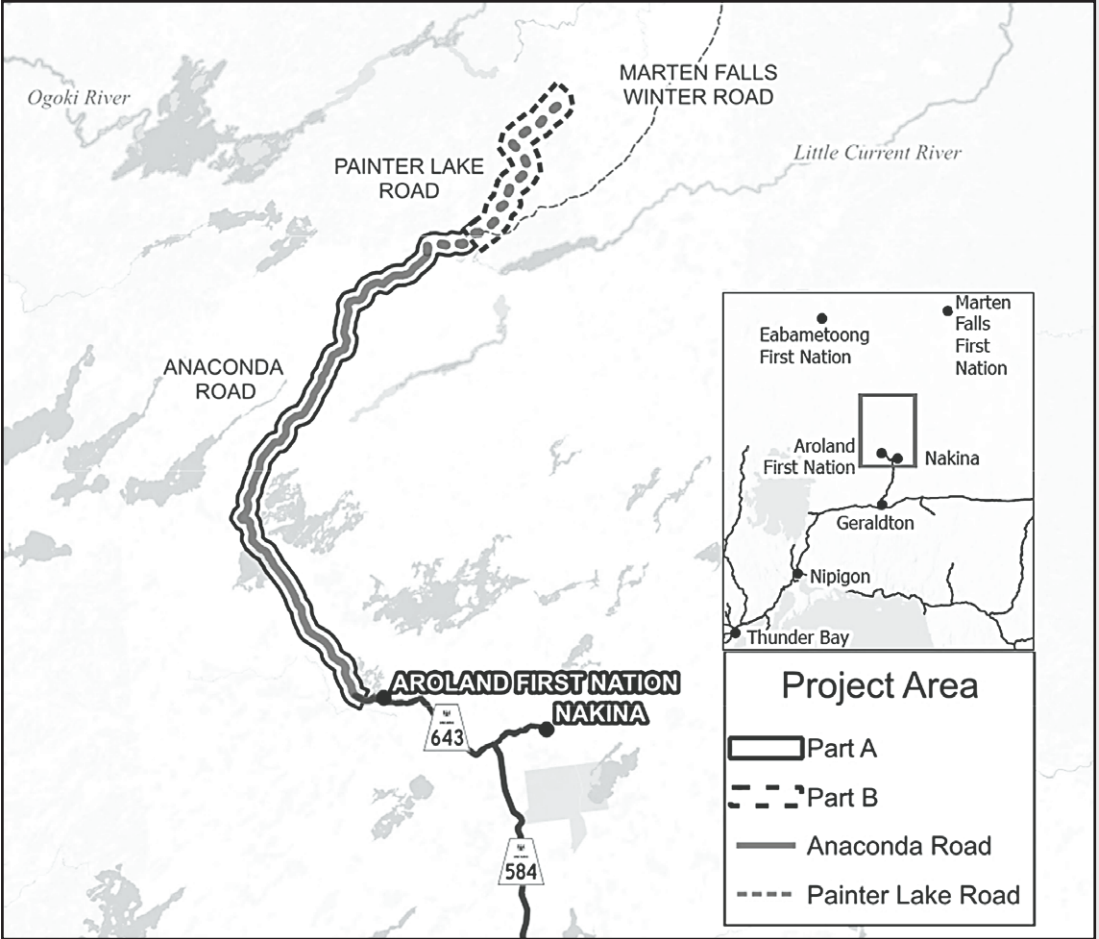


# Notice of Completion

## Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment Study Anaconda Road and Painter Lake Road Upgrades

The **Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **TBT Engineering Limited (TBTE)** to complete a preliminary design study and environmental assessment for the Anaconda Road and Painter Lake Road upgrades. The project consists of two sections:

- **Part A** - Anaconda Road, 3 km north of Aroland First Nation north for 69 km & Painter Lake Road, from the end of Anaconda Road north for 8 km
- **Part B** - From the end of Part A, north to the end of Painter Lake Road



### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The preliminary design study evaluated options for improving the road, so it is safer, more stable, and lasts longer. The recommended plan for the Anaconda and Painter Lake Roads includes the following:

- Establishing a 100-metres wide right-of-way
- Adjusting the roads' horizontal and vertical alignment in several locations, including two major realignments
- Improving intersections, side roads and entrances
- Constructing new bridges
- Upgrading culverts and drainage systems
- Developing a patrol yard and temporary work camps

### STUDY PROCESS

This project is being carried out following the approved planning process for a **Group A** project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities and Municipal Expressways (2024)*. The Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) has been completed. It documents the environmental assessment process, describes the preferred design, and outlines environmental protection measures that will be put in place. The TESR is available for a 30-day public comment period from **April 29, 2026 to May 28, 2026**. It can be accessed on the project website at [www.anaconda-painter-lake-road.ca](http://www.anaconda-painter-lake-road.ca) and at the following location during regular operating hours:

Greenstone Public Library  
Nakina Branch  
216 North Ave, Nakina, ON

Greenstone Public Library  
Geraldton Branch  
405 2<sup>nd</sup> St W, Geraldton, ON

### COMMENTS

Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR and provide comments by **May 28 2026**, to one of the project team members listed below.

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A request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks for a Section 16 Order, requesting the study is elevated to a comprehensive (individual) EA or additional conditions are imposed. A Section 16 Order can only be requested if the order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on the existing Aboriginal and treaty rights. The request should be sent in writing or by email to the project team above and to: Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (777 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3, [Minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:Minister.mecp@ontario.ca)), and Director, Environmental Assessment Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (135 St. Clair Ave. W, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5, [EABDirector@ontario.ca](mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca)). If no requests are made by May 28 2026, the project will be considered to have met the requirements under the Class EA.

Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the project team members listed above.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 1 416 262-2483, Katerina Downard.