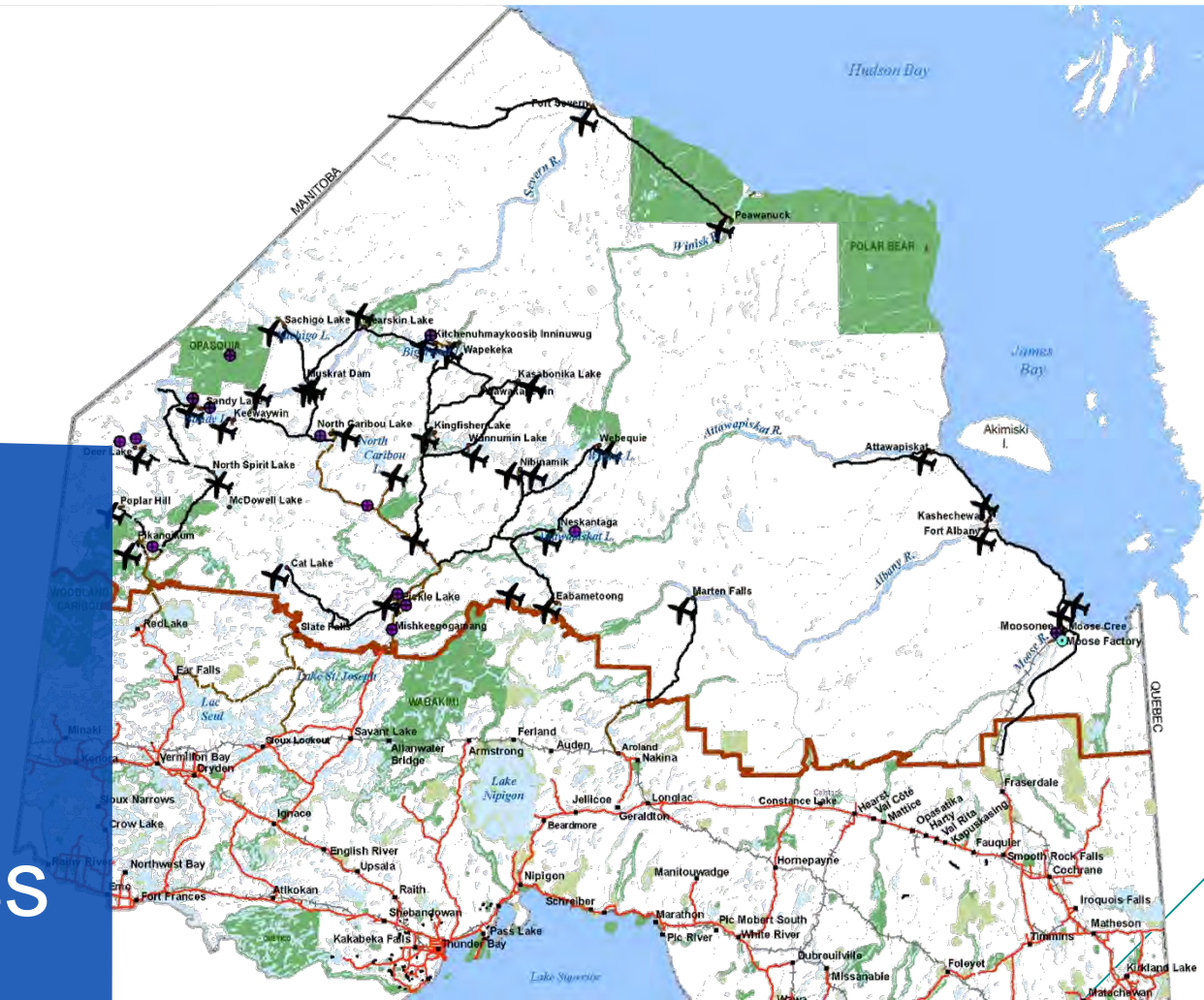




PATH FORWARD

Options for Access to Northern Communities



ALL-SEASON ROAD CONCEPTS

→ Concept 1

- One access road to each Community

→ Concept 2

- One main access road serving multiple communities

→ Concept 3

- A Network of Northern Highways

Roads are the key to development in northern Ontario First Nations have an opportunity to shape the path forward.



