



ALTERNATIVE ROUTE EVALUATION CRITERIA



Natural Environment

- Physiography, geology, surficial geology and soils
- Provincial parks, conservation reserves and areas of natural and scientific interest
- Surface water
- Groundwater
- Vegetation and wetlands
- Species at risk & species of conservation concern
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Fish and fish habitat



Indigenous Community Values

- Indigenous community rights/interests and use of land and resources for traditional purposes
- Cultural and spiritual areas and sites
- Landscapes of importance
- Other applicable criteria/indicators identified by communities



Socio-Economic Environment

- Land use designations (e.g., provincial parks)
- Infrastructure and community services
- Recreation and tourism
- Visual landscape
- Archaeology
- Built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes



Technical and Cost

- Project size
- Existing community infrastructure
- Constructability
- Existing rights-of-way
- Economic (estimated project cost)
- Safety and compatibility with existing grid

In partnership with:

