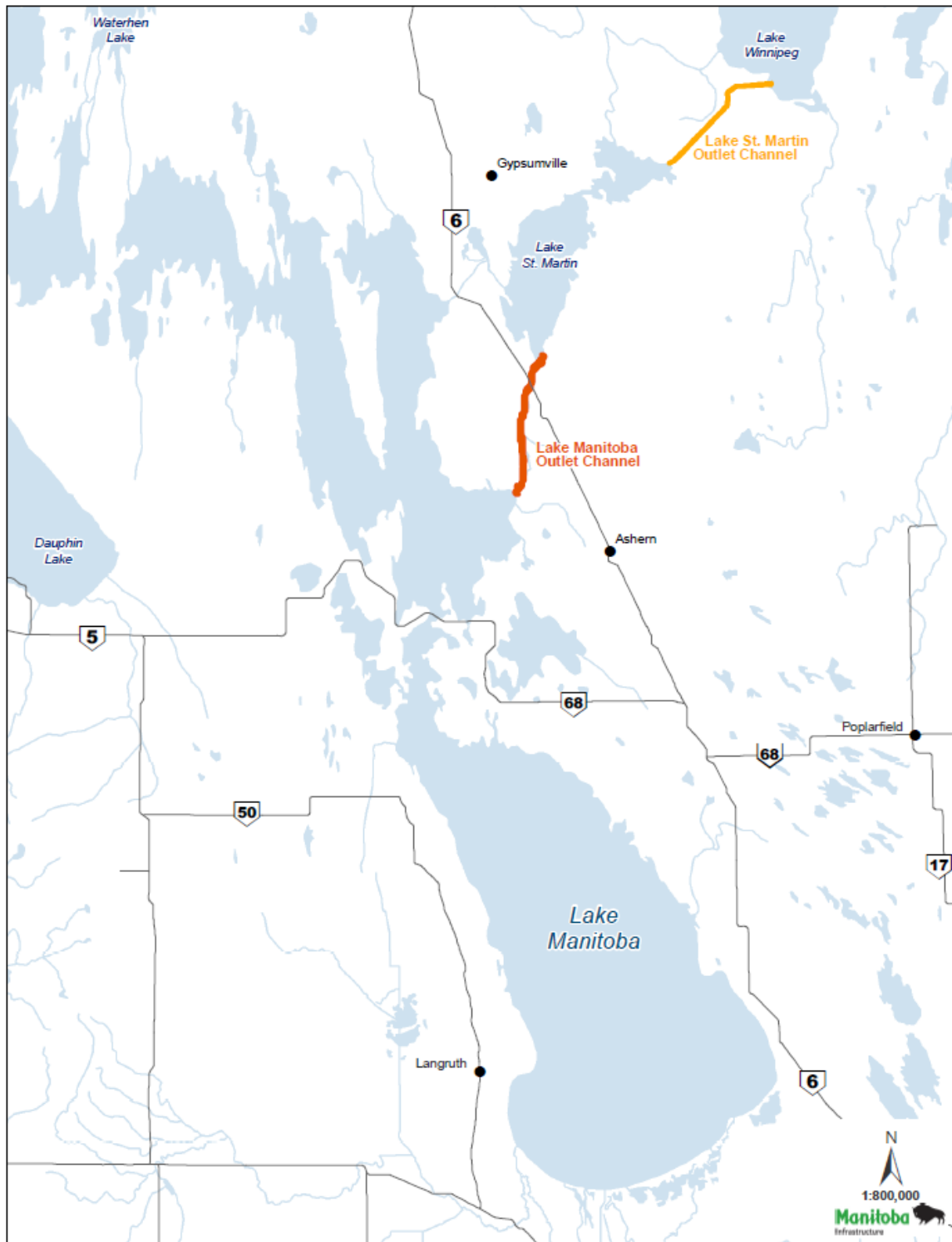


Figure 2 – Map of Lake St. Martin Area

