

PRINCE/MEOTA

TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

MARCH 2023



ABOUT THE PROJECT

We're making plans to build 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 in 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 5 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 of the substation is scheduled to start in the summer of 2024. We expect construction of the line to begin by winter 2024 and be finished by fall 2025.

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're committed to ensuring reliable, sustainable and cost-effective 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 landowners and the impacts to them, rightsholders and other stakeholders as we build projects across the province. Throughout the course of this project, we'll provide the opportunity for stakeholders and rightsholders to participate in decisions and provide input on how we could reduce impacts.

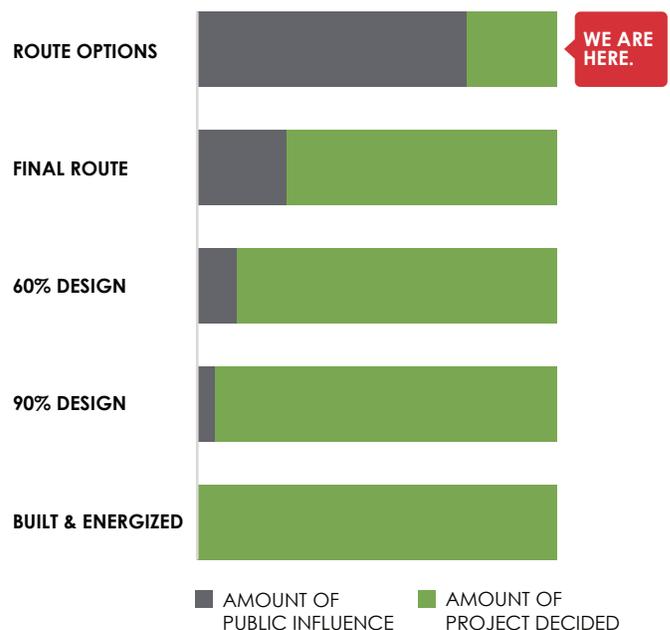
WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

In 2022, we contacted and received comments from landowners and other stakeholders. We learned through their 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. See the map for more details.

YOUR INFLUENCE ON DECISIONS

Getting involved early means your thoughts can be included before decisions are made. As time goes on, there's less flexibility to work with feedback.



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: Underway
- Follow-up consultation: Winter 2022
- Engineering/design complete: Spring 2024
- Easement/permitting complete: Summer 2024
- Construction start: Summer 2024
- Construction complete/power-up: Fall 2025

PLANNING SASKATCHEWAN'S ENERGY FUTURE

We're on track to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. And now we're working on how to make even deeper cuts to GHG emissions – like achieving a net zero future. There's a wide range of supply options to get us there, although no one option can meet all our province's needs.

We're looking for public input to help us develop our plan. Visit saskpower.com/engage to add your voice.

THINGS WE CONSIDER WHEN PLANNING A PROJECT



ENVIRONMENT:

We consider many factors like land cover, wetlands, waterbodies, and potential archaeology, as well as potential impact on rare and endangered plants and animals and their habitats. When avoidance isn't possible, we will work with stakeholders and regulators to find the most responsible way to offset or mitigate impacts. We follow SaskPower's Environmental Beneficial Management Practices.



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.



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.