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Shared Corridor

Corridor partagé

Oil, power and fibre in one already-opened fence.
Pétrole, courant et fibre dans une clôture déjà ouverte.



Concept document by a nasty, retired Canadian taxpayer • Document de réflexion d'un méchant contribuable canadien à la retraite



The idea first • L'idée d'abord

English

If the United States shuts its segments of Line 5, keep Sarnia running on Canadian ground that is already cleared: the TransCanada gas strip, Highway 11, Line 9, and the surveyed south shore toward Lévis and Saint John. Year one is operations plus the first tested Canadian loops — not a 3,300-kilometre monument. Later years put Canadian crude in Canadian stills so foreign cargoes those plants no longer take stay on the Atlantic for other refiners. That is sovereignty: our oil in our plants first. Sit with First Nations before any map is public. Water can stop a segment. In Québec, walk Québec law. Hibernia stays on ships. This note is a concept, not an application.

Français québécois

Si les États-Unis ferment leurs bouts de la Ligne 5, on garde Sarnia sur des terres déjà ouvertes : le gazoduc TransCanada, la route 11, la Ligne 9, et le tracé de la rive sud vers Lévis et Saint-Jean. L'an 1, c'est l'opération plus les premières boucles canadiennes testées — pas un monument de 3 300 kilomètres. Les années d'après mettent le brut canadien dans les raffineries canadiennes, pour que les cargos étrangers que ces usines ne prennent plus restent sur l'Atlantique. C'est ça, la souveraineté : notre pétrole dans nos alambics d'abord. On s'assoit avec les nations avant la carte. L'eau peut arrêter un tronçon. Au Québec, on marche la loi du Québec. Hibernia reste sur les bateaux. Cette note est une idée, pas une demande.

The strip, and how Sarnia eats in year one

La bande, et comment Sarnia mange pendant l'an 1

SEGMENT	ABOUT	YEAR-ONE JOB	LATER
Existing liquids to Manitoba	In service	Do not rebuild	Keep full
Winnipeg–North Bay on Hwy 11 / gas strip	~1,100 km	Open camps; weld first loops	Finish 42-inch trunk
North Bay–Barrie–Sarnia (Dawn strip)	~400 km	Survey + first steel	Into Sarnia tanks
Sarnia complex (3 refineries)	~280–300 kb/d	Keep charged every day	Stay charged
Line 9 Sarnia–Montréal	30-inch, ~300 kb/d	Plans and steel only	Loop +50% later
Montréal–Lévis–Saint John	New on old survey	Québec process starts	Years 2–5 if decree
Hibernia / Grand Banks	Ships	No Cabot pipe	Still ships
Eastern stills on Canadian crude	~480 kb/d imports now	Not year one	Free those cargoes
Power + fibre in same fence	Shared strip	Design with nations	Greenstone ~2032

Sarnia year-one board • Tableau de l'an 1

Imperial, Suncor and Shell at Sarnia–Corunna take on the order of 280,000 to 300,000 barrels a day. Line 5 as a whole is about 540,000, much of it light crude and natural-gas liquids that also serve Michigan and Ohio. Closing the United States segments does not mean Sarnia needs 540,000 new Canadian barrels on day one. It means the three plants must not run dry.

- Days 1–90: rail racks, existing Canadian pipes still lawful, tankage at Sarnia and Corunna, and any remaining Line 78 / 6 movements. This is expensive. It is also how the plants stay alive.
- Days 90–365: each finished Highway 11 loop is tested and can carry oil. First new Canadian barrels without Michigan. Not the whole trunk.
- Aamjiwnaang sits beside Chemical Valley. That table is sat with before a new pump or tank is poured, not after.
- Jours 1–90 : trains, tuyaux canadiens encore légaux, réservoirs. Cher. Vital. Jours 90–365 : chaque boucle testée porte de l'huile. Aamjiwnaang : on s'assoit avant de couler du béton.

Les deux pieds sur terre

Ce qu'on propose

Un oléoduc de 42 pouces depuis les liquides déjà en place au Manitoba, le long de la route 11, jusqu'à Sarnia, puis la Ligne 9, puis Lévis et Saint-Jean sur un tracé déjà arpenté. Dans la même emprise : courant et fibre. Une seule clairière.

Ce qu'on ne propose pas

Pas de monument le jour 365. Pas d'huile empilée sur un gazoduc en service. Pas de tuyau au fond du lac Supérieur ni dans le détroit de Cabot. Pas d'annonce avant les nations. Pas de décret québécois oublié.

