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Nunavut-Manitoba link to be studied

NORTHERN CORRIDOR STUDY TO SCOPE ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY AND SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL VIABILITY

A study to determine the best route for a road link between Rankin Inlet and Manitoba is now underway.

The study is jointly funded by the governments of Canada, Nunavut and Manitoba, and Nishi-Khon/SNC-Lavalin has been retained to complete the study within the next two years. It is intended that the road initially be a winter road, with an eventual upgrade to an all-weather, all-season road.

Rankin Inlet, in the Kivalliq region, is the northern start for the route. From Rankin Inlet the route will proceed south to connect with Manitoba's all-weather road system at either Lynn Lake, Thompson or Gillam. The Port of Churchill will also be

connected to the route. The study will scope the social, economic and environmental impacts, as well as cost



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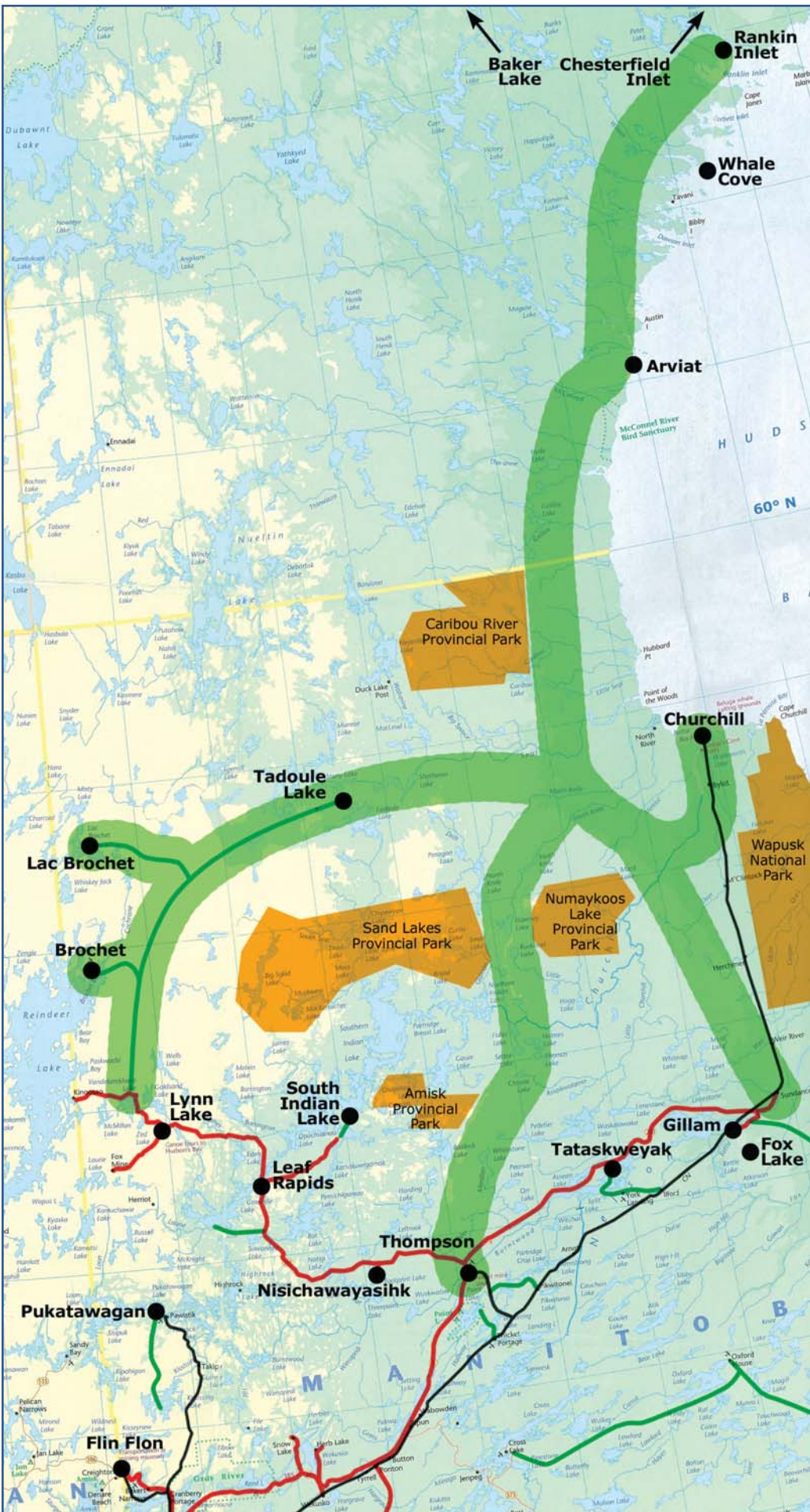
estimates associated with each of the corridors. Public consultations will be held in 16 communities in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut and in Northern Manitoba.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION LOCATIONS:

- Baker Lake
- Rankin Inlet
- Arviat
- Tadoule Lake
- Brochet
- South Indian Lake
- Thompson, Nisichawayasihk and Tataskweyak
- Gillam and Fox Lake First Nation
- Chesterfield Inlet
- Whale Cove
- Churchill
- Lac Brochet
- Lynn Lake

NUNAVUT-MANITOBA ROUTE SELECTION STUDY

Key Plan



LEGEND

Existing All-weather Road



Existing Winter Road



Existing Railway



Study Corridors



Approx. Scale:
1:3,500,000



Polar bears frequent the western shore of Hudson Bay



Dog sledding is regaining popularity in the Kivalliq Region



Fuel delivery by winter road in northern Canada

IMPORTANT ROUTE SELECTION CRITERIA:

- The suitability of the terrain, soils and surficial geological deposits to accommodate the road and provide sources of granular materials to build the road
- Protecting the natural environment with its important flora, fauna and fisheries resources
- Protecting historical sites, artifacts, archaeological resources, local culture and traditional land uses
- Enhancing opportunities for social and economic improvements by providing more reliable access to communities, potential mine sites and renewable natural resources
- Providing the most appropriate route to enhance travel and trade opportunities between Nunavut, Manitoba and the rest of Canada



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UPCOMING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Community and public consultation is an essential part of this study. Members of the study project team have already introduced the study:

- At Nunavut Day in Winnipeg on April 27, 2005
- At the Hudson Bay Regional Round Table in Rankin Inlet on May 18, 2005 and in Gillam on October 5, 2005
- At the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board Meeting in Rankin Inlet on May 27, 2005
- At the NorMan Regional Development Board Meeting in Flin Flon on September 9, 2005

Informational notices have already been sent out to communities and stakeholders in the study area. A Project Advisory Council made up of key stakeholders will provide important input to the project team and review routing proposals.

Meetings with the Project Advisory Council are planned for November 2005. In the new year members of the study team intend meeting, in person, residents of all communities in the study area at the above referenced 16 locations.

The team intends to spend a full day in each centre, meeting with community leaders and residents, to explain the goals of the project, to show information already collected, and most importantly to listen to community concerns and issues which could affect the location of the new road.

Prior to the team meeting with the communities, please feel free to contact the members of the study team or visit our web site.

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YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE
(Including your thoughts on potential issues or opportunities)
Send to address on reverse.
