Appendix A: Class EA Consultation

Appendix A-1: Project Contact List

First Nation Communities, Businesses, & Affiliations Contact List

Contact List - First Nation Communitities, Businesses Affiliations

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Alderville First Nation	Katie Lee	Financial Analyst
Alderville First Nation	Olivia English	Economic Development Manager
Alderville First Nation	Stephanie Zilinski	Manger - Economic Development
Alderville First Nation	Taynar Simpson	Chief
Alderville First Nation	Ceara Das	Energy Lead
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Beausoleil First Nation	Isabella Marsden	Executive Assistant
Beausoleil First Nation	Joanne Sandy	Chief
Beausoleil First Nation	Consultation Liason	Consultation Liason
Beausoleil First Nation	Lands & Resources	Lands Consultation
Beausoleil First Nation	Lua Mondor	Consultation Liaison
Beausoleil First Nation	Mike Smith	Compliance Supervisor / Environmental Specialist
Chippewas of Georgina Island	Donna Big Canoe	Chief
Chippewas of Georgina Island	James "JL" Porte	Invasive Species Coordinator
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Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Ben Cousineau	Community Researcher/Archivist, Communications
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Denis Paccagnella	Director of Facilities and Operations
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Lise Kwekkeboom	Director of Education
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Samantha Craig-Curnow	Lawyer & Consultation Advisor
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Ted Williams	Chief
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Dillon Bickell	Consultation Liaison
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Lori St. Germaine	Certified Aboriginal Financial Manager (CAFM)
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Mary-Anne Willsey	General Manager of Business Operations
Curve Lake First Nation	Christine Pynkoski	
Curve Lake First Nation	Derek Paauaw	Archaeological Program Admin
Curve Lake First Nation	Francis Chua	Support to Curve Lake First Nation Consultation Department
Curve Lake First Nation	Kayla Wright	(Consultant) Environment & Sustainability,
Curve Lake First Nation	Laurie Hockaday	Chief
Curve Lake First Nation	Lois Taylor	Consultation Lead

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Curve Lake First Nation	Sean Conway	Councillor
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Hiawatha First Nation	Dakota Lavery	Finance Comptroller
Hiawatha First Nation	Jill Stevens	
Hiawatha First Nation	Laura Howard	Executive Assistant to Council
Hiawatha First Nation	Laurie Carr	Chief
Hiawatha First Nation	Loni Thompson	Executive Assistant
Hiawatha First Nation	Mandy Mcgonigle	Archaeology Coordinator
Hiawatha First Nation	Mike Howard	Director of Community Development & Consultation
Hiawatha First Nation	Nikki Paudash	
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Hiawatha First Nation	Martina Desjardins	Archaeology Coordinator
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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Natalya Garrod	Consultation Advisor
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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Shannon McCourt	Senior Funding and Accounts Receivable Specialist
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City of Kawartha Lakes	Ron Taylor	CAO
City of Kawartha Lakes	Susanne Murchison	Chief Building Official
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	Ward 8 Councillor
City of Kawartha Lakes	Wendy Ellis	Executive Assistant
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City of Peterborough	Jeff Leal	Mayor
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead	Assistant to the Mayor
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Municipality of Clarington	Heather Anderson	Executive Administrator to the Mayor
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Municipality of Clarington	Planning Department General Inbox	Planning and Infrastructure Services
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Municipality of Clarington	Tony Ricciardi	Manager of Construction and Inspections
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Regional Municipality of Durham	Marc Halle	
Regional Municipality of Durham	Mark Sheriff	Executive Administrator to the Regional Chair
Regional Municipality of Durham	Nancy Kalotai	Administrative Assistant to the Regional Chair
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Regional Municipality of Durham	Patricia Nokes	Executive Assistant to the Regional Chair and CEO
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Township of Cavan Monaghan	Jennifer Steen	CAO-EA
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham	Mayor
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Township of Cavan Monaghan CAO	CAO
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Yvette Hurley	CAO
Township of Scugog	Township of Scugog Planning Services	Planning Services
Township of Scugog	Warren Marr	CAO
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Selwyn Public Library	Sarah Hennessey	CEO/Chief Librarian
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Votorantim Cimentos	Ruben Plaza	Environmental Manager (VCNA)
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Nature Conservancy of Canada	General Email	
Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	General Email	
Trans Canada Trail	General Email	
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Kawartha Chamber of Commerce	General Email	
Capstone Infrastructure	General Email	
The Peterborough Field Naturalists (PFN)	General Email	
Kawartha Field Naturalists	General Email	
North Durham Nature	General Email	
The Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club (OFSC District 2)	General Email	
Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	General Email	
Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs	General Email	
Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club	General Email	
Port Perry Snowmobile Club	General Email	
Durham District School Board (DDSB)	Dorothy Leaver	Executive Assistant
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Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	Rita Russo	Director of Education and Secretary of the Board
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board	Jenn Juszczynski	Executive Assistant to the Director
Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB)	Stephen O'Sullivan	Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer
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ConstructConnect	Jennifer Burton	Strategic Source Research
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Forest Gene Conservation Association	Nina Hunt	Species Conservation Program Coordinator

Appendix A-2: Class EA Consultation Materials

Notice of Commencement & Community Open House #1 Invitation

Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1

Class Environmental Assessment for a new 230 kilovolt transmission line between Clarington and Peterborough

June 2024

Eastern Ontario is expecting significant growth in the next 20 years. As demand for electricity continues to grow in the area, Hydro One is planning for a new transmission line to ensure the region continues to have clean and reliable power along with the resiliency and capacity to support future growth. The need for this transmission line was identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator, the organization responsible for planning for the province's future energy needs.

Project description

Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Station, located in the City of Peterborough.

Hydro One is prioritizing the use of existing transmission corridors, where possible. However, as part of the Class EA, Hydro One has identified two route alternatives for a portion of the new transmission line as shown on the map and online **HydroOne.com/DKPL**. These route alternatives will be studied and evaluated to ultimately select a preferred route for the new line. This project involves work at the terminal stations to facilitate the transmission line connections.

Planning process

The Class EA will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities" (Class EA, 2024), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed to ensure that potential natural, economic, social, and cultural effects are thoroughly considered before a project begins. Following completion of the Class EA, the project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. The in-service date is expected no later than 2029.

We want to hear from you

As planning and development for these new lines begins, we will continue engaging with Indigenous communities, local community members, residents and businesses to ensure their feedback is reflected in the planning process, where possible. We invite you to join one of our upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about the project, ask our team any questions and provide feedback.

Community Open House #1

Please join us: In-person Community Open Houses

June 25, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
1964 Concession Road,
Solina, ON

June 26, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Peterborough Lions Community Centre
347 Burnham Street,
Peterborough, ON

June 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bethany United Church
3 George Street,
Bethany, ON

We're here to help

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please feel free to contact us at:

416.345.6799

Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

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Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
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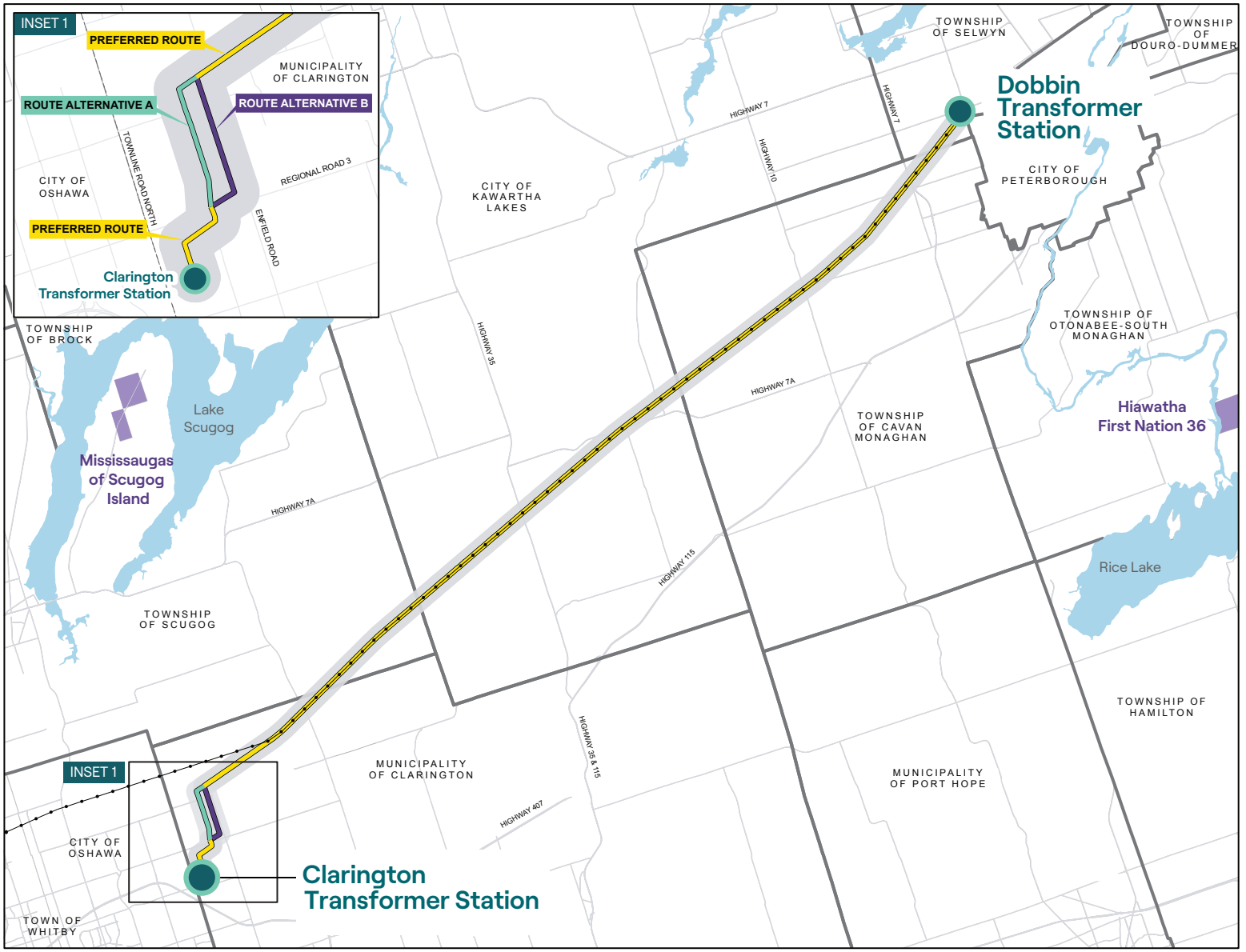


Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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.

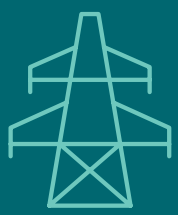
Community Open House #1 Display Panels

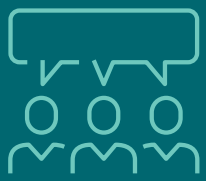
Welcome

Durham Kawartha Power Line Community Open House #1

Why we are here:

- Introduce the Durham Kawartha Power Line and present project need
- Share what's involved in the project planning
- Explain the Class Environmental Assessment process
- Listen to your feedback, answer questions and outline next steps





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Key organizations

Building infrastructure to meet the energy needs of today and tomorrow involves a number of partners, including:

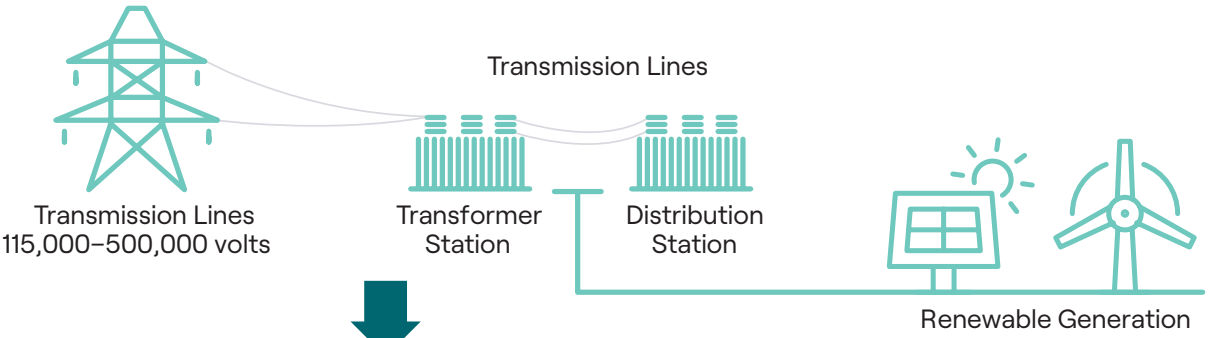
hydro one	Builds, owns, operates and maintains electricity transmission and distribution facilities across Ontario
ieso Connecting Today. Powering Tomorrow	Oversees planning to ensure electricity needs are met both now and in the future
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	Legislative Authority for Environmental Assessments in Ontario
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD	Regulates the electricity market in Ontario, including electricity rates

Hydro One's role in delivering power to you

We energize life for people and communities, helping Ontarians live a better and brighter future.

Ontario Power Generation and Private Generation Companies

Hydro One or Licensed Transmitter



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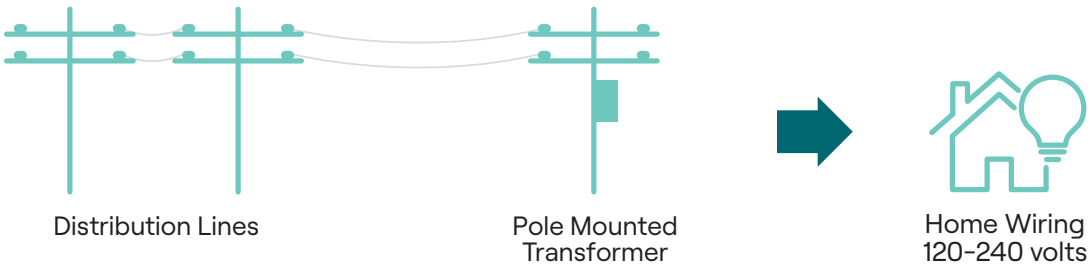


Why this project is needed

A safe and reliable electricity supply is essential to economic growth. As eastern Ontario continues to grow, so does the need for electricity.

To help meet this need, Hydro One is planning to build a double circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between our Clarington Transformer Station (TS) and Dobbin TS, as requested by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

The Durham Kawartha Power Line will accommodate the 20-year long-term forecast for Peterborough to Quinte West and Ottawa and will bring over 400 megawatts of power to the area.

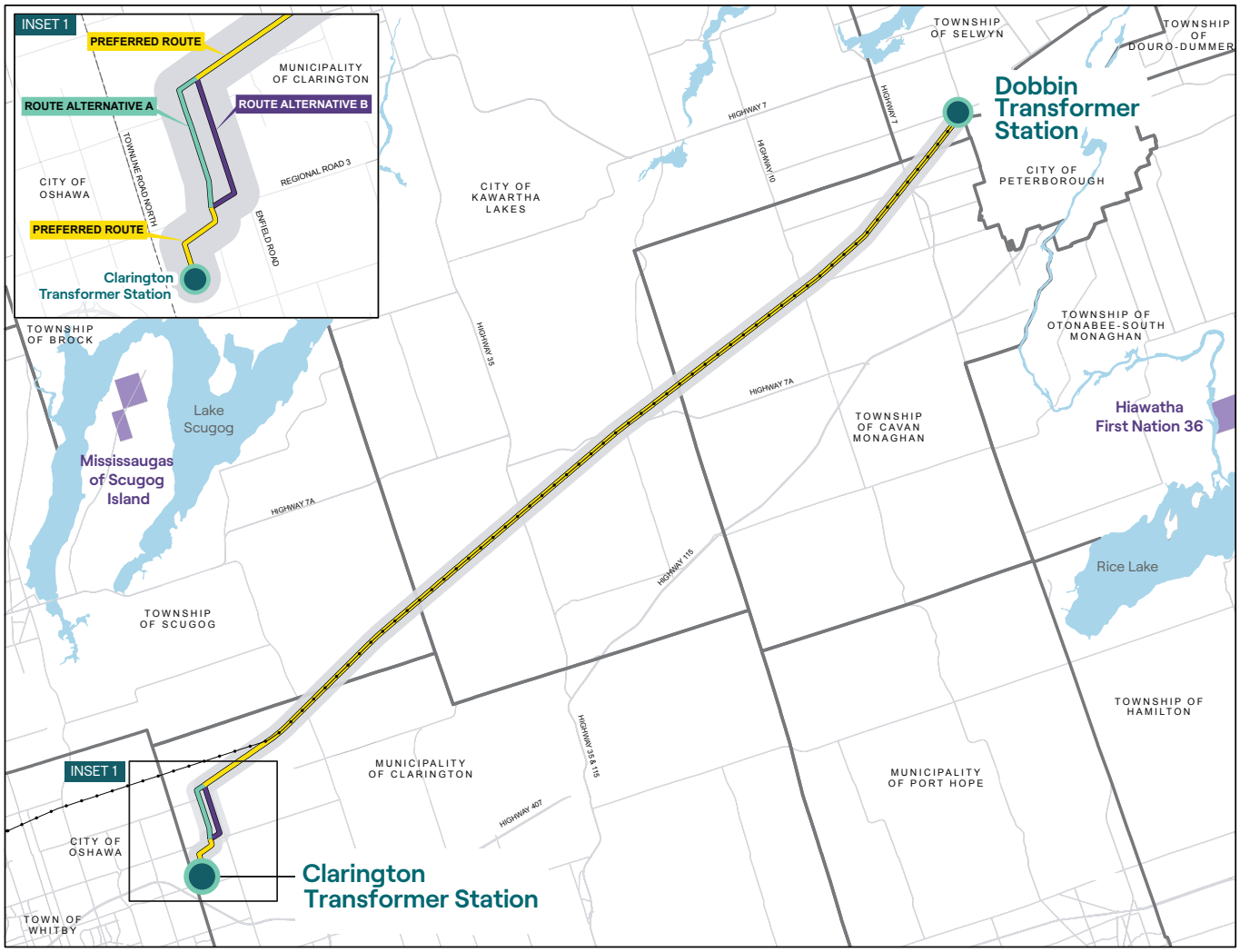
Regional benefits

- Build a safe and reliable grid
- Support economic growth in eastern Ontario
- Bring over 400 megawatts of capacity to the region – enough to power a city greater than Peterborough
- Building stronger partnerships through local community investments
- This project presents a new opportunity for collaboration, capacity building and partnerships with local Indigenous communities

Overview of the Durham Kawartha Power Line

- The Durham Kawartha Power Line is a proposed 230 kilovolt transmission line, approximately 55km, between Clarington TS (Clarington) and Dobbin TS (Peterborough)
- We are currently completing a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Transmission Facilities (2024) for the project, under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*
- As part of the company's pathway towards Reconciliation, Hydro One will offer proximate First Nations impacted by the project a 50 per cent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project and is committed to working to advance the project in partnership

Project area map



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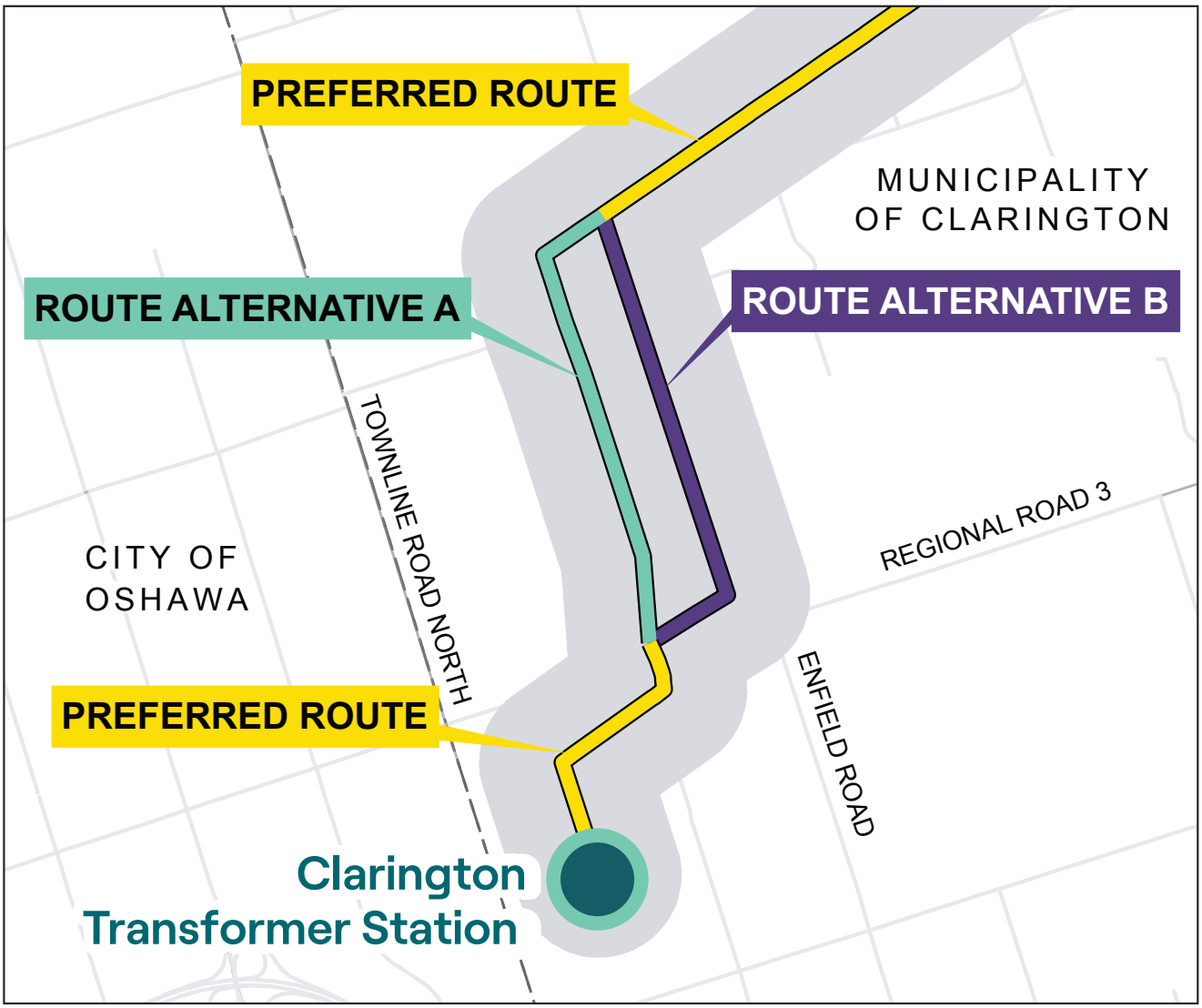
Route profile and alternatives considered



Preferred Route (~52km)

- Explores the use of existing Hydro One corridors as much as possible and will aim to stay within the existing corridor boundaries

Route Alternatives (~3km)

- **Route A**: Considers the use of existing Hydro One corridor that will require widening to accommodate the new line
- **Route B**: Explores establishing a new corridor

What is a Class Environmental Assessment?

The Class Environmental Assessment (EA) is the first step towards completing the planning for this project. This project is subject to Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024).

This Class EA process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed to confirm potential natural, economic, social, and cultural effects are thoroughly considered before the project begins.

As part of the Class EA process, all project planning will be shaped by:

Engagement with government agencies, municipalities and elected officials, residents and interest groups

Working with Indigenous communities on the project to identify areas of interest pertaining to culture, values and land use

Characterization of the environment within the study area

Identification of potential effects and proposed mitigation measures

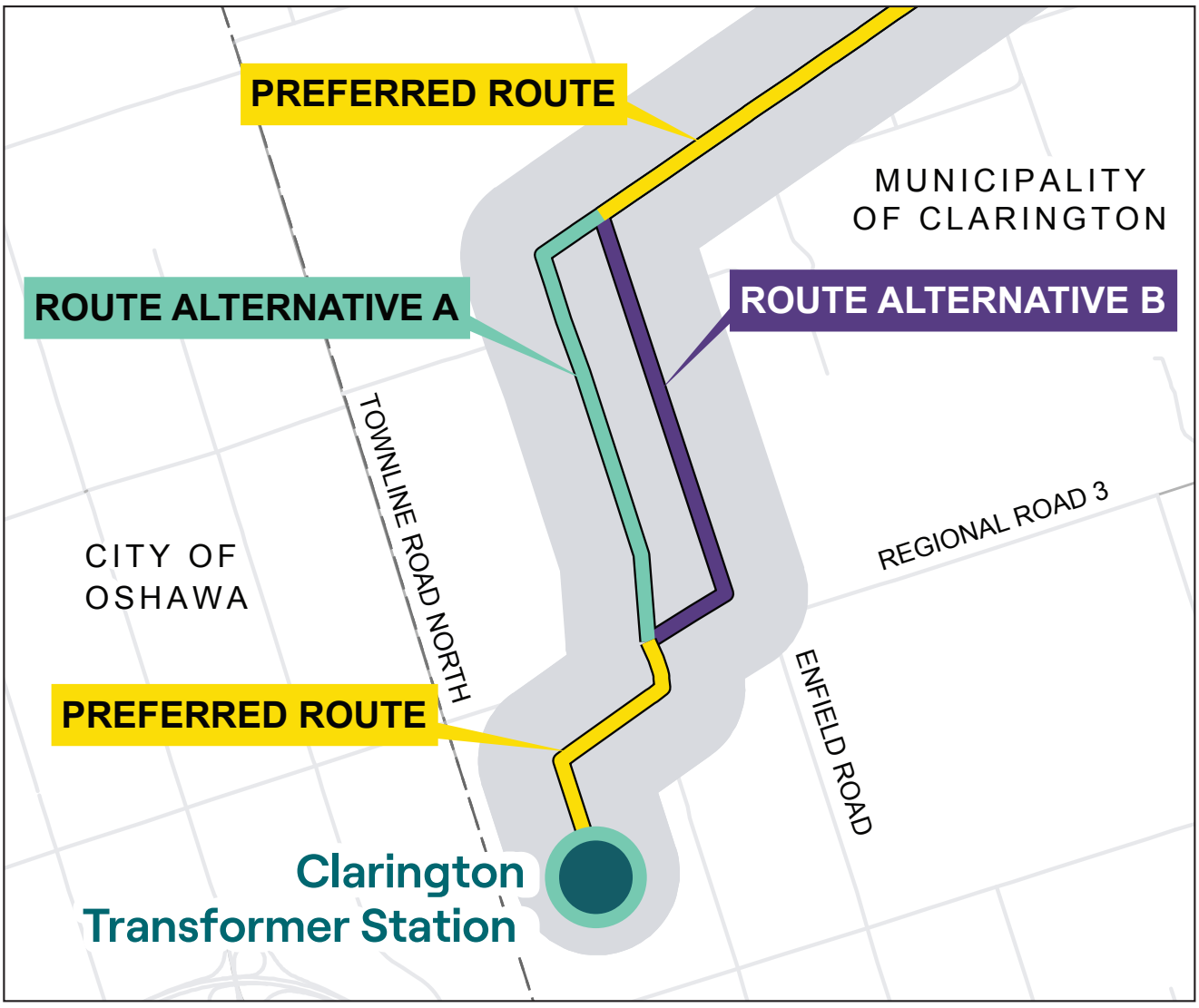
Evaluation of route alternatives and selection of the preferred route

Hydro One's Class EA is available at: **HydroOne.com/ClassEA** **HydroOne.com/DKPL**

Route evaluation

For the Route Alternatives A and B, an evaluation process will be used to select the preferred route including these four categories:

- Natural Environment
- Socio-Economic Environment
- Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use
- Technical and Cost



We anticipate a route will be selected in the fall of 2024.

Building the Durham Kawartha Power Line

To build the Durham Kawartha Power Line we will:

Establish access roads and construction laydown areas

Remove existing transmission line components, as necessary

Relocate the existing distribution line between Clarington TS and Dobbin TS to a new location along municipal road allowances

Install new tower foundations, assemble steel towers and string wires

Complete line connection work at both stations

Conduct underground transmission line work near Durham Regional Road 3 and Langmaid Road

Clean up and removal of temporary construction access and work areas

Working with Indigenous communities

Hydro One is committed to working with Indigenous communities in a spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility.

Forging meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities based upon trust, confidence, and accountability is vital to building partnerships and advancing Reconciliation.

Our engagement, advocacy and strategic direction are set by the Indigenous Relations Policy and led in collaboration with the Indigenous communities we work with every day.

The Hydro One Equity model will apply to this project, and we are in discussion with potential First Nation partners.

Our Indigenous Relations approach

Working with property owners

Hydro One is committed to working with property owners to ensure your feedback is reflected in the project planning.

Following the open houses, our Real Estate team will work with directly impacted property owners to discuss next steps.

As the project planning progresses, we will be requesting property access to complete engineering and environmental field studies on properties with environmental areas of interest identified along all routes.

To guide our conversations with directly impacted property owners, land acquisition principles tailored to the project will be applied in a fair, open, consistent and transparent manner.

Target milestones

June 2024
Notice of Commencement and Community Open House #1

Spring/Summer 2024
Environmental field studies and research to support the Class EA

Fall 2024
Announce the selection of route alternative A or B and Community Open House 2

Spring 2025
Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for 30-day public comment period

Summer 2025
Submit final ESR and complete the EA process

2026
Completion of detailed design and other permits and approvals, including Section 92 approval from the Ontario Energy Board

2027
Proposed construction start

2029 (or sooner)
Line energized

Thank you for joining us

We want to hear from you

Please provide your feedback and join our project contact list by contacting Hydro One Community Relations:

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EMF Information Sheet

Health & Safety

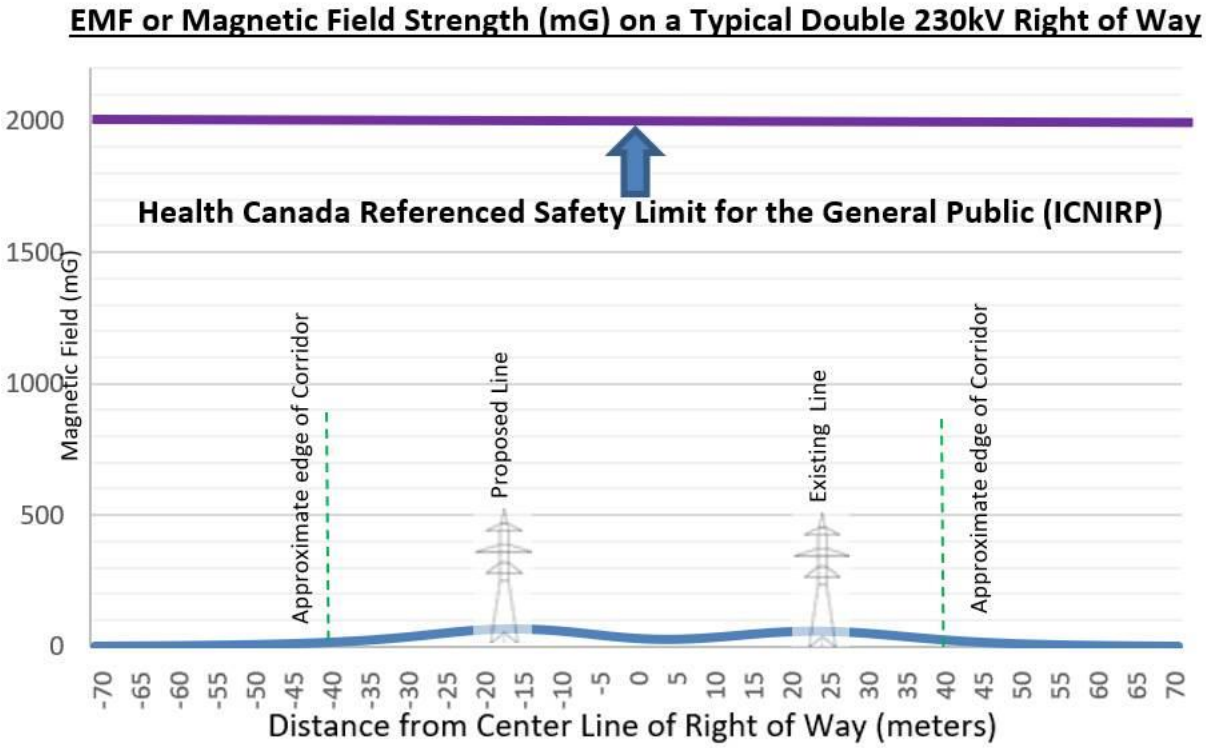
Health & safety background

- Everything is rooted in safety at Hydro One.
- Hydro One has a dedicated team that regularly monitors global studies around electric and magnetic fields (EMF) and ensures that our infrastructure is built and maintained following best practices and industry standards.
- We look to **Health Canada**, the **World Health Organization** and the **International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection** (ICNIRP), for guidance on EMF and our approach.
- Based on global studies which have and continue to be regularly monitored, these organizations indicate that members of the public do not need to take precautions to protect from fields produced by extremely low frequencies such as transmission lines.
- Typically, EMF levels for a project like Waasigan are less than 1% of the recommended guidelines.

Key facts

- Electricity produces fields which are referred to as EMFs. **EMFs are invisible forces found everywhere electricity is used** including household appliances, power cords, and wires.
- They are strongest when close to their source. As you move away from the source, the **strength of the fields fades rapidly**.
- In North America, all electricity including transmission lines, operate at 60 hertz, which is considered to be extremely low frequency.
- World Health Organization (WHO) states that “despite extensive research, to date there is **no evidence** to conclude that exposure to low level electromagnetic fields is harmful to human health.”
- Health Canada states that members of the public do not need to take precautions to protect from fields produced by electricity (extremely low frequency) because exposures are far below the limits recommended by the ICNIRP guidelines (The International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection)
- ICNIRP’s guidelines indicate that general exposure at low frequency, such as transmission lines, should **not exceed a level of 2000 milligauss** (mG).
- To help further put this into context, household appliances such as a **vacuum operates at 300 mG**, a microwave at 200 mG and a washing machine at 20 mG.

Below is a chart showing magnetic fields modelling at a typical 230kV double circuit transmission line. (shown at the bottom in blue). These outline the magnetic field modelling under the wires and at the edge along the right-of-way. This modelling is compared against the ICNIRP limit of 2000 mG (purple horizontal line). The label for each of the circuits represents the centre line of an existing and a proposed tower line.



Common household sources of magnetic fields

Appliance	Median mG
Electric Ovens	9 mG at 6 inches
Coffee Makers	7 mG at 6 inches
Refrigerators	2 mG at 6 inches
Vacuum Cleaner	300 mG at 6 inches
Microwave	200 mG at 6 inches
Portable Heater	100 mG at 6 inches
Washing Machines	20 mG at 6 inches

EMF and the Natural Environment

The World Health Organization has studied EMF effects on species and the natural environment.

Their findings include:

- **little or no evidence** of significant environmental impact to aquatic ecosystems
- **no effects** to plants at the levels normally found in the environment, nor even at field levels directly under power lines up to 765 kV
- **no adverse effects** found on cattle grazing below power lines

Additional resources

- https://www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety/corporate-health-and-safety/electric-and-magnetic-fields
- https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/health-risks-safety/radiation/everyday-things-emit-radiation/power-lines-electrical-appliances.html
- https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/radiation-electromagnetic-fields
- https://www.jeic-emf.jp/assets/files/Fact%20Sheets/facrt_sheet_Effects%20of%20EMF%20on%20the%20environment.pdf
- https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPLFgdl.pdf

We are committed to understanding and addressing any health concerns individuals may have. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Hydro One's Community Relation's team:

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Project News Release

Hydro One advances community engagement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line bringing safe and resilient electricity to eastern Ontario

- The proposed transmission line will reinforce existing electricity infrastructure, advance First Nations partnerships, and add capacity to support growth and economic prosperity for years to come -

Peterborough, ON, June 4, 2024 - Today, Hydro One Inc. (Hydro One) announced it is advancing engagement with Indigenous communities, elected officials, property owners, businesses, residents and other interest groups for the proposed Durham Kawartha Power Line project (formerly known as the Greater Toronto Area East Line). Later this month, Hydro One will host three community open houses to share project updates, present route details and gather local input. Hydro One and proximate Indigenous communities will continue to collaborate on the early planning and development of the project.

"Integrating local feedback and knowledge from Indigenous partners and the community is vital for the planning and design of the Durham Kawartha Power Line project," said Sonny Karunakaran, Vice President, Strategic Projects and Partnerships. "Electricity demand in eastern Ontario is expected to grow rapidly over the next 20 years and once built, this transmission line will increase reliability, advance First Nations equity partnerships and promote economic prosperity in the region today and in the future."

The route for the proposed project prioritizes the use of existing transmission corridors where possible. Route alternatives will be evaluated for a small portion of the line.

Community Open Houses

- Tuesday, June 25, 2024, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Solina Community Hall, 1964 Concession Rd 6, Solina, ON
- Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Peterborough Lions Community Centre, 347 Burnham St, Peterborough, ON
- Thursday, June 27, 2024, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Bethany United Church, 3 George St, Bethany, ON

Hydro One plans to build a double-circuit 230kV transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington, and Dobbin TS in the City of Peterborough. Once complete, it will increase resiliency and capacity for the Peterborough

area and eastern Ontario by more than 400 MW. As part of the company's journey of Reconciliation with Indigenous people and communities, Hydro One will offer proximate First Nations a 50 per cent equity stake in the transmission line component of the project and will work to advance the project together in true partnership.

The Independent Electricity System Operator has recommended that the new transmission line come into service no later than 2029.

For more information about the project, including how the planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities" (Class EA for TF, 2024), established in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, please visit: https://www.hydroone.com/DKPL.

Quotes

"Hydro One has set itself apart as a leader in the energy industry, and we are pleased that they have begun to recognize the value in a shared journey of prosperity with our First Nation," said Chief Laurie Carr, Hiawatha First Nation. "Their renewed approach is the first step in a long journey of consensus building, environmental and rights protection, and economic empowerment with Hiawatha."

"The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation is excited to collaborate with Hydro One on advancing the Durham Kawartha Power Line project." said Chief Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation. "We are confident this project will provide a long-term investment opportunity for our First Nation and enable procurement opportunities for our businesses such as Voyager Services Limited in electrical construction."

"As part of our government's Powering Ontario's Growth Plan I'm pleased to see Hydro One advancing this new transmission line which will help meet the growing demand for electricity in eastern Ontario," said Todd Smith, Minister of Energy. "Our government is accelerating the development of new transmission, including the Durham Kawartha Power Line, starting community engagement and getting shovels in the ground on projects that will power the next major international investment, the new homes we are building and industries as they grow and electrify."

"Our area is experiencing an unprecedented rush of growth. Good planning today will help to meet our future infrastructure needs and foster economic growth in Clarington and the surrounding communities," said Adrian Foster, Mayor of Clarington. "The Durham Kawartha

Power Line is an important project in our region, and I encourage residents to learn more, ask questions and provide their feedback."

“This new transmission line will not only enhance the reliability and resilience of our energy infrastructure but by investing in clean energy transmission, we will be reducing our carbon footprint and contributing to a healthier, greener future for our city,” said Jeff Leal, Mayor of Peterborough. “I am also grateful to Hydro One for their proactive engagement with our residents which underscores their commitment to our community's needs and priorities.”

Hydro One Limited (TSX: H)

Hydro One Limited, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, is Ontario's largest electricity transmission and distribution provider with approximately 1.5 million valued customers, approximately $32.8 billion in assets as at December 31, 2023, and annual revenues in 2023 of approximately $7.8 billion.

Our team of approximately 9,700 skilled and dedicated employees proudly build and maintain a safe and reliable electricity system which is essential to supporting strong and successful communities. In 2023, Hydro One invested approximately $2.5 billion in its transmission and distribution networks, and supported the economy through buying approximately $2.5 billion of goods and services.

We are committed to the communities where we live and work through community investment, sustainability and diversity initiatives.

Hydro One Limited's common shares are listed on the TSX and certain of Hydro One Inc.'s medium term notes are listed on the NYSE. Additional information can be accessed at **www.hydroone.com**, **www.sedarplus.com** or **www.sec.gov**.

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Impacted Landowner Letter (NoC & COH #1)

Hydro One Networks Inc.
483 Bay Street
6th Floor South Tower
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5

June 2024

Recipient Name
Company Name
Address
Town, Prov., Postal Code

Re: The Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and affects on your property.

Dear Property Owner,

Hydro One has started planning for a new transmission line in your area. Through early assessment and planning, **Hydro One has identified your property as impacted** by the proposed Durham Kawartha Power Line project.

Eastern Ontario is expecting significant growth in the next 20 years. As demand for electricity continues to grow in the area, Hydro One is planning for a new transmission line to ensure the region continues to have clean and reliable power along with the resiliency and capacity to support future growth. Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for a new double circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in the City of Peterborough.

While planning for the proposed transmission line, Hydro One identified the opportunity to reuse an existing transmission corridor that passes through your property. Hydro One aims to use existing transmission corridors as much as possible and will strive to stay within the established transmission boundaries. Please see map and notice enclosed. Rooted in engagement and consultation, the Class EA ensures that all natural, technical, economic, social and cultural constraints are identified and thoroughly evaluated.

We want to hear from you
As the planning for this line begins, we want to hear from you to understand the unique features of your property. In late June, Hydro One will be hosting in-person Community Open houses. Please join us to meet our team, learn more about the project and provide your input. Following our open houses, a dedicated Hydro One Real Estate representative will be contacting you directly to arrange an introductory meeting to discuss the project, learn more about your property specific characteristics and will provide more information on our land use principles and compensation. We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Hydro One Community Relations
Enclosed: Notice of Commencement and map

Website and interactive map	Email	Toll-free number
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Notice of Preferred Route & Community Open House #2 Invitation

Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Notice of Preferred Route and Community Open House #2

March 2025

Hydro One is committed to energizing life across eastern Ontario by supporting economic growth and improving reliability for homes and businesses. In June 2024, Hydro One initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, which includes a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, along with upgrades at the stations to support the connections.

Route selection

Since the start of the project, we've been actively engaging with Indigenous communities, residents, municipalities, and stakeholders to gather feedback and ensure it shapes project planning through meaningful and transparent consultation. To efficiently plan this project, Hydro One prioritized the use of existing transmission corridors to accommodate 50 kilometers of the new 53-kilometre line as shown on the map. For the 3-kilometre portion of the line near Clarington TS, two route alternatives were considered. Each option was carefully reviewed based on four evaluation categories: Indigenous culture, values and land use; the natural environment; the socio-economic environment; and technical considerations, including cost.

Based on the evaluation, **Route Alternative B** was selected as the preferred route. This route has the lowest effect on values of significance identified by Indigenous communities, as well as the lowest effect on the natural environment. While socio-economic criteria scored similarly across both alternatives, Route B performed more strongly for technical and cost considerations.

Planning process

The Class EA is expected to be complete at the end of 2025. The project will also require approval from the Ontario Energy Board under Section 92 (Leave to Construct).

We invite you to join one of our upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about the project updates and upcoming milestones.

Community Open House #2

Please join us:

Tuesday,
March 18, 2025
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
1964 Concession Rd 6,
Hampton, ON L0B 1J0

Thursday,
March 20, 2025
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bethany United Church
3 George Street,
Bethany, ON L0A 1A0

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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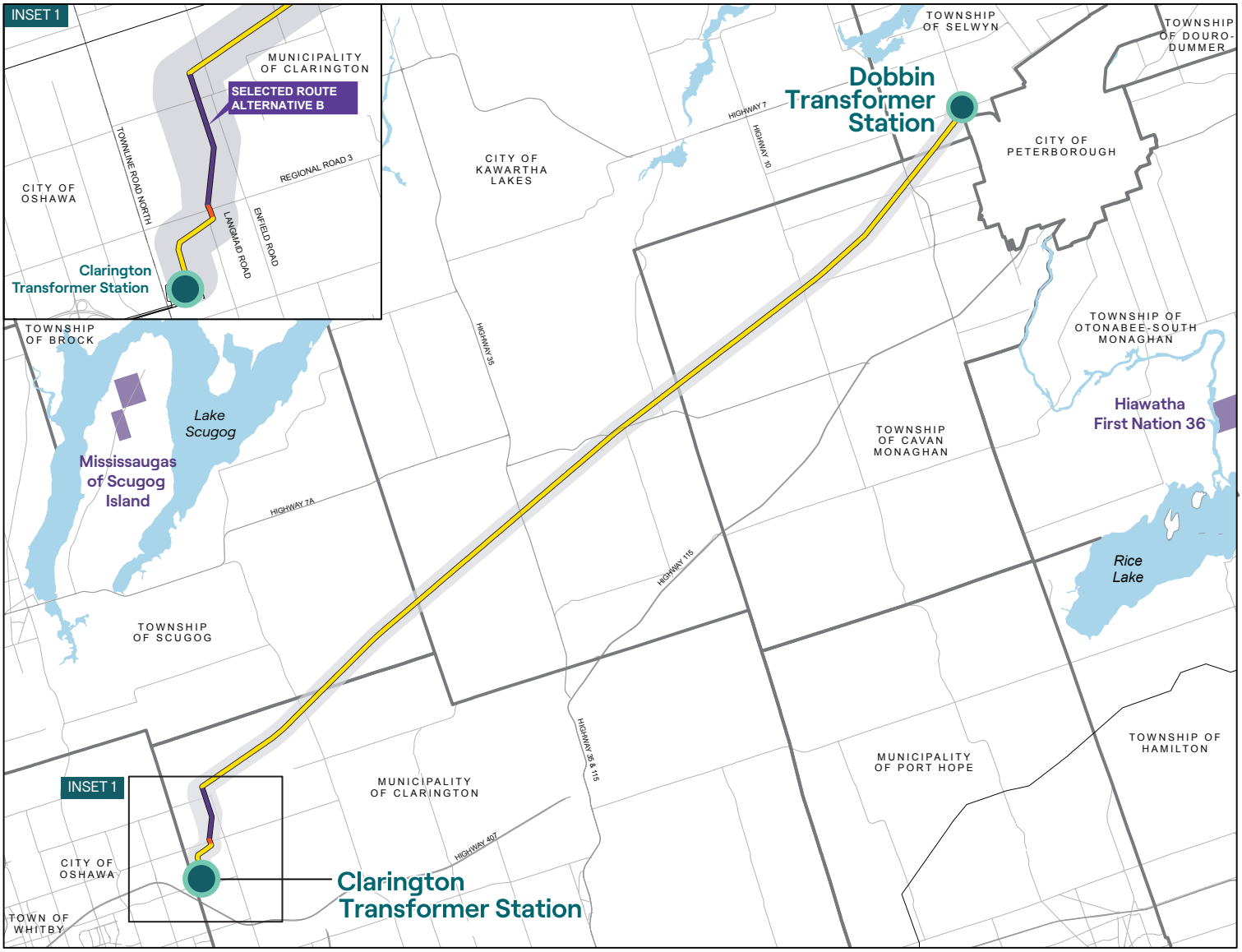
Durham Kawartha Power Line Project



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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. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this Study, please contact Community Relations listed above.

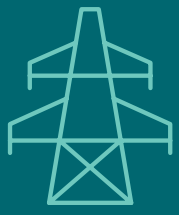
Community Open House #2 Display Panels

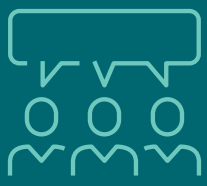
Welcome

Durham Kawartha Power Line Community open house #2

Why we are here:

- Share information about the preferred route
- Continue engaging with rights holders, property owners, stakeholders, and community members
- Gather your input and answer questions





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Land acknowledgment

Hydro One acknowledges that this project is proposed within the traditional and ancestral lands belonging to the Mississaugas and Chippewa Anishinaabeg, and the Huron-Wendat Nation.

Hydro One understands that Indigenous Nations have been on this Land since time immemorial and are the caretakers of what many refer to as Turtle Island.

We are all Treaty People and with a commitment to our pursuit of reconciliation, we are thankful to be welcomed on these lands as partners to energize our futures together.

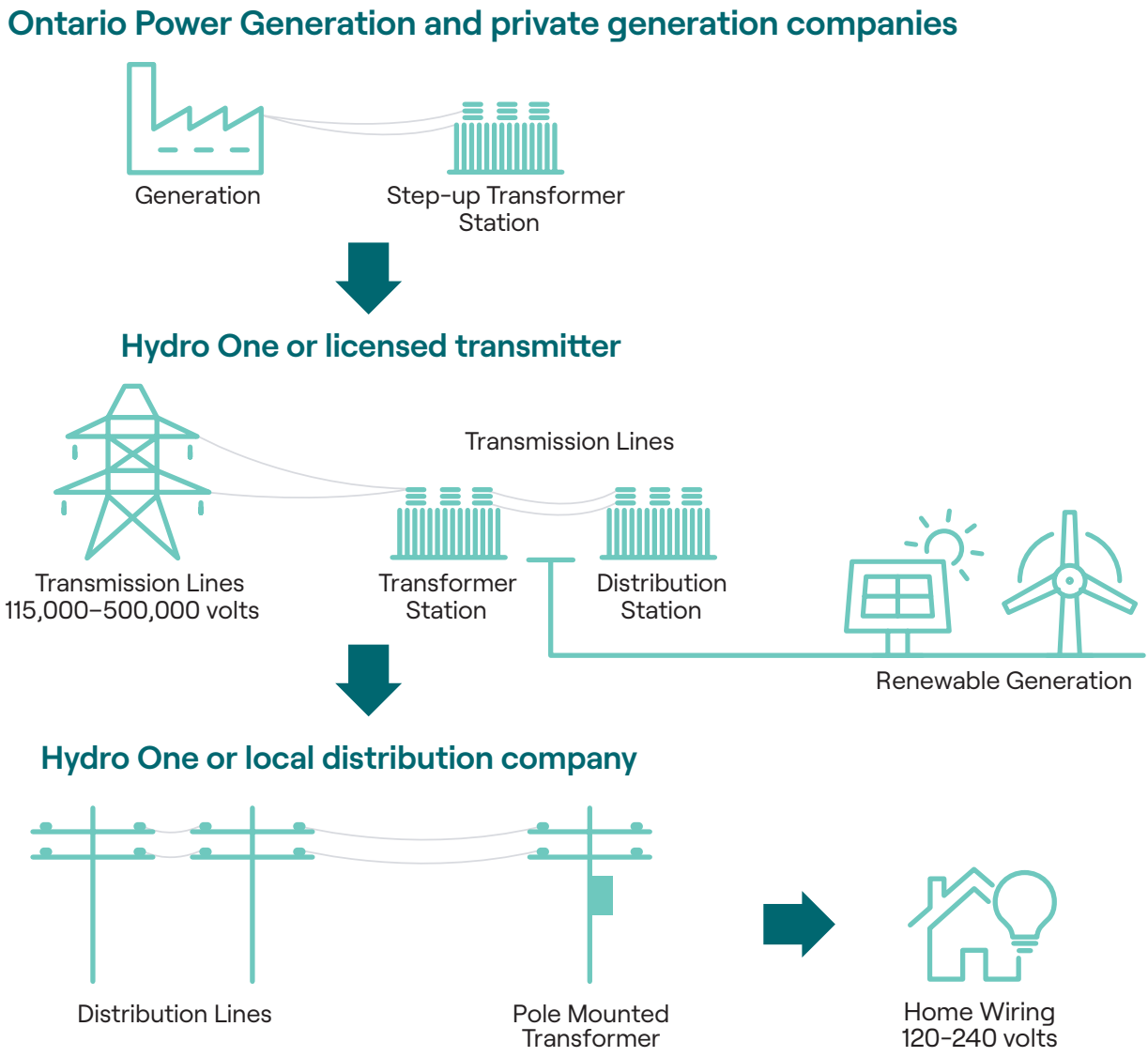
Key organizations

Building infrastructure to meet the energy needs of today and tomorrow involves a number of partners, including:

hydro one	Builds, owns, operates and maintains electricity transmission and distribution facilities across Ontario
ieso Connecting Today. Powering Tomorrow	Oversees planning to ensure electricity needs are met both now and in the future
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks	Legislative Authority for environmental assessments in Ontario
ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD	Regulates the electricity market in Ontario, including electricity rates

Hydro One's role in delivering power to you

Across the province, Hydro One builds, owns, operates and maintains the electricity transmission and distribution network, helping Ontarians live a better and brighter future.



Project overview

- The Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station in the Municipality of Clarington and the Dobbin Transformer Station in Peterborough County
- The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) asked Hydro One to place this line in service by 2029 to support regional growth
- Through Hydro One's industry-leading 50-50 Equity Partnership Model, local First Nations have the opportunity to invest in a 50 per cent stake in the transmission line component of this project
- We are currently completing a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for Transmission Facilities (2024) for the project, under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*

Regional benefits

- Build a safe and reliable grid
- Support economic growth in eastern Ontario
- This project presents a new opportunity for collaboration, capacity building and partnerships with local Indigenous communities
- Bring over 400 megawatts of capacity to the region – enough to power a city nearly the size of Peterborough
- Building stronger partnerships through local community investments

Class environmental assessment (EA)

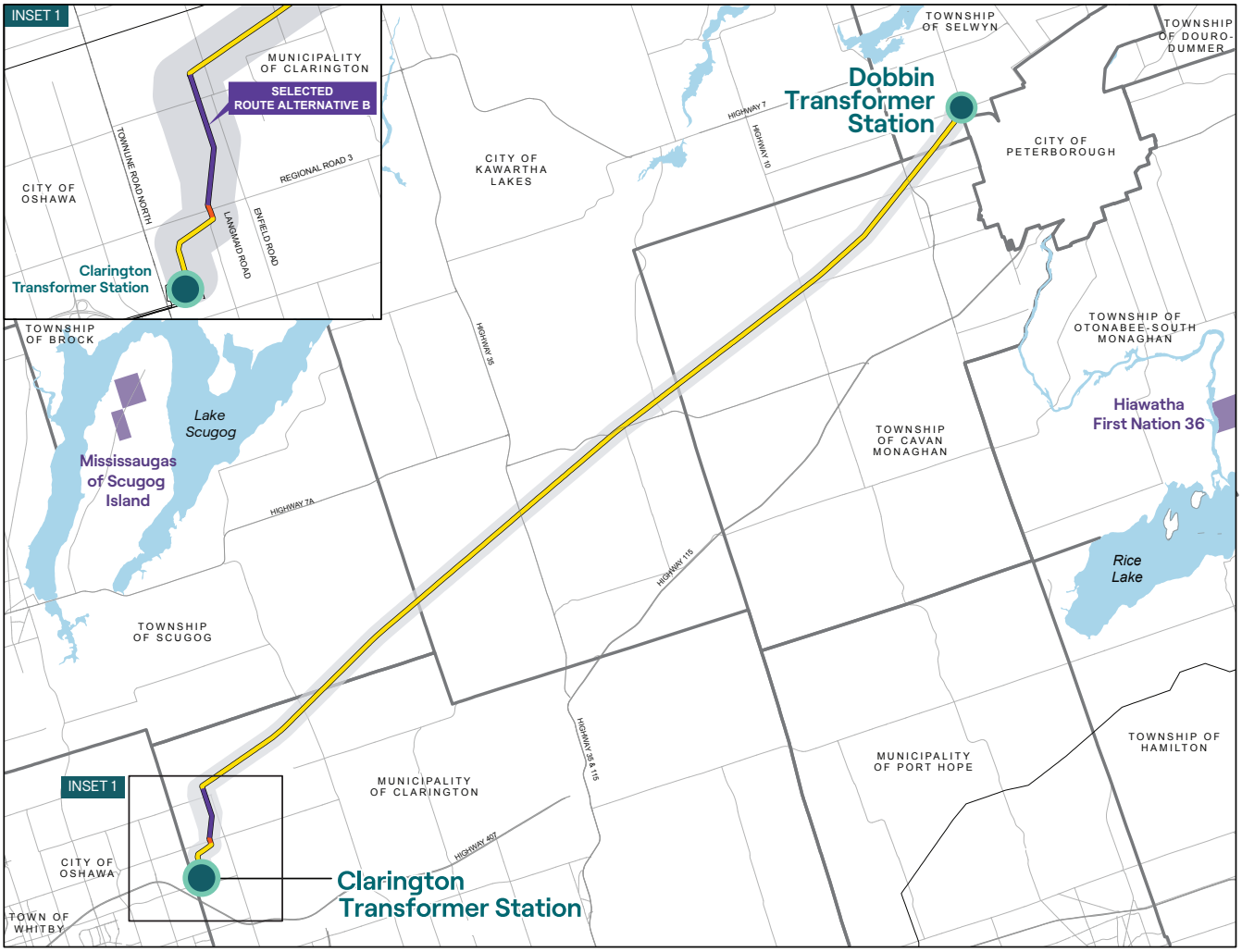
Steps of a Class EA:

- Engage with Indigenous communities, community members, elected officials, interest groups and government agencies
- Collect environmental information and identify potential environmental effects and mitigation measures
- Identify and evaluation route alternatives where necessary

Select a preferred route

- Continue to engage with Indigenous communities, community members, elected officials, interest groups and government agencies
- Prepare a draft environmental study report (ESR) that will be made available for a 30-day public comment period
- Submit the final ESR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks

Overall project map



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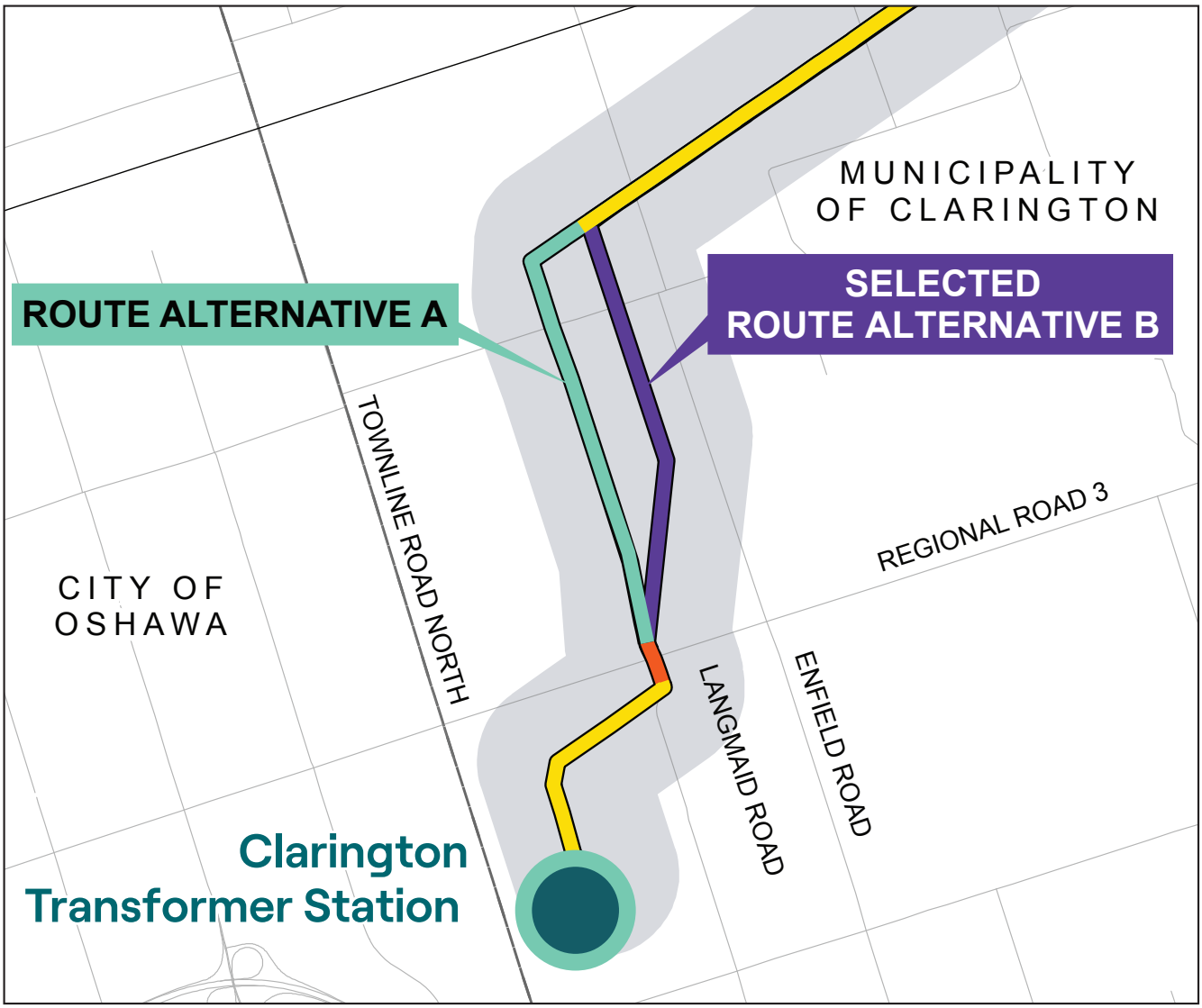
Selected route alternative



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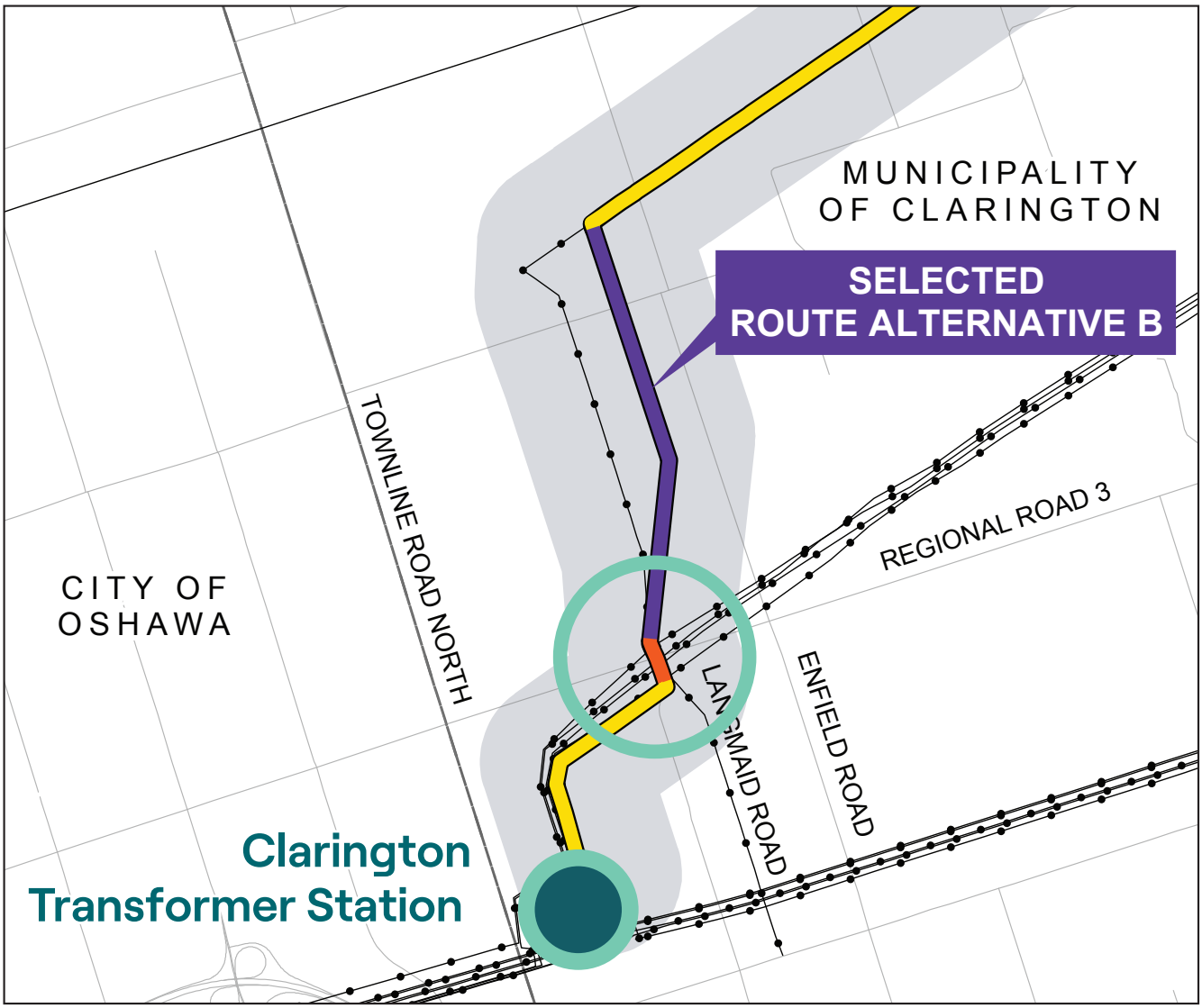
Route Alternative B is a new corridor identified through the EA process. Hydro One has committed to removing the wood poles along the previous Route A, north of Regional Road 3.

Potential underground portion



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To accommodate existing infrastructure and avoid technical constraints at Regional Road 3, the line could potentially be underground for approximately 300 meters.

Evaluation of the alternative routes

We evaluated the advantages and disadvantages of each route alternative based on environmental field studies, research, and feedback received. This evaluation looked at four evaluation categories, which were applied to all routes in a fair and transparent manner:

Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use

- Surface water and aquatic habitat
- Vegetation
- Wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Species at risk
- Areas of potential restoration

Socio-Economic Environment

- Line length and angle structures
- Construction complexity
- Operability
- Real estate and land rights considerations

Natural Environment

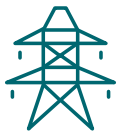
- Identified areas of Indigenous significance
- Water features, woodlots, plants and vegetation of Indigenous significance
- Identified potential impacts to treaty rights

Technical and Cost

- Agricultural resources
- Property impacts
- Water wells and source water protection
- Co-location of existing infrastructure

The preferred route best balances the evaluation categories overall.

Evaluation summary

	Considerations	Route A	Route B
Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use	• Largely avoids identified areas of Indigenous significance. • Averts environmental features such as water features and woodlots. • Avoids potential Impacts to treaty rights as identified by Indigenous communities.		Preferred
Natural Environment	• Least effects on water features including wetlands and floodplains. • Fewer effects on woodlots and vegetation important for wildlife, including any species at risk.		Preferred
Socio-Economic Environment	• Fewer heritage resources and residential structures. • Fewer features with archaeological potential.	Similar Preference	
 **Technical and Cost**	• Suitable line access and ground conditions . • Favourable line length and angle structures. • Avoids crossing infrastructure where possible. • Minimizes vegetation clearing and maintenance.		Preferred

The evaluation concluded the selected Route B has overall more advantages compared to the other route alternative identified through the environmental assessment.

Line design considerations

- Residential and business effects
- Environmental constraints
- Topography and soil conditions
- Structure heights and clearance
- Distance between structures
- Right-of-way width
- Structure locations
- Construction methodology

We will continue to gather feedback from property owners on property specific features, complete environmental and technical studies to inform the technical planning process.

The DKPL project will require enhancements within the existing station footprints at both Clarington TS and Dobbin TS, which are located at either end of the new Transmission line. This work will be completed at the same time as the Durham Kawartha Power Line.

Additional Hydro One projects

The below projects are separate from the DKPL project but could be taking place at the same time

- Dobbin TS will additionally be going through a separate modernization initiative. Although occurring at the same time as DKPL, this project is separate to the DKPL project.
- To accommodate the new transmission line, the existing 44kV distribution line will be relocated onto municipal owned lands near roads. Hydro One will be working with affected property owners and road authorities in advance of final design and construction.
- A new sky wire will be installed on an existing line between Dobbin TS and the Otonabee River to protect the line against lighting strikes and ensure reliability.

Working with Indigenous communities

Hydro One is committed to working with Indigenous communities in a spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility.

Forging meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities based upon trust, confidence, and accountability is vital to building partnerships and advancing Reconciliation.

Our engagement, advocacy and strategic direction are set by the Indigenous Relations Policy and led in collaboration with the Indigenous communities we work with every day.

The Hydro One Equity model will apply to this project, and we are in discussion with potential First Nation partners.

Our approach

Excelling at Engagement

Working with Integrity

Holding Ourselves Accountable

Breaking Barriers

Continue working with property owners

Hydro One will continue to work closely with directly affected property owners.

- Property owners have the choice between an easement or purchase.
- Offers are based on site-specific reports from independent third-party appraisers.
- Monetary incentives will be offered in addition to market value compensation for voluntary property rights.
- Property owners will be reimbursed for project related losses such as cropland out of production during and after construction.

Your feedback helped the route evaluation

Hydro One will continue to work closely with directly affected property owners.

Communication outreach:

Open houses, registered mail and door-knocking to potentially impacted property owners

Ongoing calls and emails

Notices, newspaper, radio and social media ads

Meetings with Indigenous communities, local elected officials and regional leaders

What we've heard:

Consider effects to agricultural lands and operations

Maximize the use of existing transmission corridors

Consider species at risk and ecological restoration areas

Minimize effects to homes

Mitigation and restoration opportunities

Based on our experience building transmission lines in Ontario, the following mitigation measures are being considered for constructing the line.

Use existing access and watercourse crossings as much as possible

Apply erosion and sediment controls when needed

Retain compatible vegetation

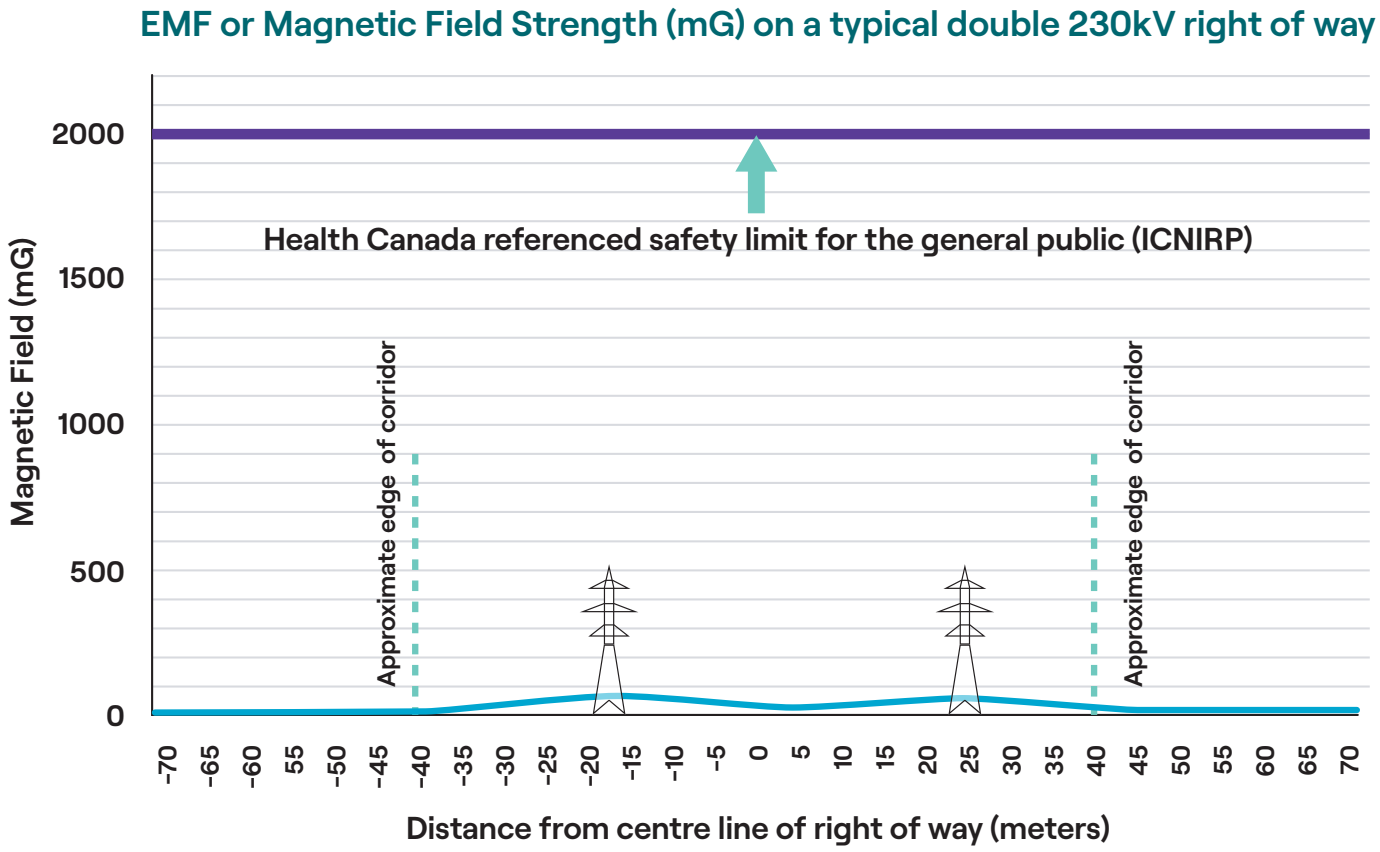
Employ dust control measures

Restore temporary access roads and work areas after construction

We want to hear your continued feedback to further enhance the planning of this project.

Electric and magnetic fields (EMF) safety

Hydro One meets safe EMF exposure levels to ensure members of the public are not exposed to elevated EMF levels. We look to scientific experts, like Health Canada, for guidance. Health Canada does not consider that any precautionary measures by the public are needed regarding daily exposures to EMFs at extremely low frequencies.



Project milestones

June 2024
Notice of commencement and community open house #1 (introduction of project)

Summer 2024
Environmental field studies and research to support the Class EA

Early 2025
Announcement of the preferred route and community open house #2

Late 2025
Draft environmental study report (ESR) for public comment period

End of 2025
Finalize ESR to complete the Class EA, and project permits and approvals

2026
Completion of detailed design and other permits and approvals, including Section 92 approval from the Ontario Energy Board

2027
Proposed construction start

2029 (or sooner)
Line energized

Thank you for joining us

We want to hear from you

Please provide your feedback and join our project contact list by contacting Hydro One Community Relations:

1.877.345.6799

Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

HydroOne.com/DKPL

Impacted Landowner Letter (Notice of Preferred Route & COH #2)

Hydro One Networks Inc.

483 Bay Street
6th Floor South Tower
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2P5

March 4, 2025

Name of Landowner
[Insert Mailing Address]
Address POSTAL CODE

Re: Important update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line project
Route Alternative B was selected as the preferred route

Dear Property Owner,

We are writing to you as you are a property owner affected by the selected Route Alternative B for this project. At Hydro One, we are committed to working closely with communities in Ontario to deliver clean, reliable power now and in the future. Since launching the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project in June 2024, which includes a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, we have been conducting a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) and engaging with Indigenous communities, property owners, residents, municipal staff, elected officials, and other stakeholders.

As part of the Class EA process, we evaluated two route alternatives (A and B) for the section of the line extending from Clarington Transformer Station (see enclosed map). Each route alternative was carefully reviewed based on four evaluation categories: Indigenous culture, values and land use, the natural environment, the socio-economic environment, and technical considerations, including cost. **After careful evaluation, Route Alternative B was selected as the preferred route.** This route has the lowest effect on values of significance identified by Indigenous communities, as well as the lowest effect on the natural environment. While the socio-economic criteria scored similarly across both alternatives, Route B performed more strongly for technical and cost considerations.

We understand that changes to your property can be concerning, and we want to work with you to address any questions you may have. As we continue to conduct the Class EA and advance to technical planning and line design, your dedicated Hydro One Real Estate representative will continue to support you throughout every step of the way regarding your property specific questions. A Land Acquisition Compensation Principles document, which outlines our transparent and fair approach to voluntary land rights acquisition, is available for your review. You may have already received a copy of the LACP from your dedicated Real Estate representative, we've enclosed another copy for your convenience.

We remain committed to listening to your input and ensuring your concerns are thoughtfully considered. We invite you to attend one of our upcoming open houses to learn more about project developments, upcoming milestones, and opportunities for ongoing input. These events will take place on March 18 and March 20 (please see the enclosed invitation for details). If you have any immediate questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Hydro One Community Relations or your real estate representative directly.

Thank you for your continued engagement in this important project.

Sincerely,

Community Relations
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com
Tel:1-877-345-6799
Website: HydroOne.com/DKPL
Enclosed: Community Open House Invitation; Land Acquisition Compensation Principles document; property specific map

Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR

Notice of completion of draft Environmental Study Report

Durham Kawartha Power Line project

October 2025

Hydro One has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. Now, you're invited to provide feedback.

The proposed project is a new double-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, with station upgrades to support the connection.

Ontario's electricity demand is expected to surge by 75 per cent in the next 25 years. To meet this growth in demand, we must invest in electricity infrastructure. Once built, this new transmission line will help add more than 400 megawatts (MW) to the region's electricity network, helping meet growing energy needs and strengthening system reliability in Peterborough and surrounding areas.

As part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project Hydro One evaluated route alternatives for a three-kilometre section of the line, selected a preferred route, assessed the potential environmental effects of the project and identified mitigation measures to address these effects. We'll continue to work with First Nation partners, community members and property owners as detailed design and construction planning for the project continues.

Next steps and providing your input

The draft ESR is available for a public comment period from October 29 to November 27, 2025. The report summarizes the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please provide any comments by **4:30 p.m. on November 27, 2025,** addressed to:

Rhona Scott, Environmental Planner, Hydro One Networks Inc.,
483 Bay St., North Tower, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2P5

Comments can also be submitted to **1-877-345-6799** or **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**

Hydro One welcomes your feedback. We'll review and address all concerns brought to our attention before finalizing and submitting the ESR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The project will then be considered acceptable to proceed as outlined in the ESR. We'll continue to work with First Nation partners and community members as design and construction planning continue.

A request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. a Comprehensive EA) or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies) before the project can proceed. However, this request can only be made 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 and 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.

We're here to help

If you would like any further information on this project or have any questions or feedback, please contact us at:

1-877-345-6799 **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**

Where to find the draft ESR:

The draft ESR and Highlights document can be viewed electronically on Hydro One's website at **HydroOne.com/DKPL**

Printed copies will be available at the following locations:

Bethany - Kawartha Lakes Public Library
1474 ON-7A, Bethany, ON

Cavan Monaghan Libraries - Bruce Johnston Branch
2199 Davis Rd,
Cavan- Monaghan, ON

Clarington Library, Museums & Archives - Bowmanville Library
163 Church St, Bowmanville, ON

The request should be sent in writing or by email to both:

Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay St., 5th Floor, Toronto
ON M7A 2J3
Minister.MECP@Ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West,
1st Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@Ontario.ca

Requests should also be copied to Hydro One at the address provided on the front page. Please visit the Ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: **ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order**.

If no Section 16 Order requests are submitted during the comment period, Hydro One will proceed with the project under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

See reverse for map

Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Preferred route
- Potential underground line
- Skywire upgrade
- Local study area (500 m on either side of the route centreline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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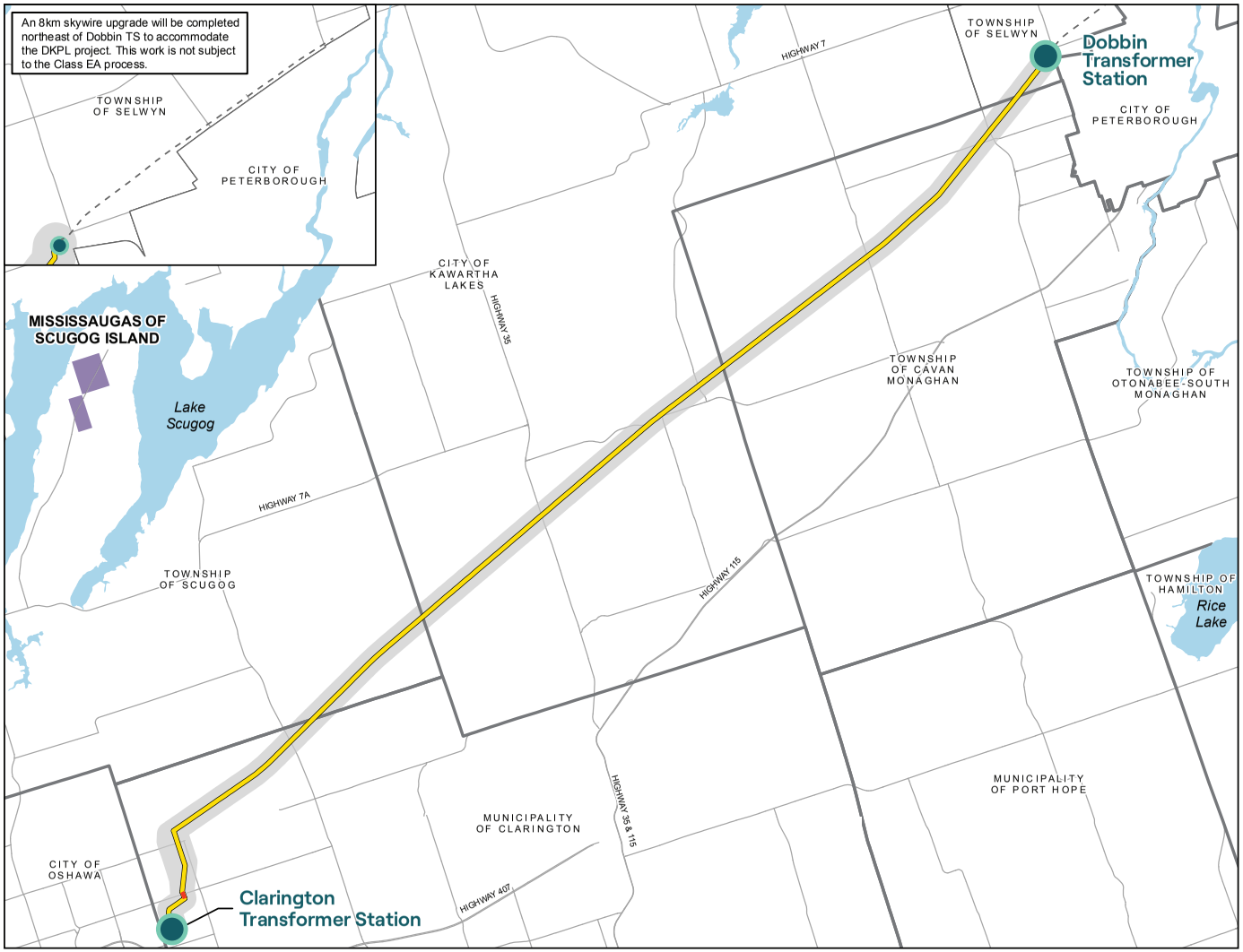
Please visit our online interactive map for a more detailed view: **HydroOne.com/DKPL**



Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: 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.

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Appendix A-3: Indigenous Consultation

Order In Council from the Ministry of Energy

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MC-994-2023-778

Mr. David Lebeter
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hydro One Networks Inc.
483 Bay St Tower, 8th Floor
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Re: Supporting Critical Transmission Infrastructure in Northeast and Eastern Ontario

Dear David,

As you know, electricity demand in northeast and eastern Ontario is projected to grow rapidly over the next decade due to community growth, electrification initiatives and economic development, including advanced manufacturing, Algoma Steel's conversion to electric arc furnaces, and mining for critical minerals. As we have outlined in our *Powering Ontario's Growth* plan (July 2023), expanding the transmission system is critical to maintaining Ontario's clean energy advantage.

I am writing to inform you that under the authority of section 96.1(1) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, the Lieutenant Governor in Council has made an order declaring the construction, expansion or reinforcement of three transmission lines in northeast and eastern Ontario as priorities. Furthermore, under the authority of section 28.6.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*, 1998, I have, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, directed the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) to amend the conditions of Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) licence to require it to develop and seek all necessary approvals for these three priority projects. These Orders-in-Council and the accompanying Directive, which are now effective, and are attached to this letter. These actions, taken together, should focus and streamline approval processes at the OEB and provide regulatory clarity to Hydro One to initiate development work and advance Indigenous participation in these projects.

It is my expectation that Hydro One move forward expeditiously to develop and seek approvals for these projects, to advance rights-based consultation and finalize equity partnerships or other economic participation arrangements with potentially impacted Indigenous communities, respecting their unique protocols and interests.

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The Crown has a constitutional duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous communities when the Crown contemplates conduct that might adversely impact established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights. The Crown is responsible for fulfilling the substantive aspects of consultation and retaining oversight over the consultation process regarding these transmission lines. It is the Ministry of Energy's intention to delegate the procedural aspects of consultation relating to the transmission lines in question to Hydro One. Detailed information on the Ministry's expectations of Hydro One in this regard will be provided when the Crown formally delegates the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One.

Many Indigenous communities have provided their initial input on these three transmission lines through early consultation and engagement with the Ministry of Energy on its proposal to prioritize and designate Hydro One as the transmitter for the lines. It will be important to demonstrate that community feedback is heard and considered thoughtfully as these projects proceed with development, as part of Ontario's overarching commitment toward reconciliation. Routing for the lines will be of particular interest to Indigenous communities when considering any potential impacts to their Aboriginal and/or treaty rights. Indigenous communities have also highlighted their need for sufficient, flexible, and ongoing capacity funding to support their participation in the consultation processes for these projects. Ensuring that any identified impacts to rights are mitigated and accommodated, as appropriate, and that Indigenous communities are supported with adequate resources will be critical to supporting the timely and successful development of these critical transmission lines.

Ontario is committed to building and supporting partnerships with Indigenous communities through the development of these critical transmission projects, which present a significant opportunity to advance economic reconciliation. I am pleased that Hydro One has a similar commitment to partnerships through its First Nation Equity Partnership Model for large, new transmission projects, and I expect Hydro One to also work with any impacted Métis communities to understand their unique interests and to support opportunities for their economic participation.

It is also important that Hydro One works closely with municipalities and other impacted stakeholders, including landowners, as it moves forward to develop these projects. Their input should be thoughtfully considered as Hydro One determines the appropriate routing for these projects and other ways the projects can minimize impact to residents, local ecosystems, and businesses.

Lastly, while the designation of Hydro One as the transmitter for these projects and declaration of certain projects as priorities supports our government's objectives for the timely development of transmission infrastructure, it is critical that these projects are delivered cost-effectively for ratepayers. To this end, I ask that Hydro One provide comprehensive and transparent reporting to the OEB in accordance with the OEB's requirements, including with respect to the budget, timing, and project risks as set out under the attached Directive to the OEB.

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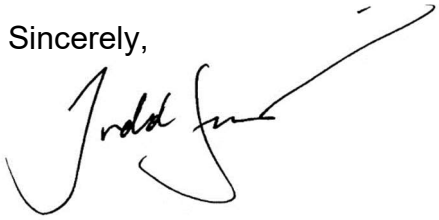
Furthermore, where it should be in the best interest to do so, Hydro One should consider implementing competitive procurements, when feasible.

I trust that this letter provides clarity regarding my expectations as Hydro One contributes to the expansion of Ontario's transmission system. The Ministry of Energy will work closely with Hydro One, potentially impacted Indigenous communities and stakeholders to help ensure these expectations are met as these critical projects move forward.

Sincerely,



Todd Smith
Minister

c:
Jason Fitzsimmons, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy
Susanna Zagar, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Energy Board
Lesley Gallinger, President and Chief Executive Officer, Independent Electricity System Operator

Ontario

Executive Council of Ontario
Order in Council

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, by and with the advice and concurrence of the Executive Council of Ontario, orders that:

Conseil exécutif de l'Ontario
Décret

Sur la recommandation de la personne soussignée, le lieutenant-gouverneur de l'Ontario, sur l'avis et avec le consentement du Conseil exécutif de l'Ontario, décrète ce qui suit :

WHEREAS Ontario considers it critical to expand Ontario's transmission system to provide a reliable and adequate supply of electricity to support economic growth and electrification initiatives throughout Northeastern and Eastern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Ontario considers the expansion of the electricity network in Northeastern and Eastern Ontario to support economic growth and electrification to be a priority;

AND WHEREAS the Independent Electricity System Operator, the organization responsible for ensuring the reliability of Ontario's electricity grid, has published:

1. A bulk planning report dated October 27, 2022, entitled the "Need for Northeast Bulk System Reinforcements", which recommended a new transmission line running between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury and a new transmission line in the Sudbury region as the appropriate solution required to meet expected demand growth and system needs; and

2. A bulk planning report dated December 8, 2022, entitled the "Gatineau Corridor End-of-Life Study" which recommended a new transmission line between the Peterborough region and the Oshawa/Pickering area as the appropriate solution to meet forecast electricity demand growth and system needs.

AND WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make an order under section 96.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* (the "Act") declaring that the construction, expansion or reinforcement of an electricity transmission line specified in the order is needed as a priority project;

AND WHEREAS an order under section 96.1 of the Act requires the Ontario Energy Board, in considering an application under section 92 of the Act in respect of an electricity transmission line specified in the order, to accept that the construction, expansion or reinforcement is needed when forming its opinion under section 96 of the Act;

NOW THEREFORE it is hereby declared pursuant to section 96.1 of the Act that the construction, expansion or reinforcement of the following electricity transmission lines are needed as priority projects:

1. A new 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Mississagi Transformer Station to Third Line Transformer Station, including associated station facility expansions or upgrades required at the terminal stations;

2. A new 500 kV transmission line from Mississagi Transformer Station to Hanmer Transformer Station, including associated station facility expansions or upgrades required at the terminal stations; and

3. A new 230 kV transmission line from Dobbin Transformer Station to either Cherrywood Transformer Station or Clarington Transformer Station, including associated station facility expansions or upgrades required at the terminal stations.

