

C6 – PIC 1 Summary Report
Public Information Centre for new TS in Chatham-Kent/West Elgin
June 14th, Rodney Community Centre, 4-8pm

Attendees

Yu San Ong – ES&A
Laura Rynard – ES&A
Alaa Ibrahim – Project Management
Richard Shannon – Distribution
Rick Poppe – Real Estate, Land Use Agent
Chris Christophi – Transmission Load Connections
Edmond Laratta – SENES Consultants
Farah El Ayoubi --SENES Consultants
Carrie-Lynn Ognibene – Corporate Communications
Marylena Stea – Corporate Communications

The Public Information Centre was held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Community Centre in Rodney on June 14, 2007. This PIC was an opportunity for those interested in the project to find out more information and ask questions of Hydro One staff and SENES Consultants. Residents were notified of the PIC through the initial project notification, which included advertisements in *The Spirit of Bothwell*, *The Ridgeway Independent*, *The Thamesville Harold* (June 6th and June 13th) and the *West Lorne Elgin Chronicle*, (May 31st and June 7th). In addition to the newspaper advertisements, a mail drop was done to ensure that everyone living within a 1 km boundary of the study area was notified of the PIC.

At the PIC, display panels with information describing the need for the proposed station, the site selection process, potential effects and mitigation measures, as well the consultation process were available for review. A photograph of a typical transformer station was provided, as well as maps outlining the study area and various features (environmental, political, and residential) were on display. Brochures that contained information on the project were also available to take home, as well as information on EMFs.

A total of 27 people attended the PIC including Mayor Graham Warwick and Ward One councillor Mary Bodnar from the Municipality of West Elgin; John Bissonnette from the Ministry of Transportation; and John McIntosh from Shiningbank Energy. Based on the discussions and questions documented throughout the course of the PIC, no significant concerns about the project were raised. The following highlights the key comments/questions raised:

- Where will the proposed transformer station be located in relationship to my house?
- Will my property value decrease?
- General interest about the project
- What is the size of the proposed transformer station?
- What will the station look like?
- What noise levels can be anticipated during construction of the transformer station and for what duration?
- Will the TS produce a noise?
- How long would the construction take?
- How will this be paid for?
- How will it affect rates?
- How will the TS change supply reliability?

Two written comments were received. One area (just outside the boundary of the study area) was also identified as a potentially feasible site for the station, and should be considered if none of the ranked sites were appropriate. All comments/issues raised by the general public at the PIC were satisfactorily addressed by Hydro One staff at the meeting.