L'eau, c'est le test

Prises d'eau, rivières, vannes des deux bords, pont-pipe ou forage dirigé, surveillants indépendants. Si l'eau n'est pas protégée, le tronçon ne se fait pas.

Le Québec n'est pas une formalité

Oléoduc, servitude, initiateur, avis d'intention, étude d'impact, BAPE, décret. L'ouvrage est fédéral. Les deux horloges tournent. Un non de Québec sur l'est, ça retarde l'Atlantique. Ça n'empêche pas de garder Sarnia.

Aspiration — nos alambics d'abord

On ne raffine pas les sables bitumineux au complet. On arrête d'importer du brut dans un pays qui en produit. En 2025, l'Est prenait encore près de 480 000 barils par jour de brut étranger. Chaque cargo que Sarnia, Montréal, Lévis et Saint-Jean n'ont plus besoin de laisser à quai reste sur l'Atlantique pour d'autres raffineurs. L'essence et le diesel qu'Irving exporte déjà vers la Nouvelle-Angleterre peuvent continuer à partir. Ce n'est pas un slogan d'exportation. C'est la souveraineté des stills.

Both feet on the ground

What this is

A 42-inch oil loop from liquids already at Manitoba, along Highway 11 into Sarnia, along Line 9, then Lévis and Saint John on a surveyed south-shore strip. Power and fibre in the same fence. One clearing.

What this is not

Not a monument on day 365. Not oil stacked on live gas. Not a pipe on the bed of Lake Superior or across Cabot Strait. Not a press conference before nations. Not a skipped Québec decree.

Water is the test

Intakes, rivers, valves on both banks, a pipe bridge or a prepared bore, independent monitors. If the water is not protected, the segment is not built.

Québec is not paperwork

Oléoduc, servitude, initiator, notice, impact study, public hearings, cabinet decree. The work is federal. Both clocks run. A Québec no on the east delays the Atlantic. It does not require Sarnia to run dry.

Aspiration — Canadian stills first

This is not refining the oil sands. It is stopping the habit of importing crude into a country that already produces it. In 2025 the East still took in about 480,000 barrels a day of foreign crude. Every cargo Sarnia, Montréal, Lévis and Saint John no longer need stays on the Atlantic for other refiners. The gasoline and diesel Irving already sends to New England can keep moving. That is sovereignty of the still — our oil in our plants — not a claim that Europe has ordered Saint John gasoline.

Tables to sit with • Des tables où s'asseoir

This is not a list of supporters. It is an incomplete list of kitchens. A name here is not a signature. Missing a name is the author's fault, not the nation's silence. Ce n'est pas une liste d'appuis. C'est une liste incomplète de cuisines. Un nom ici n'est pas une signature. Un nom manquant, c'est la faute de l'auteur.

Highway 11 / Treaty 9

Long Lake #58, Ginoogaming, Aroland, Constance Lake, Taykwa Tagamou, Wahgoshig, Matachewan, Temagami First Nation, Nipissing First Nation. Matawa and Wabun tables sit near this strip. A yes to a Ring of Fire road is not a yes to oil.

Sarnia and the lake

Aamjiwnaang First Nation beside Chemical Valley. Nearby: Walpole Island (Bkejwanong), Kettle and Stony Point. The plant gate is not a substitute for the kitchen table.

Line 9 and the island of Montréal

Kahnawà:ke, Kanehsatà:ke, Akwesasne. Wendake. The Iroquois Caucus rejected Energy East in 2016 over water, consent, and thin benefit. That letter is still on the table.

Québec-Labrador and the east

Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador. Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk and Wolastoq Grand Council on the Saint John river. Mi'kmaw tables if the line touches the Bay. Hydro equity can be unbundled from oil.

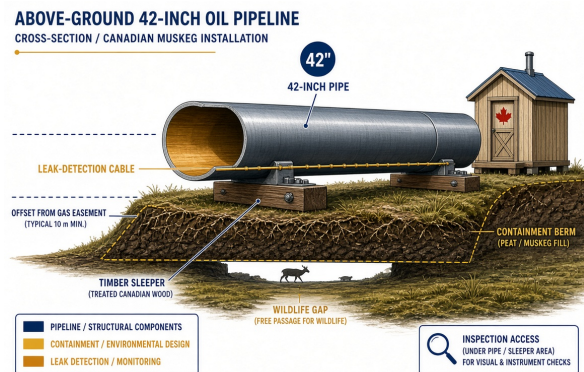
Québec's chain • La chaîne québécoise

An interprovincial oléoduc is a federal work. Cooperative federalism still leaves Québec with a real clock. Skipping it is how you lose the east.