ATTENDU QUE l'Ontario considère qu'il est essentiel d'étendre le réseau de transport d'électricité de l'Ontario afin d'offrir un approvisionnement fiable et adéquat en électricité pour soutenir la croissance économique et les projets d'électrification dans le Nord-Est et l'Est de l'Ontario;

ET ATTENDU QUE l'Ontario considère l'extension du réseau électrique au Nord-Est et à l'Est de l'Ontario pour soutenir la croissance économique et l'électrification comme des priorités;

ET ATTENDU QUE la Société indépendante d'exploitation du réseau d'électricité (SIERE), l'organisation qui a la responsabilité de s'assurer de la fiabilité du réseau de distribution d'électricité de l'Ontario, a publié :

1. un rapport de planification d'ensemble du 27 octobre 2022, intitulé « Need for Northeast Bulk System Reinforcements », qui recommandait une nouvelle ligne de transport entre Sault Ste. Marie et Sudbury et une nouvelle ligne de transport dans la région de Sudbury à titre de solution appropriée requise pour répondre à la croissance prévue de la demande et aux besoins du réseau;

2. et un rapport de planification d'ensemble du 8 décembre 2022, intitulé « Gatineau Corridor End-of-Life Study », qui recommandait une nouvelle ligne de transport entre la région de Peterborough et celle d'Oshawa/Pickering à titre de solution appropriée pour répondre à la croissance prévue de la demande en électricité et aux besoins du réseau.

ET ATTENDU QUE le lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil peut, en vertu de l'article 96.1 de *Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario* (la « Loi »), par décret, déclarer que la construction, l'extension ou le renforcement d'une ligne de transport d'électricité précisée dans un décret est nécessaire à titre de projet prioritaire;

ET ATTENDU QU'un décret pris en vertu de l'article 96.1 de la Loi exige que la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, lors de l'examen d'une requête présentée en vertu de l'article 92 de la Loi concernant une ligne de transport d'électricité précisée dans le décret, accepte le fait que la construction, l'extension ou le renforcement est nécessaire lorsqu'elle se fait une opinion dans le cadre de l'article 96;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, il est déclaré aux présentes que conformément à l'article 96.1 de La Loi, la construction, l'extension ou le renforcement des lignes de transport d'électricité ci-dessous sont nécessaires à titre de projets prioritaires :

1. Une nouvelle ligne de transport de 230 kilovolts (kV) allant du poste de transformation de Mississagi au poste de transformation de Third Line, y compris les extensions des installations des postes associés ou les mises à niveau requises aux postes d'arrivée.

2. Une nouvelle ligne de transport de 500 kV allant du poste de transformation de Mississagi au poste de transformation de Hanmer, y compris les extensions des installations des postes associés ou les mises à niveau requises aux postes d'arrivée.

3. Une nouvelle ligne de transport de 230 kV allant du poste de transformation de Dobbin au poste de transformation de Cherrywood ou au poste de transformation de Clarington, y compris les extensions des installations des postes associés ou les mises à niveau requises aux postes d'arrivée.

Recommended: Minister of Energy
Recommandé par : Le ministre de l'Énergie

Concurred: ~~Chair~~ of Cabinet
Appuyé par : Le président ⎪ la présidente du Conseil des ministres

Approved and Ordered:
Approuvé et décrété le : OCT 19 2023

Lieutenant Governor
La lieutenante-gouverneure

Ontario

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AND WHEREAS the Government has determined that the development of the transmission projects should be undertaken by a transmitter that is best positioned to ensure that the infrastructure can be developed expediently and on a timeline that supports economic growth, and that has demonstrated commitment to and progress toward advancing economic participation opportunities for Indigenous communities;

AND WHEREAS the Government has determined that the preferred manner of proceeding is to require Hydro One Networks Inc. to undertake the development of the transmission projects, including taking any and all steps that are deemed to be necessary and desirable in order to seek required approvals and fulfilling, as part of the environmental assessment process and other applicable authorizations and permits, any procedural aspects of the Crown's duty to consult potentially impacted Indigenous communities that may be delegated to it;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Energy has, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the authority to issue Directives pursuant to section 28.6.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*, which relate to the construction, expansion or re-enforcement of transmission systems;

NOW THEREFORE the Directive attached hereto is approved and shall be and is effective as of the date hereof.

ATTENDU QUE l'Ontario considère qu'il est essentiel d'étendre le réseau de transport d'électricité de l'Ontario pour offrir un approvisionnement fiable et adéquat en électricité au Nord-Est et à l'Est de l'Ontario afin de soutenir la croissance économique et les projets d'électrification dans la région;

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ET ATTENDU QUE le gouvernement a décidé que le développement des projets de transport doit être entrepris par le transporteur le mieux placé pour s'assurer que les infrastructures peuvent être mises en place rapidement et conformément à un calendrier qui soutient la croissance économique, et qui a montré la preuve de son engagement et de ses progrès pour faire avancer les occasions de participation économique pour les communautés autochtones;

ET ATTENDU QUE le gouvernement a décidé que la meilleure façon de procéder consiste à exiger qu'Hydro One Networks Inc. entreprenne le développement des projets de transport, y compris prendre toutes les mesures qui sont jugées nécessaires et souhaitables afin d'obtenir les approbations requises et de remplir, dans le cadre du processus d'évaluation environnementale et des autres autorisations et permis applicables, les aspects procéduraux de l'obligation de la Couronne de consulter les communautés autochtones potentiellement concernées, qui peuvent lui être délégués;

ET ATTENDU QUE le ministre de l'Énergie a, avec l'approbation du lieutenant-gouverneur en conseil, le pouvoir de donner des directives conformément à l'article 28.6.1 de la *Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario*, à l'égard de la construction, de l'extension ou du renforcement des réseaux de transport;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, la directive jointe aux présentes est approuvée et entre en vigueur à la date des présentes.

Recommended: Minister of Energy
Recommandé par : Le ministre de l'Énergie

Concurred: Chair of Cabinet
Appuyé par : Le président | la présidente du Conseil des ministres

Approved and Ordered: OCT 19 2023
Approuvé et décrété le :

Lieutenant Governor
La lieutenante-gouverneure

MINISTER'S DIRECTIVE

TO: THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

I, Todd Smith, Minister of Energy, hereby direct the Ontario Energy Board ("Board") pursuant to section 28.6.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998* as follows:

1. The Board shall amend the conditions of the electricity transmission licence of Hydro One Networks Inc. ("Hydro One") to include a requirement that Hydro One proceed to do the following related to the construction, expansion or reinforcement of its transmission system:
    i. Develop and seek approvals for the following transmission line projects:
        1. A new 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Mississagi Transformer Station to Third Line Transformer Station, including associated station facility expansions or upgrades required at the terminal stations;
        2. A new 500 kV transmission line from Mississagi Transformer Station to Hanmer Transformer Station, including associated station facility expansions or upgrades required at the terminal stations; and
        3. A new 230 kV transmission line from Dobbin Transformer Station to either Cherrywood Transformer Station or Clarington Transformer Station, including associated station facility expansions or upgrades required at the terminal stations.
    ii. The scope and timing for the transmission line projects listed in sub-paragraph i above, including the terminal point for the transmission line project listed in clause 3 of that sub-paragraph, shall accord with the recommendations of the IESO.
2. The Board shall require that Hydro One provide such reporting to the Board as the Board may consider appropriate, with respect to budget, timing, and risks in relation to the development of the transmission line projects listed in sub-paragraph 1 i.
3. The Board shall make the amendments to Hydro One's electricity transmission licence without holding a hearing.

DIRECTIVE DU MINISTRE

DESTINATAIRES : LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO

Je, Todd Smith, ministre de l'Énergie, ordonne par les présentes à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (la « Commission ») conformément à l'article 28.6.1 de la *Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario* ce qui suit :

1. La Commission est tenue de modifier les conditions du permis de transport d'électricité d'Hydro One Networks Inc. (« Hydro One ») afin d'ajouter l'exigence qu'Hydro One procède à ce qui suit dans le cadre de la construction, de l'extension ou du renforcement de son réseau de transport :
    i. Élaborer les projets de ligne de transport ci-dessous et obtenir les approbations :
        1. Une nouvelle ligne de transport de 230 kilovolts (kV) allant du poste de transformation de Mississagi au poste de transformation de Third Line, y compris les extensions des installations des postes associés ou les mises à niveau requises aux postes d'arrivée;
        2. Une nouvelle ligne de transport de 500 kV allant du poste de transformation de Mississagi au poste de transformation de Hanmer, y compris les extensions des installations des postes associés ou les mises à niveau requises aux postes d'arrivée;
        3. Et une nouvelle ligne de transport de 230 kV allant du poste de transformation de Dobbin au poste de transformation de Cherrywood ou au poste de transformation de Clarington, y compris les extensions des installations des postes associés ou les mises à niveau requises aux postes d'arrivée;
    ii. La portée et le calendrier des projets de ligne de transport énumérés à l'alinéa i ci-dessus, y compris le point d'arrivée du projet de ligne de transport énuméré à la clause 3 de cet alinéa, doivent concorder avec les recommandations de la SIERE.
2. La Commission exigera qu'Hydro One lui fournisse les rapports qu'elle peut considérer comme appropriés concernant le budget, le calendrier et les risques liés au développement des projets de lignes de transport énumérés à l'alinéa 1 i.
3. La Commission apportera les modifications au permis de transport d'électricité d'Hydro One sans tenir une audience.

Delegation Letter from the Ministry of Energy

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Re: Class Environmental Assessment – Hydro One GTA East Transmission Line Project – Delegation of Procedural Aspects of the Crown's Duty to Consult

Dear Karola Tóth,

Thank you for notifying the Ministry of Energy (ENERGY) of Hydro One Networks Inc.'s intention to commence the process set out in the Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities (MTF Class EA) for the GTA East Transmission Line Project, a new 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Dobbin Transformer Station (TS) to either Cherrywood TS or Clarington TS (the Project).

We understand that the Project will also include rebuilding the existing 230 kV line (P15C) from Cherrywood TS to Dobbin TS to increase capacity of this existing circuit and making the necessary reconfigurations within the planned transmission line terminus stations. We further understand that Hydro One anticipates releasing the Notice of Commencement of the MTF Class EA for the Project in Q1 2024.

Duty to Consult with Indigenous Communities

The Government of Ontario (the Crown) has a constitutional duty to consult and, where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous communities when it has knowledge of established or credibly asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights protected under section 35 of Canada's *Constitution Act 1982* (s. 35 rights) and contemplates conduct that might adversely affect those rights. This rights-based consultation with Indigenous communities is distinct from the requirement that may exist to consult with Indigenous communities as interested parties under the MTF Class EA. Nevertheless, these two processes can be integrated. Consultation done under the MTF Class EA may be a means by which the Crown can be satisfied that any concerns from Indigenous communities about adverse impacts to their s. 35 rights have been heard and, where appropriate, accommodated.

Although the legal duty to consult remains with the Crown, the Crown may delegate the procedural aspects of consultation to project proponents. The procedural aspects of the duty

to consult are those portions of consultation related to the process of consultation, such as sharing information, holding meetings and/or receiving comments. Project proponents are typically best positioned to speak to the specific planning, technical and environmental aspects of projects and, where appropriate, to consider possible ways to address or mitigate any concerns raised by Indigenous communities about potential impacts of the project. The Crown remains responsible for providing oversight of the consultation process and ensuring the adequacy of consultation with communities to whom the duty to consult is owed.

ENERGY is the primary contact for Ontario's duty to consult under the MTF Class EA, while the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) retains overall responsibility for the MTF Class EA process. Accordingly, ENERGY may be involved early in the project planning process for facilities subject to the MTF Class EA to determine whether there may be a duty to consult, and if so, to identify the communities to consult and to delegate to proponents the procedural aspects of consultation.

Based on ENERGY's review of the information provided by Hydro One with respect to the Project, including the nature and location of the Project and anticipated environmental effects, and the Crown's current understanding of asserted or established s. 35 rights in the Project area, ENERGY has determined that the Crown owes a duty to consult with Indigenous communities in respect of the Project.

Delegation of Procedural Aspects of the Crown's Duty to Consult

On behalf of the provincial Crown, ENERGY is delegating the procedural aspects of any consultation owed in respect of the Project to Hydro One through this letter.

Please see the appendix for detailed information on the roles and responsibilities of the provincial Crown and Hydro One regarding the MTF Class EA. You should seek guidance from ENERGY at any time if you are unclear about your roles and responsibilities under this process.

Potentially Impacted Indigenous Communities:

Based on the Crown's assessment of established and asserted s. 35 rights and potential Project impacts, Hydro One should consult with the following Indigenous communities:

Community	**Contact Information** *(Note: contact information is believed to be accurate, however, personnel may have changed)*
Alderville First Nation*	11696 Second Line Road Roseneath, ON K0K 2X0 T: (905) 352-2011 F: (905) 352-3242 Chief: Chief Taynar Simpson Consultation Contact: Julie Kapyrka jkapyrka@alderville.ca
Beausoleil First Nation*	11 O'Gemaa Miikaan Christian Island, ON L9M 0A9

	T: (705) 247-2051 F: (705) 247-2239 Chief: Chief Joanne Sandy council@chimnissing.ca Consultation Contact: Mike Smith msmith@chimnissing.ca
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation*	Range Road #2, PO BOX 13 Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0 T: 705-437-1337 F: 705-437-4597 Chief: Chief Donna Big Canoe donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com Consultation Contact: JL Porte jl.porte@georginaisland.com
Chippewas of Rama First Nation*	5884 Rama Road, Suite 200 Rama, ON L3V 6H6 T: (705) 325-3611 F: (705) 325-0879 Chief: Chief Ted Williams tedw@ramafirstnation.ca Consultation Contact: Ben Benson benb@ramafirstnation.ca
Curve Lake First Nation*	22 Winookeedaa Road Curve Lake, Ontario K0L 1R0 T: 705-657-8045 F: 705-657-8708 Chief: Chief Keith Knott keithk@curvelake.ca Consultation Contact: Paige Williams PaigeW@curvelake.ca
Hiawatha First Nation*	123 Paudash Street, Range Road 2 Keene, ON K0L 2G0 T: (705) 295-4421 F: (705) 295-4424 Chief: Chief Laurie Carr chiefcarr@hiawathafn.ca Consultation Contact: Sean Davison sdavison@hiawathafn.ca
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation*	22521 Island Road Port Perry, ON L9L 1B6 T: (905) 985-3337 F: (905) 985-8828 Chief: Chief Kelly LaRocca klarocca@scugogfirstnation.com Consultation Contact: Samantha Shrubsole consultation@scugogfirstnation.com
*Note: The seven Williams Treaties First Nations above have informed ENERGY that their Chiefs have directed that a regional approach to consultation with their communities should	

be undertaken on the GTA East Transmission Line. Please ensure that Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Williams Treaties First Nations Process Coordinator, is copied on correspondence to the identified Williams Treaties First Nations identified above (k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com).	
Kawartha Nishawbe First Nation	P.O. Box 1432 Lakefield ON K0L 2H0 T: N/A F: N/A Contact: Nodin Webb Nodin.webb@hotmail.com Council: kawarthanishnawbecouncil@outlook.com
Huron-Wendat Nation** ***Interests are specific to archeological resources. If, as the project progresses, it is determined that there will be no impacts to archaeological resources, Hydro One should contact the Manager of Indigenous Energy Policy at the Ministry of Energy, as further consultation with this community may not be required.*	255, place Chef-Michel-Laveau Wendake, QC G0A 4V0 T: (418) 843-3767 F: (418) 842-1108 Chief: Chief Rémy Vincent bureaupolitique@wendake.ca Consultation Contact: consultations@wendake.ca

Based on currently available information about the Project's anticipated impacts, ENERGY's preliminary assessment has determined that consultation is owed at the low level of the consultation spectrum for Huron-Wendat Nation. As such, ENERGY requires Hydro One to at minimum notify the community of the project, share information about the project, and provide an opportunity for the community to comment. Any issues raised by the community should be discussed and considered in light of the potential to impact rights, with mitigation or other forms of accommodation identified where appropriate. Hydro One's initial notice of the Project to the community could include a request to confirm whether the community believes the Project will impact their rights and accordingly whether they are interested in being consulted. Should no response be received, Hydro One should continue to provide high-level notifications in accordance with project stage milestones.

For Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Kawartha Nishawbe First Nation, ENERGY requires the proponent to undertake a deeper level of consultation, i.e., in the moderate range. In addition to the requirements listed above, Hydro One should provide opportunities for the communities to share evidence or submissions about potential impacts should the communities so choose; and offer capacity funding to support meaningful participation by the communities in the consultation process, as appropriate. Hydro One should also be able to demonstrate how any concerns were considered and responded to, and what impact they had on project decisions moving forward. More detailed information on the roles and responsibilities delegated to Hydro One is available in the appendix.

This consultation list may be subject to change based on new information becoming available or changes to the scope of the Project. For example, Indigenous communities may make new rights assertions at any time, and project-related developments may require additional Indigenous communities to be notified and/or consulted. A community may also indicate they are not interested in being consulted in respect of the Project. If any of the above should occur, Hydro One must notify ENERGY immediately so that updates to the consultation list can be made. We recommend that you contact ENERGY if you are unsure about how to deal with a concern raised by an Indigenous community, particularly if the concern relates to a potential adverse impact on established or asserted s.35 rights.

Acknowledgement

By accepting this letter, Hydro One acknowledges this Crown delegation and the procedural consultation responsibilities enumerated in the appendix. If you have any questions about these requirements, you may contact Gillian Brown, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Energy Policy, Ministry of Energy (gillian.brown2@ontario.ca).

Should the transmission facilities be exempt from Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*, the delegation described in this letter is no longer in effect.

I trust that this letter provides clarity and direction regarding the respective roles of the Crown and Hydro One. If you have any outstanding questions about this delegation letter or require any additional information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Samir Adkar Digitally signed by Samir Adkar
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Samir Adkar, Director
Energy Networks and Indigenous Policy

Cc: Nick Colella, Manager, Environmental Assessment Services, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Amy Gibson, Manager, Indigenous Energy Policy, Ministry of Energy

APPENDIX: ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROPONENT AND THE CROWN RELATED TO CONSULTATION WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Roles and Responsibilities Delegated to the Proponent (Hydro One)

The consultation process must maintain sufficient flexibility to respond to new information. Generally, your delegated roles and responsibilities include:

- providing notice(s) of and plain language information about the Project to the Indigenous communities identified in the letter above, with sufficient detail and at a stage(s) in the process that allows the communities to prepare their views on the Project and, if appropriate, for changes to be made to the Project. Project information may include:
  - a detailed description of the nature and scope of the Project, textual or otherwise;
  - a description of the Project location;
  - maps or other visuals showing the Project location and any other affected area(s);
  - information about the Project lands (e.g., whether the Project is on privately-owned or Crown lands);
  - the potential effects of the Project, including any negative effects from an environmental standpoint (e.g., effects on ecologically sensitive areas, water bodies, wetlands, forests or the habitat of species at risk and habitat corridors), or on Aboriginal or treaty rights. Information on the severity, geographic scope and likely duration of Projects impacts may also be relevant to share;
  - a description of Project milestones and projected timing for the same (e.g., details about other provincial or federal approvals that may be required for the Project to proceed);
  - identification of any mechanisms to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse impacts; and
  - any additional information that might be helpful to the community;
- indicating to Indigenous communities your contact information and availability to discuss the Project and consultation process in face-to-face or digital meetings (depending on the community's preference);
- providing a written request to Indigenous communities for their feedback on:
  - any potential adverse impacts on the community's Aboriginal or treaty rights;
  - any suggested measures for avoiding, minimizing or mitigating potential adverse impacts; and
  - how information provided as part of the consultation process will be collected, stored, used, and shared;
- identifying a requested timeline for response(s) from the Indigenous community;
- following up, as necessary, with Indigenous communities to ensure they received Project notices and information and are aware of the opportunity to comment, raise questions or concerns and identify potential adverse impacts on their established or asserted rights;
  - If a community is unresponsive to efforts to notify and consult, you should nonetheless make attempts to update the community on the progress of the Project, the environmental assessment (if applicable) and any other regulatory approvals.

- bearing the reasonable costs associated with the procedural aspects of consultation (e.g., paying for meeting costs, making technical support available) and providing reasonable capacity funding to Indigenous communities to assist in their participation in the consultation process;
- considering and responding to comments and concerns raised by Indigenous communities and answering questions about the Project and its potential impacts on Aboriginal or treaty rights;
    - If you are unclear about the nature of a concern raised by an Indigenous community, you should seek clarification and further details from the community, provide opportunities to listen to community concerns and discuss options, and clarify any issues that fall outside the scope of the consultation process. These steps should be taken to ensure that the consultation process is meaningful and that concerns are heard and, where possible, addressed;
- as appropriate, discussing and implementing changes to the Project in response to concerns raised by Indigenous communities;
    - This could include modifying the Project to avoid or minimize an impact on an Aboriginal or treaty right (e.g., altering the season when construction will occur to avoid interference with mating or migratory patterns of wildlife); and
- informing Indigenous communities about how their concerns were taken into consideration and whether the Project proposal was altered in response.

Consultation should occur throughout the duration of the Project, including project development and design, approvals, construction, operation and decommissioning. You should make all reasonable efforts to build positive relationships with all Indigenous communities potentially affected by the Project. You may wish to consider translating communications with communities into Indigenous languages, or other languages, where appropriate.

The Crown reserves the right to participate in the consultation process as it sees fit, including but not limited to providing further instructions to proponents that are delegated procedural aspects of consultation.

Indigenous Consultation Record

- maintaining records of all of your consultation activities with Indigenous communities, which the Crown considers in determining whether consultation with Indigenous communities and any necessary accommodation is sufficient. The consultation record should include, at a minimum:
    - a list of the identified Indigenous communities that were contacted;
    - details of all attempts to notify or contact the community regarding the Project, all interactions with and feedback from the community, and all efforts to respond to community concerns, including:
        - copies of correspondence (e.g., letters and electronic communications) sent and received
        - any evidence that communications were distributed to, and received by, the Indigenous communities (e.g., courier slips);

        - written accounts, including dates and contact information, related to discussions with Indigenous communities (e.g., summaries or notes of phone calls or meetings, including where the meeting took place and who attended) and any related meeting documentation (e.g., meeting notices, agenda);
    - responses and information provided by Indigenous communities, including in relation to:
        - Aboriginal or treaty rights,
        - traditional lands, claims, or cultural heritage features; or
        - potential adverse impacts on such Aboriginal or treaty rights, or sites of cultural significance (e.g., burial grounds, archaeological sites), and measures for avoiding, minimizing or mitigating those potential adverse impacts; and
    - how comments or concerns were considered or addressed, including any changes made to the Project as a result of consultation, such as:
        - changing the Project scope or design;
        - changing the timing of proposed activities;
        - minimizing or altering the site footprint or location of the proposed activity; or
        - environmental monitoring.

As part of its supervisory role, the Crown may, at any time during the consultation and approvals stage of the Project, request records from the Proponent relating to consultations with Indigenous communities. Any records provided to the Crown will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The records may be exempted from disclosure under section 15.1 (Relations with Aboriginal communities) of the Act. Additionally, please note that the information provided to the Crown may also be subject to disclosure where required under any other applicable laws or as part of litigation or other dispute resolution proceedings.

The nature of the contents of your consultation record should be shared at the onset with Indigenous communities and their permission for you sharing this information with the Crown should be obtained.

It is considered a best practice to share your consultation record with Indigenous communities prior to finalizing it to ensure it is a robust and accurate record of the consultation process.

MTF Class EA

While the Crown's Legal Duty to Consult takes precedence, the roles and responsibilities of the Proponent related to the Project under this letter are not intended to abrogate, derogate from, or supersede any of the Proponent's responsibilities under the MTF Class EA. For example, in accordance with the portions of the MTF Class EA listed below, where applicable:

- the Proponent must submit the Notice of Commencement to the Ministry of Energy, among other groups or persons (section 3.3.2 and Appendix D)

- the Proponent must prepare a Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) that will include information about the Proponent's consultations with Indigenous communities and other groups or persons, including "the schedule of events, methods used to consult, the list of consulted persons, the identification and resolution of concerns, commitments made by the proponent, and any outstanding concerns" (section 3.4.1); and
- the Proponent must issue a Notice of Completion to inform Indigenous communities, government officials, and other persons or groups that the comment period for the draft ESR is commencing and where the draft ESR can be viewed or obtained (section 3.4.2).

Roles and responsibilities of the Crown

The roles and responsibilities of the Crown include:

- identifying, and updating as appropriate, the list of Indigenous communities to consult;
- notifying Indigenous communities that they have been identified for consultation and that the procedural aspects of consultation have been delegated to the Proponent;
- carrying out, from time to time, any necessary assessment of the extent of consultation or, where appropriate, accommodation, required;
- supervising the aspects of the consultation process delegated to the Proponent; and
- determining the sufficiency of consultation and, where appropriate, accommodation of Indigenous communities.

If the Crown considers that there are outstanding issues related to consultation, the Crown may undertake additional consultation with Indigenous communities, which could result in delays to the Project.

2024 Field Work Summary

Durham Kawartha Power Line Class EA Summary of Proposed Natural Environment Surveys

Survey Type	Timing Window*	Description
Amphibian Observations	To be noted during other surveys	Incidental observations of amphibians (including eggs, tadpoles and auditory calls) and suitable habitats (wetlands, vernal pools, etc.) will be documented.
Breeding Bird Surveys (BB)	Late June to early July 2024	Breeding bird surveys will be performed using a point count methodology. A point count consists of standing at a predetermined location and counting all birds seen or heard during a set period of time. Surveys will begin approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and will end no later than 10:00 a.m. The observation period at each point-count location requires a five-minute observation period; however, the observation period will be extended to ten minutes to improve detection. Typical protocol is to complete two breeding bird surveys, however due to timing restrictions, one survey will be completed between late June and early July.
Ecological Land Classification (ELC) and Botanical Inventory	July 2024	Ecological Land Classification (ELC) survey will be conducted to confirm the accuracy of desktop landcover mapping in the Project study area. Botanical inventory will focus on relevant species at risk (SAR), rare species, invasive plants, and traditional use plants.
General Wildlife Survey and Habitat Assessment (GW)	July 2024	The general wildlife survey will include a visual encounter survey (including observations of track and sign), an area search in selected habitats, and documentation of incidental wildlife observations. The location, condition, and approximate size (i.e., area) of any potential significant wildlife habitat (SWH) or SAR habitat will also be recorded.
Fish and Fish Habitat and Surface Water Field Surveys (WC)	August 2024	Fish Habitat Assessments (e.g., habitat type, identify specialized features) Surface Water Assessment (e.g., stream flow measurements, channel geometry, and in-situ water quality measurements)

*Recommended timing windows are based on applicable protocols and agency guidelines. Specific survey dates are subject to change based on weather (e.g., late spring, heavy rainfall).

2025 Field Work Memorandum

Technical Memorandum

Date: April 7, 2025

Subject: Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys

1.0 Introduction

WSP Canada Inc. (WSP) was retained by Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) to complete baseline fieldwork to support the Class Environmental Assessment for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project (the Project). The Project includes the construction and operation of a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS near the City of Peterborough. The Project team shared a draft Field Work Plan with First Nations in August of 2024 and again in November of 2024 for their review and comment. The purpose of this memo is to outline 2025 field work for the Project. The Field Work Plan is appended to this memo as it contains information relevant to the methodologies of surveys being completed in 2025. For more information about the 2024 field work, please refer to Appendix A-1.

WSP completed baseline fieldwork in 2024. Land access was limited during some of the field programs, which limited the scope of some field surveys. There have also been requests from First Nations for multi-season data as well as field verification of desktop research in order to inform detailed design and future planning. As a result, the field program for the Project has been extended into 2025. **Table 1-1** below outlines the proposed scope of the 2025 field program, which includes the following surveys:

- Amphibian surveys[1]
- Breeding bird surveys;
- Ecological land classification and botanical inventory;
- General wildlife surveys and habitat assessment;
- Fish and fish habitat surveys;
- Surface water assessment;
- Environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling and analysis; and
- Butternut Health Assessment.

2.0 2025 Field Program

Table 1-1 outlines the proposed scope and locations of the 2025 Field Program for the Durham Kawartha Power Line.

Appendix A-1 is the August 2024 Durham Kawartha Power Line Field Work Plan referenced in **Table 1-1**. Appendix B-1 includes figures of potential locations for terrestrial surveys in 2025. Appendix C-1 includes

[1] Please note additional details about amphibian surveys planned for 2025 can be found in the Technical Memorandum issued on March 21, 2025.

a figure of the project overview and watershed boundaries. Finally, Appendix C-2 includes figures of potential locations for aquatic surveys in 2025.

Quality Assurance and Quality Control

WSP will follow the Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA/QC) procedures and requirements as outlined in Section 10 (Quality Assurance and Quality Control) of the Project Field Work Plan – Natural Heritage Features and Surface Water Resources.

Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program

Survey	2024 Field Program	2025 Program			
		Timing Window	Description	August 2024 Field Work Plan (FWP) Section for Additional Details on Methodology	Potential Survey Locations
Breeding bird surveys	One round completed. Two rounds required (for non-grassland birds) and three rounds required (for grassland birds) per survey protocols. Surveys completed from roadside only and therefore unable to survey all potential habitats supporting SAR/SOCC/SCS species.	June 2025	Breeding bird surveys will be performed using a point count methodology. A point count consists of standing at a predetermined location and counting all birds seen or heard during a set period. Surveys will begin approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and will end no later than 10:00 a.m. The observation period at each point-count location requires a five-minute observation period; however, the observation period will be extended to ten minutes to improve detection. Typical protocol is to complete two rounds of breeding bird surveys. Two rounds will be completed in 2025. Effort: 12 survey days	Terrestrial Desktop Review (Section 5.1) Field Survey Methodology (Section 8.2.1)	• BB04 • BB05 • BB06 • BB08 • BB09 • BB10 • BB11 • BB12 • BB13 • BB14 • BB15 • BB16 • BB17 • BB18 • BB19 • BB20 • BB21 • BB22 • BB23 • BB24 • BB25 • BB26 • BB27 • BB28 • BB29 • BB30 • BB31 • BB32 • BB33 • BB34 • BB35 • BB36 • BB37 • BB38 • BB39 • BB40 • BB41
Ecological land classification and botanical inventory	Some surveys completed late in the recommended window (Sept), and some outside of the recommended survey window (Nov). These periods were at the end of, or outside, the core growing period for plants and can result in reduced plant identification. Not all potentially sensitive vegetation communities (e.g., savannah) mapped at desktop as intersecting the ROW were able to be surveyed. Some surveys restricted to assessment from roadside only, limiting the botanical inventory able to be completed and identification of SAR/SOCC/SCS plants.	June 2025	Ecological Land Classification (ELC) surveys will be conducted to confirm the accuracy of desktop landcover mapping in the PSA. These surveys are used to ground truth the desktop ELC polygons, identify potential presence of rare vegetation communities and inform the assessment of habitat potential for plant and wildlife species, including SAR. Botanical inventory will focus on relevant species at risk (SAR), rare species, invasive plants, and traditional use plants as available. Effort: 5 survey days	Terrestrial Desktop Review (Section 5.1) Field Survey Methodology (Section 8.1.1)	• ELC04 • ELC05 • ELC08 • ELC09 • ELC10 • ELC11 • ELC12 • ELC13 • ELC14 • ELC15 • ELC16 • ELC17 • ELC18 • ELC20 • ELC21 • ELC24 • ELC25 • ELC26 • ELC27 • ELC29 • ELC31 • ELC32 • ELC33 • ELC34 • ELC35 • ELC36 • ELC37 • ELC40 • ELC41 • ELC42 • ELC43 • ELC44 • ELC45 • ELC46 • ELC47 • ELC48 • ELC49 • ELC50
General wildlife surveys and habitat assessment	Some surveys restricted to assessment from roadside only, limiting the ability to	April to June 2025	The general wildlife survey will include a visual encounter survey (including observations of track and sign), an area search in selected habitats, and documentation of incidental wildlife observations. The location, condition,	Terrestrial Desktop Review (Section 5.1) Field Survey Methodology (Section 8.2.2)	To be completed in conjunction with amphibian, breeding bird, ELC and botanical inventory surveys.

Survey	2024 Field Program	2025 Program Timing Window	Description	August 2024 Field Work Plan (FWP) Section for Additional Details on Methodology	Potential Survey Locations
	identify habitat for SAR/SOCC/SCS. Typically conducted in tandem with other targeted surveys, with timing flexible.		and approximate size (i.e., area) of any potential significant wildlife habitat (SWH) or SAR habitat will also be recorded. The survey will be conducted in tandem with other terrestrial surveys.		
Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys	We aimed to complete surveys on 25% of the 71 water crossing sites. In actuality, we completed- 32% of the 71 sites, exceeding our original target. In addition, the desktop review values were used to fill in gaps unable to be covered in the field. No fish community surveys were completed.	May/June 2025	Fish and fish habitat surveys will be conducted at water features crossing the PSA, which were not evaluated during the 2024 assessment. Fish habitat surveys will be conducted to confirm the presence, permanence, water feature type, and the current morphological conditions to determine fish habitat potential. The presence, species, and quantity of any fish observed during the surveys will be recorded, in addition to any SAR or Species of Conservation Concern species encountered. Effort: 2 survey days	Aquatic Desktop Review (Section 5.2) Field Survey Methodology (Section 8.3)	To be completed in conjunction with the Surface Water Assessment teams: • WC1058.03 - Otonabee River Watershed, bonus sites occurring in close proximity WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02 • WC-1038.01 - Kawartha Lakes Watershed • WC-1009.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed • WC-1003.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed **Contingency Sites** • WC-1054.01 - Otonabee River Watershed • WC-1063/1064 - Otonabee River Watershed
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Environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling and analysis	In October 2024, WSP completed environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling and analysis. Sampling was successfully completed at five water crossing locations. Surveys were scheduled to be completed at nine locations; however, seasonally dry conditions creating insufficient water levels at four of the proposed sites. The survey sampled for freshwater fish and freshwater vertebrate metabarcoding. Fish species and presences were recorded	May/June 2025	eDNA is used as a complementary approach to traditional field survey techniques, and is useful in determining the presence of SAR or invasive species that require an adaptable permitting approach. Benefits of sampling for eDNA include the detection of elusive/difficult to collect species, low cost and simple sampling methods, non-invasive methods, work can take place outside of restricted activity timing windows, and no permits or licenses are required for the sampling. WSP proposes to sample up to 4 waterbodies using a multigroup metabarcoding approach to aid in determining the presence of SAR within the study area as well as other aquatic and semi-aquatic organisms. Effort: 2 survey days	N/A	To be completed in conjunction with the Fish and Fish Habitat teams: • WC1058.03 - Otonabee River Watershed, bonus sites occurring in close proximity WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02 • WC-1038.01 - Kawartha Lakes Watershed • WC-1009.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed • WC-1003.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed

Survey	2024 Field Program	2025 Program Timing Window	Description	August 2024 Field Work Plan (FWP) Section for Additional Details on Methodology	Potential Survey Locations
	at four of the five locations however it is important to note that the absence of eDNA results at the fifth location does not confirm absence of fish.				
Butternut Health Assessment	A one-day targeted Butternut survey was carried out in a woodland area outside Clarington Transformer Station (TS). This search was conducted by systematically walking through the targeted woodland and recording observations of Butternut and other incidental plant species. Completed in October.	June 2025	WSP will conduct a butternut habitat assessment (BHA) on butternut trees identified in the woodland area outside the Clarington TS. The assessment will be conducted during the leaf-on season (i.e., June to August). The assessment will be undertaken by a certified Butternut Health Assessor, who has completed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) training program according to standardized MNRF protocols (May 2012) and using the methods outlined in the Butternut Health Assessment Guidelines (May 2011) and Butternut Health Assessment in Ontario (August 2010). The need for genetic testing will be determined during the assessment (based on health of trees). Effort: 1 survey day	N/A	• Clarington TS

3.0 Closure

Should First Nations be interested in participating in this program, we ask that they reach out to Hydro One and WSP to complete the master subcontract agreement, insurance and WSIB requirements. If First Nations are unable to attend but would like to be kept apprised of the results of each field survey we can add them to the distribution list for daily summaries.

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Attachments:

Appendix A-1 – Durham Kawartha Power Line Field Work Plan – Natural Heritage Features and Surface Water Resources (August 2024)
Appendix B-1 – Terrestrial Survey Locations
Appendix C-1 – Project Overview and Watershed Boundaries
Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations

Indigenous Environmental Field Monitors Information Sheet

WORKING TOGETHER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING INDIGENOUS PARTICIPATION AT PROJECT SITES

Hydro One offers opportunities to Indigenous communities to participate in projects. As an example, Indigenous communities can identify monitors with minimum qualification and training to participate at project sites in Archaeological or Natural Environment Studies, but there are **3 key conditions**. Monitors must have **Liability Insurance** and **Workplace Safety and Insurance Board coverage**, and a written **Agreement** is also required.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Indigenous community must maintain property damage and public liability insurance coverage with a limit of **at least $5 million**. This insurance can be arranged for by calling the Indigenous community's Insurance provider. Proof of coverage must be provided to Hydro One.

WSIB

The Indigenous community must register with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). WSIB administers compensation and insurance for workers injured on the job. The **Indigenous community, not Hydro One, is considered to be the monitor's employer**. Proof of WSIB registration must be provided to Hydro One. More information is available at: **www.wsib.on.ca** or **1.800.387.0750**.

AGREEMENT

Indigenous monitors are paid for their work. To facilitate payments, Indigenous communities must sign an agreement with Hydro One's environmental consultants who are performing the field work.

All monitoring-related field work will be directed by Hydro One's environmental consultant, such as a licensed archaeologist field director or equivalent natural heritage field crew leader. All field-related safety training and debriefings with the Indigenous community monitors will be carried out by Hydro One's environmental consultants.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

IndigenousRelations@HydroOne.com or **416.345.4357**.

Route Evaluation Presentation

GoldSET©: Sustainability evaluation across the project lifecycle

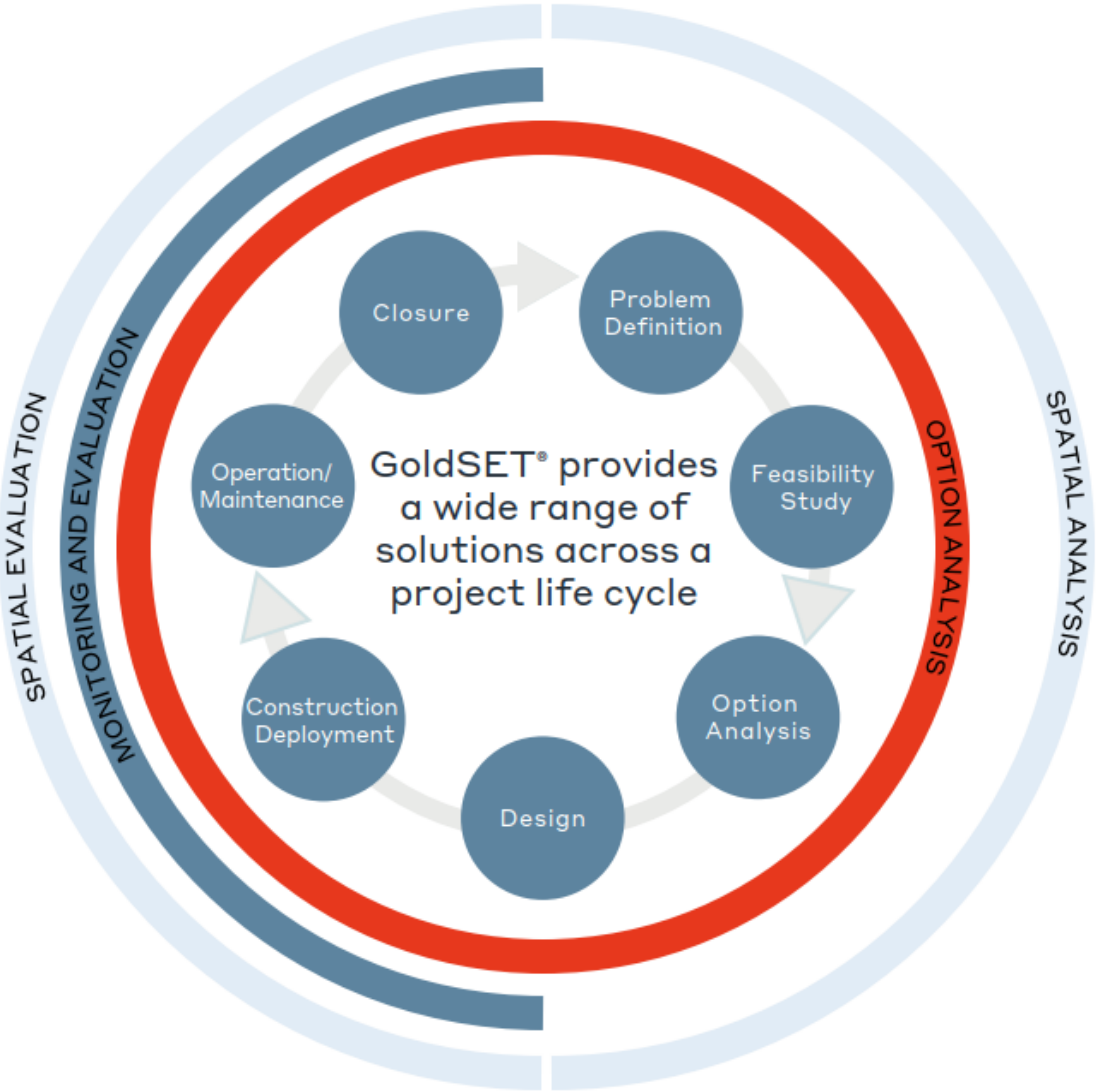
Hydro One Durham Kawartha Power Line

September 2024

What is GoldSET?

The ability to understand and assess in a transparent fashion the environmental, social, economic and technical risks as well as opportunities across project life cycle is fast becoming essential to the success of a project.

GoldSET is an innovative set of web-based tools that provide a simple, systematic process to evaluate alternatives or to monitor on-going projects. This is achieved by using geospatial, qualitative and quantitative data from environmental, social, economic and technical dimensions.



GoldSET Option Analysis Module

How does this GoldSET module work?

Options Analysis

4 Steps

1 Define project options

Develop a clear definition of the project by identifying objectives, key issues, constraints and stakeholders.

2 Select your GoldSET framework

Each framework provides a list of key themes that allow for objective assessment and comparison of options.

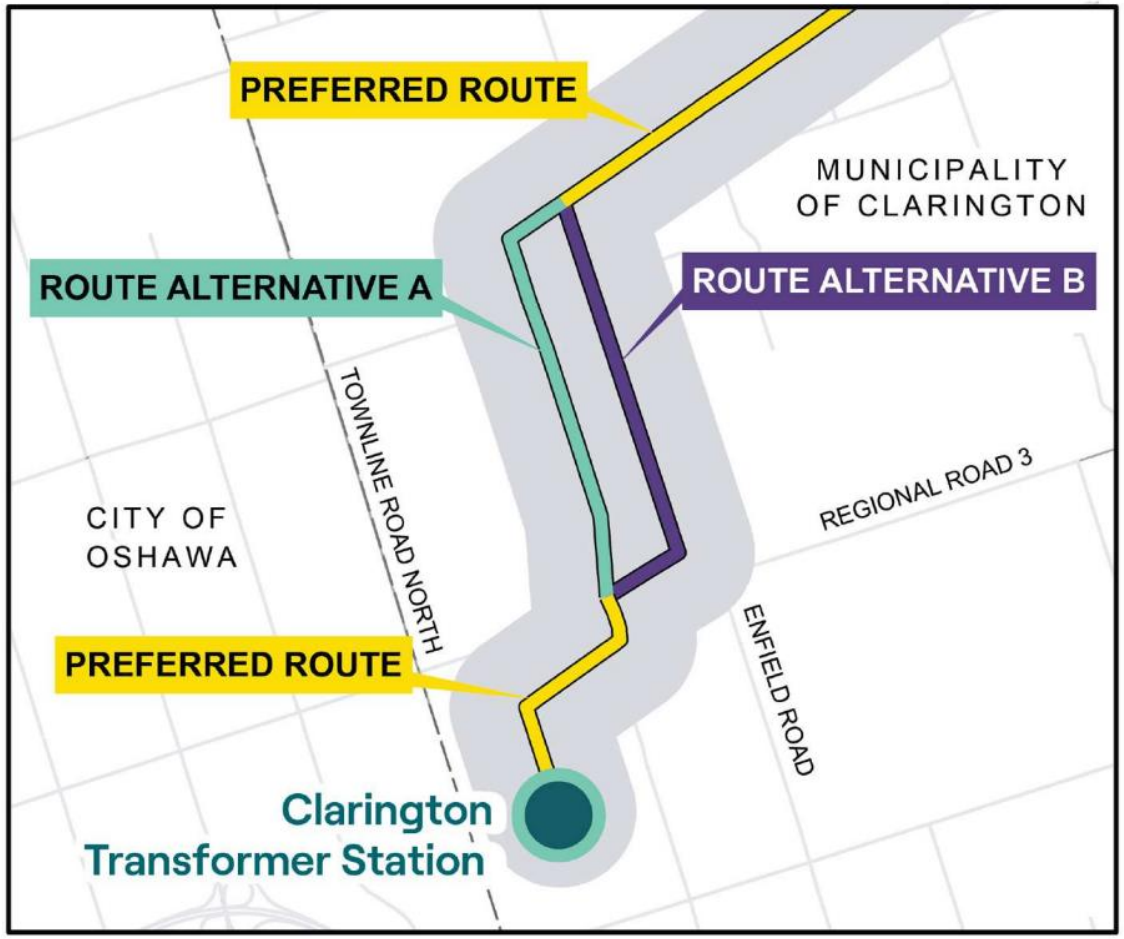
3 Score your options

Visual results convey how different options compare relative to each other.

4 Select your preferred options

GoldSET's transparent process helps to identify the strength and weakness of each option so you can make an informed selection.

Durham Kawartha Power Line – Option Analysis



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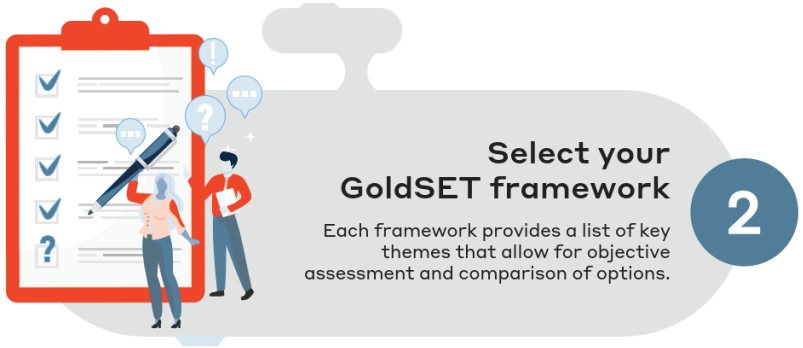
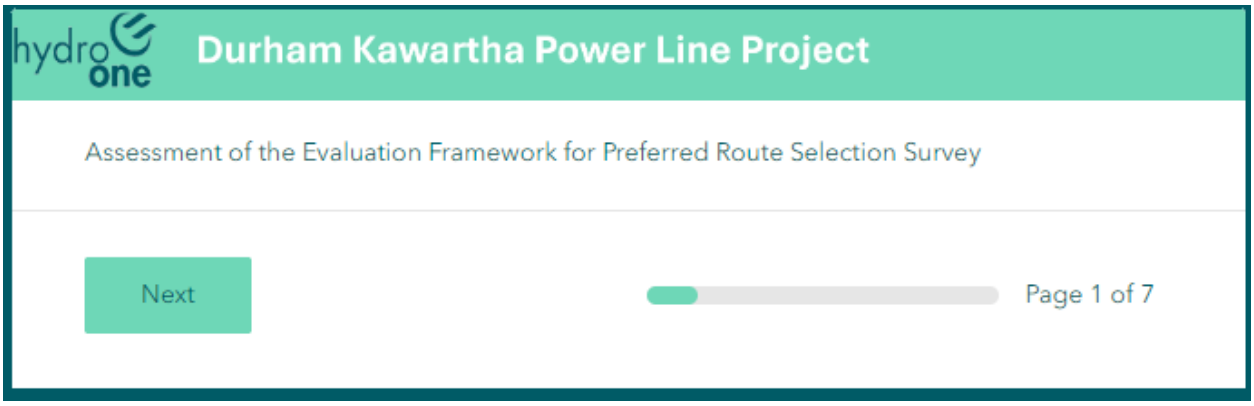


Themes	Example Criteria
Natural Environment	• Surface Water and Aquatic Habitat • Vegetation and Vegetation communities • Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat • Species at Risk • Wetland, Natural Hazards and Floodplain • Designated Natural Areas
Socio-Economic Environment	• Agricultural Resources • Residential Properties • Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Recreational Business and Facilities • Groundwater • Archaeological Resources • Cultural Resources • Existing Infrastructure
Technical	• Line Length • Angle Structures • Non-Transmission Crossings • Transmission Crossings • Co-Location of existing infrastructure • Real Estate Considerations • Constructability
Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use	• Seeking input from Indigenous Communities for this theme • Ex. Areas of Indigenous Significance, rare plants, woodlots, traditional use plants.

Thank you

Route Evaluation Survey

DKPL route evaluation survey screenshots:



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Assessment of the Evaluation Framework for Preferred Route Selection

*Please complete all required fields to proceed to the next page.

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Last Name*

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Community*

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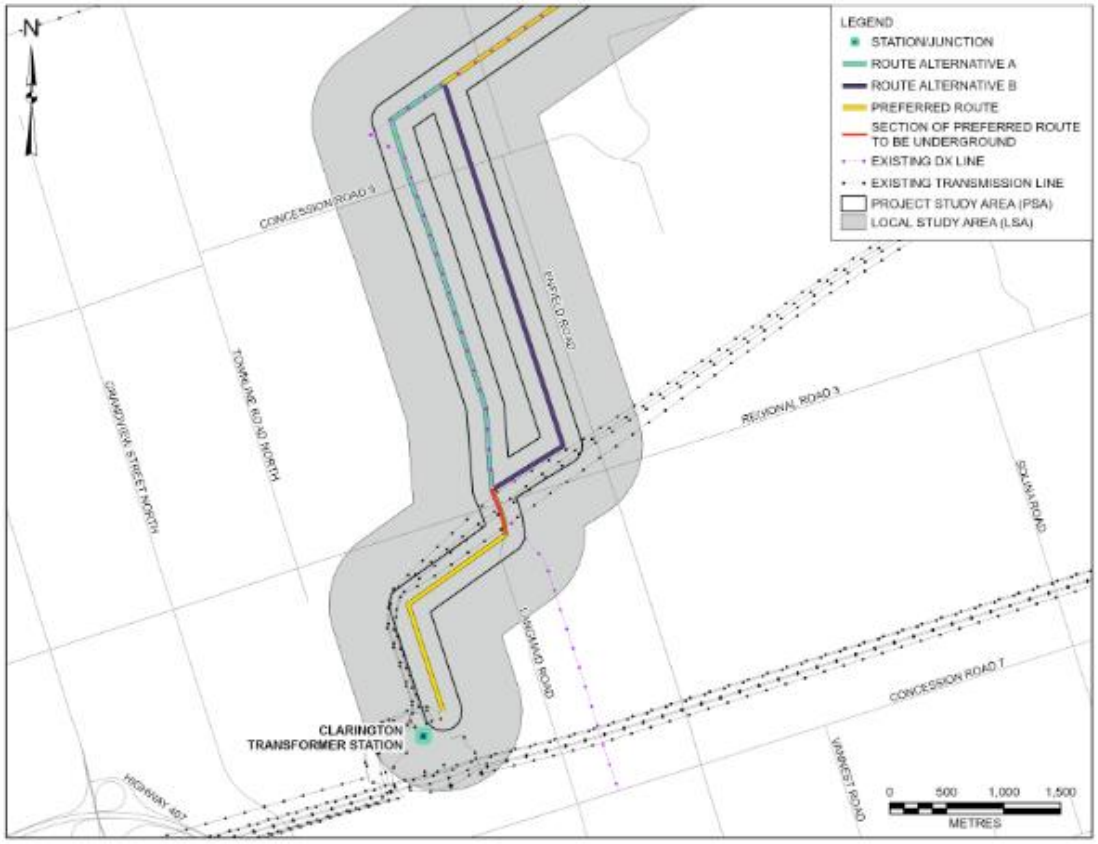
Purpose of the Survey and Route Evaluation Map

Purpose of the Survey

The purpose of the survey is to receive feedback from rightsholders on the importance of the themes, criteria and indicators that make up the evaluation framework determine the Preferred Route for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project.

Route Evaluation Map



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INDIGENOUS CULTURE, VALUES AND LAND USE

Please provide feedback on the importance of the following Criteria and Indicators.

This initial list represents what has been mentioned in meetings as being important. Please indicate if there are other considerations you'd like be included/removed in the 'additional criteria or indicator to be consider' section below.

	Not at all important	Slightly Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very important
Co-Location of existing infrastructure (Parallel existing utility lines)	○	○	○	○	○
Areas of Indigenous Significance (if identified)	○	○	○	○	○
Traditional Use plants (see below)	○	○	○	○	○
Protection of Wetlands and Associated Species	○	○	○	○	○
Protection of Woodlots and Associated Species	○	○	○	○	○
Regionally Rare plants (white oak)	○	○	○	○	○
Areas of Remnant Tallgrass Prairie *	○	○	○	○	○

Note

Note

*None of the following species were observed during field studies in proximity to the alternative routes: Little Blestem, Wild Bergamot, Tall Cinquefoil, Big Bluestem and Round Headed Bush Clover. Please indicate any information about Remnant Tallgrass Prairie species in proximity to the alternative routes that should be considered in the "additional criteria or indicator to be consider" section below.

Please indicate any known areas of Indigenous significance within the study areas of route alternative A or B.

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Please select from the list below known Traditional Use Plants:

Below are species (sp.) observed in the area of the alternative routes. Please indicate which of these plants have important cultural and traditional value. As this survey is being circulated to many communities, we have not pre-populated any information received on species that might be of importance to Indigenous communities.

- [ ] American Water-horehound
- [ ] Arrowhead sp.
- [ ] Balsam Poplar
- [ ] Bearded Sedge
- [ ] Bedstraw sp.
- [ ] Beggarticks sp.
- [ ] Bittersweet Nightshade
- [ ] Broad-leaved Cattail
- [ ] Broad-leaved Enchanter's Nightshade
- [ ] Bulbous Water-hemlock
- [ ] Bulrush sp.
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- [ ] Canada Moonseed
- [ ] Cattail sp.
- [ ] Clearweed sp.
- [ ] Common Boneset
- [ ] Common Milkweed
- [ ] Common Water-parsnip
- [ ] Creeper sp.
- [ ] Dark-green Bulrush
- [ ] Eastern White Cedar
- [ ] Elm sp.
- [ ] European Buckthorn
- [ ] Fibrous-root Sedge
- [ ] Fringed Yellow Loosestrife
- [ ] Garden Parsley
- [ ] Garlic Mustard
- [ ] Greater Water Dock
- [ ] Grey Alder
- [ ] Herb-Robert
- [ ] Hop Sedge
- [ ] Ironweed sp.
- [ ] Loosestrife sp.
- [ ] Manitoba Maple
- [ ] Marsh Fern
- [ ] Marsh Skullcap
- [ ] Meadow Willow
- [ ] Narrow-leaved Cattail
- [ ] Narrow-leaved Willowherb
- [ ] Nodding Beggarticks
- [ ] North American Red Raspberry
- [ ] Northern Water-horehound
- [ ] Northern Water-plantain
- [ ] Other sedge species

- [ ] Other willow species
- [ ] Pale Smartweed
- [ ] Paper Birch
- [ ] Pointed Broom Sedge
- [ ] Purple-stemmed Aster
- [ ] Purple-veined Willowherb
- [ ] Red Ash
- [ ] Red Raspberry
- [ ] Red-osier Dogwood
- [ ] Reed Canarygrass
- [ ] Riverbank Grape
- [ ] Rough Bedstraw
- [ ] Sandbar Willow
- [ ] Sensitive Fern
- [ ] Shining Willow
- [ ] Small Duckweed
- [ ] Small-spike False Nettle
- [ ] Smartweed sp.
- [ ] Soft-stemmed Bulrush
- [ ] Spikerush sp.
- [ ] Spotted Jewelweed
- [ ] Spotted Water-hemlock
- [ ] Stinging Nettle
- [ ] Swamp Milkweed
- [ ] Swamp Yellow Loosestrife
- [ ] Thicket Creeper
- [ ] Water Horsetail
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- [ ] Wild Cucumber
- [ ] Willow sp.
- [ ] Zigzag Goldenrod
- [ ] Other

Additional criteria or indicators to be considered with level of importance.

Please provide any additional criterial or indicators to be considered with the level of importance below.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Please provide feedback on the importance of the following Criteria and Indicators.

	Not at all important	Slightly Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very important
Surface Water and Aquatic Habitat (Watercourse Crossings and Fish Communities)	○	○	○	○	○
Vegetation and Vegetation communities (Areas of Natural Vegetation Areas)	○	○	○	○	○
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat (Areas of Confirmed or Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat)	○	○	○	○	○
Species at Risk (SAR Occurrences and Habitat)	○	○	○	○	○
Wetland, Natural Hazards and Floodplain (Provincially Significant Wetlands and Wetlands)	○	○	○	○	○
Designated Natural Areas (Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest, Environmentally Sensitive Areas and Natural heritage System)	○	○	○	○	○

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Restoration (opportunities for restoration)	○	○	○	○	○

Additional criteria or indicators to be considered with level of importance.

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

Please provide feedback on the importance of the following Criteria and Indicators.

	Not at all important	Slightly Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very important
Agricultural Resources (Area of Agricultural Land)	○	○	○	○	○
Residential Properties (Structures and Residential Structures)	○	○	○	○	○
Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Recreational Business and Facilities (Commercial, industrial, institutional, or recreational business properties)	○	○	○	○	○
Groundwater (Domestic water wells and Source Water Protection)	○	○	○	○	○
Archaeological Resources (Areas of Archaeological Potential)	○	○	○	○	○
Cultural Resources (Areas of Cultural Significance)	○	○	○	○	○
Existing Infrastructure (Parallel existing	○	○	○	○	○

Existing Infrastructure (Parallel existing utility lines)	○	○	○	○	○

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TECHNICAL

Please provide feedback on the importance of the following Criteria and Indicators.

	Not at all important	Slightly Important	Important	Fairly Important	Very important
Line Length	○	○	○	○	○
Angle Structures (Number of Light angle and Heavy angle Structures)	○	○	○	○	○
Non-Transmission Crossings (Waterbodies, distribution lines and roads)	○	○	○	○	○
Transmission Crossings (Number of 115 kV and 230 Transmission lines crossings)	○	○	○	○	○
Co-Location of existing infrastructure	○	○	○	○	○
Real Estate Considerations (Impacted properties and Crossing Types)	○	○	○	○	○
Constructability	○	○	○	○	○
Economic (Estimated Route Option Cost)	○	○	○	○	◉

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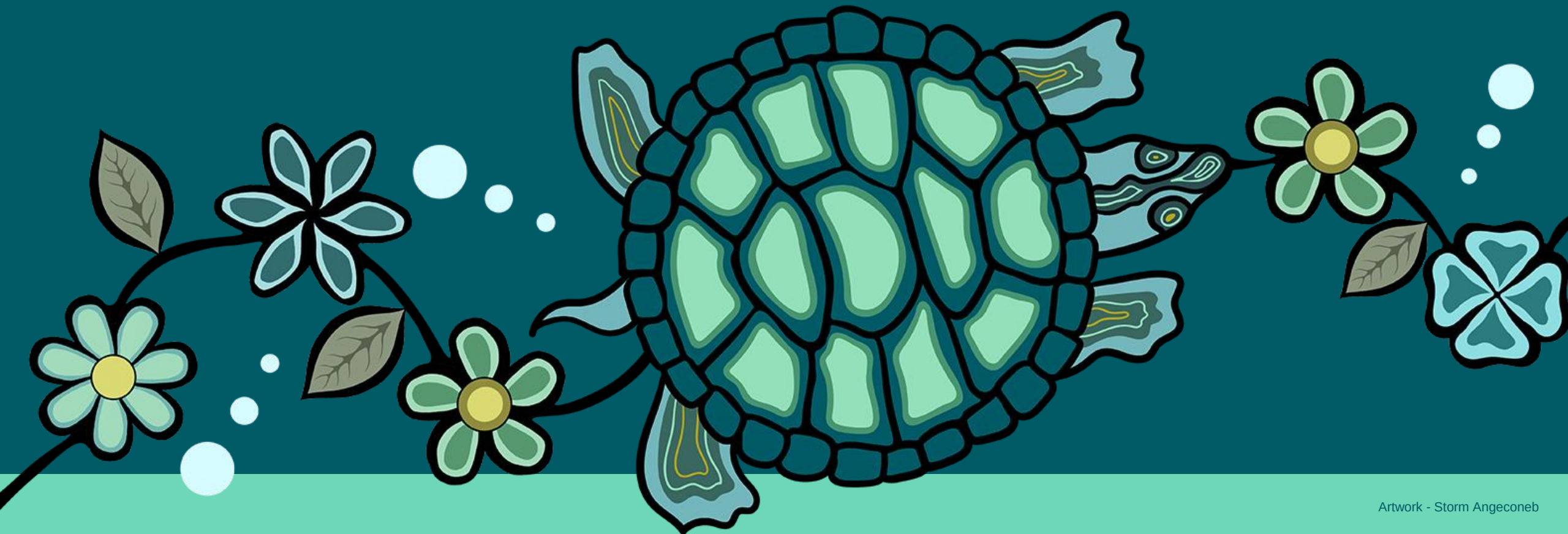
Project Meetings

DKPL and Holt SS Environmental Update



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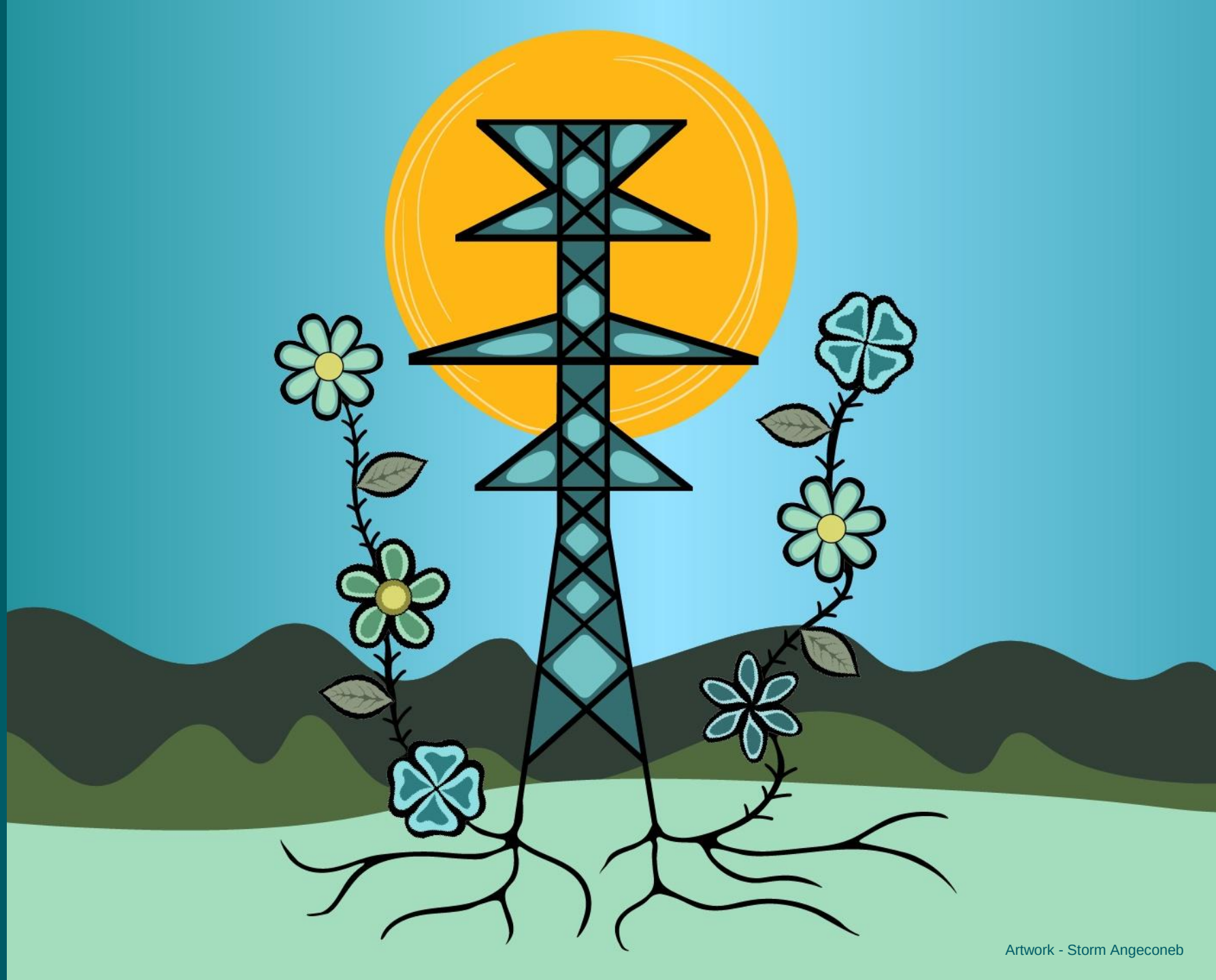

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Class EA

Target Milestones:

June 2024
Notice of Commencement

Spring/Summer 2024
Environmental field studies and research to support the Class EA

Fall 2024
Announce the selection of route alternative A or B

Spring 2025
Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for 30-day public comment period

Summer 2025
Submit final ESR and complete the EA process

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DKPL: Field Studies

- Field surveys are underway with the environmental consultant, WSP. Monitoring agreements have been tabled and/or implemented with interested Nations

- **A reminder to please contact Alyssa at Hydro One or Aisha at WSP if you would like to participate in field studies**

- In addition to field monitoring, **we welcome involvement, world views and insight on the project.** Your communities' feedback will be instrumental to the assessment process

- **Capacity Funding Agreements** are tabled with each First Nation to provide for long-term funding to support participation and allow for greater participation in the project

Durham Kawartha Power Line Class EA Summary of Proposed Natural Environment Surveys

Survey Type	Timing Window*	Description
Amphibian Observations	To be noted during other surveys	Incidental observations of amphibians (including eggs, tadpoles and auditory calls) and suitable habitats (wetlands, vernal pools, etc.) will be documented.
Breeding Bird Surveys (BB)	Late June to early July 2024	Breeding bird surveys will be performed using a point count methodology. A point count consists of standing at a predetermined location and counting all birds seen or heard during a set period of time. Surveys will begin approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and will end no later than 10:00 a.m. The observation period at each point-count location requires a five-minute observation period; however, the observation period will be extended to ten minutes to improve detection. Typical protocol is to complete two breeding bird surveys, however due to timing restrictions, one survey will be completed between late June and early July.
Ecological Land Classification (ELC) and Botanical Inventory	August 2024	Ecological Land Classification (ELC) survey will be conducted to confirm the accuracy of desktop landcover mapping in the Project study area. Botanical inventory will focus on relevant species at risk (SAR), rare species, invasive plants, and traditional use plants.
General Wildlife Survey and Habitat Assessment (GW)	August 2024	The general wildlife survey will include a visual encounter survey (including observations of track and sign), an area search in selected habitats, and documentation of incidental wildlife observations. The location, condition, and approximate size (i.e., area) of any potential significant wildlife habitat (SWH) or SAR habitat will also be recorded.
Fish and Fish Habitat and Surface Water Field Surveys (WC)	August 2024	Fish Habitat Assessments (e.g., habitat type, identify specialized features) Surface Water Assessment (e.g., stream flow measurements, channel geometry, and in-situ water quality measurements)

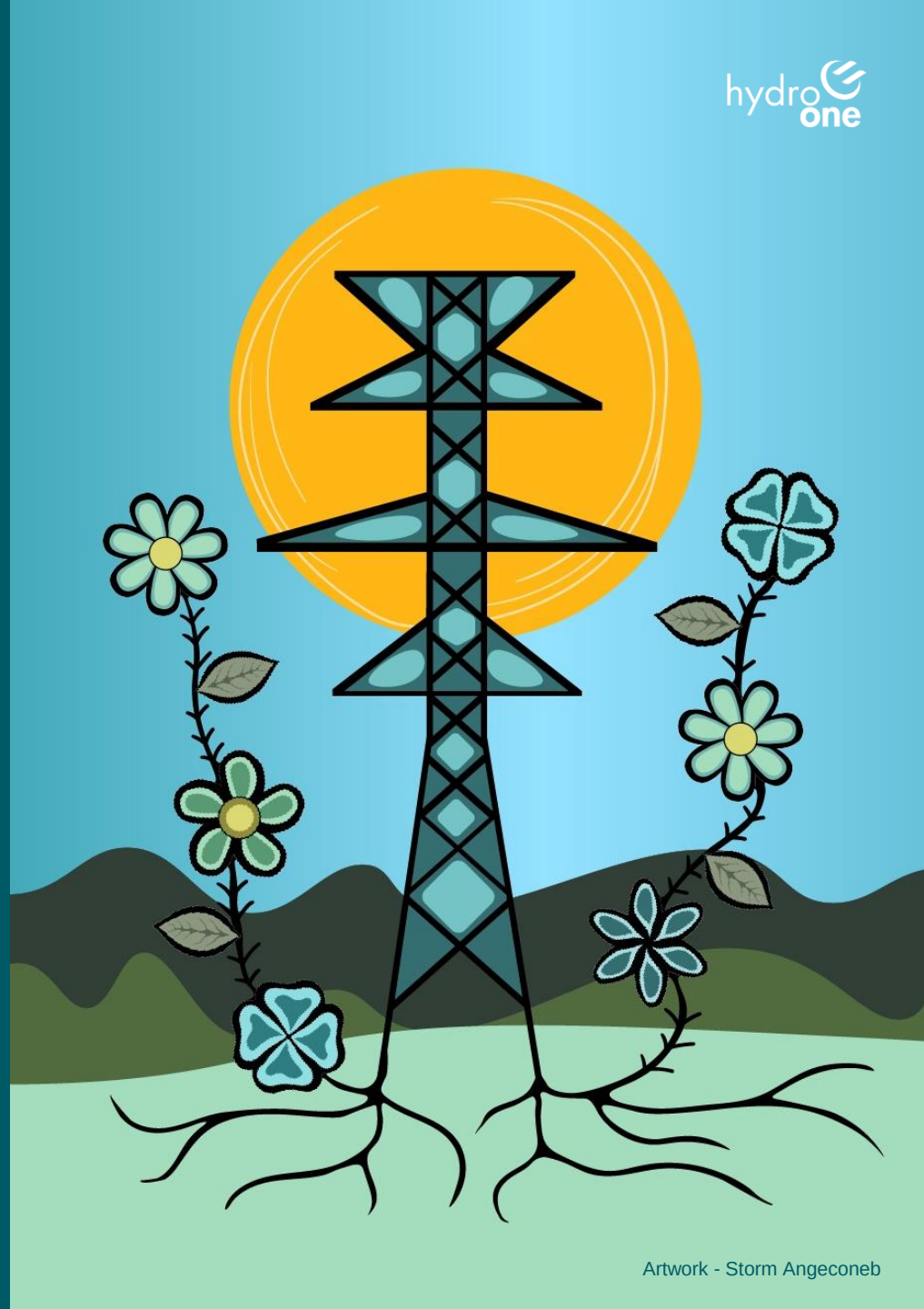
*Recommended timing windows are based on applicable protocols and agency guidelines. Specific survey dates are subject to change based on weather (e.g., late spring, heavy rainfall).

Opportunities for Involvement

A reminder that Hydro One welcomes First Nations partners to join us **throughout the EA process and beyond** as communities' feedback will be instrumental to the project development.

Current opportunities include:

- **Identifying** areas of interest, or significant plants, species, or archaeological concerns, with opportunity to share traditional and cultural knowledge
- **Identifying** economic interests (existing projects/revenue streams potentially impacted by the project, either positively or negatively)
- **Route determination** – Evaluation framework Route A or B - Fall 2024



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Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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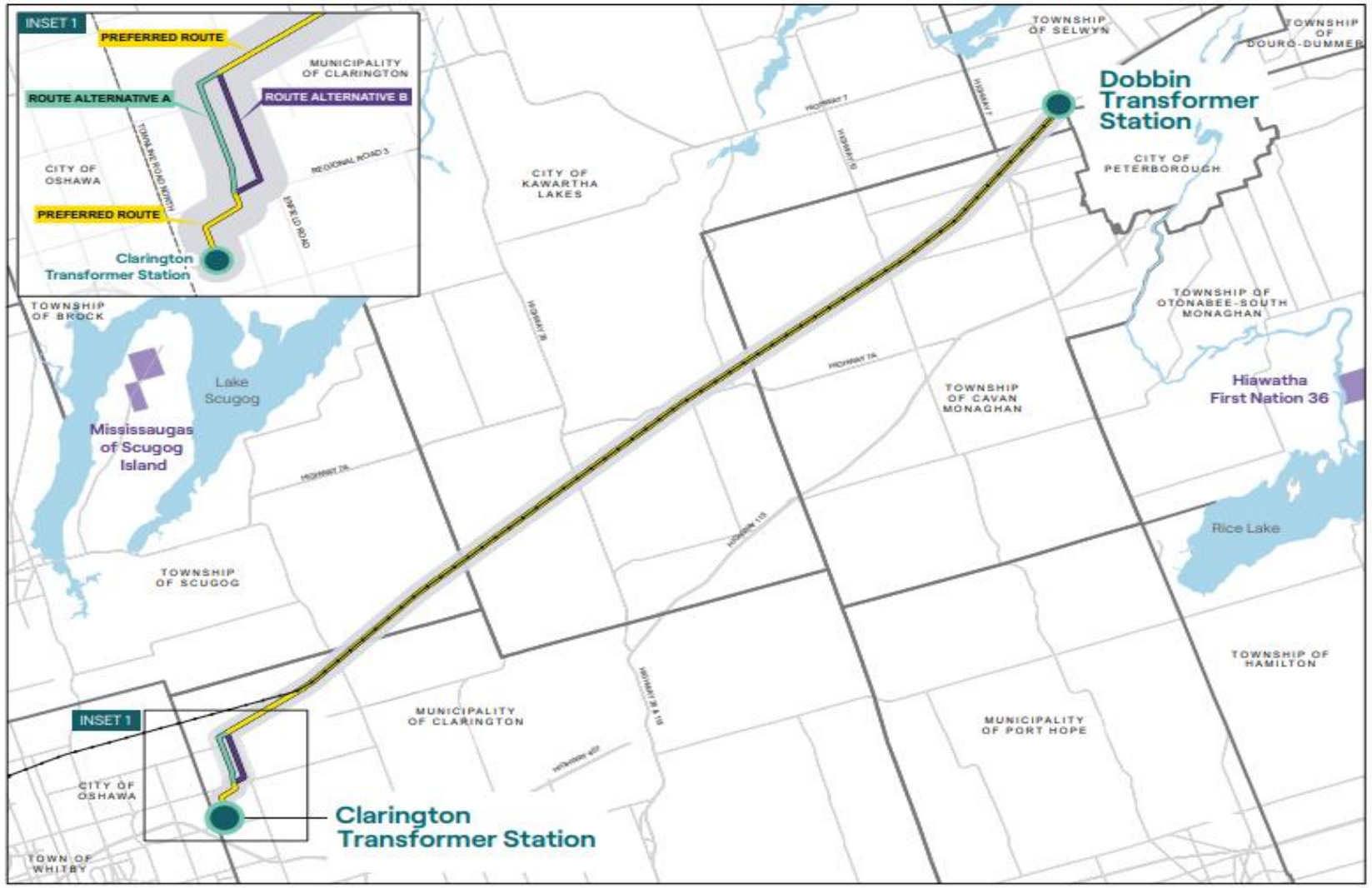

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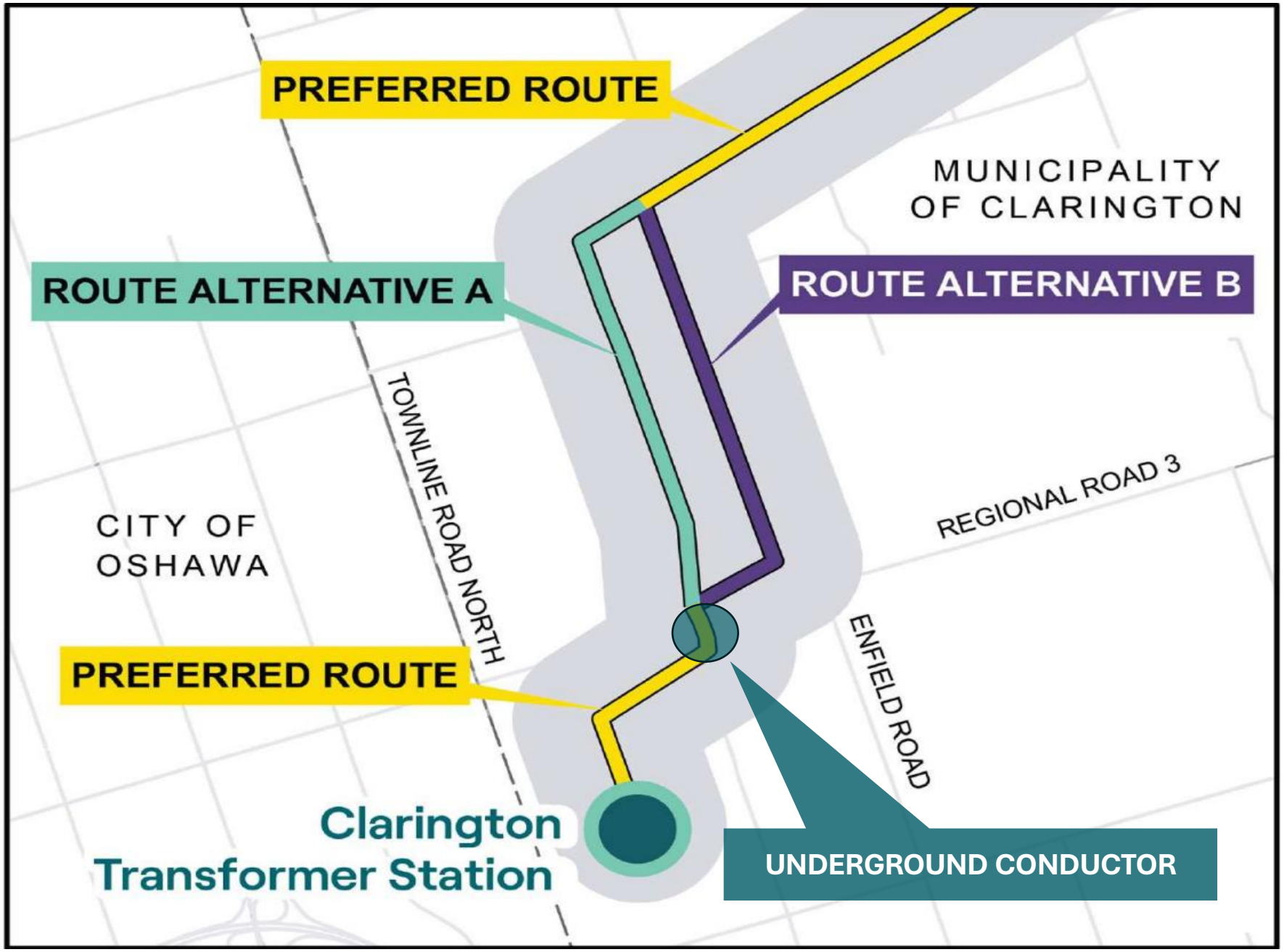
All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general 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.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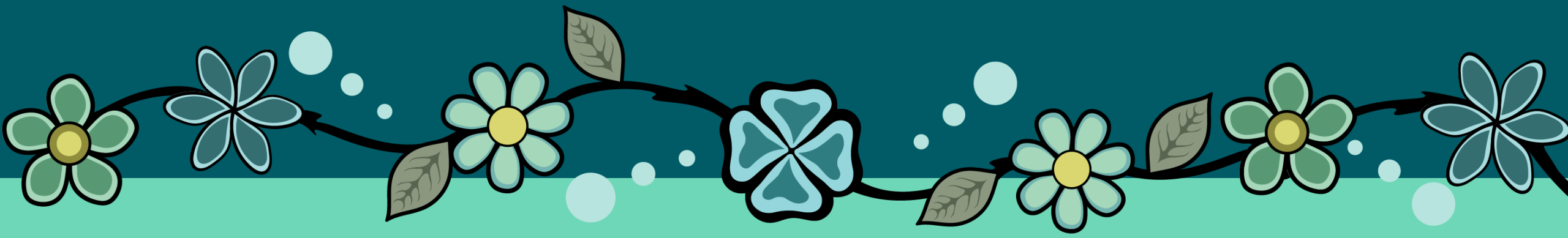
ENFIELD ROAD
PREFERRED ROUTE
Clarington Transformer Station
UNDERGROUND CONDUCTOR

Archaeology Update

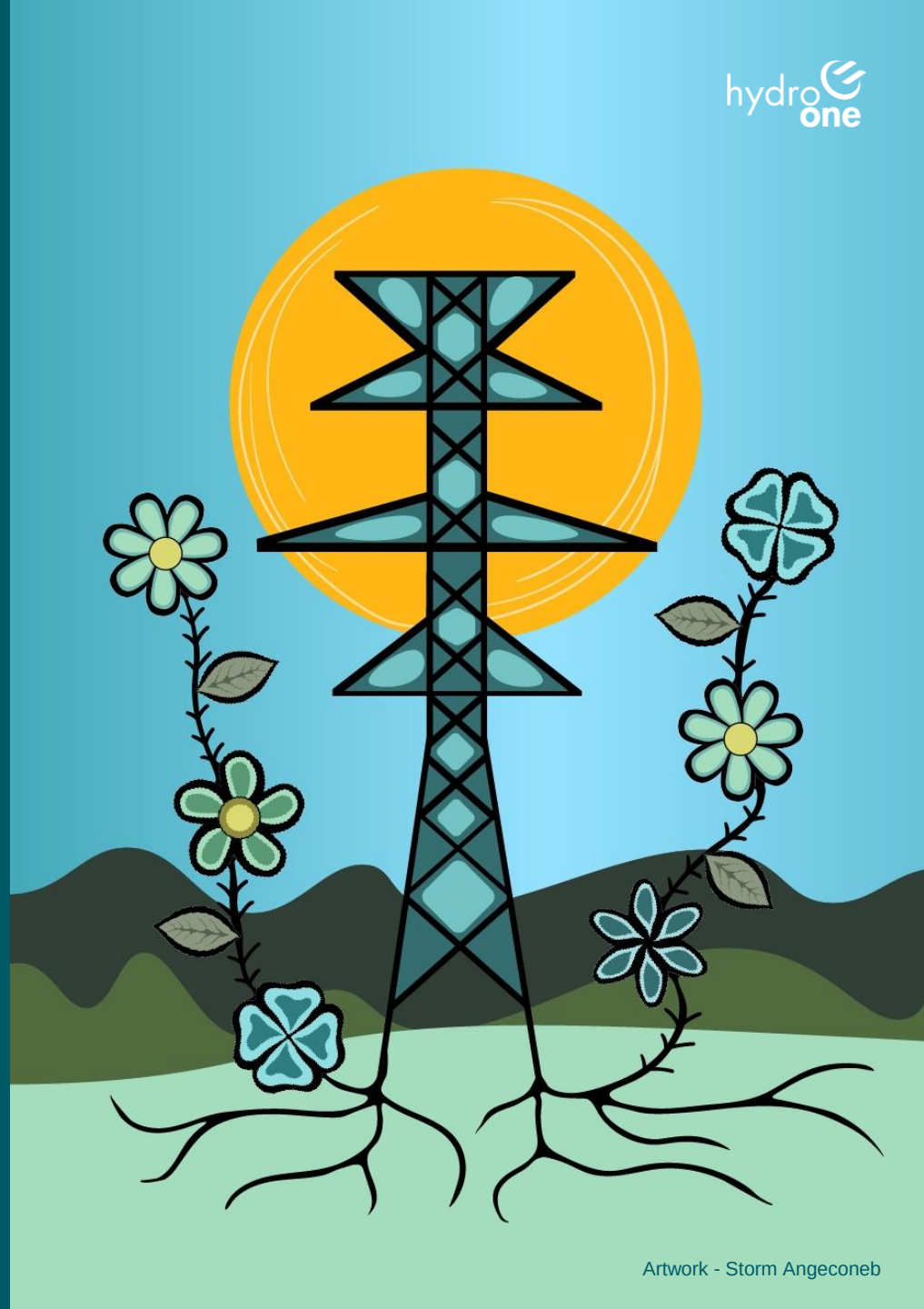
- Although Hydro One currently has an existing corridor, an Archaeological Assessment **will be completed** along the route, including the option selected through route alternative A or B
- HONI will engage the services of an Archaeological Consultant to review the study area, identify any potential constraints and if required conduct assessments along the route.
- Through the consultant, Hydro One will complete a Stage 1 and 2 archaeology study, in which Hydro One will involve the First Nations communities.

Capacity Funding



Capacity Funding Agreement Update

- Following the response regarding the collectively agreed upon additions to the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA), Hydro One has tabled a new version of the CFA.
- Revised version includes the workplan and budget for Holt.
- The Multi Project Funding Agreement is a streamlined approach to capacity funding, allowing for greater flexibility of the allocated funds within each line item of the workplan without the barriers of timely administrative changes.



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Durham Kawartha Power Line
First Nation Field Visits and Working Session

September 2024

Agenda:

9:00-10:00	**Meet at Clarington TS: 2745 Townline Rd North, Oshawa** • Hydro Project Management (PM) team will complete tailboard safety plan with all attendees. • HONI PM team with provide a walk around of Clarington TS focusing on basic TX grid components, functions of a TS/SS and station footprint
10:00 -11:30	**DKPL: Site visit and review of Alt A and B** • Attendees will drive to view the routes for DKPL Route Alternative A and B. A field visit to view and walk the route, (where available) will be facilitated
11:30-12:00 PM	**Drive Time: DKPL Site to Bowmanville SS: 2151 Energy Drive, Bowmanville**

Durham Kawartha Power Line
First Nation Field Visit Information September 2024

Clarington TS:

2745 Townline Rd N, Oshawa, ON L1H 8L7 Google Maps

Site Access:

- Drive past farm gate and up hill.
- Park outside of the station in the laydown area just east of the main station gate (see photo below)

Access for Clarington TS shown above

Additional notes:

- All attendees are required to wear all required personal protective equipment (PPE) when on site, as per Hydro One Safety Rules (CSA approved safety footwear, safety glasses, hard hat and high visibility vest or jacket).
- All PPE – free zones will be labelled
- Lunch will be catered by Hawley Crescent Catering & Events – See attached buffet
- Drinkable water will be provided onsite via Hydro One.
- All Job sites (Clarington and Bowmanville) have portable washroom facilities

Lunch Details:

Lunch will be offered in the Hydro One meeting trailer.
**Please advise Hydro One of any food considerations or alternations*.