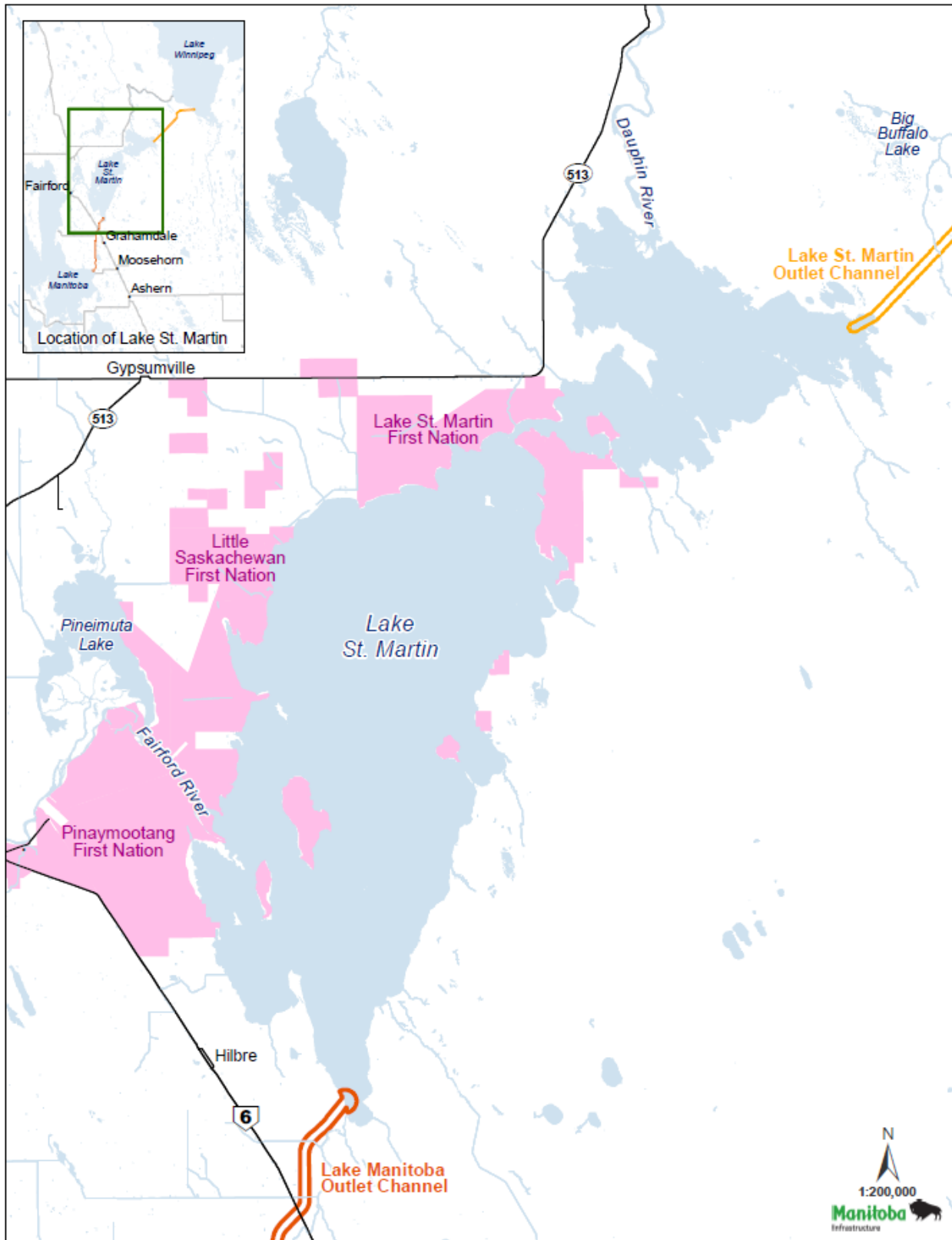


Figure 3 – Map of Lake Winnipeg Area

