

February 2019

# Community Notice

## Class Environmental Assessment for Proposed Transmission Line Refurbishment between Des Joachims TS and Pembroke TS

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish approximately 90 kilometres of existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line (Circuit D6) and replace approximately 370 wood pole structures between Des Joachims Transformer Station (TS) and Pembroke TS. This section of transmission line spans across the towns of Laurentian Hills, Deep River, Petawawa, and the Township of Laurentian Valley in the County of Renfrew. The project area map is shown on the back.

The proposed transmission line refurbishment will involve the replacement of aging electrical conductors, wood pole structures, shield wire, and line hardware, as they have reached their end-of-life. Optical ground wire, similar to shield wire in protecting the line from lightning strikes, will also be installed for several line sections. Aging and damaged wood pole structures are proposed to be replaced with a mix of wood poles and composite poles due to significant woodpecker damage on existing structures in the area. In addition, a section of idle line by Tee Lake Junction will be removed. This work will ensure the continued reliability of electricity supply to the area. Most of the work will take place within the existing transmission corridor. Where possible, access would be accomplished using existing roads and trails.

This type of project is considered maintenance work with relatively minor effects, and is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined process to ensure that transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project. Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, construction may begin as early as September 2019 and be complete before the end of 2021. We welcome your comments and feedback regarding the planned refurbishment by April 5, 2019.

As per the request of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, information regarding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* is included on the back.

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

To learn more about the project, we invite you to attend our upcoming Community Information Centre:

**March 27, 2019**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

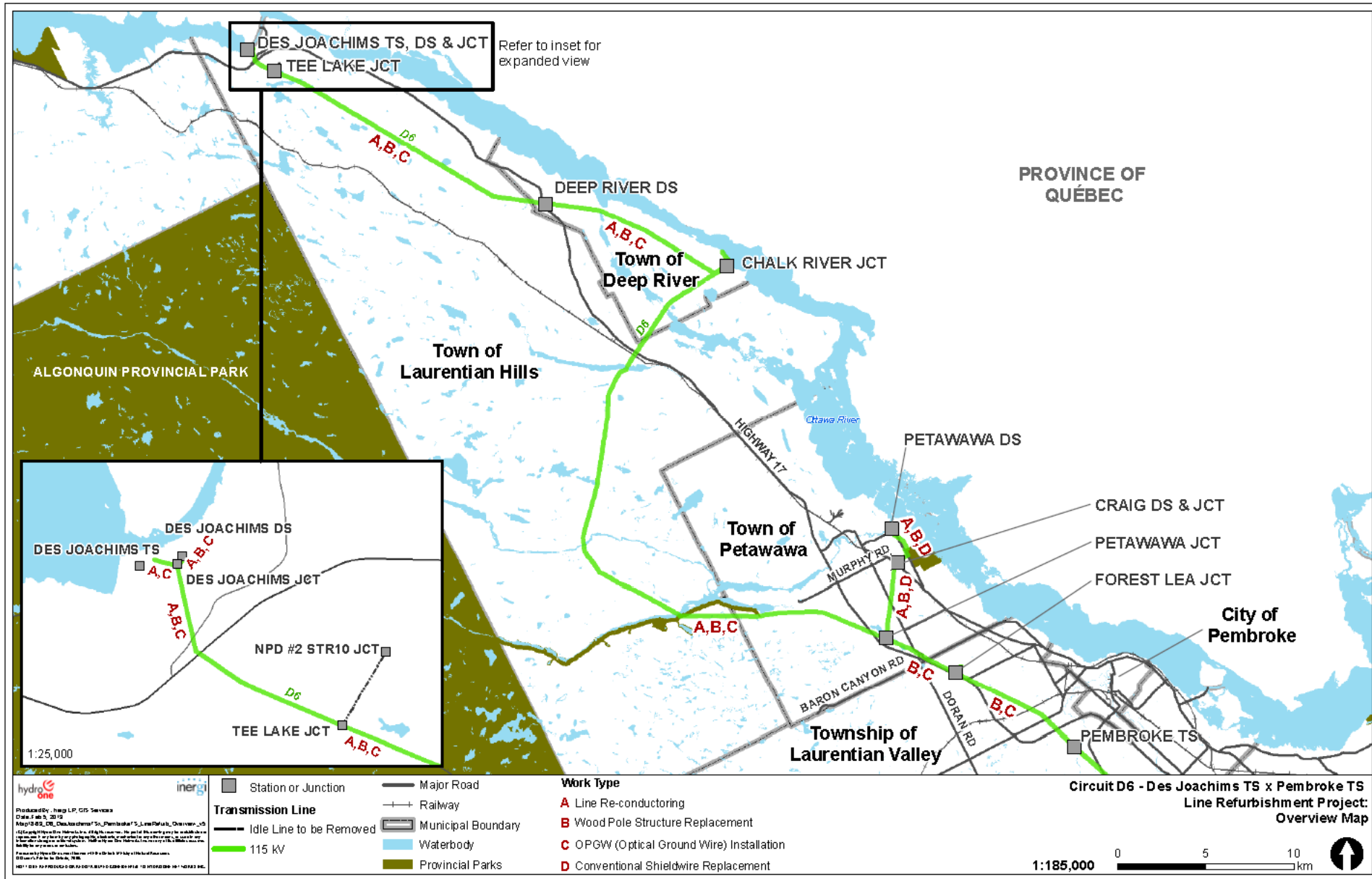
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**Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

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