

# Power Downtown Toronto

## Notice of Completion of Draft Environmental Study Report

Dear Resident,

April 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the proposed Power Downtown Toronto project as required by the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Minor Transmission Facilities (2016). This important project will involve replacing critical underground transmission cables serving Toronto's downtown core that were originally installed in the 1950s and are approaching their end of life.

Through the Class EA, four alternative routes and two construction methods were assessed. An underground tunnel route, Tunnel Route 1, has been selected as the preferred route. The proposed underground tunnel will run between Terauley Transformer Station (TS) and Esplanade TS at a depth of approximately 25 metres below ground in bedrock within existing road allowances. On the map you will see proposed locations for three shafts required to access and maintain the underground cables.



## How to provide your input

In accordance with the Class EA process, Hydro One is providing notice of its intent to proceed with the proposed project and will be releasing the draft ESR for review. The draft ESR outlines the Class EA process undertaken for the proposed project, including consultation, data collection and analysis, and alternative methods/routes considered.

The draft ESR will be available for a 45-day public review and comment period from April 15 to May 29, 2020. In light of recent public health developments, the draft ESR can be viewed electronically on Hydro One's website at [www.HydroOne.com/PowerDowntownToronto](http://www.HydroOne.com/PowerDowntownToronto). If you have barriers to online access, please contact us by phone at 416-345-6799. Should libraries re-open during the review period, hard copies will be made available at the following locations:

Toronto Public Library – St. Lawrence Branch 171 Front Street East, Toronto	Toronto Public Library – City Hall Branch 100 Queen Street West, Toronto
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Written comments or questions on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro One no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 29, 2020 to:

Yu San Ong, Environmental Planner, Hydro One Networks Inc.

Email: [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com)

Hydro One will respond to and make best efforts to resolve any issues raised by concerned parties during the review period. If no concerns are expressed, Hydro One will finalize the ESR and file it with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The project will then be considered acceptable and may proceed as outlined in the ESR.

## Part II Order request

The *Environmental Assessment Act* has provisions for interested parties to request a higher level of assessment if they feel that outstanding issues raised have not been adequately addressed. This higher level of assessment is referred to as a Part II Order request and must be addressed in writing to the Ministry using the MECP form, which is available online at [www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order). Part II Order request forms must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 29, 2020, at the following addresses:

<b>Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks</b> Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2T5 Fax: 416-314-8452 Email: <a href="mailto:Minister.MECP@ontario.ca">Minister.MECP@ontario.ca</a>	<b>Director, Environmental Assessment Branch - Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks</b> 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 Email: <a href="mailto:enviropermissions@ontario.ca">enviropermissions@ontario.ca</a>
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Please note that a duplicate copy of a Part II Order request must also be sent to Hydro One at the address noted above.

For more information please call 416-345-6799 or visit [www.HydroOne.com/PowerDowntownToronto](http://www.HydroOne.com/PowerDowntownToronto) and [www.TalkPowerDowntownTO.ca](http://www.TalkPowerDowntownTO.ca).

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 below.

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

All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the MECP for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the MECP's Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