The Benefits of Access

All Season All Weather access into our Northern Communities can bring tremendous benefits to the communities:

- Reduced cost of living in the community
- More band members can live year round in the community
- Encourages development in the community.
- Better/cheaper access to health resources
- Opens the potential for resource development
- Supports Community Development efforts
- Grants communities greater access to their lands
- Power Transmission Lines also follow road routes



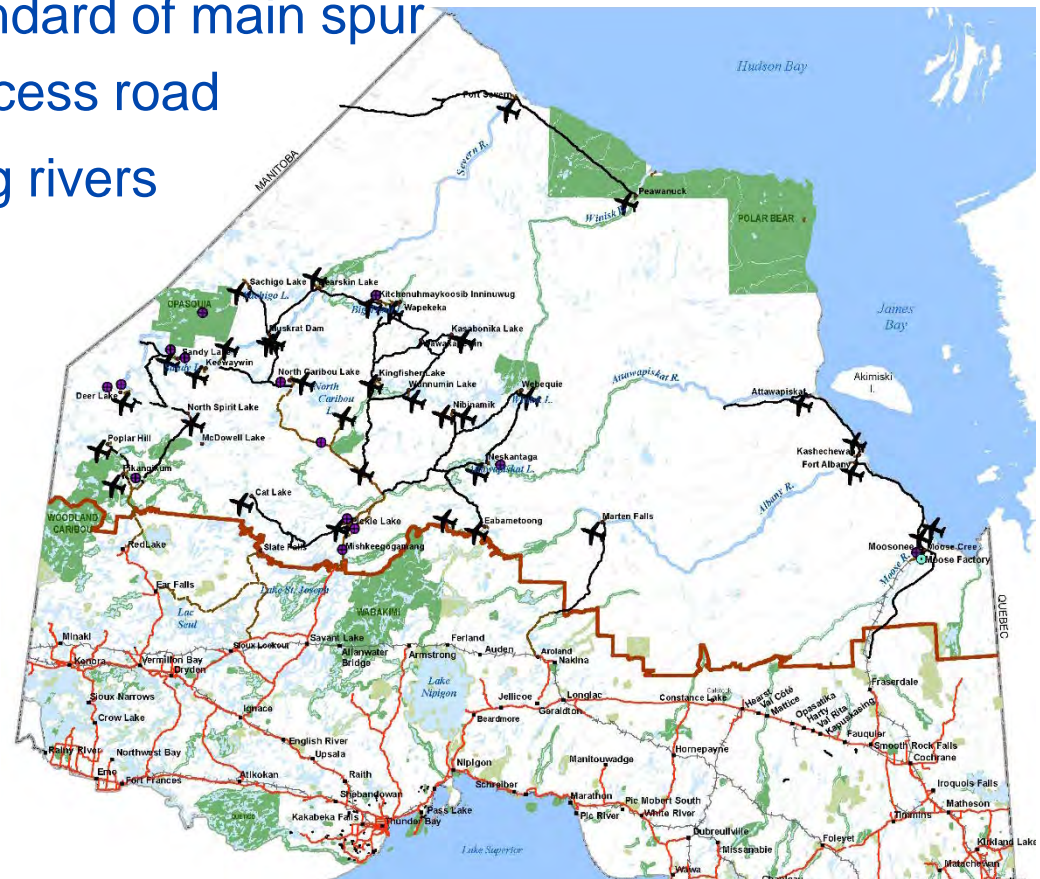
Concept 1 – One Road to Each Community



The Benefits of Shared Access

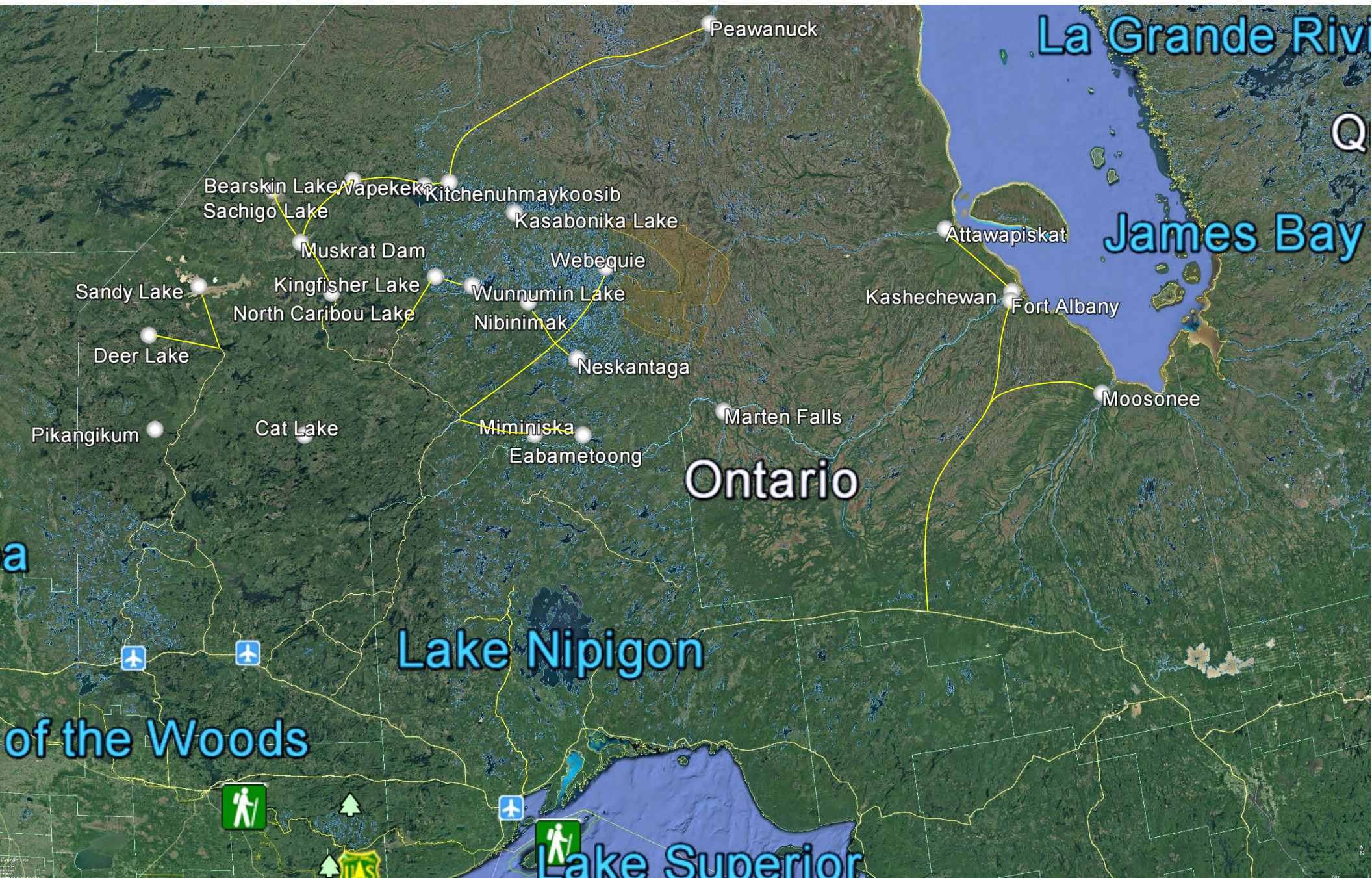
If related communities join forces to develop shared access into the communities, they also share the cost of the main spur. This results in added benefits:

- The possibility for a higher standard of main spur
- Reduction in the cost of the access road
- Greater justification for bridging rivers
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Concept 2 – One Road to Multiple Communities



