

Announcement of Environmental Update and Invitation to Community Open Houses

Northeast Power Line

February 2024

Hydro One is supporting growth in northeastern Ontario as demand for energy in the region continues to increase. As such, Hydro One is modernizing and updating environmental surveys for a previously approved, single-circuit 500 kilovolt transmission line between Hanmer Transformer Station (TS), located in Greater Sudbury, and Mississagi TS, located near Wharncliffe. The project will be constructed parallel to an existing line within an existing corridor and includes the reconfiguration and expansion of both stations to accommodate the new line.

This transmission line is part of the Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) electricity plans to address future growth in the mining and steel industries in the northeast. In addition to meeting growing electricity needs, this project will strengthen the connection between the northeast and the northwest and will improve the overall resiliency of the transmission network across northern Ontario.

Environmental Update Process

Planning and development of this new transmission line will be completed following an existing, approved Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hanmer TS to Mississagi TS Line conducted by Ontario Hydro (now Hydro One). This existing EA included two transmission lines, only one of which was required to meet the region's electricity demands at the time.

As part of the environmental update process and to ensure appropriate stewardship, Hydro One will complete technical field surveys (e.g., archaeology, natural heritage surveys) within the corridor to bring existing data up to modern standards. Furthermore, Hydro One has committed to conducting engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities, interested persons, landowners, and organizations.

Once all permits and approvals have been obtained, construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and be completed by the end of 2029. This project will also require Leave-to-Construct approval from the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) under Section 92 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*.



See reverse for map



We'd like to hear from you

Hydro One invites you to attend our **Community Open House** sessions in Hanmer and Elliot Lake. Join us to learn more about the project, provide your feedback and discuss any questions with the project team.

Please join us:

March 19 – Elliot Lake

Royal Canadian Legion
Branch 561

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
10 Veterans Way, Elliot Lake

March 20 – Hanmer

Centennial Community Centre
1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
4333 Centennial Dr, Hanmer

Open houses in Wharncliffe area will be held in late spring.

Contact Us

We're listening and we'd like to hear from you. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact Community Relations at:

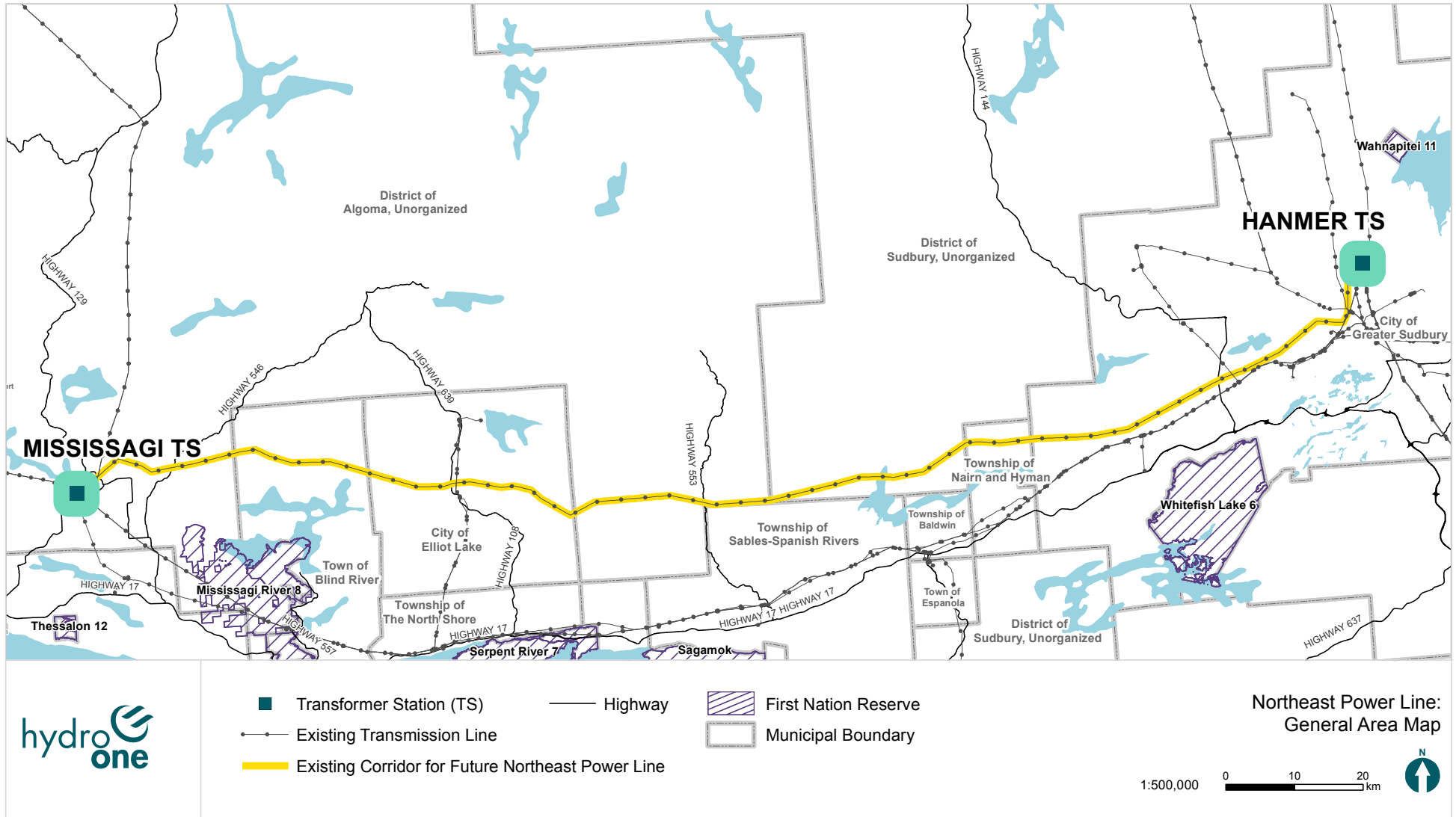


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