

# CHATHAM TO LAKESHORE LINE

## Notice of Completion of Draft Environmental Study Report

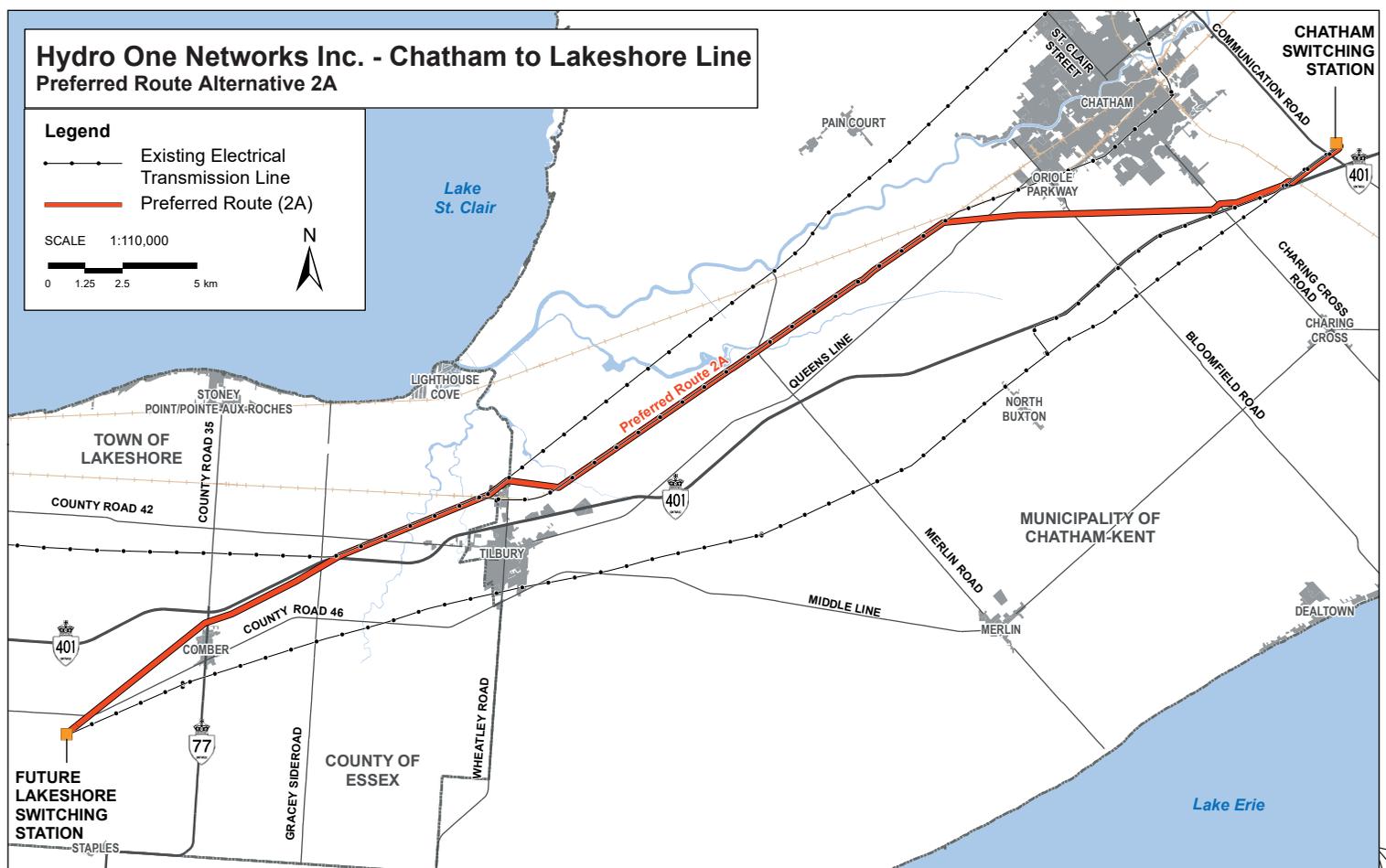
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As the next step in the Chatham to Lakeshore Line project, Hydro One has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). This document outlines the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process conducted and will be available for a 60-day public review and comment period, beginning on June 11, 2021.

A safe and reliable power supply is essential to ensure southwestern Ontario can continue to grow now, and into the future. That is why, in January 2020, Hydro One began a Class Environmental Assessment (EA), in accordance with the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities to build a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Chatham Switching Station (SS) and future Lakeshore Switching Station (SS). This new line will accommodate anticipated electricity demand, improve reliability for homes and businesses and support local industries.

Through this process, three alternative routes and their associated variations were evaluated. Based on environmental and technical information collected and feedback received, Route Alternative 2A was selected as the preferred route for the new transmission line, shown on the map, or in more detail at [HydroOne.com/Chatham-to-Lakeshore](https://www.hydroone.com/chatham-to-lakeshore). The draft ESR summarizes the EA process, route alternatives identified, environmental information collected, consultation undertaken, the route evaluation and selection process, and environmental effects and mitigation measures planned.

Having reached this milestone in the electricity transmission planning process, Hydro One will continue to work with landowners, as design and construction planning continues.



### Next Steps and Providing Your Input:

The draft ESR will be available for comment from June 11 to August 10, 2021. Due to ongoing public health restrictions, the draft ESR can be viewed electronically on Hydro One's website at **HydroOne.com/Chatham-to-Lakeshore**. Electronic copies of the draft ESR are also available on USB drives for sign out and/or curbside pickup at the following locations, pending operating hours (please call ahead):

Chatham-Kent Public Library 120 Queen Street <b>Chatham, ON</b> N7M 2G6 519-654-2940	Chatham-Kent Public Library 2 Queen Street <b>Tilbury, ON</b> NOP 2L0 519-682-0100	Chatham-Kent Civic Centre 315 King Street <b>Chatham, ON</b> N7M 5K8 519-360-1998	Atlas Tube Centre Essex County Library-Toldo Branch 447 Renaud Line <b>Lakeshore, ON</b> NOR 1K0 519-727-0470
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To help aid those without access to a computer, limited e-readers will be available at the above locations for sign out. In the event that public health restrictions cease during the review period, hard copies of the draft ESR will also be available for on-site review at the above locations.

Written comments or questions on the draft ESR must be received by Hydro One no later than **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021** and must be addressed to:

**Paul Dalmazzi, Environmental Planner, Hydro One Networks Inc.**  
**483 Bay Street, North Tower, 12th Floor, Toronto, ON M5G 2P5**  
**Phone: 1-877-345-6799 (community relations hotline)**  
**Email: [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com)**

During the review period, Hydro One will respond to and make best efforts to resolve any issues raised by concerned parties, following which, 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 to proceed as outlined in the ESR.

A request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), however; only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. The MECP will not consider requests on other grounds.

Requests should include the requester's contact information, as well as specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or comprehensive EA), how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 Email: <a href="mailto:Minister.mecp@ontario.ca">Minister.mecp@ontario.ca</a>	Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 Email: <a href="mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca">EABDirector@ontario.ca</a>
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Requests should also be copied to Hydro One per the contact information provided above. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the Environmental Assessment Act at: [www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order](http://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order)

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of the available public record unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.