

PRINCE/MEOTA TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

MAY 2024

About the project

We're building a new power line in the North Battleford area.

Strathcona Resources Limited (formerly Serafina Energy Limited) has approached SaskPower for additional power infrastructure to support their oilfield operations in Meota and Prince, Saskatchewan. To meet their needs, and make sure that surrounding communities have the power they need, we'll build a new substation near Prince. We'll also build a new 138-kilovolt (kV) power line to connect the new substation to the grid. The new line will be about 6 kilometres long and will be strung on wood poles.

These new facilities will help support future growth and improve power reliability in Prince and Meota, and for surrounding customers.

Construction starts in summer 2024. We expect construction of the line to be completed and powered up in winter of 2025.

What to expect

We're committed to ensuring reliable and affordable power for our customers and the communities we serve. This means building new infrastructure and upgrading it as needed. It also means that we'll need land to build those new power facilities.

We recognize the contributions of Rightholders, landowners, other stakeholders, and impacts to them as we build projects across the province. Throughout the course of this project, we'll provide the opportunity for Rightholders and stakeholders to provide input on how we could reduce impacts.

What we've done so far

Beginning in 2022, we contacted and received comments from landowners and other stakeholders. We learned through the feedback that landowners wanted to see reduced impacts to agricultural operations, the environment, and residences.

After evaluating all the route options using the feedback we got and our routing criteria, the north route along Iffley-Hatherleigh Road stood out as having the least impacts overall.

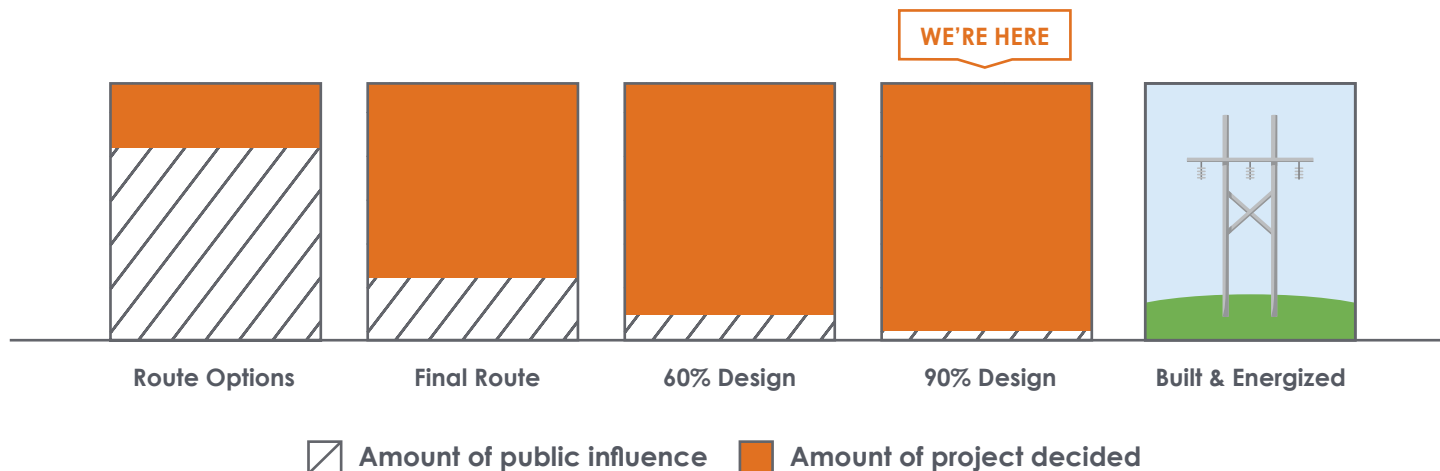
A follow-up engagement was done in January 2023 to gather additional feedback on the final route, and suggestions for planning the new power line structure placement.

We thank everyone who took time to meet with us while we were in the community, emailed or called to participate in the process.

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Your influence on decisions

We value your contributions. Your early involvement helped us better understand the area and with our decision process. The project is now at the 90% design phase and construction plans are well underway.



What about the environment?

What we do today impacts our future. We're always working hard to reduce our impact and protect the environment. As we plan projects, we use tools like databases, satellite imagery and field surveys to understand the environment we are working in. As projects move forward, we'll make sure environmental protection standards are in place to reduce our impact on features like:

- Waterbodies
- Sensitive lands
- Wildlife and their habitats
- Heritage resources
- We also work with the Ministry of Environment and other regulatory agencies to ensure we meet all environmental requirements.

What about land rights?

Landowners play a major role in bringing power to our homes and businesses.

If the power line ends up on your land, we'll work with you to secure an easement. That's an agreement between SaskPower and the landowner for a right-of-way. When we get to this stage,

SaskPower's Land Specialist will contact impacted landowners to discuss compensation for land impacted by the right-of-way.

The right-of-way is needed to ensure safety for construction, operation and maintenance of the transmission line. It is important to ensure proper clearance is maintained around our power lines.

Project timeline

Initial consultation: **Completed**

Follow-up consultation: **Completed**

Engineering/design complete: **Winter 2024**

Easement/permitting complete: **Spring 2025**

Station construction start: **Summer 2024**

Power line construction: **Fall/Winter 2025**

Construction complete/power-up: **Winter 2025**

THINGS WE CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT



Indigenous Knowledge:

We engage Indigenous communities to seek invaluable knowledge. Local and Indigenous knowledge refers to the understandings, skills and philosophies developed by societies with long histories of interaction with their natural surroundings like hunting, fishing, trapping, ceremonial and spiritual uses.



Environment:

We consider our potential impacts on many environmental aspects like designated lands, land cover, and heritage resources, as well as on sensitive plants, animals, and their habitats. When it's not possible to avoid these environmental features, we'll work with Rightsholders, stakeholders, and regulators to find the most responsible way to mitigate impacts. We follow SaskPower's environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



Land Use:

We recognize that land and resource use is important to agricultural operations, property owners, communities and resource users like hunters and trappers, commercial operators, nature, environmental organizations and the public. We consider how resources or access to resources may be affected as well as community land use plans and proximity to communities, residences, habitable buildings, outbuildings.



Social:

We consider the social value communities place on landscapes, points of interest, economic benefits to local communities, job opportunities and recreation activities.



Technical:

We consider engineering and construction standards as well as access, terrain, design, system reliability, proximity to required and other existing infrastructure. SaskPower is committed to ensuring public safety and safe access for construction and maintenance activities.



Cost:

We consider capital costs (project budget), operating budget (long term maintenance), land acquisition costs and impact on power rates.



What are we missing?

Tell us in the feedback form provided.

Final Route