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| 1 | Avis d'intention | Notice of intention. From late 2026 the public information period is run with the BAPE. |
| 2 | Étude d'impact | Impact study by the initiator. Water intakes, wetlands, spills, climate, land. |
| 3 | BAPE | Public hearings. Advice, not a permit. The report goes to the minister. |
| 4 | Décret (art. 31.5 LQE) | Cabinet of Québec authorizes, conditions, or refuses. This is the political yes or no. |
| 5 | Autorisation art. 22 | Minister's permit for the work itself, after the decree. |
| 6 | Servitude + registre | Negotiated or expropriated real rights, published on the land register. Title usually stays with the farmer. |

Words that belong in the Québec file: oléoduc, gazoduc, emprise, servitude, fonds servant, initiateur, milieux humides et hydriques, prise d'eau potable, juste et préalable indemnité. • Line 9 can be looped on an existing federal oil strip and still wakes this chain at 42 inches.

How the first loops go in • Comment on pose les premières boucles



Sleepers where muskeg would eat the year

Buried pipe remains the fifty-year norm in fields and towns. On Shield rock and James Bay peat, treated Canadian timber sleepers let a crew place, inspect, and if needed remove pipe without tearing a third cut. Wildlife gap under the timber. Sensing cable. Valves both sides of each big water. Bury later where soils allow.

Traverses là où le muskeg mangerait l'année

Tuyau enterré en champ et en ville. Sur le Bouclier et dans la tourbe, des traverses de bois d'ici. Passage pour originaux et caribous. Câble sensible. Vannes. On enterre plus tard. Les scieries du Nord ontarien et du Québec peuvent débiter le bois. Regina peut rouler le 42 pouces si l'usine est dédiée.

Eight to twelve Canadian welding spreads. Camps at Dryden, Geraldton, Hearst, Kapuskasing, North Bay, Barrie, Sarnia. Plate from Sault Ste. Marie. Pumps may be imported if no domestic unit meets month eight. Hydro in the same fence uses the East-West Tie precedent (partly nation-owned, in service 2022) and the designated Greenstone line toward Aroland. Ownership of wires can be offered without forcing a yes on oil.

Clock and money · L'horloge et l'argent

Days 1-30	Offers to nations on the strip. Mill contract. Rail to Sarnia. No public map before the first kitchens.
Days 30-90	Strip opened where agreement exists. Camps. Sleepers. Sarnia already running on rail and lawful pipe.
Days 90-300	Spreads weld toward each other. Each finished loop is tested and can carry oil.
Days 300-365	First new Canadian oil without Michigan. Atlantic still in steel, servitudes, and the Québec decree.
Years 2-5	Finish Trunk A. Loop Line 9. Build Montréal-Saint John only with a décret. Second power circuit toward 2032.

ITEM	YEAR ONE	FINISHED PROGRAM
Keep Sarnia: rail, tanks, lawful pipes	0.4-1.2 B\$	Inside year one
Regina mill and 42-inch steel, Trunk A	1.5-3 B\$	Steel only
Build Winnipeg-Sarnia	First spreads	12-22 B\$
Loop Line 9	Plans	2-5 B\$
Montréal-Saint John	Process	8-16 B\$
Camps, bridges, valves, owner's costs	2-4 B\$	Across years
Year-one cash to operate and start steel	8-15 B\$	Not a finished trunk

Oil program, both trunks — 28-50 B\$ planning band
2026 planning bands, not tenders. Muskeg and Shield cost more than prairie ditch. A dedicated Canadian mill and an emergency crew raise unit cost and cut delay. Power is paid on its own tariff. Méthode : analogie Ligne 5 / Énergie Est / Expansion Trans Mountain, pas une soumission.

What each table can hold

Nations

A conversation before the map. Unbundled equity on wires. Monitors on the water. A no that stays a no until there is a bargain.

Une conversation avant la carte. Une part sur le courant séparée de l'huile. Des surveillants sur l'eau. Un non qui reste un non jusqu'à l'entente.

Québec / Bloc

Oléoduc, BAPE, décret, servitude, prises d'eau. The east does not move on a press release from Ottawa.

