

Vegetation Maintenance in Beaverbrook 2017/2018

Dear Neighbour:

I'm writing to inform you about upcoming vegetation maintenance along the Hydro One transmission corridor in your community.

Starting in early September, Hydro One forestry crews will perform critical emergency vegetation maintenance on nine trees on the transmission corridor in the Beaverbrook area that are posing a threat to reliability in the area. The work only involves trimming those nine trees, to prevent unnecessary power interruptions to your community that can occur when vegetation grows too close to energized wires. No tree removals are required. If trimming is required on your property, a Hydro One forestry technician will contact you in advance to discuss the work.

The emergency work is part of a two-stage approach to maintain the transmission line as it is an important component of Ontario's electricity grid, supplying power to homes and businesses in the Ottawa area.

Upcoming vegetation maintenance work in the Beaverbrook community 2018

We are in the preliminary planning stages for our 2018 regular routine vegetation management cycle in the Beaverbrook area. Please note a project start date has not been determined. This work will begin after we have undertaken a number of consultation opportunities with environmental and conservation authorities, local forestry staff, local elected officials, community representatives and residents living adjacent to the transmission corridor.

We understand the importance of the natural environment to your community and are committed to preserving the look and feel of the right of way. We are currently developing a fair and flexible maintenance plan that strikes a balance between safety, reliability and the enjoyment of the corridor. It is my commitment to you that we will pursue an approach similar to Hydro One's urban maintenance practices employed in the Beaverbrook area in 2012 which will involve trimming methods - rather than removing healthy vegetation where possible, consistent with a six year maintenance schedule.

We are also committed to working closely with the Kanata Beaverbrook Community Association in developing a long term vegetation maintenance and engagement plan for your community and look forward to receiving feedback from the Association on Hydro One's practices and communication as part of this project.

At this time we are in the process of developing a detailed project plan. This Fall, you will receive an invitation to learn more about the upcoming work and you will be able to provide input. In the interim, should you have any questions, please contact Tom Jackson, Director of Forestry Services at 613-323-7732 or by email at Tom.Jackson@HydroOne.com. For additional project information and updates, please visit <https://www.HydroOne.com/Beaverbrook>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Kiraly".

Greg Kiraly
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