Assorted Sandwiches: *Wraps An assortment of sandwiches and wraps - roast beef on marble rye, curried chicken wrap, turkey and Swiss on croissants, pear and brie sandwiches, veggie wraps, and assorted cold cuts on ciabatta rolls*

Butternut Squash Soup

Caesar Salad

Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Salad

Assorted Dessert Platter

Hydro Corridor Natural Heritage Protection and Rightsholder/Stakeholder Discussions

October 30, 2024

12:15-1:15PM	**Hydro One provided updates to the DKPL project during an October in-person meeting and also reviewed the publicly available online webmap for the project, reviewing the study area.**

Southeast Hydro One Projects Meeting

December 11, 2024

Agenda

Opening and DKPL Project Update

- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)**
  - DKPL – 2024 Wrap up and 2025 Look Ahead
  - Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) schedule (review) and SharePoint access walkthrough - **Sent November 27/28th** - **Presented by WSP**
  - 2025 Field Studies and Field Work Plan
  - Stage 2 Archaeology Timelines
  - Route Evaluation – Process, Survey and Announcement Timelines
  - 2025 Community Open Houses

Holt SS Project Update

- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment**
  - Effects and Mitigations Table **– Sent November 29th**
  - Screening Table – **Sent November 29th**

SE Projects: Next Steps + Open Floor Discussion

- 2025 Meeting Cadence and Structure
- 2024 Lessons Learned

Closing Remarks

Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project Updates

DKPL: 2024 Review and Winter 2025 Look Ahead

2023 & Early 2024:

- Early Engagement
- Signing of MOUs to allow for early project engagement
- High level explanations of Equity Partnership Model
- Project Scope and Refinement

June 2024:

- Notice of Commencement
- Community open houses #1

Summer 2024:

- Tabling of Capacity Funding Agreements
- Sponsorships and attendance of powwows
- Regular meetings scheduled and cadence established
- Field study commencement

Fall 2024:

- Capacity Funding Agreements begin to be executed
- Planning for 2025 field work
- Route evaluation input
- Stage 1 Arch Report Review and prep for Stage 2 fieldwork
- ECIs selected and to begin reach out to communities

Winter 2025 Upcoming items:

- Sharing of the Draft Environmental Study Report Chapters – See schedule
- Natural Environment Spring 2025 Field Work
- Stage 2 Archaeology Field Work
- Route Evaluation – Input processing and announcement
- 2025 Community Open Houses and proposal for 2025 First Nation Open Houses
- Ongoing community sponsorship/community event participation, where requested

Draft Environmental Study Report Chapter Release

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SharePoint Walk Through for Draft ESR by WSP

Report Review Schedule

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2025 Field Work

- The Field Workplan for 2024 was sent out on August 23 and again on November 1.
    - We welcomed comments and additions on the field workplan.
    - Comments received will help us work towards planning for the Spring 2025 field season.
    - We welcome field monitors, and the opportunity to prepare communities for these opportunities. Monitoring agreements are made between the consultant and each First Nation (WSP for natural environment, Stage 2 arch consultant is TBD)
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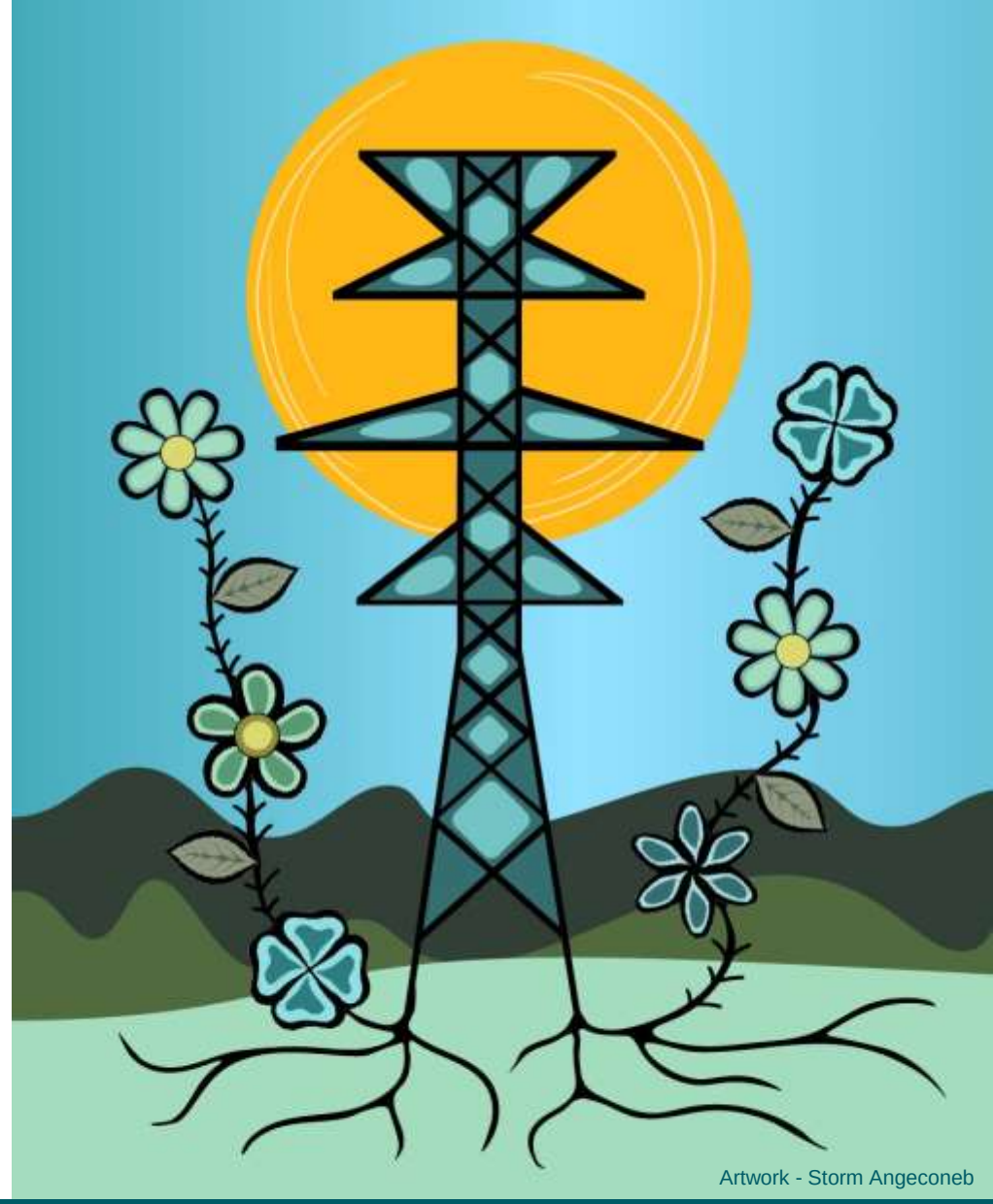

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- **The final route will be selected in February**

Community Open Houses

As part of the route announcement, the HONI project team will be hosting two community open houses in Solina and Bethany in February 2025.

As First Nation community involvement is integral to the success of DKPL, and Hydro One is seeks community dialogue, input and feedback on the project.

While we welcome attendance to the open houses our Hydro One team is invested to work with each community to develop and plan for on-reserve community open houses, to provide dialogue and information on the project and Equity Partnership model to Chief, Council and community.

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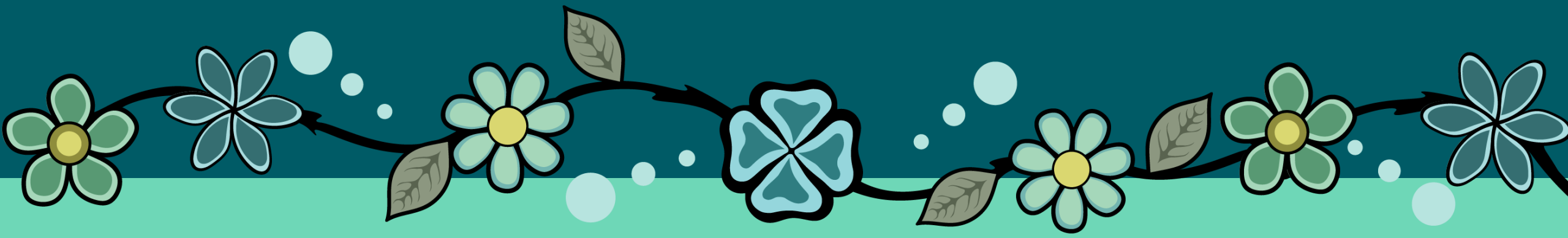
SE Projects:
Next Steps + Open Floor Discussion

Southeast Hydro One Projects Meeting

January 2025



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  - Opportunity for Input: Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC)
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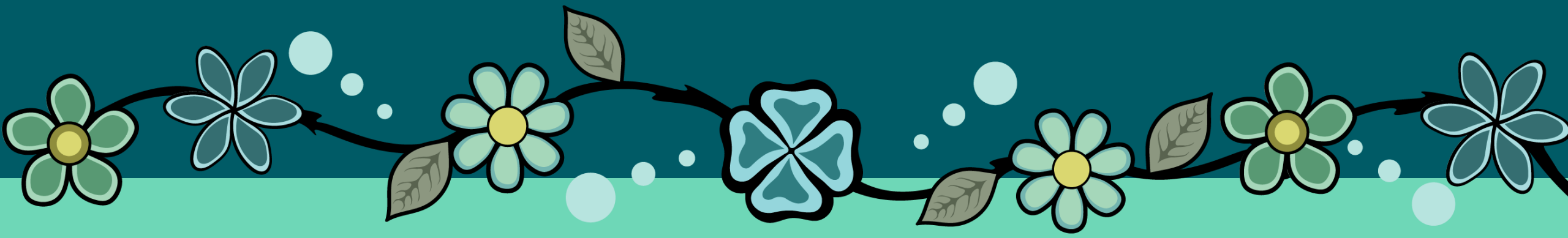
5. Closing Remarks

Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project Updates



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Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC)

The draft Cultural Heritage Existing Environmental Conditions (CHEC) report for the project will be ready for Indigenous community Review, if interested in early February

If you think there are potential heritage landscapes missing from the draft report, or simply areas of interest that have value to community values or cultural identity, please let us know so that we can discuss inclusion.

Stage 2 Archaeology

Following the RFP, Hydro One has selected WSP as the archaeology consultant for Stage 2 archaeology.

Our upcoming focus will be introducing Indigenous community to the consultants at WSP and the sharing of the archaeology field work schedules.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with Indigenous communities to map out field monitoring opportunities and discuss the upcoming season. **Feedback on each community's intended capacity is important for planning the program**

Route Evaluation

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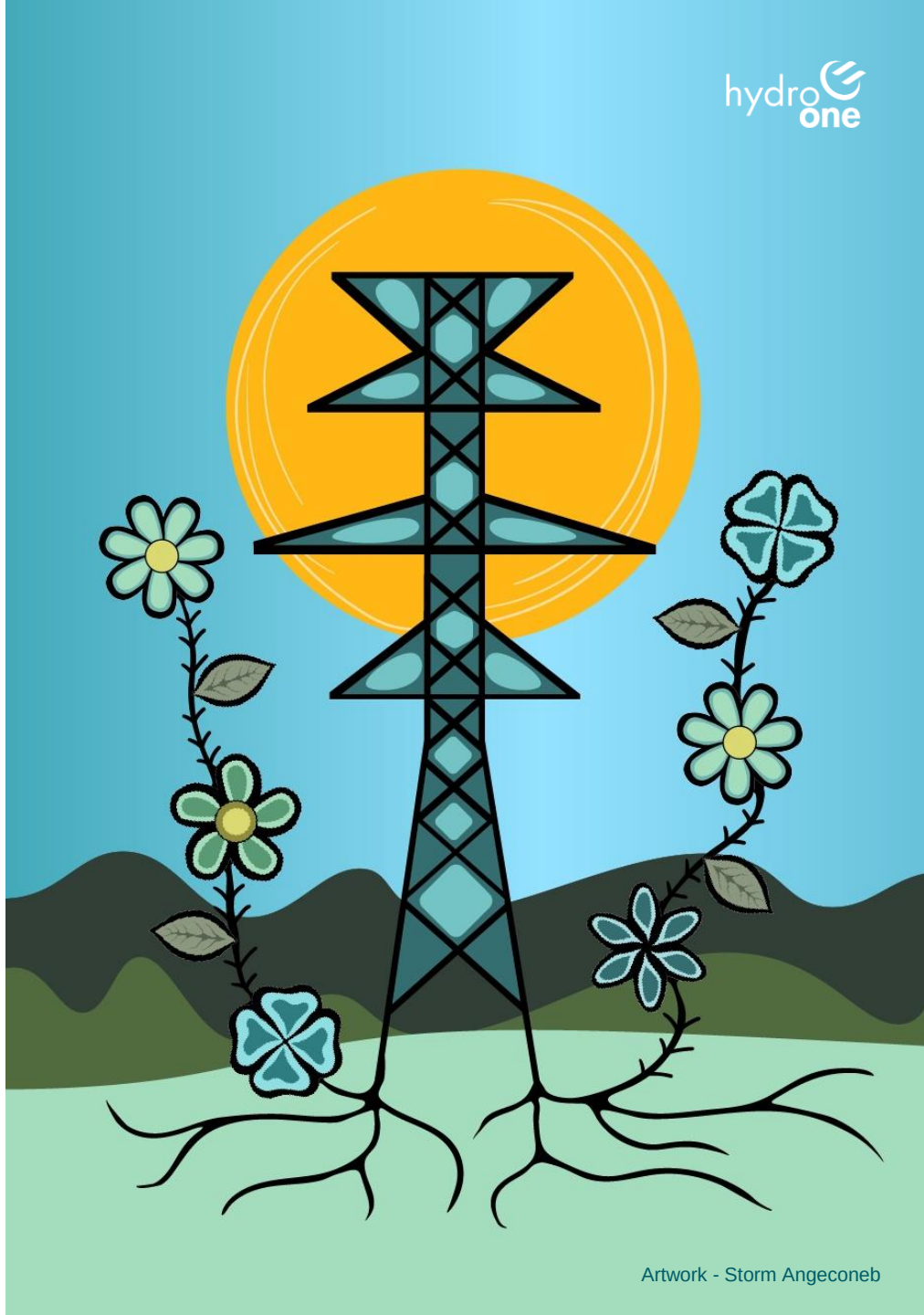
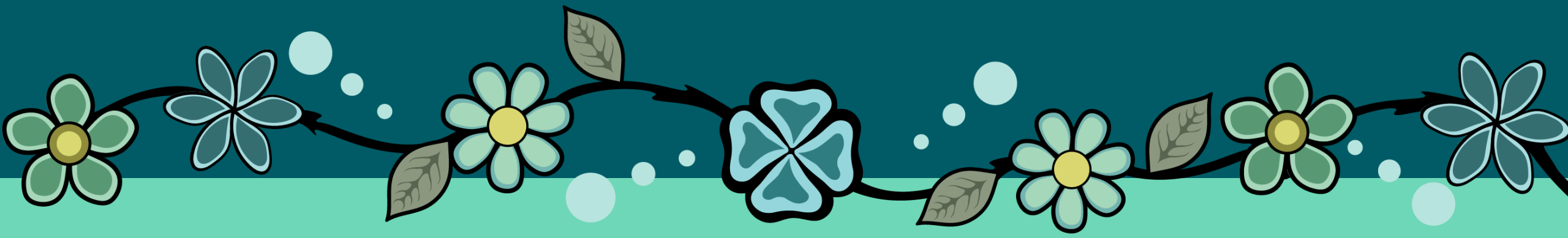


Discussion: Durham Kawartha Power Line And Foresty Protocols in WTFN Territory



SE Projects:
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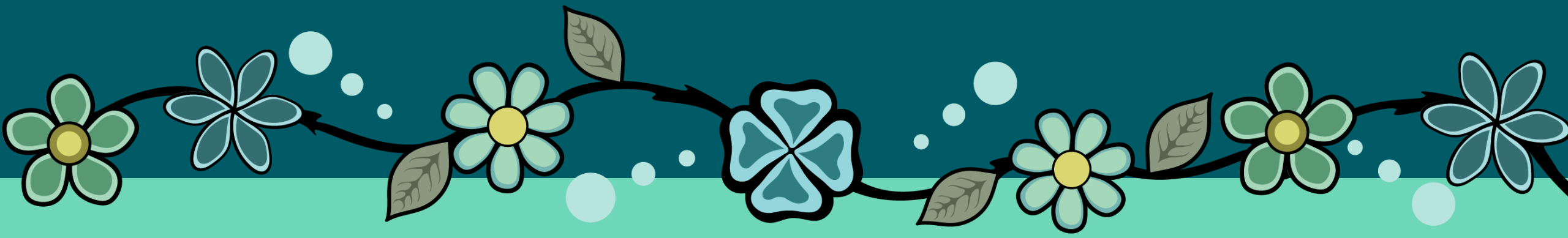
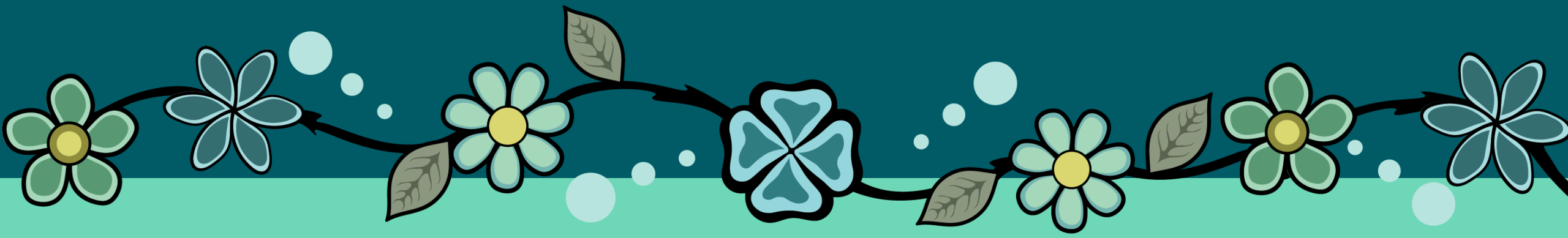


Southeast Hydro One Project Introduction

February 11, 2025



Agenda

1. Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL)
- Project Overview
- Project Milestones
- Current Status

2. Holt Switching Station (SS) Project
- Project Overview
- Project Milestones
- Current Status

3. Bowmanville Switching Station (SS) Expansion Project
- Project Overview
- Project Milestones
- Current Status

4. Open Floor Discussion

5. Closing Remarks

Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Underground section
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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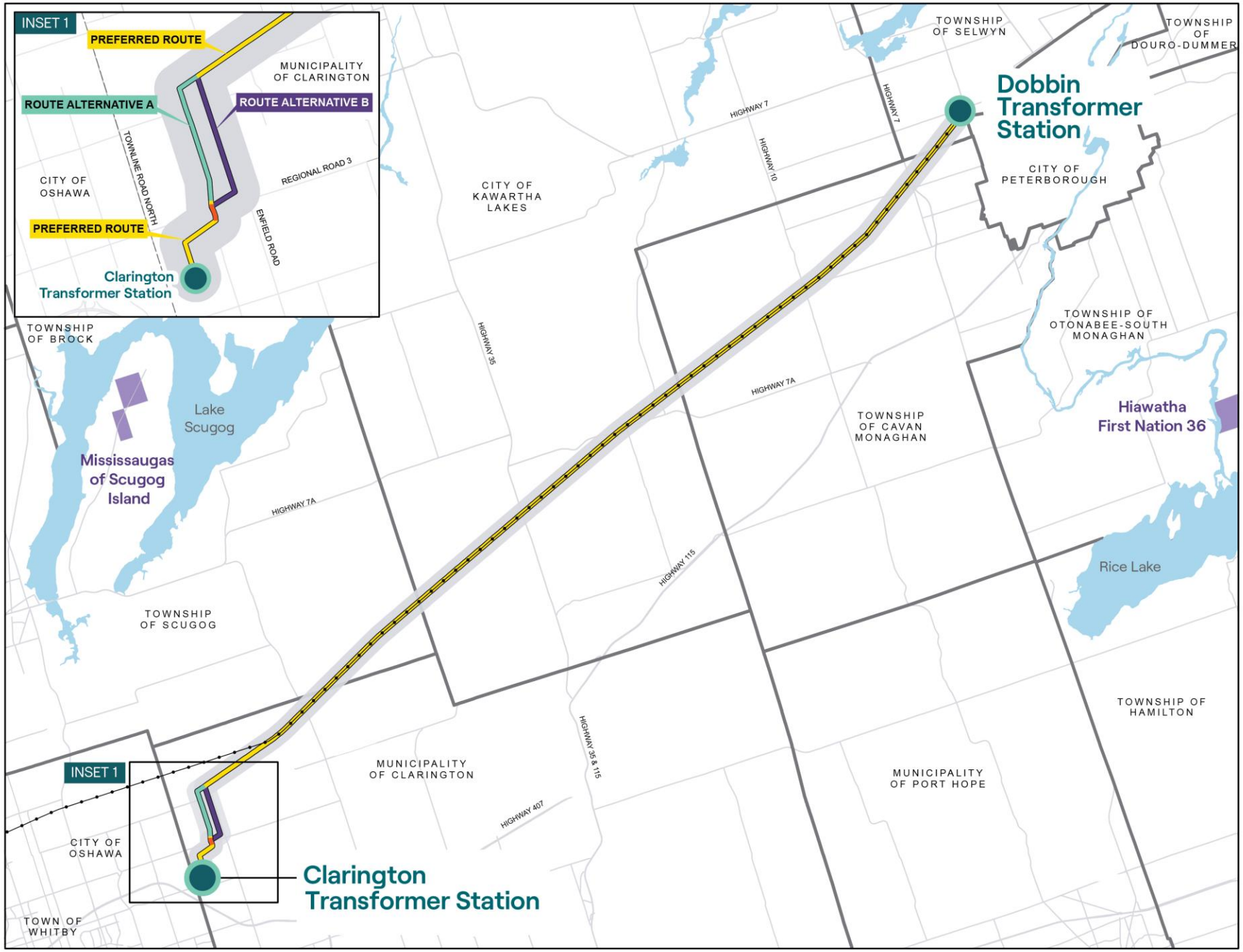

Project Milestones

June 2024
Notice of Commencement &Community Open House #1 (Introduction of Project)

Spring/Summer 2024
Environmental field studies & research to support the Class EA

Early 2025
Announcement of the preferred route & Community Open House #2

Summer/Fall 2025
Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review/comment

Late 2025
Finalize ESR to complete the Class EA, and project permits and approvals

2026
Completion of detailed design and other permits and approvals, including Section 92 approval from the Ontario Energy Board

2027
Proposed Construction Start

2029 (or sooner)
Line Energized

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DKPL: Project Review and 2025 Look Ahead

2023 & Early 2024:

- Project Designation
- Project Scope and Refinement

June 2024:

- Notice of Commencement
- Community open houses #1
- Onboarding of WSP, HONI environmental consultant

Summer 2024:

- Consultation and engagement opportunities
- Field study commencement
- ECI RFP

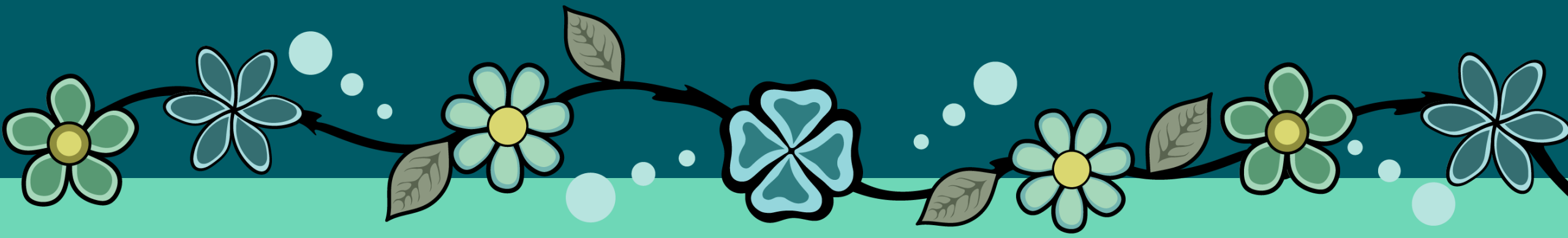
Fall 2024:

- Planning for 2025 field work
- Establishment of monthly project updates for First Nation Communities & further definition of project opportunities
- Route evaluation
- Stage 1 Arch Report Review and prep for Stage 2 fieldwork
- ECIs selected

Winter/Spring 2025 Upcoming Items:

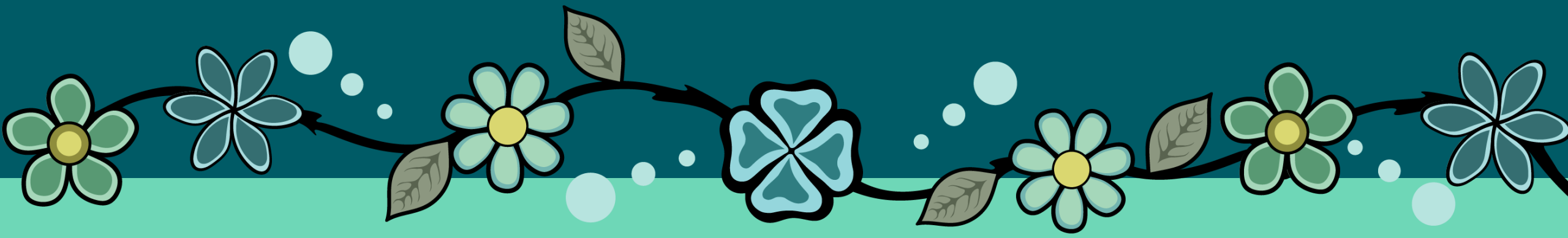
- Sharing of the Draft Environmental Study Report Chapters – New Schedule*
- Natural Environment Spring 2025 Field Work
- Stage 2 Archaeology
- Route Evaluation – Input processing and announcement
- 2025 Community Open Houses
- Ongoing consultation and information sharing
- ECI introduction to First Nations communities

Open Floor Discussion



Southeast Hydro One Projects Meeting

February 12, 2025



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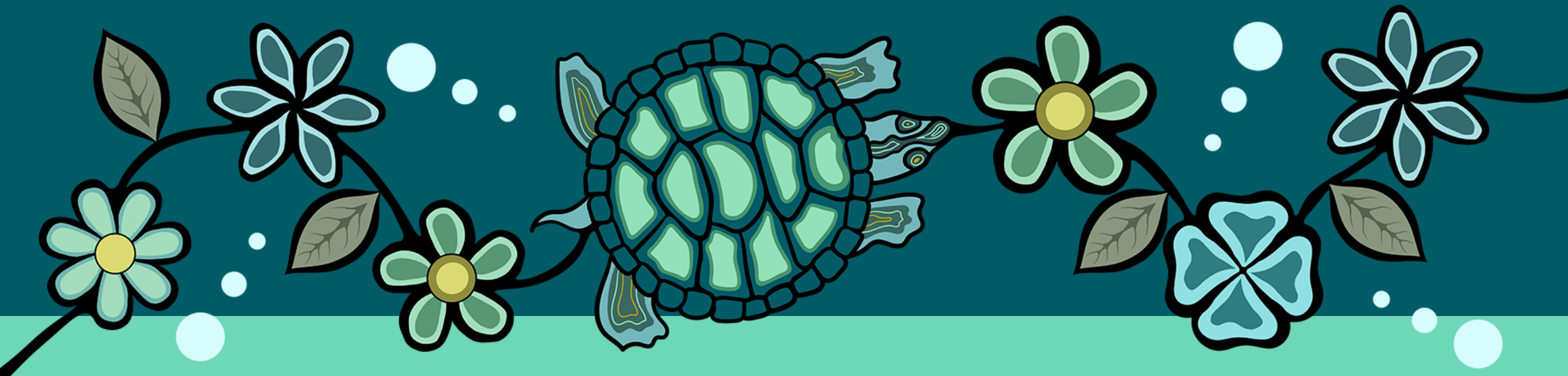

ACTIONS				
Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL)				
#	ACTION	ACCOUNTABILITY	DEADLINE	STATUS
1	Develop draft guiding principles document for February 12th meeting with WSP (and AECOM for Bowmanville Project)	Hydro One	Feb 26, 2025	Feedback will be reviewed in this meeting with opportunity for post meeting community review
2	Standing Agenda item to review the general performance of WSP during Phase 2 Arch	Hydro One	N/A	On-Going and included for discussion in this meeting
3	Hydro One review of Stage 1 AA comments and 2024 Field Work Plan from First Nations	Hydro One	See Status	On-Going – HONI to provide update
4	Share Draft Environmental Existing Conditions Report with Communities	Hydro One	Jan 24, 2025	Completed
5	Provide Communities access to review Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC)	Hydro One	Late Feb 2025	See schedule
6	Provide Stage 2 Arch Schedule to Communities at next meeting	Hydro One	Feb 12, 2025	Will be reviewed in this meeting
7	Share Stage 2 Arch Lead contact information with communities	Hydro One	Feb 12, 2025	Introduction to WSP will be made in this meeting
Holt Switching Station				
8	Hydro One review of Mitigation Plan comments from First Nations	Hydro One	See Status	On-Going
9	Communities to organize a walk-through ceremony before vegetation/tree removal	MSIFN/Hydro One	February 19,2025	Underway with MSIFN/Hydro One
Bowmanville Switching Station Expansion				
10	Work Plan to be shared with communities	Hydro One	Feb 12, 2025	Will be shared in this meeting

Southeast Hydro One Projects Meeting

Agenda

1. Opening

2. Field Monitoring Requirements - All Projects

3. Bowmanville SS Expansion Project Update

- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)**
  - Natural Environment Studies
    - Introduction to AECOM
    - AECOM to present Field Work Plan
    - Discussion: SE Project Consultants and Expectations for Engagement

4. Holt SS Project Update

- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)**
  - Environmental Assessment Finalization – **Review**

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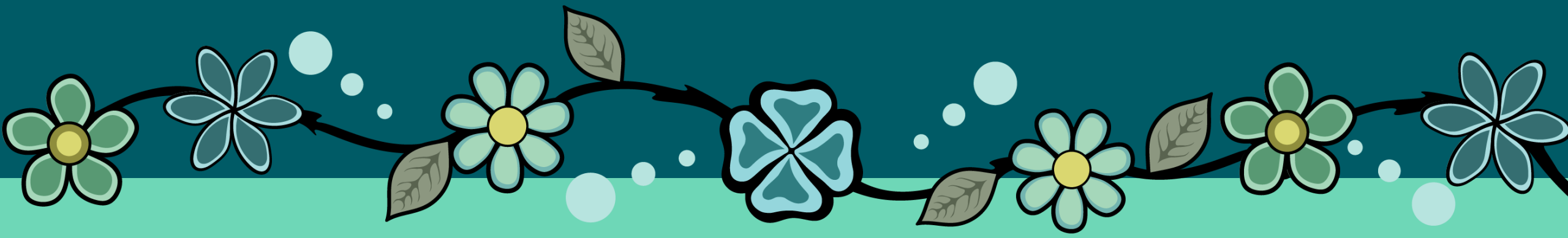
    - Introduction to WSP
    - WSP to Present Field Work Plan
    - Discussion: SE Project Consultants and Expectations for Engagement
    - Field Monitoring – Community Capacity
  - Route Evaluation Update and Timelines
  - Report Review Schedule - Update and Review
  - Community Led Initiative Funding via Multi Project Funding Agreement

6. SE Projects: Next Steps + Open Floor Discussion

7. Closing Remarks

Field Monitoring Requirements (All HONI Projects)

- A reminder that signed a Field Monitoring Agreement between the Consultant and Indigenous Community is required prior to participation in Field Monitoring Opportunities
  - **Note:** Communities are welcome to share/utilize their existing agreements if available. The consultant can also provide their own version of the monitoring agreement.
  - These agreements are to ensure that payment terms are met between both parties, however, rates are negotiated by Hydro One.
- Valid WSIB Certificate from each Indigenous Community, or their consultant if the consultant is supporting the field monitoring
- Valid Liability Insurance Requirements



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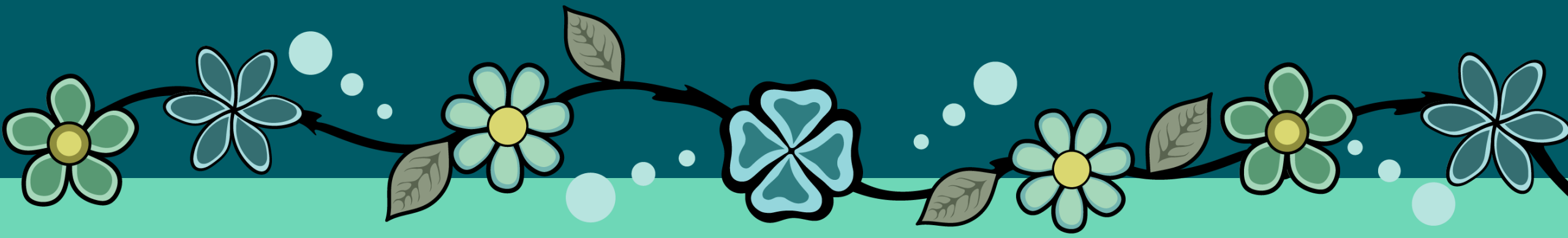
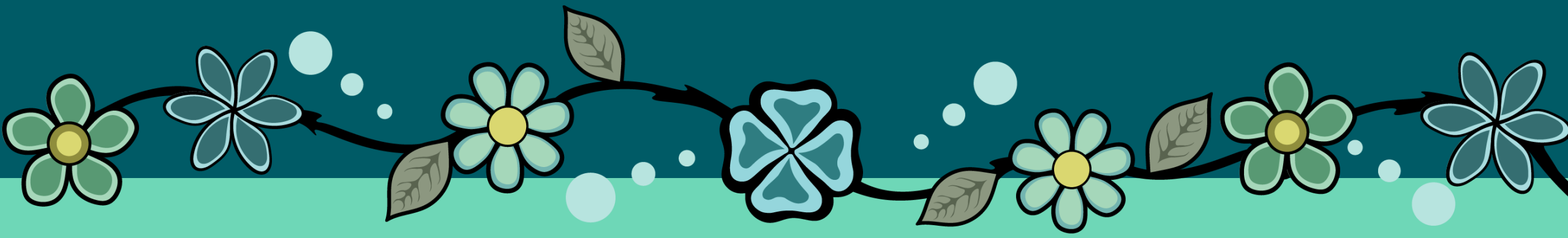
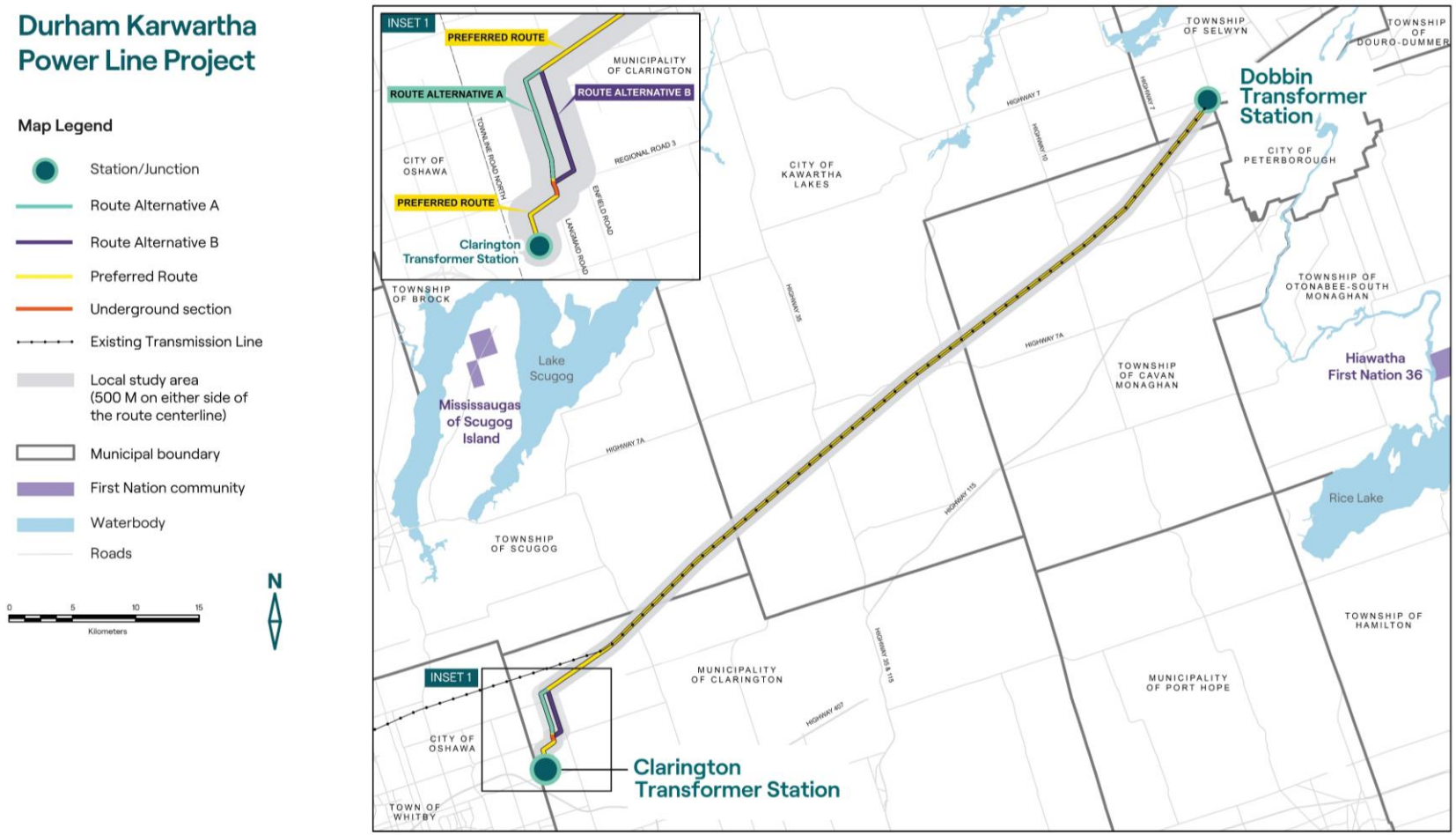


Stage 2 Archaeology: Introduction to WSP



Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment completed by Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc.
- 92.91 hectares of pedestrian survey
- 110.32 hectares of test-pit survey
- Anticipated 69 days to complete surveys



Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment

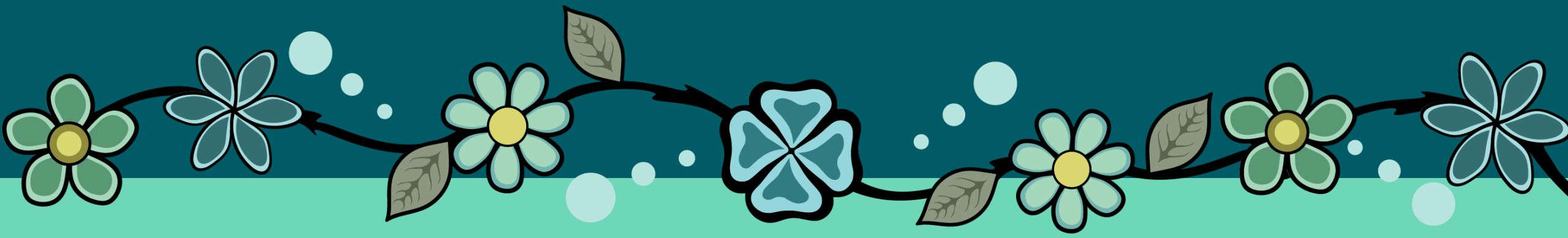
Pedestrian Survey

Agricultural fields are ploughed to depth of prior cultivation to achieve +80% surface visibility and allowed to rain weather. Fields are walked by field archaeologists at 5 m intervals and the surface visually surveyed for artifacts.

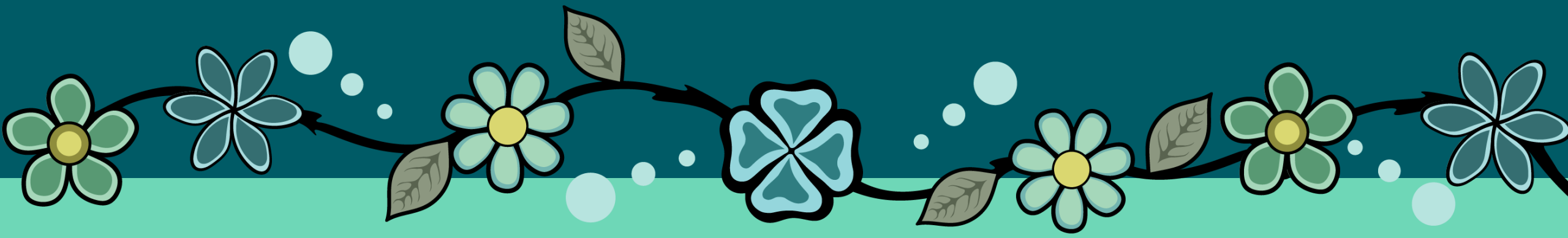
Test-pit survey

Lands which cannot be ploughed are subject to shovel test-pit survey. Minimum 30 cm diameter test pits are hand excavated at systematic interval (5 to 10 m) to a depth of 5 cm into subsoil. Soil is screened through 6mm-gap mesh to recover artifacts.

Discussion:
SE Project Consultants (WSP) and Expectations for Engagement



Stage 2 Archaeology Discussion: Upcoming Field Studies and Community Capacity



2025 Archaeology Season

Preparations for the 2025 archaeology field season are underway. Hydro One is interested in understanding the capacity that each Indigenous Community has to prepare for the upcoming archaeology program.

We are seeking to understand:

- How many monitors are **currently** expected from each community to participate in the archaeology program?
- Are there barriers that prevent First Nations monitoring involvement for the 2025 Field Season?
- If Hydro One can offer support to advance participation and engagement, what does that look like? (ceremonies, training, or otherwise)
- **Feedback on capacity/involvement for monitoring opportunities through the 2025 archaeology season is requested by February 26, 2025**

Route Evaluation

- Due to the February 27, 2025, Provincial election, the DKPL route announcement is expected to be deferred to March.
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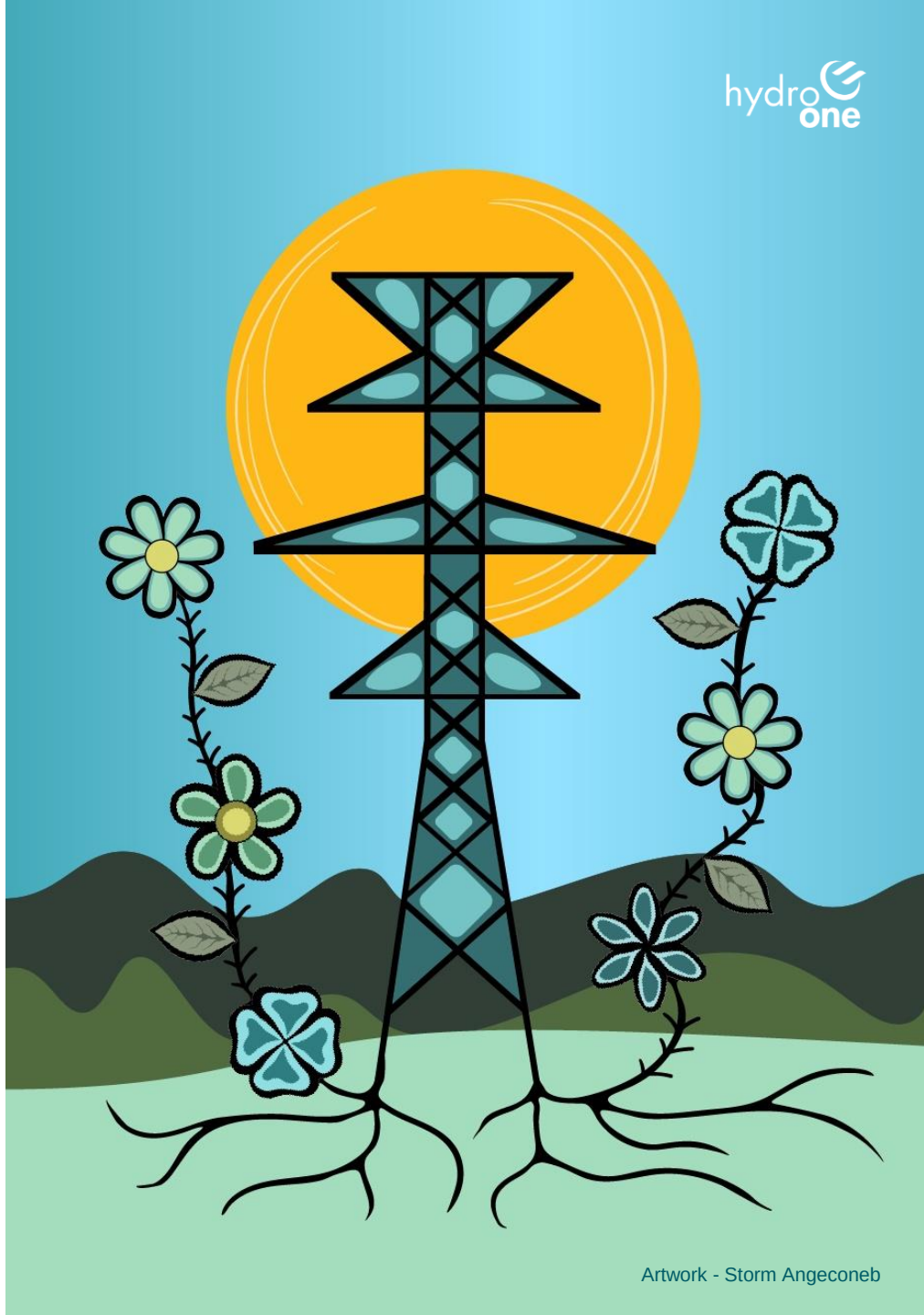

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Community Led Initiative

- A reminder that through the Multi Project Funding Agreement, funding for the Community Led Initiative is available.
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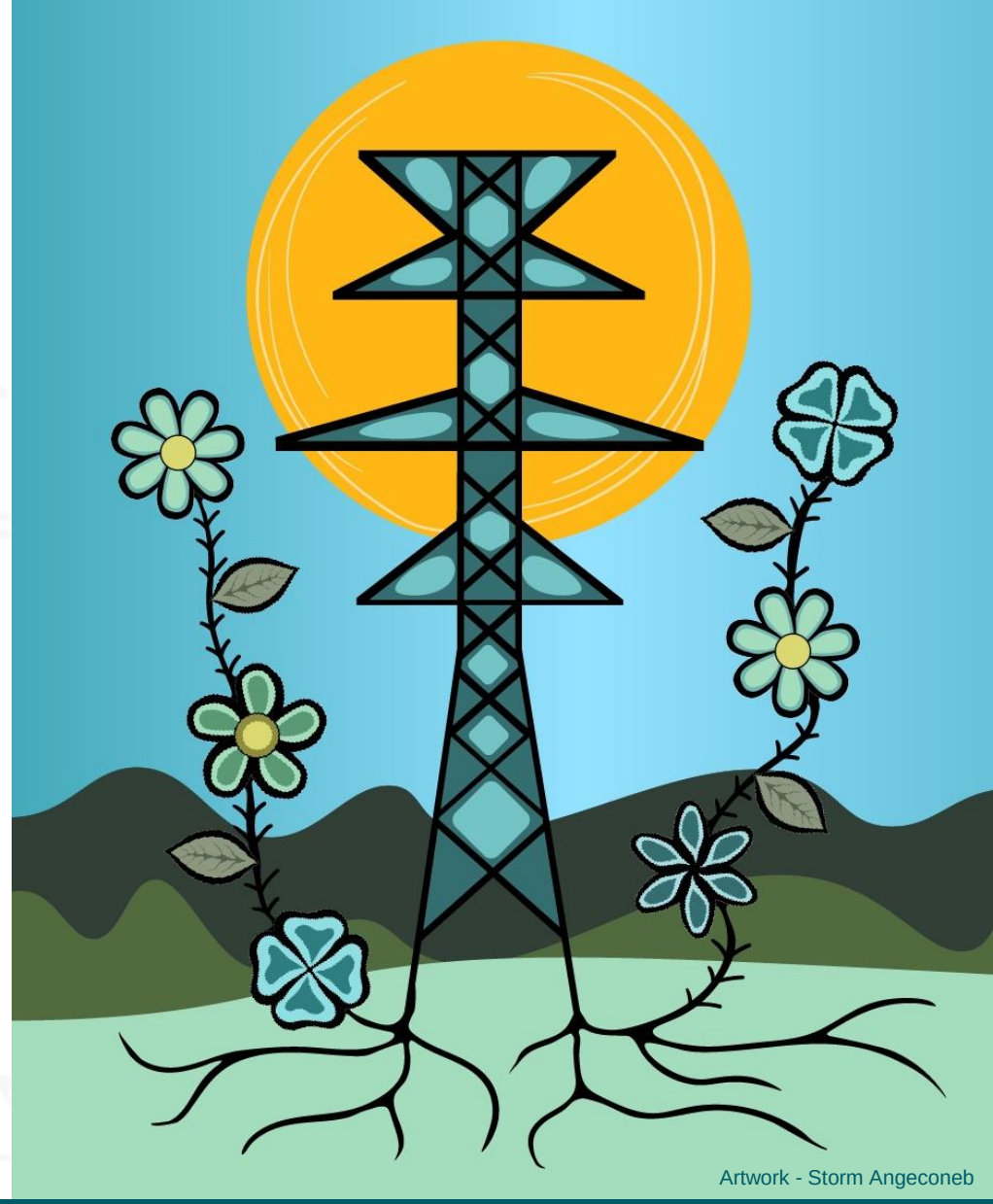
Please reach out to the Hydro One IR team if you have questions on the funding.



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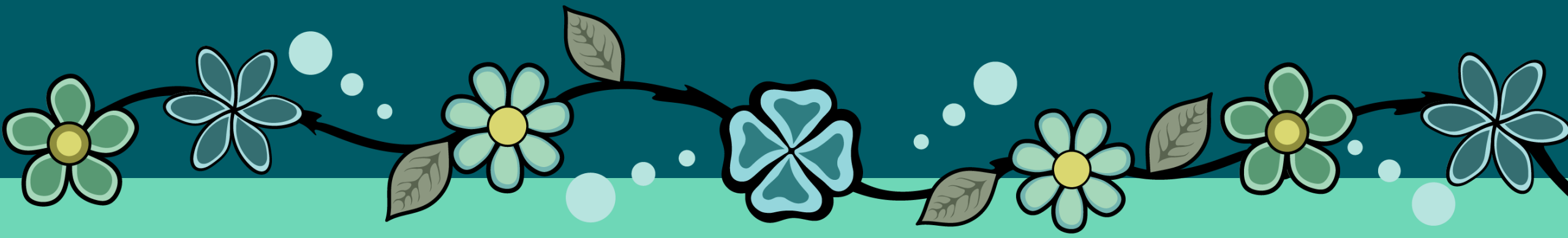

Southeast Hydro One Project Introduction

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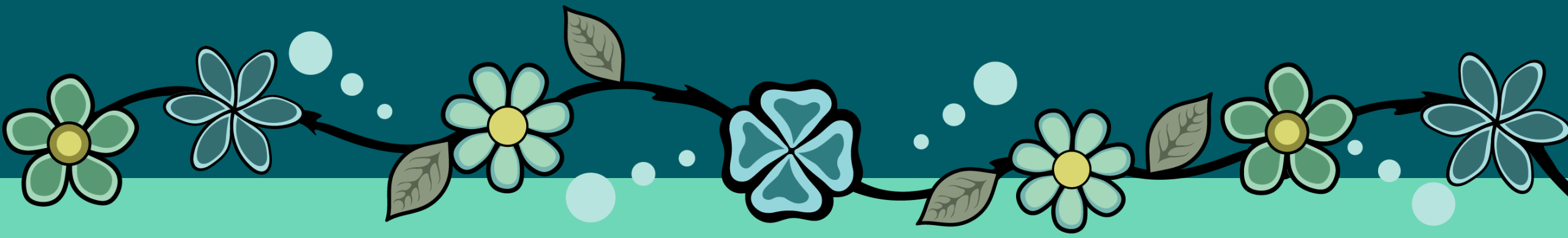

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- Project Overview
- Project Milestones
- Current Status

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3. Bowmanville Switching Station (SS) Expansion Project
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4. Open Floor Discussion

5. Closing Remarks

Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Underground section
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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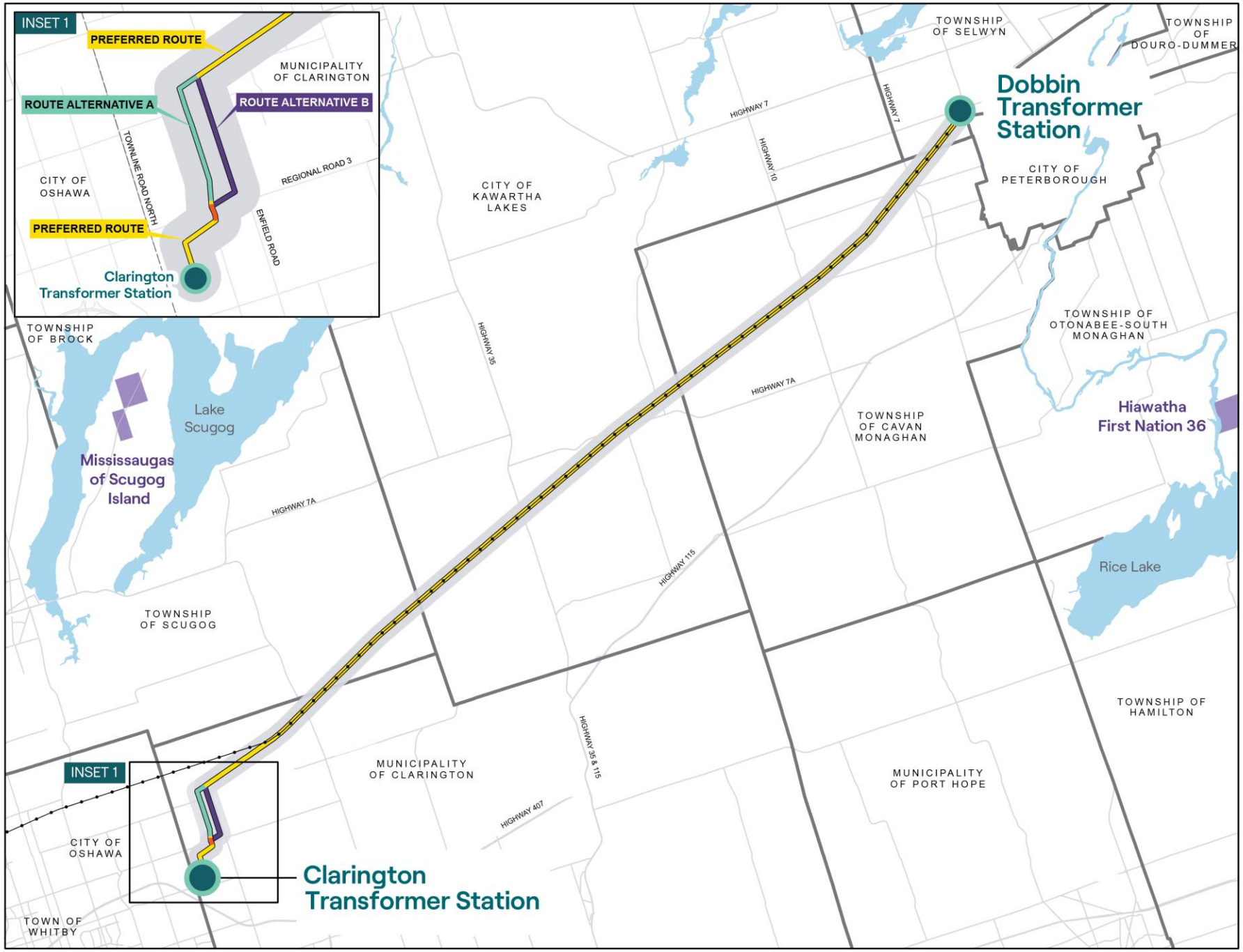

Project Milestones

June 2024
Notice of Commencement &Community Open House #1 (Introduction of Project)

Spring/Summer 2024
Environmental field studies & research to support the Class EA

Early 2025
Announcement of the preferred route & Community Open House #2

Summer/Fall 2025
Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review/comment

Late 2025
Finalize ESR to complete the Class EA, and project permits and approvals

2026
Completion of detailed design and other permits and approvals, including Section 92 approval from the Ontario Energy Board

2027
Proposed Construction Start

2029 (or sooner)
Line Energized

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DKPL: Project Review and 2025 Look Ahead

2023 & Early 2024:

- Project Designation
- Project Scope and Refinement

June 2024:

- Notice of Commencement
- Community open houses #1
- Onboarding of WSP, HONI environmental consultant

Summer 2024:

- Consultation and engagement opportunities
- Field study commencement
- ECI RFP

Fall 2024:

- Planning for 2025 field work
- Establishment of monthly project updates for First Nation Communities & further definition of project opportunities
- Route evaluation
- Stage 1 Arch Report Review and prep for Stage 2 fieldwork
- ECIs selected

Winter/Spring 2025 Upcoming Items:

- Sharing of the Draft Environmental Study Report Chapters – New Schedule*
- Natural Environment Spring 2025 Field Work
- Stage 2 Archaeology
- Route Evaluation – Input processing and announcement
- 2025 Community Open Houses
- Ongoing consultation and information sharing
- ECI introduction to First Nations communities

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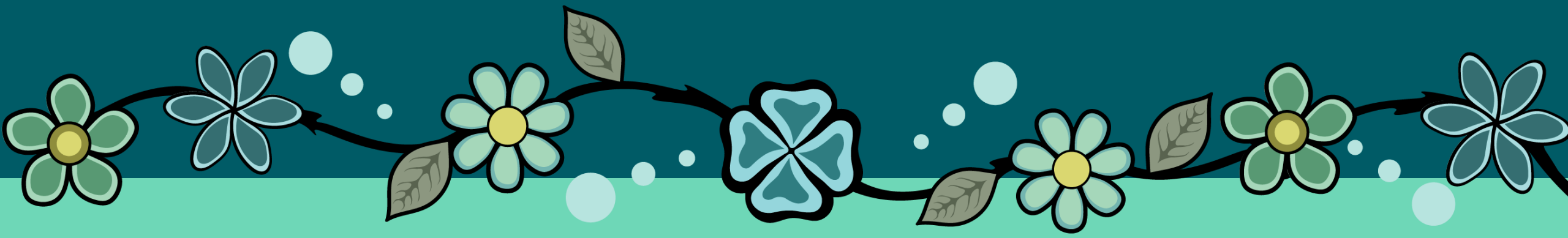

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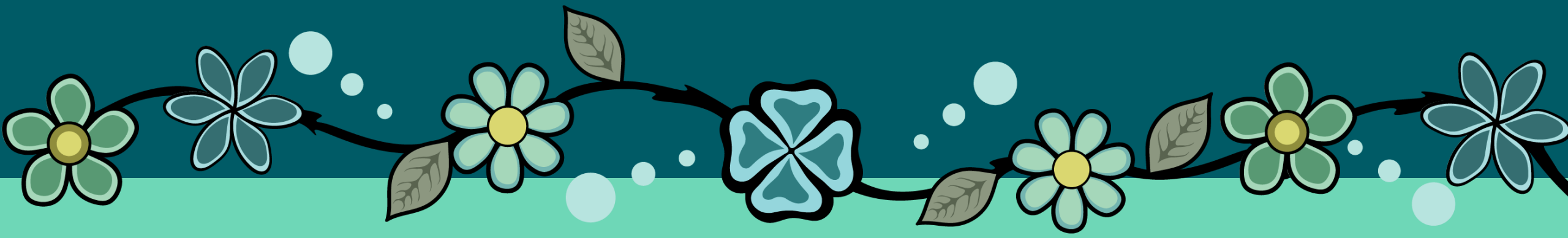

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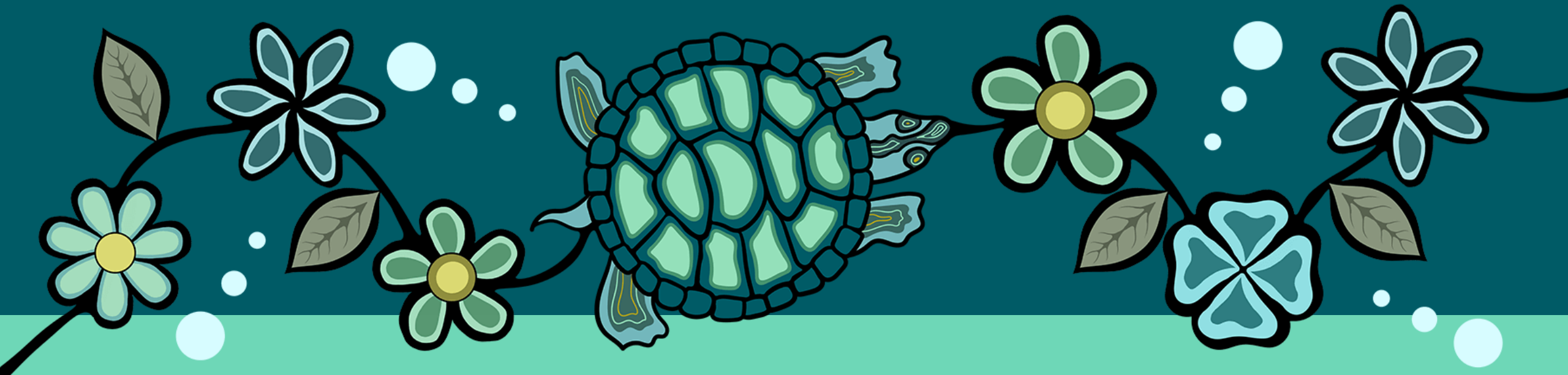


ACTIONS				
Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL)				
#	ACTION	ACCOUNTABILITY	DEADLINE	STATUS
1	Develop draft guiding principles document for February 12th meeting with WSP (and AECOM for Bowmanville Project)	Hydro One	Feb 26, 2025	Incomplete **Draft is completed with Hydro One and will be shared in coming weeks
2	Standing Agenda item to review the general performance of WSP during Phase 2 Arch	Hydro One	N/A	On-Going with opportunity for discussion in this meeting
3	Provide Communities access to review Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC)	Hydro One	Late Feb 2025	Completed March 2025
Holt Switching Station				
4	Holt SS EMP	Hydro One	TBD	___
Bowmanville Switching Station Expansion				
5	Bowmanville SS: Amphibian Monitoring, Holt RD	Hydro One	March 24, 2025	Completed, update provide today
6	Butternut Tree addition into FWP	Hydro One	February 18, 2025	Completed
7	Bowmanville SS Capacity Funding	Hydro One	March 21, 2025	Completed

Southeast Hydro One Projects Meeting

Agenda

1. **Opening**

2. **DKPL Project Update**
- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)**
  - DKPL Archaeology: Stage 2 planning and Field Monitoring (Review)
  - Natural Environment 2025 Field Work Plan
  - Draft Cultural Heritage Conditions Report (Review)
  - ESR Schedule and Upcoming/Current Releases (Review)
  - ***New*** Community Led Initiative and Event Sponsorships

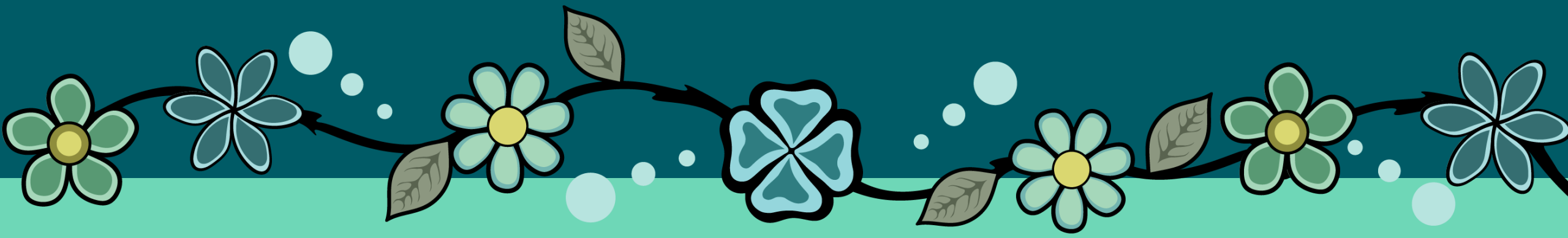
3. **Holt SS Project Update**
- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)**
  - Vegetation Removal Monitoring Update + Archaeological Monitoring
  - Upcoming Archaeological Reassessment
  - Next Steps for the Project including Environmental Management Plan (EMP)

4. **Bowmanville SS Expansion Project Update**
- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)**
  - Upcoming Natural Environment Studies
  - Field Monitoring
  - Upcoming Archaeological Studies
  - Capacity Funding Update

5. **SE Projects: Next Steps + Open Floor Discussion**
  - All SE Projects: SharePoint Trial

6. **Closing Remarks**

Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project Updates



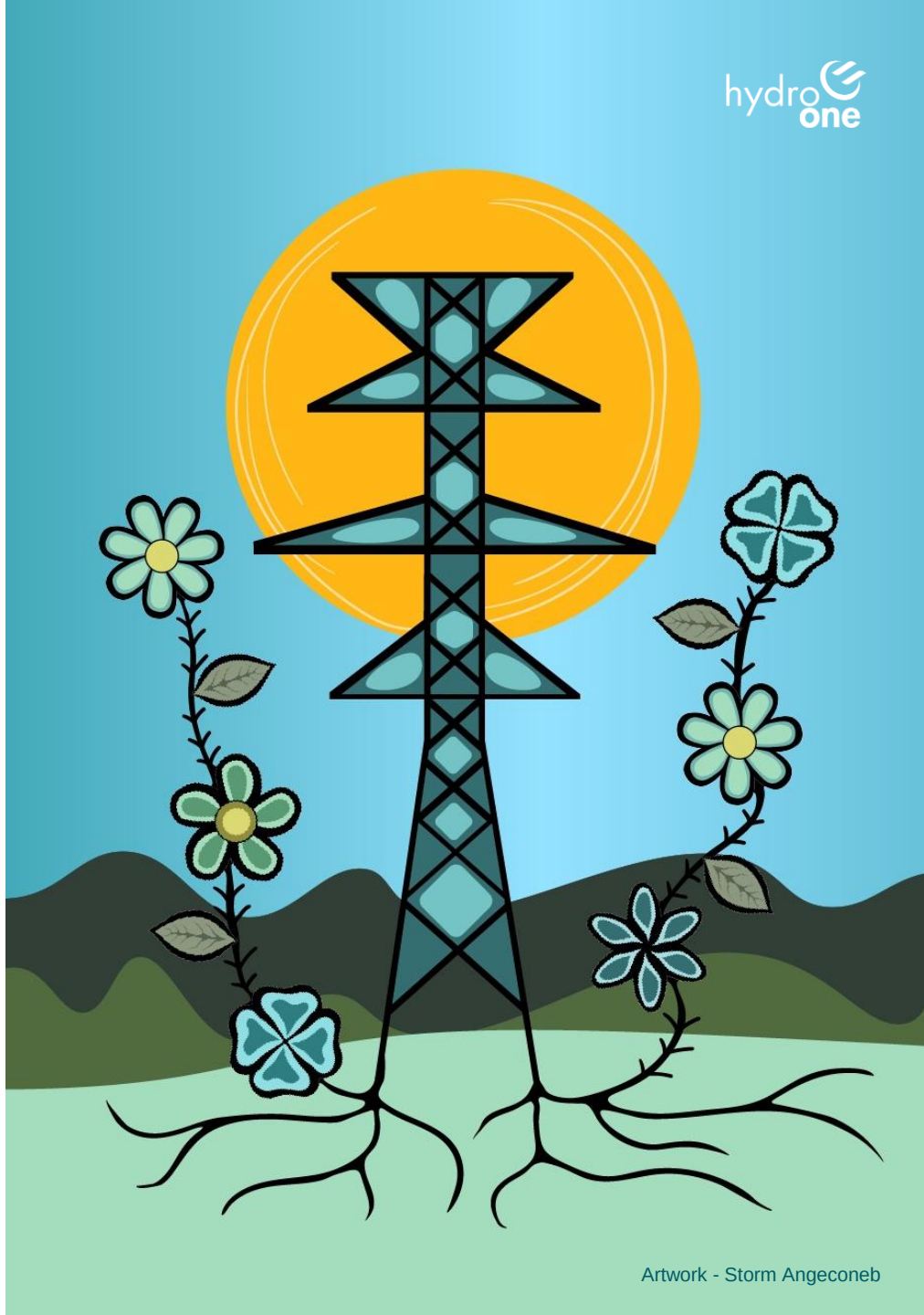
2025 Archaeology Season

Following the February 12th and March 10th meetings regarding Stage 1 AA comments and Stage 2 Archaeology on the DKPL project Hydro One has committed to the following additions to the archaeology studies:

- Rework of site @ Clarington TS
- Rework of site @ 2010-2011 Land Archaeology Inc. site
    - **This is dependent on when landowner access is granted**. If access is granted in time for the 2025 field season, Hydro One will redo archaeology for this site, if not, we will reassess with communities based on tower placements, project schedule and other finds within the area

Additionally, Hydro One generally supports the suggestion for increased pedestrian survey methodology to include 3-passes on the DKPL Project. **Please note that this is a special allowance for the DKPL right of way (ROW), Holt and Bowmanville Projects only.**

Hydro One is interested in knowing if there are any areas within the ROW in which the suggested increased pedestrian survey methodologies can be scaled back.



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2025 Archaeology Season (Cont.)

As reviewed on February 12th by WSP, fieldwork for Stage 2 Archaeology is proposed to commence Spring 2025 and will include both test pitting and pedestrian surveys.

- Monitoring opportunities will exist for Stage 2 Archaeology.
    - A signed agreement with WSP, liability insurance and WSIB **is** required, however if these pose any barriers for First Nations involvement, please reach out.
    - If a community has already signed the natural environment monitoring agreement with WSP this will be honoured for Archaeology.
    - Hydro One can facilitate alternative solutions such as accompanied field visits to site during field studies.
    - This program is weather dependent but expected to begin in the spring. WSP will be reaching out soon.

Report Review Schedule

Deliverable	Send to Indigenous Communities	Date to expect comments	ICs Review Days
Spring 2025 Natural Environment Field Season MEMO – Amphibians	**21-Mar-25**	**Info Only**	**Info**
Spring 2025 Natural Environment Field Season MEMO – Terrestrial and Aquatic	**ETA 31-Mar-25**	**Info Only**	**Info**
Draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC)	**13-Mar-25**	**14-April-25**	**32**
Update to: Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (Memo with 2025 spring season)	29-Jul-25	12-Aug-25	14
Draft ESR Indigenous Review: Chapter Schedule			
(1) Introduction and (2) Study Area	14-Feb-25	9-Apr-25	54
(5) Identification and Evaluation of Alternatives	3-Mar-25	9-Apr-25	37
(6) Project Description	3-Mar-25	9-Apr-25	37
(4) Environmental Inventory (non-natural environment sections)	15-May-25	12-June-25	28
(7) Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures	15-May-25	12-June-25	28
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Please note schedule adjustments in **BOLD

DKPL 2024/2025 Field Study Overview

Survey	Survey Timing	Survey Locations visited in 2024	Proposed Locations for 2025
Amphibian surveys	April to June	-	24
Breeding bird surveys	June	35	35
Ecological land classification (ELC) and botanical inventory	ELC - May to June Botanical Inventory - April to June	17	38
General wildlife surveys and habitat assessment	April to June	52 (*completed concurrently with BBS and ELC)	73
Fish and fish habitat surveys	May to June	23	Up to 5
Surface Water Assessment	May to June	23	Up to 5
eDNA	Spring to Fall	5	-
Butternut health assessment	June	1	1

Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC)

- The draft Cultural Heritage Existing Environmental Conditions (CHEC) report for the project has been released for community review from March 13th – April 14th.

- If you think there are potential heritage landscapes missing from the draft report, or simply areas of interest that have value to community values or cultural identity, please let us know so that we can discuss inclusion.

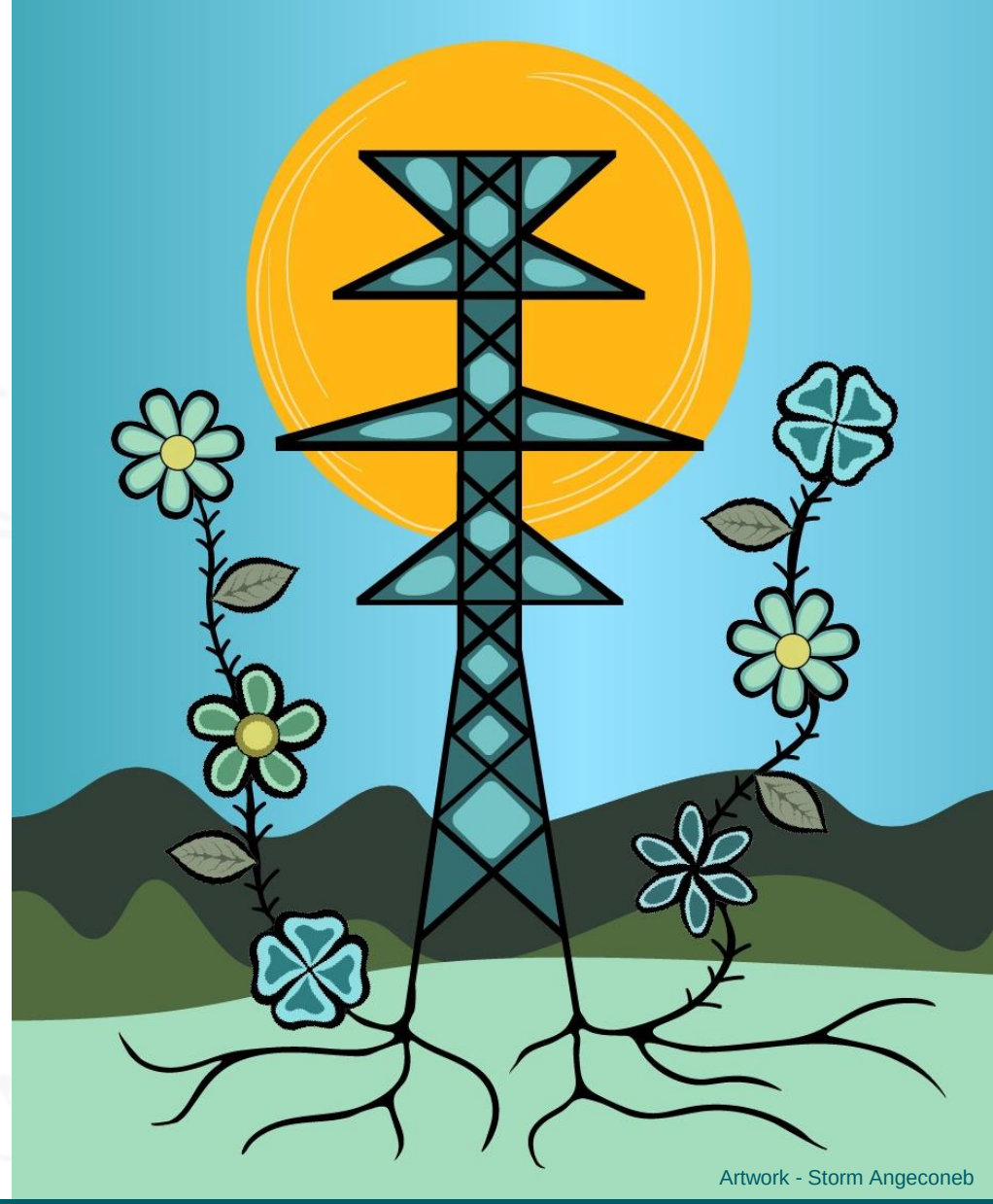
- **As always please reach out if your community requires more time to complete this review.**

Community Led Initiative

- A reminder that through the Multi Project Funding Agreement, funding for the Community Led Initiative is available as part of the DKPL Project.

- The funding, upon development of a work plan and budget can be utilized for the development of an initiative of shared value to both Parties to build an enduring and respectful relationship into the future.

    - Examples of funding initiatives include (but not limited to): the purchase of GIS software, biodiversity programs, community greenhouses and supporting kids camping programs.



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Pow Wow Sponsorships and Community Events

- As we are approaching the spring and summer seasons, the SE Project Team will be reaching out to provide sponsorships for the upcoming powwow and event season in March 2025.
    - The sponsorship and support is not limited to powwows, but can also include trade or career fairs, seasonal or harvesting events/celebrations or Indigenous People's Days events.
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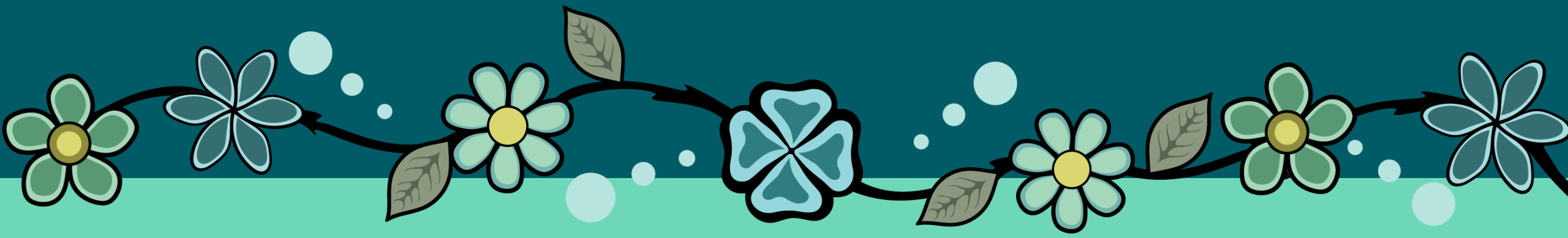
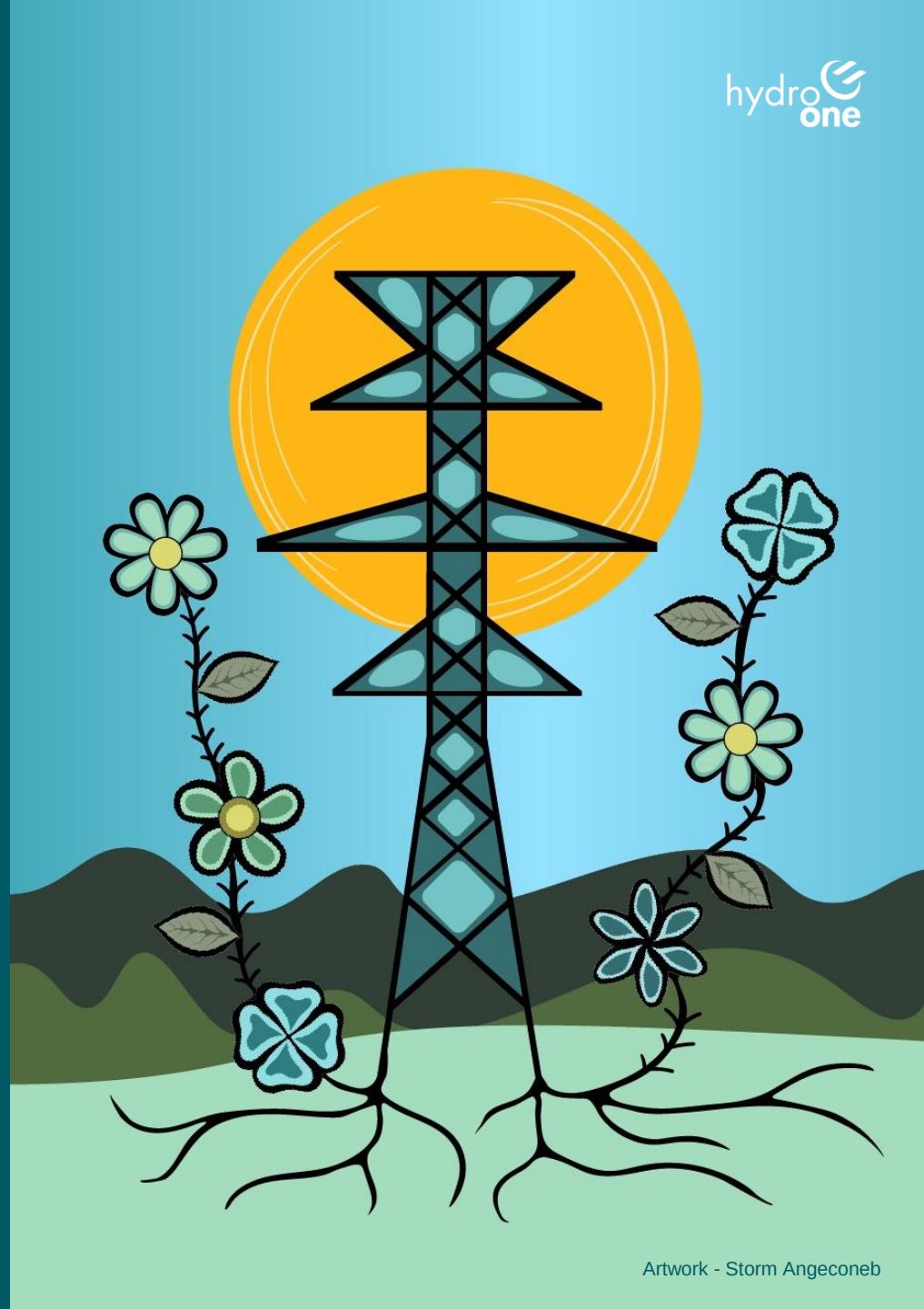


SharePoint Site Trial

On March 10th, it was communicated again that a shared access site for Project related information would be beneficial.

Traditionally, Hydro One owned SharePoint sites have provided complex IT barriers to external users.

Hydro One IR is working with Hydro One IT for a solution and would like to trial a SharePoint site with one community to ensure that this tool is the best option for a common access information source.



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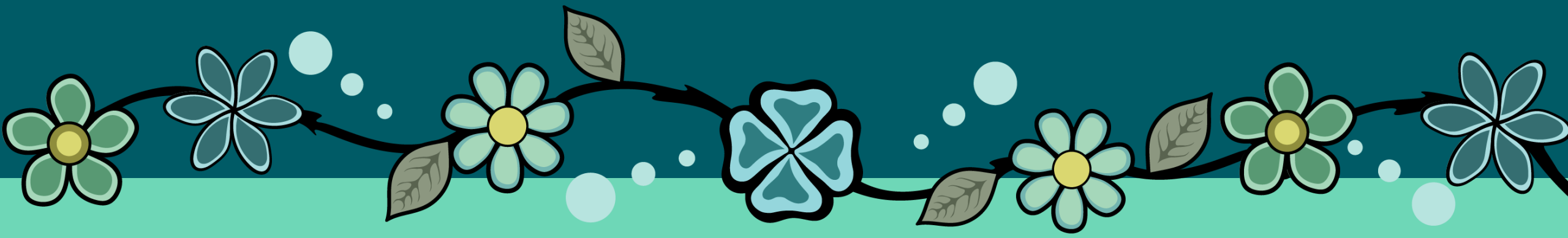

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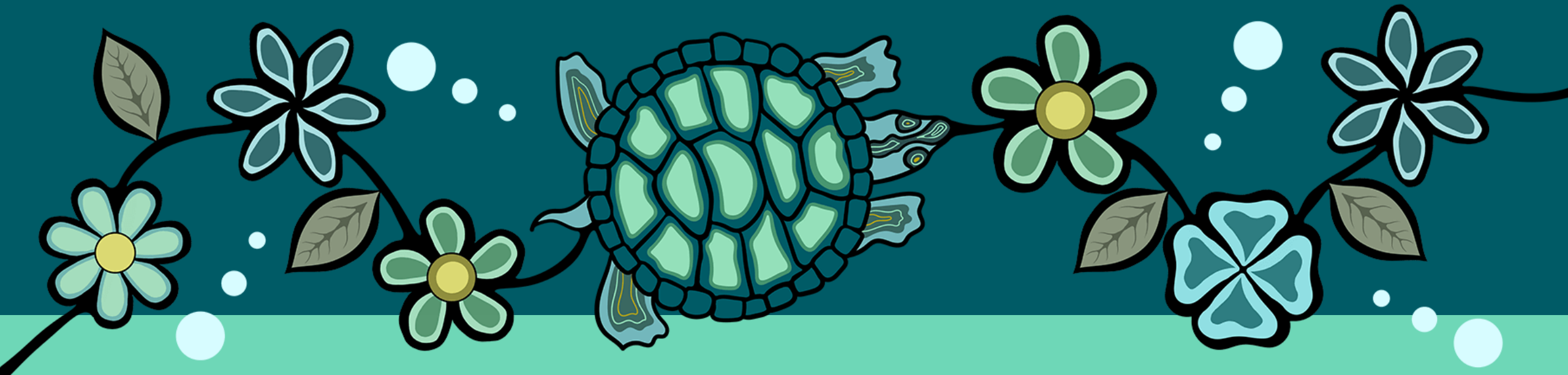

Southeast Hydro One Projects Meeting

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2. Hydro One Forestry Protocol – HONI IR + Foresry

4. Break

5. DKPL Project Update

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  - Draft ESR - Upcoming Chapter Releases
  - 2025 Field Studies

6. Holt SS Project Update

- **Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions**
  - Stage ½ Archaeology + Bowmanville SS Overlap

7. Bowmanville SS Expansion Project Update

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8. Business Development: Future Projects

9. Closing Remarks

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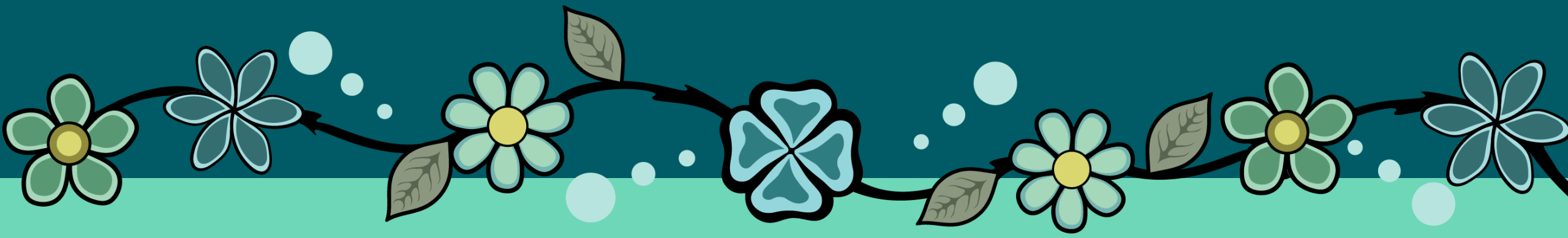

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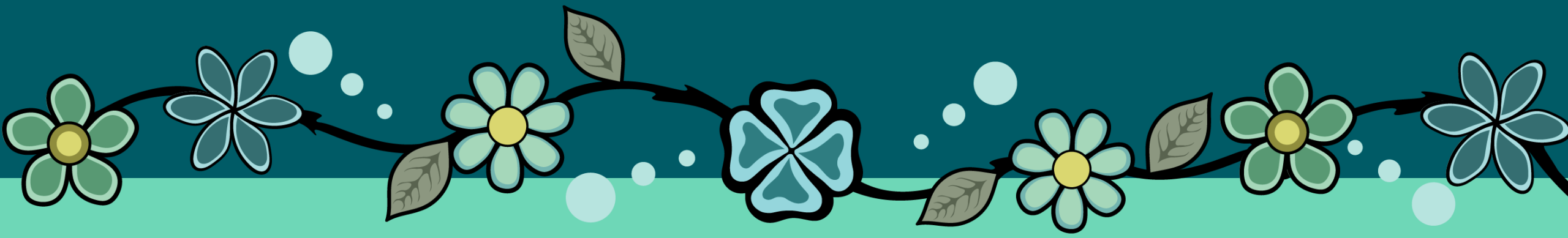

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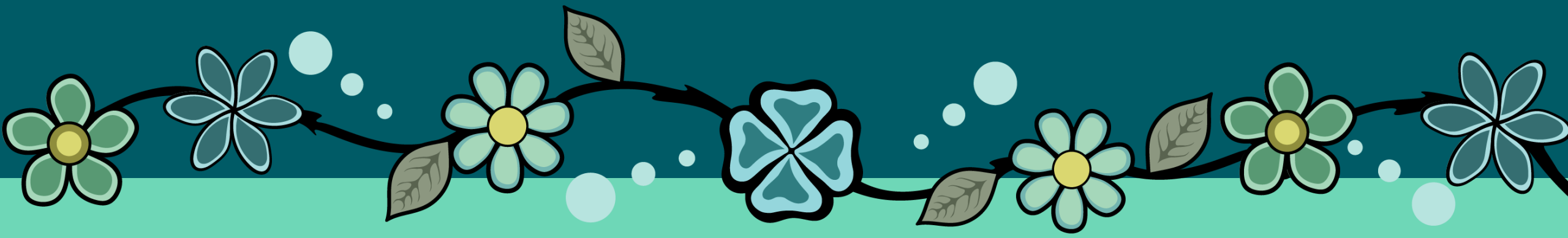

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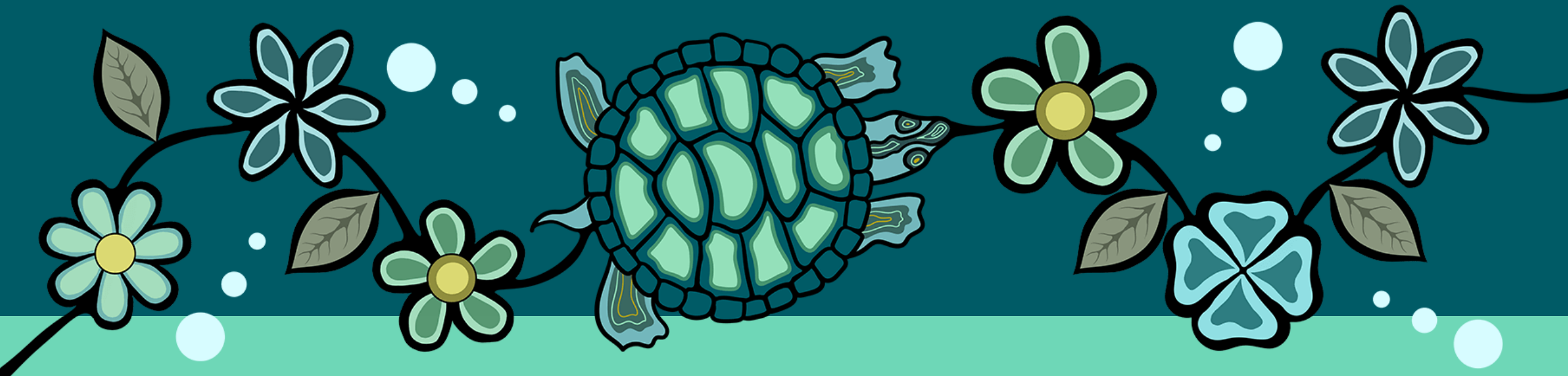

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- DKPL Project Update
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  - Draft ESR Schedule and Upcoming Releases
    - Review of Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use concerns and mitigation measures in Chapter 7
    - Draft document discussion
  - Field Studies Update
  - Biodiversity Initiative Introduction
  - TK Studies Current Status - Communities to share update
- Holt SS Project Update
  - Project Next Steps (construction start)
  - Ongoing Project Initiatives – HONI IR and Environment (+ Open Floor Questions)
  - Archaeology Study Update
  - Construction Start
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  - Archaeology Study Update
  - Natural Environment Study Update
  - Geotechnical
- New Project Update
  - HONI to provide an update on new potential projects and next steps.
- Round Table Discussion
  - NationsConnect suggestion
  - Offer of separate meeting to address community-specific comments
  - Data sharing protocol with project team
  - Update on Forestry Activities (If Applicable)
- Closing Remarks

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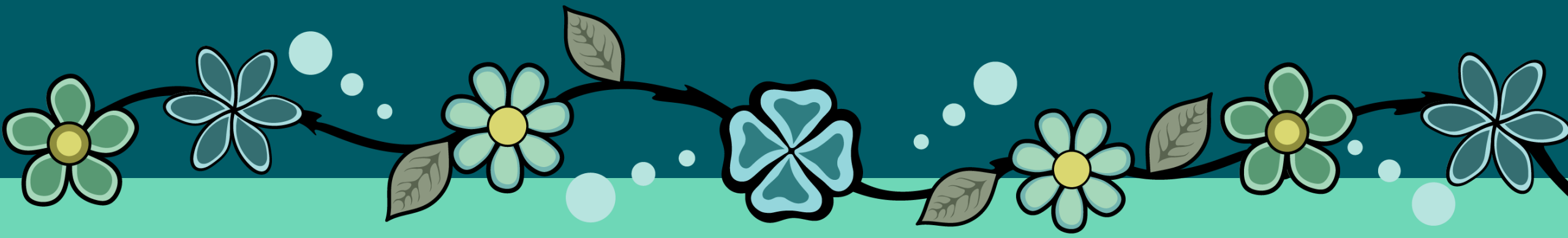

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Chapter 7 Including a Table for Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Concerns and Mitigation Measures

Idea to Collaborate and Specifically Discuss Mitigations/commitments regarding First Nation concerns

Concern	Potential Project Effects	Committed Mitigation Measures
Consultation	Continued Indigenous consultation post Environmental Assessment	• Hydro One views First Nations as our project partners, and is committed to continuing an open dialogue and engagement with First Nations for the life of the project. This includes providing regular updates on Project activities and construction/work schedules after the Environmental Assessment has concluded. After the asset is in-service, the Indigenous Relations team will continue to keep communication open regarding the maintenance of the asset. • Hydro One will continue to support commitments relating to maintaining relationships of mutual respect with First Nations and seek to identify community concerns and build appropriate actions into Project plans to address addressed concerns. • Some communities may conduct Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) studies related to the Project. Should these communities wish to share some or all of the findings from these studies with Hydro One and the construction contractor, this information will be taken into consideration during the construction planning of the Project to the extent practical. • Hydro One and their EPC Contractor will ensure that First Nations have the opportunity to review he Project EMP prior to construction. • Hydro One welcomes any early input from First Nations on post-construction restoration including species of interest or seed mixes to be considered.
Archaeological Resources	Disturbance to lands with potential to contain archaeological resources.	• Archaeological field work will be completed before construction and First Nation communities will be provided opportunities to participate in the field surveys and review the findings and archaeological assessment reports. • If archaeological artifacts are encountered during construction, work in the vicinity will cease and a licensed archaeologist will be engaged immediately to ensure compliance with the *Ontario Heritage Act, 1990*. • Hydro One has committed to completing Stage 2 archaeology using enhanced pedestrian survey methodology. Additionally, Hydro One has committed to completing Stage 2 work on some areas previously assessed.

