

**Holland Transformer Station
Pre-Construction Public Information Centre
Holland Marsh District Christian School
January 30th, 2006
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Summary of Action Items

1. Post meeting notes, panels and presentation on the project website.
2. Doris Chee, landscape architect, will visit two residents' houses to see if further screening is needed.
 - Update: Chee visited the homeowners and will add more plantings on the north east side of the property line.
3. Continue to meet with the King Township staff to discuss project updates, landscaping and future land uses.
4. Hydro One will begin landscaping once the station is in-service, but will look at the possibility of planting earlier in areas that will not obstruct construction crews.

Agenda

6 p.m. – Open House

7:30 p.m. – Project Overview and Updates

8 p.m. – Question and Answer Session

9 p.m. – Adjourn

Background

The pre-construction Public Information Centre (PIC) provided interested stakeholders an opportunity to review the display panels, provide input regarding the proposed landscaping plan and discuss their concerns with the project team.

Forty individuals attended the PIC. These participants included local residents, Township of King elected officials and staff, including the mayor and ward councilor and members of the King Chamber of Commerce. Newmarket Hydro representatives were also in attendance to speak to issues regarding their feeder lines.

From 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., panels explaining the project were on display and a multi-disciplinary Hydro One team was on hand to address questions. At 7:30 p.m., Hydro One presented updates to the project.

Issues raised during the question period and Hydro One's responses:

Why did the location of the transformer station on the site change? Would the new location of the transformer station have affected the original site selection criteria?

- The site selection process is based on numerous factors. After analyzing data from all the sites, this property was the best option. A topographic survey and survey of the wetland was undertaken following approval of the site. The station was moved in response to a request from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's request for a 120 m set back from the edge of the wetland. The site was large enough to accommodate the request and Hydro One decided not to risk further delays by negotiating a reduction in the set back.

Where are the three new towers and tap structures going to be located?

- The tap structures will be located on the current right-of-way beside an existing transmission tower. The three new towers lead from the existing right-of-way to the transformer station.

Will there be lights on the towers?

- There will be no lights on the towers.

Will there be a tunnel effect on Miller's Side Road, east of the site to Bathurst created by multiple distribution lines?

- There will be feeder lines on both sides of the road on Miller's Side Road between the east corner of the site and Bathurst Street. Hydro One's lines will run on the north side of the road and Newmarket Hydro's lines will run on the south side. Newmarket Hydro is setting their lines on private property behind the existing tree line to minimize visibility.

What side of the road will the poles be on heading northwest?

- The lines will head west from the station on the north side of Miller's Side Road. On Dufferin St., the lines will run north, from Miller Side Road on the west side, and cross over to the east side because of current road conditions.

Will the existing pole structures be used?

- Hydro One will install new poles adjacent to the existing ones and remove the old poles. We create a new hole for the pole structure because we would have to shut off the power to the residents in the community to use the existing location. In some areas, this will give us an opportunity to place the poles in more appropriate locations.

Can you bury the lines up Dufferin?

- Burying the lines on Dufferin would create a far more extensive and lengthy project. It would require tunnelling on private property, causing major traffic disruptions. If the lines are buried, any new connections to the line would be incredibly costly, which is a cost incurred by the connection requestor. As well, from a reliability standpoint, it takes more time to locate and fix a problem if the lines are buried.

The landscape plan indicates that maples will be planted on Miller's Side Road. How well will the station be screened?

- We are proposing a row of deciduous and coniferous trees along Miller's Sideroad and a row of cedars with shrubs directly in front of the station.
- We will look at possible berming along Miller's Sideroad to reinforce the screening of the station from Miller's Sideroad.

Can you plant all the way around the station?

- We are unable to plant directly under the power lines. Planting more trees to screen the lines will impede on the land that may be returned to agricultural use after construction is complete.

What are we going to see from the elevated area from the northeast?

- Plantings are scheduled at the north fence line of the station. Doris Chee will visit the concerned residents to take a look at the view from their houses to see if any other plantings are necessary to reduce visibility of the station.

How old is the nursery stock that will be planted?

- The deciduous trees are approximately 12 feet tall.
- The coniferous trees are approximately 7 feet tall.

Why is Hydro One planning for a road widening?

- The city asked us to set our poles and tree line back 8 metres from the road to accommodate a possible future road widening. The city indicated that this was a precautionary measure and there were currently no plans to widen Miller's Side Road.

Why not plant in Spring 08?

- We will ensure planting occurs as soon as possible following the completion of construction and in-service of the station (spring 2009). Planting in fall 2008 would disrupt navigation of construction crews. Hydro One will look at the possibility of planting in areas that will not obstruct construction crews.

Do the residents get to sign-off on the landscaping plan?

- We will post a copy of the draft landscape plan on the website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our community relations line.

Why not create a berm and then put trees at the top of the hill?

- Doris Chee explained that this technique causes the soil to dry out quicker which reduces the life span of the plants.

Where is the growth in electricity demand happening?

- Electricity demand in the region is growing by more than 3 per cent each year. The current distribution station servicing King Township is at its load capacity. The distribution station at Holland TS will relieve some of the load demand and

improve reliability in King Township. The transformer station will also service the areas of Newmarket, Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Bradford/West Gwillimbury.

Will this station expand?

- This station is designed at its maximum capacity. Hydro One has no plans to build or expand any other infrastructure on this property.

What will you do with the rest of the land?

- We have not determined the use for the unused land at the property. At this time, we are attempting to maximize the area available for agricultural use. Once the station is in-service, Hydro One is open in principle to considering secondary land uses on lands that are not required for its operation of the station.

There will be wear and tear on Miller's Side Road. Are you repairing the road after use?

- The current road conditions are being assessed and documented by an independent consultant. We will be taking precautionary measures to minimize the impact on the road. Once construction is complete, a second road assessment will be completed to determine the impact on the road. Hydro One will then return the road to its pre-construction conditions.

What is stormwater management?

- The analysis of stormwater drainage was requested through the Environmental Assessment process by the Ministry of the Environment. The current drainage on the property from a storm was analyzed and basins and gullies are created under the station to ensure that there drainage on the property does not change. A Storm Water management Plan provides an assessment of 2, 5, 10, 25 and 100 year storm events and determines if there is a difference between the pre and post construction peak flow conditions. With this site the conditions are the same thus there is no effect

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