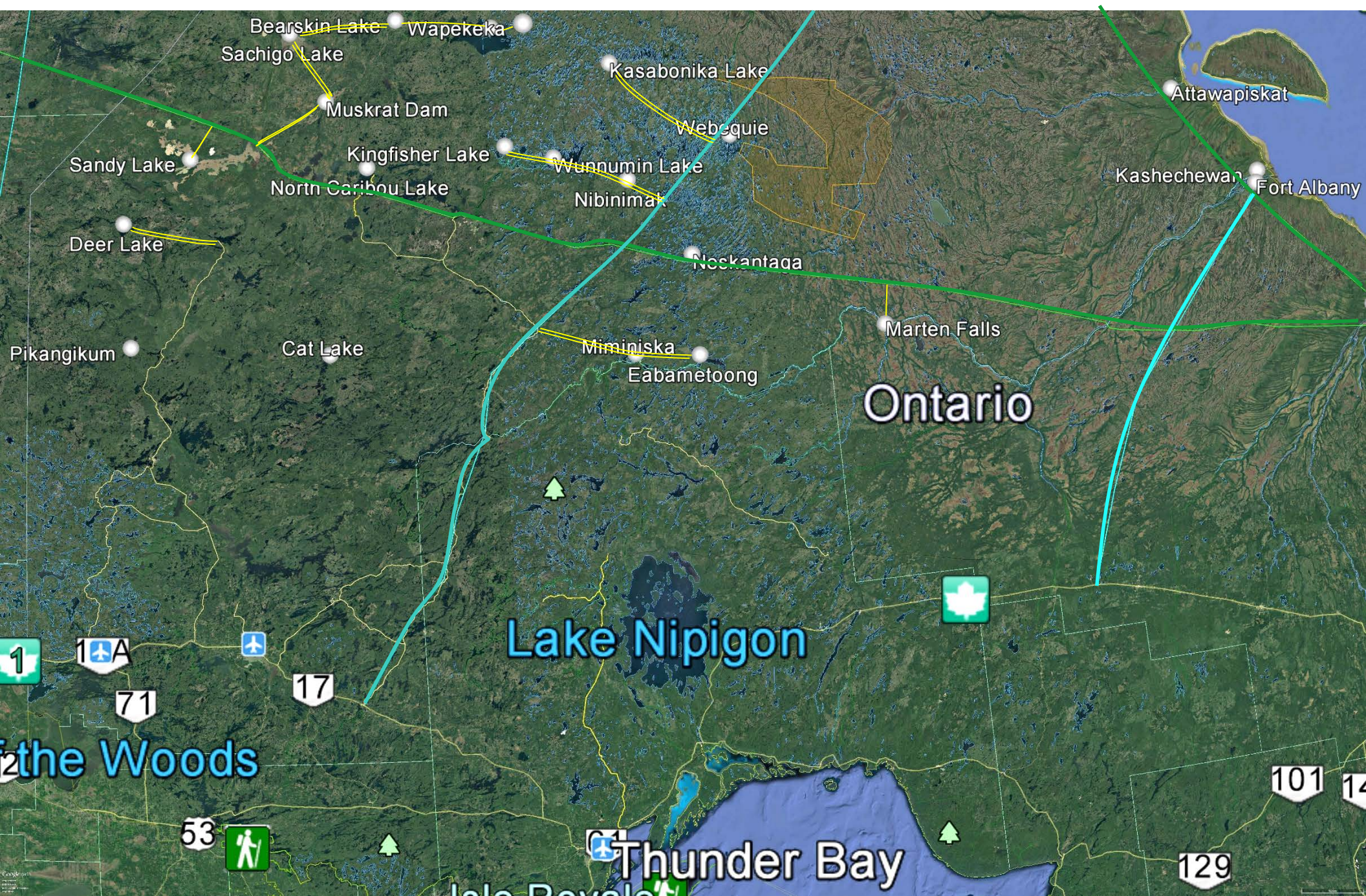
The Benefits of a Northern Road Network

If the communities were able to convince the government to develop a northern road network, it would result in additional benefits:

- Further reduction in the cost of access to the community
- Highway access to locations closer to the community
- Greater development in the north, justifying:
 - More/Larger Northern Health Centres
 - Larger service and shopping areas
- More reliable access in all weather
- Would justify the cost of bridging larger rivers
- Brings greater justification for resource development
- Access Redundancy (Nipigon!)
- Funding may become available from other initiatives that are not able to proceed as quickly



