

# ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

**Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to expropriate interests in certain lands in southwestern Ontario.**

**Learn More. Have your say.**

**Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is asking the Ontario Energy Board for permission to expropriate interests in certain lands in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent and the Municipality of Lakeshore in Essex County, to construct and operate a new 230 kilovolt double-circuit transmission line between Chatham Switching Station and Lakeshore Transformer Station (Project).**

**Hydro One states that the Project affects 127 properties near the communities of Chatham, Tilbury and Comber, located along the route of the Project. Hydro One requires new permanent easements and, in limited circumstances the full land parcel, for the construction and ongoing operation of the Project. Hydro One states that as of January 25, 2023, 82 property owners have signed voluntary agreements, discussions with 39 property owners are continuing and 6 properties are owned by railroad companies and are not the subject of this application. Hydro One also requires temporary easements for off-corridor access and construction activities.**

**Hydro One has identified you as someone that owns or has an interest in part of the lands that Hydro One is seeking permission to expropriate. A copy of the property description and survey maps showing the lands that Hydro One is asking to expropriate are attached to this Notice.**

**Hydro One's application is about the expropriation of certain specific lands only. It is not about compensation.**

**Under a separate Decision and Order dated November 24, 2022, the Ontario Energy Board granted Hydro One leave to construct the Project. That Decision and Order has been appealed to the Divisional Court but remains in effect pending the outcome of the appeal**

## **THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD (OEB) WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING**

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One's requests. During the hearing, which could be an oral, written or electronic hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One and others whose interests would be affected.

**The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law.** The *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are:

- The OEB will consider the public interest when making any order authorizing Hydro One to expropriate land;
- The OEB does not have the authority to determine the amount of compensation payable; and
- If the OEB authorizes Hydro One to expropriate and the parties do not agree upon; compensation, the compensation must be determined under the *Expropriations Act* or by the Ontario Land Tribunal.

## **BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY**

You have the right to information regarding Hydro One's application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Hydro One on the OEB's website now
- You can send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing
- You can apply to the OEB to be an intervenor in the hearing. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Hydro One's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Hydro One's request. Apply by **March 17, 2023** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding
- At the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website

Note that to be an intervenor you must be affected by the expropriation in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider.

## **LEARN MORE**

Our file number for this case is **EB-2022-0320**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access the documents related to this case, please enter the file number **EB-2022-0320** on the OEB website: [www.oeb.ca/noticeltc](http://www.oeb.ca/noticeltc). You can also phone Musab Qureshi at 416-440-7658.

## **FORMAT OF HEARINGS**

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, written and electronic. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of an oral, written or electronic hearing. If you believe there is a good reason for having a specific form of hearing, please explain why by **March 17, 2023**.

## **PRIVACY**

*If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.*

*This application was filed under section 99 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.*

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