

# Notice of Commencement

## Hydro One is committed to energizing life in Ottawa

September 2022

As the population of Ottawa grows, so does the need to ensure safe and reliable power is available to power homes and businesses across the region. That's why Hydro One is planning to modernize critical equipment at its Merivale Transformer Station (TS), located in the City of Ottawa, to ensure power is available for customers now and in the future. Merivale TS is one of two major transformer stations that supply approximately 60% of power to customers across Ottawa, including to Hydro Ottawa.

### Planning Process

The need for this investment was identified through a collective planning process which includes the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Hydro One and Hydro Ottawa.

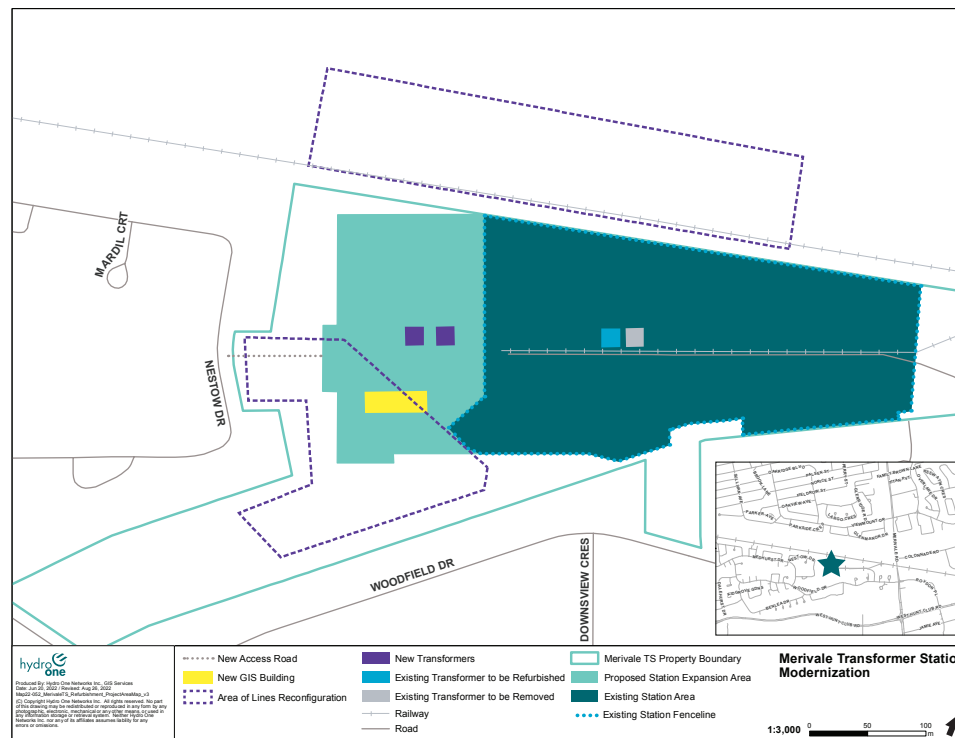
Minimizing the effects of our projects and operations on the environment is important to us. The planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (2016)" (Class EA for MTF), established in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This planning process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed.

This project involves expanding the current transmission station on our property in order to house two new 230kV transformers, a new protections and controls building along with associated equipment. The project also includes refurbishing an existing transformer, installing 8 new transmission structures inside and outside the new station footprint and decommissioning the existing aging protections and controls building. In order to avoid outages during construction, a temporary bypass line, approximately 1.7 km long, will be built along Cedarview Road, approximately 5 km west of Merivale TS.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA screening process, construction could begin as early as 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2028.

### We'd like to hear from you

Your input is important to us! Feedback from residents, interest groups, elected officials, and Indigenous communities will inform all aspects of the Class EA. In November, Hydro One will host a Community Open House to share additional project details and we look forward to hearing from you. In the coming weeks you will receive an invitation to the upcoming Community Open House. In the meantime, please contact our Community Relations team should you have any questions or wish to be added to our project contact list.



### We're here to help

For more information, to sign up for the project contact list, or to ask questions, please contact Hydro One Community Relations:

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