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Liberals

One disturbance. Inspectable pipe. Diesel retired where the new line can reach. No new wilderness cut.

Une seule clairière. Un tuyau qu'on peut voir. Du diesel qu'on peut tuer. Pas de nouvelle coupure dans le bois.

Conservatives

Sarnia stays open. Canadian steel and crews. First oil in a year on finished loops.

Sarnia reste ouverte. Acier d'ici, monde d'ici. Premier pétrole dans l'année sur les boucles finies.

Everyone

Canadian crude in Canadian stills first. Foreign cargoes those plants release stay on the Atlantic. No Cabot crude line. No monument on day 365. No list of nations treated as signatories.

Brut canadien dans les raffineries canadiennes d'abord. Les cargos étrangers relâchés restent sur l'Atlantique. Pas d'oléoduc dans le Cabot. Pas de monument le jour 365. Pas de nations prises pour des signatures.

What is fact, what is a plan • Le vrai et le plan

A concept note that hides its sources is just another press release. This page is the spine.

- FACT.** Line 5 was built in about a year (1952–53), 1,038 km of 30-inch pipe, Superior to Sarnia, because the western mainline already existed.
- FACT.** Line 5 capacity is about 540,000 barrels a day of light crude and natural-gas liquids. Sarnia–Corunna nameplate is on the order of 280,000–300,000 (Imperial ~113–123, Suncor ~85–92, Shell ~85).
- FACT.** Line 9 already moves about 300,000 barrels a day Sarnia to Montréal in 30-inch pipe. In 2025 eastern Canada still imported about 480,000 barrels a day of foreign crude (Ontario ~87, Québec ~126, New Brunswick ~270).
- FACT.** Irving at Saint John already exports most of its products, largely into New England. A feedstock swap does not invent those litres. It changes whose crude filled the still.
- FACT.** Energy East surveyed a Highway 11 / TransCanada strip across northern Ontario, including about 790 km Geraldton to North Bay, much of it Crown land.
- FACT.** In 2016 the Assembly of First Nations Quebec and Labrador and the Iroquois Caucus opposed Energy East. Water, consent, local benefit.
- FACT.** Québec's Environment Quality Act still requires, for a line of this size, notice, impact study, BAPE, and a cabinet decree.
- FACT.** Hydro One's East–West Tie (230 kV, Wawa–Thunder Bay) went into service in 2022 with First Nations equity. The Greenstone transmission line is designated, half offered, aimed around 2032.
- PLAN.** 42-inch, +50% to Sarnia (~810,000), sleeper construction on muskeg, year-one in-service loops, 8–15 billion year-one cash, 28–50 billion finished oil program. Those are planning bands, not bids.
- PLAN.** Pairing oil and power in one fence. Unbundled nation equity on wires. Hibernia by tanker, not Cabot pipe. Canadian stills first; released import cargoes remain Atlantic-basin crude; product exports stay a separate trade.
- LIMIT.** This author holds no mandate from a nation, a ministry, a refiner, or a mill. Names on page 6 are kitchens, not signatures. Distances are order-of-magnitude. The cover is an illustration of Highway 11 country, not a surveyed alignment.
- LIMITE.** L'auteur n'a mandat de personne. Les noms sont des cuisines. Les distances sont des ordres de grandeur. La couverture est une image du pays de la route 11, pas un arpentage.



In one fence • Dans une seule clôture

Authorize a shared strip. Sit with nations first. Walk Québec's process without shortcuts. Keep Sarnia full while steel is rolled. Place the first Canadian loops in service inside a year. Then put Canadian crude in Canadian stills so the foreign cargoes those plants no longer take stay on the Atlantic. That is sovereignty — our oil in our plants — not a claim that we refine the oil sands. Finish the Atlantic line and the power line as the seasons come. Water can stop a segment. A no is a no until there is a bargain.

On autorise une bande partagée. On s'assoit d'abord avec les nations. On marche la procédure québécoise sans raccourci. On garde Sarnia pleine pendant que l'acier sort. On met les premières boucles canadiennes en service dans l'année. Ensuite on met le brut canadien dans les raffineries canadiennes, pour que les cargos étrangers restent sur l'Atlantique. C'est la souveraineté des stills — pas raffiner les sables. On finit l'Atlantique et le courant à mesure que les saisons passent. L'eau peut arrêter un tronçon. Un non, c'est un non jusqu'à l'entente.

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