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Future Biodiversity Initiative

Following the completion of the Class EA, Hydro One will host a workshop to introduce its Biodiversity Initiative. This program will involve Hydro One funding habitat creation and enhancement projects to offset any net habitat loss from the DKPL Project.

The program is still being developed, but based on other projects of this magnitude the minimum requirements/criteria for those who are interested in participating would require the following:

- Must involve creation or enhancement of habitat
- Must be located on secured lands, i.e., where the habitat lands are secured in perpetuity
- Submit a Letter of Interest Package which will include the project scope, feasible budget, long-term management strategy, and an appropriate for site conditions

Hydro One will evaluated and ranked. Opportunities located within the tertiary watersheds traversed by the DKPL Project (North Lake Ontario Shoreline, Scugog River, Kawartha Lakes, Otonabee River) will be prioritized.

The First Nations Equity Partnership Model and Southeast Hydro One Major Projects

Chippewa Tri-Council | June 13, 2025

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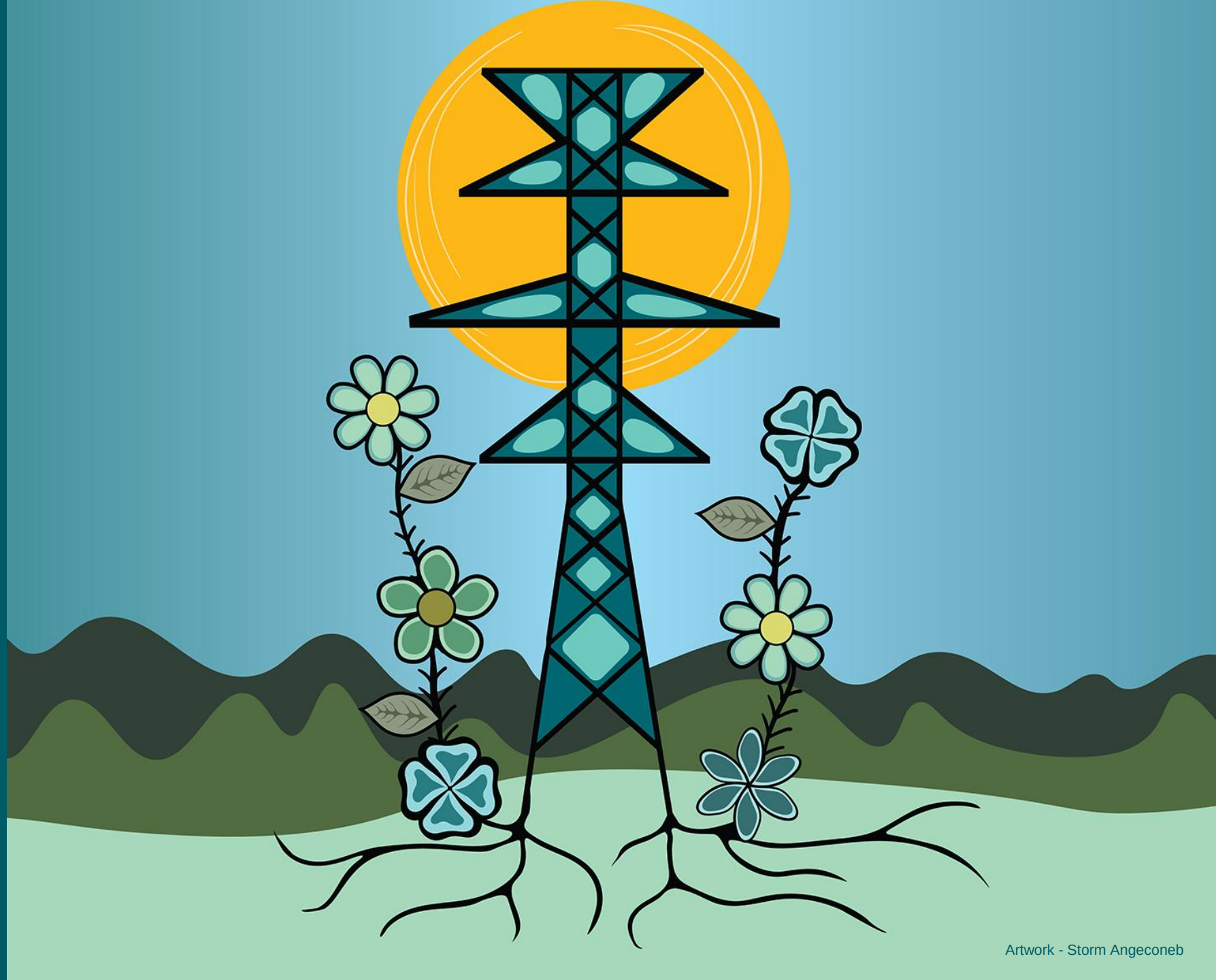
5. **New Project - Bowmanville to Greater Toronto**

6. **Capacity Funding**

7. **Open Floor and/or Closing Remarks**

Partnership in Action:

First Nations Equity Partnership Model



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The industry-leading First Nations Equity Partnership Model applies to every new transmission line project over $100 million in Ontario.

50% Equity

All applicable First Nations are offered the opportunity to invest in 50% of the equity of a line built through partnership

Regulated Rate of Return

That equity attracts a regulated rate of return set by the OEB of 8-10% historically

Access Capital

We actively support First Nations accessing capital for their investments at reasonable costs

Collaboration

More than equity – this model includes collaboration on project development and decision making

Meaningful Partnership: More than Equity

Hydro One collaborates with First Nation partners throughout all stages of the project, from the beginning including:

Community-led Engagement:

- Listening, understanding, and supporting needs and priorities of communities and integrating into project planning

Funding:

- Provide funding to support participation in all phases of the project

Project Integration:

- Advance major project milestones and decisions together
- Support in review of project materials, including all aspects of the Environmental Assessment
- Work together to identify procurement capacity and training and employment opportunities

Hydro One & First Nations Partnering on Generational Economic Opportunity

We are determined to continue making progress towards being the trusted partner of choice to First Nation governments. We know that we have more work to do, but we are committed to these partnerships.

Negotiations underway on
10 Transmission Line Projects
in Ontario, with additional pending

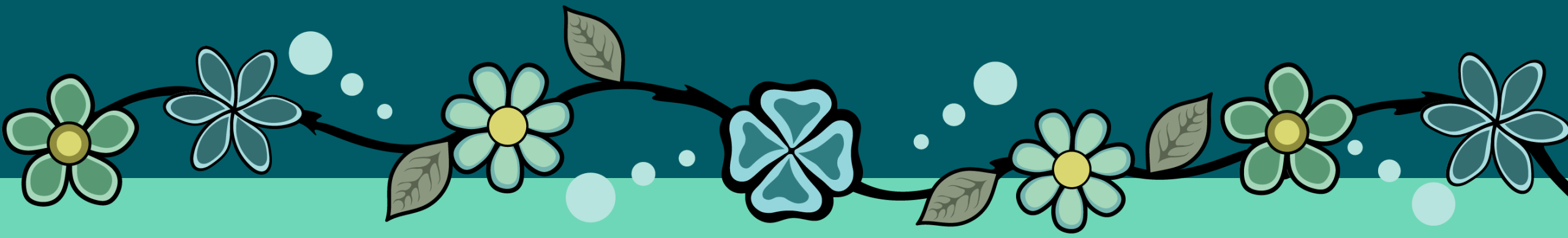
67 communities
engaged

Estimated
+/-$1.5 billion investment opportunity
for partner First Nations

Potential revenues of
$75-150 million
annually

(*subject to investment decision by partner First Nations on how to finance investment)

Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project



Durham Kawartha Powerline Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Potential underground line
- Selected route alternative B
- Preferred route
- Local study area (500 m on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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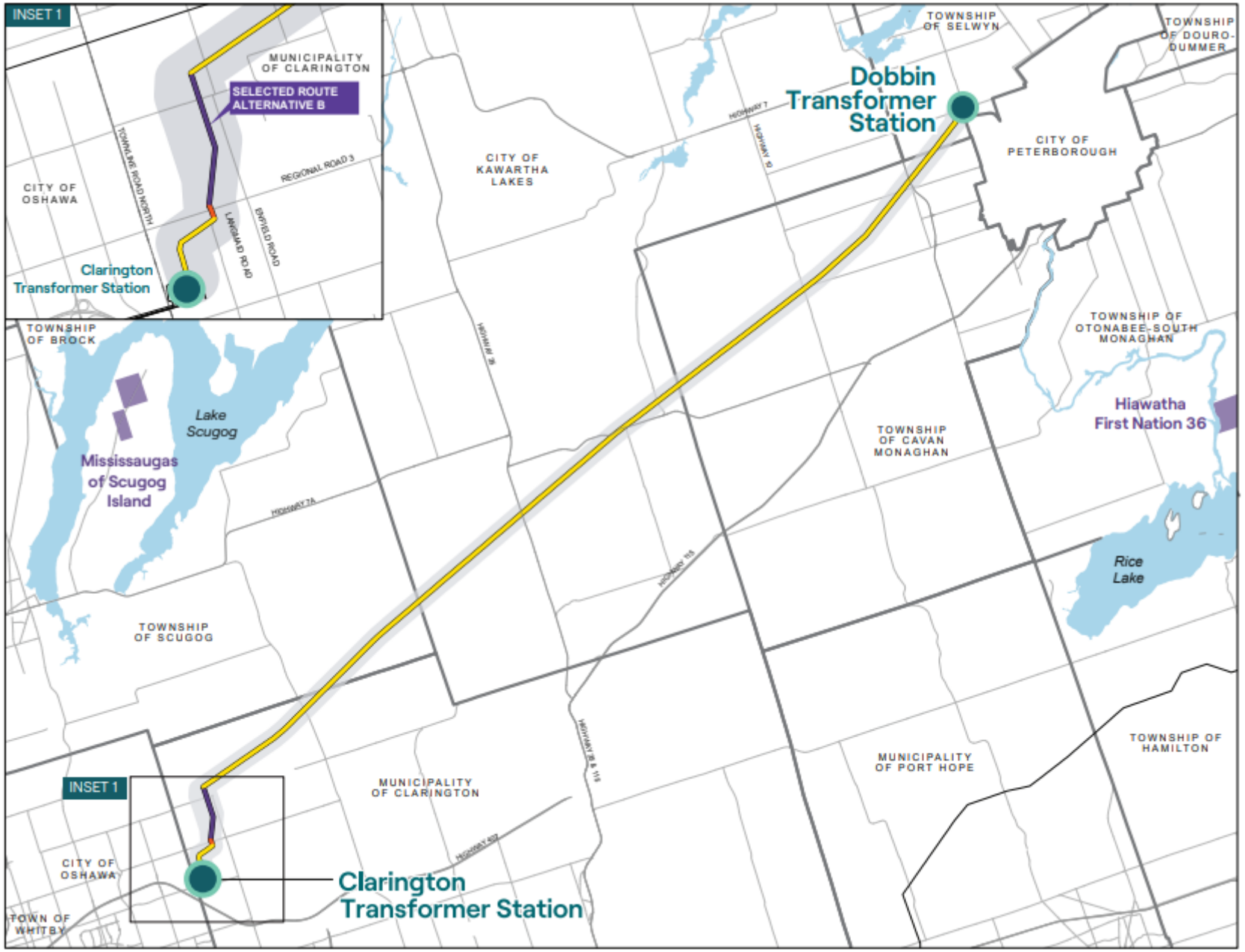


Project Milestones

June 2024
Notice of Commencement & Community Open House #1 (Introduction of Project)

Spring/Summer 2024
Environmental field studies & research to support the Class EA

Winter/Spring 2025
Announcement of the preferred route, Community Open House #2

Summer/Fall 2025
Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review/comment

Late 2025
Finalize ESR to complete the Class EA, and project permits and approvals

2026
Completion of detailed design and other permits and approvals, including Section 92 approval from the Ontario Energy Board

2027
Proposed Construction Start

2029 (or sooner)
Line Energized

DKPL: Project Review and 2025 Look Ahead

2023 & Early 2024:

- Project Designation
- Project Scope & Refinement

June 2024:

- Notice of Commencement
- Community open houses #1
- Onboarding of WSP, HONI environmental consultant

Summer 2024:

- Consultation and engagement opportunities
- Field study commencement
- ECI RFP

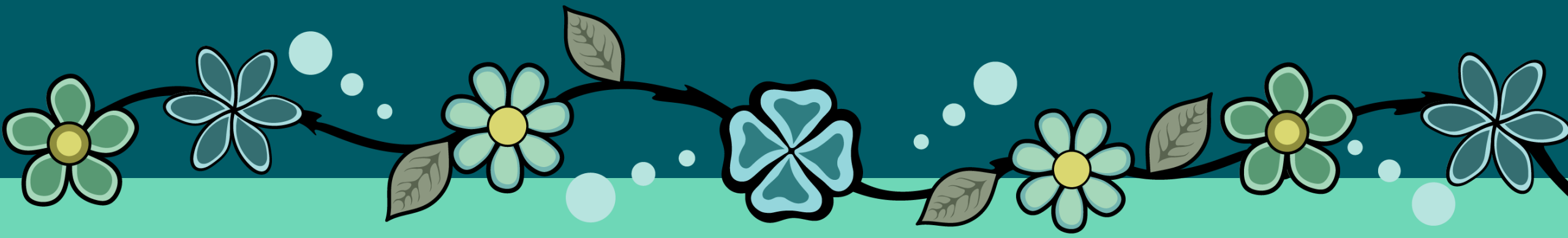
Fall 2024:

- Planning for 2025 field work
- Establishment of monthly project updates for First Nation Communities & further definition of project opportunities
- Route evaluation
- Stage 1 Arch Report Review and prep for Stage 2 fieldwork
- ECIs selected

Spring/Summer 2025 Upcoming Items:

- Sharing of the **Draft Environmental Study Report** for First Nation review and comment
- Natural Environment Spring 2025 **Field Work** + Monitoring
- Stage 2 Archaeology Field Work + **Monitoring**
- 2025 Community **Open Houses**
- Ongoing consultation and information sharing and participation opportunities
- ECI introduction and outreach to First Nations communities

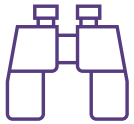
Capacity Funding



Value of Capacity Funding and Engagement

Actively engaging with our team enables several key opportunities with projects:

- **Direct involvement** in shaping development in your Treaty area.

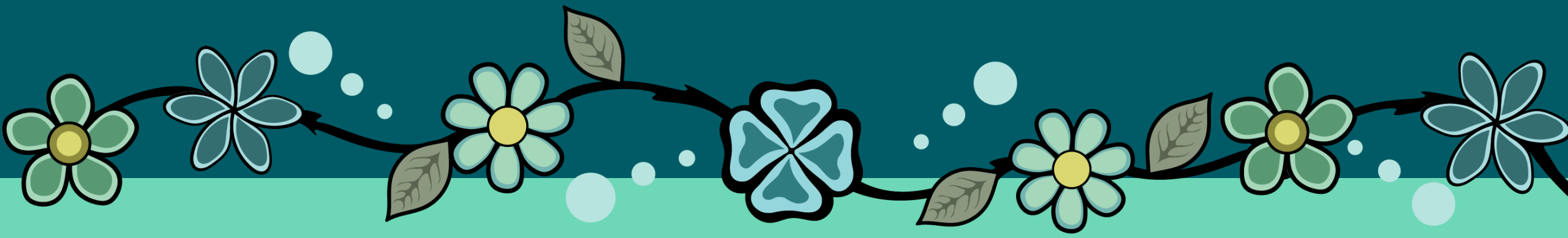


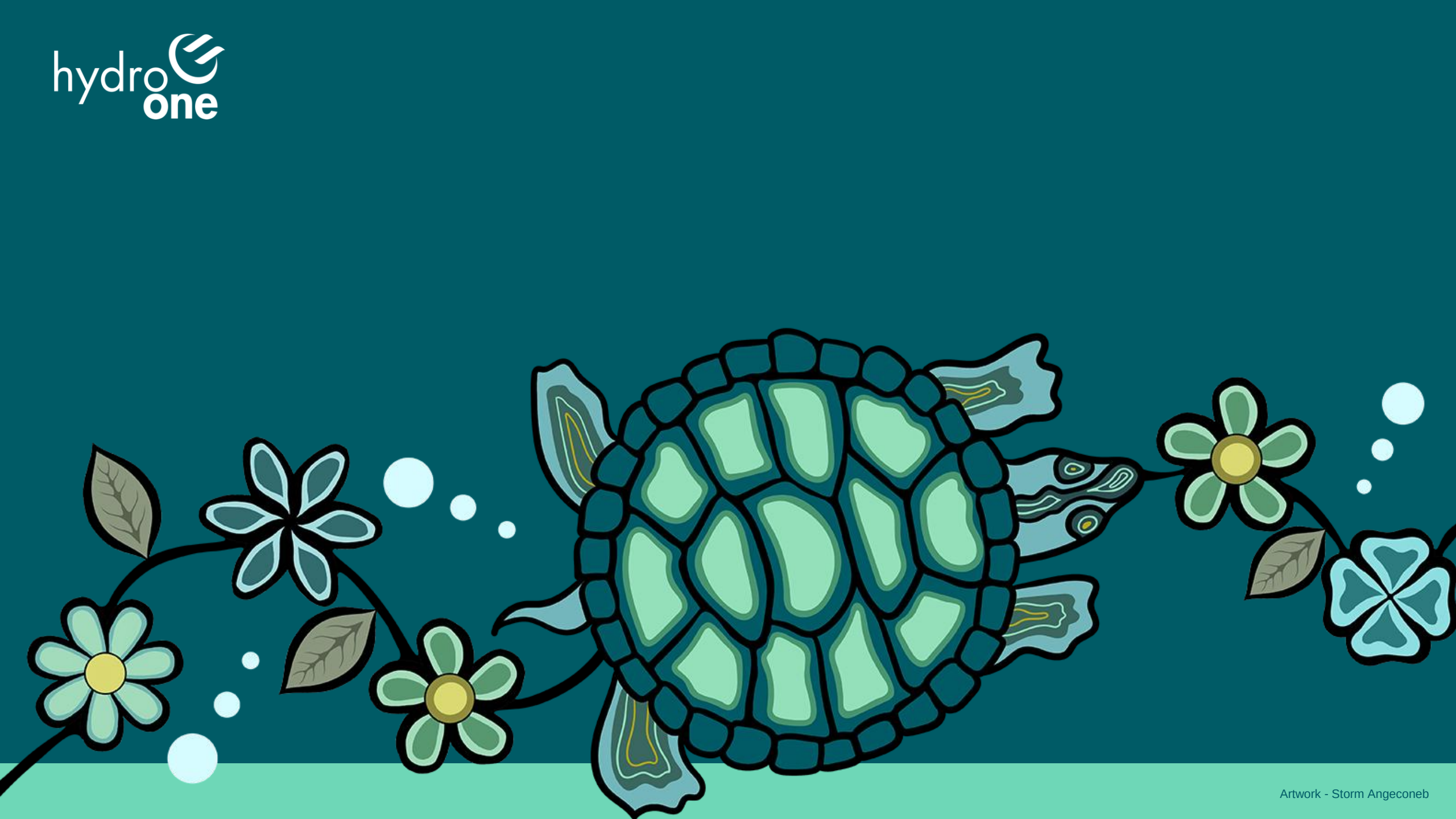
- **Monitoring** roles that could employ members.

- **Opportunities** that could enrich your community.

- **Equity partnership** that offer long-term benefits.

Open Floor Discussion





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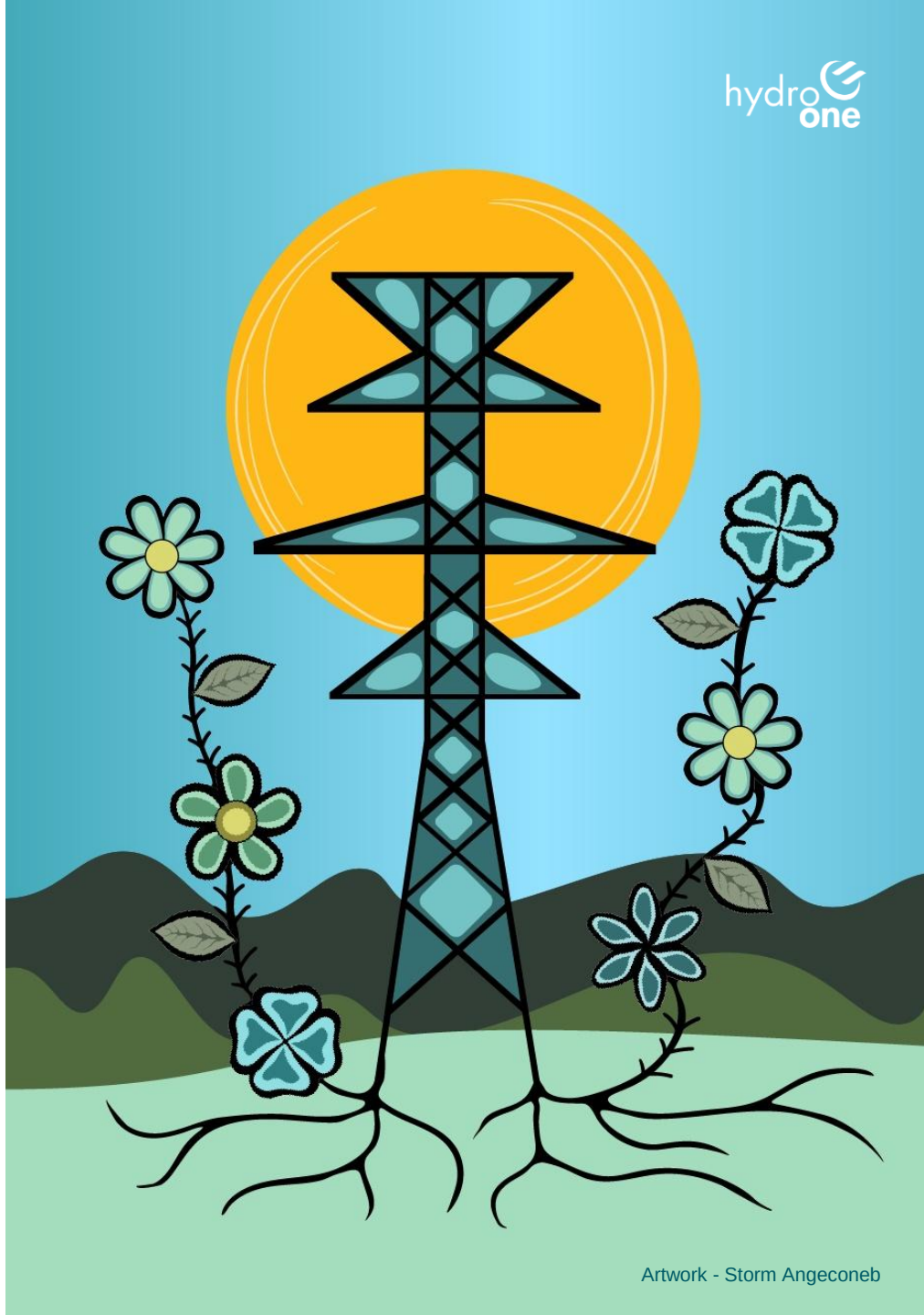
Life Cycle Engagement: How We Work Together

The Indigenous Relations life cycle team aids and liaise with Indigenous groups and Hydro One Lines of Business for:

- Life Cycle Projects – South Simcoe Line Project Update
- Connection Requests
- Community Development Planning
- Facilitating Business Partnerships
- Community Investment and Events
- Forestry Work
- Wood Pole Replacement
- Joint Use and Broadband
- Permits



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Indigenous Procurement

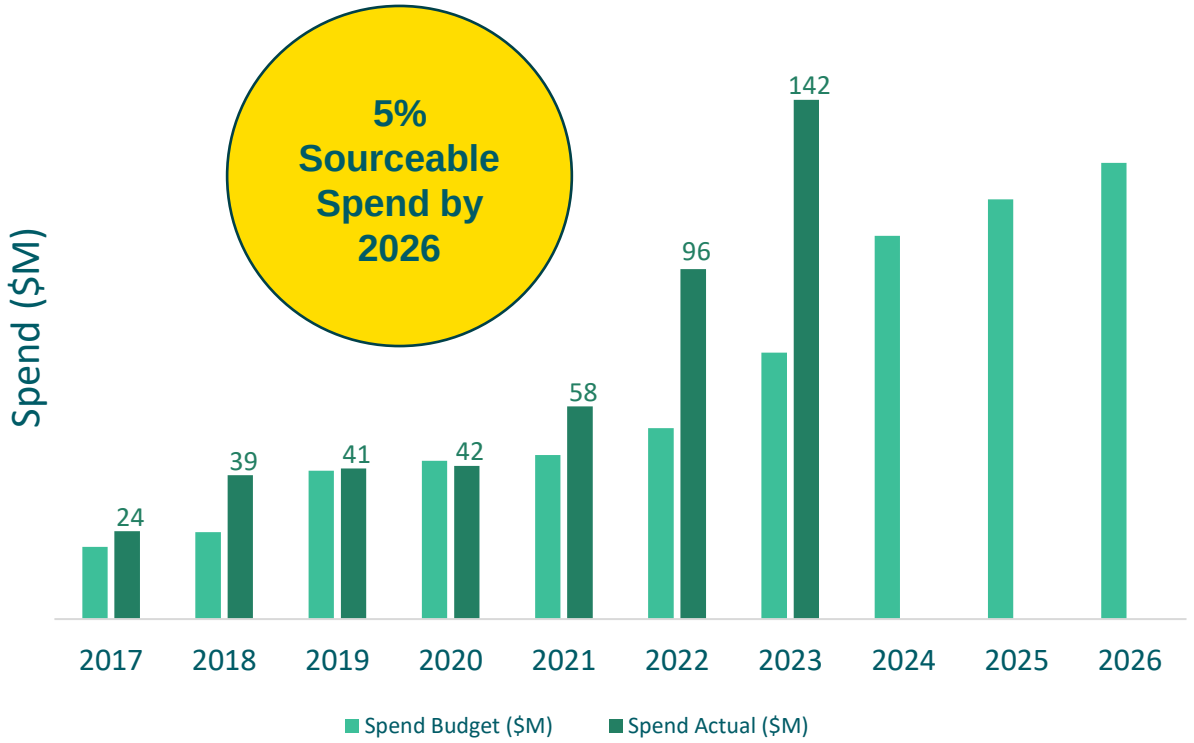
Indigenous Procurement Program Objectives at Hydro One

- Supporting Indigenous communities and their businesses with **procurement opportunities** since 2012
- Support the development and expansion of **capacity and capability** of Indigenous suppliers
- Promote **business and workforce development** for Indigenous businesses, to foster new relationships and strengthen existing ones

Expand our Indigenous Procurement program to meet our goal by 2026.

Extend our Indigenous procurement policy and practices across our supply chain to ensure best practices with tier 1 and tier 2 suppliers.

Retain & Grow ensures that the Indigenous businesses that we have identified are able to connect with leadership at Hydro One, do better understand our business needs and opportunities.



We are happy to connect you with our Indigenous Procurement team for any questions/inquiries.

2025 Indigenous Procurement Potential Opportunities

- Industrial/construction parts and suppliers
- Concrete and aggregates
- Hardware/software services and maintenance
- IT infrastructure services
- Facilities maintenance and security
- Waste services
- Collaboration with approved vendors for engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) projects

Note: this list is not region specific

Community Investment

Our Community Investment program is committed to supporting the communities where we live and work. Through local donations and sponsorships, we are helping build safe communities. We support programs, events, and initiatives that focus on safety training and safe play. We encourage CTC to apply to our community investment portal: https://forms.benevity.org/1de8ee13-776b-44dd-b4e1-756598731677

- Proud sponsor of the Little NHL
- Ice Storm 2025 Recovery Grant
- Energizing Life Community Fund
- Indigenous or Diversity Equity Inclusion Grant
- Powwow sponsorships

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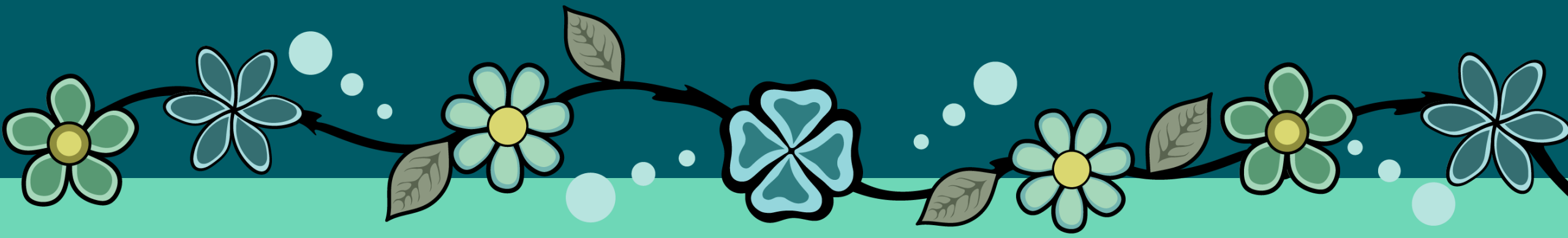

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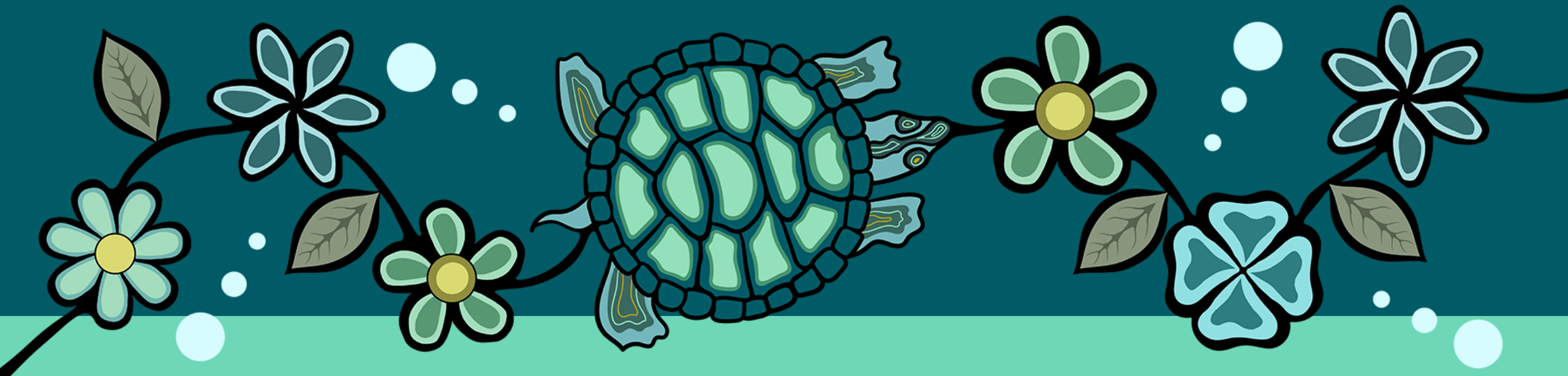

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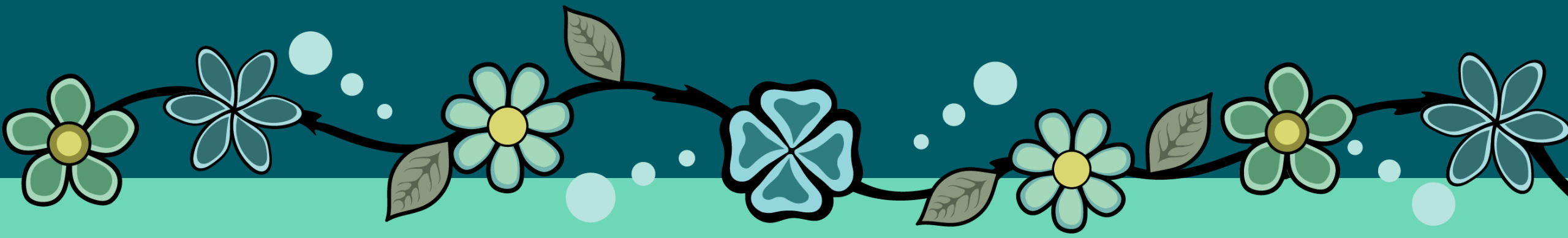
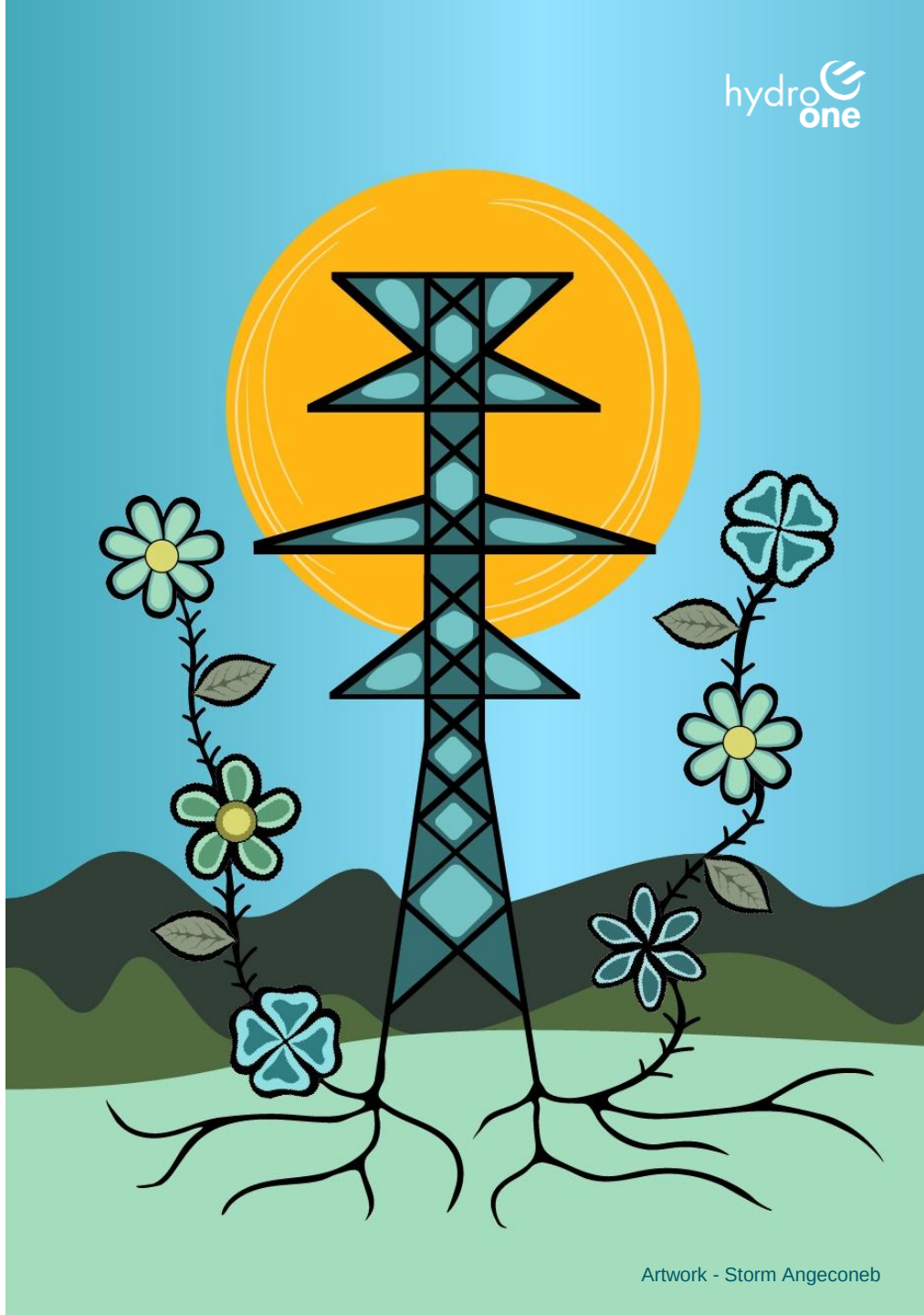


DKPL – Environmental Update

- Field Season Wrap Up:
  - Completed the Natural Environment Program except for Butternut Surveys (happening today)
  - Archaeology is ongoing
- ESR early review is continuing (next slide)
- Continuing to work with our Early Contractor Involvement groups (Forbes and Powertel) to share information received during the EA and set them up for success during the design/construction.



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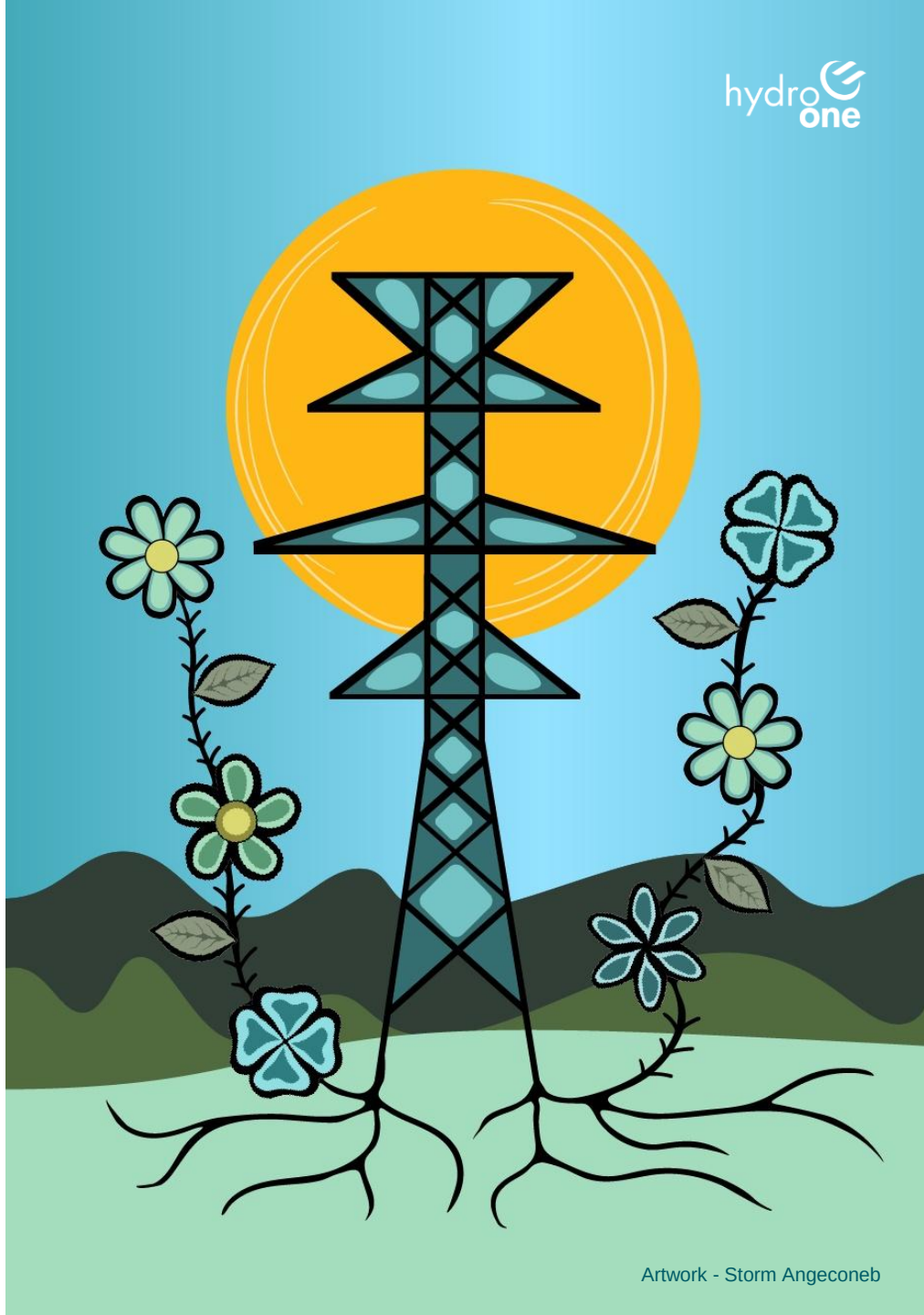
(7) Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures	27-June-25	28-July-25	31
(8) Effects Monitoring	27-June-25	28-July-25	31
(3) Consultation up until end of April	18-July-25	15-Aug-25	TBD
~~(7) Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures (2025 field data Update)~~	~~1-Aug-25~~	~~15-Aug-25~~	~~14~~
Fulsome Draft ESR: 30-Day Public Review Period	Oct-25		30

Previously we discussed a new addition to Chapter 7, a new table looking specifically at Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Concerns and Mitigation Measures. We'd like to open the floor for any input/questions/comments today? If not, we look forward to comments at the end of the month. We'd also be happy to discuss with individual First Nations in August for inclusion into the Draft ESR.

If we'd like to review during the meeting: Link to document here: 7 and 8 - Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigations Measures and Effects Monitoring

DKPL – Engineering Update

- 230 kV Line Design
  - ECIs are continuing their designs along the existing ROW
  - ECIs having continued engagements with Nations
  - EPC selection planned for Q1 2026
- Station Design
  - Layouts are finalized, detailed design ongoing
  - Dobbin: Designing entry line connections (5x230 kV Circuits)
  - Skywire replacement at Dobbin Station



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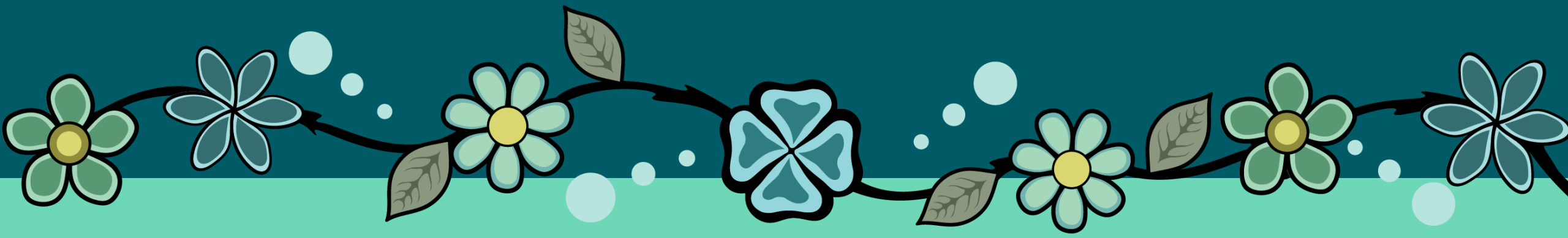

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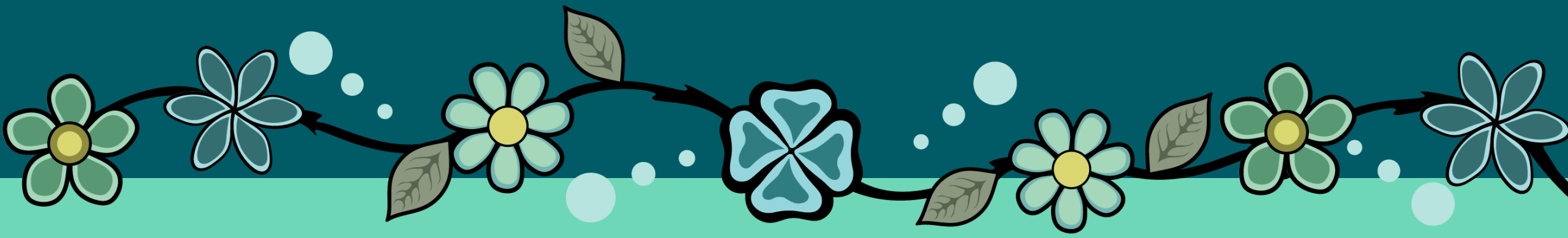

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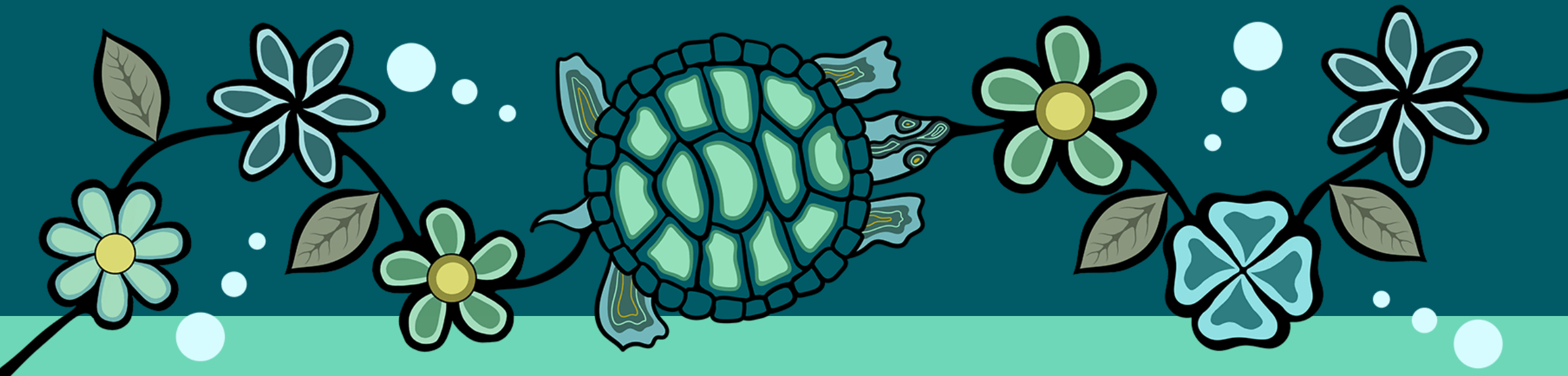

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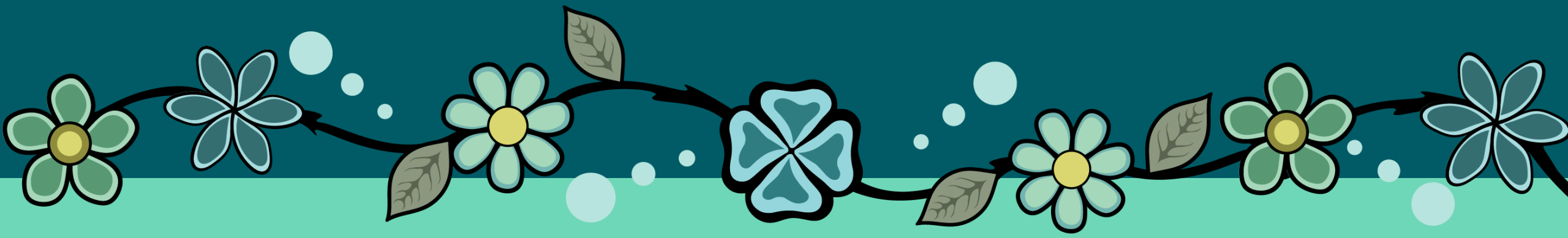
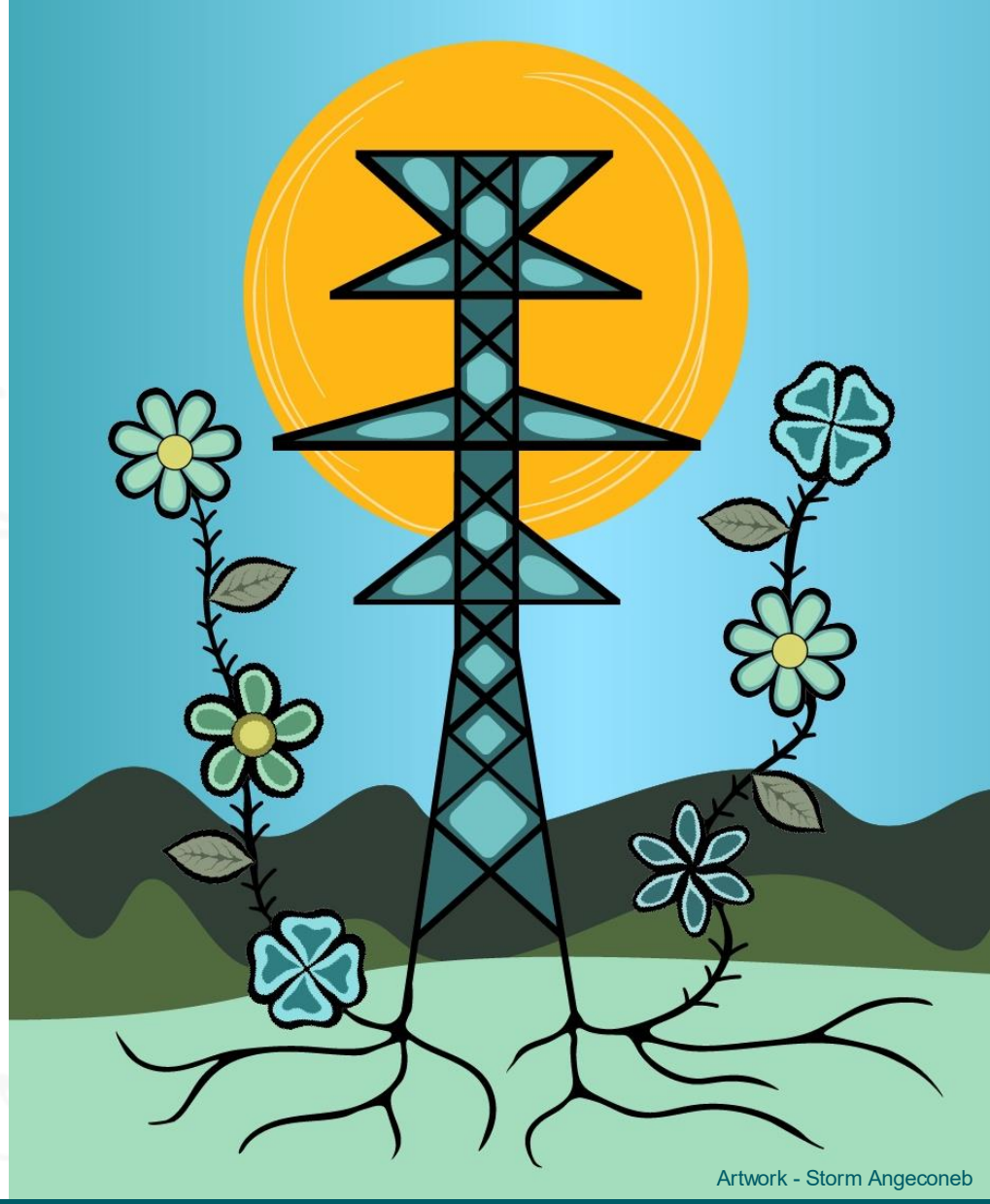


Upcoming Projects & To-Dos

- Proposed Projects
  - At this time, we have no additional details on other proposed projects. We will keep you up to date as we have new information available.
  - Thank you for your support as we seek out these new opportunities.
- Getting Organized(ish)
  - We are in the process of developing a virtual "filing cabinet" workspace that will centralize all HONI information and reduce administrative burden for your teams.
  - The intent is to have one secure spot for all the major project information at your fingertips.
- Archaeology Monitor Training
  - HONI will be supporting GIFN in developing a monitoring training program at their request; please let us know if any community members would like to be included in the training.

DKPL – Environmental Update

- Winter Studies
  - HONI has connected with AFN and MSIFN who have led the request for a winter study approach.
  - HONI has proposed a meeting with a WSP biologist to help develop the study scope further. (Late August).
  - All nations are welcome to participate and guide this exercise.



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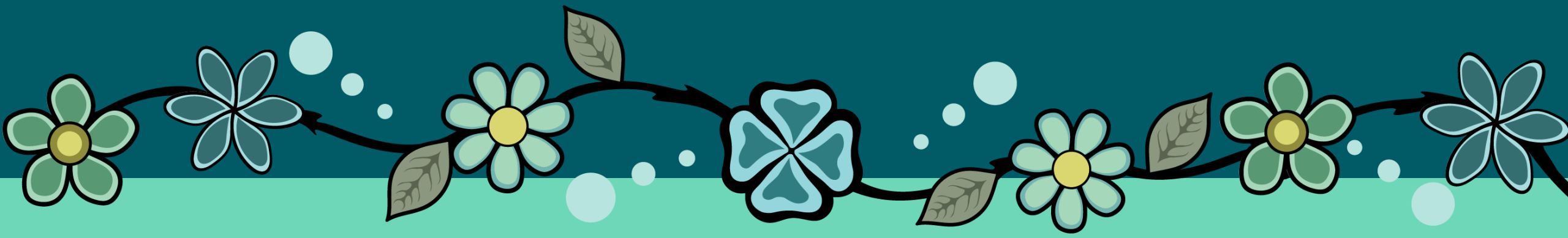

Construction Methods

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- Construction **does not include:** developing the entire width of the ROW, fencing that would impede wildlife movements, open pits, multiple dump trucks, etc.
- We will construct access roads and stringing pads
  - e.g. 5m out of 40m at a time
- Linear infrastructure = building sections at a time: foundation, structure assembly and stringing/clamping, then move along to the next section.

Mitigations

- We avoid areas that have not been cleared for Archeology
- Construction of access roads, culverts, bridges, wooden matting
- We use construction sequencing
- We implement erosion controls before disturbance

Restoration

- Post-construction, the contractors are responsible for restoring the sites to “net-zero” condition. This includes resolving soil compaction and removing temporary access roads.

Photo of a restored area from the Chatham-Lakeshore project

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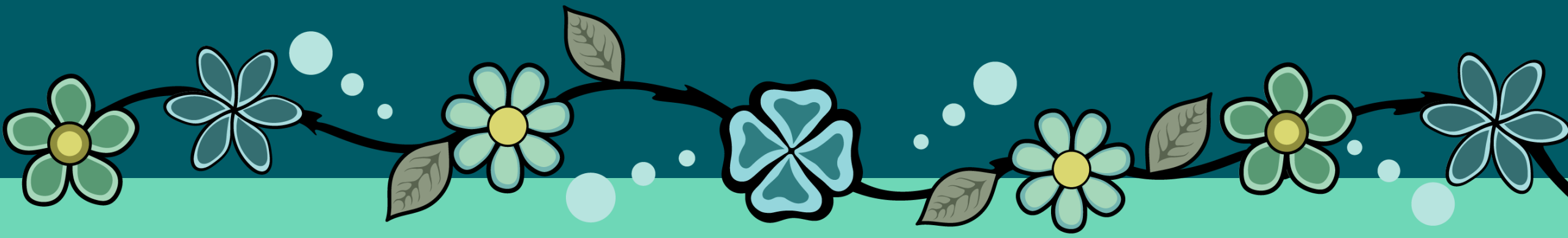

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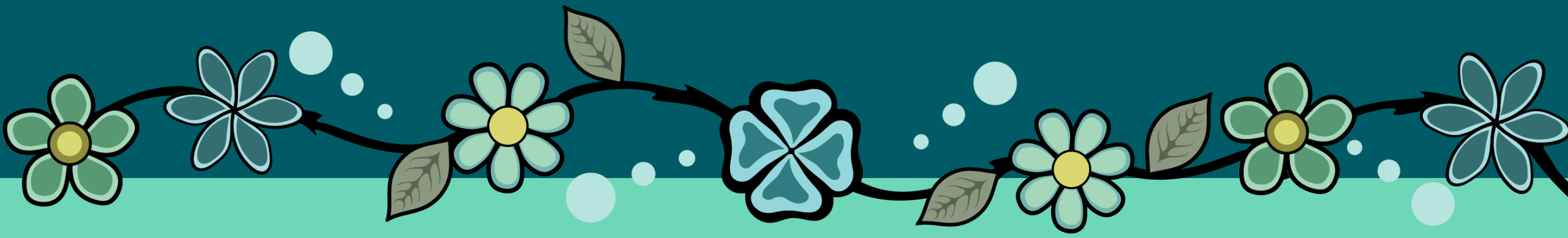

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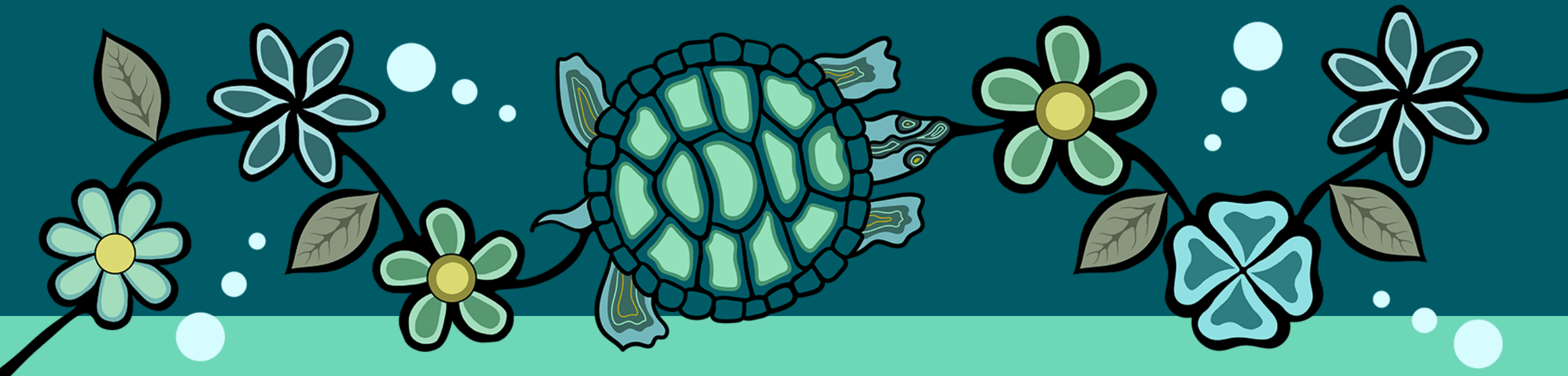

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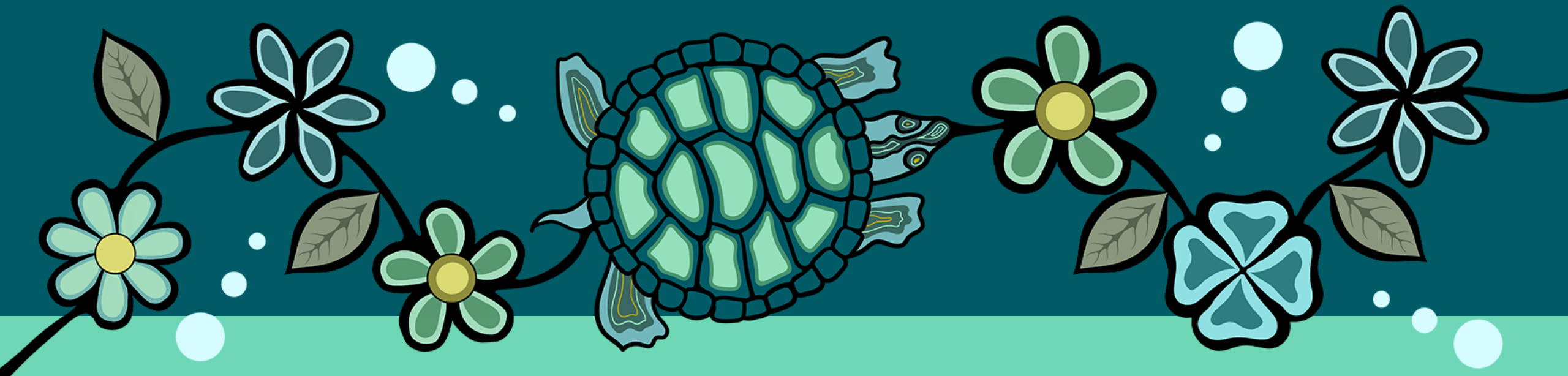

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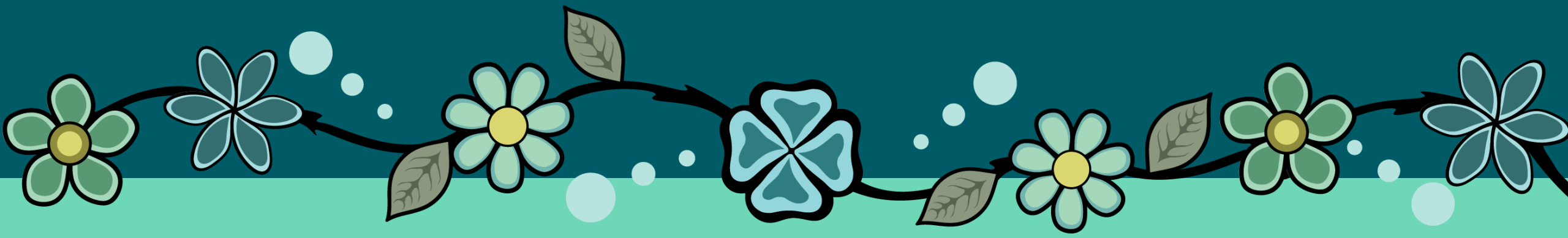

Housekeeping

- Winter Studies
  - Conversations are ongoing
- Essa-Hanmer Project
  - New team is being onboarded
- "Winter Wind Down"
  - Future meetings, preferred schedule
- 2026 Road Show
  - Can we come over?

DKPL Draft Environmental Study Report

- The draft ESR is complete.
- In late October, the draft is published for a 30-day public comment period ending November 27, 2025
- We look forward to your review and comments.
- Archaeology work is paused for the weather, return to field is TBD.

DKPL Engineering Updates

- RFP Bids are out to Forbes Bros and PowerTel/VictorEnergy. Bids close Nov. 21, 2025.
- EPC selection is expected to be in Jan 2026
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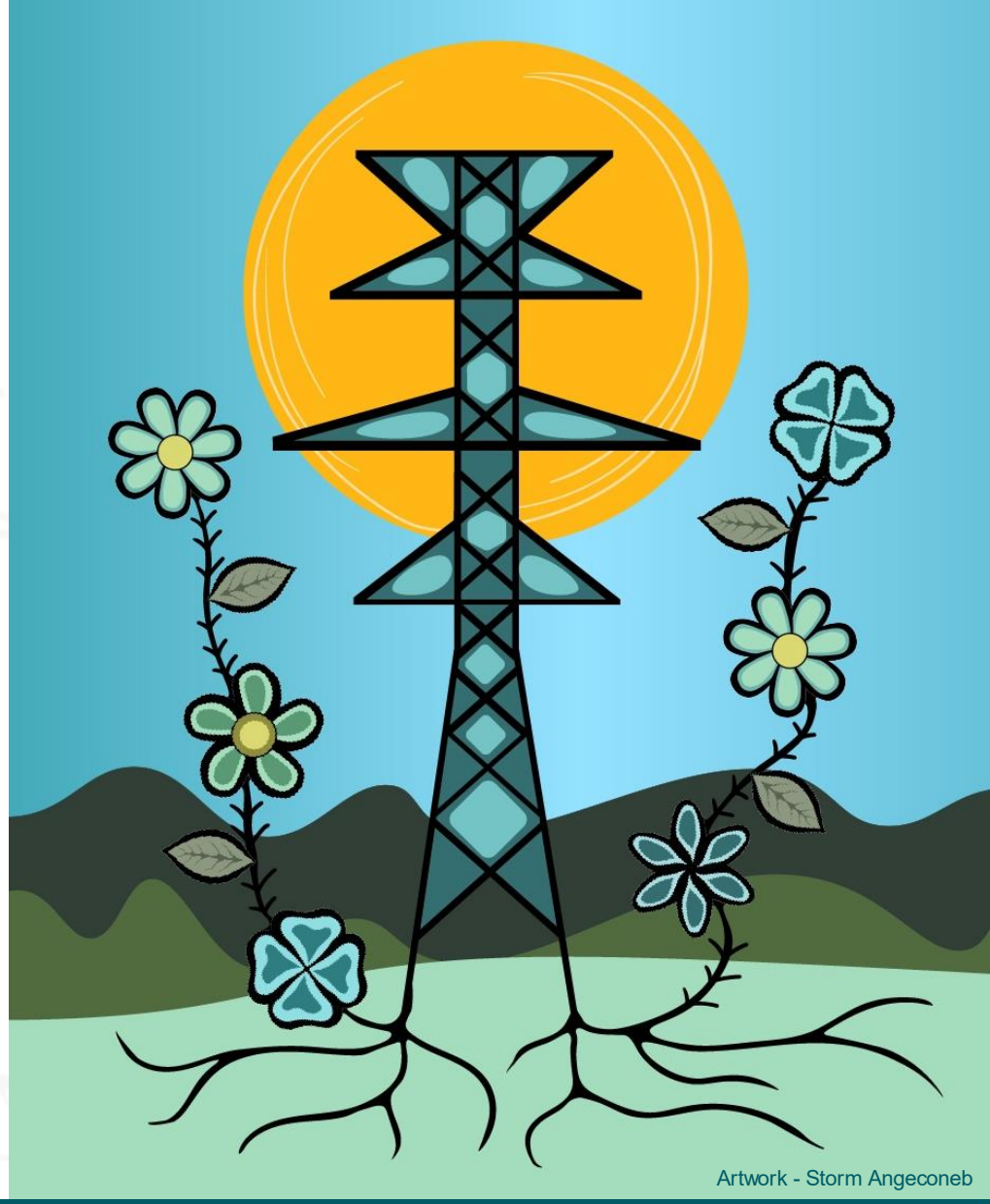
- FN Environmental and Arc monitors are requested during construction, through the EPC.



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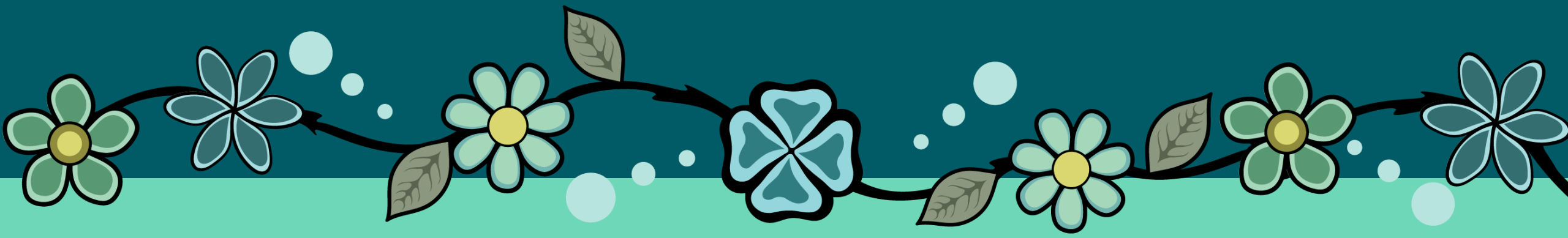

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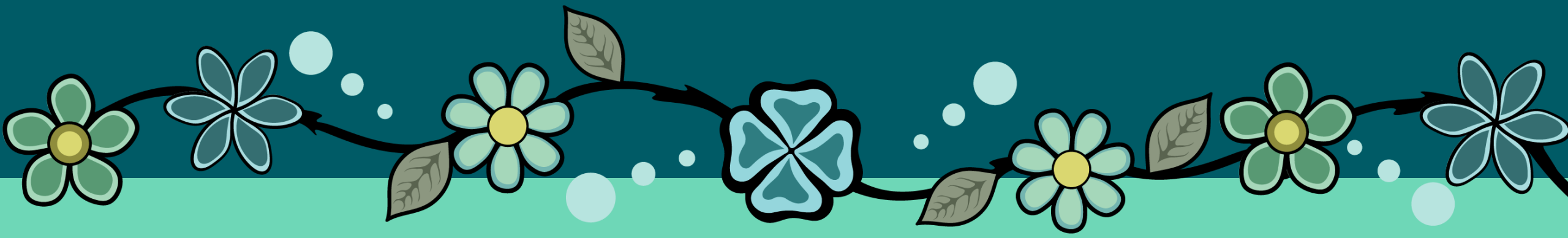

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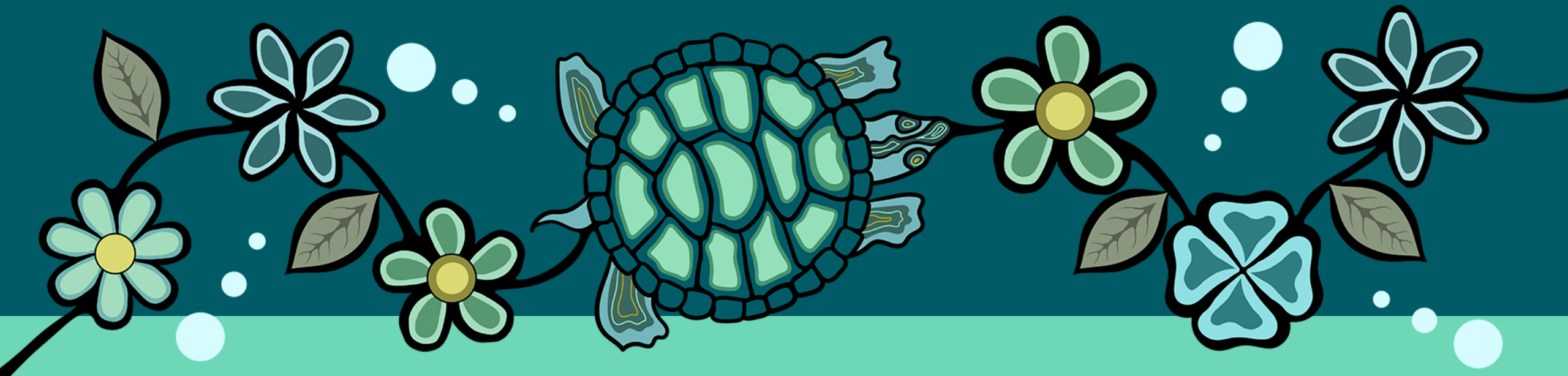

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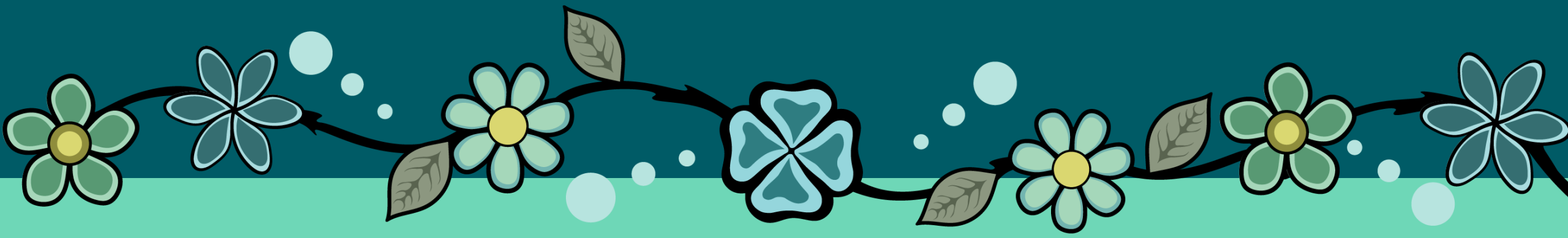

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- Draft ESR closed for comments on Nov 28, 2025. Final ESR expected to be completed by end of January.
- EPC contractor bid evaluations ongoing, expecting to select a contractor by end of February 2026.
- Ground Surveying ongoing to determine property boundaries to support easements and eventual construction.

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A plug to remind you that CFA funds are available for you to access to support a community initiative of your choice.

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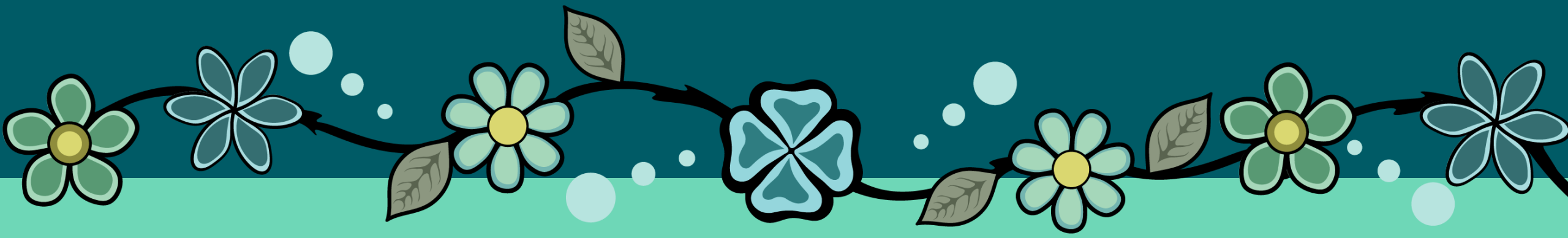

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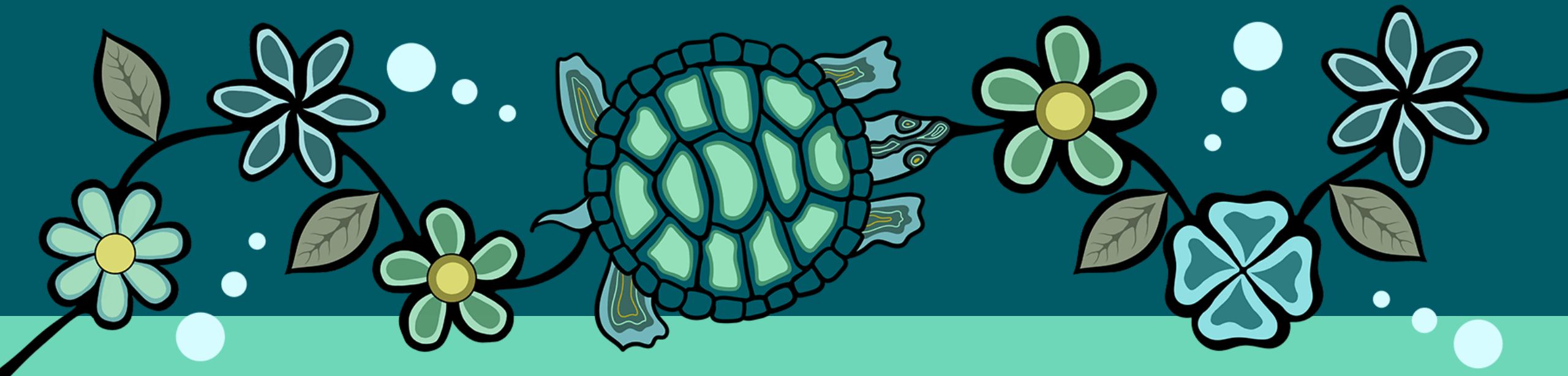

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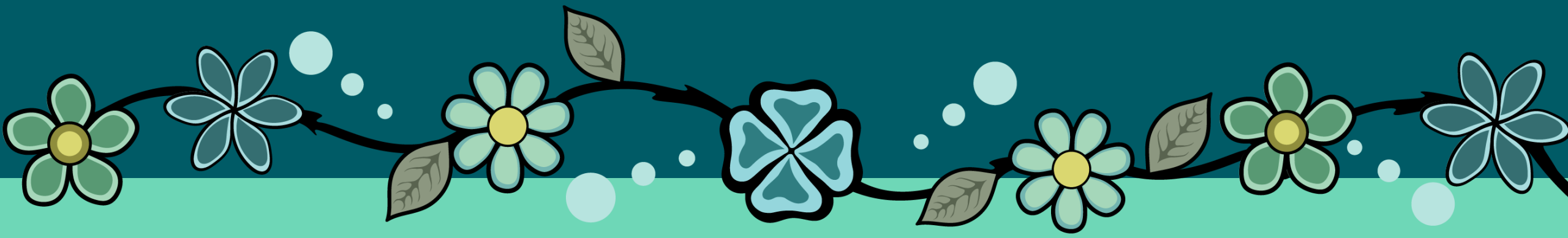

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- Draft ESR closed for comments on Nov 28, 2025. Final ESR expected to be completed by end of January.
- EPC contractor bid evaluations ongoing, expecting to select a contractor by end of February 2026.
- Ground Surveying ongoing to determine property boundaries to support easements and eventual construction.

Artwork - Storm Angeconeb

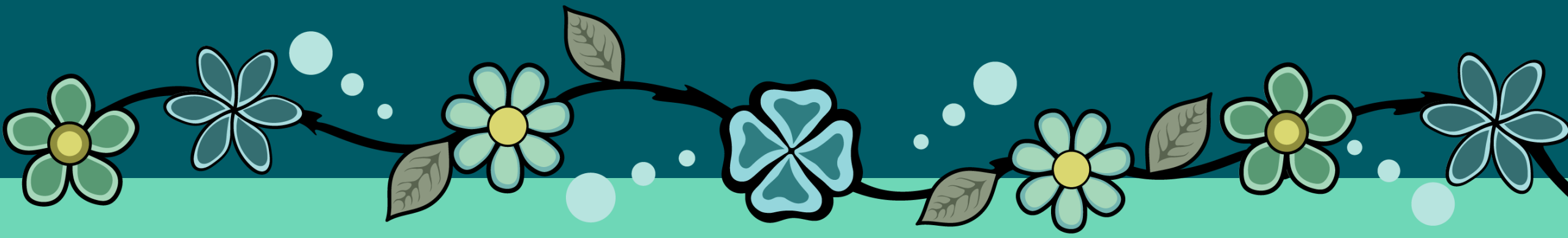
Community-Led Initiative

A plug to remind you that CFA funds are available for you to access to support a community initiative of your choice.

a) Development of an initiative of shared value to both Parties to build an enduring and respectful relationship into the future.

b) The Parties will develop a separate workplan, schedule and budget to further define the community-led initiative and the process for delivering such initiative

Over to You:
Comments, Questions, Concerns, Updates?



Project Notices to First Nation Communities

Notice of Commencement / Community Open House #1 Invitation

From: WHETUNG Ryerson <Ryerson.Whetung@hydroone.com>
Sent: May 24, 2024 3:51 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] TUTAK Sean; BARDY Alyssa
Subject: Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Notice of Commencement
Attachments: HONI_DKPL Notice Open House.pdf

May 24, 2024

Re: Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Notice of Commencement

Dear [redacted]

I hope this email finds you well. Enclosed in this email is the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project.

In October 2023, Hydro One was designated the Durham to Kawartha Power Line Project, previously known as the GTA-East Transmission Line Project. The project is composed of a new 230 kilovolt transmission line between Clarington and Peterborough that will support growth in Eastern Ontario.

Since this time, we have been working with your community to develop an ongoing relationship on the project and to further discussions as potential equity partners in our 50/50 First Nations Equity Model.

On June 4th Hydro One will be releasing the Notice of Commencement for the Class Environmental Assessment. I would like to take this opportunity to provide early notification to our First Nations partners on the Notice of Commencement.

In June, Hydro One will be hosting multiple community open houses in the regions proximate to the project. In addition to these open houses, we welcome the opportunity to host, in your community an open house to provide dialogue and project information to yourself, council and interested community members.

Should you have any further questions on the project or the environmental assessment, please feel free to reach out, anytime.

Miigwetch,

Ryerson Whetung
Manager, Special Projects,
Indigenous Relations, Capital Projects

Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1

Class Environmental Assessment for a new 230 kilovolt transmission line between Clarington and Peterborough

June 2024

Eastern Ontario is expecting significant growth in the next 20 years. As demand for electricity continues to grow in the area, Hydro One is planning for a new transmission line to ensure the region continues to have clean and reliable power along with the resiliency and capacity to support future growth. The need for this transmission line was identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator, the organization responsible for planning for the province's future energy needs.

Project description

Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Station, located in the City of Peterborough.

Hydro One is prioritizing the use of existing transmission corridors, where possible. However, as part of the Class EA, Hydro One has identified two route alternatives for a portion of the new transmission line as shown on the map and online **HydroOne.com/DKPL**. These route alternatives will be studied and evaluated to ultimately select a preferred route for the new line. This project involves work at the terminal stations to facilitate the transmission line connections.

Planning process

The Class EA will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities" (Class EA, 2024), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed to ensure that potential natural, economic, social, and cultural effects are thoroughly considered before a project begins. Following completion of the Class EA, the project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. The in-service date is expected no later than 2029.

We want to hear from you

As planning and development for these new lines begins, we will continue engaging with Indigenous communities, local community members, residents and businesses to ensure their feedback is reflected in the planning process, where possible. We invite you to join one of our upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about the project, ask our team any questions and provide feedback.

Community Open House #1

Please join us: In-person Community Open Houses

June 25, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
1964 Concession Road,
Solina, ON

June 26, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Peterborough Lions Community Centre
347 Burnham Street,
Peterborough, ON

June 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bethany United Church
3 George Street,
Bethany, ON

We're here to help

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please feel free to contact us at:

416.345.6799

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Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
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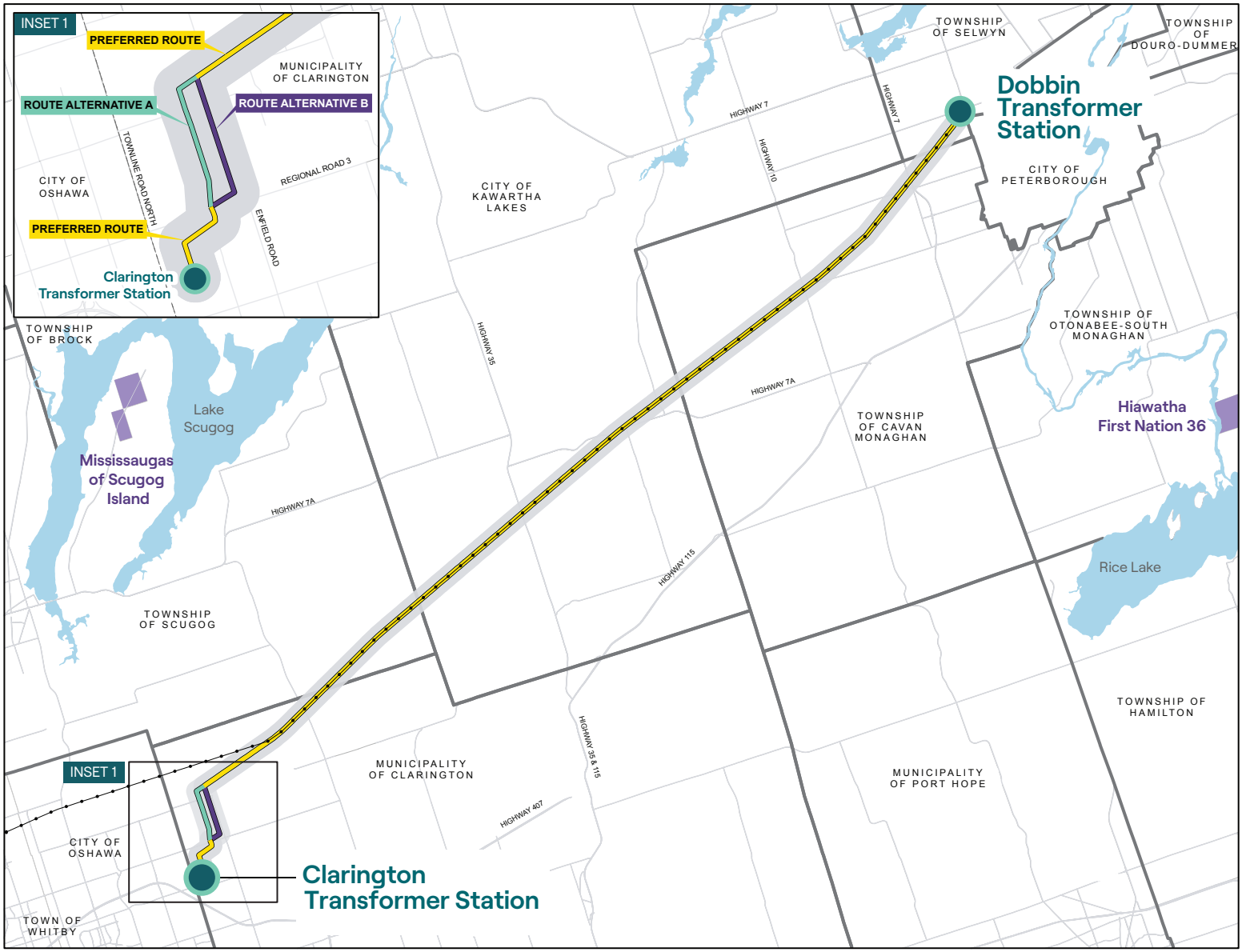

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Preferred Route Announcement / Community Open House #2 Invitation

From: TUTAK Sean <Sean.Tutak@hydroone.com>
Sent: February 25, 2025 12:53 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted] BARDY Alyssa; GAUTHIER Courtney
Subject: Route Announcement - Durham Kawartha Powerline
Attachments: Route Announcement - Beausoleil Island First Nation.pdf; HONI_DKPL Notice Open House 2025.pdf

Sekoh [redacted],

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to reach out to provide an advance update on the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project, relating to the announcement of the selected route. As you will read in the letter enclosed, the project largely follows an existing Hydro One corridor, however three kilometers of the project were subject to an evaluation process. Evaluation criteria was developed in the fall and the scoring and selection each of route alternative was completed in 2025. As a result of the evaluation, **Route B** has been selected. Route B represents the route that scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use.

