

Notice of Commencement and Invitation to Public Information Centre

Lambton to Longwood Transmission Upgrade Class Environmental Assessment

Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") invites you to a Public Information Centre to learn more about plans to upgrade an existing double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line. The transmission line, as shown on the map below, connects Lambton Transformer Station (TS) in the Township of St. Clair with Longwood TS in the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc.

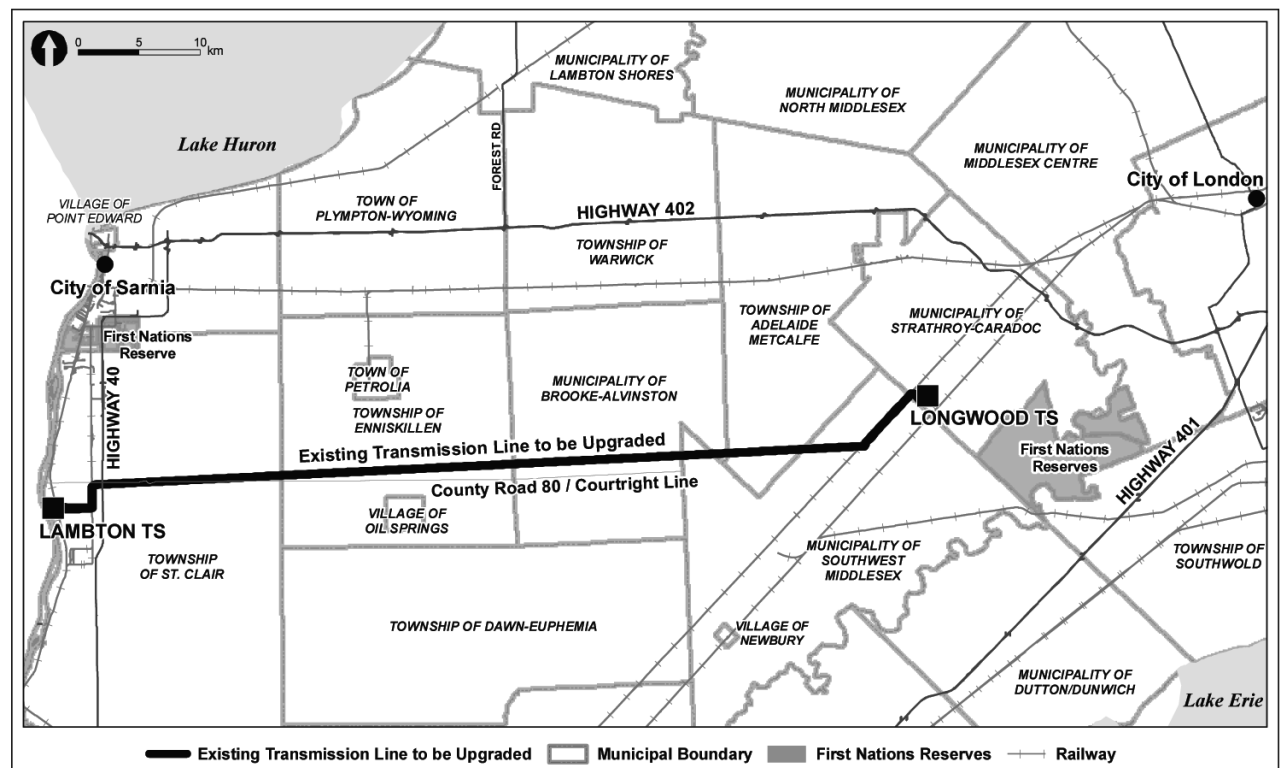
Consistent with Province of Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan, this project is required by the end of 2014 to increase capacity of the transmission system west of London to carry additional power from renewable, gas and other sources. The project involves replacing the conductor (wire) and insulators on the existing transmission towers. Hydro One will also repair selected tower foundations to ensure the long-term structural integrity of the transmission line.

Project Planning and Approvals

This project is being planned in accordance with the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities*. The project will undergo an initial Environmental Screening. Screening criteria will be used to assess the potential significance of effects. If significant effects cannot be avoided, Hydro One will carry out a full Class Environmental Assessment.

The project will also require approval under Section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*. The Ontario Energy Board regulates the electricity sector in Ontario and will review Hydro One's "Leave to Construct" application to determine if the construction and operation of the proposed project is in the public interest.

Opportunities for public input exist throughout both the environmental planning and Ontario Energy Board review processes.



Public Information Centres

Interested parties are invited to attend one of our public information centres to learn more about the project and to provide comments to our project team. Please join us on:

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Southwest Middlesex Arena, Auditorium
138 Mill Street, Glencoe

Thursday, January 19, 2012

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Brigden Community Hall
3016 Brigden Road, Brigden

For More Information

If you have any questions or want to be added to the project mailing list, please contact:

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