

Ring of Fire Update and Discussion (from the May 13/26 MTO/ACEC Engineering Subcommittee meeting)

1. Confirm procurement posting details.

- Specifically, whether *all projects (including those led by First Nations proponents)* will be posted through **RAQS/MERX**.
 - No, all projects will not be posted on RAQS/MERX. MTO will be utilizing allowable exceptions where procurements are in support of Indigenous peoples.

2. Clarify the meaning of “proponent”.

- The proponent is the entity leading the EA.

3. Provide updates on procurement approach and roles.

- Especially regarding MTO vs. First Nations responsibilities and how procurement is structured across the projects
 - Procurements have not yet been fully determined for all projects.
 - Ontario has signed partnership agreements with Webequie FN and Marten Falls FN and a Shared Prosperity Agreement with Aroland FN, which prioritize FN economic opportunities and involvement in all phases of the projects.
 - For example, the Webequie Supply Road Construction Manager procurement is a collaborative effort between Ontario and Webequie FN

4. Follow up on future procurement timelines.

- Detailed design procurement timing
 - TBD
- Potential CMGC and other packages for all three road projects
 - Webequie Supply Road Construction Manager (CM) RFP distributed to shortlisted providers on June 16, 2026. Other contracts are still to be determined

5. Look into Owner’s Engineer / PMC roles

- Owner's Engineer (CMGC) for Webequie Supply Road procurement is being reviewed by MTO.