I would be more than happy to setup some time to discuss the project to date, the evaluation process and share information on project milestones.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your community.

Miigwetch, Niawen,

Sean

Sean Tutak (he/him)
Sr. Manager,
Indigenous Relations,
Partnerships & Business Development
C: 705.875.4455
HydroOne.com

Please note: *As part of providing accessible customer service, please let me know if you have any accommodation needs or require communication supports or alternate formats.*

February 25, 2025

[redacted]

Re: Durham Kawartha Power Line Project
Notice of Preferred Route and Community Open House #2

Dear [redacted],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am sending you this letter to provide you and your community with an advance update on the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project.

In June 2024, Hydro One initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, which includes a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in the City of Peterborough, along with upgrades at the stations to support the connections. In addition to a commitment of meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities, the project presents an opportunity for local First Nations to invest in a 50 per cent stake in the transmission line component of this project through Hydro One's 50-50 Equity Partnership Model.

Route Selection

Since the start of the project, we have welcomed Indigenous communities to meaningfully participate in the project, provide feedback and ensure that Indigenous knowledge and perspectives shape project planning. To minimize environmental impacts and reduce project costs, Hydro One prioritized the use of its existing transmission corridors to accommodate 50 kilometres of the new 53-kilometre line. For the additional 3-kilometre portion of the line near Clarington TS, two route alternatives were considered. Each option was carefully reviewed based on four evaluation categories: Indigenous input, the natural environment, the socio-economic environment, and technical considerations, including cost.

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Based on the evaluation, **Route Option B** was selected as the preferred route. This option scored the best (lowest impact) on the values identified by Indigenous communities and the Natural environment. While the socio-economic criteria were scored equally, Route Option B demonstrated stronger performance for technical and cost considerations.

To provide an overview of the project and additional information regarding the selection of the preferred route, Hydro One will be undertaking a series of public open houses (information included in the Notice via this email) and we invite you to join us. Alternatively, we would welcome the opportunity to visit your community for a First Nation community open house or Chief and Council presentation to share more about the project, Equity Partnership, continued opportunities for involvement and upcoming milestones.

As this information is provided to you as advance notice, I kindly ask that this remains confidential until March 4, 2025, when the general public is notified, and the project website is published.

We look forward to continuing to build our relationship and working with you and your team. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Miigwetch,

Sean Tutak
Sr. Manager,
Indigenous Relations,
Partnerships & Business Development

Cc:
Alyssa Bardy, Indigenous Relations Coordinator
Courtney Gauthier, Assistant Project Manager

Sean Tutak
Sr. Manager,
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Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Notice of Preferred Route and Community Open House #2

March 2025

Hydro One is committed to energizing life across eastern Ontario by supporting economic growth and improving reliability for homes and businesses. In June 2024, Hydro One initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, which includes a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, along with upgrades at the stations to support the connections.

Route selection

Since the start of the project, we've been actively engaging with Indigenous communities, residents, municipalities, and stakeholders to gather feedback and ensure it shapes project planning through meaningful and transparent consultation. To efficiently plan this project, Hydro One prioritized the use of existing transmission corridors to accommodate 50 kilometers of the new 53-kilometre line as shown on the map. For the 3-kilometre portion of the line near Clarington TS, two route alternatives were considered. Each option was carefully reviewed based on four evaluation categories: Indigenous culture, values and land use; the natural environment; the socio-economic environment; and technical considerations, including cost.

Based on the evaluation, **Route Alternative B** was selected as the preferred route. This route has the lowest effect on values of significance identified by Indigenous communities, as well as the lowest effect on the natural environment. While socio-economic criteria scored similarly across both alternatives, Route B performed more strongly for technical and cost considerations.

Planning process

The Class EA is expected to be complete at the end of 2025. The project will also require approval from the Ontario Energy Board under Section 92 (Leave to Construct).

We invite you to join one of our upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about the project updates and upcoming milestones.

Community Open House #2

Please join us:

Tuesday,
March 18, 2025
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
1964 Concession Rd 6,
Hampton, ON L0B 1J0

Thursday,
March 20, 2025
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bethany United Church
3 George Street,
Bethany, ON L0A 1A0

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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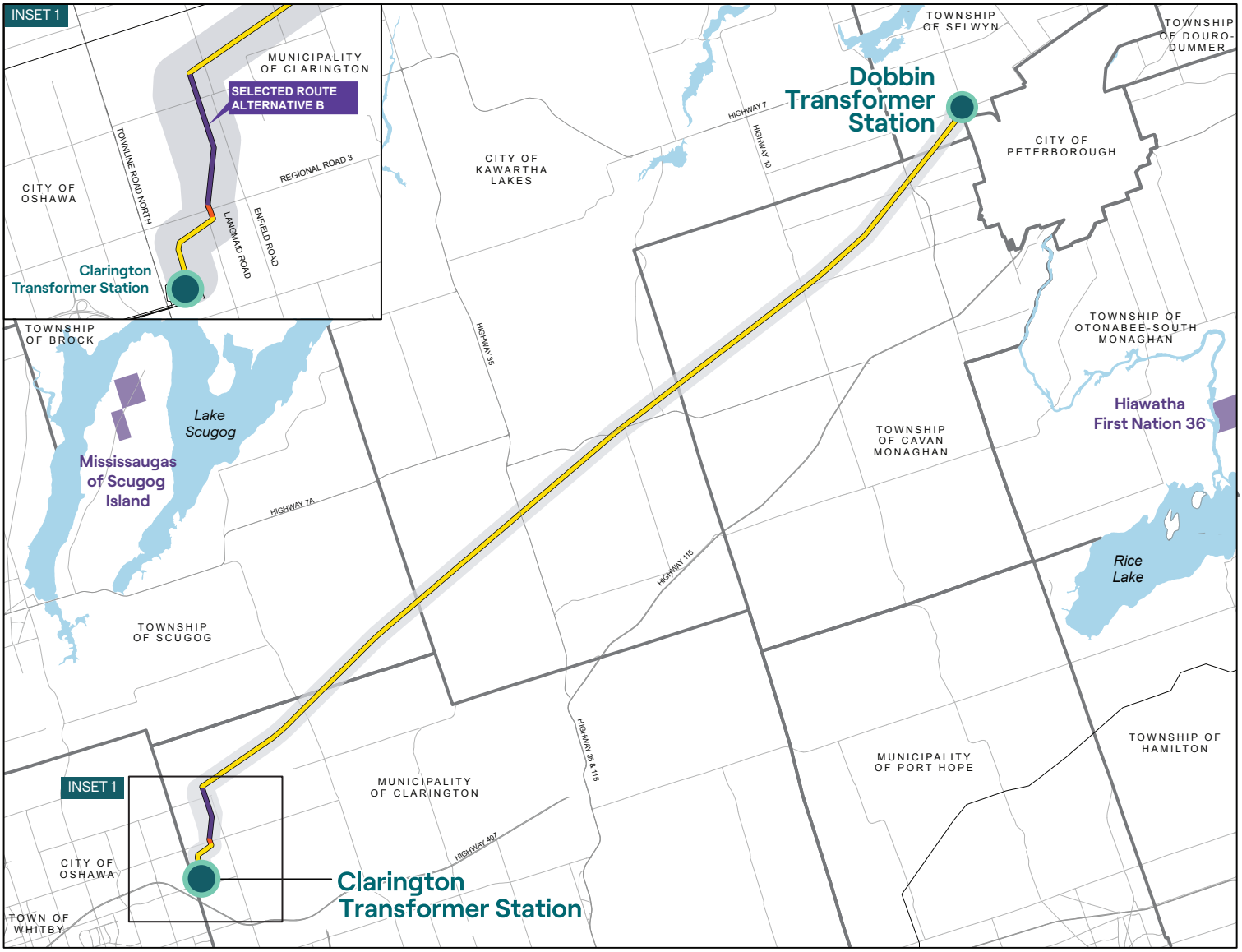

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- Station/Junction
- Potential underground line
- Selected route alternative B
- Preferred route
- Local study area (500 m on either side of the route centerline)
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Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR and Public Comment Period

From: Amanda Hocking <Amanda.Hocking@hydroone.com>
Sent: October 17, 2025 4:06 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: Kenndal Soulliere; Rhona Scott; Stefan Alexander; Nafiz Somjee; Courtney Gauthier; Lesley Smith; Paul Dalmazzi
Subject: Durham-Kawartha Power Line - Notice of completion of draft Environmental Study Report
Attachments: HONI_DKPL Notice of Completion Draft ESR v3 8.5x14 v7.pdf

Good afternoon everyone,

I hope this finds you all in good health and good spirits after a short week and mere moments from the weekend.

Today, I'm writing to share a momentous milestone with you all. The Durham-Kawartha Power Line project is nearly ready to release its draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for public review.

I want to take a moment to express my personal gratitude to the Williams Treaty First Nations for the unprecedented amount of feedback, input, and effort your communities have put into this project. This project has been developed in the spirit of *"wiidookodaadiwin"* - helping each other. Whether it was participation in the field, reviewing reports, or pre-reading and editing the chapters in advance, you have been a huge part of writing this report. I hope that you see your words, knowledge, and effort are reflected in this work. Our project is all the better for it. Chi-miigwetch.
I'd also like to express my gratitude to my environment and project management teams, as well as Alyssa Bardy (all copied on this outreach) who approached this collaboration with open minds and a willingness to try new things in the spirit of partnership. This was a new approach for HONI, and they embraced the opportunity.

Review Period
I expect the report will be ready for your review on **October 29th** (or a bit earlier) and it will be posted for 30 days. As you have pre-reviewed this chapter-by-chapter, I hope it's not too heavy a lift for you to take one final skim. We will be posting it on the Blackberry Workspace and sending a link around. Lesley will be reaching out to each of you to ensure your access is working and help you troubleshoot once the link is live.

There are a few questions/responses that we still need to return - rest assured that these are also on the way as a part of this work.

Capacity
In advance of the report, I encourage you all to work with your internal teams to get your invoicing submitted through the Taulia system. I want to ensure your time and costs are properly covered before we slide into the holiday season and people take their well-deserved winter breaks.

In closing, thank you all. I hope that we can perhaps plan a group event sometime soon to break bread together and raise a glass to celebrate this shared milestone.

With gratitude,
Amanda

Amanda Hocking (she/her)
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Capital Projects, Greater Golden Horseshoe Region

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Please let me know if you need my emails in a format more accessible to you.
Book a meeting in my calendar any time by clicking this link.

Notice of completion of draft Environmental Study Report

Durham Kawartha Power Line project

October 2025

Hydro One has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. Now, you're invited to provide feedback.

The proposed project is a new double-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, with station upgrades to support the connection.

Ontario's electricity demand is expected to surge by 75 per cent in the next 25 years. To meet this growth in demand, we must invest in electricity infrastructure. Once built, this new transmission line will help add more than 400 megawatts (MW) to the region's electricity network, helping meet growing energy needs and strengthening system reliability in Peterborough and surrounding areas.

As part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project Hydro One evaluated route alternatives for a three-kilometre section of the line, selected a preferred route, assessed the potential environmental effects of the project and identified mitigation measures to address these effects. We'll continue to work with First Nation partners, community members and property owners as detailed design and construction planning for the project continues.

Next steps and providing your input

The draft ESR is available for a public comment period from October 29 to November 27, 2025. The report summarizes the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please provide any comments by **4:30 p.m. on November 27, 2025,** addressed to:

Rhona Scott, Environmental Planner, Hydro One Networks Inc.,
483 Bay St., North Tower, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M5G 2P5

Comments can also be submitted to **1-877-345-6799** or **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**

Hydro One welcomes your feedback. We'll review and address all concerns brought to our attention before finalizing and submitting the ESR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The project will then be considered acceptable to proceed as outlined in the ESR. We'll continue to work with First Nation partners and community members as design and construction planning continue.

A request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. a Comprehensive EA) or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies) before the project can proceed. However, this request can only be made 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 and 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.

We're here to help

If you would like any further information on this project or have any questions or feedback, please contact us at:

1-877-345-6799 **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**

Where to find the draft ESR:

The draft ESR and Highlights document can be viewed electronically on Hydro One's website at **HydroOne.com/DKPL**

Printed copies will be available at the following locations:

Bethany - Kawartha Lakes Public Library
1474 ON-7A, Bethany, ON

Cavan Monaghan Libraries - Bruce Johnston Branch
2199 Davis Rd,
Cavan- Monaghan, ON

Clarington Library, Museums & Archives - Bowmanville Library
163 Church St, Bowmanville, ON

The request should be sent in writing or by email to both:

Minister, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay St., 5th Floor, Toronto
ON M7A 2J3
Minister.MECP@Ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West,
1st Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@Ontario.ca

Requests should also be copied to Hydro One at the address provided on the front page. Please visit the Ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: **ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order**.

If no Section 16 Order requests are submitted during the comment period, Hydro One will proceed with the project under the *Environmental Assessment Act.*

See reverse for map

Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Preferred route
- Potential underground line
- Skywire upgrade
- Local study area (500 m on either side of the route centreline)
- Municipal boundary
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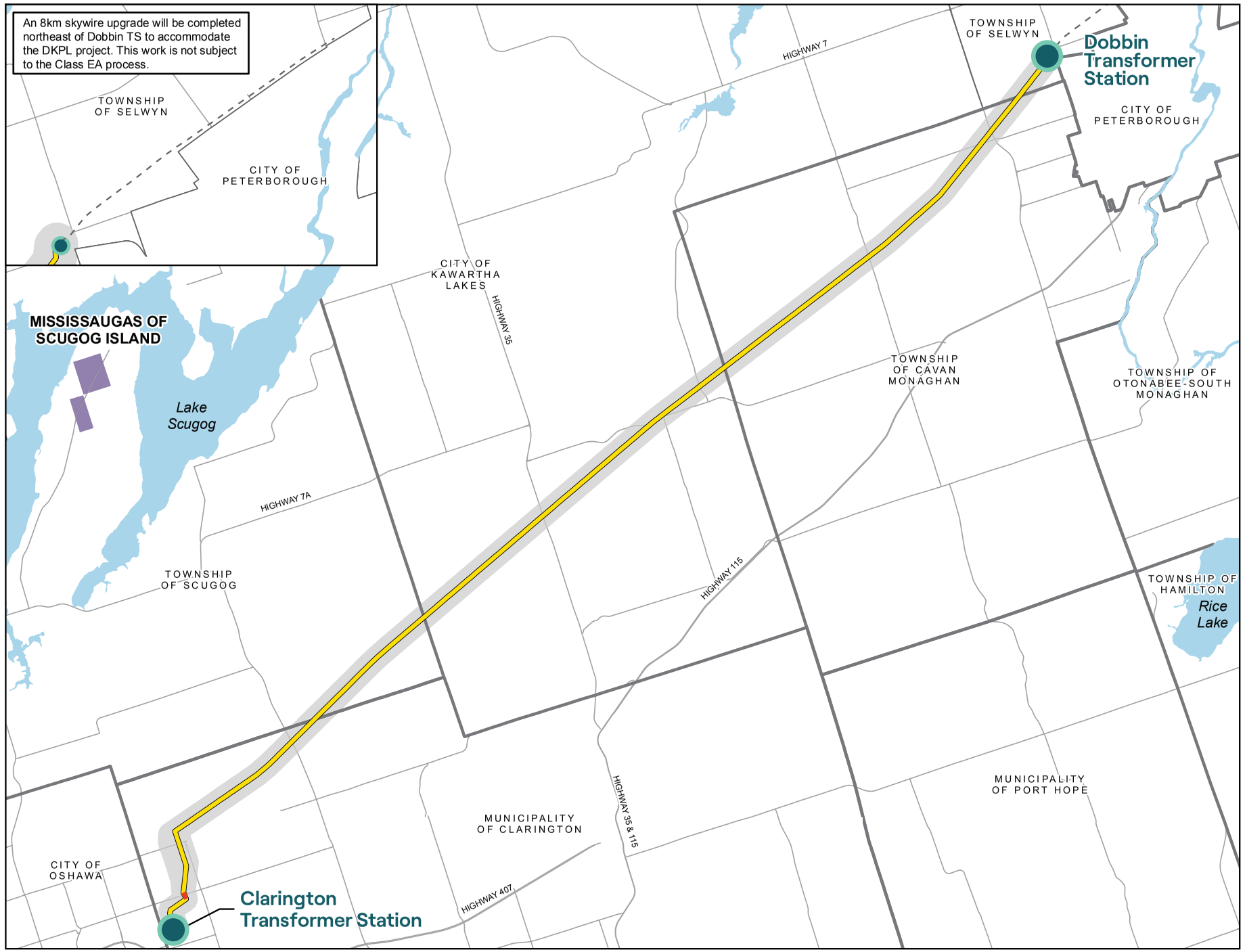
Please visit our online interactive map for a more detailed view: **HydroOne.com/DKPL**



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Appendix A-4: Key Correspondence with Stakeholders

Preliminary/Introductory Project Briefing Presentation to the Mayors of the Municipality of Clarington, Township of Selwyn, and City of Kawartha Lakes

Greater Toronto Area East Line

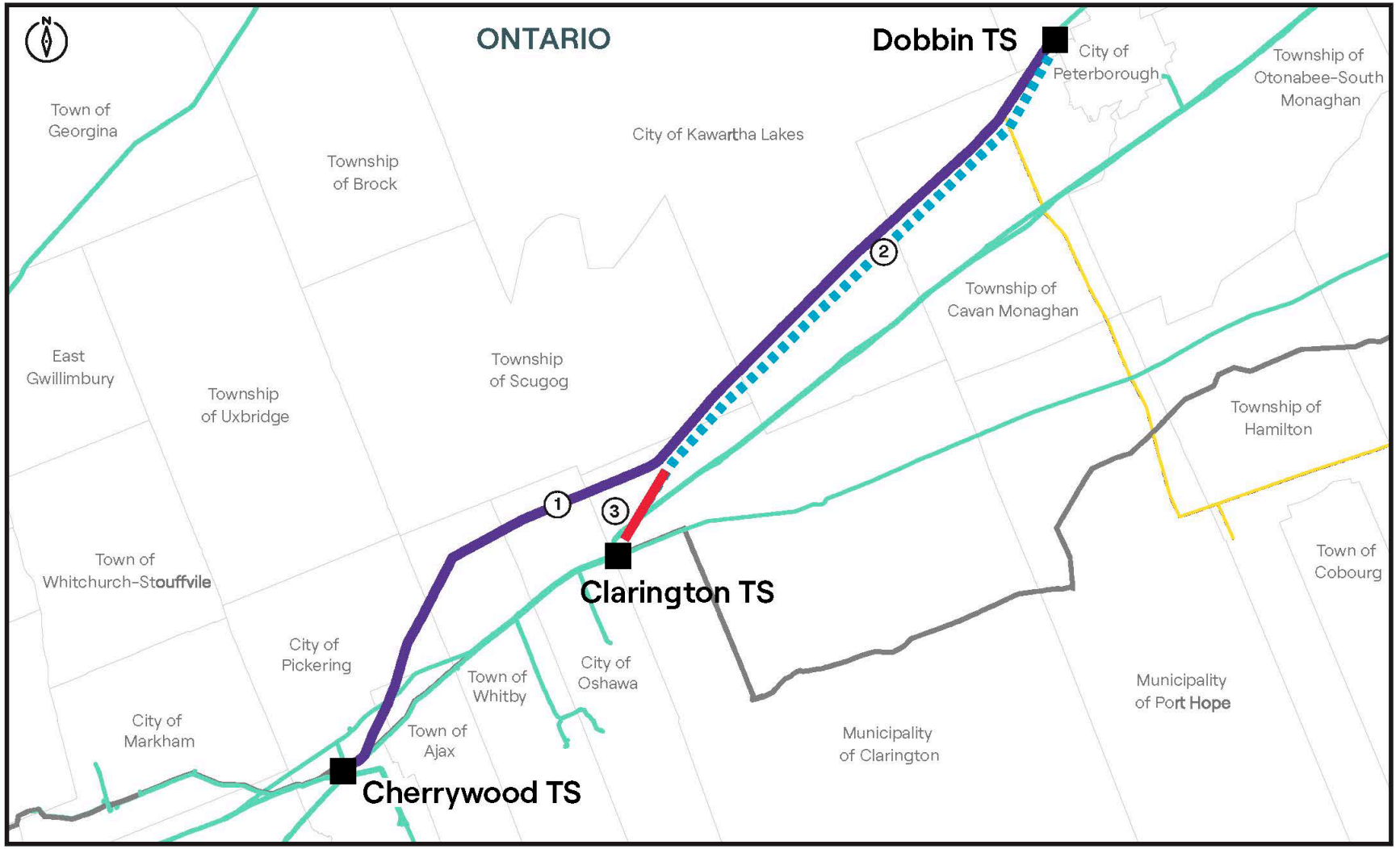
February 5, 2024

GTA East Transmission Line Project

- ① Cherrywood TS to Dobbin TS (existing 230 kV transmission line corridor)
- ② Clarington TS to Dobbin TS (existing 115 kV transmission line corridor)
- ③ Existing distribution line corridor

Map Legend

- 500 kV Existing Transmission Line
- 230 kV Existing Transmission Line
- 115 kV Existing Transmission Line
- Transformer Stations
- Municipal Boundary



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Target Project Milestones

Environmental Assessment

- Environmental Assessment (EA) Notice of Commencement — **Spring 2024**
- Community Open Houses — Spring **2024 – Fall 2024**
- Environmental Study Report — **Summer 2025**
- Statement of Class EA Completion — **Summer 2025**
- Approval from Ontario Energy Board — **2025/2026**

Construction

- Anticipated Construction start — **Summer 2026**
- Line In-Service — **2029**

On-going engagement with Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal staff, elected officials, interest groups and the public

Working with communities and next steps

- Invitation to open houses, letters, newspaper, radio and social media ads
- Work directly with property owners
- Community investment opportunities working with local elected officials

Seeking your feedback

Thank you

Community Relations

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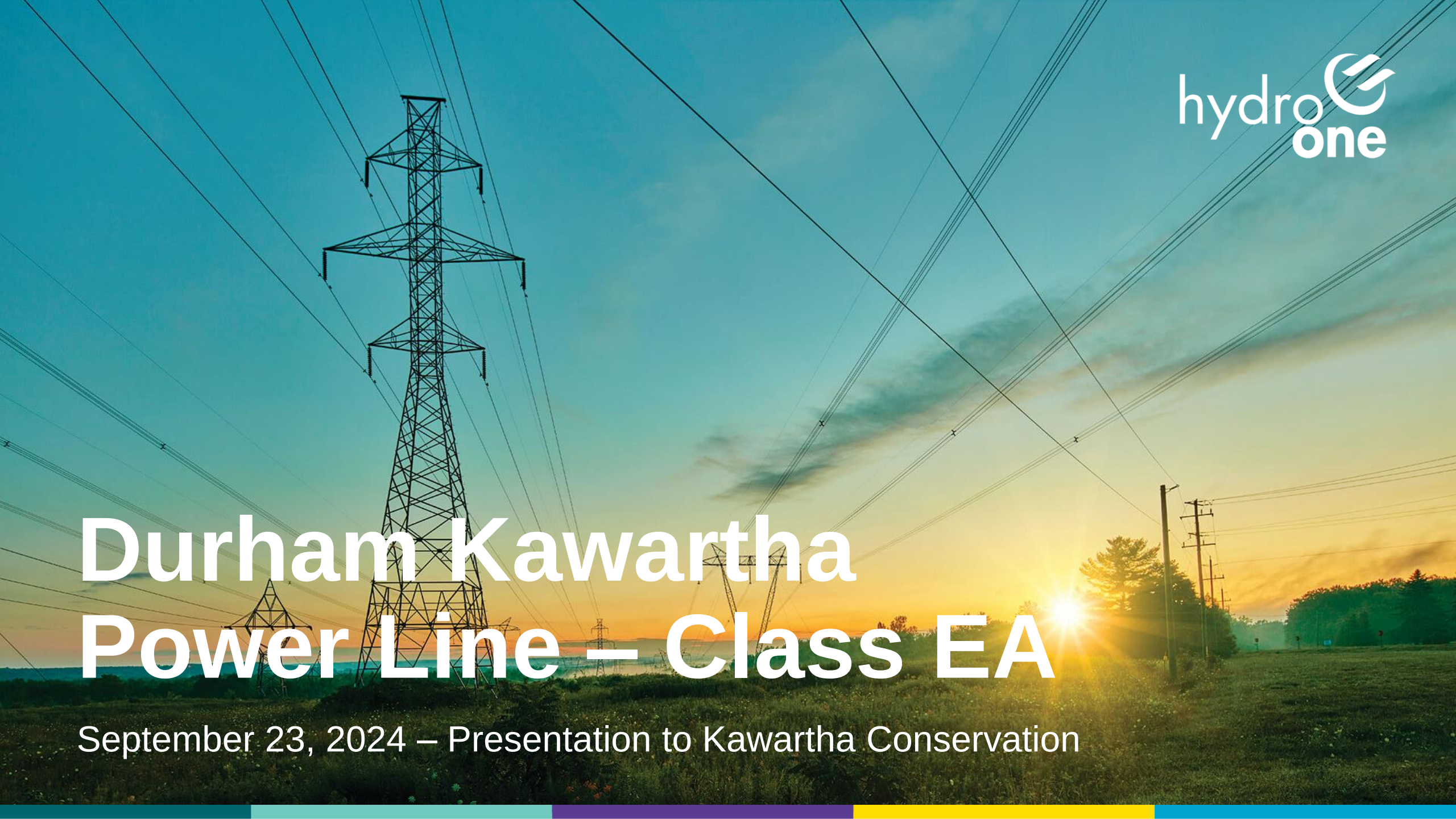
Introduction to the Project with Kawartha Conservation Authority



Durham Kawartha Power Line – Class EA

September 23, 2024 – Presentation to Kawartha Conservation

Project Overview

- The Durham Kawartha Power Line is a proposed 230 kilovolt transmission line, approximately 53km, between Clarington TS (Clarington) and Dobbin TS (Peterborough)

- We are currently completing a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Transmission Facilities (2024) for the project, under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*

Project Overview

Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Underground section
- Existing Transmission Line
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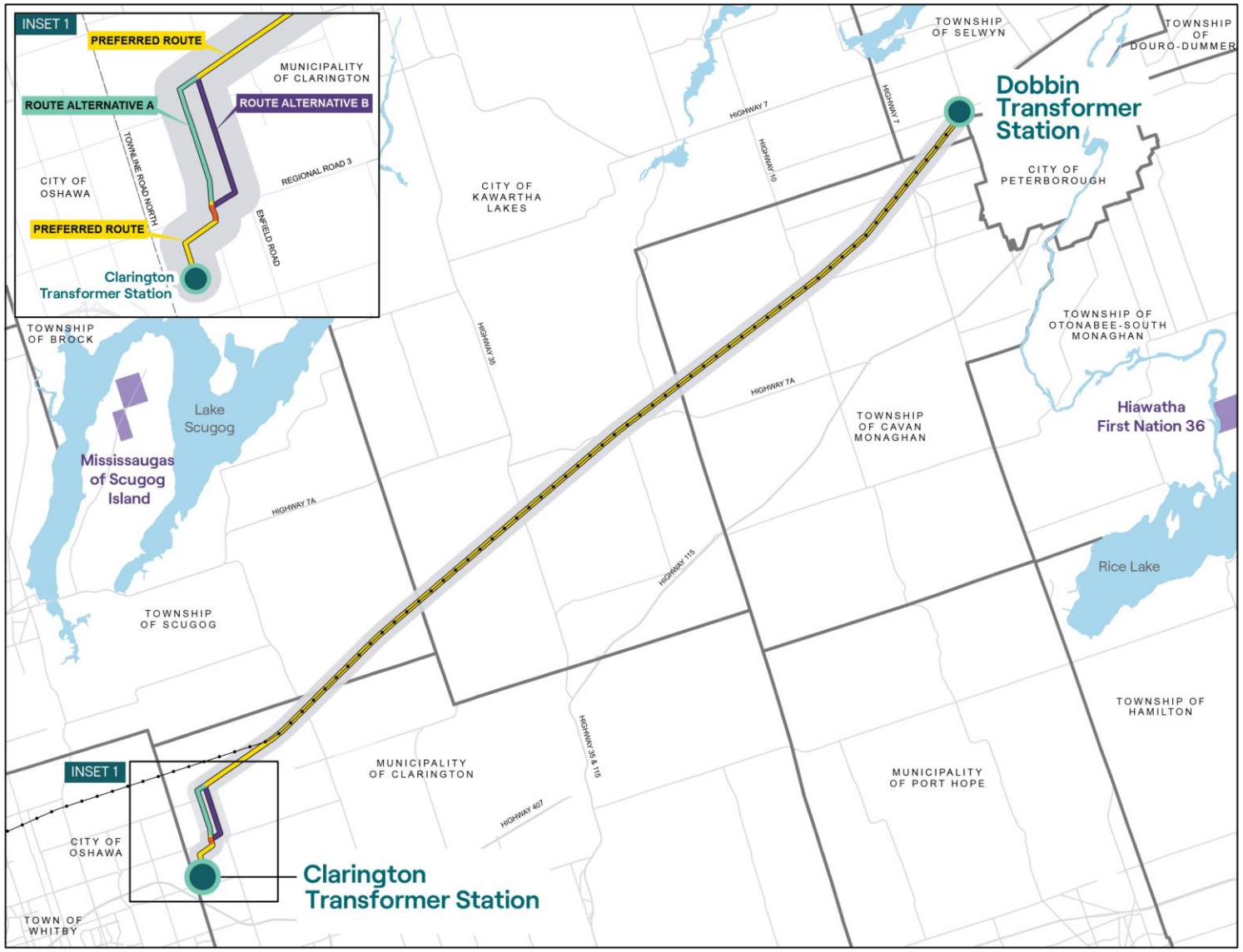

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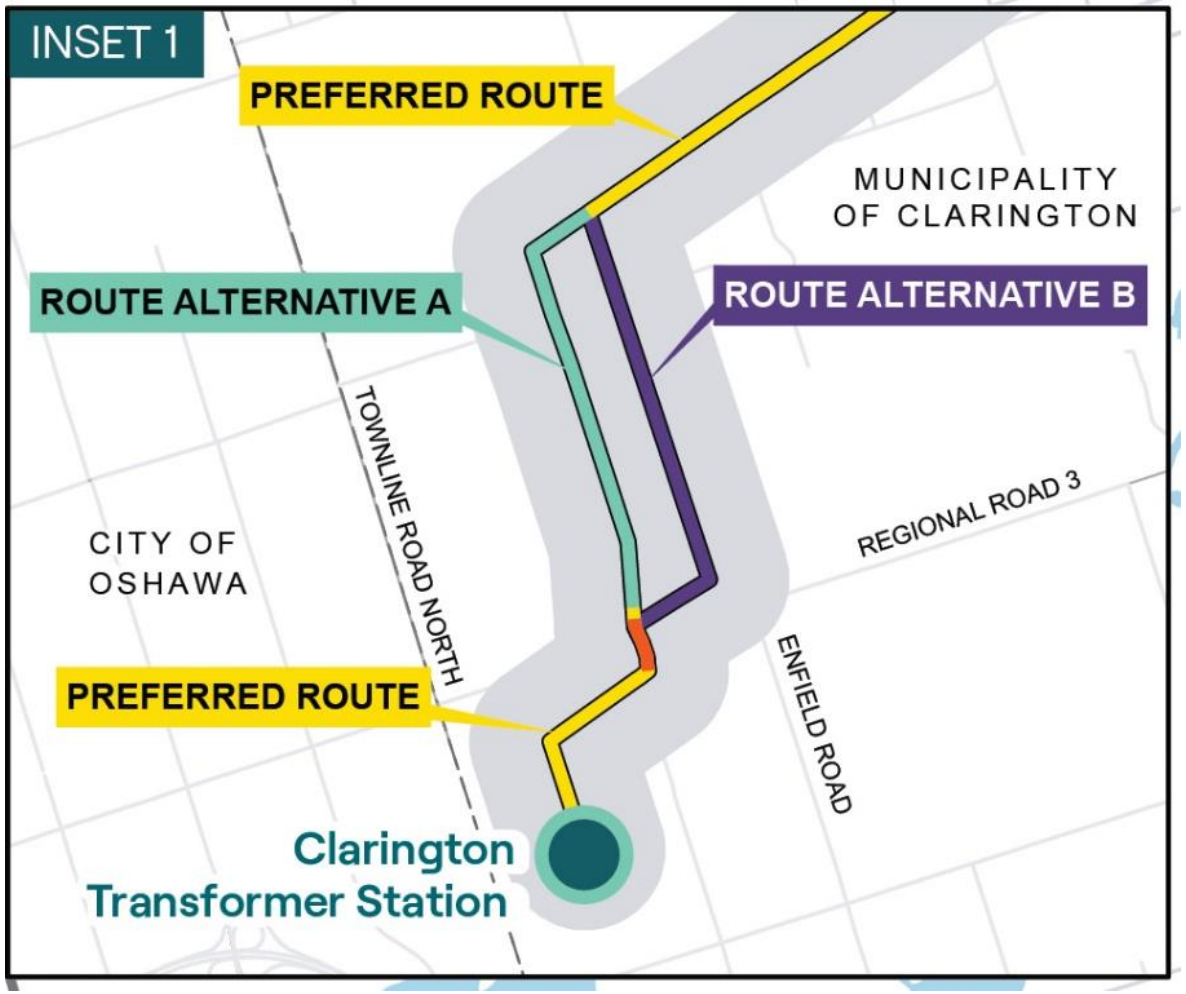


Studies Currently Underway

- Natural Environment Surveys 2024
    - Some breeding bird surveys in June/July
    - ELC in August and September
    - General Wildlife Survey and Habitat Assessment
    - Fish Habitat and Surface water Field surveys
- Stage 1 Archeological Assessment
- Geotechnical Program

Route Evaluation

For the Route Alternatives A and B, an evaluation process will be used to select the preferred route including these four categories:

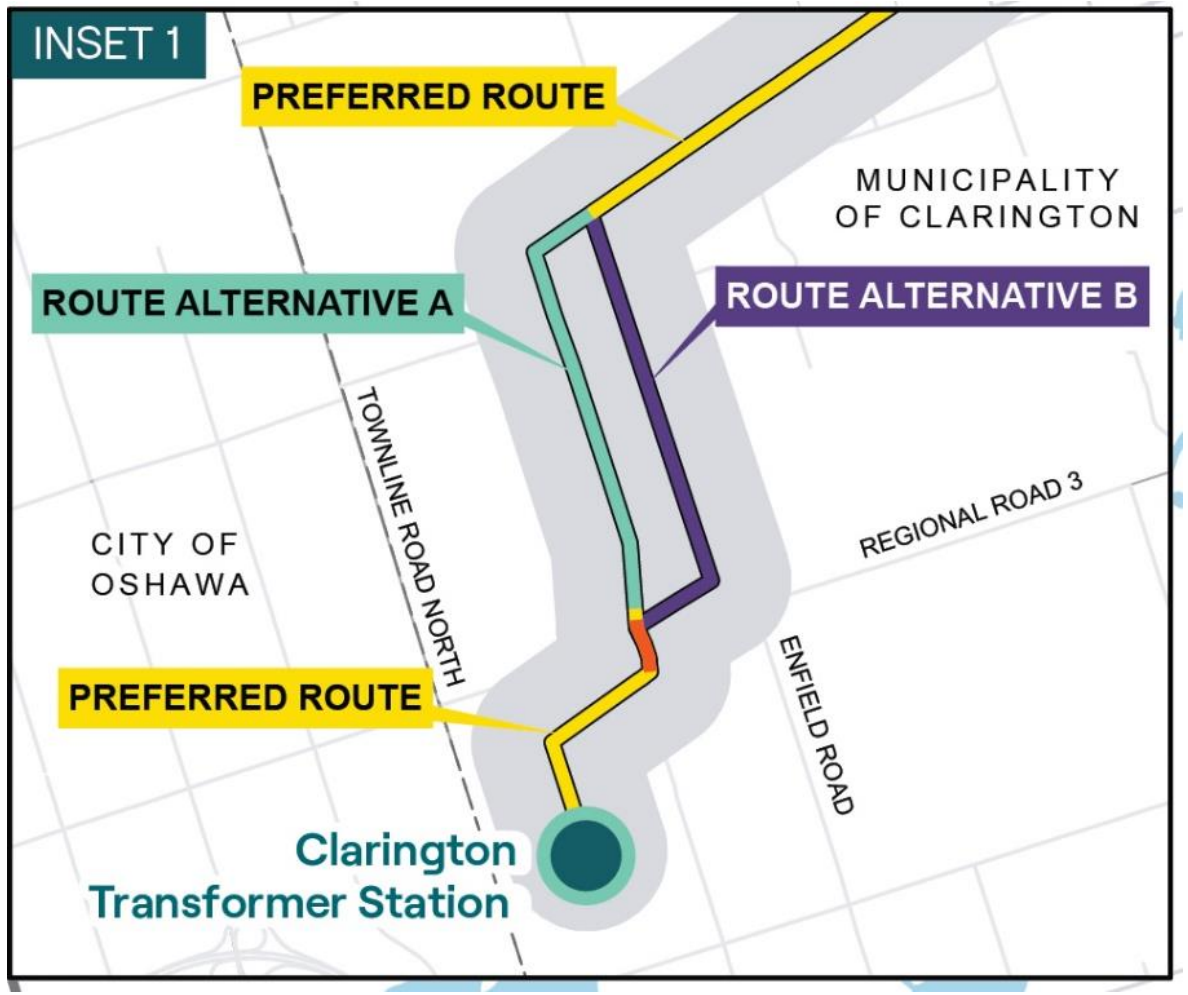
Natural Environment

Socio-Economic Environment

Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use

Technical and Cost

Themes	Example Criteria
Natural Environment	• Surface Water and Aquatic Habitat • Vegetation and Vegetation communities • Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat • Species at Risk • Wetland, Natural Hazards and Floodplain • Designated Natural Areas
Socio-Economic Environment	• Agricultural Resources • Residential Properties • Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Recreational Business and Facilities • Groundwater • Archaeological Resources • Cultural Resources • Existing Infrastructure
Technical	• Line Length • Angle Structures • Non-Transmission Crossings • Transmission Crossings • Co-Location of existing infrastructure • Real Estate Considerations • Constructability
Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use	• Seeking input from Indigenous Communities for this theme • Ex. Areas of Indigenous Significance, rare plants, woodlots, traditional use plants.

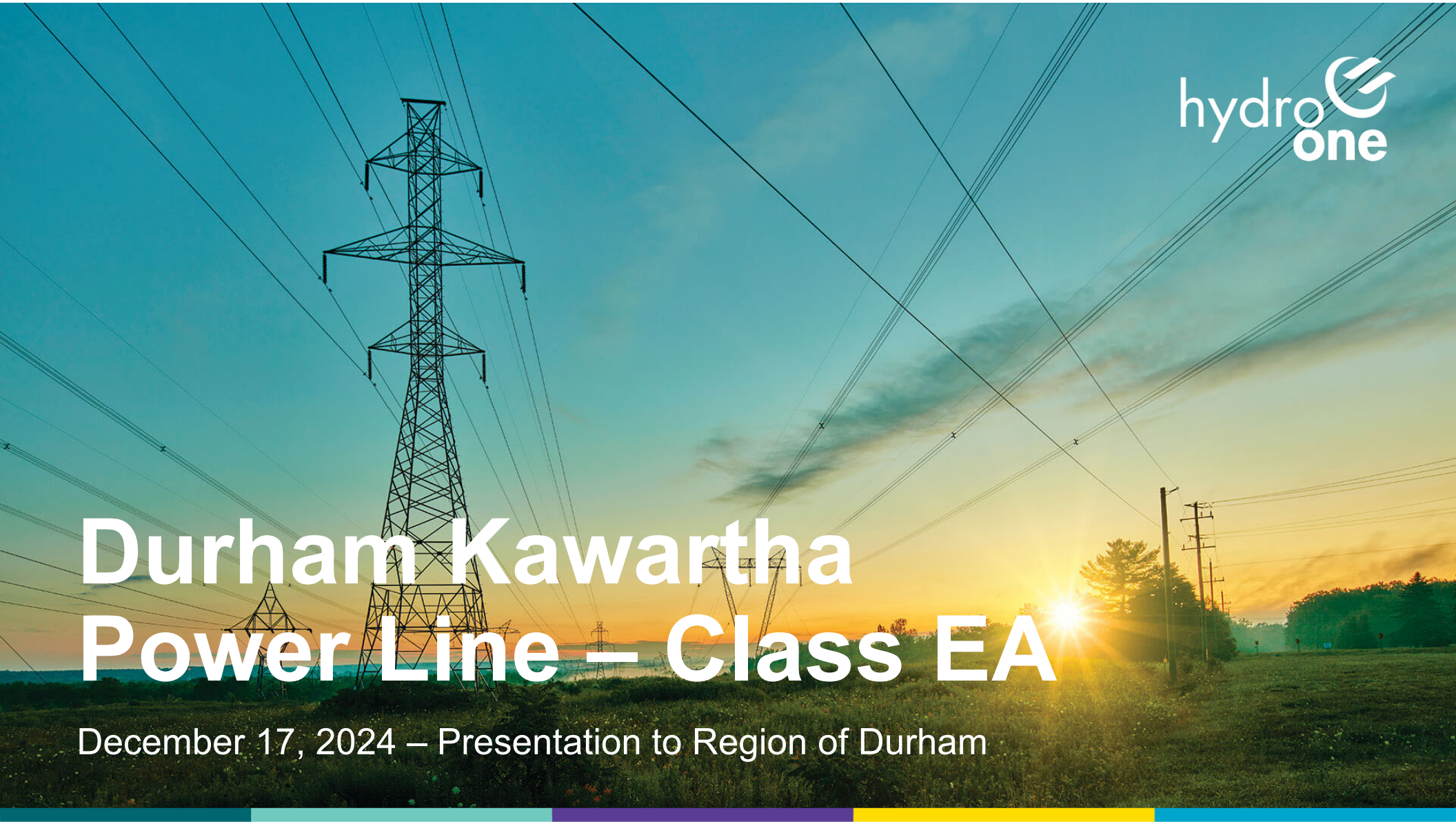


Schedule

- June 2024 – Notice of Commencement
- Summer 2024 – Environmental Field studies and research to support Class EA
- Early 2025 – Announce selection of route alternative
- Spring 2025 - Environmental Field studies continued
- Late Summer 2025 – Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) 30-day public comment period
- Fall 2025 – Submit final ESR and complete the EA process
- 2026 – Completion of detailed design and other permits and approvals, including section 92 approval from Ontario Energy Board
- 2027 – Proposed construction start
- 2029 (or sooner) – Line is energized

Thank you

Introduction to the Project and Technical Discussion with Durham Region Technical Staff



Durham Kawartha Power Line – Class EA

December 17, 2024 – Presentation to Region of Durham

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Project Overview: Class EA and Route Evaluation

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Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Underground section
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
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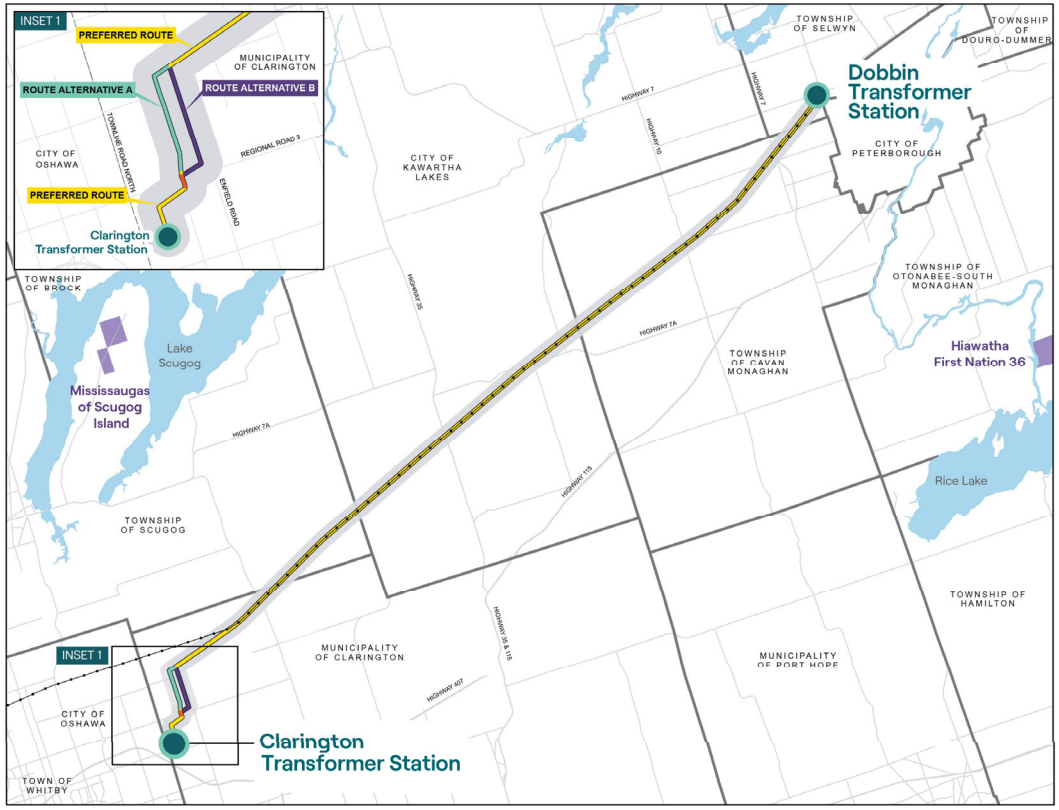

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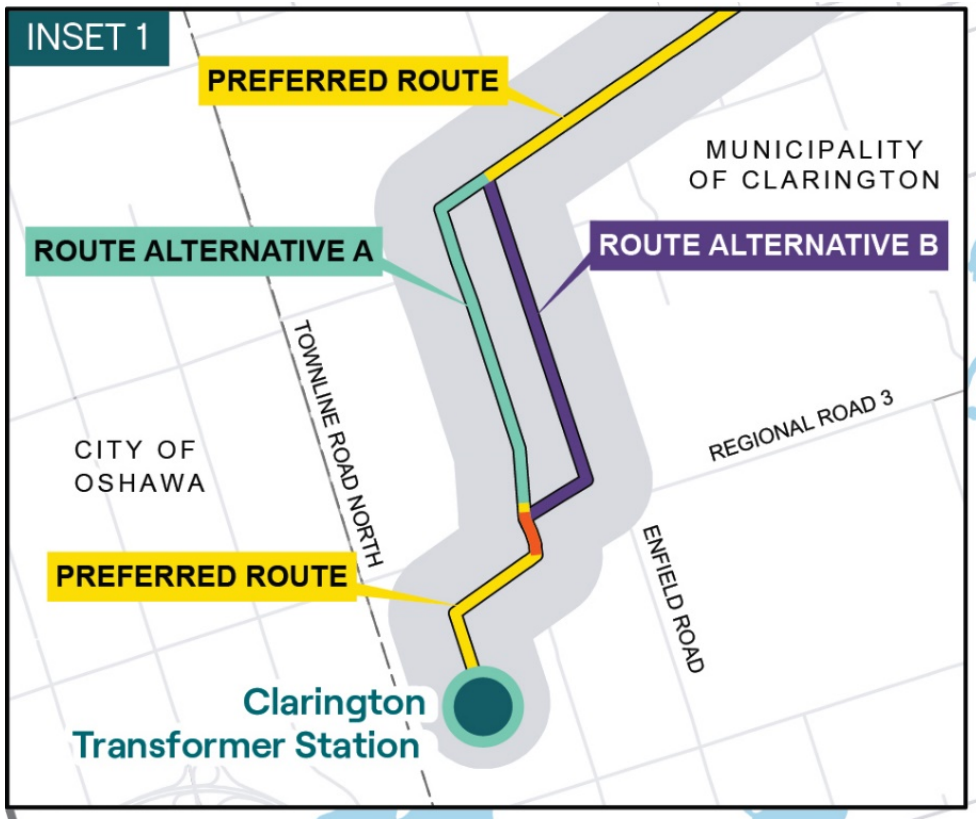

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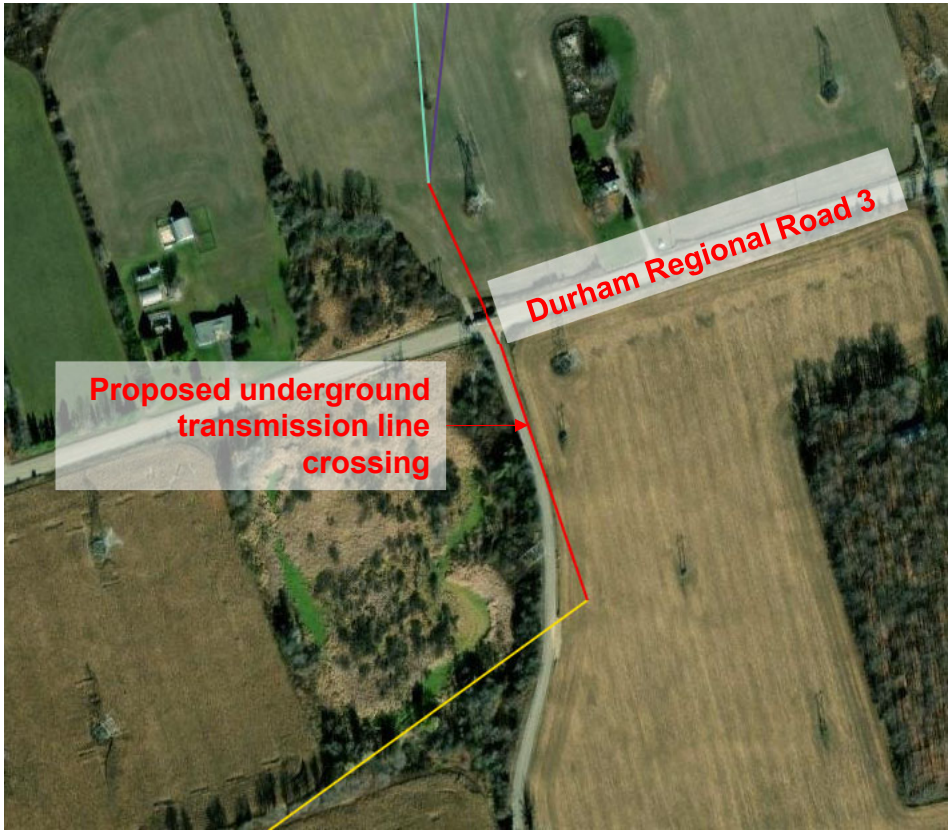

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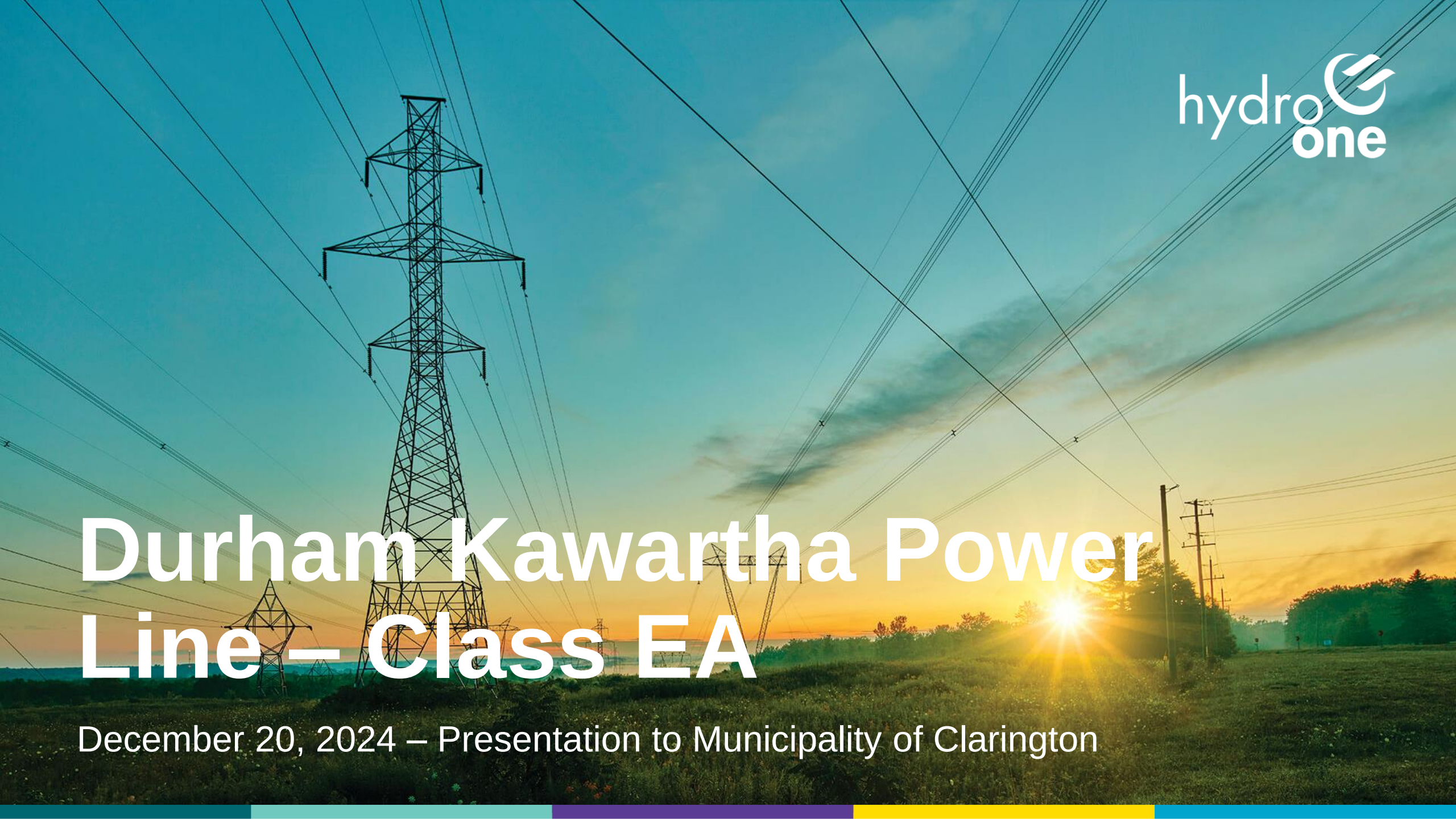

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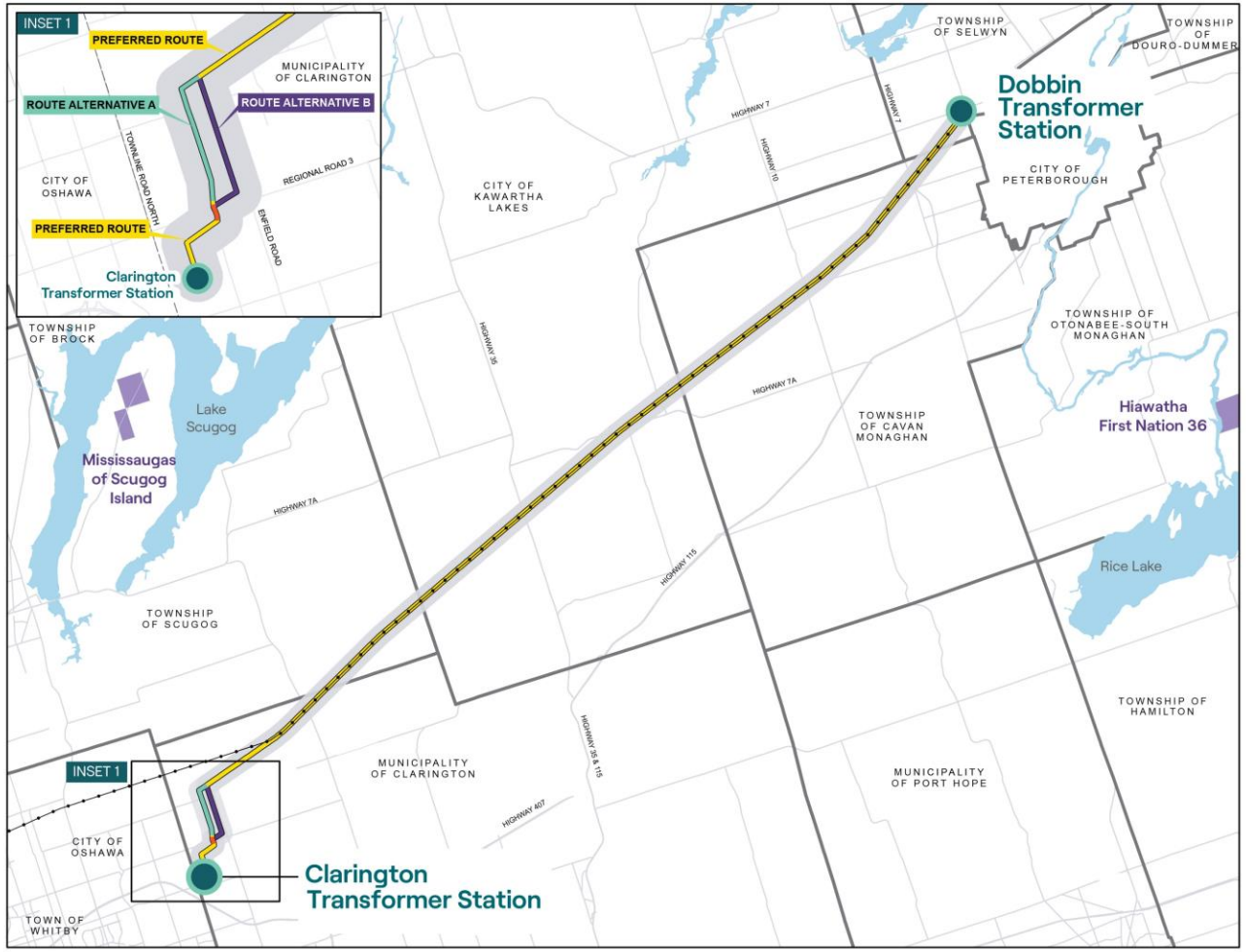

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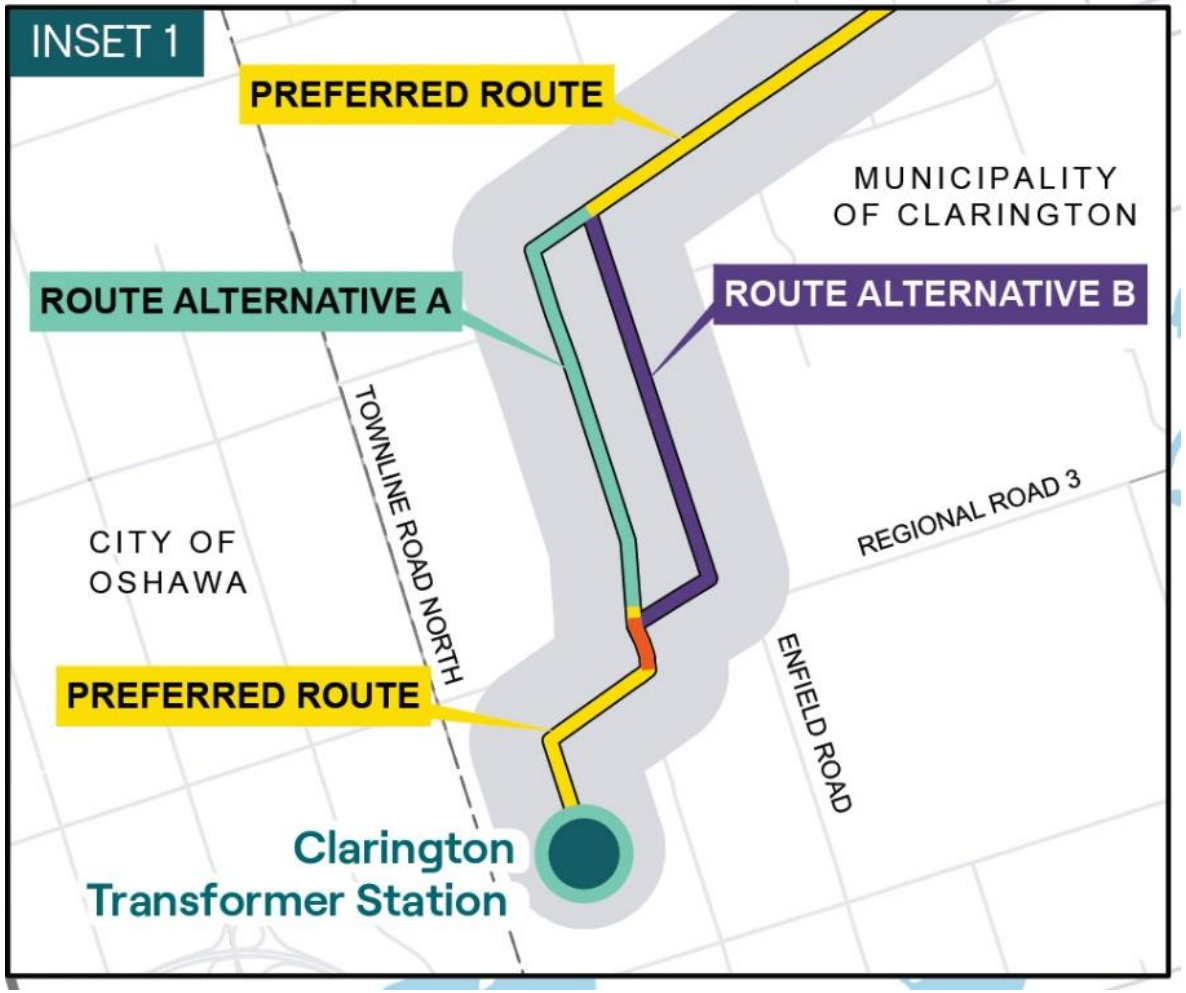

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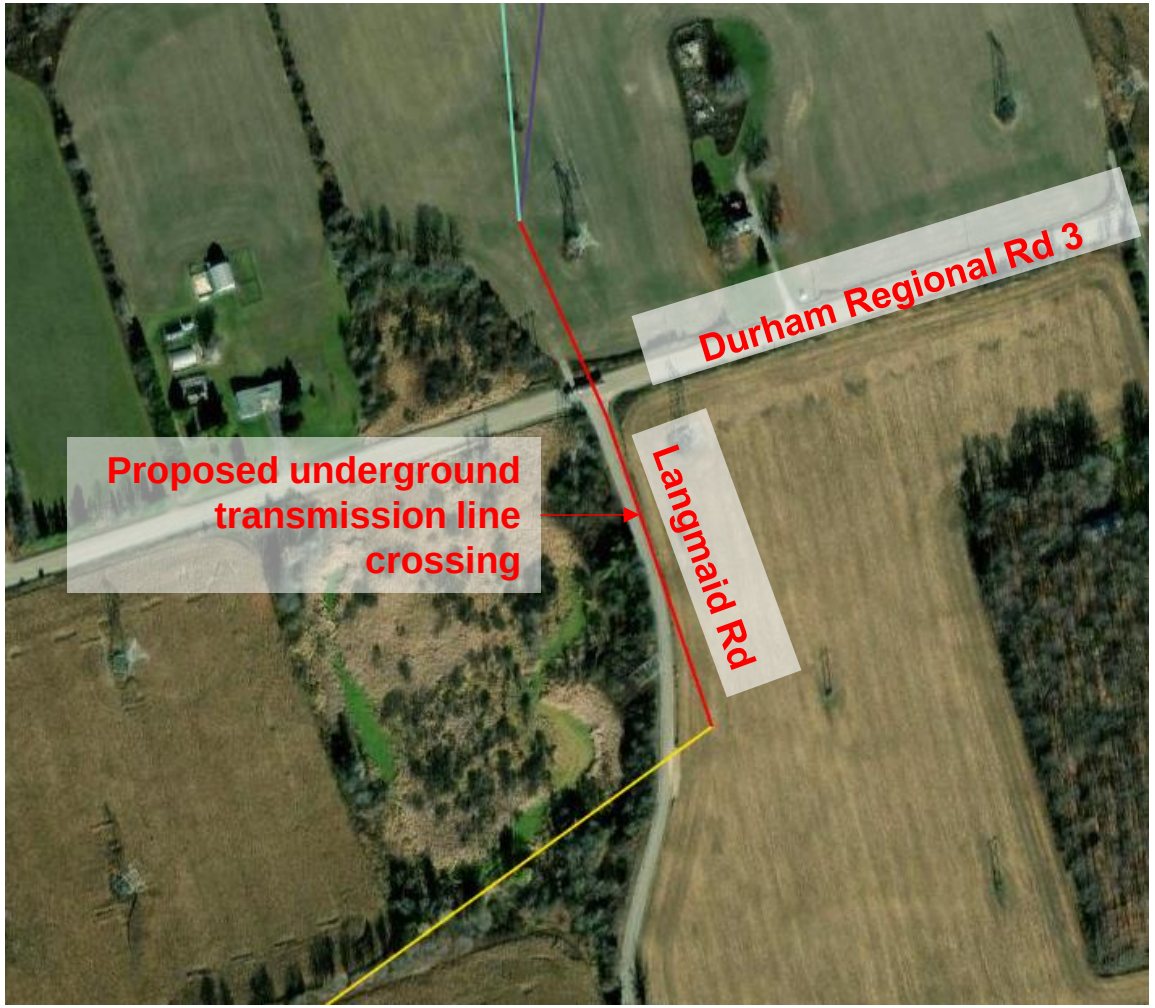

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Appendix A-5: Project Record of Consultation

Alderville First Nation (AFN)
Record of Consultation

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2023-10-25	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them of the proposed Project and welcomed the opportunity to meet with them to discuss the Project further.
2023-11-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to share an attached correspondence.
2024-01-31	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to make introductions and initiate project development based on previous communication from October 2023.
2024-01-31	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that the community had responded to the notification on November 22, 2023 but had not yet received a response from Hydro One. Alderville First Nation requested direction on the consultation process.
2024-01-31	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to acknowledge the proper consultation procedure as outlined in a letter from the community. Hydro One indicated that they would like to discuss the community's potential role with the Equity Partnership on the GTA East Project. Hydro One offered context on previous conversations held in the Summer of 2023 with prior leadership.
2024-01-31	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that the filing fee and Notice of Request to Consult must be submitted prior to discussions on Project or Equity Model in order for them to understand the potential impacts to Treaty rights.
2024-02-05	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to indicate the level of detail that Hydro One wished to discuss with the community in regard to the GTA East Project. Hydro One noted that the focus of the discussions would be the equity partnership opportunity. Hydro One committed to providing the filing fee.
2024-02-05	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to request their availability for an upcoming meeting in March 2024.
2024-02-06	Email	Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inquire if they were available for a meeting on March 1, 2024.
2024-02-06	Email	Carrie Wilson Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide availability for an upcoming meeting on March 1, 2024.
2024-02-07	Email	Carrie Wilson Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting on March 1, 2024.
2024-02-22	Email	Carrie Wilson Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to confirm the location of the upcoming meeting on March 1, 2024.

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2024-02-22	Email	Carrie Wilson Julie Kapyrka Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm the location of the meeting on March 1, 2024.
2024-03-01	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Jenny Pearce Stephanie Zilinski Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One met in person with Alderville First Nation to discuss equity partnership and DKPL project. Other topics discussed were procurement, funding, and ongoing energy projects.
2024-03-15	Meeting	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Gary F. Kissack Julie Kapyrka Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One met with representation from Alderville First Nation (AFN) and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to discuss the status of the Durham Kawartha Project and the equity partnership. Topics additionally discussed were the Darlington Connect project and procurement opportunities.
2024-03-15	Invitation	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Gary F. Kissack Julie Kapyrka Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed an invite to Mississaugas of Scugog Island and Alderville First Nation to meet and discuss the Durham/Kawartha Powerline Project and provide information on Darlington project
2024-03-21	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Gary F. Kissack Julie Kapyrka Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, and Minogi Corporation an attachment of the action items recorded from the previous week's discussion of the DKPL project.
2024-04-19	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inquire about Alderville First Nations' preferences pertaining to archaeological consultants.
2024-04-19	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation (AFN) emailed Hydro One informing Hydro One of the archaeological consultants in which AFN would prefer to not work with on the Project

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2024-05-02	Meeting	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, HFN, Minogi, Zhooniya Makak, and 4 Directions Conservation Consulting to discuss the DKPL Project and introduce the Holt SS Project. DKPL topics discussed were pertaining to project scope and size, timelines, capacity funding, and equity partnership funding. Additional topics discussed were procurement and employment opportunities for Williams Treaties communities throughout the Project, the closeout of Darlington Connect Project and an overview of Holt SS.
2024-05-03	Email	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sandy Mackay Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Alderville Frist Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation to request their availability for a meeting in May 2024 to review the Capacity Funding Agreements. Hydro One shared the action items from their meeting including sharing commitments made by WSP from the RFP process, sharing messaging from Minogi Corp with ALGP regarding the equity partnership, to follow up with internal teams regarding sharing the scoring matrix for ECI/EPC and to share if permitted, and to share shape files and Capacity Funding Agreements. Hydro One also confirmed that the discussion around union roles in relation to employment opportunities would continue internally.
2024-05-07	Email	Don Richardson John Rowinski Mindy Knott Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Hiawatha First Nation to request the contacts responsible for monitoring coordination and invoice submission.
2024-05-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with AFN to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to AFN.
2024-05-29	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to confirm that they would make note of the lead contact for field studies. They also noted that they would be in contact to facilitate an introduction with their consultant WSP and provide a work plan.

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2024-06-10	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Clint Keeler Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Hiawatha First Nation John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One hosted an online meeting with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, along with representation from Minogi and Voyageur Services Inc in a meeting to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and Holt SS. Hydro One shared that the Notice of Commencement had been released publicly on June 4, 2024, and provided an overview of the Project timelines and the route alternatives for a 3 km stretch of the line that would be evaluated by an environmental assessment and community and stakeholder input. Hydro One provided an overview of the Multi-Project CFA, highlighting the history of the agreement development and a breakdown of the capacity funding available for each community. Hydro One also discussed upcoming field studies for the Project as well as planned Community Open Houses. Communities inquired about Hydro One's Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process and selection.
2024-06-12	Email	Clint Keeler "consultation Consultation" Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams "rob Lukacs Rlukacs" "sam Shrubsole Sshrubsole" Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One followed up with the attendees of the June 10, 2024 meeting to provide answers on the Early Contractor Involvement process for DKPL, as well as noting some upcoming initiatives for field studies on both DKPL and Holt SS Projects. Hydro One also extended the invitation to hold First Nation Community Open houses, and requested a suitable timing from each community for reoccurring monthly meetings.
2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One and confirmed their availability.

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2024-06-14	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Krista Coppaway Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed MSIFN, Minogi Corp., CLFN, AFN, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of HFN, to provide notice that Hydro One's environmental consultant, WSP would reach out to provide notice of upcoming field studies and field monitoring opportunities.
2024-06-19	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to introduce themselves as the environmental consultant for DKPL and to inquire about their interest in participating in field monitoring opportunities for the Project. WSP provided a field plan summary and rough timelines. WSP requested a copy of any existing field monitoring agreements if preferred.
2024-06-20	Invitation	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent a meeting invitation to Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp, and Voyageur Services Limited for July 8, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.
2024-06-27	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed AFN to inquire about having a community tour and learn about the Black Oak Savannah when they visit AFN to present to Chief and Council in July 2024.
2024-07-01	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm a meeting and tour of their Black Oak Savannah.
2024-07-02	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for looking into the availability for a tour of their Black Oak Savannah.
2024-07-04	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation (AFN) emailed WSP a list of the field studies AFN was interested in participating and engaging in. AFN noted that they expected the CFA to be approved and signed by Chief and Council on July 16, 2024.

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2024-07-04	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to inform them that participation in Class EA field work was not covered in the CFA but flowed from WSP. WSP provided further details on the process and next steps of action if AFN expressed interest in participating.
2024-07-05	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to provide comments with regard to the DKPL project progress. Hydro One summarized the access to land corridor, field study results, and their first steps in the Class EA.
2024-07-08	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with representation and members from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation to discuss project updates on DKPL and Holt SS. Topics included project timelines, Class EA process, field work and opportunities for First Nations involvement, Capacity Funding Agreement, and project next steps. Meeting attendees agreed to hold the next meeting on August 12, 2024 in person in Scugog Island.
2024-07-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to request the monitoring agreement.
2024-07-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that they forwarded their request for a monitoring agreement to WSP.
2024-07-10	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corporation, Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation a copy of the slide deck and meeting notes from a DKPL and Holt SS project meeting. Hydro One noted the revised DKPL CFAs would be sent soon.

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2024-07-12	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them the Indigenous monitor agreement template was being finalized and would be sent when available. WSP also noted the ELC survey was being postponed as Hydro One was working on securing land access.
2024-07-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One and MSIFN to confirm their availability noting that additional AFN team members would reply separately.
2024-07-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide a copy of an Indigenous Organization Monitor Master Services Agreement. WSP noted Appendix A was not applicable to monitors for DKPL. WSP also attached an environmental monitors information sheet that outlined the requirements for liability insurance and WSIB.
2024-07-25	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to provide a signed contract, liability insurance, and WSIB coverage.

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2024-07-30	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide the fully executed MSA and noted they would follow up soon regarding the signed back work order and field schedule for monitors.
2024-08-09	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Barbara Bleho (WSP) Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Jill LaPorte (Golder) Kenndal Soulliere Nick Peppiatt (Golder) Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to notify them that fieldwork surveys would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP inquired if they had any monitors available to attend the surveys and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.

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2024-08-12	Meeting	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representation from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation including economic development and consultation representation and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to discuss the DKPL and Holt SS projects. Hydro One provided a walk through of their ECI/EPC process and approach as well as a discussion on Hydro One's approach to projects regarding the environmental assessment processes.
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2024-08-16	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One and thanked them.
2024-08-16	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville Island First Nation (AFN) to inquire if AFN had any interest in visiting DKPL and Holt SS's route alternatives A and B. HONI also invited AFN to working sessions for addition field survey opportunities.
2024-08-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and noted they had reached out to each community to schedule field visits and working sessions on the environmental aspects of both Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One stated they would leave this information with each community to indicate their approach and if they wished to participate. Hydro One noted they would be happy to schedule in dates to facilitate conversations and actions following their return from vacation the following week.
2024-08-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island ,Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.
2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete.
2024-08-29	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inquire if they had any questions, concerns, or input regarding the DKPL and Holt SS Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA). Hydro One also inquired about the possibility of having a community open house in the community to provide an update around the project, processes, and inputs.
2024-08-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Zhooniya Makak to inform them that Hydro One was working to build an evaluation framework to determine the preferred route for the Project on a segment of approximately 3 km. Hydro One provided a map of the Project and noted it was also available as an interactive map on the Project website. Hydro One noted that they intended to include discussion of the route evaluation at their next monthly meeting on September 11, 2024 and listed potential criteria related to Indigenous Culture, Values, and Land Use.

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2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation (AFN) emailed Hydro One to request that a discussion regarding the evaluation category, protection of remnant Tallgrass Prairie, be added to the agenda. AFN listed some species of cultural significance/concern that had been identified along the proposed corridor. AFN emphasized that the protection of Tallgrass Prairie ecosystems was one of their prerogatives.
2024-09-03	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to inform them that the Indigenous Relations team had been asked to provide their internal Hydro One team with a learning session on what their team does, with specific focus on the Project. Hydro One noted that they felt it would be a great opportunity to bring in a speaker on the Black Oak Savannah and Tallgrass Prairie ecosystems due to their considerations for the Project. Hydro One inquired if AFN could assist or direct them to the correct person or people. Hydro One offered to set up a call on the subject.
2024-09-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jamie Waller Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Kevin Bros Lithwick Sharon Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inquire if they could make an afternoon meeting work. Hydro One requested confirmation of the timing of the meeting and provided a tentative agenda for the in-person meeting and site visit and noted that once confirmed, Hydro One would send an updated invite with meeting locations and logistics.

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2024-09-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jamie Waller Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Kevin Bros Lithwick Sharon Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for the afternoon of September 24, 2024, but that they could not speak for the other communities.
2024-09-10	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to introduce them to the manager of the Black Oak Savanna to discuss their request.
2024-09-10	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to recommend a site visit to learn more about the restoration work that the Alderville Black Oak Savanna undertaking and offered availability for October 3, 2024.
2024-09-11	Meeting	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, CLFN, and HFN for the monthly DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting. Topics reviewed were Project updates including ECI/EPC and environmental field monitoring opportunities, upcoming field studies. At the request of AFN, the topic of the remnants of Tallgrass Prairie was added to the agenda, as was topic of ongoing forestry practices from an operations/short term perspective and on a project perspective for DKPL from MSIFN.
2024-09-12	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to request to secure their availability on October 3, 2024 and requested that Alderville First Nation let Hydro One know what was needed to secure the booking.

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2024-09-12	Email	Aaninguaq Peterson Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, 4D Conservation Consultation, and Francis Chua Consulting to provide a copy of the meeting materials from their Project meeting on September 11, 2024.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share maps of the locations they would be conducting ecological land classification, botanical surveys, and general wildlife and habitat surveys from September 17 to 18, 2024.WSP noted that they would send meet up location to communities with fully executed Monitoring Agreements and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance. WSP provided a list of required PPE for field participation. WSP also noted that additional details about the aquatics fieldwork in October 2024 would be provided once confirmed and requested to be informed if communities had monitors that were interested in participating.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that if monitors did not have safety glasses, a hard hat, or high visibility vest, WSP could provide them, and requested to be informed if any of the items would be required ahead of the scheduled field work dates.

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2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-18	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to follow up on their request to book a site visit on October 3, 2024.
2024-09-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Erin Hayward Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amber-Dawn Boudreau Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Matthew Jackson Michael Farrell Peck Mathew Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to inform them that effective September 17, 2024 they no longer represent Hiawatha First Nation and to please remove 4 Directions Conservation Consultation from all communications meant for Hiawatha First Nation.
2024-09-19	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to suggest a meeting on October 30, 2024 for a joint visit with the Rice Lake Plains Partnership. Alderville First Nation also noted that a Mottled Duskwing expert would be in attendance.
2024-09-19	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inquire if they could facilitate a larger group for the session. Hydro One mentioned that they hope to include their entire major projects team, approximately 20 people, but want to be mindful of capacity and logistics.
2024-09-19	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to inquire about their interest in participating in field work scheduled for October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP requested an updated WSIB if they had interested monitors and noted they could connect AFN with the field crew lead for coordination.

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2024-09-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Francis Chua Consulting to finalize the details for upcoming site visits to DKPL and Holt SS sites. Hydro One noted that the meeting had been condensed and would start at 12:30 PM. Attendees were asked to confirm their attendance and note any preferences about logistics.
2024-09-20	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy	Alderville First Nation (AFN) emailed Hydro One to inform them that they felt it would be possible to facilitate a larger group. AFN recommended a local catering company and provided a proposed agenda. AFN noted they were open to structuring the day in a way that worked for Hydro One and requested any suggestions. AFN suggested that Hydro One reach out to the speaker from the Rice Lake Plains Partnership to confirm how many people they would have in attendance. AFN also noted they would be reaching out to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inquire if they wanted to send one representative.
2024-09-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to provide their updated WSIB insurance for their records and noted that they were not sure if they would send a monitor to participate in the field work.
2024-09-23	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for the updated WSIB.
2024-09-23	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to confirm that they received their regrets for the site visit and inquired if another day worked better for them. Hydro One noted that the attendance was low and the weather was expected to be damp, so they would likely have another field session soon.

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2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.
2024-09-27	Email	Julie Henry	Erika Dawson	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to request a call to discuss meeting coordination and to align on other engagements with AFN and other Williams Treaties First Nations.
2024-10-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to reschedule field visits for the DKPL Route A and B and Holt SS sites visits that were missed due to weather and availability issues. Hydro One said a full day was preferred but they could condense it into a half day if necessary. Hydro One provided their availability for October 9, 16, 17, 28, and 29, 2024 pending approval from relevant parties.
2024-10-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One and noted that unfortunately none of the proposed dates and times would work for them. Alderville First Nation stated that the October 9, 2024 meeting would have to be virtual as they had an in-house meeting the same day.
2024-10-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to request their availability in October 2024 and noted that they had limited availability but would see what could be accommodated.

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2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to inquire if it would be beneficial to cancel their meeting on October 9, 2024, given their busy schedules. Hydro One requested confirmation on how the Nations wanted to proceed and noted that they could facilitate a phone call as a touchpoint or circulate project updates via email if they cancelled their meeting. Hydro One proposed in-person meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they were in agreement with cancelling the meeting on October 9, 2024.
2024-10-07	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on November 4 and 26, 2025 for a site visit.
2024-10-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One responded to Alderville First Nation confirming they would look into scheduling a site visit for November 4, 2024. Hydro One also noted that they would prepare information for them in advance of the field visit.
2024-10-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to confirm November 4, 2024 for a field visit, pending confirmation from the project team to ensure support. Hydro One mentioned preparing information in advance to focus the field visits and maximize time. They inquired if a full day would be best and expressed anticipation for the visit.

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2024-10-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to apologize and inform them that both previously discussed dates are now unavailable. They suggested rescheduling in the new year.
2024-10-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose rescheduling the DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting to November 21, 2024 in Peterborough or another community nearby.
2024-10-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that a number of the DKPL and Holt SS meeting attendees had a conflict with the proposed meeting time on November 21, 2024.
2024-10-21	Email	Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for bringing the scheduling concern to their attention and noted they would circle back on the issue.
2024-10-21	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were unable to attend a meeting on November 21, 2024 due to prior commitments.
2024-10-21	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to indicate that that they would provide an update on the proposed meeting change.

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2024-10-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Francis Chua Consulting (representing Curve Lake First Nation) to confirm that the next meeting for DKPL and Holt SS would remain as scheduled for November 13, 2024.
2024-10-30	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Lead Don Richardson Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Loist - Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jonathan Marriott Kenndal Soulliere Michael Farrell Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississauga's of Scugog Island, Encompass environmental and the Rice Lake Plains Partnership. Topics of this meeting included tall grass restoration and protection, Hydro One Vegetation Management overview, Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Information and a brief presentation on the DKPL project.
2024-11-01	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the agenda and invite to the meeting on November 13, 2024. Hydro One noted that the meeting would focus on DKPL and Holt SS project updates and opportunities for involvment. Hydro One informed communities that information on the DKPL routing process and an opportunity for input would be sent in the coming days, along with information on the Stage 1 AA study. Hydro One requested preference and availability for ongoing meetings to accommodate an in-person meeting once every few months.

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2024-11-01	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to re-send the link to the DKPL Field Work Plan previously sent on August 23, 2024 and requested feedback before the end of November 2024. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October 2024 and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to request input on the criteria and indicators that would be used to evaluate which alternative route would be selected as the Preferred Route for the Project. Hydro One requested feedback on the route evaluation criteria by November 29, 2024 and shared a link to the survey for feedback.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.
2024-11-06	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.

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2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to send a Teams meeting invite for November 13, 2024 as a calendar hold for their monthly project touchpoint meetings. Hydro One attached a meeting agenda and presentation.
2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that they would be late to their meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Paige Williams Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On November 13, 2024 Hydro One met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeast projects. Regarding DKPL, topics included the Field Work Plan review and upcoming 2025 field season, the Stage 1 AA report for review and upcoming Stage 2 AA in 2025, the Route Evaluation survey for community feedback, and the draft ESR review schedule. Hydro One discussed selected ECIs and encouraged IR with contractors.

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2024-11-14	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire if they meant 'keystone' species in their previous email. AFN informed Hydro One that they did not have a written list of keystone species and that to produce one would be a major endeavour in terms of community engagement. AFN noted that they could compile the list once the Capacity Funding Agreement had been established and inquired if they could proceed with the OCAP principles appended.
2024-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to thank them for meeting with them on November 13, 2024. Hydro One acknowledged that there were several action items on Hydro One's end and that they would send a consolidated email to address action items. Hydro One shared screenshots of the Route Evaluation Survey that was discussed during the meeting and reminded communities that the survey would close on November 29, 2024. Hydro One shared the survey link.
2024-11-26	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and shared monthly Project Updates for November 2024, on DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Expansion. Updates related to Holt SS included updates on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report, the Class EA process, and Engineering and Procurement Contractor.
2024-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to suggest alternative dates and times to reschedule their meeting initially planned for January 8, 2024 due to conflicts.

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2024-12-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to indicate that aligning on a collective meeting date was a challenge and that they would cancel the meeting on January 8, 2025 in favour of individual invites based on community schedules. Hydro One also noted they would send a month-end communication with important timelines and dates to be reviewed at their meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One requested confirmation that their approach worked for the communities.
2024-12-04	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were still working on their review of the Stage 1 AA report and inquired if they could receive an extension until December 5 or 6, 2024.
2024-12-04	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that they had flexibility with the review deadline and noted that the week of December 9, 2024 was fine.
2024-12-04	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the extension.
2024-12-06	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were almost finished their review of the Stage 1 AA report but that they may need to stretch their review into the weekend due to capacity.
2024-12-06	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them of their timeline for completing their review of the Stage 1 AA report.
2024-12-06	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for the update and informed them that the delay was not a problem and reminded them to take some rest of the weekend.

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2024-12-06	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. with the attachment of the slide deck for the upcoming virtual meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One confirmed they would add the presentation to the meeting invite and noted that WSP would present on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conduct a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-09	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their review of the Stage 1 AA report and thanked them for the extension.
2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Francis Chua Julie Henry Kayla Wright Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sean Davison	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On December 11, 2024, Hydro One met virtually with WSP, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeastern Ontario projects including the Bowmanville SS Expansion Project.
2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on December 11, 2024, to discuss Hydro One's Holt SS and DKPL projects. Hydro One's consultant, WSP presented on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conducted a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-12	Email	Julie Kapyrka Katie Lee Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire about an invoice.

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2024-12-12	Email	Julie Kapyrka Katie Lee Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their availability for invoicing training.
2024-12-12	Email	Julie Kapyrka Olivia English Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to request their Economic Development Manager be included on equity partnership correspondence.
2024-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a year-end update and monthly summary on southeastern projects. Hydro One shared information regarding the Field Work Plan and upcoming 2025 field season, the Draft ESR reporting schedule, and upcoming community open houses for DKPL. Hydro One shared an update on the Class EA process, the Screening Criteria Rationale, mitigations table, and the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report for Holt SS. Hydro One also shared an update on the schedule for the Field Work Plan for the Bowmanville SS Expansion project.
2025-01-07	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to request an opportunity to connect to discuss the upcoming Stage 2 archaeology for the Project. Hydro One requested their availability for a meeting.
2025-01-07	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that their meeting should be held collectively with the Michi Saagiig Nations.
2025-01-15	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that WSP was preparing the release of the SharePoint that would house the sections of the draft ESR for Indigenous Community review for the Project. Hydro One reshared the reporting schedule and requested confirmation of the contacts to be used for SharePoint access.
2025-01-22	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Curve Lake First Nation, Francis Chua Consulting represting Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Alderville First Nation for the monthly meeting to discuss the DKPL Project, Holt SS project and Bowmanville SS Projects.

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2025-01-29	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that a section of the draft ESR references Tallgrass Prairie as a criterion in the survey for route analysis. Hydro One noted that they would not share the details of the species that AFN listed in their communication with Hydro One, and inquired if AFN was comfortable with the information pertaining to the importance of Tallgrass Prairie being included in the draft ESR. Hydro One noted that their approach was to stick with high-level details unless told otherwise. Hydro One also informed AFN that the draft ESR would be sent to First Nations in mid-February 2025 for review and comments and welcomed AFN's feedback on whether to include the species or not. Hydro One wanted to ensure they were not sharing information with communities, including beyond Michi Saagiig communities, that AFN would consider sensitive.
2025-01-31	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects. Hydro One noted that some schedule changes were indicated in the summary and that they looked forward to connecting on February 12, 2025.
2025-02-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Johanna Perz (AECOM) Jordan Witt (AECOM) Michael Teal (Golder) Nafiz Samiee	On February 12, 2025, Hydro One and WSP met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to provide project updates for DKPL, Bowmanville SS, and Holt SS projects. Hydro One introduced their consultant for Bowmanville SS and discussed ELC surveys, expectations for engagement, and field monitoring on the Project. Hydro One
2025-02-13	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire about a meeting cancellation they received.
2025-02-25	Email	Julie Kapyrka Olivia English Stephanie Zilinski Taynar Simpson	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation and scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use criteria. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss the Project and the evaluation process.