Concept 3 – A Network of Northern Highways



Road Blocks to a Northern Highway

→ Funding

- The cost of roads
- Maintenance
- etc

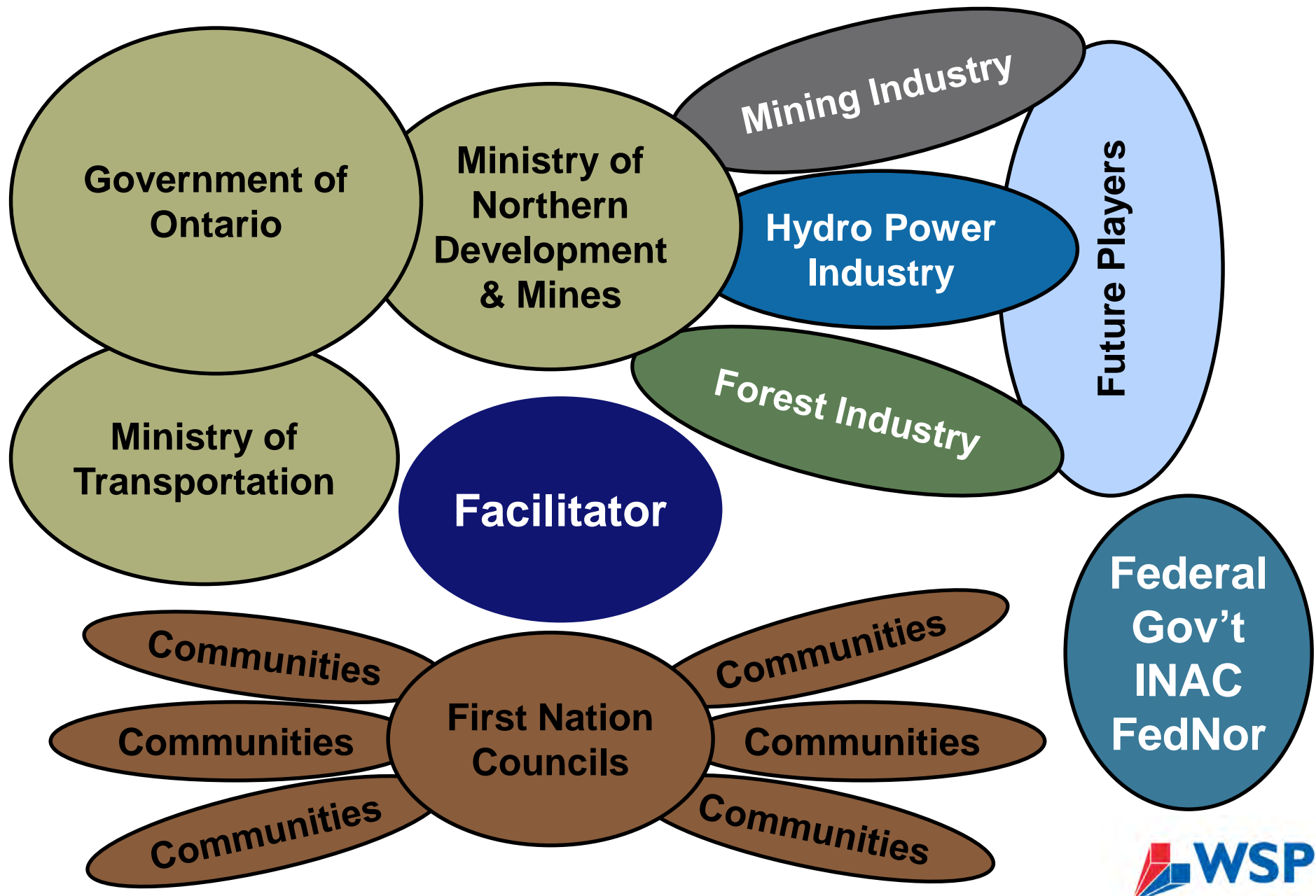
→ Finding a Champion

- Someone to advance the concept
- Someone to be a catalyst for discussion

→ Generating Cooperation

- Different groups have different priorities
- Easy to focus on the differences and lose sight of the benefits
- Easy to focus on side issues and lose the main initiative
- Hard to develop trust and interdependence

Who would be involved in a Road Network?



What are the Steps?

**Develop a
Network Plan**

First Nations Support

**Obtain Environmental
Approvals**

**Strategic Phased
Implementation**

What does Success Look Like!

Initially, success will be the development of a willingness to cooperate on attaining a northern road network:

→ An Infrastructure Development Corporation or Agreement

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Success will also depend upon:

→ The realization of adequate funding

GOAL

Develop reliable
all season
all weather access
to each
northern community

QUESTIONS?