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OUTLET CHANNELS PROJECT

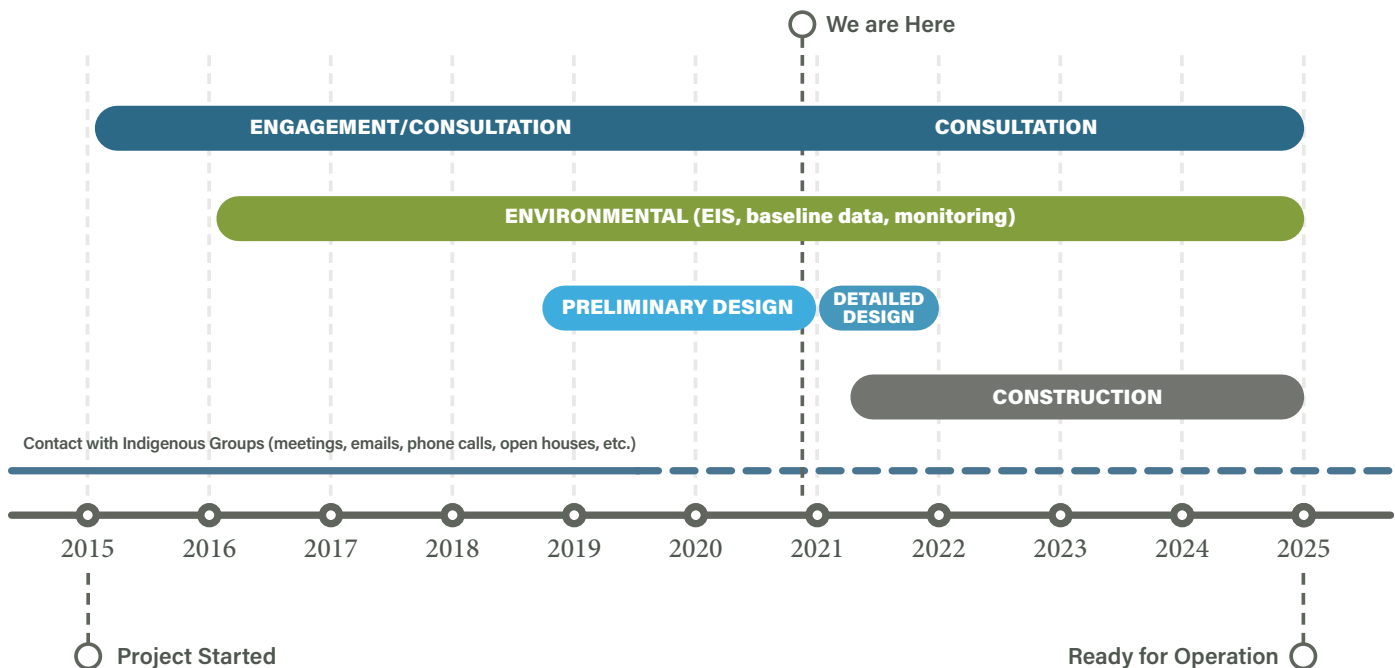
NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2020

Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project

The Outlet Channels Project is the largest and most significant flood mitigation project undertaken in Manitoba since the expansion of the Red River Floodway. It is a critical component of Manitoba's broader integrated flood mitigation network, which includes the Shellmouth Dam, the Portage Diversion, and the Red River Floodway. Collectively, this system protects the safety of hundreds of thousands of Manitobans across much of the province, and reduces the catastrophic costs and damages associated with future flood events.

The Outlet Channels Project newsletter will give the Manitoba government an opportunity to provide current updates and share information with the various stakeholders and communities who are impacted by the Outlet Channels Project. Upcoming issues of the newsletter will include updates on the environmental assessment process, consultation, engineering design, and construction.

TIMELINE



Environmental Management Plans

The Manitoba government has developed 23 draft environmental management and monitoring plans for the Outlet Channels Project as part of the provincial and federal environmental assessment process. These draft plans propose environmental protection measures and monitoring activities that will be undertaken during construction and operation of the proposed outlet channels.

Printed copies of the draft environmental and monitoring plans are being shared with Indigenous groups, communities and stakeholders throughout November 2020 to January 2021.

Virtual Open Houses

Virtual open house events to present the plans and questionnaires to obtain feedback are available at [EngageMB.ca](https://engage.mb.ca). Review, comment and feedback is welcome. Please feel free to answer the questionnaires on the Virtual open house site or send comments directly to outletchannels@gov.mb.ca.



Environment

The Manitoba government is undertaking several phases of field work in order to understand the existing environmental conditions prior to construction of the Outlet Channels Project. The information gathered is supporting the planning and design phases of the project. Visit the [Outlet Channels Project website](#) to view a video highlighting recent field work.

Lands

The Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel is located almost entirely on private land in the Rural Municipality of Grahamdale. Approximately 4,000 acres of land, spread across approximately 53 parcels, will be impacted by the Project.

In August 2020, a Notice of Possession was sent to landowners indicating that the Manitoba Government would require possession of the land along the Lake Manitoba Outlet Channel by December 31, 2020. Due to COVID-19, changing timelines for the start of construction and requests from landowners, possession will be moved from December 31, 2020, to March 15, 2021 for a number of landowners. This will address the need expressed by many landowners for a longer timeframe to relocate their homes and/or livestock and operations from the lands expropriated.

The Manitoba government continues to work with affected landowners to answer their questions and address their concerns. A Frequently Asked Questions page related to land expropriation has been added to the [Outlet Channels Project website](#). Any new questions or comments can be emailed to outletchannels@gov.mb.ca.

Please share your concerns about the potential effects of the project by participating in meetings, or by contacting your local project Community Coordinator, band office, government office, association or email outletchannels@gov.mb.ca. For updates on the project please visit [EngageMB.ca](https://engage.mb.ca)