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2025-03-24	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Francis Chua Francis Chua Hiawatha First Nation Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy John Chadwick Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Francis Chua Consulting (supporting Curve Lake First Nation) Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation/Minogi for the monthly southeast Major Projects' touchpoint. The Durham Kawartha Powerline Project, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Projects were a topic of discussion and included updates on DKPL archaeology and natural environment studies, Holt SS archaeology, construction and next steps, and Bowmanville SS archaeology and natural environment studies.
2025-03-31	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for confirming their interest and capacity to participate in environmental fieldwork and the status of their insurance.
2025-04-03	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to express concern and support following the recent storm that significantly impacted the community. Due to ongoing power restoration efforts, Hydro One proposed pausing next week's meeting to allow the community to focus on recovery and noted a lack of significant updates since the meeting on March 24, 2025. Hydro One offered to proceed based on Alderville First Nation's preference and assured them that project updates would be shared through the monthly update. Hydro One also offered to be available for phone calls or email discussions as needed.
2025-04-03	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to express concern and support following the recent storm that significantly impacted the community. Due to ongoing power restoration efforts, Hydro One proposed pausing next week's meeting to allow the community to focus on recovery and noted a lack of significant updates since the meeting on the 24th. Hydro One offered to proceed based on Alderville First Nation's preference and assured them that project updates would be shared through the monthly update. Hydro One also offered to be available for phone calls or email discussions as needed.

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2025-04-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to update them on the March 2025 SE Project and action items from the March 24th meeting. Due to ongoing power outages, the March updates were delayed, and the April 9th meeting was canceled, with updates to be shared via email. Hydro One provided summaries and updates on DKPL archaeology, fieldwork, and cultural heritage reviews, as well as sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. They also detailed progress and plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including vegetation removal, archaeological reassessment, and natural environment studies. Hydro One invited further questions and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.
2025-04-07	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide WSIB and Liability Insurance required for fieldwork monitoring on Hydro One projects.
2025-04-07	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	HONI emailed Alderville First Nation confirming that they will forward the insurance documents to the contractors and CC Alderville First Nation on the communications to keep her informed.
2025-04-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. The appendices are available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP thanked Alderville First Nation for their March 31, 2025 update on their interest and capacity to participate in environmental field work and acknowledged receipt of their updated insurance and WSIB Certificate. WSP assured Alderville First Nation that they would be kept informed about surveys occurring this year and invited any questions.

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2025-04-09	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited Alderville First Nation monitors to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-14	Email	Aiden Gorveatt	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed a Alderville First Nation to inquire about booking a spot for an information booth while working on sponsorships. Hydro One asked if there is a sign-up process for the booth.
2025-04-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an overview of consultant contacts and project status to help streamline information. Hydro One provided contacts for WSP regarding natural environment field studies on DKPL and summarized upcoming dates for amphibian surveys, breeding bird surveys, ecological land classification and general wildlife surveys. Hydro One provided contacts for WSP regarding archaeological field studies on DKPL. Hydro One confirmed that they provided AFN's updated insurance documents to WSP and confirmed that AFN had a signed agreement with WSP from summer 2024. Hydro One confirmed that everything was in place for participation of natural environment and archaeological field studies for DKPL. Hydro One provided contacts for TMHC regarding archaeological field studies on Holt SS. Hydro One confirmed that AFN's insurance documents were provided to TMHC and that TMHC would reach out to finalize their monitoring agreement. Hydro One noted that fieldwork was scheduled for spring 2025 and that TMHC were asked to provide more detailed timelines. Hydro One provided contacts for AECOM and TMHC regarding natural environment field studies and archaeological field studies on Bowmanville SS. Hydro One requested that AFN reach out to AECOM to if they wished to participate in natural environment field studies that were underway as of the week of April 20, 2025. Hydro One requested to be informed if they could support AFN in any way.
2025-04-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Paul Ritchie (WSP)	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that AFN had updated their 2025 fee schedule for archaeological liaisons which required WSP to update their agreement. AFN also noted that they believed their agreement with WSP from 2024 to be expired. AFN provided details on their fees. AFN noted that if WSP could provide their updated agreement AFN would sign it.
2025-04-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to confirm acceptance of the new monitor rates. Hydro One clarified that any activities beyond monitoring, such as report reviewing, would be covered under the CFA. Hydro One provided suggested agreement language related to administrative tasks that they had used previously in a similar scenario. Hydro One requested to be informed if AFN wanted to meet to discuss further.

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2025-04-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm the suggested language was fine to use.
2025-04-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Michael Farrell Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation from EnCompass Environmental and Minogi Corp. to provide them with an agenda for their upcoming meeting on May 5, 2025. Hydro One also provided a consolidated summary of the urban forestry strategy for their review. Hydro One noted that a copy of the slide deck would be provided prior to their meeting
2025-04-29	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to inform them that they had confirmed with WSP's legal team that the MSA between WSP and AFN was still valid and would consider work orders issued under the MSA to be valid. Hydro One confirmed that the previous work order had expired and provided a work order dated April 28, 2025 for their review. Hydro One confirmed that the work order included the rates AFN previously provided.
2025-05-06	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) providing an update on the upcoming amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second round of amphibian surveys would take place the week of May 20, 2025, with surveys scheduled to begin 30 minutes after sunset and end by midnight. WSP indicated tentative plans to visit a few locations and provided corresponding dates. WSP referenced the March 21, 2025 memo, with a map of survey locations. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their teams in the field for any of the dates noted or future surveys. WSP requested AFN to confirm the days the monitors will be available, so additional details could be provided regarding survey meeting locations, schedules, and health and safety requirements.

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2025-05-15	In-Person Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Courtney Gauthier Dan Reeves Jeff Hankin Jonathan Marriott Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Michael Farrell Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss forestry protocols in the Williams Treaty Territory as well as to provide the monthly update on the DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Projects.
2025-05-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.

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2025-05-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to announce a role change effective May 28 2025. The team member expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Michi Saagiig communities over the past 1.5 years and emphasized the importance of the work done together. The team member noted that they would attend the June 11, 2025 meeting to wrap up loose ends and say goodbye, as another member from Hydro One would continue to support the projects. Hydro One requested for patience during the transition and assured that the new team members would handle the portfolio with care. Hydro One expressed hope for future interactions.
2025-05-20	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP noted that round 2 of amphibian surveys was postponed due to weather and an updated schedule with survey locations would be provided. WSP provided fieldwork survey dates for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA), eDNA and aquatics surveys, round 1 of breeding bird surveys, round 3 of amphibian surveys, round 2 of breeding bird surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join this teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP requested that, since AFN had an existing monitoring agreement, they reach out to confirm any days they would like to participate so WSP could provide additional details.
2025-05-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide a SharePoint link to the initial draft of section 4 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for an advanced review and confirmed that the full public review was expected to take place in fall 2025. WSP clarified that previous schedules for the ESR review period noted that sections 7 and 8 would accompany section 4, however due to unforeseen delays a separate review period for sections 7 and 8 would begin in June when the draft sections were finalized. WSP noted that Hydro One requested feedback on section 4 by June 24, 2025. WSP also advised that if the communities did not want their comments included in the shared file with other communities, that they could download a copy to include comments to be sent to WSP and Hydro One. WSP also noted that comments could not be added to the file after the review period.

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2025-05-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that round 2 of amphibian surveys had been rescheduled to take place the week of May 26, 2025. WSP provided details of survey timing and a tentative schedule for survey locations by date. WSP welcomed participation from field monitors and requested to be informed if any monitors were available or interested in participating so WSP could provide additional details.
2025-05-27	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP requested to be informed if AFN wanted to participate.
2025-06-04	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.
2025-06-05	Email	Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski Taynar Simpson	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on their capacity funding. Hydro One also reminded Hiawatha First Nation about a community investment opportunity.

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2025-06-09	Email	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they looked forward to connecting at their meeting on June 11, 2025 and to introduce Indigenous Relations team members joining the Project.
2025-06-11	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with had a monthly touchpoint meeting with Williams Treaties First Nations representatives including Hiawatha First Nation (HFN), Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN), and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to discuss updates and collaborative efforts on Hydro One's transmission projects. Project updates included advanced review schedule for upcoming ESR chapters, development of a tall grass prairie protocol, updates on field studies, biodiversity initiative, funding proposals, and Traditional Knowledge Studies.
2025-06-13	Email	Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide a contact for their Archaeological Program Coordinator to be included on archaeological correspondence moving forward.
2025-06-18	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-24	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-25	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-27	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an initial draft of Sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for early review. WSP noted that the full public review of the completed ESR would take place in fall 2025. WSP also noted that a separate table for Indigenous culture, values, and land use concerns and mitigation measures was developed for review. WSP requested comments and feedback by July 28, 2025.
2025-07-02	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-03	Email	Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to confirm July 9, 2025, for the meeting regarding capacity funding agreements.
2025-07-07	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One and WSP to request that a new team member be granted access to Project links and files, and be copied on all future correspondence.

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2025-07-07	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to confirm that the new AFN team member had been granted access to the Project SharePoint site and associated files for review.
2025-07-07	Email	Ceara Das	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to introduce themselves as the new relationship lead for the Project. Hydro One emphasized their role in supporting inclusive engagement alongside the environment teams and expressed interest in continued collaboration.
2025-07-08	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025, and welcomed their attendance.
2025-07-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region. AFN requested that winter ecological studies be conducted and asked for a copy of Hydro One's Cultural Heritage Evaluation Policy.
2025-07-10	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to follow up on their comments from their meeting on July 9, 2025. Hydro One expressed appreciation for AFN's engagement on the Project. Hydro One requested clarification regarding what locations of the Project, species of interest, or Project impacts were of particular concern for winter studies to better understand the goals and intent of the work to scope out what Hydro One could commit to.

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2025-07-10	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had requested a four season approach for the environmental studies for the entire corridor, expressing the need for a fulsome, balanced, and well-rounded approach to understand what was happening on the land in every season.
2025-07-10	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to request further clarification and priorities by species or areas of concern regarding their request for winter studies to discuss. Hydro One also suggested that they present this topic for discussion with the other First Nation communities as well.
2025-07-10	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to recommend using trail cameras along the corridor to observe species inhabiting the land during winter.
2025-07-10	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that they would take AFN's request regarding trail cameras back to the environment team for consideration.
2025-07-14	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-15	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-18	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to share section 3 of the draft ESR for advanced review and requested comments to be provided by August 15, 2025. WSP provided an update on staffing.
2025-07-20	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski Jordon MacArthur	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm the contact to be reached in the event of archaeological finds or concerns.

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2025-07-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Minogi Corp., on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, to follow up regarding discussions about winter studies. Hydro One advised that their real estate team felt that trail cameras could be problematic due to the many private properties along the corridor, but wanted to find a way to honour their wishes for a four-season approach. Hydro One invited both communities to sit down with a biologist from WSP to develop the scope for a winter studies workplan. Hydro One welcomed their thoughts on the approach.
2025-07-26	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to request that their Consultation Energy Coordinator be included on correspondence going forward.
2025-07-28	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to inform them that they would ensure their Consultation Energy Coordinator was included on correspondence going forward.
2025-07-28	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to inquire if they needed to provide any documentation for their Consultation Energy Coordinator to participate in fieldwork.

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2025-07-28	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they would send out a calendar invite for a meeting in August 2025 and requested to be informed if any communities had a preferred date for their meeting, recognizing that calendars were quite full for the month of August 2025.
2025-07-28	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to inform them that they had an updated Work Order and insurance documentation from AFN for them to be able to participate in fieldwork. WSP inquired if they had interest in joining the Butternut Health Assessment on July 30, 2025 or any ongoing archaeological fieldwork.
2025-07-29	Email	Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to connect them with Hydro One contacts that would touch base regarding the project they inquired about.
2025-07-29	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-29	Email	Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for their budgeting and invoicing meeting earlier in July 2025.
2025-07-30	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation (AFN) emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR. AFN noted that they had elections on July 18, 2025 and their Council composition had changed slightly. AFN advised that their letterhead would be updated in the coming weeks.

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2025-07-31	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for their feedback and confirmed they would share it with their Environment team for review and response.
2025-08-05	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the presentation slides for the August 15, 2025, meeting and proposed an in-person meeting in fall 2025.
2025-08-12	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation (AFN) emailed WSP to confirm that AFN would attend the Butternut Health Assessment on August 21, 2025.

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2025-08-12	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to acknowledge AFN's confirmation of attendance at the Butternut Health Assessment on August 21, 2025. WSP confirmed that the field crew would be notified of AFN's attendance and that deployment details would be provided once finalized.
2025-08-12	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-13	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to provide a Work Order for natural environment fieldwork related to the Butternut Health Assessment. WSP clarified that the previous Work Order applied only to Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork and confirmed that supporting documentation, including Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage and insurance, was on file. WSP requested that AFN review and sign the Work Order to ensure participation in upcoming fieldwork. WSP acknowledged and apologized for the earlier misunderstanding regarding Work Order coverage.

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2025-08-15	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss the development of the file access virtual platform, monitor training, winter studies, environmental reporting, transmission line construction, the biodiversity initiative, the Endangered Species Act, Bill C5 and permitting, and ongoing archaeology work.
2025-08-16	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to provide a signed Work Order and requested clarification on some of its contents.
2025-08-19	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to thank them for providing feedback on the Work Order. WSP provided a new Work Order and noted the updates that were incorporated. WSP offered to provide the previously signed Work Order for AFN's monitor to join the fieldwork on August 13, 2025, should the new Work Order not be executed in time.

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2025-08-19	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Gwyneth Govers Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide the meeting details for the site visit on August 21, 2025. WSP provided the meeting location and time as well as contact information for the field lead and PPE requirements.
2025-08-19	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates and locations for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-20	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to follow up on their review of the revised work order. WSP offered to circulate a fully executed copy of the original work order from August 13, 2025, to ensure their monitor could participate in field studies on August 21, 2025.
2025-08-20	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to provide the countersigned work order from the version that AFN previously signed on August 16, 2025, to ensure an agreement was in place ahead of their monitor's participation in the field on August 21, 2025. WSP confirmed they would replace it with the revised work order once that had been signed by AFN.

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2025-08-20	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they would provide the signed work order on August 21, 2025. Alderville First Nation thanked WSP for accommodations to ensure their monitor could attend fieldwork on August 21, 2025.
2025-08-22	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to provide the signed revised work order.
2025-08-25	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide the countersigned work order.
2025-08-25	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, to note that they looked forward to their meeting on August 26, 2025. Hydro One noted that they did not have an agenda, and that the intent was to have their teams share specific and desired outcomes of the data for the study area. Hydro One also noted that WSP would be joining them to provide additional expertise.

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2025-08-25	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One and Alderville First Nation to confirm that they would be prepared to share specific desired outcomes during the upcoming meeting about winter studies. Minogi Corp. also noted that they had identified conflicting information in the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions report regarding references to the Endangered Species Act and what they had discussed in previous meeting with Hydro One. Minogi Corp. requested to discuss how Hydro One's commitments to First Nations were being communicated to consultants.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to acknowledge their concerns regarding Bill 5 and the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions report and to confirm they would set up a separate meeting to discuss so that could focus their call on August 27, 2025, on the winter studies topic.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One and Alderville First Nation to confirm their agreement in setting up a separate call to discuss their concerns. Minogi Corp. also requested that they add the item to their next monthly meeting agenda as well.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Hydro One to confirm that Minogi Corp.'s suggestion to add their Bill 5 concerns as an agenda item in their next monthly meeting was a great idea, adding that the other communities would also have feedback on the matter.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to reiterate that the suggestion was a great idea and to confirm that they would add the topic to their monthly meeting agenda.
2025-08-26	Meeting	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss a scope of work for the proposed winter study for the DKPL project area. Hydro One requested, and both Nations agreed, to provide a project scope within the month so Hydro One could allocate appropriate funding as this study would fall outside the DKPL project parameters and constraints.
2025-08-27	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, to thank them for meeting on August 26, 2025, to discuss winter studies. Hydro One provided an overview of action items from the meeting, including providing a map of public access lands in the ROW and areas that may have impacts to vegetation and follow up discussion to discuss the mapping and methodologies, with the intent of developing workplan to execute in fall and winter of 2025. Hydro One also suggested incorporating discussion on targeted studies to the agenda of their next monthly meeting.

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2025-08-29	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season.
2025-08-29	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to request clarification regarding the location of the Butternut Health Assessment summary provided by WSP.
2025-08-29	Email	Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to clarify that the location mentioned was part of the Project route where Butternut Health Assessments took place.
2025-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation to inform them that their internal meeting would be gathering at Hiawatha First Nation on September 10, 2025, and invited all communities to join them in-person if they were able. Hydro One confirmed they would send out an agenda and presentation deck ahead of the meeting for their review. Hydro One requested to be informed if attendees were able to attend in-person and confirmed that they would maintain the virtual option as well.

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2025-09-02	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-09-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to express their concerns regarding the characterization of specific communities in the DNER. MSIFN requested raw data, shapefiles, photos, and written rationale to support their detailed review.
2025-09-05	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm that they shared MSIFN's request with their technical team and that they would work to provide the requested information to support their review.
2025-09-10	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on multiple projects. Topics of discussion included winter studies, feedback on advanced review of the DNER and ESR chapters, targeted studies, habitat definitions in the reports, and the biodiversity initiative.
2025-09-23	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp. (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) emailed Hydro One and Alderville First Nation to acknowledge receipt of the maps for the winter studies, and confirmed an internal deadline of October 9, 2025, to provide Hydro One with a guidance document outlining preferred methodologies for the studies.
2025-09-23	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) and Alderville First Nation to acknowledge the October 9, 2025, deadline for the winter studies guidance document and inquired about scheduling a meeting to review it upon completion.

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2025-09-23	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp. (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) emailed Hydro One and Alderville First Nation to confirm interest in scheduling a meeting to review the winter studies guidance document upon its completion.
2025-09-23	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) and Alderville First Nation to acknowledge Minogi Corp.'s interest in a meeting to review the winter studies guidance document and confirmed that meeting dates would be provided.
2025-10-01	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation (AFN) to provide the Project team's responses to AFN's comments on sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.
2025-10-06	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to recommend shortening their scheduled monthly project touchpoint due to the lack of substantial updates they had for attendees, and to share an agenda item for discussion regarding confidential file sharing and storage. Hydro One requested confirmation from attendees that they were comfortable with the proposal to shorten the meeting. Hydro One shared their approach for adding community members to respective sharing folders and requested confirmation from communities for the members that would require access.

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2025-10-17	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to share the Project was nearly ready to release its draft ESR for public review. Hydro One thanked the Williams Treaty First Nations for their feedback, input, and effort on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations via their shared workspace. Hydro One also acknowledged a few outstanding responses that were forthcoming. Hydro One encouraged communities to work with their internal teams to submit invoices ahead of the holidays.
2025-10-29	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Kayla Wright Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region.

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2025-11-14	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to share an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.
2025-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for meeting with them and to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-24	Email	Ceara Das Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to remind them that the draft ESR comment period would close on November 27, 2025 and requested to be informed if they anticipated any issues submitting comments before the deadline. Hydro One welcomed any comments.
2025-11-24	Email	Amanda Phillips Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had no further comments on the ESR.
2025-11-24	Email	Amanda Phillips Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to thank them for confirming they had no further comments and noted that they would inform them when to expect the final version.

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2025-11-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inquire if a response had been provided regarding the request for Savannah communities data.
2025-11-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to thank them for following up on their request and informed them that they were still compiling the requested files but would be providing a response soon.
2025-11-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to inform them that the requested data had been uploaded to Sharepoint and to provide them the link and a written rationale to support the request.
2025-11-25	Email	Consultation Email Julie Henry	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	Alderville First Nation emailed WSP to request access to the Sharepoint with the Savannah Communities information.
2025-11-25	Email	Consultation Email Julie Henry	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation to confirm they provided access to the Sharepoint to retrieve the Savannah Communities information.
2025-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. MSIFN thanked Hydro One and their team for their ongoing partnership and noted that they looked forward to continued collaboration on the Project. MSIFN copied Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation for visibility.
2025-12-03	Email	Matthew Olsen Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to introduce their new Consultation Project Engagement Coordinator who would be supporting with the CFA and invoicing. AFN provided their Q3 invoice.
2025-12-05	Email	Matthew Olsen Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation to express their regret at their member's upcoming departure from their role and wished them well. Hydro One confirmed that invoices would remain in capable hands and expressed thanks for ensuring they were sent along.

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2025-12-10	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that a winter study proposal had been selected for Hydro One's review and approval to advance winter surveys for the Project. MSIFN copied representation from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation for visibility.
2025-12-10	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and representation to thank them all for their effort and time to bring forward the winter studies proposal. Hydro One confirmed they would share it with the team for review and noted that they would likely have an opportunity to review and provide feedback in January 2025 due to capacity and efforts to complete the final ESR.
2025-12-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tamara Whitby Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to express gratitude for their effort, insight, and willingness to collaborate and lead to the success of their projects. Hydro One noted that the collaboration on DKPL had been precedent setting and emphasized that meaningful participation of First Nations was the best and only way forward within the industry. Hydro One shared a list of action items and updates in lieu of their monthly meeting and wished everyone a nice holiday break.

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2025-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation to confirm that they also added the draft ESR comment responses to the shared workspace.

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2026-01-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to hold their first monthly meeting of 2026. The meeting introduced new staff and provided updates on the five southeast projects: Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line, Holt SS, Durham Kawartha Power Line, Bowmanville SS, and Bowmanville x GTA East.
2026-01-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and representation to confirm their interest in supporting the one-time winter studies proposal put forth by their hired subcontractor. Hydro One provided conditions for the study and confirmed that their finance department would reach out to MSIFN once outstanding items had been resolved.

AFN Comment Responses

Hydro One Durham Kawartha Power Line ("the Project") – HONI to Alderville First Nation

Table 1: Hydro One Networks Inc's (HONI) Responses to Alderville First Nation comments on the Archeology Report		
Item	Alderville First Nation	HONI responses
Territorial Acknowledgement Page		
Page iv	"The Project Area is located on the treaty and traditional lands of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabe (conventionally referred to as the Williams Treaties First Nations of Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Scugog Island First Nation, Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Georgina Island First Nation) and the traditional lands of the Huron-Wendat Nation. This Project Area is part of the Williams Treaties of 1923 and the 2018 Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement which reaffirmed the harvesting rights of Williams Treaties First Nations across all pre-confederation treaties: 5, 16, 18, 20, 27, 27 ¼, Gunshot Treaty, and the Crawford Purchase. The Indigenous signatories of these treaties continue to be contemporary stewards of these lands." The Territorial Acknowledgement provided in this report acknowledges that the project area is located on the traditional lands of the Huron-Wendat but makes no mention of the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee who also have an archaeological presence within the project area. This omission demonstrates a bias that favours the Huron-Wendat. The concluding sentence reads a little awkward: The Indigenous signatories of these treaties continue to be contemporary stewards of these lands. Rather than signatories, the term First Nations should be used and the word "stewards" should be replaced with "caretakers." Recently, a Michi Saagiig Knowledge Holder relayed that the	The language has been changed and reference to the traditional lands of the Haudenosaunee peoples has been added. "The Project Area is located on the treaty and traditional lands of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabe (conventionally referred to as the Williams Treaties First Nations of Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Scugog Island First Nation, Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Georgina Island First Nation) and the traditional lands of the Huron-Wendat Nation and Haudenosaunee peoples. This Project Area is part of the Williams Treaties of 1923 and the 2018 Williams Treaties Settlement Agreement which reaffirmed the harvesting rights of Williams Treaties First Nations across all pre-confederation treaties: 5, 16, 18, 20, 27, 27 ¼, Gunshot Treaty, and the Crawford Purchase. The Indigenous First Nations of these treaties continue to be contemporary caretakers of these lands."

	terms 'stewards' and 'stewardship' are not in keeping with Indigenous perspectives regarding the familial relationships with all of Creation, and connote a power imbalance in terms of having stewardship over something. This does not capture the profound love and respect that is relayed in the context of: All my Relations.	
2.2.6.1 Known Sites within 50 m of the Project Area		
Page 10	"There is at least one registered archaeological site that is in close proximity to the Preferred Route that may pose a planning concern for this project: "BbGo-10 (McCreef Site) – a sparse scatter of materials tentatively dated between 1830 and 1860 (Adams 1992). It is unclear whether the methods employed for this survey were in keeping with current standards and the site was not recommended for further assessment. Based on the report, Hydro One had planned to construct an access road through the section of corridor containing BbGo-10. Therefore, the CHVI of BbGo-10 is currently unknown. MCM records indicate that this site is located outside the Preferred Route; however, the consultant report depicts this site within the Preferred Route (SD Map 10), which poses a planning concern;" Where is SD Map 10? Alderville First Nation supports avoidance and protection of archaeological sites.	The SD was appended to the main report on November 6. 2024. It will be redistributed with these comment responses. SD Map 10 is located on pdf page 141
2.2.6.2 Known Sites within 300 m of the Project Area		
Page 10	"BaGp-1 (Strong Site) – reportedly classified as an Iroquoian campsite, though it was also described as a roughly two- or three-acre scatter, which may suggest it may be a hamlet or village. It was excavated by the Strong family of Ballyduff prior to its documentation with the MCM; however, the extent of the excavations is unknown, along with	SD Mapping to be redistributed. SD Map 7 is located on pdf page 138. Without other available documentation of the site, we are not in a position to dispute the current classification. Language has been added to further reinforce this gap in data.

	its CHVI. It was also noted that the site had been previously disturbed by looters, who dug a line of five-foot squares. The site is within 300 m of the Preferred Route (SD Map 7) and may pose a planning concern." While this site may have been classified as Iroquoian in nature, it may not have been. We now know that temporal horizons depicting 'Iroquoian' settlements in southern Ontario have been affected by the most recent global C-14 calibration - Sturt Manning has published extensively about this since 2018 and this new data has significant implications for long held ethnic designations in the archaeological record. Where is SD Map 7?	"BaGp-1 (Strong Site) – reportedly classified as an Iroquoian campsite, though it was also described as a roughly two- or three-acre scatter, which may suggest it may be a hamlet or village. It was supposedly excavated by the Strong family of Ballyduff prior to its documentation with the MCM; however, documentation was lacking. As a result, the extent and results of the excavations are unclear, along with the cultural affiliation and CHVI of BaGp-1. It was also noted that the site had been previously disturbed by looters, who dug a line of five-foot squares. The site is within 300 m of the Preferred Route (SD Map 8) and may pose a planning concern,"
2.2.6.2 Summary of Past Investigations within 50 m		
Pages 13, 15-17	There is an extremely high potential for the recovery of archaeological resources within the project area. The following areas are recommended for Stage 2, which Alderville First Nation supports and expects to participate in the fieldwork: 2.2.7.2 Highway 7 Design Project – Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI; 2006) The project area was approximately 13 km in length and crosses the current Project Area at Highway 10 and Mount Pleasant Road. 2.2.7.5 Ballyduff Wind Farm Project – AMICK (2013) Parcel 2 falls within the current Project Area southwest of Ballyduff while Parcel 3 overlaps with current Project Area northeast of Ballyduff. 2.2.7.9 ARROW Kawartha Lakes Campbellford Former Rail Line Project – Stantec (2021) The project area was approximately 120 km in length and overlaps with the current Project Area along Lily Lake Road immediately south of the Dobbin TS.	Acknowledged. The projects listed are Stage 1 assessments that recommend Stage 2. At this time, no Stage 2 work has been carried out, therefore not considered assessed. Hydro One recommends the areas that overlap with DKPL be subject to Stage 2. These fall within the preferred route but would require relatively low Stage 2 effort (small sections of TP, photo doc, and medium-sized section of ped survey). Hydro One understands the comments provided here from AFN as reiteration of the expectation to participate in the fieldwork for these areas. 2.2.7.2 Highway 7 Design Project – Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI; 2006) Small sections of area recommended for Stage 2 TP survey within Hwy 7 ROW on both sides of roadway (north of Mount Pleasant Rd). 2.2.7.5 Ballyduff Wind Farm Project – AMICK (2013) Section of ploughed field recommended for St 2 ped. survey within the DKPL preferred route south of Ballyduff Rd.

	2.2.7.10 Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project – Stantec (2022) This roughly 50 km-long project area falls within the current Project Area in the vicinity of County Road 10 (Map 57).	2.2.7.9 ARROW Kawartha Lakes Campbellford Former Rail Line Project – Stantec (2021) Former railway was partly subject to site inspection during the previous Stage 1. A small section falls within the DKPL preferred route beside the Dobbin TS; most was confirmed disturbed and not recommended for Stage 2 but it was recommended that to the west be subject to photo documentation to confirm disturbance during Stage 2. 2.2.7.10 Bobcaygeon Community Expansion Project – Stantec (2022) The roadways at County Rd 10 and Stewart Line were deemed disturbed during Stage 1-2 assessment and no further assessment is required. The areas outside the roadways were determined to have potential and recommended for Stage 2.
Pages 13-19	Sections 2.26 – 2.28 The sections 2.26 to 2.28 which include summaries of registered or known archaeological sites, past archaeological investigations within 50m, and past archaeological investigations related to Hydro One projects, is confusing and repetitive – as such it was difficult to collate. It would be helpful to generate a map showing the preferred route and the areas that have been archaeological assessed, and by which company, and when. This will give us a better sense of where we feel additional archaeological studies need to be done.	The current mapping showing proposed methods for areas of archaeological potential depicts areas previously subject to assessment along with the corresponding PIFs. For convenience the following PIF's show areas that were previously assessed and intersect the DKPL Right of way: - Maps 33 (P094-131-2012; P094-161-2012, ASI) - Map 47(P058-692-2010; P058-728-2011, AMICK) - Map 50 (P324-004-2013; P324-006-2013, TMHC) - and Map 54 (P059-227-2010; P059-227-2010-STG3; P059-303-2011, This Land Archaeology Inc.)
Questions Pertaining to the Following Sites:		
Page 18-19	"2.2.8.3 Hydro One Clarington Transformer Station Project – Archaeological Services Inc. (ASI; 2012) The northern portion of the Project Area falls within the southwestern terminus of the current Project Area (Map 33). Their project area was subject to pedestrian survey and test pit survey, resulting in the documentation of a small lithic scatter, including a Middle Archaic Period Brewerton Corner-Notched type projectile point (AlGr-305; Map 27 and SD Map 5). It was determined that the site retained cultural heritage	AlGr-305 is located approximately 500 m southeast of the Preferred Route, falling outside the mapped area for archaeological potential within the current Project Area. The precise location is included on SD Maps 5 & 6 - to be redistributed SD Map 5 and 6 are located on pdf page 136/137. Hydro One is open to and will discuss requests related to reassessments on a case-by-case basis through the Stage 2 field season. Hydro One proposes an option to meet with AFN (and WTFN communities if requested) archaeology leads to review and discuss.

	value or interest (CHVI) and Stage 3 testing was recommended. AlGr-305 is not located within 300 m of the current Study Area." Map 27 does not show the location of where the lithic scatter is located. Where is SD Map 5? We would like to know the location of the lithic scatter in relation to the preferred route. Alderville First Nation is requesting that the ASI project area that falls within the southwestern terminus of the current project area be reassessed. We make this request as we have had recent experiences that include the reassessment of ASI pedestrian surveys that had cleared areas where significant Archaic sites were found. This has also resulted in our request to potentially reassess other areas of previous pedestrian surveys as the current S&G methodology has proven inadequate with respect to locating archaeological materials.	It is beyond the scope of the licensed archaeologist to recommend that areas that were assessed and cleared be reassessed – especially many years after the assessment has been completed, MCM acceptance letter has been issued, and the work meets current standards. This approach poses a risk in creating a regulatory grey zone where properties are simultaneously cleared and not cleared of archaeological concern. While this will not be a recommendation from the Stage 1 report, Hydro One is open to discussing.
Page 14	"2.2.7.4 Settler's Landing Wind Park Project – AMICK Consultants Ltd. (AMICK; 2012) In 2011, AMICK undertook a Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment of lands anticipated to be impacted by the proposed Setter's Landing Wind Farm in Manvers Township, overlapping with the current Project Area southwest of Ballyduff (Map 47). The assessment employed pedestrian and test pit survey, resulting in the identification of no archaeological resources and was not recommended for further investigation (Map 15). The results of this assessment are presented in a report entitled Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment, Settler's Landing Wind Park, Part of Lots 7, 8 & 9, Concession 3, Part of Lot 7,	Request acknowledged – See previous comment. A narrow section of the area previously subject to Stage 2 (via test pit survey) falls within the DKPL preferred route.

	Concession 8 (Geographic Township of Manvers, Historic County of Durham), City of Kawartha Lakes, County of Victoria (AMICK 2012; Licensee, Michael Henry; PIF P058-692- 2010 & P058-728-2011)." AFN has concerns with this Stage 1-2 and requests that lands overlapping into the project area that were part of this assessment undergo another Stage 2 assessment. This assessment was undertaken in 2011, and did not include any Indigenous engagement, nor would it have employed the more robust pedestrian survey methodology that we are proposing as part of the fieldwork that will be planned for this project.	
Page 13-14	2.2.7.3 Sumac Ridge Wind Farm Project – TMHC (2010, 2011, 2014a, 2014b, 2015) Understanding that BaGp-47 underwent a Stage 3 assessment and no further archaeological resources were uncovered, an isolated Indigenous artifact possibly attributed to Paleo occupation was retrieved. AFN would like to have this item repatriated if possible, and to begin discussions aimed to that objective.	Request acknowledged. The collection has been transferred to the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London. TMHC would be happy to provide relevant information to support the efforts, but that request would need to be directed to them.
2.3.1.1 Paleo Period		
Page 21	"The first human populations to inhabit the area came to the region between 10,000 and 12,000 years ago, coincident with the end of the last period of glaciation." This statement is presumptuous and negates Indigenous histories that speak to the advance and retreat of glaciers, as well as being here since time immemorial. Archaeologists cannot be certain that "the first human populations to inhabit the area came to the region between 10,000 and 12,000 years ago." Rather, based upon archaeological evidence, archaeologists can postulate that there	Paragraph introduction updated to: "Archaeological evidence indicates that the first human populations to inhabit the Toronto region between 12,000 and 10,000 years ago, coincident with the end of the last period of glaciation; however, it should be noted that the oral traditions from several Indigenous communities speak to a longer and more complex habitation on the landscape at this time."

	were indeed people living in southern Ontario at this time. To state that these human populations were the first to inhabit the area at this time is presupposing humans were not here before that – people could have been living here prior to the last glaciation, and maybe even before that – through many glacial advances and retreats. In fact, Anishinaabeg oral tradition speaks to this occurrence – that B'boon (Spirit of Winter) and Niibin (Spirit of Summer) had several battles that dispersed and disrupted populations through millennia. Just because material culture has been uncovered that dates to 12,000 years ago, does not automatically translate into evidence of the very first peoples in the area. This is an example of the bias of Western Science, and the presupposition that if artifacts cannot validate a human presence, then there must not have been one. Archaeological excavation only uncovers approximately 1% of what was present on sites when they were occupied. Furthermore, there has been recent publications that infer that people were in 'the Americas' much earlier than current dogma postulates. There are several archaeological sites in North and South America that suggest that humans were here long before the conventional dates of 12,000 B.P. – which corroborates what Indigenous oral tradition teaches us. What would be more appropriate to state here would be that archaeological evidence demonstrates that people were here 12,000 years ago, and not that they were the first human populations to inhabit the area.	
2.3.1.3 Early, Middle and Transitional Woodland Periods		
Page 21	"Significant changes in cultural and environmental patterns are witnessed in the Early, Middle and Transitional Woodland periods (ca. 950 BCE to 1000 CE). Occupations became increasingly more	Paragraph introduction updated to: "Significant changes in cultural and environmental patterns are witnessed in the Early, Middle and Transitional Woodland periods (ca. 950 BCE to 1000 CE). Although

	permanent in this period, culminating in major semi-permanent villages by 1,000 years ago." While these significant changes in practices are observed in the Early, Middle and Transitional Woodland periods, it should also be noted that there was also a continuance of lifeways and cultural patterns that originated after the ice age and into Archaic temporal contexts. It is important to acknowledge that certain practices that originated in deep antiquity were still alive and well alongside the emergence of more semi-permanent villages. Not all populations of the time adopted a sedentary lifestyle.	traditionally mobile lifeways did persist for some peoples, archaeological evidence suggests that other occupations became increasingly more permanent in this period, culminating in major semi-permanent villages by 1,000 years ago."
2.3.1.4 Late Woodland Period		
Page 22	Beginning around ca. 1000 CE the archaeological record documents the emergence of more substantial, semi-permanent settlements and the adoption of corn horticulture. These developments are most often associated with Iroquoian-speaking populations, the ancestors of the Wendat (Huron), Tionontati (Petun) and Attawandaron (Neutral) nations who were known to have resided in the province at the time of the arrival of the first European explorers and missionaries. Villages incorporated a number of longhouses, multi-family dwellings that contained several families related through the female line. Late Woodland Period sites may be identified by a predominance of finely-made pottery decorated with various simple and geometric motifs, triangular projectile points, clay pipes and ground stone artifacts. Sites post-dating European contact are recognized through the appearance of various items of European manufacture. The latter include materials acquired by trade (e.g., glass beads, copper/brass kettles, iron axes, knives and other metal implements) in addition to the personal items of European visitors	Iroquoian bias addressed. "Beginning around ca. 1000 CE the archaeological record documents the emergence of more substantial, semi-permanent settlements and the adoption of corn horticulture. Late Woodland Period sites may be identified by a predominance of finely-made pottery decorated with various simple and geometric motifs, triangular projectile points, clay pipes and ground stone artifacts. Sites post-dating European contact are recognized through the appearance of various items of European manufacture. The latter include materials acquired by trade (e.g., glass beads, copper/brass kettles, iron axes, knives and other metal implements) in addition to the personal items of European visitors and Jesuit missionaries (e.g., finger rings, stoneware, rosaries, and glassware). It is acknowledged that many Late Woodland Period villages were cosmopolitan centres, hubs for trading and social interaction between Algonquian and Iroquoian-speaking groups. They were occupied for both long and short periods by groups and individuals, Iroquoian and Anishinaabe, often resulting in complex and varying assemblages indicative of multicultural populations.

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	practices that span millennia. References of note that are not included: Sturt Manning et al (2018) as well as a plethora of his subsequent publications should be referenced in this section – as they describe research that has significantly changed the dogmatic narrative tending to reference "ancestral Huron-Wendat" villages in this area of Ontario – using data from the global C-14 recalibration. Additionally, Lawrence Jackson's 2024 publication: Ethnicity in the Ontario Woodland Tradition: The Algonquin and Huron Alliance and Algonquin Visibility in an Iroquois-Centered Archaeological Narrative – 2024, should be referenced in this report. "This book examines Ontario woodland tradition archaeology in the context of archaeological statements of ethnicity and their reliability in the interpretation of the archaeological record. Proudly working together to build a prosperous and healthy environment that promotes independence, honours and respects our values, and enhances our way of life. It focuses on Southern Ontario circa 1300 to 1650 A.D., the time of the Algonquin and Huron Alliance (Sioui and Labelle 2014). Evidence is provided for a highly interactive multicultural landscape, briefly viewed by Europeans, in which Algonquian-speaking peoples did not disappear with the rise and spread of Iroquoian village life. Instead, they were part of a regionally unique ethnogenesis, at different times and places, with Iroquoians. This study also reveals how colonial attitudes in the structuring of academic research can lead to erasure of parts of Indigenous history. It urges more attention be paid to reconciling Indigenous oral tradition with archaeological science to reach a truer understanding of how past peoples lived and thought of themselves." – Lawrence Jackson —Back Cover.	

2.3.2 Indigenous Community – Shared Histories		
Page 23	"It should be acknowledged that Curve Lake First Nation and Huron-Wendat Nation have differing perspectives on their shared past." How so? Without further context and explanation of this statement, it comes across as an opinion statement and not relevant to the reporting. It serves to divide and position communities, when this is not the case. The Anishinaabeg and Huron-Wendat do indeed have a shared past and the oral histories that speak to this relationship describe a positive symbiosis whereby the nations would over-winter together, inter-marry, and created kin-based allyships that no doubt played a significant role in the initiation and subsequent influence of the Huron Confederacy.	Statement has been removed.
Page 25	2.3.2.3 Community History of the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga Anishinaabeg) This section of the report is actually an oral history – recorded and transcribed in real time. This piece was offered as a gift to the archaeological narrative of southern Ontario by a highly regarded and well-known Michi Saagiig Elder and Knowledge Keeper. This oral history was shared as a result of their concern of the inherent bias in the archaeological narrative in Ontario which tends to exclude Anishinaabeg peoples, cultures, and histories. This history shared here has been told for generations.	Acknowledged. Language has been updated to: "2.3.2.3 Oral History of the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga Anishinaabeg) This historical context was shared by Gitiga Migizi, a respected Elder and Knowledge Keeper of the Michi Saagiig Nation."
2.3.3 Treaty History		
Page 28	For centuries prior to European contact, Iroquoian-speaking peoples inhabited much of Southern Ontario. By 1650, warfare had decimated the Indigenous populations of Southern Ontario (Denby 2011). Around the end of the 17th century the Algonquian- speaking Mississaugas, a branch of the Ojibway originally from the Sault Ste. Marie area,	Language revised. "For centuries prior to European contact, Anishinaabeg and Iroquoian-speaking peoples inhabited much of Southern Ontario. By 1650, a period of warfare and disease had decimated many Indigenous populations of Southern Ontario who lived predominantly in large villages (Denby 2011). Meanwhile, the Anishinaabeg retained

	migrated into Southern Ontario together with the lucrative fur trade with early European traders, settling into communities at the mouth of the Credit River, and on the shores of Rice Lake, Little Mud Lake and what is now Lake Scugog. The paragraph above is biased and erroneous and stands in stark contrast to Anishinaabeg understandings of history on these lands. For centuries prior to contact, not only did Iroquoian-speaking peoples inhabit much of Southern Ontario, but so too did the Anishinaabeg. In fact, the Anishinaabeg inhabited Southern Ontario well before the Iroquoian speakers arrived, were here while the corn-growing villages flourished, were here after these populations left, and are still in Southern Ontario to this day. Before, during, and after the coming of the Iroquoian-speaking peoples. It should be noted that it was not simply 'warfare' that "decimated" the Indigenous populations of Southern Ontario, but rather disease that was the major culprit. While disease had a massive impact upon large villages in which people were living in close communal contexts, the effects were not as wide-ranging or as devastating to the Anishinaabeg peoples, who were able to pack up and literally "paddle away" from the chaos. This is what the oral histories speak to – that the Anishinaabeg paddled north to their relatives up near present day SaultSte-Marie and later returned after the "smoke had cleared." The Michi Saagiig did not "migrate" into Southern Ontario, they left for several years and then they came back – and then drove the Haudenosaunee, who had occupied the vacancies on the north	more mobile ways of life and had been able to mitigate some of these devastating effects by moving northward to their hunting grounds in the Sault Ste. Marie area (Migizi 2018). Around the end of the 17th century the Mississaugas, a branch of the Algonquian-speaking Ojibway, returned to Southern Ontario together with the lucrative fur trade with early European traders, settling into communities at the mouth of the Credit River, and on the shores of Rice Lake, Little Mud Lake and what is now Lake Scugog. For more than 100 years prior to European settlement around Scugog, the Mississaugas had territorial family hunting grounds as far as Kingston in the east and Lake Nipissing to the north (MSIFN 2024)."

	shores of Lake Ontario, back down south of the Great Lakes. Anishinaabeg migration teachings tell of a great journey from the great salt water in the east to the place where the food grew on the water. Please revise this section in its entirety to reflect Anishinaabeg understandings of this history.	
2.3.5 Review of Historic Maps and 2.3.5.1 Transportation Routes		
Page 32	The review of historic maps and transportation routes should include commentary reflecting the legacy of Indigenous trail systems upon the landscape of Southern Ontario. Many Indigenous trails were also used by early European explorers, fur traders, and then later settlers. These trails, over time, became dirt roads, which then became gravel roads, which then became some of the most familiar contemporaneous highways and roads crossing areas of Southern Ontario – I.E. Yonge St, Highway 2, etc. The Indigenous created trail system in Southern Ontario had a major influence on the development of subsequent travel infrastructure of developing municipalities. "The ancient indigenous trails north of Lake Ontario date back to a prehistoric era and have left their mark on our colonial history, as well as, on our modern day roads. Over one hundred years ago, the European fascination with ancient trails was encouraged by David Boyle, a transplanted Scotsman. From Boyle's time down to the present, the same interest has driven many others to find the original routes of the trails. These trails were an integral part of indigenous culture and transportation. The Legacy of Vanished Trails explores Ontario's hidden trail history when the First Nations and Europeans started off as equals	"The Durham region's earliest surveys documented the presence of prominent Indigenous trails connecting major waterways. Jones' 1795 map of Whitby Township depicts the Scugog Carrying Place: a roughly 29-kilometer portage trail from present-day Oshawa to Lake Scugog, which facilitated travel throughout the Kawartha Lakes and Great Lakes region more broadly. Two branches are illustrated, the westernmost of which generally followed Oshawa Creek to the west of the Project Area northward to modern-day Port Perry. The eastern branch is shown along Harmony Creek travelling toward the northeast but ends just beyond the boundary of Whitby Township northeast of Townline Road and Concession Road 9. It is said that the eastern branch ended at present-day Caesarea on the southeast shore of Lake Scugog, where Mississauga people gathered to harvest wild rice (Karcich 2017:176). This route would have travelled in the vicinity of the southwestern end of the Project Area near Enfield. Another notable Indigenous trail falls within the City of Peterborough and Smith Township from the Otonabee River to Chemong Lake. Though situated roughly 5 km from the Project Area at its closest point, the Chemong Portage was a well-travelled path through Indigenous hunting grounds for centuries before forming the route for the present-day Chemong Road, around which 19th-century trades and municipal lots were established (Karcich 2017:95)."

	acting in mutual cooperation. Legacy explores the premodern use of the trails and also delves further into the past by examining the buried artifacts along trail routes." – Grant Karcich - The Legacy of Vanished Trails: The Archaeology, History, and Location of Portages in South-Central Ontario – 2017 – Back Cover. Please consider the inclusion of the contribution of the First Nations of Southern Ontario to the original roads and travel infrastructure of early European settlement and the growth of municipalities.	
3 Analysis, Conclusions, and 4 Recommendations		
Page 39	Previously Assessed Areas: For the lands within the Project Area that were previously subject to Stage 2 assessment using methodologies in keeping with the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and for which there are no outstanding archaeological concerns, no further assessment is required. Alderville First Nation does not entirely support this recommendation. We have had recent experiences in which Stage 2 pedestrian surveys had cleared areas of archaeological potential, only to have some significant Archaic sites be located in subsequent reassessments. In this situation, these previously cleared Stage 2 areas have now undergone Stage 3 assessments and some will have to undergo Stage 4 assessments. This is particularly alarming and highlights the risk of cultural heritage being destroyed by way of an inadequate methodology. For these reasons, lands within the Project Area that were previously subject to Stage 2 assessment may need to undergo re-assessment. If possible, a map depicting areas within the proposed project	Acknowledged. See previous comment related to previous assessments. Maps 33-66 depict the footprints of previous assessments with associated PIFs, which are described in Section 2.2.7. Maps 33 (P094-131-2012; P094-161-2012, ASI), Map 47(P058-692-2010; P058-728-2011, AMICK), Map 50 (P324-004-2013; P324-006-2013, TMHC) and Map 54 (P059-227-2010; P059-227-2010-STG3; P059-303-2011, This Land Archaeology Inc.) show areas that were previously assessed and intersect the DKPL Right of way. Hydro One would also like to note that our contractors are required to follow chance find protocols, more information regarding this process will be included in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) developed by the eventual Engineering, Procurement Construction (EPC). The EMP will be provided to Indigenous communities for their review and comment prior to construction.

	footprint that have been previously assessed, when, what Stage, and by which firm would provide a tool by which decisions regarding re-assessments could be made collectively with the Nations and Hydro One.	
Page 39	Areas of Low Archaeological Potential: Areas of previous disturbance (e.g., building footprints and existing roads or laneways), as well as low-lying and wet areas are considered to have low archaeological potential. It should be noted that existing roadways and previously disturbed areas does not always indicate low archaeological potential. In January 2024, in an urban Toronto neighbourhood, Withrow Avenue, during the installation of a waterline, in an existing ROW, the remains of 3 Indigenous ancestors were uncovered. In this case, the area was well-known in terms of the archaeological potential as various sites had already been excavated and registered when the original houses were built. Alderville First Nation recommends archaeological construction monitoring in areas that are known to be archaeological 'busy', even if they are considered to be "areas of low archaeological potential."	Acknowledged. For areas of previous disturbance, it is unlikely that the DKPL project will be disturbing these areas as we would typically not place towers in these locations. As the project progresses, Hydro One is committed to working and engaging with communities to identify areas where this may apply and determine the degree to which disturbance from DKPL activities is likely.
Page 39	Stage 2 Methodologies: Alderville First Nation agrees with these methodologies, although an enhanced pedestrian survey methodology will be requested.	Acknowledged. Please provide more details on what enhanced survey methodology entails.
Page 39-40	Cemeteries: Alderville First Nation agrees with these methodologies.	Acknowledged.
Page 40	Previously Registered Archaeological Sites: There are four previously registered archaeological sites	Language adjusted.

	located within or adjacent to the Project Area that may have further CHVI. It is recommended that this area be avoided, if possible. If this is not possible, further archaeological assessment may be required. Alderville First Nation supports avoidance and protection of all archaeological sites. If avoidance and protection is not possible, further archaeological assessment IS a requirement, and not a possibility. Alderville First Nation insists that archaeological assessments ARE required if archaeological sites within or adjacent to the Project Area will be impacted.	"If this is not possible, further archaeological assessment will be required."
Final Summary:		
	According to the map-based review and background research of this Stage 1 AA, the majority of the Project Area exhibits potential for the discovery of archaeological sites. The Preferred Route and each alternative contains significant areas with the potential for the discovery of archaeological resources. In light of this, it is of critical importance that the Michi Saagiig Nations be fully engaged and included in all and every aspect of the archaeological assessments to be completed as part of the site preparation for the project – from planning to execution. Alderville First Nation requests that Hydro One and TMHC work collaboratively with the Nations to complete the required archaeological assessments with a vision that reaches above and beyond the current MCM Standards & Guidelines (2011). There is nothing barring us all from striving for more than the bare minimum regulatory requirements.	Hydro One acknowledges this and intends to begin early engagement on the Stage 2 work in 2025. Hydro One has brought on a consultant (WSP) to conduct the Stage 2 work and intends to work collaboratively with the Nations. 1. Acknowledged. 2. Hydro One will only be conducting Stage 2 assessments within the DKPL Right of way (ROW). Within this ROW, for areas that were assessed pre-2011, the reports will be reviewed and will be re-done if determined that the report does not meet current standards. Hydro One will discuss requests related to reassessments on a case-by-case basis through the Stage 2 work. 3. Hydro One is open to and will discuss requests related to reassessments on a case-by-case basis through the Stage 2 field season. Hydro One proposes an option to meet with AFN (and WTFN communities if requested) archaeology leads to review and discuss It is beyond the scope of the licensed archaeologist to recommend that areas that were assessed and cleared be reassessed – especially many years after the assessment has been completed and the MCM acceptance letter has been issued and the work meets current standards. This approach risks creating a regulatory grey zone where properties are simultaneously cleared and not cleared of archaeological concern. While this will not be a recommendation from the Stage 1 report, Hydro One is open to discuss.

	In conclusion, Alderville First Nation provides the following recommendations: 1. Avoidance and Protection for all archaeological sites. 2. Assessments that were pre-2011 be completely re-assessed. 3. Previous Stage 2 pedestrian survey areas be reassessed (some). 4. Current proposed pedestrian survey methodology be enhanced – above and beyond current standards. 5. Archaeological sites from the Project footprint be acknowledged (I.E. educational initiatives – commemorative initiatives, information sharing – storyboards, plaques, etc.). Pertinent sources that should be considered in this reporting: Lawrence Jackson's 2024 publication: Ethnicity in the Ontario Woodland Tradition: The Algonquin and Huron Alliance and Algonquin Visibility in an Iroquois-Centered Archaeological Narrative – 2024. Finlayson, William D. 2020 The Draper Site. And Ontario Woodland Tradition Frontier Coalescent Village in Southern Ontario, Canada: Looking Back, Moving Forward. Our Lands Speak – Occasional Papers in Ontario Archaeology No.2. Gidigaa Migizi (Doug Williams) 2020 Foreword. In The Draper Site. And Ontario Woodland Tradition Frontier Coalescent Village in Southern Ontario, Canada: Looking Back, Moving Forward, by William D. Finlayson, pp. xxiii-xxviii. Our Lands Speak – Occasional Papers in Ontario Archaeology No.2.	4. Please provide more details regarding proposed enhancements to the survey methodology. 5. Acknowledged. Hydro One is open to this and propose to discuss the details for archaeological sites discovered with Indigenous communities. All these suggested sources were reviewed and taken into account for the requested changes, where applicable, though none are explicitly cited.

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Re: Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment Sections 7 & 8
Dear Amanda,

The Alderville First Nation (AFN) Consultation Department is pleased to provide comments on Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment Sections 7 & 8. Comments on behalf of AFN are below:

Reference	Text	Comment
7 Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures	• All lands out of production and crops lost as a result of the Project's construction activities will be compensated in accordance with Hydro One's crop loss/crop lands out of production policies. • Contact will be maintained with landowners and stakeholders regarding work schedules and other items of interest (e.g., access roads, minimizing disturbances to existing and planned farm operations, etc.);	If these agricultural lands are rendered out of production, could these areas be restored beyond addressing soil issues? Could Hydro One plant native species during restoration, taking advantage of the good soil quality, if they can no longer use the area for crops?
7.1.2 Soil Compaction	• Restoration measures, as informed by discussions with landowners (e.g., alleviate soil compaction, remove excess aggregate, disking of lands, aeration etc.) on areas affected by construction, may be undertaken following the completion of construction and removal of temporary construction access, as necessary.	Restoration measures should be prioritized to alleviate soil compaction as it may reduce soil porosity, reduce soil quality and restrict root growth for returning plants.
7.1.5 Vegetation Removal	Although the majority of the construction and operation of the transmission line will take place within an existing ROW, construction and maintenance activities may require removal of incompatible vegetation. Mechanical removal of vegetation (tree felling) and/or application of	What kind of compatible plants (possibly threatened/endangered species)? How does Hydro One intend to keep incompatible vegetation from returning and how with that affect the greater ecosystem?

	herbicides to species incompatible with overhead transmission lines may be required. Potential effects to agriculture resources include potential for herbicide overspray and/or fragmentation of existing hedgerows and windbreak systems. Where incompatible vegetation must be removed (e.g., hedgerows), these areas will be restored with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs) in discussion with landowners.	
7.1.5 Vegetation Removal	• Follow established vegetation management procedures regarding herbicide use to ensure protection of wildlife and adjacent vegetation, including consultation with Landowners . Integrated pest management standards must be employed with any herbicide use. Herbicides will be applied by forestry professionals who are properly licensed, certified, and supervised in accordance with provincial rules, regulations, and internal standards.	Will there be consultation with WTFN around herbicide use? Herbicides can affect ecologically/culturally significant plants and insects too.
Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Soil Rutting & Vegetation Removals	Although the majority of the construction and operation of the transmission line will take place within an existing ROW, construction and maintenance activities	What is meant by using the term compatible in this context? Earlier, it suggested compatibility with the presence of large transmission lines, but will compatibility to the

	may require removal of incompatible vegetation. Mechanical removal of vegetation (tree felling) and/or application of herbicides to species incompatible with overhead transmission lines may be required. Potential effects to agriculture resources include potential for herbicide overspray and/or fragmentation of existing hedgerows and windbreak systems. Where incompatible vegetation must be removed (e.g., hedgerows), these areas will be restored with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs) in discussion with landowners.	landscape also be considered to ensure maximum establishment by native species? Also, how soon after construction ceases will vegetation begin to be restored, as many pioneer invasives take advantage of disturbances to colonize an area. Because of this, restoration should begin as soon as possible.
Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Disruption of Sheet Flow of Surface Waters Over Agricultural Lands	To avoid or minimize the potential adverse effects associated with the installation of access roads on surface water quantity, the following mitigation measures would be implemented: • Existing, natural drainage patterns and flows will be identified and maintained to the extent practical. • Equalization culverts or similar methods may be used in construction of access roads. If surface water accretion issues are identified during construction, remedial measures (e.g.,	Some clarification is required for this section. Is Hydro One mitigating factors that affect streams/brooks/groundwater or topography and its role in hydrology (or both) when referring to maintaining natural drainage patterns and flows?

	retroactive installation of equalization culverts within temporary access roads) will be undertaken promptly.	
Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Dewatering	The following mitigation measures are planned to address these potential effects: • Construction water will be discharged in compliance with permits and/or approvals from the provincial agencies (such as the MECP) and municipalities, as required. • A construction water management plan will be developed prior to construction and implemented appropriately (e.g., passing discharge water through a filter bag or drum before discharge to the environment to capture sediment and slow down the water velocity, etc.). • Where practical, opportunities to maximize retention times and reduce surface flow velocities will be executed. • Where geotechnical conditions and engineering requirements allow, foundation types (such as helical piles) that minimize the amount of construction dewatering required will be utilized. • Where practical, discharge of construction waters is to occur at least 30 metres away from sensitive features (e.g.,	Will there be checks done to ensure that construction water, given its typically high pH, is released in areas as far away from areas that may be ideal habitat for threatened and/or ecologically significant species as feasibly possible regardless of distance from sensitive features?

	watercourses, wetlands, etc.). If discharge of construction waters must occur within 30 m of a watercourse or wetland, erosion and sediment controls will be utilized.	
Natural Environment Resources - Designated or Special Natural Areas: Significant Wetlands	Additional planned mitigation measures include: • Construction areas will use existing access routes. In the event construction access in the existing ROW cannot avoid wetlands, temporary access roads and work pads will be built using measures such as mats, geotextile and crushed rock, or equivalent means, which will protect the underlying soils during construction and can be easily removed when construction is complete. • Where practical, activities will be conducted during frozen conditions to limit temporary surface disturbance to wetlands in the ROW. • Equalization culverts, French drains or similar measures may be employed as necessary for any constructed access required within wetlands to maintain surface flow and drainage patterns during construction. • Additional materials (i.e., rip-rap, filter cloth, and silt fencing) will be readily available in case	How will any changes to pH in the wetlands be addressed if there are any? Construction runoff is typically caustic and can affect not only soil and vegetation productivity but water quality as well.

	they are needed promptly for erosion and/or sediment control. • Any wetlands disturbed during construction will be restored following completion of construction with compatible native species (e.g., native wetland seed mix, shrub stock, or a combination of both as appropriate) and to pre-construction drainage patterns.	

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Comment #	Section	Alderville First Nation Comment – July 30, 2025	HONI Response - October 1, 2025
1	7 Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures	*All lands out of production and crops lost as a result of the Project's construction activities will be compensated in accordance with Hydro One's crop loss/crop lands out of production policies.* *Contact will be maintained with landowners and stakeholders regarding work schedules and other items of interest (e.g., access roads, minimizing disturbances to existing and planned farm operations, etc.);* - If these agricultural lands are rendered out of production, could these areas be restored beyond addressing soil issues? Could Hydro One plant native species during restoration, taking advantage of the good soil quality, if they can no longer use the area for crops?	Hydro One is securing an easement to support the construction and long-term operation of the transmission line. Upon completion of construction, existing land uses may resume, provided they are compatible with the transmission infrastructure. In instances where agricultural land is temporarily taken out of production or where crop loss occurs due to construction activities or required studies, Hydro One will provide temporary compensation to affected landowners for the duration of the disruption. Following project completion, temporarily impacted lands will be reinstated for agricultural use. In cases where land is permanently removed from production—such as areas required for tower placement—typically the land isn't available for planting. Hydro One recognizes the importance of ecological integrity to the Nations and is committed to using native species in planting and revegetation efforts wherever feasible.
2	7.1.2 Soil Compaction	*Restoration measures, as informed by discussions with landowners (e.g., alleviate soil compaction, remove excess aggregate, disking of lands, aeration etc.) on areas affected by construction, may be undertaken following the completion of construction and removal of temporary construction access, as necessary.* - Restoration measures should be prioritized to alleviate soil compaction as it may reduce soil porosity, reduce soil quality and restrict root growth for returning plants.	Agreed, Hydro One acknowledges the importance of alleviating soil compaction. Restoration measures following construction will be prioritized to alleviate soil compaction – recognizing that soil compaction may reduce soil porosity, limit soil quality, and restrict root growth. Restoration activities will be tailored in consultation with landowners and scheduled under suitable soil moisture conditions to maximize effectiveness.
3	7.1.5 Vegetation Removal	*Although the majority of the construction and operation of the transmission line will take place within an existing ROW, construction and maintenance activities may require removal of incompatible vegetation. Mechanical removal of vegetation (tree felling) and/or application of herbicides to species incompatible with overhead transmission lines may be required. Potential effects to agriculture resources include potential for herbicide overspray and/or fragmentation of existing hedgerows and windbreak systems. Where incompatible vegetation must be removed (e.g., hedgerows), these areas will be restored with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs) in discussion with landowners.* - What kind of compatible plants (possibly threatened/endangered species)? How does Hydro One intend to keep incompatible vegetation from returning and how with that affect the greater ecosystem?	Vegetation compatibility can vary greatly from one span to the next, and is determined based on anticipated height of vegetation at maturity, line configuration and topography at a given site. Any vegetation that may encroach on the applicable clearance standard must be controlled or removed. Typically, vegetation that reaches 3m or above, can cause a risk to the safety and reliability of the powerline and must be removed. This work is accomplished through regular inspections and associated field work as dictated by field conditions, which includes tree and brush removal and/or herbicide application. Herbicide application techniques used by Hydro One greatly limit the potential for any overspray or impact to non-target vegetation. Given that the project is predominantly within an existing ROW that is already subject to routine maintenance, and mitigation measures will be implemented to limit vegetation disturbances beyond that required for the project, additional measurable effects on the greater ecosystem are not anticipated.
4	7.1.5 Vegetation Removal	*Follow established vegetation management procedures regarding herbicide use to ensure protection of wildlife and adjacent vegetation, including consultation with Landowners . Integrated pest management standards must be employed with any herbicide use. Herbicides will be applied by forestry professionals who are properly licensed, certified, and supervised in accordance with provincial rules, regulations, and internal standards.* - Will there be consultation with WTFN around herbicide use? Herbicides can affect ecologically/culturally significant plants and insects too.	The ESR text will also be updated, per below. **Section 7.7.7 Natural Heritage Features will be updated to include the following mitigation measures:** • Follow established vegetation management procedures regarding herbicide use to ensure protection of wildlife and adjacent vegetation, including consultation with Landowners *and notification of First Nations*. Integrated pest management *principles will be used to determine appropriate work methods.* Herbicides will be applied by forestry professionals who are properly licensed, certified, and supervised in accordance with provincial rules, regulations, and internal standards. Herbicide application techniques used by Hydro One greatly limit the potential for any overspray or impact to non-target vegetation.

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5	Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Soil Rutting & Vegetation Removals	*Although the majority of the construction and operation of the transmission line will take place within an existing ROW, construction and maintenance activities may require removal of incompatible vegetation. Mechanical removal of vegetation (tree felling) and/or application of herbicides to species incompatible with overhead transmission lines may be required. Potential effects to agriculture resources include potential for herbicide overspray and/or fragmentation of existing hedgerows and windbreak systems. Where incompatible vegetation must be removed (e.g., hedgerows), these areas will be restored with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs) in discussion with landowners.* - What is meant by using the term compatible in this context? Earlier, it suggested compatibility with the presence of large transmission lines, but will compatibility to the landscape also be considered to ensure maximum establishment by native species? Also, how soon after construction ceases will vegetation begin to be restored, as many pioneer invasives take advantage of disturbances to colonize an area. Because of this, restoration should begin as soon as possible.	In this context, the term compatible refers to vegetation species whose height does not interfere with the safe operation of overhead transmission lines. Vegetation compatibility can vary greatly from one span to the next and is determined based on anticipated height of vegetation at maturity, line configuration and topography at a given site. Any vegetation that may encroach on the applicable clearance standard must be controlled or removed. Typically, vegetation that reaches 3m or above, can cause a risk to the safety and reliability of the powerline and must be removed. Restoration within the existing ROW will include returning the area to the condition it was found. Where opportunity exists, in consultation with landowners and First Nation partners, Hydro One will prioritize planting native species. The final determination of species will be made in consultation with landowners and First Nations partners, as appropriate. Vegetation restoration activities within the disturbed areas of the existing ROW will begin once construction within a given segment of the corridor is completed.
6	Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Disruption of Sheet Flow of Surface Waters Over Agricultural Lands	*To avoid or minimize the potential adverse effects associated with the installation of access roads on surface water quantity, the following mitigation measures would be implemented:* *• Existing, natural drainage patterns and flows will be identified and maintained to the extent practical.* *• Equalization culverts or similar methods may be used in construction of access roads. If surface water accretion issues are identified during construction, remedial measures (e.g., retroactive installation of equalization culverts within temporary access roads) will be undertaken promptly.* - Some clarification is required for this section. Is Hydro One mitigating factors that affect streams/brooks/groundwater or topography and its role in hydrology (or both) when referring to maintaining natural drainage patterns and flows?	As an example, during the construction of access roads, temporary aggregate may be placed in a field to establish a stable roadway. To mitigate potential impacts on natural drainage, contractors will be required to maintain existing drainage patterns by installing appropriate measures—such as culverts or pipes—to facilitate water movement across the roadway and prevent ponding in the field. These measures would be temporary in nature. For streams, brooks or creeks, temporary or permanent crossing structures would need to be implemented and designed (if applicable) with an understanding of hydrologic and hydraulic functions for the subject water feature.
7	Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Dewatering	*The following mitigation measures are planned to address these potential effects:* *• Construction water will be discharged in compliance with permits and/or approvals from the provincial agencies (such as the MECP) and municipalities, as required. • A construction water management plan will be developed prior to construction and implemented appropriately (e.g., passing discharge water through a filter bag or drum before discharge to the environment to capture sediment and slow down the water velocity, etc.).* *• Where practical, opportunities to maximize retention times and reduce surface flow velocities will be executed.* *• Where geotechnical conditions and engineering requirements allow, foundation types (such as helical piles) that minimize the amount of construction dewatering required will be utilized.* *• Where practical, discharge of construction waters is to occur at least 30 metres away from sensitive features (e.g., watercourses, wetlands, etc.). If discharge of construction waters must occur within 30 m of a watercourse or wetland, erosion and sediment controls will be utilized.* - Will there be checks done to ensure that construction water, given its typically high pH, is released in areas as far away from areas that may be ideal habitat for threatened and/or ecologically significant species as feasibly possible regardless of distance from sensitive features?	As noted in Sections 6.2 and 7 of the Draft Environmental Study Report, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared following the completion of the Class EA process and before the start of construction and will describe the environmental monitoring process and frequency to be undertaken during construction. The Environmental Management Plan will have a mitigation plan and/or procedures to address groundwater dewatering and discharge. Testing of construction dewaters is required prior to discharge.
8	Natural Environment Resources - Designated or Special Natural Areas:	*Additional planned mitigation measures include:* *• Construction areas will use existing access routes. In the event construction access in the existing ROW cannot avoid wetlands, temporary access roads and work pads will be built using measures such*	Measures to mitigate erosion and sedimentation, waste generation, and spills will be implemented for the project, which will also mitigate construction runoff. Please refer to

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	Significant Wetlands	*as mats, geotextile and crushed rock, or equivalent means, which will protect the underlying soils during construction and can be easily removed when construction is complete.* *• Where practical, activities will be conducted during frozen conditions to limit temporary surface disturbance to wetlands in the ROW.* *• Equalization culverts, French drains or similar measures may be employed as necessary for any constructed access required within wetlands to maintain surface flow and drainage patterns during construction.* *• Additional materials (i.e., rip-rap, filter cloth, and silt fencing) will be readily available in case they are needed promptly for erosion and/or sediment control.* *• Any wetlands disturbed during construction will be restored following completion of construction with compatible native species (e.g., native wetland seed mix, shrub stock, or a combination of both as appropriate) and to pre-construction drainage patterns.* - How will any changes to pH in the wetlands be addressed if there are any? Construction runoff is typically caustic and can affect not only soil and vegetation productivity but water quality as well.	the following environmental concerns in Table 7-1 (Section 7.11): • Natural Environment Resources - Physical Environment: Spills • Natural Environment Resources - Physical Environment: Waste Generation • Natural Environment Resources - Surface Water Resources: Erosion and Sedimentation Key mitigations include: • Refuelling of vehicles and equipment will be completed in a designated location a minimum of 30 m away from sensitive receptors, such as designated source water protection areas, watercourses, surface drainage features, wetlands, etc. • Excess construction materials (i.e., waste, granular fill, clay) will be removed from construction sites and areas on an ongoing basis. • Concrete wash water will not be discharged onto the ground at the Project site. All water from concrete chute washing activities will be contained in leak proof containers or in an approved settling pond off site. • Waste materials will be contained and not allowed into sensitive receptors such as waterbodies, riparian areas, wetlands or agricultural fields. • Construction activities near sensitive features or areas may be suspended during extreme wet weather events, and crews will review and consider weather forecasts in their planning of such work. • In an effort to reduce potential erosion, mechanical or vegetation erosion control measures will be employed, such as buffer strips, erosion control blankets and sedimentation fences, as required.

Beausoleil First Nation (BFN)
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2023-10-25	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations communities to announce the newly proposed GTA East Line. Hydro One informed communities that the project qualified for Hydro One's 50/50 equity partnership model and welcomed the opportunity to meet to discuss the project further.
2023-11-08	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council emailed Hydro One to request their availability to discuss the Project and noted they would be looking at a regional approach with Chippewa Tri Council and Williams Treaties First Nations.
2023-11-09	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to confirm their availability on December 7 or 11, 2023 and noted that Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation would be reaching out to coordinate a meeting date with Williams Treaties First Nations communities.
2023-12-11	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to inquire if they were still available on December 13, 2023 to discuss the Project and the Equity Partnership Model.
2023-12-12	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to note that they were finalizing a presentation with details on the Project and the Equity Partnership to be attached to the meeting invite for December 13, 2023. Hydro One confirmed that they added Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to the meeting invite as requested.
2023-12-13	Meeting	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Williams Treaties First Nations (including Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation) to discuss the Equity Model regarding the GTA East Project.
2023-12-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for meeting on December 13, 2023 and provided a revised map.
2023-12-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri-Council emailed Hydro One to thank them for the introductory meeting and quick follow up.
2024-01-08	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri-Council emailed Hydro One to request a change to a meeting that was previously scheduled for January 11, 2024. Chippewa Tri-Council noted that they would need time to brief and obtain instructions from Chiefs, and requested Hydro One provide availability for the week of January 22, 2024 or January 29, 2024.
2024-01-08	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide their availability for a meeting on the week of January 29, 2024.

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2024-01-16	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewa Tri-Council, to follow up on meeting availability for the week of January 29, 2024.
2024-03-05	Meeting	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Consultation Liason Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One provided the Chippewa Tri Council communities with a brief update, which was repeated via email for those who were absent from the meeting.
2024-03-05	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council (CTC) emailed Hydro One about being unable to attend meeting.CTC enquired about a follow up phone call.
2024-03-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation and The Chippewas of Rama First Nation an illustrative example of the equity model. Hydro One also proposed meeting dates for an upcoming meeting.
2024-03-20	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council representation emailed Hydro One stating the intentions of their consultations is developing CTC and partnerships that include equity agreements. CTC noted that though fellow nations have similar ongoing discussions, as it relates to CTC and Hydro One, as of now it is to be dealt with exclusively. CTC also expressed a desire to meet with Hydro One at an alternative date.
2024-03-21	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, The Chippewas of Rama, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nation to discuss clarification on equity model example. Hydro One proposed a time to meet in person for April 2024.
2024-04-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewa Tri Council emailed Hydro One to confirm they would be in touch.
2024-04-17	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inquire about an update from the communities regarding discussions about the Project.
2024-04-17	Email	Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to inquire about the status of discussions regarding the Durham Kawartha Project.
2024-04-17	Email	Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Beausoleil First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that they were unaware of the status of discussions on the Project but that they understood there would be more meetings.

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2024-05-24	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) and Williams Treaties First Nations to provide an advanced Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with BFN and Williams Treaties First Nations to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to BFN and Williams Treaties First Nations.
2024-06-03	Email	Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to confirm that the appropriate contacts were engaged in consultation and field study programs.
2024-06-14	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide notice that Hydro One's environmental consultant will be reaching out in coming days regarding upcoming field season and monitoring opportunities.
2024-06-17	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed BFN, GIFN, CRFN, and Williams Treaties First Nations (representing the Chippewa Tri Council, CTC) to discuss field study participation with CTC and respective communities and to discuss capacity funding and partnerships. Hydro One inquired about their availability for a meeting and requested any updates on MOUs.
2024-06-19	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council representing Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation andChippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One representative to confirm theywould like to meet to discuss the Durham to Kawartha Transmission Project, the GTA east, as well as the capacity funding proposal.
2024-06-19	Email	Lua Mondor	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation to introduce themselves as the environmental consultant for DKPL and to inquire about their interest in participating in field monitoring opportunities for the Project. WSP provided a field plan summary and rough timelines. WSP requested a copy of any existing field monitoring agreements if preferred.
2024-06-25	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations representing the Chippewa Tri Council (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation) to provide possible meeting dates to discuss the DKPL Project.
2024-06-25	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council representing Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to note they would circulate the potential meeting dates provided.

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2024-07-23	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to revisit their request for a meeting to continue conversations about the Project.
2024-08-09	Email	Lua Mondor	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation to notify them that fieldwork would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP reminded Beausoleil First Nation that a signed Indigenous Monitoring Agreement would be required for participation in the fieldwork and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.
2024-08-19	Email	Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete.
2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
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2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to share project updates for Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One shared a slide deck with updated project information, the Natural Environment Report for Holt SS, and the DKPL Equity Model. Hydro One noted that the MOU for DKPL had been tabled back in December 2023 and also shared a high level overview of their approach to funding agreements. Hydro One offered to schedule a time to discuss the shared attachments and answer any questions they had.

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2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for reaching out and mentioned that they were in the process of scheduling a meeting to discuss the MOU and would be in a position to provide an answer on the week of November 21, 2024.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to offer their support and to indicate that they could visit in person to provide additional information or to discuss the projects and next steps.
2024-10-28	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to follow up on a discussion regarding the MOU.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Williams Treaty First Nations Process Coordinator, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to remind them to provide feedback on the DKPL Field Work Plan by the end of November 2024. Hydro One shared a link to access the Field Work Plan for review. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October 2024 and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.

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2024-11-06	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the coordinator for Williams Treaty First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.
2024-11-27	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaty Policy Coodinator, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to share monthly Project Updates for November 2024 on DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Expansion. Updates related to DKPL included route evaluation and input from communities required by November 29, 2024, the Field Work Plan comment period extension until December 6, 2024 to accommodate communities that had not received the link to the work plan, Stage 1 AA report for review until December 4, 2024, Stage 2 AA fieldwork expected to begin in 2025, and SharePoint rollout for review of Draft Environmental Study Report chapters in the new year.
2025-01-14	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Williams Treaties First Nations to inform them that WSP was preparing the release of the SharePoint that would house the sections of the draft ESR for Indigenous Community review for the Project. Hydro One reshared the reporting schedule and requested confirmation of the contact information to be used for SharePoint access.
2025-01-31	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Williams Treaties First Nations to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects.
2025-02-14	Email	Lua Mondor	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Beausoleil First Nation prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.
2025-02-25	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation and scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use criteria. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss the Project and the evaluation process.

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2025-03-03	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Chippewa Tri Council with updates on the DKPL Project, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One announced the selection of Route B for the DKPL Project and shared details on the Draft Environmental Study Report and Natural Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One invited input on the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report and discussed plans for the Stage 2 Archaeology program. For Holt SS, Hydro One committed to redoing the Stage 1/2 Archaeological Assessment and outlined plans for vegetation removal. Hydro One also provided information on the Ecology Field Work Plan for Bowmanville SS, inviting community participation and feedback.
2025-03-03	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP, working on behalf of Hydro One, emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. WSP requested feedback by April 10, 2025, and provided links for review. WSP noted that comments can be submitted separately if desired and mentioned that documents will become read-only after the review period. For SharePoint access questions, WSP provided a contact email.
2025-03-13	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council a copy of the draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report for review. Hydro One requested comments back by April 14, 2025.
2025-03-21	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewa Tri Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that the release of the 2025 Field Work Memo had been postponed to be able to review and incorporate comments received from communities on the DNER. WSP noted that the Field Work Memo would be released in two parts and provided a copy of the first memo, outlining the 2025 amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second memo would consider comments on the DNER and outline the remaining terrestrial and aquatic surveys taking place in 2025. WSP requested that Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation confirm if they had Indigenous monitors that were available to attend surveys in 2025 and advised that all required documentation would need to be completed ahead of survey dates.

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2025-04-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the March 2025 SE Project, acknowledging the impact of recent weather events and power outages. Hydro One shared information on DKPL archaeology and field monitoring, including Stage 2 planning and monitoring opportunities, and addressed potential barriers to First Nations involvement. They provided updates on DKPL fieldwork, cultural heritage reviews, and sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. Hydro One also detailed plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including archaeological reassessment and natural environment studies, and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.
2025-04-08	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. The appendices are available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP mentioned that additional survey date details will be provided soon and requested Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm if they have Indigenous monitors interested and available to attend surveys. They asked for confirmation of interest and availability to ensure all documentation, including MSA, insurance, WSIB certificate, and WSP's Third-Party Verification process, is completed ahead of survey dates. WSP invited any questions.
2025-04-09	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited monitors from Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the March 2025 SE Project, acknowledging the impact of recent weather events and power outages. Hydro One shared information on DKPL archaeology and field monitoring, including Stage 2 planning and monitoring opportunities, and addressed potential barriers to First Nations involvement. They provided updates on DKPL fieldwork, cultural heritage reviews, and sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. Hydro One also detailed plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including archaeological reassessment and natural environment studies, and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.

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2025-04-09	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited monitors from Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-24	Email	Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Williams Treaties First Nations representation for Chippewa Tri Council to forward their earlier email to Chippewa Tri Council communities regarding Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork, and to apologize for mistakenly misspelling their email address.
2025-04-29	Email	Lands & Resources Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to thank them for the updated contact information and requested to be informed if they could connect in the near future for a meeting.

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2025-05-06	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and representation for the Chippewa Tri-Council providing an update on the upcoming amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second round of amphibian surveys would take place the week of May 20, 2025, with surveys scheduled to begin 30 minutes after sunset and end by midnight. WSP indicated tentative plans to visit a few locations and provided corresponding dates. WSP referenced the March 21, 2025 memo, with a map of survey locations. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their teams in the field for any of the dates noted or future surveys. WSP specified that only monitors from communities with a fully executed monitoring agreement, as well as up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance, would be able to attend. WSP requested Beausoleil First Nation or Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm their interest in joining field studies in May or June and to reach out to them as soon as possible.
2025-05-20	Email	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Erika Dawson Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent an email to Chippewa Tri-Council representing Beausoleil First Nation to provide suggested times to meet and a tentative agenda for comments.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to announce a role change effective May 28, 2025. The team member expressed gratitude and provided advance notice of their transition to another role within Hydro One. Hydro One assured that another member of their team would continue to support the projects and that Hydro One was seeking additional resources. Hydro One requested patience during the transition and expressed confidence that the new team members would manage the portfolio and relationship with First Nations with utmost importance and care.

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2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP noted that round 2 of amphibian surveys was postponed due to weather and an updated schedule with survey locations would be provided. WSP provided fieldwork survey dates for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA), eDNA and aquatics surveys, round 1 of breeding bird surveys, round 3 of amphibian surveys, round 2 of breeding bird surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join this teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if any communities wanted to participate.
2025-05-21	Email	Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP)	Beausoleil First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for the update regarding amphibian surveys and noted that they looked forward to the updated schedule. BFN confirmed they did not have monitors to participate in fieldwork at the time.
2025-05-22	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide a SharePoint link to the initial draft of section 4 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for an advanced review and confirmed that the full public review was expected to take place in fall 2025. WSP clarified that previous schedules for the ESR review period noted that sections 7 and 8 would accompany section 4, however due to unforeseen delays a separate review period for sections 7 and 8 would begin in June when the draft sections were finalized. WSP noted that Hydro One requested feedback on section 4 by June 24, 2025. WSP also advised that if the communities did not want their comments included in the shared file with other communities, that they could download a copy to include comments to be sent to WSP and Hydro One. WSP also noted that comments could not be added to the file after the review period.
2025-05-22	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to inform them that round 2 of amphibian surveys had been rescheduled to take place the week of May 26, 2025. WSP provided details of survey timing and a tentative schedule for survey locations by date. WSP welcomed participation from field monitors and noted that a monitoring agreement, WSIB, and liability insurance were required to participate in field monitoring. WSP requested to be informed if any monitors were available or interested in participating.

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2025-05-23	Email	Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to inquire about their interest in attending archaeological liaison training, similar to what was offered for the Hydro One northeast projects. Hydro One expressed a desire to offer this training for Williams Treaty First Nations communities, including Beausoleil First Nation, and proposed a conversation with Chippewa Tri-Council communities to plan and mobilize the initiative. Hydro One noted that participation would be funded through a capacity funding agreement, which had been previously discussed at a high level with Chippewa Tri-Council representation. Hydro One invited further discussions and updates on the projects and expressed interest in scheduling time with the Chippewa Tri-Council communities and representatives.
2025-05-26	Email	Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Sean Tutak	Beausoleil First Nation emailed Hydro One to pass along the contact information for their consultation liaison for southeast project Indigenous relations.
2025-05-26	Email	Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to confirm they would add the information provided to their contact list. Hydro One also noted that another member of their team had reached out to Chippewa Tri-Council representation to coordinate a meeting on southeast projects. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet with BFN to provide an update and discuss many moving pieces.
2025-05-27	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if BFN, CRFN, or GIFN wanted to participate.
2025-06-02	Email	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation to follow up on scheduling a meeting.
2025-06-03	Email	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One sent emailed Chippewa Tri Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation to coordinate a virtual meeting.

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2025-06-03	Email	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to inquire about their availability on June 13, 2025 and noted that they were flexible on timing.
2025-06-03	Email	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewa Tri Council representation to confirm they sent a calendar invite for June 13, 2025 and requested to be informed if there were any items they wished to add to the agenda.
2025-06-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.
2025-06-11	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation from Chippewa Tri Council to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-13	Invitation	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Sean Tutak	Hydro One discussed project updates and a Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council representatives from Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation.

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2025-06-13	Invitation	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One sent Chippewa Tri Council representation and Beausoleil First Nation a meeting invite for June 13, 2025 with a tentative agenda.
2025-06-13	Meeting	Consultation Email Dana Monague Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One met with Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation on June 13, 2025. Hydro One provided an overview of the Equity Partnership and discussed Hydro One Projects.
2025-06-17	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to thank them for their meeting and to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation shared during the meeting. Hydro One also provided a copy of the CFA for their review.
2025-06-18	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-24	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-25	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-26	Meeting	James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to discuss ongoing Hydro One projects in their treaty area, introduce new projects, and share about the equity program.
2025-06-27	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an initial draft of Sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for early review. WSP noted that the full public review of the completed ESR would take place in fall 2025. WSP also noted that a separate table for Indigenous culture, values, and land use concerns and mitigation measures was developed for review.WSP requested comments and feedback by June 28, 2025.
2025-06-30	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had a Council meeting on July 9, 2025 and inquired if they wanted to present at that time. BFN offered to include a letter on the Council letterhead to have their Chief review.
2025-06-30	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) to inform them that they were available on July 9, 2025 to present to Council and that they did not have a preference for time. Hydro One also confirmed that BFN could put the letter on Council letterhead and could feel free to make any changes.
2025-07-02	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Beausoleil First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were creating an agenda for their meeting on July 9, 2025 and inquired if they were available at 1:00 PM to meet with Council.
2025-07-02	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-07-03	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) to inform them that the equity partnership presentation meeting scheduled for July 9, 2025, would need to be rescheduled, and requested that BFN provide availability for a new date.
2025-07-03	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Beausoleil First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire whether Hydro One would be able to attend the equity partnership presentation meeting on July 9, 2025, or whether the meeting would need to be postponed.
2025-07-03	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to follow up on the Capacity Funding Agreements provided on June 17, 2025, and to inquire whether there were any outstanding questions.
2025-07-08	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Georgina Island First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025, and welcomed their attendance.
2025-07-14	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-15	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) to share their presentation ahead of the Council meeting taking place the week of July 21, 2025. Hydro One also include a letter of support for BFN's consideration.

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2025-07-18	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to share section 3 of the draft ESR for advanced review and requested comments to be provided by August 15, 2025. WSP provided an update on staffing.
2025-07-21	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Beausoleil First Nation (BFN) emailed Hydro One to inform them that their Chief and Council meeting had been cancelled due to a passing in the community. BFN informed Hydro One that they would be rescheduling their meeting to July 30, 2025.
2025-07-21	Email	Hannah Jamieson Isabella Marsden Joanne Sandy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation to offer their condolences to the community and offered their availability to present to Chief and Council on July 30, 2025.
2025-07-22	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-29	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-08-12	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-19	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-26	Email	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	First Nations Consulting, on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had the opportunity to meet with Chippewa Tri-Council representation and identified a path forward for collaboration on the Project. First Nations Consulting advised that Chippewa Tri-Council representation would work with Hydro One to finalize relationship agreements and that Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation would like recurring monthly meetings with Hydro One. First Nations Consulting requested to determine availability for recurring meetings.
2025-08-29	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season.

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2025-08-29	Email	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed First Nations Consulting, representing Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN), to thank them for taking the initiative to coordinate with Chippewa Tri-Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation. Hydro One also inquired if Chippewa Tri-Council required updated copies of their capacity funding agreement.
2025-09-02	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-09-23	Meeting	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation to review progress on the Project and other major Hydro One initiatives. Topics discussed included winter studies, contractor and engineering updates, the Environmental Study Report, Bill C-5, the archaeology pause, cultural interests in ecosystems, capacity funding, and community updates.
2025-10-10	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Chippewa Tri-Council representation emailed Hydro One to provide a response on the draft Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council Nations and requested availability to discuss and finalize the agreement.
2025-10-10	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council representation to acknowledge receipt of the response on the draft Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council Nations and noted that availability for a meeting to discuss and finalize the agreement would be provided. Hydro One noted that a subsequent email would be circulated regarding Project construction and procurement.
2025-10-17	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide an update on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations and would be shared with communities via the shared workspace. Hydro One also noted that they were reviewing Capacity Funding Agreement changes and that they would set up invoicing training once the agreements had been finalized.

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2025-10-22	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide a copy of the Capacity Funding Agreement with Hydro One's comments Hydro One confirmed that they had sent around a poll to coordinate a meeting to discuss and that some responses were still outstanding. Hydro One noted that they would schedule a meeting once a date was finalized.
2025-10-28	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation, providing the finalized versions of the Community Funding Agreements (CFAs), which reflect the minor changes discussed during the previous meeting. Hydro One also provided a two-page overview document for potential presentation to Chief and Council. Hydro One noted that, once the agreements are signed, a meeting will be arranged with finance representatives to demonstrate the invoice system and submit all outstanding invoices. Hydro One also noted that the draft Environmental Study Report is expected to be released shortly for review.
2025-10-29	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-05	Email	Dillon Bickell Jacqueline French James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to introduce them to a representative for the Project construction contractor to discuss employment opportunities on the Project. Hydro One offered to schedule their next monthly update meeting to include an update from the construction contractor if the communities were interested.
2025-11-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to propose alternative meeting dates for the November 20, 2025, meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Hydro One suggested to meet on November 17 or 18, 2025, or that the meeting could also be postponed until the week of November 24, 2025.
2025-11-14	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, First Nations Consulting on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to share an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.
2025-11-14	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.

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2025-11-24	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to remind them that the draft ESR comment period would close on November 27, 2025 and requested to be informed if they anticipated any issues submitting comments before the deadline. Hydro One welcomed any comments.
2025-12-02	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to check in on the CFAs. Hydro One requested to be advised if any support was needed to help move things along. Hydro One noted that if the CFAs were received shortly they hoped to have everything set up to clear out the invoices and begin 2026 with a clean slate.
2025-12-03	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to inquire if they would like to keep their regular meeting time slot for their monthly project update meeting or reschedule to January 2026. Hydro One offered to provide an email update instead.
2025-12-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation to thank them for informing them that they were unavailable during the requested time.
2025-12-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation emailed Hydro One in response to a meeting invite to inform them that they were unavailable at the requested time and requested that Hydro One circulate a poll to find the best availability for all.
2025-12-12	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council to express gratitude for their effort, insight, and willingness to collaborate and lead to the success of their projects. Hydro One noted that the collaboration on DKPL had been precedent setting and emphasized meaningful participation of First Nations is the best and only way forward within the industry. Hydro One shared a list of action items and updates in lieu of their monthly meeting and wished everyone a nice holiday break.

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2026-01-15	Meeting	Chippewas of Rama First Nation Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Tori Monague Williams Treaties First Nations	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to discuss project updates. Topics discussed included project updates, and current opportunities, upcoming meetings and capacity funding.

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2023-10-25	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations communities to announce the newly proposed GTA East Line. Hydro One informed communities that the project qualified for Hydro One's 50/50 equity partnership model and welcomed the opportunity to meet to discuss the project further.
2023-11-08	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council emailed Hydro One to request their availability to discuss the Project and noted they would be looking at a regional approach with Chippewa Tri Council and Williams Treaties First Nations.
2023-11-09	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to confirm their availability on December 7 or 11, 2023 and noted that Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation would be reaching out to coordinate a meeting date with Williams Treaties First Nations communities.
2023-12-11	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to inquire if they were still available on December 13, 2023 to discuss the Project and the Equity Partnership Model.
2023-12-12	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to note that they were finalizing a presentation with details on the Project and the Equity Partnership to be attached to the meeting invite for December 13, 2023. Hydro One confirmed that they added Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to the meeting invite as requested.
2023-12-13	Meeting	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Williams Treaties First Nations (including Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation) to discuss the Equity Model regarding the GTA East Project.
2023-12-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for meeting on December 13, 2023 and provided a revised map.
2023-12-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri-Council emailed Hydro One to thank them for the introductory meeting and quick follow up.
2024-01-08	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri-Council emailed Hydro One to request a change to a meeting that was previously scheduled for January 11, 2024. Chippewa Tri-Council noted that they would need time to brief and obtain instructions from Chiefs, and requested Hydro One provide availability for the week of January 22, 2024 or January 29, 2024.
2024-01-08	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide their availability for a meeting on the week of January 29, 2024.

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2024-01-16	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewa Tri-Council, to follow up on meeting availability for the week of January 29, 2024.
2024-03-05	Meeting	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Consultation Liason Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One provided the Chippewa Tri Council communities with a brief update, which was repeated via email for those who were absent from the meeting.
2024-03-05	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council (CTC) representation emailed Hydro One about being unable to attend meeting. CTC enquired about a follow up phone call. CTC enquired about a follow up phone call.
2024-03-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation and The Chippewas of Rama First Nation an illustrative example of the equity model. Hydro One also proposed meeting dates for an upcoming meeting.
2024-03-20	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council representation emailed Hydro One stating the intentions of their consultations is developing CTC and partnerships that include equity agreements. CTC noted that though fellow nations have similar ongoing discussions, as it relates to CTC and Hydro One, as of now it is to be dealt with exclusively. CTC also expressed a desire to meet with Hydro One at an alternative date.
2024-03-21	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, The Chippewas of Rama, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nation to discuss clarification on equity model example. Hydro One proposed a time to meet in person for April 2024.
2024-04-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewa Tri Council emailed Hydro One to confirm they would be in touch.
2024-04-17	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inquire about an update from the communities regarding discussions about the Project.

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2024-05-24	Email	Chippewas of Georgina Island Donna Big Canoe James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island (GIFN) and Williams Treaties First Nations to provide an advanced Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with GIFN and Williams Treaties First Nations to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to GIFN and Williams Treaties First Nations.
2024-06-03	Email	James "JL" Porte	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Georgina Island First Nation to confirm that the appropriate contacts are engaged in consultation and field study programs.
2024-06-14	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide notice that Hydro One's environmental consultant will be reaching out in coming days regarding upcoming field season and monitoring opportunities.
2024-06-17	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed BFN, GIFN, CRFN, and Williams Treaties First Nations (representing the Chippewa Tri Council, CTC) to discuss field study participation with CTC and respective communities and to discuss capacity funding and partnerships. Hydro One inquired about their availability for a meeting and requested any updates on MOUs.
2024-06-19	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Williams Treaties First Nation representing the Chippewa Tri Council and Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One representative to confirm they would like to meet to discuss the Durham to Kawartha Transmission Project, the GTA east, as well as the capacity funding proposal.
2024-06-19	Email	James "JL" Porte	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island to introduce themselves as the environmental consultant for DKPL and to inquire about their interest in participating in field monitoring opportunities for the Project. WSP provided a field plan summary and rough timelines. WSP requested a copy of any existing field monitoring agreements if preferred.
2024-06-25	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations representing the Chippewa Tri Council (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation) to provide possible meeting dates to discuss the DKPL Project.
2024-06-25	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	William Treaties First Nation representing the Chippewa Tri Council (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation) emailed Hydro One to note they would circulate the potential meeting dates provided.

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2024-07-23	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to revisit their request for a meeting to continue conversations about the Project.
2024-08-09	Email	James "JL" Porte	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island to notify them that fieldwork would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP reminded Chippewas of Georgina Island that a signed Indigenous Monitoring Agreement would be required for participation in the fieldwork and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.
2024-08-19	Email	James "JL" Porte	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete.
2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share maps of the locations they would be conducting ecological land classification, botanical surveys, and general wildlife and habitat surveys from September 17 to 18, 2024.WSP noted that they would send meet up location to communities with fully executed Monitoring Agreements and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance. WSP provided a list of required PPE for field participation. WSP also noted that additional details about the aquatics fieldwork in October 2024 would be provided once confirmed and requested to be informed if communities had monitors that were interested in participating.

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2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that if monitors did not have safety glasses, a hard hat, or high visibility vest, WSP could provide them, and requested to be informed if any of the items would be required ahead of the scheduled field work dates.
2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to share project updates for Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One shared a slide deck with updated project information, the Natural Environment Report for Holt SS, and the DKPL Equity Model. Hydro One noted that the MOU for DKPL had been tabled back in December 2023 and also shared a high level overview of their approach to funding agreements. Hydro One offered to schedule a time to discuss the shared attachments and answer any questions they had.

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2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for reaching out and mentioned that they were in the process of scheduling a meeting to discuss the MOU and would be in a position to provide an answer on the week of November 21, 2024.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to offer their support and to indicate that they could visit in person to provide additional information or to discuss the projects and next steps.
2024-10-28	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to follow up on a discussion regarding the MOU.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Williams Treaty First Nations Process Coordinator, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to remind them to provide feedback on the DKPL Field Work Plan by the end of November 2024. Hydro One shared a link to access the Field Work Plan for review. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October 2024 and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.

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2024-11-06	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the coordinator for Williams Treaty First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.
2024-11-27	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaty Policy Coodinator, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to share monthly Project Updates for November 2024 on DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Expansion. Updates related to DKPL included route evaluation and input from communities required by November 29, 2024, the Field Work Plan comment period extension until December 6, 2024 to accommodate communities that had not received the link to the work plan, Stage 1 AA report for review until December 4, 2024, Stage 2 AA fieldwork expected to begin in 2025, and SharePoint rollout for review of Draft Environmental Study Report chapters in the new year.
2025-01-14	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Williams Treaties First Nations to inform them that WSP was preparing the release of the SharePoint that would house the sections of the draft ESR for Indigenous Community review for the Project. Hydro One reshared the reporting schedule and requested confirmation of the contact information to be used for SharePoint access.
2025-01-15	Email	James "JL" Porte	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewas of Georgina Island emailed Hydro One to confirm their contact for SharePoint access.
2025-01-31	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Williams Treaties First Nations to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects.
2025-02-14	Email	James "JL" Porte	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Chippewas of Georgina Island prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.

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2025-02-25	Email	Donna Big Canoe James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation and scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use criteria. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss the Project and the evaluation process.
2025-03-03	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Chippewa Tri Council with updates on the DKPL Project, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One announced the selection of Route B for the DKPL Project and shared details on the Draft Environmental Study Report and Natural Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One invited input on the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report and discussed plans for the Stage 2 Archaeology program. For Holt SS, Hydro One committed to redoing the Stage 1/2 Archaeological Assessment and outlined plans for vegetation removal. Hydro One also provided information on the Ecology Field Work Plan for Bowmanville SS, inviting community participation and feedback.
2025-03-03	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP, working on behalf of Hydro One, emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. WSP requested feedback by April 10, 2025, and provided links for review. WSP noted that comments can be submitted separately if desired and mentioned that documents will become read-only after the review period. For SharePoint access questions, WSP provided a contact email.
2025-03-13	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council a copy of the draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report for review. Hydro One requested comments back by April 14, 2025.
2025-03-21	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewa Tri Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that the release of the 2025 Field Work Memo had been postponed to be able to review and incorporate comments received from communities on the DNER. WSP noted that the Field Work Memo would be released in two parts and provided a copy of the first memo, outlining the 2025 amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second memo would consider comments on the DNER and outline the remaining terrestrial and aquatic surveys taking place in 2025. WSP requested that Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation confirm if they had Indigenous monitors that were available to attend surveys in 2025 and advised that all required documentation would need to be completed ahead of survey dates.

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2025-03-24	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they did not have available monitors to attend fieldwork.
2025-03-31	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation to thank them for confirming that they had no capacity for field monitoring.
2025-04-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the March 2025 SE Project, acknowledging the impact of recent weather events and power outages. Hydro One shared information on DKPL archaeology and field monitoring, including Stage 2 planning and monitoring opportunities, and addressed potential barriers to First Nations involvement. They provided updates on DKPL fieldwork, cultural heritage reviews, and sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. Hydro One also detailed plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including archaeological reassessment and natural environment studies, and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.
2025-04-08	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. WSP advised that the appendices were available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP mentioned that additional survey date details will be provided soon and requested Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm if they have Indigenous monitors interested and available to attend surveys. WSP requested confirmation of interest and availability to ensure all documentation, including MSA, insurance, WSIB certificate, and WSP's Third-Party Verification process, is completed ahead of survey dates. WSP invited any questions.

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2025-04-09	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited monitors from Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-24	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation, representing the Chippewa Tri Council, to inquire if they were interested in engaging on the Stage 2 archaeological assessment for the Project. WSP informed the Chippewa Tri Council that they were planning to begin Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork in early May 2025, with exact dates to be determined pending utility locates surveys, permission to enter, and weather. WSP noted that participating monitors would be required to attend a morning safety tailgate meeting each day and follow WSP's project specific safety plan to be provided in advance upon request. WSP noted that a monitoring agreement between WSP and Chippewa Tri Council would be required to participate in fieldwork and offered to provide their monitoring agreement for Chippewa Tri Council to review, or for Chippewa Tri Council to provide their own for WSP to review. WSP welcomed any questions.
2025-05-06	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and representation for the Chippewa Tri-Council providing an update on the upcoming amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second round of amphibian surveys would take place the week of May 20, 2025, with surveys scheduled to begin 30 minutes after sunset and end by midnight. WSP indicated tentative plans to visit a few locations and provided corresponding dates. WSP referenced the March 21, 2025 memo, with a map of survey locations. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their teams in the field for any of the dates noted or future surveys. WSP specified that only monitors from communities with a fully executed monitoring agreement, as well as up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance, would be able to attend. WSP requested Beausoleil First Nation or Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm their interest in joining field studies in May or June and to reach out to them as soon as possible.
2025-05-07	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Aisha Lewis (WSP)	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation emailed WSP to request a monitoring agreement for review.

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2025-05-07	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation providing them with a monitoring agreement and requested that they reach out if they had any questions.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to announce a role change effective May 28, 2025. The team member expressed gratitude and provided advance notice of their transition to another role within Hydro One. Hydro One assured that another member of their team would continue to support the projects and that Hydro One was seeking additional resources. Hydro One requested patience during the transition and expressed confidence that the new team members would manage the portfolio and relationship with First Nations with utmost importance and care.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP noted that round 2 of amphibian surveys was postponed due to weather and an updated schedule with survey locations would be provided. WSP provided fieldwork survey dates for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA), eDNA and aquatics surveys, round 1 of breeding bird surveys, round 3 of amphibian surveys, round 2 of breeding bird surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join this teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if any communities wanted to participate.

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2025-05-22	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide a SharePoint link to the initial draft of section 4 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for an advanced review and confirmed that the full public review was expected to take place in fall 2025. WSP clarified that previous schedules for the ESR review period noted that sections 7 and 8 would accompany section 4, however due to unforeseen delays a separate review period for sections 7 and 8 would begin in June when the draft sections were finalized. WSP noted that Hydro One requested feedback on section 4 by June 24, 2025. WSP also advised that if the communities did not want their comments included in the shared file with other communities, that they could download a copy to include comments to be sent to WSP and Hydro One. WSP also noted that comments could not be added to the file after the review period.
2025-05-22	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to inform them that round 2 of amphibian surveys had been rescheduled to take place the week of May 26, 2025. WSP provided details of survey timing and a tentative schedule for survey locations by date. WSP welcomed participation from field monitors and noted that a monitoring agreement, WSIB, and liability insurance were required to participate in field monitoring. WSP requested to be informed if any monitors were available or interested in participating.
2025-05-27	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if BFN, CRFN, or GIFN wanted to participate.
2025-06-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.

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2025-06-11	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation from Chippewa Tri Council to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-17	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to thank them for their meeting and to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation shared during the meeting. Hydro One also provided a copy of the CFA for their review.
2025-06-18	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-24	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-25	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-26	Meeting	James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to discuss ongoing Hydro One projects in their treaty area, introduce new projects, and share about the equity program.
2025-06-27	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an initial draft of Sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for early review. WSP noted that the full public review of the completed ESR would take place in fall 2025. WSP also noted that a separate table for Indigenous culture, values, and land use concerns and mitigation measures was developed for review.WSP requested comments and feedback by June 28, 2025.
2025-06-30	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation emailed WSP to provide their comment on Section 7 of the ESR regarding mitigation measures and replanting of Traditional Use Plants.
2025-07-02	Email	James "JL" Porte	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation to follow up on their comment on Section 7 of the ESR regarding mitigation measures and the replanting of Traditional Use Plants, requesting clarification on which plants they were referring to in order to inform the environment team about potential replanting options.
2025-07-02	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation to inform them that their comments on Section 7 of the ESR regarding mitigation measures and the replanting of Traditional Use Plants had been provided to the Project team for consideration.
2025-07-02	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-07-03	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to follow up on the Capacity Funding Agreements provided on June 17, 2025, and to inquire whether there were any outstanding questions.
2025-07-08	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Georgina Island First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025, and welcomed their attendance.
2025-07-09	Email	James "JL" Porte	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island to inquire about suppliers of seed mixes for traditional use plants.
2025-07-14	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-18	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to share section 3 of the draft ESR for advanced review and requested comments to be provided by August 15, 2025. WSP provided an update on staffing.
2025-07-22	Email	Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation representing Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN) to thank them for the update regarding their role representing GIFN and suggested to set up a meeting to provide an update on projects, capacity funding, and the equity model. Hydro One requested 4 Directions Conservation Consultation's availability on August 6, 7 or 8, 2025.

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2025-07-22	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-22	Email	Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation representation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on August 6 and 7, 2025.
2025-07-29	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-06	Meeting	Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN) and their consultants to provide an overview and current status of the Project. Hydro One confirmed that the Environmental Assessment was underway and scheduled for completion by the end of 2025. Hydro One highlighted opportunities for GIFN monitors to observe upcoming fieldwork activities and offered support in developing a tailored monitor training program, to which GIFN expressed strong interest and accepted the offer. Hydro One also shared the projected timeline for the Project, noting a target energization date of 2029, with construction expected to begin in 2027.
2025-08-07	Email	Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN) and representation from First Nations Consulting to provide the presentation slide deck from their meeting on August 6, 2025, and the latest version of the capacity funding agreement. Hydro One committed to providing timeline of engagements with GIFN for First Nations Consulting and options for archaeological monitor training.

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2025-08-12	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-14	Email	Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	First Nations Consulting, on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to thank them and to inquire if the capacity funding agreement was the same that they had previously seen. First Nations Consulting also copied Chippewa Tri-Council representation to the email as they had previously connected.
2025-08-14	Email	Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed First Nations Consulting, representing Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, to confirm that the capacity agreement they shared was the same agreement that had been tabled with all the nations. Hydro One pointed out the addition of new projects to the agreement and changes to the formatting.
2025-08-19	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-26	Email	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	First Nations Consulting, on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had the opportunity to meet with Chippewa Tri-Council representation and identified a path forward for collaboration on the Project. First Nations Consulting advised that Chippewa Tri-Council representation would work with Hydro One to finalize relationship agreements and that Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation would like recurring monthly meetings with Hydro One. First Nations Consulting requested to determine availability for recurring meetings.

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2025-08-29	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season.
2025-08-29	Email	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed First Nations Consulting, representing Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN), to thank them for taking the initiative to coordinate with Chippewa Tri-Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation. Hydro One also inquired if Chippewa Tri-Council required updated copies of their capacity funding agreement.
2025-09-02	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-09-23	Meeting	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation to review progress on the Project and other major Hydro One initiatives. Topics discussed included winter studies, contractor and engineering updates, the Environmental Study Report, Bill C-5, the archaeology pause, cultural interests in ecosystems, capacity funding, and community updates.
2025-10-10	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Chippewa Tri-Council representation emailed Hydro One to provide a response on the draft Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council Nations and requested availability to discuss and finalize the agreement.

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2025-10-10	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council representation to acknowledge receipt of the response on the draft Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council Nations and noted that availability for a meeting to discuss and finalize the agreement would be provided. Hydro One noted that a subsequent email would be circulated regarding Project construction and procurement.
2025-10-17	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide an update on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations and would be shared with communities via the shared workspace. Hydro One also noted that they were reviewing Capacity Funding Agreement changes and that they would set up invoicing training once the agreements had been finalized.
2025-10-22	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide a copy of the Capacity Funding Agreement with Hydro One's comments Hydro One confirmed that they had sent around a poll to coordinate a meeting to discuss and that some responses were still outstanding. Hydro One noted that they would schedule a meeting once a date was finalized.
2025-10-28	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation, providing the finalized versions of the Community Funding Agreements (CFAs), which reflect the minor changes discussed during the previous meeting. Hydro One also provided a two-page overview document for potential presentation to Chief and Council. Hydro One noted that, once the agreements are signed, a meeting will be arranged with finance representatives to demonstrate the invoice system and submit all outstanding invoices. Hydro One also noted that the draft Environmental Study Report is expected to be released shortly for review.
2025-10-29	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-05	Email	Dillon Bickell Jacqueline French James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to introduce them to a representative for the Project construction contractor to discuss employment opportunities on the Project. Hydro One offered to schedule their next monthly update meeting to include an update from the construction contractor if the communities were interested.
2025-11-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to propose alternative meeting dates for the November 20, 2025, meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Hydro One suggested to meet on November 17 or 18, 2025, or that the meeting could also be postponed until the week of November 24, 2025.

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2025-11-14	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, First Nations Consulting on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to share an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.
2025-11-14	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-24	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to remind them that the draft ESR comment period would close on November 27, 2025 and requested to be informed if they anticipated any issues submitting comments before the deadline. Hydro One welcomed any comments.
2025-12-02	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to check in on the CFAs. Hydro One requested to be advised if any support was needed to help move things along. Hydro One noted that if the CFAs were received shortly they hoped to have everything set up to clear out the invoices and begin 2026 with a clean slate.
2025-12-03	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to inquire if they would like to keep their regular meeting time slot for their monthly project update meeting or reschedule to January 2026. Hydro One offered to provide an email update instead.
2025-12-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation to thank them for informing them that they were unavailable during the requested time.
2025-12-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation emailed Hydro One in response to a meeting invite to inform them that they were unavailable at the requested time and requested that Hydro One circulate a poll to find the best availability for all.

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2025-12-12	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council to express gratitude for their effort, insight, and willingness to collaborate and lead to the success of their projects. Hydro One noted that the collaboration on DKPL had been precedent setting and emphasized meaningful participation of First Nations is the best and only way forward within the industry. Hydro One shared a list of action items and updates in lieu of their monthly meeting and wished everyone a nice holiday break.
2025-12-12	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide the fully executed CFA. Hydro One thanked them and the Chief for their efforts moving the agreement forward. Hydro One also confirmed that they were in the process of setting up the funding.
2026-01-15	Meeting	Chippewas of Rama First Nation Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Tori Monague Williams Treaties First Nations	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to discuss project updates. Topics discussed included project updates, and current opportunities, upcoming meetings and capacity funding.

GIFN Comment Responses

From: JL Porte <jl.porte@georginaisland.com>
Sent: June 30, 2025 1:08 PM
To: Hildebrandt, Jenna
Cc: k.a.sandy-mckenzie
Subject: RE: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 7 and 8 of the ESR

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hey Jenna,

Just a quick look, and I see that under **Traditional Use Plants**, the effects say **Following effective implementation of mitigation measures, net effects to traditional use plants are expected to be minimized.**
Can traditional use plants that are needed to be removed, be reintroduced alongside plants from the "mitigation measures planned for Significant Woodlands under Designated or Special Natural Areas, Species at Risk (SAR) under Natural Heritage Features, Vegetation under Natural Heritage Features, and Wildlife Habitat Natural Heritage Features"

Miigwech,
JL Porte
Community Consultation Worker
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation

GEORGINA ISLAND

From: Hildebrandt, Jenna <Jenna.Hildebrandt@wsp.com>
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2025 2:59 PM
To: k.a.sandy-mckenzie <k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com>
Cc: bfnconsultation <bfnconsultation@chimnissing.ca>; consultation <consultation@ramafirstnation.ca>; dillonb@ramafirstnation.ca; JL Porte <jl.porte@georginaisland.com>; Sean Tutak <sean.tutak@hydroone.com>; HOCKING Amanda <Amanda.hocking@hydroone.com>; SCOTT Rhona <Rhona.scott@hydroone.com>; SOULLIERE Kenndal <Kenndal.soulliere@hydroone.com>; GAUTHIER Courtney <courtney.gauthier@HydroOne.com>; Squires, Callum <callum.squires@wsp.com>; Lewis, Aisha <aisha.lewis@wsp.com>
Subject: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 7 and 8 of the ESR

You don't often get email from jenna.hildebrandt@wsp.com. Learn why this is important

Good Afternoon,

The Project team has prepared an initial draft of Sections 7 (Environmental Effects and Mitigation) and 8 (Effects Monitoring) of the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project. The Project team is providing First Nation communities an advanced review of these preliminary sections. In addition, the full public review of the complete ESR is expected to take place in the fall.

Please find the sections for your review at the links below:
7 and 8 - Potential Environmental Effects and Mitigations Measures and Effects Monitoring

Additionally, Hydro One has received First Nations comments in regard to working together on mitigation measures for project effects. While we're always open to discussing project effects and possible mitigation strategies we've highlighted specific concerns in a separate table: DKPL_Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Concerns and Mitigation Measures_RevA.pdf (This table can be found in the folder linked above.)

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you'd like specific information to be included in this table, Hydro One looks forward to working with First Nations.

Hydro One is requesting feedback from your community on Sections 7 and 8 of the ESR by July 28, 2025.

If your community does not want your comments included with the comments from other Indigenous communities in the shared file, please download a copy of the file and please provide a copy of the file with your comments to Hydro One and WSP.

At the end of the review period noted above, the word documents will be restricted to read only status so no additional comments can be made when the Project team begins consolidating feedback.
If you have any questions regarding SharePoint access, please reach out to myself or aisha.lewis@wsp.com.

Thank you,

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From: Amanda Hocking <Amanda.Hocking@hydroone.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 10:17 AM
To: JL Porte <jl.porte@georginaisland.com>
Cc: Lesley Smith <Lesley.Smith@hydroone.com>
Subject: Re: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 7 and 8 of the ESR

Good morning JL,

Your email was shared over with me. Would you be able to give me an idea of what plants you're thinking of? If I can tell the environment team what we're looking for, they can give me a better idea of what's possible.

Miigwetch,
Amanda

Amanda Hocking (she/her)

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Please let me know if you need my emails in a format more accessible to you.

Book a meeting in my calendar any time by clicking this link.

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From: Amanda Hocking <Amanda.Hocking@hydroone.com>
Sent: July 9, 2025 10:20 AM
To: JL Porte <jl.porte@georginaisland.com>
Cc: Lesley Smith <Lesley.Smith@hydroone.com>; Rhona Scott <Rhona.Scott@hydroone.com>; Kenndal Soulliere <Kenndal.Soulliere@hydroone.com>
Subject: Re: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 7 and 8 of the ESR

Hi again JL,

Following up on the below, I was also wondering if you have any suppliers in mind who could provide us with the seed mix for the traditional use plants? We are eager to support community businesses and would like to start looking into options.

Chi miigwetch,
Amanda

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Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN) Record of Consultation

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2023-10-25	Email	Chippewas of Rama First Nation Samantha Craig-Curnow Ted Williams	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to announce the newly proposed GTA East Line. Hydro One informed communities that the project qualified for Hydro One's 50/50 equity partnership model and welcomed the opportunity to meet to discuss the project further.
2023-10-25	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations communities to announce the newly proposed GTA East Line. Hydro One informed communities that the project qualified for Hydro One's 50/50 equity partnership model and welcomed the opportunity to meet to discuss the project further.
2023-11-08	Email	Ben Benson	Sean Tutak	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire if they had a partnership agreement in place.
2023-11-08	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council emailed Hydro One to request their availability to discuss the Project and noted they would be looking at a regional approach with Chippewa Tri Council and Williams Treaties First Nations.
2023-11-08	Email	Ben Benson Samantha Craig-Curnow	Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to note that they did not already have a formal partnership agreement in place, but that they would look to negotiate an agreement with the community or with the collective Williams Treaties First Nations. Hydro One noted that they were in the process of scheduling a Williams Treaties First Nations meeting to discuss the Project to be hosted by Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and that they would be reaching out to inquire about meeting dates.
2023-11-09	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to confirm their availability on December 7 or 11, 2023 and noted that Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation would be reaching out to coordinate a meeting date with Williams Treaties First Nations communities.
2023-12-11	Email	Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to inquire if they were still available on December 13, 2023 to discuss the Project and the Equity Partnership Model.
2023-12-12	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council to note that they were finalizing a presentation with details on the Project and the Equity Partnership to be attached to the meeting invite for December 13, 2023. Hydro One confirmed that they added Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to the meeting invite as requested.
2023-12-13	Meeting	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Williams Treaties First Nations (including Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation) to discuss the Equity Model regarding the GTA East Project.
2023-12-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for meeting on December 13, 2023 and provided a revised map.

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2023-12-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri-Council emailed Hydro One to thank them for the introductory meeting and quick follow up.
2024-01-08	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri-Council emailed Hydro One to request a change to a meeting that was previously scheduled for January 11, 2024. Chippewa Tri-Council noted that they would need time to brief and obtain instructions from Chiefs, and requested Hydro One provide availability for the week of January 22, 2024 or January 29, 2024.
2024-01-08	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide their availability for a meeting on the week of January 29, 2024.
2024-01-16	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewa Tri-Council, to follow up on meeting availability for the week of January 29, 2024.
2024-03-05	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council (CTC) representation emailed Hydro One about being unable to attend meeting. CTC enquired about a follow up phone call.
2024-03-13	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil First Nation, Georgina Island First Nation and The Chippewas of Rama First Nation an illustrative example of the equity model. Hydro One also proposed meeting dates for an upcoming meeting.
2024-03-20	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Williams Treaties First Nation (WTFN) emailed Hydro One stating the intentions of their consultations is developing CTC and partnerships that include equity agreements. WTFN noted that though fellow nations have similar ongoing discussions, as it relates to CTC and Hydro One, as of now it is to be dealt with exclusively. WTFN also expressed a desire to meet with Hydro One at an alternative date.
2024-03-21	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, The Chippewas of Rama, Beausoleil and Georgina Island First Nation to discuss clarification on equity model example. Hydro One proposed a time to meet in person for April 2024.
2024-04-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewa Tri Council emailed Hydro One to confirm they would be in touch.

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2024-04-17	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inquire about an update from the communities regarding discussions about the Project.
2024-05-24	Email	Ben Benson Karry Sandy-McKenzie Ted Williams	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation (CRFN) and Williams Treaties First Nations to provide an advanced Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with CRFN and Williams Treaties First Nations to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to CRFN and Williams Treaties First Nations.
2024-05-27	Email	Ben Benson	Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation (CRFN) to inform them that they had notified their community relations team regarding the issue with the link and apologized for the inconvenience. Hydro One also offered to meet over lunch to formally introduce themselves.
2024-06-05	Email	Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm contact details for Hydro One consultation needs.
2024-06-10	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inquire if they wanted to meet for lunch while they were in Orillia on June 18 and 19, 2024.
2024-06-14	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed the Chippewa Tri Council, Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide notice that Hydro One's environmental consultant will be reaching out in coming days regarding upcoming field season and monitoring opportunities.
2024-06-17	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed BFN, GIFN, CRFN, and Williams Treaties First Nations (representing the Chippewa Tri Council, CTC) to discuss field study participation with CTC and respective communities and to discuss capacity funding and partnerships. Hydro One inquired about their availability for a meeting and requested any updates on MOUs.
2024-06-19	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council representing Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation andChippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One representative to confirm theywould like to meet to discuss the Durham to Kawartha Transmission Project, the GTA east, as well as the capacity funding proposal.
2024-06-19	Email	Ben Benson Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to introduce themselves as the environmental consultant for DKPL and to inquire about their interest in participating in field monitoring opportunities for the Project. WSP provided a field plan summary and rough timelines. WSP requested a copy of any existing field monitoring agreements if preferred.

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2024-06-25	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations representing the Chippewa Tri Council (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation) to provide possible meeting dates to discuss the DKPL Project.
2024-06-25	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	William Treaties First Nation representing the Chippewa Tri Council (Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation) emailed Hydro One to note they would circulate the potential meeting dates provided.
2024-07-23	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to revisit their request for a meeting to continue conversations about the Project.
2024-08-09	Email	Ben Benson Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to notify them that fieldwork would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP reminded Chippewas of Rama First Nation that a signed Indigenous Monitoring Agreement would be required for participation in the fieldwork and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.
2024-08-19	Email	Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for the update and noted that they would not be able to attend the fieldwork scheduled during the week of August 13, 2024 but that they were looking forward to reviewing the draft reports.
2024-08-19	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island ,Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.
2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-03	Email	Ben Cousineau Culture General Email Kevin Hennessy Lise Kwekkeboom	Alyssa Bardy Christopher Grol Natalie Hanson Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation expressing gratitude for hosting their team and booth at the powwow in Rama. They commended the powwow team for their hard work, noting the many busy hands and smiles. Hydro One expressed enjoyment in participating in community events and looked forward to future opportunities, inviting Chippewas of Rama First Nation to consider them for supporting other community events.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share maps of the locations they would be conducting ecological land classification, botanical surveys, and general wildlife and habitat surveys from September 17 to 18, 2024.WSP noted that they would send meet up location to communities with fully executed Monitoring Agreements and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance. WSP provided a list of required PPE for field participation. WSP also noted that additional details about the aquatics fieldwork in October 2024 would be provided once confirmed and requested to be informed if communities had monitors that were interested in participating.

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2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that if monitors did not have safety glasses, a hard hat, or high visibility vest, WSP could provide them, and requested to be informed if any of the items would be required ahead of the scheduled field work dates.
2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-18	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to mention that they would be in Rama on September 27, 2024 and proposed meeting for a discussion about various items, including ongoing projects, consultation through the Chippewa Tri Council, sponsorship of events, community involvement, and equity opportunities offered through major projects.
2024-09-20	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on September 27, 2024 and noted their interest in having a quick chat.
2024-09-20	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One and noted they should be available the following Friday and that a quick chat sounded good. Chippewas of Rama stated that the opportunities sounded exciting.
2024-09-20	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to acknowledge Hydro One had their NDTR events on September 27, 2024 and proposed a time for them to meet.
2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.

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2024-09-27	Meeting	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One met with Chippewas of Rama First Nation (CRFN) for a review of the Hydro One South East Projects. Hydro One briefly reviewed the projects, its current status and shared a high-level overview of the Hydro One Equity Model for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One additionally shared details of other project partnership opportunities for sponsorship and involvement including ongoing support for powwows, trade shows and career fairs. Hydro One reviewed with RFN is process for capacity funding with a commitment to follow up and further discuss these items internally at the First Nation
2024-10-02	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy	The Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One and noted it was good to meet with them. The Chippewas of Rama indicated that regarding the MOU, a different contact at Chippewas of Rama would set up a meeting with Hydro One. The Chippewas of Rama First Nation noted that regarding funding for staffing for a liaison type role, that they were hopeful that they would move ahead with that too. The Chippewas of Rama First Nation stated that they would be in touch regarding next steps from their end and requested high-level summaries of what is ahead between Hydro One and the First Nation and that they would brief their council.
2024-10-03	Email	Ben Benson	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for meeting the previous week while Hydro One was in the area. They provided some follow up information on the meeting including providing a few slides from where the DKPL and Holt SS project are currently in the consultation process noting opportunities for Indigenous input on the projects.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to share project updates for Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One shared a slide deck with updated project information, the Natural Environment Report for Holt SS, and the DKPL Equity Model. Hydro One noted that the MOU for DKPL had been tabled back in December 2023 and also shared a high level overview of their approach to funding agreements. Hydro One offered to schedule a time to discuss the shared attachments and answer any questions they had.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for reaching out and mentioned that they were in the process of scheduling a meeting to discuss the MOU and would be in a position to provide an answer on the week of November 21, 2024.
2024-10-10	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to offer their support and to indicate that they could visit in person to provide additional information or to discuss the projects and next steps.

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2024-10-28	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaties First Nations (Chippewa Tri Council), Beausoleil Island First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to follow up on a discussion regarding the MOU.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Benson James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Williams Treaty First Nations Process Coordinator, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to remind them to provide feedback on the DKPL Field Work Plan by the end of November 2024. Hydro One shared a link to access the Field Work Plan for review. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October 2024 and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.
2024-11-06	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the coordinator for Williams Treaty First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.

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2024-11-27	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Williams Treaty Policy Coodinator, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to share monthly Project Updates for November 2024 on DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Expansion. Updates related to DKPL included route evaluation and input from communities required by November 29, 2024, the Field Work Plan comment period extension until December 6, 2024 to accommodate communities that had not received the link to the work plan, Stage 1 AA report for review until December 4, 2024, Stage 2 AA fieldwork expected to begin in 2025, and SharePoint rollout for review of Draft Environmental Study Report chapters in the new year.
2025-01-14	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Williams Treaties First Nations to inform them that WSP was preparing the release of the SharePoint that would house the sections of the draft ESR for Indigenous Community review for the Project. Hydro One reshared the reporting schedule and requested confirmation of the contact information to be used for SharePoint access.
2025-01-21	Email	Ted Williams	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide an update regarding some ongoing Hydro One projects in the Williams Treaty First Nations area. Hydro One provided high-level details of the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project, the Holt Switching Station Project, and the Bowmanville Switching Station Expansion Project. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity for a meeting to share more details on the Project and ensure that the Chippewas of Rama First Nation are meaningfully engaged on the projects.
2025-01-31	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Williams Treaties First Nations to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects.
2025-02-14	Email	Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Chippewas of Rama First Nation prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.

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2025-02-14	Email	Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Williams Treaties First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Williams Treaties First Nation prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.
2025-02-25	Email	Ben Cousineau Karry Sandy-McKenzie Ted Williams	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation and scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use criteria. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss the Project and the evaluation process.
2025-03-03	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Chippewa Tri Council with updates on the DKPL Project, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One announced the selection of Route B for the DKPL Project and shared details on the Draft Environmental Study Report and Natural Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One invited input on the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report and discussed plans for the Stage 2 Archaeology program. For Holt SS, Hydro One committed to redoing the Stage 1/2 Archaeological Assessment and outlined plans for vegetation removal. Hydro One also provided information on the Ecology Field Work Plan for Bowmanville SS, inviting community participation and feedback.
2025-03-03	Email	James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP, working on behalf of Hydro One, emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. WSP requested feedback by April 10, 2025, and provided links for review. WSP noted that comments can be submitted separately if desired and mentioned that documents will become read-only after the review period. For SharePoint access questions, WSP provided a contact email.
2025-03-13	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Liam Ryan Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council a copy of the draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report for review. Hydro One requested comments back by April 14, 2025.

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2025-03-17	Email	Ben Cousineau	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the Draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report to confirm that they would review.
2025-03-21	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewa Tri Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that the release of the 2025 Field Work Memo had been postponed to be able to review and incorporate comments received from communities on the DNER. WSP noted that the Field Work Memo would be released in two parts and provided a copy of the first memo, outlining the 2025 amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second memo would consider comments on the DNER and outline the remaining terrestrial and aquatic surveys taking place in 2025. WSP requested that Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation confirm if they had Indigenous monitors that were available to attend surveys in 2025 and advised that all required documentation would need to be completed ahead of survey dates.
2025-04-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the March 2025 SE Project, acknowledging the impact of recent weather events and power outages. Hydro One shared information on DKPL archaeology and field monitoring, including Stage 2 planning and monitoring opportunities, and addressed potential barriers to First Nations involvement. They provided updates on DKPL fieldwork, cultural heritage reviews, and sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. Hydro One also detailed plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including archaeological reassessment and natural environment studies, and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.
2025-04-08	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. WSP advised that the appendices were available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP mentioned that additional survey date details will be provided soon and requested Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm if they have Indigenous monitors interested and available to attend surveys. WSP requested confirmation of interest and availability to ensure all documentation, including MSA, insurance, WSIB certificate, and WSP's Third-Party Verification process, is completed ahead of survey dates. WSP invited any questions.

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2025-04-09	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Williams Treaties First Nations, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited monitors from Beausoleil First Nation and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-14	Email	Ben Cousineau	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that Hydro One was preparing for powwow season, including sponsorships and booth bookings, and inquired if Chippewas of Rama First Nation was managing these arrangements again this year.
2025-04-22	Email	Ben Cousineau Dillon Bickell	Alyssa Bardy	Chippewas of Rama First Nation (CRFN) emailed Hydro One to introduce them to their newly hired Community Consultation Worker. CRFN hoped that Hydro One could provide an overview of southeast projects throughout their territory and capacity funding opportunities to their Community Consultation Worker. CRFN requested Hydro One's availability for a meeting.
2025-04-24	Email	Ben Cousineau Dillon Bickell	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for the introduction to their new Community Consultation Worker. Hydro One noted that they would be in Rama on April 28, 2025 for a meeting with a contact from Economic Development and to give a presentation on southeast projects. Hydro One suggested an opportunity to meet to discuss capacity funding and next steps.
2025-04-24	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation, representing the Chippewa Tri Council, to inquire if they were interested in engaging on the Stage 2 archaeological assessment for the Project. WSP informed the Chippewa Tri Council that they were planning to begin Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork in early May 2025, with exact dates to be determined pending utility locates surveys, permission to enter, and weather. WSP noted that participating monitors would be required to attend a morning safety tailgate meeting each day and follow WSP's project specific safety plan to be provided in advance upon request. WSP noted that a monitoring agreement between WSP and Chippewa Tri Council would be required to participate in fieldwork and offered to provide their monitoring agreement for Chippewa Tri Council to review, or for Chippewa Tri Council to provide their own for WSP to review. WSP welcomed any questions.
2025-04-28	Email	Ben Cousineau Denis Paccagnella Dillon Bickell Mary-Anne Willsey	Alyssa Bardy Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Chippewas of Rama First Nation sent a meeting invite to Hydro One for April 28, 2025, from 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM.

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2025-05-06	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and representation for the Chippewa Tri-Council providing an update on the upcoming amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second round of amphibian surveys would take place the week of May 20, 2025, with surveys scheduled to begin 30 minutes after sunset and end by midnight. WSP indicated tentative plans to visit a few locations and provided corresponding dates. WSP referenced the March 21, 2025 memo, with a map of survey locations. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their teams in the field for any of the dates noted or future surveys. WSP specified that only monitors from communities with a fully executed monitoring agreement, as well as up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance, would be able to attend. WSP requested Beausoleil First Nation or Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm their interest in joining field studies in May or June and to reach out to them as soon as possible.
2025-05-07	Email	Chippewas of Rama First Nation Dillon Bickell	Aisha Lewis (WSP)	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed WSP to introduce their role as the new community consultation worker for CRFN. CRFN informed WSP that they would be the primary contact for consultation moving forward and requested that WSP update their contact list and continue to keep the consultation email included on correspondence.
2025-05-07	Email	Dillon Bickell Samantha Craig-Curnow	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for the updated contact information and to confirm they would update their contact list for the community.
2025-05-15	Email	Denis Paccagnella Dillon Bickell Mary-Anne Willsey Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Starrett Jessica Taylor Janet	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for meeting on April 28, 2025. Hydro One outlined action items and key takeaways from the meeting and shared the presentation deck from their call which provided up-to-date information on each of the southeast Hydro One projects, as well as capacity funding, the equity partnership, and high level information on future projects within the region. Hydro One noted that they would provide a May 2025 update that would include a look ahead for opportunities on southeast projects and a list of important contacts for each project. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to share more on capacity funding and the equity partnership. Hydro One provided updates from their lifecycles team, electricity meter replacements in Chippewas of Rama First Nation and surrounding area, the request for streetlights and pending joint agreement, service upgrades to the Black River Campsite, interest in cultural awareness training from Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and procurement and Indigenous vendor registration.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.

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2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to announce a role change effective May 28, 2025. The team member expressed gratitude and provided advance notice of their transition to another role within Hydro One. Hydro One assured that another member of their team would continue to support the projects and that Hydro One was seeking additional resources. Hydro One requested patience during the transition and expressed confidence that the new team members would manage the portfolio and relationship with First Nations with utmost importance and care.
2025-05-20	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP noted that round 2 of amphibian surveys was postponed due to weather and an updated schedule with survey locations would be provided. WSP provided fieldwork survey dates for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA), eDNA and aquatics surveys, round 1 of breeding bird surveys, round 3 of amphibian surveys, round 2 of breeding bird surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join this teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if any communities wanted to participate.
2025-05-22	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide a SharePoint link to the initial draft of section 4 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for an advanced review and confirmed that the full public review was expected to take place in fall 2025. WSP clarified that previous schedules for the ESR review period noted that sections 7 and 8 would accompany section 4, however due to unforeseen delays a separate review period for sections 7 and 8 would begin in June when the draft sections were finalized. WSP noted that Hydro One requested feedback on section 4 by June 24, 2025. WSP also advised that if the communities did not want their comments included in the shared file with other communities, that they could download a copy to include comments to be sent to WSP and Hydro One. WSP also noted that comments could not be added to the file after the review period.
2025-05-22	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to inform them that round 2 of amphibian surveys had been rescheduled to take place the week of May 26, 2025. WSP provided details of survey timing and a tentative schedule for survey locations by date. WSP welcomed participation from field monitors and noted that a monitoring agreement, WSIB, and liability insurance were required to participate in field monitoring. WSP requested to be informed if any monitors were available or interested in participating.

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2025-05-27	Email	Ben Cousineau Lise Kwekkeboom	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to express gratitude and hope for future interactions. They confirmed that the sponsorship has been processed and sent to RFN via EFT, including a pavilion sponsorship of $2500. Hydro One requested confirmation if there is no record of the transaction. They inquired about getting on the information vendor booth list, expressing interest in attending.
2025-05-27	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation for Chippewa Tri-Council to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if BFN, CRFN, or GIFN wanted to participate.
2025-06-04	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.
2025-06-11	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and representation from Chippewa Tri Council to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-17	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to thank them for their meeting and to provide a copy of the PowerPoint presentation shared during the meeting. Hydro One also provided a copy of the CFA for their review.

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2025-06-18	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-24	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-25	Email	Ben Cousineau Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie Ted Williams	Amanda Hocking Christina Reynolds Erika Dawson Sabrina Conliffe Sean Tutak	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that the capacity funding agreement was under review.
2025-06-25	Email	Ben Cousineau Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie Ted Williams	Amanda Hocking Christina Reynolds Erika Dawson Sabrina Conliffe Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to recommend that CRFN proceed with their review of the capacity funding agreement and noted that the agreement included an amendment provision that allows for the addition of new projects.
2025-06-25	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-27	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an initial draft of Sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for early review. WSP noted that the full public review of the completed ESR would take place in fall 2025. WSP also noted that a separate table for Indigenous culture, values, and land use concerns and mitigation measures was developed for review.WSP requested comments and feedback by June 28, 2025.
2025-07-02	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-03	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Joanne Sandy Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to follow up on the Capacity Funding Agreements provided on June 17, 2025, and to inquire whether there were any outstanding questions.
2025-07-04	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had forwarded the capacity funding agreement internally for legal review.
2025-07-04	Email	Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Chippewa Tri Council representation emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Hydro One to inform them that the agreement had been reviewed at their last meeting and that they had a few questions to be sent along in a separate email.
2025-07-04	Email	Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Chippewa Tri Council representation to acknowledge that they had questions regarding the capacity funding agreement and that they intended to send those questions in a separate email.
2025-07-08	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to request amendments to the capacity funding agreement.
2025-07-08	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide amended capacity funding agreements and requested contact information and a meeting to coordinate invoicing.

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2025-07-08	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Georgina Island First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025, and welcomed their attendance.
2025-07-11	Phone	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One spoke with Chippewas of Rama First Nation over the phone to discuss capacity funding and the invoicing system.
2025-07-11	Email	Dillon Bickell Lori St. Germaine	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide contacts to be added to the invoicing system.
2025-07-11	Email	Dillon Bickell Lori St. Germaine	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide an update on the process for setting them up in the invoicing system and future training.
2025-07-13	Email	Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri Council representation to follow up on their note regarding questions from the Chiefs.
2025-07-14	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-15	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide the point of contact to notify in the event of any archaeological finds. CRFN noted that they could share the information internally as needed and noted that they would expect all work to stop immediately if any remains were found and to be notified by phone and email. CRFN also noted that representation from CRFN or CTC would need to attend the site to take necessary steps and that the proponent would need to follow their own internal protocols for finding remains.
2025-07-15	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to thank them for sharing their information regarding archaeology best practices and to note that they would be sharing internally with the environment team for their shared knowledge.

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2025-07-18	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to share section 3 of the draft ESR for advanced review and requested comments to be provided by August 15, 2025. WSP provided an update on staffing.
2025-07-22	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-29	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-08-12	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-12	Email	Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Chippewa Tri Council representation to request confirmation and completion of the Capacity Funding Agreements and associated letters. Hydro One offered to arrange a phone call to address any questions.
2025-08-19	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-26	Email	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	First Nations Consulting, on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had the opportunity to meet with Chippewa Tri-Council representation and identified a path forward for collaboration on the Project. First Nations Consulting advised that Chippewa Tri-Council representation would work with Hydro One to finalize relationship agreements and that Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation would like recurring monthly meetings with Hydro One. First Nations Consulting requested to determine availability for recurring meetings.

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2025-08-29	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season.
2025-08-29	Email	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed First Nations Consulting, representing Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation (GIFN), to thank them for taking the initiative to coordinate with Chippewa Tri-Council representation for Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation. Hydro One also inquired if Chippewa Tri-Council required updated copies of their capacity funding agreement.
2025-09-02	Email	Ben Cousineau James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-09-23	Meeting	Dillon Bickell Elora Marshall James "JL" Porte Kate Cowie Lua Mondor Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation to review progress on the Project and other major Hydro One initiatives. Topics discussed included winter studies, contractor and engineering updates, the Environmental Study Report, Bill C-5, the archaeology pause, cultural interests in ecosystems, capacity funding, and community updates.
2025-09-23	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to report being disconnected from the September 23, 2025, meeting due to a power outage. Chippewas of Rama First Nation also inquired about the date for the next monthly meeting.
2025-09-23	Email	Dillon Bickell	Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation (CRFN) to confirm that the September 23, 2025, meeting concluded shortly after CRFN was disconnected, and noted that scheduling for the next meeting was still in progress. Hydro One also confirmed that the archaeological reports would be provided once available.

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2025-10-10	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Chippewa Tri-Council representation emailed Hydro One to provide a response on the draft Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council Nations and requested availability to discuss and finalize the agreement.
2025-10-10	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewa Tri-Council representation to acknowledge receipt of the response on the draft Capacity Funding Agreement with the Chippewa Tri-Council Nations and noted that availability for a meeting to discuss and finalize the agreement would be provided. Hydro One noted that a subsequent email would be circulated regarding Project construction and procurement.
2025-10-17	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Mike Smith Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide an update on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations and would be shared with communities via the shared workspace. Hydro One also noted that they were reviewing Capacity Funding Agreement changes and that they would set up invoicing training once the agreements had been finalized.
2025-10-22	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council representation to provide a copy of the Capacity Funding Agreement with Hydro One's comments Hydro One confirmed that they had sent around a poll to coordinate a meeting to discuss and that some responses were still outstanding. Hydro One noted that they would schedule a meeting once a date was finalized.
2025-10-23	Meeting	Dillon Bickell Karry Sandy-McKenzie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with representation from Chippewa Tri-Council to review the Capacity Funding Agreement.
2025-10-28	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewas of Rama First Nation, providing the finalized versions of the Community Funding Agreements (CFAs), which reflect the minor changes discussed during the previous meeting. Hydro One also provided a two-page overview document for potential presentation to Chief and Council. Hydro One noted that, once the agreements are signed, a meeting will be arranged with finance representatives to demonstrate the invoice system and submit all outstanding invoices. Hydro One also noted that the draft Environmental Study Report is expected to be released shortly for review.
2025-10-29	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.

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2025-11-05	Email	Dillon Bickell Jacqueline French James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to introduce them to a representative for the Project construction contractor to discuss employment opportunities on the Project. Hydro One offered to schedule their next monthly update meeting to include an update from the construction contractor if the communities were interested.
2025-11-11	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to propose alternative meeting dates for the November 20, 2025, meeting due to scheduling conflicts. Hydro One suggested to meet on November 17 or 18, 2025, or that the meeting could also be postponed until the week of November 24, 2025.
2025-11-14	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Samantha Craig-Curnow Terra Roy Trisha Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, First Nations Consulting on behalf of Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to share an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.
2025-11-14	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-24	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to remind them that the draft ESR comment period would close on November 27, 2025 and requested to be informed if they anticipated any issues submitting comments before the deadline. Hydro One welcomed any comments.
2025-12-02	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to check in on the CFAs. Hydro One requested to be advised if any support was needed to help move things along. Hydro One noted that if the CFAs were received shortly they hoped to have everything set up to clear out the invoices and begin 2026 with a clean slate.

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2025-12-03	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council to inquire if they would like to keep their regular meeting time slot for their monthly project update meeting or reschedule to January 2026. Hydro One offered to provide an email update instead.
2025-12-03	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Chippewas of Rama First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had a conflict on December 10, 2025 and confirmed they were fine to defer their next meeting until the new year. CRFN also confirmed that email updates in the interm would be appreciated.
2025-12-03	Email	Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Lua Mondor Terra Roy	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Chippewas of Rama First Nation to confirm that they would send a meeting invite to all communities for the new year and send around an email update.
2025-12-12	Email	Consultation Email Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Jane Copegog Jane Copegog Karry Sandy-McKenzie Mike Smith Samantha Craig-Curnow	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri-Council to express gratitude for their effort, insight, and willingness to collaborate and lead to the success of their projects. Hydro One noted that the collaboration on DKPL had been precedent setting and emphasized meaningful participation of First Nations is the best and only way forward within the industry. Hydro One shared a list of action items and updates in lieu of their monthly meeting and wished everyone a nice holiday break.
2026-01-15	Meeting	Chippewas of Rama First Nation Dillon Bickell James "JL" Porte Karry Sandy-McKenzie Tori Monague Williams Treaties First Nations	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, and Chippewa Tri Council representation to discuss project updates. Topics discussed included project updates, and current opportunities, upcoming meetings and capacity funding.

Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) Record of Consultation

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2023-10-25	Email	Keith Knott Paige Williams Shannon Day	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to announce the newly proposed GTA East Line. Hydro One informed communities that the project qualified for Hydro One's 50/50 equity partnership model and welcomed the opportunity to meet to discuss the project further.
2024-01-17	Meeting	Sean Conway	Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) representatives to provide initial information on the project. CLFN indicated interest in the project and a desire to be involved individually, not as part of the Williams Treaty collective.
2024-01-31	Email	Sean Conway	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide initial outreach for the GTA East Project from October 25, 2023.
2024-02-05	Email	Steve Toms	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to invite the community to discuss equity partnership and the GTA East Project.
2024-02-07	Phone	Curve Lake First Nation	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One called Four Directions Consulting, representing Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN), to provide contact information in order to set up a meeting with Hydro One staff and CLFN.
2024-02-08	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultants, representing Curve Lake First Nation, to schedule a meeting. Hydro One also shared a copy of the presentation for 4 Directions to review.
2024-02-14	Meeting	Curve Lake First Nation Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Four Directions consultants, representing Curve Lake First Nation to introduce the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and high level information about the GTA East (now called Durham Kawartha Power Line) project. Curve Lake First Nation shared their approval of HONI's approach, their challenges with contractors and lack of monitors, and the process for how they will be consulted.
2024-02-15	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultants, representing Curve Lake First Nation a copy of the presentation deck from a previous meeting.
2024-02-27	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultants to confirm if Hydro One would be presenting to the economic or consultation group at a Chief and council meeting.
2024-02-27	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide contact information and to confirm their attendance for a meeting on March 4, 2024.

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2024-02-27	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) emailed Hydro One to inform them of two CLFN representatives that should be added to all correspondences.
2024-03-01	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Paige Williams Sean Conway	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	4 Directions Conservative Consultation emailed Curve Lake First Nation to confirm Hydro One was on the agenda for a virtual council meeting and presentation.
2024-03-04	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Paige Williams Sean Conway	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to confirm the agenda for an upcoming meeting with committee members on March 4, 2024
2024-03-04	Meeting	Curve Lake First Nation	Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation hosted Hydro One at a committee meeting to present an overview of the Durham - Kawartha Power Line Project and the discuss equity partnership.
2024-03-05	Email	Francis Chua Lois Taylor Paige Williams Sean Conway Steve Toms	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide a copy of the presentation that was shared during the committee meeting on March 4, 2024. Hydro One offered to present to the Chief and Council as well as a community meeting, as requested by Curve Lake First Nation.
2024-03-11	Email	Francis Chua Lois Taylor Paige Williams Sean Conway Steve Toms	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to reach out and continue discussions on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project
2024-04-23	Phone	Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	4 Directions Conservation Consulting representing Hiawatha First Nation and Curvle Lake First Nation called Hydro One to discuss consultation on the Durham Kawartha Project, timelines and tables agreements.
2024-05-01	Email	Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One to provide Hiawatha First Nation's capacity agreement template. 4D advised Hydro One to reach out to another contact regarding Curve Lake First Nations' MOU and other agreements.
2024-05-02	Meeting	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, HFN, Minogi, Zhooniya Makak, and 4 Directions Conservation Consulting to discuss the DKPL Project and introduce the Holt SS Project. DKPL topics discussed were pertaining to project scope and size, timelines, capacity funding, and equity partnership funding. Additional topics discussed were procurement and employment opportunities for Williams Treaties communities throughout the Project, the closeout of Darlington Connect Project and an overview of Holt SS.

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2024-05-07	Email	Don Richardson John Rowinski Mindy Knott Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation to request the contacts responsible for monitoring coordination and invoice submission.
2024-05-24	Email	Keith Knott Mindy Knott	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to provide an advanced Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with CLFN to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to CLFN.
2024-06-07	Phone	Phyllis Williams	Indigenous Relations	Hydro One had a phone call with Curve Lake First Nation to discuss projects in the southeast. CLFN noted they were not aware of the projects. CLFN referred Hydro One to ECDEV.
2024-06-07	Event (attended)	Curve Lake First Nation	Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One attended a Sunrise Ceremony at Curve Lake First Nation on June 6, 2024 as part of community relationship building.
2024-06-07	Event (attended)	Curve Lake First Nation	Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One attended a community dinner at Curve Lake First Nation on June 6, 2024 as part of community relationship building.
2024-06-10	Event (attended)	Curve Lake First Nation	Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One attended a consultation meeting in Curve Lake First Nation. Two lead contacts for the projects were identified. CLFN also extended an invitation to participate with a IR booth at the July harvesters symposium at Curve Lake. A dinner meeting with two councilors was confirmed for June 17, 2024.
2024-06-10	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Clint Keeler Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Hiawatha First Nation John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One hosted an online meeting with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, along with representation from Minogi and Voyageur Services Inc in a meeting to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and Holt SS. Hydro One shared that the Notice of Commencement had been released publicly on June 4, 2024, and provided an overview of the Project timelines and the route alternatives for a 3 km stretch of the line that would be evaluated by an environmental assessment and community and stakeholder input. Hydro One provided an overview of the Multi-Project CFA, highlighting the history of the agreement development and a breakdown of the capacity funding available for each community. Hydro One also discussed upcoming field studies for the Project as well as planned Community Open Houses. Communities inquired about Hydro One’s Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process and selection.

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2024-06-12	Email	Clint Keeler "consultation Consultation" Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams "rob Lukacs Rlukacs" "sam Shrubsole Sshrubsole" Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One followed up with the attendees of the June 10, 2024 meeting to provide answers on the Early Contractor Involvement process for DKPL, as well as noting some upcoming initiatives for field studies on both DKPL and Holt SS Projects. Hydro One also extended the invitation to hold First Nation Community Open houses, and requested a suitable timing from each community for reoccurring monthly meetings.
2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for following up and provided their availability for July 8 and August 12, 2024 for a meeting with Hydro One. MSIFN inquired if AFN, CLFN, and HFN were also available during these dates.
2024-06-14	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Krista Coppaway Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed MSIFN, Minogi Corp., CLFN, AFN, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of HFN, to provide notice that Hydro One's environmental consultant, WSP would reach out to provide notice of upcoming field studies and field monitoring opportunities.
2024-06-18	Email	Sean Conway Steve Toms	Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed CLFN to thank them for the previous evenings meeting regarding the Hydro One projects and the ongoing relationships. Additionally requested was a date and time to schedule a meeting for Chief and Council.
2024-06-19	Email	Krista Coppaway Paige Williams	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to introduce themselves as the environmental consultant for DKPL and to inquire about their interest in participating in field monitoring opportunities for the Project. WSP provided a field plan summary and rough timelines. WSP requested a copy of any existing field monitoring agreements if preferred.

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2024-06-20	Invitation	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent a meeting invitation to Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp, and Voyageur Services Limited for July 8, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.
2024-07-08	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with representation and members from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation to discuss project updates on DKPL and Holt SS. Topics included project timelines, Class EA process, field work and opportunities for First Nations involvement, Capacity Funding Agreement, and project next steps. Meeting attendees agreed to hold the next meeting on August 12, 2024 in person in Scugog Island.
2024-07-09	Email	Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One to thank them for addressing some of their concerns and suggested to follow up in a separate email chain or phone call to discuss further. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation provided a list of suggested additional surveys from Hiawatha First Nation.
2024-07-10	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corporation, Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation a copy of the slide deck and meeting notes from a DKPL and Holt SS project meeting. Hydro One noted the revised DKPL CFAs would be sent soon.

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2024-07-11	Event (attended)	Francis Chua Paige Williams Phyllis Williams	Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One SE major projects team set up a information booth at the gathering. Hydro One spoke with representation from Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to discuss the Hydro Ones equity model. A key point of contact for CLFN had been identified for any and all Hydro One consultation with CLFN.
2024-07-12	Email	Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to answer their questions regarding an Indigenous monitoring agreement, contractor safety requirements, and their request for a site visit. WSP noted that they were working on finalizing their Indigenous monitor agreement and would provide it when it was available. WSP also informed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation that ELC surveys would be postponed until more property access became available. WSP also provided details of their Project Risk Assessment and Safety Plan for site visits, including PPE requirements. WSP noted that they and Hydro One were working on identifying a path forward for 4 Directions Conservation Consultation staff to support Hiawatha First Nation on site visits.
2024-07-15	Email	Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to request a meeting with the community and their new consultant. Hydro One noted that they received a request from the consultant for a meeting to discuss the DKPL and Holt SS projects and to review the CFA that was previously shared. Hydro One requested CLFN's availability.
2024-07-31	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Francis Chua Consulting, representing Curve Lake First Nation, emailed Hydro One to request support in getting CLFN caught up with information shared to date, such as documents and presentations and to get a handle on upcoming meetings. Francis Chua Consulting noted the documents the currently had and requested a virtual meeting ahead of the meeting on August 12, 2024.
2024-08-07	Meeting	Curve Lake First Nation Francis Chua		Hydro One met virtually with Curve Lake First Nations new consultation, Francis Chua Consulting to introduce the DKPL project and Holt SS project, and provide an update on the project. Hydro One provided an overview of each project, including timelines, scope, size and details on the EA processes for each.
2024-08-09	Email	Paige Williams	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to notify them that fieldwork would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP reminded Curve Lake First Nation that a signed Indigenous Monitoring Agreement would be required for participation in the fieldwork and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.
2024-08-09	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation and provided the most recent version of the Multi-Project Funding Agreement for DKPL and Holt SS. Hydro One provided an overview of the changes and noted to reach out with any questions.
2024-08-12	Meeting	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representation from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation including economic development and consultation representation and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to discuss the DKPL and Holt SS projects. Hydro One provided a walk through of their ECI/EPC process and approach as well as a discussion on Hydro One's approach to projects regarding the environmental assessment processes.

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2024-08-14	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp., Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and thanked them for meeting with them. Hydro One assured the First Nation communities and organizations that they were taking their recommendations, insight, and knowledge with the utmost care and that they wished to continue the conversations and action items in a good way. Hydro One provided the slide deck that presented at the meeting and the shapefiles for DKPL. Hydro One also provided additional information on Holt SS that they were not able to discuss in person due to time constraints including supporting information on the screening process as well as a summary of the field studies that were completed. Hydro One provided a list of action items and noted to reach out with any questions.
2024-08-15	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to propose a meeting time to follow up on DKPL and Holt SS projects.
2024-08-15	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to suggest a meeting on August 16, 2024 to follow up on the DKPL and Holt SS projects.
2024-08-15	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One and confirmed their availability for a meeting on August 16, 2024.
2024-08-15	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inquire if they wanted any additional colleagues to be added to the meeting invitation.
2024-08-15	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm which of their colleagues would attend the first meeting.
2024-08-15	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them and confirmed they would add their colleague to the meeting invitation.

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2024-08-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and noted they had reached out to each community to schedule field visits and working sessions on the environmental aspects of both Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One stated they would leave this information with each community to indicate their approach and if they wished to participate. Hydro One noted they would be happy to schedule in dates to facilitate conversations and actions following their return from vacation they following week.
2024-08-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-08-20	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to introduce their Archaeology Program Administrator and Consultation Lead to the email chain. Curve Lake First Nation requested that Hydro One include their Archaeology Program Administrator on any emails pertaining to archaeology.

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2024-08-20	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for providing the additional contact information and ensured that they would include the Archaeology Program Administrator on emails pertaining to archaeology.
2024-08-20	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them.
2024-08-20	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Curve Lake First Nation emailed internally to thank them for looping them in on the email from Hydro One.
2024-08-20	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to note that they looked forward to working with them in the near future.
2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island ,Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete.
2024-08-29	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inquire if they had any questions, concerns, or input regarding the DKPL and Holt SS Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA). Hydro One also inquired about the possibility of having a community open house in the community to provide an update around the project, processes, and inputs.
2024-08-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Zhooniya Makak to inform them that Hydro One was working to build an evaluation framework to determine the preferred route for the Project on a segment of approximately 3 km. Hydro One provided a map of the Project and noted it was also available as an interactive map on the Project website. Hydro One noted that they intended to include discussion of the route evaluation at their next monthly meeting on September 11, 2024 and listed potential criteria related to Indigenous Culture, Values, and Land Use.
2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.

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2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-11	Meeting	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, CLFN, and HFN for the monthly DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting. Topics reviewed were Project updates including ECI/EPC and environmental field monitoring opportunities, upcoming field studies. At the request of AFN, the topic of the remnants of Tallgrass Prairie was added to the agenda, as was topic of ongoing forestry practices from an operations/short term perspective and on a project perspective for DKPL from MSIFN.
2024-09-12	Email	Aaninguaq Peterson Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, 4D Conservation Consultation, and Francis Chua Consulting to provide a copy of the meeting materials from their Project meeting on September 11, 2024.

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2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share maps of the locations they would be conducting ecological land classification, botanical surveys, and general wildlife and habitat surveys from September 17 to 18, 2024.WSP noted that they would send meet up location to communities with fully executed Monitoring Agreements and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance. WSP provided a list of required PPE for field participation. WSP also noted that additional details about the aquatics fieldwork in October 2024 would be provided once confirmed and requested to be informed if communities had monitors that were interested in participating.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that if monitors did not have safety glasses, a hard hat, or high visibility vest, WSP could provide them, and requested to be informed if any of the items would be required ahead of the scheduled field work dates.
2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.

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2024-09-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Erin Hayward Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amber-Dawn Boudreau Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Matthew Jackson Michael Farrell Peck Mathew Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to inform them that effective September 17, 2024 they no longer represent Hiawatha First Nation and to please remove 4 Directions Conservation Consultation from all communications meant for Hiawatha First Nation.
2024-09-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Francis Chua Consulting to finalize the details for upcoming site visits to DKPL and Holt SS sites. Hydro One noted that the meeting had been condensed and would start at 12:30 PM. Attendees were asked to confirm their attendance and note any preferences about logistics.
2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.
2024-09-24	Meeting	Curve Lake First Nation Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Lois Taylor Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Souliere Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One provided field visits with Curve Lake First Nation to provide a tour of Clarington TS and to view route alternative's A and B for the DKPL project. Additionally Hydro One facilitated a Holt SS site tour.

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2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to inquire if it would be beneficial to cancel their meeting on October 9, 2024, given their busy schedules. Hydro One requested confirmation on how the Nations wanted to proceed and noted that they could facilitate a phone call as a touchpoint or circulate project updates via email if they cancelled their meeting. Hydro One proposed in-person meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-10-04	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to request confirmation that they were fine with cancelling the meeting on October 9, 2024.
2024-10-04	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that they were in agreement with the meeting cancellation.
2024-10-09	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to circle back on the previously noted barrier around insurance coverage for field monitoring participation. Hydro One indicated that they were working to remove barriers where they could and were hoping to understand the amount of coverage that Curve Lake First Nation has so that they could align their processes. Hydro One stated that they would still require proof of WSIB coverage in addition to the liability insurance.
2024-10-09	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) emailed Hydro One to inform them that CLFN wished to attend site visits on Hydro One project but not to conduct work and suggested that there was no need for WSIB. CLFN noted that they would confirm the amount of liability insurance. CLFN confirmed that they did not currently have any monitors available, but that they did not have WSIB coverage for the organization. CLFN noted that there were other options within their organization to improve future participation and welcomed other solutions from Hydro One.
2024-10-09	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One responsed to Curve Lake First Nation thanking them for their clarification regarding their WSIB, and that they will wait to hear more regarding the current liability coverage amounts.

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2024-10-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose rescheduling the DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting to November 21, 2024 in Peterborough or another community nearby.
2024-10-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Francis Chua Consulting (representing Curve Lake First Nation) to confirm that the next meeting for DKPL and Holt SS would remain as scheduled for November 13, 2024.
2024-10-30	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Lead Don Richardson Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Loist - Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jonathan Marriott Kenndal Soulliere Michael Farrell Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississauga's of Scugog Island, Encompass environmental and the Rice Lake Plains Partnership. Topics of this meeting included tall grass restoration and protection, Hydro One Vegetation Management overview, Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Information and a brief presentation on the DKPL project

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2024-11-01	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the agenda and invite to the meeting on November 13, 2024. Hydro One noted that the meeting would focus on DKPL and Holt SS project updates and opportunities for involvment. Hydro One informed communities that information on the DKPL routing process and an opportunity for input would be sent in the coming days, along with information on the Stage 1 AA study. Hydro One requested preference and availability for ongoing meetings to accommodate an in-person meeting once every few months.
2024-11-01	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to remind them to provide feedback on the DKPL Field Work Plan by the end of November 2024. Hydro One shared a link to access the Field Work Plan for review. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October 2024 and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to request input on the criteria and indicators that would be used to evaluate which alternative route would be selected as the Preferred Route for the Project. Hydro One requested feedback on the route evaluation criteria by November 29, 2024 and shared a link to the survey for feedback.

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2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.
2024-11-06	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.
2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to send a Teams meeting invite for November 13, 2024 as a calendar hold for their monthly project touchpoint meetings. Hydro One attached a meeting agenda and presentation.

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2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that they would be late to their meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Paige Williams Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On November 13, 2024 Hydro One met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeast projects. Regarding DKPL, topics included the Field Work Plan review and upcoming 2025 field season, the Stage 1 AA report for review and upcoming Stage 2 AA in 2025, the Route Evaluation survey for community feedback, and the draft ESR review schedule. Hydro One discussed selected ECIs and encouraged IR with contractors.
2024-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to thank them for meeting with them on November 13, 2024. Hydro One acknowledged that there were several action items on Hydro One's end and that they would send a consolidated email to address action items. Hydro One shared screenshots of the Route Evaluation Survey that was discussed during the meeting and reminded communities that the survey would close on November 29, 2024. Hydro One shared the survey link.
2024-11-22	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright	Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that the link they provided goes to a messaging platform, not a report.

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2024-11-22	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP shared a link with Curve Lake First Nation to the Field Work Plan for review.
2024-11-25	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright	Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that WSP sent them a direct link to the Field Work Plan and requested confirmation that they received it.
2024-11-25	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright	Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they were able to download the Field Work Plan.
2024-11-26	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide a copy of the revised Multi-Project Funding Agreement with reference to the keystone species list removed since CLFN previously indicated they did not have such a list. Hydro One also noted the page outlining the OCAP principles in the agreement.
2024-11-26	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to share monthly Project Updates for November 2024 on DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Expansion. Updates related to DKPL included route evaluation and input from communities required by November 29, 2024, the Field Work Plan comment period extension until December 6, 2024 to accommodate communities that had not received the link to the work plan, Stage 1 AA report for review until December 4, 2024, Stage 2 AA fieldwork expected to begin in 2025, and SharePoint rollout for review of Draft Environmental Study Report chapters in the new year.
2024-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to suggest alternative dates and times to reschedule their meeting initially planned for January 8, 2024 due to conflicts.

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2024-12-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to indicate that aligning on a collective meeting date was a challenge and that they would cancel the meeting on January 8, 2025 in favour of individual invites based on community schedules. Hydro One also noted they would send a month-end communication with important timelines and dates to be reviewed at their meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One requested confirmation that their approach worked for the communities.
2024-12-02	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that they could meet on January 22, 2025 with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation time slot to reduce the need for individual meetings.
2024-12-03	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for their feedback.
2024-12-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed CLFN and MSIFN to provide the meeting agenda and presentation for their upcoming meeting on January 22, 2025.
2024-12-06	Email	Francis Chua Lacey Taylor Manager Employment And Training	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the donation.

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2024-12-06	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. with the attachment of the slide deck for the upcoming virtual meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One confirmed they would add the presentation to the meeting invite and noted that WSP would present on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conduct a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-11	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright	Alyssa Bardy	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that no further action is needed for the CFA. Curve Lake First Nation has conducted follow-ups within Curve Lake and are waiting for signatures.
2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Francis Chua Julie Henry Kayla Wright Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sean Davison	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On December 11, 2024, Hydro One met virtually with WSP, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeastern Ontario projects including the Bowmanville SS Expansion Project.
2024-12-11	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Support Email	Alyssa Bardy	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One with a list of their staff members emails for the project.
2024-12-11	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Support Email	Alyssa Bardy	Curve Lake First Nation provided the current email list for Curve Lake as it pertained to Hydro One.

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2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on December 11, 2024, to discuss Hydro One's Holt SS and DKPL projects. Hydro One's consultant, WSP presented on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conducted a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a year-end update and monthly summary on southeastern projects. Hydro One shared information regarding the Field Work Plan and upcoming 2025 field season, the Draft ESR reporting schedule, and upcoming community open houses for DKPL. Hydro One shared an update on the Class EA process, the Screening Criteria Rationale, mitigations table, and the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report for Holt SS. Hydro One also shared an update on the schedule for the Field Work Plan for the Bowmanville SS Expansion project.
2025-01-22	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Curve Lake First Nation, Francis Chua Consulting represting Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Alderville First Nation for the monthly meeting to discuss the DKPL Project, Holt SS project and Bowmanville SS Projects.

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2025-01-24	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (DNER) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project and requested feedback from Indigenous communities by February 23, 2025. A SharePoint site was created for access to the draft report. Hydro One noted that communities could submit comments directly if they preferred not to share them in the shared file.
2025-01-28	Email	Francis Chua Lacey Taylor Stephanie Tripp	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) emailed Hydro One to thank them for a donation. CLFN requested confirmation of when the deposit was made and inquired if Hydro One could provide documentation of the deposit so they could track it down internally to ensure the funds went the right department.
2025-01-30	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) regarding best practices for protection of traditional knowledge and community specific information while drafting the ESR. Hydro One informed CLFN that the first chapter of the draft ESR would be sent to First Nations in mid-February 2025 for review and comment and wanted to ensure that they were not sharing sensitive information with other communities beyond the Michi Saagiig communities. Hydro One noted that their approach was to stick with high-level details unless told otherwise. Hydro One offered an opportunity to discuss further or else requested confirmation from CLFN on Hydro One's planned approach.
2025-01-31	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects. Hydro One noted that some schedule changes were indicated in the summary and that they looked forward to connecting on February 12, 2025.

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2025-02-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Johanna Perz (AECOM) Jordan Witt (AECOM) Michael Teal (Golder) Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	On February 12, 2025, Hydro One and WSP met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to provide project updates for DKPL, Bowmanville SS, and Holt SS projects. Hydro One introduced their consultant for Bowmanville SS and discussed ELC surveys, expectations for engagement, and field monitoring on the Project. Hydro One discussed Stage 1 AA report reviews and Stage 2 AA for DKPL, including field monitoring opportunities.
2025-03-03	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to confirm they would work with the environment team to address their comments on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.
2025-03-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental and Minogi Corp with updates on various projects, including the DKPL Project, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One announced the selection of Route B for the DKPL Project and shared details on the Draft Environmental Study Report and Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One invited feedback on the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report and discussed plans for the Stage 2 Archaeology program. For Holt SS, Hydro One committed to redoing the Stage 1/2 Archaeological Assessment and scheduled a meeting with the Southern Williams Treaty Collective. Hydro One also provided information on the Ecology Field Work Plan for Bowmanville SS, inviting community participation and feedback.

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2025-03-03	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. WSP requested feedback by April 10, 2025, and provided links for review. WSP noted that comments can be submitted separately if desired and mentioned that documents will become read-only after the review period. For SharePoint access questions, WSP provided a contact email.
2025-03-04	Email	Angela Williams Francis Chua Kayla Wright Lois Taylor Mindy Knott Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One and provided the signed agreement and accompanying Band Council Resolution (BCR).
2025-03-06	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation and proposed a time to meet and discuss the field monitoring participation requirements and to find a solution to the barriers that CLFN was experiencing. Hydro One inquired if it was only WSIB that CLFN did not have. Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that they did not have WSIB. CLFN indicated that they did not have a formalized team of liaisons or monitors which was another barrier for CLFN.
2025-03-10	Meeting	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy John Chadwick Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One and their consultant TMHC met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Minogi Corp. to discuss archaeology on Hydro One projects. Discussion included the plan to redo archaeology on Holt SS and Bowmanville SS; including an enhanced survey methodology brought up by AFN. Minogi Corp., representing MSIFN, thanked Hydro One for considering the enhanced methodology, no other concerns were raised. The group also discussed the comment responses on the DKPL Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. It was confirmed that TMHC could look into a background report with AFN and submit to the Ministry. Additionally, there were discussions on both document control and artifact repatriation protocols.
2025-03-11	Meeting	Curve Lake First Nation Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One met with Curve Lake First Nation and Francis Chua Consulting to discuss CLFN's current capacity for ongoing archaeology and Environmental field monitoring opportunities, as well as barriers to participation, such as the WSIB and liability insurance requirements that CLFN did not have. CLFN proposed hiring a consultant who could meet those requirements and proposed field visits rather than monitoring opportunities. Hydro One also discussed their archaeological field monitor training program.

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2025-03-11	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Jaimi Ohara Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC)	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their consultation archaeology review letter confirming that CLFN agreed with the Stage 1 AA report recommendations. CLFN expressed gratitude for TMHC and Hydro One's work on the report.
2025-03-12	Email	Derek Paauaw Archaeological Program Consultation Lead Francis Chua Jaimi Ohara Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC)	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for their response.
2025-03-21	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed Curve Lake First Nation notifying them that the release of the complete 2025 Field Work Memo for DKPL had been postponed in order to allow the Project team time to review comments on the DNER received from communities on February 28, 2025. WSP noted that the project team was in the process of responding to the comments and would consider them as they finalized plans for field work in the spring and summer of 2025. WSP noted that the Project team wanted to provide sufficient notice to First Nations regarding the planned amphibian surveys, which were the first scheduled surveys in 2025 with the first round anticipated to take place in mid-to-late-April 2025 (weather dependant).WSP noted that the Project team could confirm the Field Work Memo would be released in two parts. WSP provided a copy of the first memo, outlining the 2025 amphibian field work for the Project and noted that it considered the amphibian related comments on the DNER from First Nations. WSP noted that the second memo would also consider comments on the DNER from First Nations and outline the remaining terrestrial and aquatic surveys taking place in 2025. WSP noted that it would provide another update confirming the date that the second memo would be released for review by First Nations. WSP requested that Curve Lake First Nation confirm if they had Indigenous monitors that were interested and available to attend surveys during April, May, and June 2025 in anticipation of the 2025 field season. WSP requested that they confirm interest and availability as soon as possible for all documentation (i.e. MSA, insurance, WSIB certificate, WSP's Third-Party Verification process) to be completed ahead of survey dates.

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2025-03-24	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Francis Chua Francis Chua Hiawatha First Nation Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy John Chadwick Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Francis Chua Consulting (supporting Curve Lake First Nation) Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation/Minogi for the monthly southeast Major Projects' touchpoint. The Durham Kawartha Powerline Project, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Projects were a topic of discussion and included updates on DKPL archaeology and natural environment studies, Holt SS archaeology, construction and next steps, and Bowmanville SS archaeology and natural environment studies.
2025-03-24	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they did not have capacity for fieldwork participation but requested that WSP continue to notify them of upcoming opportunities, as they intended to build their monitoring capacity and staff. CLFN indicated their interest in getting the monitoring agreement and documentation in order with their third-party organization.
2025-03-28	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for offering to assist with the trial of the SharePoint site and noted that they planned to have the site ready in the next few weeks. Hydro One requested the contact information of the individual who would be assisting.
2025-03-31	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that the not-for-profit organization was not directly affiliated with CLFN but with Francis Chua Consulting, who represented CLFN. CLFN requested to be informed if there were any forms they needed to fill out to facilitate the implementation of the organization as a third-party for field monitoring participation.

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2025-03-31	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for providing their availability for field monitoring and their plans to build additional capacity. WSP confirmed that the Project team would continue to notify CLFN of fieldwork. WSP requested clarification of the not-for-profit organization's affiliation with CLFN.
2025-04-02 12:04	Email	Francis Chua	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP)	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation on behalf of their Third-Party Assessment and Verification Team to update the information they had on file for the non-profit that CLFN wished to use for field monitoring participation.
2025-04-04 11:04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to update them on the March 2025 SE Project and action items from the March 24, 2025 meeting. Due to ongoing power outages, the March updates were delayed, and the April 9, 2025 meeting was canceled, with updates to be shared via email. Hydro One provided summaries and updates on DKPL archaeology, fieldwork, and cultural heritage reviews, as well as sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. They also detailed progress and plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including vegetation removal, archaeological reassessment, and natural environment studies. Hydro One invited further questions and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.
2025-04-04 11:22	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Christopher Grol Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to clarify that capacity funding must be used for purposes related to the Project, but that Hydro One was working with CLFN to provide storm relief funding. Hydro One copied contacts from their Indigenous Relations Lifecycle team leading the effort.

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2025-04-08 09:02	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. WSP advised that the appendices were available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP expressed appreciation for Curve Lake First Nation's March 24, 2025 update on their availability for surveys and plans to build monitoring capacity. WSP's Third-Party Assessment and Verification team is collaborating with the not-for-profit organization identified by Curve Lake First Nation. WSP assured Curve Lake First Nation that they would be kept informed about surveys occurring this year and invited any questions.
2025-04-08	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide responses to their comments on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report, compiled by WSP and Hydro One.
2025-04-09 15:12	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited Curve Lake First Nation monitors to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-09 16:42	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) emailed WSP to inform them that they were interested in participating in as many field visits as possible and requested a more detailed plan by date and location to plan ahead and confirm which dates CLFN would be available.

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2025-04-15 12:11	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation's Archaeology Consultation Lead emailed Hydro One and AECOM to thank them for providing the opportunity to CLFN to review the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions report. CLFN inquired if they could arrange a windshield survey with Elders from CLFN to be inserted into a cultural landscape study.
2025-04-22 12:45	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) emailed WSP to follow up and inquire if the paperwork they submitted was sufficient to participate in field studies. CLFN also inquired if additional details could be shared.
2025-04-22 16:54	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that their Third Party Verification team required an agreement to be executed by both WSP and Invasive Phragmites Control Centre Inc. before monitors could participate in field surveys during the week of May 20, 2025.

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2025-04-24 08:43	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to inform them that WSP was planning to begin Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork in early May 2025, with exact dates to be determined pending utility locates surveys, permission to enter, and weather. WSP noted that they understood that CLFN was interested in participating in Stage 2 fieldwork but would not be able to monitor in a traditional sense given that they could not provide WSIB. WSP requested that CLFN reach out to inform WSP if this had changed. WSP noted that they could provide CLFN with daily status reports to supplement their engagement if they wished to receive them and welcomed any questions about the field program.
2025-04-25 09:06	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to confirm their support for the suggested approach to organize a windshield survey with Elders to inform on the importance of the landscape to the community. Hydro One indicated their interest in discussing logistics and requested CLFN's availability to discuss.
2025-04-25 13:21	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to inform them that they were able to add their domain name to the Hydro One SharePoint. Hydro One requested CLFN take a look at the site to ensure they had access to view content. Hydro One noted that they would continue to develop the SharePoint site once confirmed and appreciated CLFN's support on trialing the site. Hydro One confirmed that the site would only be available to the Michi Saagiig communities in the collective southeast projects.
2025-04-25 13:27	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to share the error message they received when trying to access the SharePoint site.
2025-04-25 13:44	Email	Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for checking the SharePoint site and to confirm they would take the information back to IT for resolve. Hydro One inquired if CLFN had heard of NationsConnect, a tool they have used with other communities in the southwest, and suggested that could utilize it if the SharePoint site access was unsuccessful.

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2025-04-25 15:20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Michael Farrell Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation from EnCompass Environmental and Minogi Corp. to provide them with an agenda for their upcoming meeting on May 5, 2025. Hydro One also provided a consolidated summary of the urban forestry strategy for their review. Hydro One noted that a copy of the slide deck would be provided prior to their meeting
2025-05-01 16:43	Email	Angela Williams Francis Chua Kayla Wright	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to confirm readiness for the invoicing process and vendor setup, including EFT. Hydro One offered to assist with the first invoice submission upon returning from vacation and requested confirmation of the finance contact email address. Hydro One outlined the "buckets" within each Project PO, including Project Engagement, Professional Fees, Community Led Initiative, and Project Engagement Coordinator, detailing their purposes and funding processes. Hydro One expressed anticipation for the Indigenous Knowledge study and future discussions.
2025-05-06 13:34	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation providing an update on the upcoming amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second round of amphibian surveys would take place the week of May 20, 2025, with surveys scheduled to begin 30 minutes after sunset and end by midnight. WSP indicated tentative plans to visit a few locations and provided corresponding dates. WSP referenced the March 21, 2025 memo, with a map of survey locations. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their teams in the field for any of the dates noted or future surveys. WSP indicated that Invasive Phragmites Control Centre Inc. completed WSP's Third-Party Assessment and Verification process and a purchase order was to be issued to CLFN shortly by a WSP procurement resource for field monitor services. WSP requested CLFN to confirm the days the monitors will be available, so additional details could be provided regarding survey meeting locations, schedules, and health and safety requirements.

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2025-05-09 11:30	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they had a monitor from Invasive Phragmites Control Centre that was available to participate in amphibian surveys on May 22, 2025. CLFN provided the monitor's contact information and requested relevant details be shared, such as meet up location, time, and PPE requirements.
2025-05-13 11:35	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to offer an introductory archaeology monitoring training session. The session was scheduled for May 20 to 30, 2025 in Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, including one week of in-class instruction and one week of field survey work. Due to limited space, Hydro One requested that one trainee from CLFN participate. Travel and time expenses could be invoiced through the multi-project funding agreement. Hydro One requested confirmation of participation by the end of the day on May 15, 2025.
2025-05-15 12:00	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Curve lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they did not have the ability to respond and coordinate in a timely manner and would need to decline to the opportunity for archaeology monitor training.
2025-05-15 14:06	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to acknowledge receipt of information regarding lack of sufficient capacity to coordinate and apologized for the tight timelines. Hydro One expressed hope for future opportunities to collaborate.
2025-05-15 14:21	Email	Christine Pynkoski	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that the sponsorship for CLFN's powwow had been processed and they should receive it in the coming days via electronic transfer. Hydro One provided their logo should it be needed for information packages or signage and requested to be informed of when the registration for information booths had opened, as Hydro One would like to attend.
2025-05-15 16:02	Email	CLFN Receivables	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide a receipt for the 2025 sponsorship. Hydro One noted a data entry error on their end and confirmed the transfer was for the CLFN powwow.

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2025-05-20 15:00	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.
2025-05-20 16:09	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to announce a role change effective May 28 2025. The team member expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Michi Saagiig communities over the past 1.5 years and emphasized the importance of the work done together. The team member noted that they would attend the June 11, 2025 meeting to wrap up loose ends and say goodbye, as another member from Hydro One would continue to support the projects. Hydro One requested for patience during the transition and assured that the new team members would handle the portfolio with care. Hydro One expressed hope for future interactions.

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2025-05-21 10:12	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide their response to CLFN's comments on sections 1 and 2 of the draft ESR.
2025-05-22 15:47	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide a SharePoint link to the initial draft of section 4 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for an advanced review and confirmed that the full public review was expected to take place in fall 2025. WSP clarified that previous schedules for the ESR review period noted that sections 7 and 8 would accompany section 4, however due to unforeseen delays a separate review period for sections 7 and 8 would begin in June when the draft sections were finalized. WSP noted that Hydro One requested feedback on section 4 by June 24, 2025. WSP also advised that if the communities did not want their comments included in the shared file with other communities, that they could download a copy to include comments to be sent to WSP and Hydro One. WSP also noted that comments could not be added to the file after the review period.
2025-05-27 10:22	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for their patience and to confirm that they had a chance to discuss their suggestion internally and the private solution to WSIB may not be a viable solution. Hydro One informed CLFN that they had previously suggested accompanied field visits while studies took place, similar to what they had done in September 2024, to cover them under Hydro One's insurance. Hydro One confirmed that CLFN's time would be compensated via the capacity funding agreement.
2025-05-27 16:51	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP confirmed that Invasive Phragmites Control Centre had met their Third-Party Assessment and Verification process for field monitors and requested to be informed if CLFN wanted to send monitors to participate.

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2025-05-27 17:27	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to express interest in an accompanied site visit as a solution to the WSIB barrier. CLFN suggested identifying availability.
2025-05-28 08:32	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they were going to look into their availability for field monitoring starting June 16, 2025. CLFN requested to be kept informed of ongoing fieldwork as they found it to be helpful.
2025-05-28 09:14	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for the update about their availability. WSP noted that it was good to hear that the information was helpful and confirmed they would continue to keep CLFN informed about fieldwork.
2025-06-04	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.

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2025-06-09	Email	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they looked forward to connecting at their meeting on June 11, 2025 and to introduce Indigenous Relations team members joining the Project.
2025-06-11	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, loctions, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One had a monthly touchpoint meeting with Williams Treaties First Nations representatives including Hiawatha First Nation (HFN), Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN), and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to discuss updates and collaborative efforts on Hydro One's transmission projects. Project updates included advanced review schedule for upcoming ESR chapters, development of a tall grass prairie protocol, updates on field studies, biodiversity initiative, funding proposals, and Traditional Knowledge Studies.
2025-06-18	Email	Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to provide comments on Chapter 4 of the ESR regarding bat mitigation measures and a request to share if bat maternity roost or foraging habitats were identified during 2025 field surveys.
2025-06-18	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing Hydro One's response to their comments on Sections 1 and 2 of the ESR. CLFN proposed language for the acknowledgement of additional treaties.

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2025-06-18	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-20	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation regarding their request to include language acknowledging different treaties in the ESR. Hydro One offered a slight amendment to the language for inclusion and requested CLFN's feedback.
2025-06-24	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-25	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-27	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Support Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an initial draft of Sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for early review. WSP noted that the full public review of the completed ESR would take place in fall 2025. WSP also noted that a separate table for Indigenous culture, values, and land use concerns and mitigation measures was developed for review. WSP requested comments and feedback by June 28, 2025.
2025-07-02	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-03	Email	Derek Paauaw Paige Williams	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to coordinate a site visit and requested that CLFN provide availability.
2025-07-03	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inquire whether the eDNA and aquatic surveys were still underway and when they could expect to receive the Daily Field Reports.
2025-07-03	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to request a meeting to discuss the Project and any concerns or feedback CLFN may have had. Hydro One proposed dates during the week of July 7, 2025.

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2025-07-04	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that the eDNA surveys had been completed between June 3 and 5, 2025. WSP also provided the Daily Field Reports documenting the results of the natural environment studies conducted during the 2025 field season, and noted that the results would also be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report, which would be provided upon completion.
2025-07-07	Invitation	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One sent Curve Lake First Nation a meeting invite for July 7, 2025.
2025-07-07	Meeting	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to discuss Project engagement, including the quality of engagement, opportunities for improvement, and CLFN's priorities. Hydro One offered to host a site tour in July or August. CLFN expressed interest in a dedicated day focused on Indigenous Knowledge. CLFN advised that they had been seeking an Archaeology Liaison but did not expect to fill the role within the year, and appreciated receiving continued notice of fieldwork activities. CLFN also suggested that Hydro One attend community events, such as Pow Wows and harvest gatherings, to strengthen relationships.
2025-07-07	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to follow up on the proposed amendment to the wording regarding treaty territories in the Environmental Study Report.
2025-07-08	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025, and welcomed their attendance.

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2025-07-08	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to request maps showing the station locations for each survey outlined in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.
2025-07-08	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the location maps for the 2025 terrestrial and aquatic surveys.
2025-07-08	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to acknowledge receipt of the location maps for the 2025 terrestrial and aquatic surveys.
2025-07-08	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that the proposed amendment to the wording regarding treaty territories in the Environmental Study Report was acceptable.
2025-07-08	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to acknowledge receipt of CLFN's acceptance of the proposed amendment to the wording regarding treaty territories in the Environmental Study Report.

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2025-07-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region. AFN requested that winter ecological studies be conducted and asked for a copy of Hydro One's Cultural Heritage Evaluation Policy.
2025-07-11	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the Daily Field Report from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place on July 9, 2025.
2025-07-11	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inquire if they could provide the category assigned to each butternut.
2025-07-11	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to provide their comments on section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.
2025-07-13	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Paige Williams	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inquire if they had identified any potential dates for a field visit.

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2025-07-14	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to thank them for providing their comments on section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR. WSP confirmed that the Project team would review and provide responses to be shared back to CLFN once complete.
2025-07-14	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-14	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide the name of the contact to reach out to in the event of any archaeological finds, and confirmed that they would share internally as needed.
2025-07-14	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for their inquiry regarding Butternut categories and to confirm that they shared the inquiry with their team and would provide a response once available.
2025-07-15	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-15	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for confirming the appropriate archaeology contact.

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2025-07-18	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to apologize for the delay in their response and to inform them that their technician would be processing the Butternut Health Assessment data in the coming weeks and that they hoped to provide the requested information as soon as it became available.
2025-07-18	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Support Email	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to share section 3 of the draft ESR for advanced review and requested comments to be provided by August 15, 2025. WSP provided an update on staffing.
2025-07-21	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Paige Williams	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to inquire if they had selected a date for a field visit.
2025-07-22	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the Project team's response to their inquiry regarding the Project's impact on bats.
2025-07-22	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-07-23	Email	Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN to provide the Project team's response to CLFN's comments on section 4 of the ESR.
2025-07-23	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they had no further questions.
2025-07-24	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for closing the loop on their conversation regarding a site visit and deferred to CLFN to re-open the request for a site visit when their team had availability. Hydro One encouraged a site visit in October 2025 instead of November 2025 to protect against the risk of the archaeology program shutting down for the winter.
2025-07-24	Email	Kayla Wright	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for confirming they had no further questions.
2025-07-28	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they would send out a calendar invite for a meeting in August 2025 and requested to be informed if any communities had a preferred date for their meeting, recognizing that calendars were quite full for the month of August 2025.

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2025-07-29	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-01	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the Daily Field Report for the Butternut Health Assessment conducted on July 30, 2025. WSP noted that the next field date to complete the remaining assessments was being finalized and that notification would be provided once confirmed. WSP also noted that additional data processing would be required to confirm the Butternut categories, which would be shared once available.
2025-08-05	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the presentation slides for the August 15, 2025, meeting and proposed an in-person meeting in fall 2025.
2025-08-12	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-08-15	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss the development of the file access virtual platform, monitor training, winter studies, environmental reporting, transmission line construction, the biodiversity initiative, the Endangered Species Act, Bill C5 and permitting, and ongoing archaeology work.
2025-08-19	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates and locations for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-25	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the Project Teams' responses to CLFN's comments on section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.

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2025-08-25	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide the Daily Field Report for the Butternut Health Assessment conducted on August 21, 2025, and to confirm that a summary of the results would be prepared and shared in the coming days.
2025-08-25	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for sharing the daily field report and inquired if they could also share the category results.
2025-08-26	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to confirm that the category results of the Butternut Health Assessments would be included in the summary results from all field days.
2025-08-29	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season. WSP confirmed that the summary included category results, as per their previous request.

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2025-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation to inform them that their internal meeting would be gathering at Hiawatha First Nation on September 10, 2025, and invited all communities to join them in-person if they were able. Hydro One confirmed they would send out an agenda and presentation deck ahead of the meeting for their review. Hydro One requested to be informed if attendees were able to attend in-person and confirmed that they would maintain the virtual option as well.
2025-09-02	Email	Francis Chua Kayla Wright Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-09-03	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for sharing the updated DNER and confirmed that they had reviewed the revised report and had no additional comments, as their initial concerns had been addressed.

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2025-09-03	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to thank them for confirming that their concerns had been addressed by the revised DNER.
2025-09-03	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inquire whether additional genetic sampling would be conducted for inconclusive trees surveyed during the Butternut Health Assessment.
2025-09-10	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on multiple projects. Topics of discussion included winter studies, feedback on advanced review of the DNER and ESR chapters, targeted studies, habitat definitions in the reports, and the biodiversity initiative.
2025-09-11	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they brought up the idea of compensating for GHG emissions during their monthly meeting with Hydro One on September 10, 2025. CLFN informed WSP that the recommendation would be taken back for internal discussion and that they would await a response from the Project team.

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2025-09-16	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to confirm that Hydro One planned to proceed with genetic testing of all Category 2 and Category 3 Butternut trees in the fall of 2025. WSP also noted that genetic testing of Category 1 Butternut trees was not planned, given that Category 1 trees were not protected, were in advanced stages of disease, and did not support the protection or recovery of the species.
2025-09-16	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to confirm that the comments expressed by CLFN at the September 10, 2025 meeting regarding Section 7 of the draft Environmental Study Report had been documented.
2025-09-16	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Curve Lake First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for the clarification and to confirm they had no further questions at the time.

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2025-10-06	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to recommend shortening their scheduled monthly project touchpoint due to the lack of substantial updates they had for attendees, and to share an agenda item for discussion regarding confidential file sharing and storage. Hydro One requested confirmation from attendees that they were comfortable with the proposal to shorten the meeting. Hydro One shared their approach for adding community members to respective sharing folders and requested confirmation from communities for the members that would require access.
2025-10-17	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to share the Project was nearly ready to release its draft ESR for public review. Hydro One thanked the Williams Treaty First Nations for their feedback, input, and effort on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations via their shared workspace. Hydro One also acknowledged a few outstanding responses that were forthcoming. Hydro One encouraged communities to work with their internal teams to submit invoices ahead of the holidays.

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2025-10-29	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Kayla Wright Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region.
2025-11-14	Email	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Kayla Wright Missy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Curve Lake First Nation to share an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.

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2025-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for meeting with them and to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-24	Email	Francis Chua Mindy Knott Paige Williams Paola Cueva	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation to remind them that the draft ESR comment period would close on November 27, 2025 and requested to be informed if they anticipated any issues submitting comments before the deadline. Hydro One welcomed any comments.
2025-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. MSIFN thanked Hydro One and their team for their ongoing partnership and noted that they looked forward to continued collaboration on the Project. MSIFN copied Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation for visibility.

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2025-12-10	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that a winter study proposal had been selected for Hydro One's review and approval to advance winter surveys for the Project. MSIFN copied representation from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation for visibility.
2025-12-10	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and representation to thank them all for their effort and time to bring forward the winter studies proposal. Hydro One confirmed they would share it with the team for review and noted that they would likely have an opportunity to review and provide feedback in January 2025 due to capacity and efforts to complete the final ESR.
2025-12-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tamara Whitby Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to express gratitude for their effort, insight, and willingness to collaborate and lead to the success of their projects. Hydro One noted that the collaboration on DKPL had been precedent setting and emphasized that meaningful participation of First Nations was the best and only way forward within the industry. Hydro One shared a list of action items and updates in lieu of their monthly meeting and wished everyone a nice holiday break.

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2025-12-17	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation to provide their responses to MSIFN's comments on the draft ESR. Hydro One welcomed any additional feedback and looked forward to continuing discussions in the new year.
2025-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation to confirm that they also added the draft ESR comment responses to the shared workspace.

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2026-01-08	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a copy of the meeting deck for review. Hydro One noted that the deck had been updated following the holiday period, which resulted in a slight delay in circulation. Hydro One confirmed that decks would be shared on a regular schedule going forward to ensure earlier distribution. Hydro One further noted that the agenda and supporting materials would be provided closer to the meeting date. Hydro One confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM via Microsoft Teams, with meeting details, including links and dial-in information included in the communication.

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2026-01-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to hold their first monthly meeting of 2026. The meeting introduced new staff and provided updates on the five southeast projects: Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line, Holt SS, Durham Kawartha Power Line, Bowmanville SS, and Bowmanville x GTA East.
2026-01-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and representation to confirm their interest in supporting the one-time winter studies proposal put forth by their hired subcontractor. Hydro One provided conditions for the study and confirmed that their finance department would reach out to MSIFN once outstanding items had been resolved.

CLFN Comment Responses

From: Kayla Wright
To: Amanda Hocking
Cc: Kenndal Soulliere; Rhona Scott; Lesley Smith
Subject: RE: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 1 and 2 of the ESR
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Hi Amanda,

Apologies, I just wanted to get our historian to review this.
She is agreeable to the text proposed although not ideal. However, we understand the political challenges here.

Please proceed!

Thanks so much,

Kayla Wright
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From: Amanda Hocking <Amanda.Hocking@hydroone.com>
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Subject: Re: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 1 and 2 of the ESR

Hi Kayla,

I should have raised this when I had you on the call! I want to circle back to close this out before we need to lock in the ESR language.

Miigwetch,
Amanda

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Subject: Re: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 1 and 2 of the ESR

Hi Kayla,

I wanted to connect with you regarding the request below, Rhona forwarded it over to me.

I'd like to suggest this slight tweak to the language below. The rationale is that not all of our engaged project partners are signatories to all of the treaties you've listed, and I need to be inclusive. I also wanted to add a line expressing our gratitude to be able to work collaboratively with the Rights holders of the territory - open to your thoughts on this inclusion.

- *Hydro One acknowledges that the DKPL Project falls within the traditional territory of First Nations, including the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga) and the Chippewa of the Anishinaabeg. These Nations are signatories to a number of important treaties covering the project area. Hydro One understands that these Nations, among others, have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial. We are grateful to be welcomed on these lands as partners to energize our futures together.*

Thanks,
Amanda

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Thank you, Rhona!

One additional comment for consideration. We are proposing that the acknowledgment be expanded to reference additional treaties.

Hydro One acknowledges that the DKPL Project falls within the traditional territory of First Nations, including the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga) and the Chippewa of the Anishinaabeg. These Nations are signatories to a number of treaties, including the pre-Confederation Gunshot Treaties, Treaty 20 of 1818, the Williams Treaties of 1923, and the Williams Treaties First Nations Settlement Agreement of 2018. Hydro One understands that these Nations, among others, have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial.

Thanks you!

Kayla Wright

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Good Morning Kayla,

Thank you for your patience on the responses attached. Please find attached Hydro one's responses to your comments on Sections 1 and 2 of the DKPL Draft ESR.

Thank you,

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Good evening, Aisha,

We have had a chance to review Sections 1 and 2 and had the following comments:

- There is an opportunity here to **acknowledge the Treaty Territories** where this project is located. It takes place over various Williams Treaty First Nation territories. It is crucial to recognize the Michi Saagiig relationship with these lands and waters. Could you please clarify where the Treaty Rights of the Michi Saagiig, as well as other communities that are signatories of the Williams Treaty, will be addressed in this report? We understand this may be covered in another section that we have not yet reviewed, but it is essential that this recognition is made clear and reflected in the various reports. If you require some verbiage here, please let us know and we are happy to draft something.
- It is essential to conduct a **thorough Indigenous Knowledge Study** to establish a comprehensive baseline of information and fully assess the impacts of development on CLFN's Rights, which translates to the well-being of the community. Well-being, as recognized, encompasses not only the health of the environment but also the health of individuals, communities, and social structures. This holistic view, which integrates both tangible and intangible aspects of human health, requires an understanding of the social, economic, cultural, and environmental context unique to each community.
- A proper baseline study, informed by Indigenous Knowledge, allows for the identification of potential impacts on well-being that may not be captured by traditional western scientific methods. This ensures that the Environmental Assessment (EA) process respects the values, culture, and worldview of the community, while also considering the **cumulative effects** of development.
- As highlighted in the Mackenzie Valley Review Board's perspectives paper, *Evolving Environmental Impact Assessments in the Mackenzie Valley and Beyond: Perspectives Paper* (2020), the consideration of well-being in the EA process requires a broader approach that **looks beyond just biophysical impacts**. It must include Indigenous social, economic,

cultural, and health factors—all of which are crucial to understanding how development may affect CLFN's overall well-being. By incorporating Indigenous Knowledge, we can ensure that these diverse factors are considered, leading to better decision-making, stronger community engagement, and more sustainable outcomes for both the community and the environment.

- **In Table 1-1: Potentially Required Permits, Licenses, and Approvals**, it is noted that a Use, Storage, and Transportation of Explosives Permit is required. With that in mind, could you clarify where explosives will be used and when they will be used during construction?

Many thanks,

Kayla Wright

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Subject: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 1 and 2 of the ESR

Good Afternoon,

The Project team has prepared initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project. The Project team is providing Indigenous communities an advanced review of these preliminary sections. In addition, the full public review of the complete ESR is expected to take place in the fall.

Hydro One is requesting feedback from your community on Sections 1 and 2 of the ESR by April 9, 2025.

Please find the two sections for your review at this link: 1 and 2 - Introduction and Study Area

If your community does not want your comments included with the comments from other Indigenous communities in the shared file, please download a copy of the file and please provide a copy of the file with your comments to Hydro One and WSP.

At the end of the review period noted above, the word documents will be restricted to read only status so no additional comments can be made when the Project team begins consolidating feedback.

If you have any questions regarding SharePoint access, please reach out to aisha.lewis@wsp.com.

Miigwetch, Thank you,

Aisha Lewis

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: ESR Section 1-2 Comment Responses

Comment #	[Curve Lake First Nation] Comment – February 28, 2025	HONI Response – May 1, 2025
1	There is an opportunity here to **acknowledge the Treaty Territories** where this project is located. It takes place over various Williams Treaty First Nation territories. It is crucial to recognize the Michi Saagiig relationship with these lands and waters. Could you please clarify where the Treaty Rights of the Michi Saagiig, as well as other communities that are signatories of the Williams Treaty, will be addressed in this report? We understand this may be covered in another section that we have not yet reviewed, but it is essential that this recognition is made clear and reflected in the various reports. If you require some verbiage here, please let us know and we are happy to draft something.	Thank you for your comment. In response to your suggestion, Hydro One proposes the below addition to be included in the consultation section of the ESR (yet to be released for review). Hydro One acknowledges that the DKPL Project falls within the traditional territory of First Nations including the Michi Saagiig (Mississauga), and the Chippewa of the Anishaabeg. These Nations represent the signatories of The Williams Treaties on which the DKPL project resides. Hydro One understands that these Nations, among others have been the caretakers of this land since time immemorial.
2	It is essential to conduct a thorough Indigenous Knowledge Study to establish a comprehensive baseline of information and fully assess the impacts of development on CLFN's Rights, which translates to the well-being of the community. Well-being, as recognized, encompasses not only the health of the environment but also the health of individuals, communities, and social structures. This holistic view, which integrates both tangible and intangible aspects of human health, requires an understanding of the social, economic, cultural, and environmental context unique to each community.	Hydro One fully supports Curve Lake First Nation in undertaking an Indigenous Knowledge Study for the DKPL project, which is also supported by the capacity funding agreement. If this information is received prior to the submission of the final ESR, Hydro One can include this information as part of the environmental package. As consultation does do not end at the culmination of the Environmental Assessment, Indigenous Knowledge received after the submission of the final ESR can be incorporated into the project through various means. Hydro One also understands that the Indigenous Knowledge will form part of Curve Lake First Nations community knowledge base and could also potentially be applied to future Hydro One projects and operations in the area.
3	A proper baseline study, informed by Indigenous Knowledge, allows for the identification of potential impacts on well-being that may not be captured by traditional western scientific methods. This ensures that the Environmental Assessment (EA) process respects the values, culture, and worldview of the community, while also considering the cumulative effects of development.	See response above – Hydro One fully supports the undertaking of an Indigenous Knowledge Study.
4	As highlighted in the Mackenzie Valley Review Board's perspectives paper, Evolving Environmental Impact Assessments in the Mackenzie Valley and Beyond: Perspectives Paper (2020), the consideration of well-being in the EA process requires a broader approach that looks beyond just biophysical impacts. It must include Indigenous social, economic, cultural, and health factors—all of which are crucial to understanding how development may affect CLFN's overall well-being. By incorporating Indigenous Knowledge, we can ensure that these diverse factors are considered, leading to better decision-making, stronger community engagement, and more sustainable outcomes for both the community and the environment.	Planning for this project is subject to the Class EA for Transmission Facilities, 2024 (Class EA for TF), which is the proponent's legal compliance mechanism under the *Environment Assessment Act.* Section 6.5 of the Class EA for TF states: *Consideration of Cumulative Effects: All proponents will consider cumulative effects when planning projects. The assessment will include the proposed undertaking and any other proposed undertakings in the immediate project area where documentation is available (e.g., other environmental assessments).* Hydro One intends to assess the cumulative effects of the project in compliance with this requirement. With respect to broader cumulative effects as a result of development activities, Hydro One would recommend reaching out to the provincial Crown to discuss potential impacts and mitigations.
5	In Table 1-1: Potentially Required Permits, Licenses, and Approvals, it is noted that a Use, Storage, and Transportation of Explosives Permit is required. With that in mind, could you clarify where explosives will be used and when they will be used during construction?	For construction purposes and at this time, Hydro One doesn't believe explosives would be required in the construction of the infrastructure on this project. Small amounts of explosives may be used to splice conductors together, known as implosive conductor splicing. Information about the potential use of explosives during construction will be provided in the Environmental Study Report and Environmental Management Plan.

Durham Kawartha Power Line: DNER Comment Responses – Curve Lake First Nation

Comment #	Curve Lake First Nation Comment – February 28, 2025	HONI Response
1	To fulfil the field program objectives of characterizing existing conditions and assessing both direct and indirect development effects in the project study area, it is essential to adopt a four-season approach to ensure a comprehensive representation of the ecosystem. Therefore, the proposed additional survey in 2025 should be prioritized and conducted.	It is understood that more surveys are required in 2025 to characterize existing conditions and to address potential impacts.
2	Why was an acoustic bat survey not included in the fieldwork plan. It was noted that cavity trees potentially suitable as bat habitats were observed during the windshield survey. Bat acoustic monitoring should be completed in Late May to Early June 2025.	Bat acoustic surveys are not proposed as part of the 2025 Field Program. Tree removals of suitable snags, particularly within the bat maternity roosting timing windows, will be avoided. Where and if impacts to bats and their habitats are identified, the requirement for bat acoustic monitoring will be reevaluated.
3	Given the high probability of amphibians being present, a call survey would provide more accurate results than relying solely on amphibian observations.	Amphibian Call Count Surveys will be undertaken as part of the 2025 Field Program. The objective of these surveys is to identify the diversity and abundance of breeding anurans (frogs and toads) within the Project Study Area. Amphibian surveys will follow the call count methodology outlined in the Marsh Monitoring Program (Bird Studies Canada 2009).
4	All wetlands and waterways are considered significant to CLFN and are afforded protections, regardless of the provincial designation. Any alteration, damage, or impact to these wetlands, regardless of classification, will infringe on CLFN Rights to the landscape. Furthermore, under the 2008 Water Declaration: “First Nations in Ontario have our own territories that includes the waters, which include the rain waters, waterfalls, rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, mountain springs, swamp springs, bedrock water veins, snow, oceans, icebergs, and the seas”. The Michi Saagiig have Rights and responsibilities to these wetlands on their territory and should therefore set the protections and regulations for working within these wetlands.	Thank you for your comment. This is understood and the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report will be updated to reflect CLFN protections.

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March 11, 2025

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Aaniin Matthew,

Re: Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment, Class EA for Transmission Facilities, Hydro One Networks Inc., Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, Various Lots and Concessions, Multiple Lower Tier Municipalities, Regional Municipality of Durham, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Peterborough County, Ontario (CLFN A2025.69; PIF P324-0967-2024).

Thank you for engaging with Curve Lake First Nation regarding the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment of transmission facilities associated with the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project located on various lots and concessions in multiple lower tier municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Durham, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Peterborough County. I have reviewed the report focusing on potential impacts to First Nations cultural resources and/or ancestral remains within Williams Treaties territory as outlined in the *Curve Lake First Nation Archaeological Protocol*. As a result, Curve Lake First Nation concurs with your recommendations as follows:

- Previously Assessed Areas:
  - For the lands within the Project Area that were previously subject to Stage 2 assessment using methodologies in keeping with the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and for which there are no outstanding archaeological concerns, no further assessment is required.

- Areas of Low Archaeological Potential:
  - Areas of previous disturbance (e.g., building footprints and existing roads or laneways), as well as low-lying and wet areas are considered to have low archaeological potential.
  - As a field inspection was not conducted as part of this study, areas of low archaeological potential within the preferred route alternative will need to be confirmed and photo-documented at the time of Stage 2 survey (MTC 2011:28; Section 2.1.2).

- Stage 2 Methodologies:
  - Once the preferred route alternative is determined, a more detailed review of existing conditions should be undertaken, alongside a comparison to

archaeological potential mapping provided in this report (Maps 33 to 66; SD Maps 6 to 10 *of the assessment report*).
    - In keeping with provincial standards, the agricultural fields should be ploughed for pedestrian survey; however, for any impact areas that are linear corridors less than 10 m wide, test pit survey can be undertaken (as per Section 2.1.2 Standard 1.f.).
    - In keeping with the provincial standards, the non-ploughable areas must be subject to test pit assessment. In both cases, a 5 m transect interval is recommended to achieve the provincial standard.

- Cemeteries
    - The portions of the Project Area that run within close proximity to known cemeteries are areas of continued archaeological concern. It is recommended that the selected hydro corridor route be located at least 20 m away from the cemeteries and on the opposite side of the road. If impacts are planned within 20 m of the assumed boundaries of a cemetery, a Stage 1 archaeological assessment including detailed background research to determine the boundaries of the cemetery and the extent of potential burials associated with that cemetery is recommended.
    - If any invasive (Stage 2-4) archaeological fieldwork will impact the cemetery, or lands adjacent to the cemetery where the boundaries have not been credibly determined, then a Cemetery Investigations Authorization (CIA) would be required further to the Registrar's Directive: "Authorization for Invasive Stages 2-4 Archaeological Fieldwork" issued by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO) under the authority of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act*, 2002. If the Stage 1 archaeological assessment can credibly identify the boundaries of the cemetery, and the proposed archaeological assessment will not impact the cemetery lands, a CIA is not required. All work should be completed in consultation with the MCM and the BAO as per the Registrar's Directive.
    - This will minimally involve Stage 1 background research to collect information about the history of the cemetery and location of burials in proximity to the ROW, potentially followed by Stage 2 test pit survey and mechanical topsoil removal to actively search for burials.

- There are four previously registered archaeological sites located within or adjacent to the Project Area that may have further CHVI. It is recommended that this area be avoided if possible. If this is not possible, further archaeological assessment may be required. Should impacts be proposed at the location of these sites, the following site-specific recommendations apply:
    - BbGo-10 (McCreef Site) is a sparse scatter of 19th -century materials. It is not clear if this assessment was completed using methodologies in keeping with the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines*, therefore, the CHVI is unknown and the areas within 50 m of its location are recommended for Stage 2 assessment following Section 2.1.1 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. If additional archaeological

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materials are identified in the vicinity of the site, they would need to be evaluated against current MCM standards and additional work may be required;

- BaGq-5 (Porter Site) is an isolated Indigenous findspot with no temporal affiliation. BaGq-5 was not investigated utilizing methodologies in keeping with 2011 *Standards and Guidelines*, therefore, the CHVI is unknown and the areas within 50 m of its located are recommended for Stage 2 assessment following Section 2.1.1 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. If additional archaeological materials are identified in the vicinity of the site, they would need to be evaluated against current MCM standards and additional work may be required;
- BaGp-1 (Strong Site) is reportedly classified as an Iroquoian campsite, though it was also described as a roughly two- or three-acre scatter, which may suggest it may be a hamlet or village. It is not clear if this assessment was completed using methodologies in keeping with the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines*, therefore, the CHVI is unknown and the areas within 50 m of its location are recommended for Stage 2 assessment following Section 2.1.1 of the *Standards and Guidelines.* If additional archaeological materials are identified in the vicinity of the site, they would need to be evaluated against the current MCM standards and additional work may be required; and,
- BpGp-14 (Woodland Hills Site)/BbGp-14 is a multicomponent site attributed to the Late Woodland period (1350-1500 CE) and mid-19th century. It includes evidence of a longhouse and two middens, BpGp-14 has been subject to avoidance and protection measures; therefore, it retains CHVI and is recommended for Stage 4 mitigation. If the site is anticipated to be impacted by construction and further investigation is planned, the methodology for Stage 4 assessment should follow Section 4.2.2 of the *Standards and Guidelines.*

- While BaGp-47 falls within the Project Area, it was fully assessed to current MCM standards and no additional work is required.

- Changes to Extent of Project Area:
  - If the extent of the Project Area or route alternatives change to incorporate lands not addressed in this study, further assessment will be required.

We ask that should Indigenous cultural material and/or ancestral remains be uncovered during future archaeological assessments and/or development activities, that in addition to the information provided in *Section 6 Advice on Compliance with Legislation* of the archaeological assessment report (p. 42), please notify Curve Lake First Nation and the closest Michi Saagiig First Nation to the project area as outlined in the section entitled *Curve Lake First Nation and Michi Saagig Requirements* (p. 5) of the *Curve Lake First Nation Archaeological Protocol*. The closest Williams Treaties Michi Saagiig First Nation to the project area is the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

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Aaniin Alyssa and Liam,

I want to take this moment to thank you for the opportunity for CLFN to review the CHEC for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA. I found the document to be very thorough and informative. Although I may not be able to offer specific information regarding indigenous community knowledge regarding the proposed routes for the transmission line, I am wondering if there is an opportunity for me to organize a windshield survey with a elder or elders from CLFN, who may be able to inform us about specific features on the landscape that may have been or continue to be of importance to the community? I feel that if this option is made available, any new information that can be shared can be inserted into a cultural landscape study rather than this existing conditions document.

Please let me know your thoughts and if HONI is interested in supporting this initiative and if so, I can begin organizing the visit. I feel that if features on the landscape are identified, it will be prudent to follow-up with you, Liam, a meeting, so you can ascertain the requisite details, if any, for your study.

Before I sign off, I want to take this opportunity to thank you Liam, Alyssa, and the team at Hydro One for your efforts. Not only do I look forward to our continued relationship, but I feel that you are a good example of what First Nations consultation looks like in action, and I am personally excited to be involved in the process and I look forward to the future.

Chi-Miigwech. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon,

As previously indicated, our Draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (CHEC) is now available for review. If you think there are potential heritage landscapes missing from the draft report, or simply areas of interest that have value to community values or cultural identity, please let us know so that we can discuss inclusion. We ask for all comments back on this report by **Monday April 14th**.

We are working through potential SharePoint or shared folder options, but for the time being, the large file can be accessed via a We Transfer link. Please download the report here https://we.tl/t-DDf7R4Ka5T **note** this link will expire **on March 20th**, if you need a new one please let us know.

This report was prepared by AECOM, should you have any questions or comments on the report please feel free to reach out to Hydro One directly or Liam Ryan at Liam.Ryan@aecom.com

Thank you,

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Comment from Curve Lake First Nation May 21, 2025:

Although the work will take place within the ROW, indirect impacts such as vibration, light, dust, and noise from construction could still affect the surrounding area. These effects may be amplified depending on the construction hours. Mitigation measures for these indirect impacts should consider local bat species, particularly the noise thresholds for bats. Conducting a pre-construction bat population survey and following up with a post-construction survey would help monitor potential disturbances to their habitat.

Response from Hydro One July 22, 2025:

Indirect impacts to bats from vibration, light, dust and noise are anticipated to be minimal given the following:

- The vast majority of the project route (~94%) is within the existing ROW and vegetation removal is expected to be minimal.
- The bats in the project study area are already exposed to routine maintenance activities along the existing line and other disturbances such as adjacent farming activities.
- Little Brown Myotis and Northern Myotis are known to sometimes roost in crevices under bridges (BC MECCS 2022), demonstrating they have a certain level of tolerance to sensory disturbance from sound, light, dust and vibrations.
- The sound generated from tree felling and construction activities is approximately 93 to 110 dB (which falls below the 150 dB sound limit BMP guidelines for blasting at bat roosts; BC MECCS 2022).
- Construction activities will be temporary at any given location as work progresses along the route.
- Construction activities will not be conducted at night when bats are foraging.

Further, indirect impacts would be localized and negligible at the population level. Mitigation measures to limit both direct and indirect impacts will be implemented during construction and will include lighting recommendations and timing restrictions to avoid sensitive periods for bats. CLFN will be engaged in this process.

Bat population surveys to determine pre- and post-construction impacts to bats are not feasible given the following:

- Acoustic monitoring cannot be used to determine population size. It can only be used to determine species presence and number of bat passes/night. It is not possible to determine the number of individual bats recorded through acoustic

monitoring because it is unknown, for example, if five passes were made by one bat flying over five times, or five individual bats flying over once.

- Acoustic monitoring cannot be used to confirm roosting habitat use, as bats may travel long-distances from roost sites to foraging areas. For example, Eastern Red Bat, Hoary Bat, Little Brown Bat and Silver-haired Bat often forage >1 km from roosts, with Eastern Red Bat and Hoary Bat foraging up to 20 km from roosts (Barclay 1989; Bringham, 1991; Campbell et al., 1996; Cryan et al., 2001; Elmore et al., 2005; Humphrey and Fotherby, 2019; and Yates et al., 2011).
- Several species (Eastern Red Bat, Northern Myotis, Silver-haired Bat, Tri-colored Bat) frequently switch roost trees every 1 to 3 nights (including reproductive females with dependent young) and distances between consecutive roost trees may vary from a few metres to > 2 km (COSEWIC 2013; COSEWIC 2023). Therefore, it is difficult to draw conclusions regarding tree roost switching as a sign of disturbance from indirect impacts.
- A multi-year mark-recapture study would be required to understand population changes. Per MECP guidance, mark-recapture studies (i.e., mist netting and radio-telemetry work) are not recommended and are only considered as a last resort if deemed necessary by the MECP (MECP 2022).
- Per MECP guidance, if a proposed activity will avoid impairing or eliminating the function of habitat for supporting bat life processes and the timing of tree removal will avoid the bat active season, then there is no need to conduct SAR bat surveys of treed habitats (MECP 2022).

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: ESR Comment Responses 4 – Curve Lake First Nation

Comment #	Curve Lake First Nation Comment – June 18, 2025	HONI Response - July 23, 2025
1	Please take into consideration that potential points of reception should also include bats and other noise-sensitive species, as they may be indirectly impacted by construction activities. If a bat maternity roost or foraging habitat is identified nearby, mitigation measures should ensure that noise and vibration levels remain below thresholds that could disturb these species.	Thank you for your feedback. Indirect impacts to noise-sensitive species such as bats from noise and vibration, as well as other potential sensory disturbances such as light and dust, are anticipated to be minimal given the following: • The vast majority of the project route (~94%) is within the existing ROW and vegetation removal is expected to be minimal. • The bats in the project study area are already exposed to routine maintenance activities along the existing line and other disturbances such as adjacent farming activities. • Little Brown Myotis and Northern Myotis are known to sometimes roost in crevices under bridges (BC MECCS 2022), demonstrating they have a certain level of tolerance to sensory disturbance from sound, light, dust and vibrations. • The sound generated from tree felling and construction activities is approximately 93 to 110 dB (which falls below the 150 dB sound limit BMP guidelines for blasting at bat roosts; BC MECCS 2022). • Construction activities will be temporary at any given location as work progresses along the route. • Construction activities will not be conducted at night when bats are foraging. Further, indirect impacts would be localized and negligible at the population level. Mitigation measures to limit both direct and indirect impacts will be implemented during construction and will include lighting recommendations and timing restrictions to avoid sensitive periods for bats. CLFN will be engaged in this process. <u>Reference</u> BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (BC MECCS). 2022. Best Management Practices for Bats in British Columbia, Chapter 9: Bridges. B.C. Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, Victoria, BC. 52 pp. (https://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eirs/viewDocumentDetail.do?fromStatic=true&repository=BDP&documentId=12460)
2	Please re-share when the 2025 field surveys are complete.	A partial draft of Section 4 was provided for early review. During its compilation and review the 2025 natural environment field studies were ongoing. The fulsome Section 4 will be available to all during the 30-day public comment period in the fall of 2025. Additionally, Hydro One will be providing a second revision of the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report for First Nation review during the summer of 2025, inclusive of 2025 field work. This report provides natural environment baseline data that will be incorporated into Section 4 of the Draft ESR.

Durham Kawartha Power Line: ESR Comment Responses (Section 7 and 8) – Curve Lake First Nation

Comment #	Curve Lake First Nation Comment – July 11, 2025	HONI Response – August 25, 2025
1	Curve Lake would like to better understand Hydro One's mitigation efforts regarding invasive plant species. Sharing data on the proportion or extent of invasive species populations identified before construction and after mitigation efforts would help Curve Lake understand the effectiveness of the measures taken to prevent the spread of invasive species during the project. Curve Lake would also like to understand if there are any invasive species monitoring programs planned or considered post-construction.	The construction contractor will be responsible for developing an Invasive Species Management Plan, which will detail preventative, control and restorative measures. This mitigation item will be added to the ESR. Hydro One will also share invasive species data collected during baseline studies with Curve Lake FN ahead of EA completion. Additional monitoring commitments will be determined based on project interaction with invasive species, as determined through the detailed design and construction stages.
2	Could you please clarify how often implosive conductor splicing will be used during the construction of the transmission line, including the specific locations and timeframes where it is expected to occur? Additionally, could you provide information on how loud the implosive splicing is (in decibels)?	As noted in May 2025, small amounts of explosives may be used to splice conductors together, known as implosive conductor splicing. Information about the potential use of explosives during construction will be provided in the Environmental Study Report and the Environmental Management Plan. Typically, implosive slicing could be as loud as fireworks or a shotgun blast. The contractor's EMP will include the proposed locations of implosive slicing and sensitive noise receptors within 500 m of the location.
3	Curve Lake would like to better understand Hydro One's current progress toward its climate targets, particularly the 30% reduction in operations-driven GHG emissions by 2030 and the net-zero goal by 2050; providing more detailed information would help. Specifically, Curve Lake would be interested to know what stage the company is currently at in relation to these targets, including any interim milestones, current emissions data, and how this specific Project contributes to those overall goals.	Publicly available information related Hydro One's progress in relation to climate targets is provided through the 2024 Sustainability Report. This report is available through our website (https://www.hydroone.com/Sustainability).
4	Could you please share whether Hydro One has estimated the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions — in CO_2-equivalent — associated with the construction phase of this transmission project? If so, could you share the figures or points to where they are reported?	Hydro One has not yet awarded a contractor or entered the detail design of the project and therefore the specifics for the construction phase are high-level at this time and will continue to be refined. Based on other projects Hydro One has undertaken we believe the GHG emissions will be limited as DKPL is in an existing corridor currently maintained; therefore clearing will be limited. Additionally, the contractor will be expected to establish and follow an anti-idling policy which will limit GHG emissions.
5	Curve Lake would be interested in reviewing the construction water management plan once Hydro One is ready to share it.	Acknowledged.
6	Curve Lake is interested in understanding wildlife mortality and the mitigations and protections that are considered. In other projects, Curve Lake has recommended that the project include a specific Wildlife Mortality Mitigation Plan to address the risk of roadkill associated with increased construction traffic, particularly in proximity to wetlands, woodlands, and known wildlife movement corridors. The plan should include pre-construction wildlife surveys to identify high-risk areas (e.g., amphibian breeding zones, turtle nesting sites), implementation of reduced vehicle speeds in sensitive zones, and timing restrictions to avoid peak movement periods for amphibians and reptiles. Curve Lake would like to understand the extent to which Hydro One has considered these and other related matters.	Hydro One does not expect a high increase for construction traffic because of this project. The project is not anticipated to measurably increase the risk of wildlife mortality from vehicular collisions given the nature of construction, which consists of working sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor and associated access routes is temporary. Mitigation measures that will be implemented for the project that will also reduce wildlife mortality risk include the following: • Existing access roads and water crossings will be used to the extent practical. • Equipment operation adjacent to aquatic features will be minimized where practical. • An Erosion Sediment Control (ESC) plan will be developed prior to construction. • Potential SAR turtle habitat will be screened prior to installing ESC measures. If required, sediment fencing for turtle exclusion will be installed per provincial guidelines. • Boundaries of important wildlife habitats will be identified and the ROW boundaries flagged prior to clearing. • Sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will be performed ahead of construction. • Vehicles will not exceed posted speed limits. Additional measures that will be added to the updated ESR include:

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		• Wildlife will be given the right-of-way on roads.
7	In other projects, Curve Lake has recommended the sharing of collected Butternut data with the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) because engaging with FGCA supports broader species conservation efforts beyond regulatory requirements. Is this something that Hydro One already does?	Hydro One has not shared information with FGCA in the past but is open to this suggestion and welcomes further discussion with Curve Lake FN.
8	Given Hydro One's commitment to climate change mitigation, would it be possible, through the Biodiversity Initiative, to calculate the GHG emissions and loss of carbon sequestration associated with the DKPL Project, and then contrast this with the estimated GHG sequestration potential of planned restoration activities? This would help assess the feasibility of achieving a net-zero construction footprint.	Calculating GHG emissions and loss of carbon sequestration is not currently feasible due to the lack of consistent framework available. Hydro One continues to follow developments associated with provincial standards, protocols, and guidance related to GHGs. For the DKPL project, the majority of the DKPL line exists within an existing ROW that is currently being maintained for an existing transmission line, which will limit the amount of vegetation clearing required, in particular larger species that are already incompatible with the existing ROW. Where there are impacts that cannot be offset, we will be deploying a Biodiversity Initiative but the scope for this program is not yet known and will be dependent on those who apply to the program. The GHG emissions associated with sequestration and land use change are not required as part of the Class EA process. As stated in Section 7.7.7.7 – Biodiversity Initiative, following the completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construction processes, Hydro One will engage with interested parties to discuss the implementation of the Biodiversity Initiative for the Project. We will continue to keep Curve Lake First Nation apprised of the program as we know more.

Hiawatha First Nation (HFN)
Record of Consultation

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2023-12-18	Meeting	Hiawatha First Nation John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation to discuss the GTA East Project, the Equity Model, access to capital, and development on Hiawatha First Nation. Hydro One committed to follow up meetings to take place in January 2024.
2024-01-16	Email	Nikki Paudash	Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to note that they planned to provide a cheque for outstanding office supplies by January 23, 2024, and that they would like to set up Hiawatha First Nation as a vendor in the system to efficiently address financial matters. Hydro One requested confirmation of their contact details to add them as a vendor.
2024-02-05	Invitation	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide a new meeting invite at the request of the community.
2024-02-20	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire if they would be available for an in-person meeting on February 22, 2024.
2024-02-20	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to thank them for inquiring about the opportunity for an in-person meeting on February 22, 2024 and noted that the meeting would have to remain virtual.
2024-02-22	Meeting	Hiawatha First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Zhooniya Makak representing Hiawatha First Nation to discuss the Durham Kawartha Powerline project status and discuss next steps for consultation and equity partnership. Also discussed were updates on project development, Notice of Commencement, and the current status of Williams Treaty Partnerships. Additional topic covered was a review of Equity Partnership financing options for First Nations.
2024-02-29	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation economic development to inquire about organizing a meeting to introduce the project management and environmental team to Hiawatha First Nation for the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project.
2024-02-29	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation economic development emailed Hydro One to set up a meeting for Hiawatha First Nation representatives to meet with Project Management/Environmental team for the Durham - Kawartha Power Line Project.
2024-02-29	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm a meeting date to discuss the DKPL project.
2024-03-07	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	HIawatha First Nation emailed HONI to provide information on upcoming meeting and current status of collaboration between Mississauga Nations on the Durham - Kawartha Powerline Project
2024-03-08	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	HONI emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) in response to email about coordinating upcoming meeting with HFN and Mississaugas of Scugog Island.
2024-03-08	Email	John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) emailed Hydro One indicating that HFN would be discussing upcoming meeting with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2024-03-21	Meeting	Hiawatha First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hiawatha First Nations' economic development and consultation met with Hydro One representation from Environment, Project Management and Indigenous Relations to discuss the DKPL project. Topics discussed were project history, scope and status, environment workplan, notice of commencement, timelines and consultant information. HFN provided input on their capacity and level of interest in the field studies. Other topics discussed were capacity funding and Williams Treaty community collaboration.
2024-04-11	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation proposing an in-person meeting in May to continue discussions on the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project.
2024-04-19	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to note that they had been made aware by partner communities that there may be concerns from communities regarding archaeological consultants and that Hydro One would be obtaining and utilizing opinions from communities. Hydro One also noted that they looked forward to the meeting on May 9, 2024.
2024-04-19	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation representation to note that they had been made aware by partner communities that there may be concerns from communities regarding archaeological consultants and that Hydro One would be obtaining and utilizing opinions from communities. Hydro One also noted that they looked forward to the meeting on May 9, 2024.
2024-04-23	Phone	Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	4 Directions Conservation Consulting representing Hiawatha First Nation and Curvle Lake First Nation called Hydro One to discuss consultation on the Durham Kawartha Project, timelines and tables agreements.
2024-05-02	Meeting	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, HFN, Minogi, Zhooniya Makak, and 4 Directions Conservation Consulting to discuss the DKPL Project and introduce the Holt SS Project. DKPL topics discussed were pertaining to project scope and size, timelines, capacity funding, and equity partnership funding. Additional topics discussed were procurement and employment opportunities for Williams Treaties communities throughout the Project, the closeout of Darlington Connect Project and an overview of Holt SS.
2024-05-03	Email	Laura Howard Loni Thompson Trisha Shearer	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inquire about hosting a lunch to celebrate the office space rental partnership and suggested the week of June 10, 2024. Hydro One also noted they would be in Hiawatha the week of May 6, 2024 if they wanted to meet to discuss in person.

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2024-05-03	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to recommend cancelling an upcoming meeting proposed for May 9, 2024 as both groups met on May 2, 2024.
2024-05-03	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to confirm they could cancel the meeting on May 9, 2024, unless the community had anything additional they would like to discuss with Hydro One.
2024-05-03	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One confirming the proposal to cancel an upcoming meeting on May 9, 2024.
2024-05-03	Email	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sandy Mackay Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Alderville Frist Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation to request their availability for a meeting in May 2024 to review the Capacity Funding Agreements. Hydro One shared the action items from their meeting including sharing commitments made by WSP from the RFP process, sharing messaging from Minogi Corp with ALGP regarding the equity partnership, to follow up with internal teams regarding sharing the scoring matrix for ECI/EPC and to share if permitted, and to share shape files and Capacity Funding Agreements. Hydro One also confirmed that the discussion around union roles in relation to employment opportunities would continue internally.
2024-05-07	Email	Don Richardson John Rowinski Mindy Knott Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation to request the contacts responsible for monitoring coordination and invoice submission.
2024-05-08	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison	Alyssa Bardy	HFN emailed Hydro One to connect them with their archaeology coordinator to respond to their inquiry.
2024-05-08	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to confirm that they were cancelling the meeting on May 9, 2024 as items were discussed on May 2, 2024.
2024-05-10	Email	CORDA Office	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to request confirmation of their registration includes tables or if they were required to bring their own.
2024-05-10	Email	CORDA Office	Alyssa Bardy	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they would need to bring their own tables and tent if they wanted one.

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2024-05-24	Email	John Rowinski Laurie Carr Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to provide an advanced Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with HFN to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to HFN.
2024-05-29	Email	John Rowinski Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to thank them for their response.
2024-06-05	Email	John Rowinski Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to apologize that their contact information was not included on the meeting invite and noted that they would send it to them.
2024-06-06	Email	John Rowinski Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hiawatha First Nation representation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the quick response and apologized for getting their name wrong.
2024-06-10	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Clint Keeler Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Hiawatha First Nation John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One hosted an online meeting with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, along with representation from Minogi and Voyageur Services Inc in a meeting to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and Holt SS. Hydro One shared that the Notice of Commencement had been released publicly on June 4, 2024, and provided an overview of the Project timelines and the route alternatives for a 3 km stretch of the line that would be evaluated by an environmental assessment and community and stakeholder input. Hydro One provided an overview of the Multi-Project CFA, highlighting the history of the agreement development and a breakdown of the capacity funding available for each community. Hydro One also discussed upcoming field studies for the Project as well as planned Community Open Houses. Communities inquired about Hydro One's Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process and selection.

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2024-06-12	Email	Clint Keeler "consultation Consultation" Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams "rob Lukacs Rlukacs" "sam Shrubsole Sshrubsole" Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One followed up with the attendees of the June 10, 2024 meeting to provide answers on the Early Contractor Involvement process for DKPL, as well as noting some upcoming initiatives for field studies on both DKPL and Holt SS Projects. Hydro One also extended the invitation to hold First Nation Community Open houses, and requested a suitable timing from each community for reoccurring monthly meetings.
2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for following up and provided their availability for July 8 and August 12, 2024 for a meeting with Hydro One. MSIFN inquired if AFN, CLFN, and HFN were also available during these dates.
2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on the dates provided by Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

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2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One and confirmed their availability.
2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Zhooniya Makak on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting.
2024-06-16	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a Microsoft Teams meeting on July 8, 2024. HFN confirmed that they were not available for the in-person lunch.
2024-06-20	Invitation	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent a meeting invitation to Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp, and Voyageur Services Limited for July 8, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.

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2024-07-08	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with representation and members from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation to discuss project updates on DKPL and Holt SS. Topics included project timelines, Class EA process, field work and opportunities for First Nations involvement, Capacity Funding Agreement, and project next steps. Meeting attendees agreed to hold the next meeting on August 12, 2024 in person in Scugog Island.
2024-07-10	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corporation, Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation a copy of the slide deck and meeting notes from a DKPL and Holt SS project meeting. Hydro One noted the revised DKPL CFAs would be sent soon.
2024-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One, 4 Direction Conservation Consulting, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that they were running ten minutes late for the meeting.

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2024-08-12	Meeting	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representation from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation including economic development and consultation representation and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to discuss the DKPL and Holt SS projects. Hydro One provided a walk through of their ECI/EPC process and approach as well as a discussion on Hydro One's approach to projects regarding the environmental assessment processes.
2024-08-13	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation emailed WSP to note that they had an issue with the Intellectual Property clause which contradicted the principles of OCAP as related to Traditional Knowledge. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation provided alternative language that was used in their agreement with Hydro One.
2024-08-14	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp., Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and thanked them for meeting with them. Hydro One assured the First Nation communities and organizations that they were taking their recommendations, insight, and knowledge with the utmost care and that they wished to continue the conversations and action items in a good way. Hydro One provided the slide deck that presented at the meeting and the shapefiles for DKPL. Hydro One also provided additional information on Holt SS that they were not able to discuss in person due to time constraints including supporting information on the screening process as well as a summary of the field studies that were completed. Hydro One provided a list of action items and noted to reach out with any questions.

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2024-08-14	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation and provided modified language to the agreement regarding intellectual property and inquired if it was acceptable.
2024-08-14	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation responded to WSP regarding the revised agreement language to note that they would prefer to use the language they had already suggested.
2024-08-15	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to thank them for their feedback and to confirm they had included the language as they requested. WSP also apologized for the short notice for fieldwork on the week of August 13, 2024 and confirmed that they had previously shared a tentative schedule back in June 2024 indicating that work would take place between June and August 2024. WSP noted that in July 2024 they had updated 4 Directions Conservation Consultation that the fieldwork would be postponed until mid-late August 2024.
2024-08-15	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed WSP to thank them for the update and requested that they be informed of any upcoming fieldwork planned for mid-September 2024.
2024-08-15	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed WSP to note that they believed there were additional studies that had recommended be completed. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation noted that those conversations would need to occur as well.
2024-08-16	Phone	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Hiawatha First Nation	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One text messaged 4 Directions on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation to solidify a date for an upcoming meeting and site visit to DKPL projects alternative route A and B and Holt SS including a follow up working session.

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2024-08-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and noted they had reached out to each community to schedule field visits and working sessions on the environmental aspects of both Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One stated they would leave this information with each community to indicate their approach and if they wished to participate. Hydro One noted they would be happy to schedule in dates to facilitate conversations and actions following their return from vacation they following week.
2024-08-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC)
2024-08-29	Email	John Rowinski Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation and Zhooniya Makak to inquire if they had any questions, concerns, or input regarding the DKPL and Holt SS Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA). Hydro One also inquired about the possibility of having a community open house in the community to provide an update around the project, processes, and inputs.
2024-08-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Zhooniya Makak, on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, to inform them that Hydro One was working to build an evaluation framework to determine the preferred route for the Project on a segment of approximately 3 km. Hydro One provided a map of the Project and noted it was also available as an interactive map on the Project website. Hydro One noted that they intended to include discussion of the route evaluation at their next monthly meeting on September 11, 2024 and listed potential criteria

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2024-09-04	Meeting	Aaninguaq Peterson Gary Pritchard Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Barbara Bleho (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Jill LaPorte (Golder) Kenndal Soulliere Nick Peppiatt (Golder) Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Riley Rutherford (WSP) Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One and WSP met with members from Hiawatha First Nation and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to discuss the DKPL Field Work Plan, additional surveys requested by Hiawatha First Nation, and the Project schedule. WSP provided an overview of the Field Work Plan and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation provided their initial feedback. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation committed to providing comments on the Field Work Plan and confirmed the appropriate process for meaningful consultation with Hiawatha First Nation. Attendees committed to a follow up meeting on September 11, 2024 to discuss additional surveys. Hydro One also confirmed a site visit scheduled for September 17, 2024 to see Route A and B of the Project. 4 Direction Conservation Consultation confirmed they would circulate the latest Monitoring Agreement with Hiawatha First Nation for execution.
2024-09-11	Meeting	4 Directions Conservation Consultation Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Hiawatha First Nation Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, CLFN, and HFN for the monthly DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting. Topics reviewed were Project updates including ECI/EPC and environmental field monitoring opportunities, upcoming field studies. At the request of AFN, the topic of the remnants of Tallgrass Prairie was added to the agenda, as was topic of ongoing forestry practices from an operations/short term perspective and on a project perspective for DKPL from MSIFN.
2024-09-11	Meeting	Aaninguaq Peterson Lee Scholl Sean Davison	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Barbara Bleho (Golder) Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Jill LaPorte (Golder) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Riley Rutherford (WSP) Sean Tutak Vijanti Ramlogan Murphy (WSP) Warren Aken (WSP)	Hydro One and WSP met with members of Hiawatha First Nation and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to discuss the DKPL Field Workplan, upcoming survey programs, and future meetings. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation confirmed that they would be sending a disposition table with comments from their review of the Field Work Plan. WSP agreed to provide maps of the upcoming site visits on September 17 to 19, 2024 and to determine location for eDNA surveys. Hydro One committed to providing logistics for field visit on September 17, 2024 and for circulating a meeting invite for an interim meeting before their next monthly., 2024 and for circulating a meeting invite for an interim meeting before their next monthly.
2024-09-12	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed WSP to provide the Master Subcontract Agreement on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation and WSIB and Liability documents. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation requested changes to the wording in the MSA.

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2024-09-12	Email	Aaninguaq Peterson Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, 4D Conservation Consultation, and Francis Chua Consulting to provide a copy of the meeting materials from their Project meeting on September 11, 2024.
2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation to note that they attempted to reach out on September 13, 2024 to discuss rates but did not have a chance to connect. Hydro One noted that they could not provide their requested hourly rates but that they were open to considering alternate rates that would be mutually agreeable. Hydro One also noted that since Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) would be subcontracting
2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere	4 Directions Conservation Consultation, on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide an explanation of their aggregate rates.
2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	4 Directions Conservation Consultation, on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, emailed Hydro One to provide additional details regarding their set monitor rates.

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2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation to thank them for the information and noted they would be connecting with them later in the week regarding the higher rates. Hydro One inquired if they knew who would be attending as a monitor and proposed a rate for the field work planned for September 17 to 19, 2024 so they could participate and engage in discussion over rates at a later time.
2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	4 Directions Conservation Consultation, on behalf of Hiawatha first Nation, emailed Hydro One to inform them that the rate they provided was sufficient for the monitor they planned to attend the field work.
2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation with the intent to share the MSA and Work Order for review and signature by Hiawatha First Nation (HFN). WSP noted they would provide the meet up location once the MSA and Work Order were signed by both parties and they had received proof of Liability insurance from HFN. WSP also requested confirmation that the monitor had the required PPE.
2024-09-16	Email	Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to provide the attachments for the MSA and Work Order.
2024-09-16	Email	Gary Pritchard Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	4 Directions Conservation Consultation, on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, emailed Hydro One to inform them that the field monitoring would need to be rescheduled to a time when their monitors could attend and requested a Word version of the MSA so they could have it reviewed and edited by their lawyers.

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2024-09-17	Meeting	Aaninguaq Peterson Sean Davison	Alyssa Bardy Carla Evans (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jamie Waller Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hiawatha First Nation, 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Hydro One, and WSP met at Clarington TS to discuss basic transmission line components, functions of a Transformer Station (TS), Switching Station (SS) and station layout followed by a site visit out to review Route Alternative A and B.
2024-09-17	Email	Gary Pritchard Lee Scholl Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to provide a Word version of the MSA and work order that could be redlined.
2024-09-18	Email	Trisha Shearer	Alyssa Bardy	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One with a letter attached for their review.
2024-09-18	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to inform them they received a letter regarding the removal of 4 Directions Conservation Consultation from representing the consultation of HFN. Hydro One mentioned they would be in the HFN office on September 19, 2024 and proposed a meeting to discuss how to best support HFN through this adjustment and develop a strategy to strengthen ongoing consultation processes.
2024-09-18	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Shearer	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to proceed with the meeting to discuss a potential strategy.
2024-09-18	Email	Gary Pritchard Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed WSP inform them that effective September 17, 2024, 4 Directions Conservation Consultation no longer represented Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) and requested that WSP remove them from all communications to HFN. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation directed WSP to contacts at HFN who could provide any other necessary information.

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2024-09-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Erin Hayward Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amber-Dawn Boudreau Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Matthew Jackson Michael Farrell Peck Mathew Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to inform them that effective September 17, 2024 they no longer represent Hiawatha First Nation and to please remove 4 Directions Conservation Consultation from all communications meant for Hiawatha First Nation.
2024-09-18	Email	Aaninguaq Peterson Gary Pritchard Lee Scholl Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One inform them that effective September 17, 2024, 4 Directions Conservation Consultation no longer represented Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) and requested that Hydro One remove them from all communications to HFN. 4 Directions Conservation Consultation directed WSP to contacts at HFN who could provide any other necessary information.
2024-09-19	Email	Gary Pritchard Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation to thank them for the update.
2024-09-23	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to thank them for meeting with them and to provide an update on field monitoring and capacity funding. Hydro One noted that 4 Direction Conservation Consultation previously handled field monitoring agreements for DKPL, but that WSP would be reaching out to HFN directly to revisit the monitoring agreement. Hydro One also noted that WSP
2024-09-24	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to provide an Indigenous Organization Monitor Master Services Agreement and a Work Order for their review. WSP noted that Appendix 1 of the Work Order was not applicable to the Project. WSP also provided a summary of previous discussions on the agreement with 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, including additional requested field surveys. WSP

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2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to inquire if it would be beneficial to cancel their meeting on October 9, 2024, given their busy schedules. Hydro One requested confirmation on how the Nations wanted to proceed and noted that they could facilitate a phone call as a touchpoint or circulate project updates via email if they cancelled their meeting. Hydro One proposed in-person meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they saw no issue with cancelling the meeting on October 9, 2024.

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2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One and noted that they agreed with Hydro One as they had a lot of files they were trying to close off or get caught up on. Hiawatha First Nation stated that November would be best for them and thanked Hydro One for the suggestion.
2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they were in agreement with cancelling the meeting on October 9, 2024.

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2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they were in agreement with cancelling the meeting on October 9, 2024.
2024-10-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose rescheduling the DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting to November 21, 2024 in Peterborough or another community nearby.

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2024-10-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Alderville First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that a number of the DKPL and Holt SS meeting attendees had a conflict with the proposed meeting time on November 21, 2024.
2024-10-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Francis Chua Consulting (representing Curve Lake First Nation) to confirm that the next meeting for DKPL and Holt SS would remain as scheduled for November 13, 2024.

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2024-10-30	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Lead Don Richardson Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Loist - Paige Williams	Alyssa Bardy Jonathan Marriott Kenndal Soulliere Michael Farrell Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississauga's of Scugog Island, Encompass environmental and the Rice Lake Plains Partnership. Topics of this meeting included tall grass restoration and protection, Hydro One Vegetation Management overview, Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Information and a brief presentation on the DKPL project
2024-11-01	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the agenda and invite to the meeting on November 13, 2024. Hydro One noted that the meeting would focus on DKPL and Holt SS project updates and opportunities for involvment. Hydro One informed communities that information on the DKPL routing process and an opportunity for input would be sent in the coming days, along with information on the Stage 1 AA study. Hydro One requested preference and availability for ongoing meetings to accommodate an in-person meeting once every few months.
2024-11-01	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to remind them to provide feedback on the DKPL Field Work Plan by the end of November 2024. Hydro One shared a link to access the Field Work Plan for review. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to request input on the criteria and indicators that would be used to evaluate which alternative route would be selected as the Preferred Route for the Project. Hydro One requested feedback on the route evaluation criteria by November 29, 2024 and shared a link to the survey for feedback.

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2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.
2024-11-06	Email	Laurie Carr Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.
2024-11-12	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison	Alyssa Bardy	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide the contact for their Archaeology Coordinator to be copied on all communication regarding archaeology.

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2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to send a Teams meeting invite for November 13, 2024 as a calendar hold for their monthly project touchpoint meetings. Hydro One attached a meeting agenda and presentation.
2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that they would be late to their meeting on November 13, 2024.

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2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Paige Williams Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On November 13, 2024 Hydro One met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeast projects. Regarding DKPL, topics included the Field Work Plan review and upcoming 2025 field season, the Stage 1 AA report for review and upcoming Stage 2 AA in 2025, the Route Evaluation survey for community feedback, and the draft ESR review schedule. Hydro One discussed selected ECIs and encouraged IR with contractors.
2024-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to thank them for meeting with them on November 13, 2024. Hydro One acknowledged that there were several action items on Hydro One's end and that they would send a consolidated email to address action items. Hydro One shared screenshots of the Route Evaluation Survey that was discussed during the meeting and reminded communities that the survey would close on November 29, 2024. Hydro One shared the survey link.
2024-11-18	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison	Alyssa Bardy	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them and to express interest in meeting in person.
2024-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to suggest alternative dates and times to reschedule their meeting initially planned for January 8, 2024 due to conflicts.

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2024-12-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to indicate that aligning on a collective meeting date was a challenge and that they would cancel the meeting on January 8, 2025 in favour of individual invites based on community schedules. Hydro One also noted they would send a month-end communication with important timelines and dates to be reviewed at their meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One requested confirmation that their approach worked for the communities.
2024-12-05	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to share a link to the Stage 1 AA report and to confirm they had updated their contact information with the requested contact for archaeological correspondence going forward.
2024-12-06	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. with the attachment of the slide deck for the upcoming virtual meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One confirmed they would add the presentation to the meeting invite and noted that WSP would present on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conduct a SharePoint access walkthrough.

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2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Francis Chua Julie Henry Kayla Wright Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sean Davison	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On December 11, 2024, Hydro One met virtually with WSP, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeastern Ontario projects including the Bowmanville SS Expansion Project.
2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on December 11, 2024, to discuss Hydro One's Holt SS and DKPL projects. Hydro One's consultant, WSP presented on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conducted a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a year-end update and monthly summary on southeastern projects. Hydro One shared information regarding the Field Work Plan and upcoming 2025 field season, the Draft ESR reporting schedule, and upcoming community open houses for DKPL. Hydro One shared an update on the Class EA process, the Screening Criteria Rationale, mitigations table, and the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report for Holt SS. Hydro One also shared an update on the schedule for the Field Work Plan for the Bowmanville SS Expansion project.
2024-12-19	Email	Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them of a delay in billing/invoices.

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2025-01-06	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to reschedule the January meeting and proposed new dates and times for a monthly touchpoint. Hydro One provided their availability and offered to have a quick chat over coffee or tea if the dates and times were not suitable.
2025-01-09	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed HFN and invitation for a Project touchpoint on January 21, 2025.
2025-01-15	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that WSP was preparing the release of the SharePoint that would house the sections of the draft ESR for Indigenous Community review for the Project. Hydro One reshared the reporting schedule and requested confirmation of the contacts to be used for SharePoint access.
2025-01-16	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their contacts for SharePoint access.
2025-01-21	Meeting	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One hosted a meeting with Hiawatha First Nation on January 21, 2025 to provide updates on some of the projects occurring in the area. The meeting consisted first of an overview of the DKPL Project, including the ESR schedule and opportunities for input, the archaeological assessments, and the route evaluation. Hydro One and HFN discussed concerns about subcontractor rates. Hydro One committed to providing SharePoint access for ESR sharing and to address any technical issues. Hydro One also committed to clarifying monitor participation expectations and to provide contact points for administrative concerns. A meeting was scheduled for March to discuss forestry protocols and interim notification plans.

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2025-01-24	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (DNER) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project and requested feedback from Indigenous communities by February 23, 2025. A SharePoint site was created for access to the draft report. Hydro One noted that communities could submit comments directly if they preferred not to share them in the shared file.
2025-01-27	Email	Mike Howard	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that they would be in the office on January 29, 2025.
2025-01-30	Email	Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) regarding best practices for protection of traditional knowledge and community specific information while drafting the ESR. Hydro One informed HFN that the first chapter of the draft ESR
2025-01-31	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects. Hydro One noted that some schedule changes were indicated in the summary and that they looked forward to connecting on February 12, 2025.
2025-02-07	Email	Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on February 12, 2025.
2025-02-12	Invitation	Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation regarding the Draft ESR for First Nations review and wanted to ensure best practices for protecting traditional knowledge and community-specific information. Hydro One confirmed their approach will focus on high-level themes for species-specific information unless directed otherwise by the First Nation.

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2025-02-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Johanna Perz (AECOM) Jordan Witt (AECOM) Michael Teal (Golder) Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	On February 12, 2025, Hydro One and WSP met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to provide project updates for DKPL, Bowmanville SS, and Holt SS projects. Hydro One introduced their consultant for Bowmanville SS and discussed ELC surveys, expectations for engagement, and field monitoring on the Project. Hydro One discussed Stage 1 AA report reviews and Stage 2 AA for DKPL, including field monitoring opportunities.
2025-02-14	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Hiawatha First Nation prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.
2025-02-19	Email	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to propose rescheduling the regular SE projects meeting. Initially planned for March 24, 2025, Hydro One suggested combining it with forestry discussions in a full-day session on April 7 2025, with forestry in the morning and the SE project meeting in the afternoon. Hydro One mentioned reinstating the March 12, 2025 virtual meeting if needed and requested availability to confirm the new date.

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2025-02-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to close the loop on outstanding items from their meeting on February 12, 2025. Regarding Holt SS Hydro One proposed a two-step solution to the concerns raised, which included redoing the stage 1 and 2 archeology work, and tree cutting prior to the work to prevent subsurface disturbance. Regarding Bowmanville SS, Hydro One anticipated that archaeological work would be required as only a portion of the site had undergone pedestrian or test pitting and were committed to extending the opportunity for meaningful First Nations feedback, involvement, and input as they advanced toward the archaeological stage of the project. Regarding DKPL, Hydro One recognized the communities' concerns with the archaeology contractor and committed to hiring a third-party advisor to review the archeological work if the communities found that beneficial. Additionally, Hydro One proposed discussing additional mitigations via an archaeological working group. Hydro One proposed an urgent archaeology meeting on March 10, 2025 and requested the the First Nations' availability.
2025-02-25	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation and scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use criteria. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss the Project and the evaluation process.

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2025-03-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental and Minogi Corp with updates on various projects, including the DKPL Project, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One announced the selection of Route B for the DKPL Project and shared details on the Draft Environmental Study Report and Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One invited feedback on the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report and discussed plans for the Stage 2 Archaeology program. For Holt SS, Hydro One committed to redoing the Stage 1/2 Archaeological Assessment and scheduled a meeting with the Southern Williams Treaty Collective. Hydro One also provided information on the Ecology Field Work Plan for Bowmanville SS, inviting community participation and feedback.
2025-03-03	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. WSP requested feedback by April 10, 2025, and provided links for review. WSP noted that comments can be submitted separately if desired and mentioned that documents will become read-only after the review period. For SharePoint access questions, WSP provided a contact email.
2025-03-10	Meeting	Derek Paauaw Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy John Chadwick Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One and their consultant TMHC met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Minogi Corp. to discuss archaeology on Hydro One projects. Discussion included the plan to redo archaeology on Holt SS and Bowmanville SS; including an enhanced survey methodology brought up by AFN. Minogi Corp., representing MSIFN, thanked Hydro One for considering the enhanced methodology, no other concerns were raised. The group also discussed the comment responses on the DKPL Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment. It was confirmed that TMHC could look into a background report with AFN and submit to the Ministry. Additionally, there were discussions on both document control and artifact repatriation protocols.

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2025-03-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation a copy of the draft Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report for review. Hydro One requested comments back by April 14, 2025.
2025-03-21	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that the release of the 2025 Field Work Memo had been postponed to be able to review and incorporate comments received from communities on the DNER. WSP noted that the Field Work Memo would be released in two parts and provided a copy of the first memo, outlining the 2025 amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second memo would consider comments on the DNER and outline the remaining terrestrial and aquatic surveys taking place in 2025. WSP requested that Hiawatha First Nation confirm if they had Indigenous monitors that were available to attend surveys in 2025 and advised that all required documentation would need to be completed ahead of survey dates.
2025-03-24	Email	Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inquire if they were available to offer a traditional opening and greeting at the start of their meeting on March 24, 2025.

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2025-03-24	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Francis Chua Francis Chua Hiawatha First Nation Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy John Chadwick Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Francis Chua Consulting (supporting Curve Lake First Nation) Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation/Minogi for the monthly southeast Major Projects' touchpoint. The Durham Kawartha Powerline Project, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Projects were a topic of discussion and included updates on DKPL archaeology and natural environment studies, Holt SS archaeology, construction and next steps, and Bowmanville SS archaeology and natural environment studies.
2025-04-03	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to express concern and support following the recent storm that significantly impacted the community. Due to ongoing power restoration efforts, Hydro One proposed pausing next week's meeting to allow the community to focus on recovery and noted a lack of significant updates since the meeting on March 24, 2025. Hydro One offered to proceed based on Hiawatha First Nation's preference and assured them that project updates would be shared through the monthly update. Hydro One also offered to be available for phone calls or email discussions as needed.
2025-04-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to update them on the March 2025 SE Project and action items from the March 24, 2025 meeting. Due to ongoing power outages, the March updates were delayed, and the April 9, 2025 meeting was canceled, with updates to be shared via email. Hydro One provided summaries and updates on DKPL archaeology, fieldwork, and cultural heritage reviews, as well as sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. They also detailed progress and plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including vegetation removal, archaeological reassessment, and natural environment studies. Hydro One invited further questions and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.

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2025-04-08	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. The appendices were available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP mentioned that additional survey date details would be provided soon and requested Hiawatha First Nation to confirm if they have Indigenous monitors interested and available to attend surveys. WSP requested confirmation of interest and availability to ensure all documentation, including MSA, insurance, WSIB certificate, and WSP's Third-Party Verification process, is completed ahead of survey dates. WSP invited any questions.
2025-04-09	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder)	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General
2025-04-24	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to inform them that WSP was planning to begin Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork in early May 2025, with exact dates to be determined pending utility locates surveys, permission to enter, and weather. WSP requested confirmation of HFN's interest in participating in the fieldwork monitoring. WSP noted that participating monitors would be required to attend a morning safety tailgate meeting each day and follow WSP's project specific safety plan to be provided in advance upon request. WSP offered to provide their monitoring agreement for HFN to review, or for HFN to provide their own for WSP to review. WSP noted that once the agreement was in place they would provide HFN with advance notice of the fieldwork start date and details for HFN to join WSP's field crew. WSP inquired if HFN required a minimum advance notice to coordinate their staff.
2025-04-25	Email	Sean Davison	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Michael Teal (Golder) Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to apologize for an error made while typing their email address that resulted in them not receiving WSP's notification of Stage 2 archaeological fieldwork sent on April 24, 2024. WSP forwarded the original email.

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2025-04-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Michael Farrell Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation from EnCompass Environmental and Minogi Corp. to provide them with an agenda for their upcoming meeting on May 5, 2025. Hydro One also provided a consolidated summary of the urban forestry strategy for their review. Hydro One noted that a copy of the slide deck would be provided prior to their meeting
2025-05-30	Email	Dakota Law	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to thank them for sharing information about the golf tournament. Hydro One confirmed they would reach out to a contact at Chiefs of Ontario to determine sponsorship opportunities for the event. Hydro One also suggested that they get together for lunch.
2025-05-27	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if HFN wanted to participate.
2025-05-22	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide a SharePoint link to the initial draft of section 4 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for an advanced review and confirmed that the full public review was expected to take place in fall 2025. WSP clarified that previous schedules for the ESR review period noted that sections 7 and 8 would accompany section 4, however due to unforeseen delays a separate review period for sections 7 and 8 would begin in June when the draft sections were finalized. WSP noted that Hydro One requested feedback on section 4 by June 24, 2025. WSP also advised that if the communities did not want their comments included in the shared file with other communities, that they could download a copy to include comments to be sent to WSP and Hydro One. WSP also noted that comments could not be added to the file after the review period.

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2025-05-22	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that round 2 of amphibian surveys had been rescheduled to take place the week of May 26, 2025. WSP provided details of survey timing and a tentative schedule for survey locations by date. WSP welcomed participation from field monitors and noted that a monitoring agreement, WSIB, and liability insurance were required to participate in field monitoring. WSP requested to be informed if any monitors were available or interested in participating.
2025-05-20	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP noted that round 2 of amphibian surveys was postponed due to weather and an updated schedule with survey locations would be provided. WSP provided fieldwork survey dates for Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments (AA), eDNA and aquatics surveys, round 1 of breeding bird surveys, round 3 of amphibian surveys, round 2 of breeding bird surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join this teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP noted that only communities with monitoring agreements, WSIB, and liability insurance could attend. WSP requested to be informed if HFN wanted to participate.
2025-05-06	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) providing an update on the upcoming amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second round of amphibian surveys would take place the week of May 20, 2025, with surveys scheduled to begin 30 minutes after sunset and end by midnight. WSP indicated tentative plans to visit a few locations and provided corresponding dates. WSP referenced the March 21, 2025 memo, with a map of survey locations. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their teams in the field for any of the dates noted or future surveys. WSP specified that only monitors from communities with a fully executed monitoring agreement, as well as up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance, would be able to attend. WSP requested HFN to confirm their interest in joining field studies in May or June and to reach out to them as soon as possible.

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2025-05-15	In-Person Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Courtney Gauthier Dan Reeves Jeff Hankin Jonathan Marriott Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Michael Farrell Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss forestry protocols in the Williams Treaty Territory as well as to provide the monthly update on the DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Projects.
2025-05-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.

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2025-05-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to announce a role change effective May 28 2025. The team member expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Michi Saagiig communities over the past 1.5 years and emphasized the importance of the work done together. The team member noted that they would attend the June 11, 2025 meeting to wrap up loose ends and say goodbye, as another member from Hydro One would continue to support the projects. Hydro One requested for patience during the transition and assured that the new team members would handle the portfolio with care. Hydro One expressed hope for future interactions.
2025-06-03	Email	Jill Stevens	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to express their pleasure in being able to assist and participate in the Pow Wow and other community events over the years. Hydro One requested to be informed if there were any other opportunities available to support Hiawatha First Nation.
2025-06-04	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.
2025-06-05	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on their capacity funding. Hydro One also reminded Hiawatha First Nation about a community investment opportunity.
2025-06-09	Email	Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation noting that identified Hydro One Staff had officially moved on from the Hydro One Indigenous Relations team but would be attending the June 11, 2025, meeting to bid farewell. Hydro One noted that new team members would be attending the meeting.
2025-06-09	Email	Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that they would be honoured to open the meeting on June 11, 2025.

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2025-06-09	Email	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they looked forward to connecting at their meeting on June 11, 2025 and to introduce Indigenous Relations team members joining the Project.
2025-06-11	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation provide additional information on capacity funding. Hydro One mentioned they would be in Hiawatha on June 16, 2025 if they wanted to discuss further in person.
2025-06-11	Email	Laurie Carr Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One had a monthly touchpoint meeting with Williams Treaties First Nations representatives including Hiawatha First Nation (HFN), Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN), and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to discuss updates and collaborative efforts on Hydro One's transmission projects. Project updates included advanced review schedule for upcoming ESR chapters, development of a tall grass prairie protocol, updates on field studies, biodiversity initiative, funding proposals, and Traditional Knowledge Studies.
2025-06-18	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-24	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-25	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-27	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an initial draft of Sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for early review. WSP noted that the full public review of the completed ESR would take place in fall 2025. WSP also noted that a separate table for Indigenous culture, values, and land use concerns and mitigation measures was developed for review. WSP requested comments and feedback by June 28, 2025.
2025-07-02	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-03	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to request a meeting to discuss the Project and any concerns or feedback HFN may have had. Hydro One proposed dates during the week of July 7, 2025.
2025-07-07	Meeting	Hiawatha First Nation Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to discuss Project engagement, including the quality of engagement, opportunities for improvement, and HFN's priorities. HFN noted minor gaps in email communication and emphasized the importance of consistent information sharing. HFN described Hydro One as a cooperative partner and expressed interest in maintaining ongoing communication, noting plans to engage an Indigenous-led consultant to support future collaboration. HFN also inquired about a new project, and Hydro One confirmed that the bid had not yet been awarded.

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2025-07-08	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025, and welcomed their attendance.
2025-07-08	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed WSP to advise that no monitors would be available to attend the Butternut Health Assessment scheduled for July 9, 2025.
2025-07-08	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to acknowledge receipt of HFN's notification regarding the unavailability of monitors for the Butternut Health Assessment scheduled for July 9, 2025.
2025-07-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region. AFN requested that winter ecological studies be conducted and asked for a copy of Hydro One's Cultural Heritage Evaluation Policy.

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2025-07-14	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-14	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to express their appreciation for Hydro One's approach to requesting community's protocols for archaeological finds. HFN advised that all archaeology-related matter should be directed to HFN's archaeological coordinator and additional contacts for any sensitive finds . HFN also provided excerpts from their participation contract that contained explicit provisions outlining HFN's expectations around archaeological finds.
2025-07-15	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-15	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to thank them for confirming their protocol in the event of an archaeological find and confirmed that they would circulate the information with their environment team for shared knowledge.
2025-07-18	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to share section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR for advanced review and requested comments to be provided by August 15, 2025. WSP provided an update on staffing.
2025-07-22	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-07-23	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to apologize for the confusion and provided a document regarding Indigenous Field Participation for an overview of the process for Indigenous monitors. Hydro One clarified that the overarching capacity funding agreement covered costs for engagement and that fieldwork was covered under an agreement with WSP. Hydro One inquired if WSP could share a template agreement for HFN to quicken the process.
2025-07-23	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide a monitoring agreement.
2025-07-28	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they would send out a calendar invite for a meeting in August 2025 and requested to be informed if any communities had a preferred date for their meeting, recognizing that calendars were quite full for the month of August 2025.
2025-07-29	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-08-05	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-06	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Hiawatha First Nation emailed WSP to advise that no monitors would be available to attend the Butternut Health Assessment scheduled for August 21, 2025, and requested that WSP provide the assessment results.
2025-08-06	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation (HFN) to acknowledge that no HFN monitors would be available to attend the Butternut Health Assessment scheduled for August 21, 2025, and that the results would be provided once available.
2025-08-12	Email	Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide the presentation slides for the August 13, 2025, meeting, acknowledging that some representatives were unable to attend. Hydro One offered to discuss the presentation materials and proposed a lunch meeting as a possible format.

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2025-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the presentation slides for the August 15, 2025, meeting and proposed an in-person meeting in fall 2025.
2025-08-12	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-14	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to express their appreciation for Hydro One's approach to requesting community's protocols for archaeological finds. HFN advised that all archaeology-related matter should be directed to HFN's archaeological coordinator and additional contacts for any sensitive finds . HFN also provided excerpts from their participation contract that contained explicit provisions outlining HFN's expectations around archaeological finds.

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2025-08-15	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss the development of the file access virtual platform, monitor training, winter studies, environmental reporting, transmission line construction, the biodiversity initiative, the Endangered Species Act, Bill C5 and permitting, and ongoing archaeology work.
2025-08-19	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. Provided dates and locations for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-29	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season.

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2025-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation to inform them that their internal meeting would be gathering at Hiawatha First Nation on September 10, 2025, and invited all communities to join them in-person if they were able. Hydro One confirmed they would send out an agenda and presentation deck ahead of the meeting for their review. Hydro One requested to be informed if attendees were able to attend in-person and confirmed that they would maintain the virtual option as well.
2025-09-02	Email	Laurie Carr Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2025-09-10	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on multiple projects. Topics of discussion included winter studies, feedback on advanced review of the DNER and ESR chapters, targeted studies, habitat definitions in the reports, and the biodiversity initiative.
2025-10-06	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to recommend shortening their scheduled monthly project touchpoint due to the lack of substantial updates they had for attendees, and to share an agenda item for discussion regarding confidential file sharing and storage. Hydro One requested confirmation from attendees that they were comfortable with the proposal to shorten the meeting. Hydro One shared their approach for adding community members to respective sharing folders and requested confirmation from communities for the members that would require access.

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2025-10-17	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to share the Project was nearly ready to release its draft ESR for public review. Hydro One thanked the Williams Treaty First Nations for their feedback, input, and effort on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations via their shared workspace. Hydro One also acknowledged a few outstanding responses that were forthcoming. Hydro One encouraged communities to work with their internal teams to submit invoices ahead of the holidays.
2025-10-22	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Energy Lead Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to apologize for the delay in their response regarding the winter studies proposal and to inform them that they would be reviewing the proposal as a team. Hydro One inquired if MSIFN was available to meet on October 30 or 31, 2025 to discuss.

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2025-10-29	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Kayla Wright Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region.
2025-11-14	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Hiawatha First Nation to share an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.

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2025-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for meeting with them and to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. MSIFN thanked Hydro One and their team for their ongoing partnership and noted that they looked forward to continued collaboration on the Project. MSIFN copied Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation for visibility.

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2025-12-10	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that a winter study proposal had been selected for Hydro One's review and approval to advance winter surveys for the Project. MSIFN copied representation from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation for visibility.
2025-12-10	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and representation to thank them all for their effort and time to bring forward the winter studies proposal. Hydro One confirmed they would share it with the team for review and noted that they would likely have an opportunity to review and provide feedback in January 2025 due to capacity and efforts to complete the final ESR.

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2025-12-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tamara Whitby Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to express gratitude for their effort, insight, and willingness to collaborate and lead to the success of their projects. Hydro One noted that the collaboration on DKPL had been precedent setting and emphasized that meaningful participation of First Nations was the best and only way forward within the industry. Hydro One shared a list of action items and updates in lieu of their monthly meeting and wished everyone a nice holiday break.
2025-12-15	Email	Mike Howard	Lesley Smith	Hiawatha First Nation forwarded an email to a contact with Hydro One Indigenous Relations to seek assistance while their other Hydro One contact was out of office.
2025-12-15	Email	Mike Howard	Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation requesting the original email that they sought assistance with.
2025-12-15	Email	Mike Howard	Lesley Smith	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to explain that they were seeking assistance with tracking meeting attendance for their records as they had a new system in place.
2025-12-15	Email	Mike Howard	Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to confirm they would look into the request and offered to meet in person on December 16, 2025.
2025-12-15 13:11	Email	Mike Howard	Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to thank them for confirming they would be in office.
2025-12-15 13:11	Email	Mike Howard	Lesley Smith	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for offering their assistance and to confirm they would be in the office in-person on December 16, 2025.

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2025-12-17	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation to provide their responses to MSIFN's comments on the draft ESR. Hydro One welcomed any additional feedback and looked forward to continuing discussions in the new year.
2025-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation to confirm that they also added the draft ESR comment responses to the shared workspace.

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2026-01-06	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Sean Tutak	Hiawatha First Nation emailed Hydro One to request that they resend the meeting invite for their monthly projects meeting on January 9, 2026. HFN also introduced their new Archaeology Coordinator to be included on all archaeology correspondence.
2026-01-07	Email	Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Erika Dawson Laura Witherow Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Hiawatha First Nation to introduce their role as relationship manager for southeast projects. Hydro One noted that while DKPL and Holt had completed most of their archaeology phase, other projects were getting underway. Hydro One also confirmed that they resent the monthly projects meeting invite.
2026-01-08	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a copy of the meeting deck for review. Hydro One noted that the deck had been updated following the holiday period, which resulted in a slight delay in circulation. Hydro One confirmed that decks would be shared on a regular schedule going forward to ensure earlier distribution. Hydro One further noted that the agenda and supporting materials would be provided closer to the meeting date. Hydro One confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM via Microsoft Teams, with meeting details, including links and dial-in information included in the communication.

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2026-01-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to hold their first monthly meeting of 2026. The meeting introduced new staff and provided updates on the five southeast projects: Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line, Holt SS, Durham Kawartha Power Line, Bowmanville SS, and Bowmanville x GTA East.
2026-01-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and representation to confirm their interest in supporting the one-time winter studies proposal put forth by their hired subcontractor. Hydro One provided conditions for the study and confirmed that their finance department would reach out to MSIFN once outstanding items had been resolved.

HFN Comment Responses

From: Relationships and Engagement <relationships@4directionsconservation.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 8:40 PM
To: WHETUNG Ryerson <Ryerson.Whetung@hydroone.com>; Lewis, Aisha <aisha.lewis@wsp.com>
Cc: SCOTT Rhona <Rhona.scott@hydroone.com>; SOULLIERE Kenndal <Kenndal.soulliere@hydroone.com>; BARDY Alyssa <Alyssa.Bardy@HydroOne.com>; Hildebrandt, Jenna <Jenna.Hildebrandt@wsp.com>
Subject: Re: DKPL Field Studies and Monitoring - Hiawatha First Nation

Boozhoo Rye,
Miigwetch for seeking to address my concerns head on—let's follow that up in a separate email chain/telephone call.

I have heard back from the environment team and HFN is suggesting the following additional monitoring/surveying for the DKLP:

--MMP (Marsh Monitoring program)
--SAR specific surveys (if SAR have been identified in the area, NHIC).
--HDF (Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment, TRCA protocol)
--Botanical assessment should be 3 season to identify potential rare plants (spring, summer and fall).
--Fish community (For watercourses with limited to no fish information).
--Wetland delineation
--Wildlife corridor/passage identification (likely an inclusion to the general wildlife survey, potential usage of placed trail cams/acoustic monitors)
--Aquatic assessment inclusion: water quality testing (baseline testing for later contamination monitoring); inclusive of wetland area water quality testing (especially since the flow rate tends lower in wetlands)

For any clarification on the above suggested surveys and monitoring, follow up will need to be done with Lee Scholl. Unfortunately, I speak limited 'ecologist'.

Miigwetch
Trish

From: Lewis, Aisha <aisha.lewis@wsp.com>
Sent: August 23, 2024 5:27 PM
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Cc: SCOTT Rhona <Rhona.scott@hydroone.com>; SOULLIERE Kenndal <Kenndal.soulliere@hydroone.com>; BARDY Alyssa <Alyssa.Bardy@hydroone.com>; Hildebrandt, Jenna <Jenna.Hildebrandt@wsp.com>; Squires, Callum <callum.squires@wsp.com>; WHETUNG Ryerson <Ryerson.Whetung@hydroone.com>
Subject: RE: DKPL Field Studies and Monitoring - Hiawatha First Nation

Aaniin Trisha,

The Field Work Plan for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) can be accessed here for your community's review: Link

The Project team also discussed the additional suggestions from your environmental team. When proposing the field program, the most important consideration was the anticipated level of impact from DKPL. The majority of the project is within an existing right-of-way with very limited new disturbance/clearing. Please see the Project team's response below to additional surveys and monitoring suggested by HFN.

- **MMP (Marsh Monitoring program)**
    - Assuming this refers to both amphibians and marsh birds, we're past the survey windows for this calendar year. We could potentially get around this with mitigation commitments i.e., winter work with mats, etc. to avoid impacts to wetlands in the ROW and associated wildlife, where wetlands cannot be avoided altogether.
- **SAR specific surveys (if SAR have been identified in the area, NHIC).**
    - Some are captured in breeding bird surveys however we missed windows for other taxa. Again, we should consider the value here given the low impact of the project. We would recommend focusing on areas of new disturbance to inform permitting.
    - No SAR fish identified within the study area
- **HDF (Headwater Drainage Feature Assessment, TRCA protocol)**
    - Headwater drainage features (HDFs) are the small stream, swale, and wetland features that capture water and transport it to larger streams and rivers. They are evaluated according to the TRCA 2008 manual.
    - Although all the same criteria are collected as recommended for HDF assessments under our current program outside of the April to June timeline (i.e., feature type, riparian conditions, flow, vegetation, bankfull widths/depths, water quality, connectivity etc.), we collect additional information to further classify the fish and fish habitat community and surface water features beyond what is contained in a HDF assessment (as these are limited to small water features, typically non-permanent features). This information allows us to quantify and qualify potential environmental effects, suggest appropriate mitigation and monitoring actions, and facilitate permitting in a seamless manner.
- **Botanical assessment should be 3 season to identify potential rare plants (spring, summer and fall).**
    - Value for this type of assessment would be greatest in new disturbance areas; we will be completing botanical inventory next month (summer) and could do fall inventory this calendar year.
- **Fish community (For watercourses with limited to no fish information).**

    - Transmission Line projects tend to avoid interaction with surface water as much as possible. We would be open to adding an eDNA program into the workplan. We would target to collect this information at a subset of visited sites where information is dated or lacking.
- **Wetland delineation**
    - Again, transmission line projects tend to avoid interaction with surface water as much as possible. Widespread wetland delineation wouldn't add much value at this stage of the project. This would be most valuable if there is a need to inform structure siting at a given location. We do ELC mapping which provides reasonable delineation otherwise, with some field verification.
- **Wildlife corridor/passage identification (likely an inclusion to the general wildlife survey, potential usage of placed trail cams/acoustic monitors)**
    - We can make reasonable assumptions about potential movement routes based on land cover and available wildlife observations from existing and field data. Keeping in mind that there is very little new disturbance or clearing on the DKPL project. The field crew will note any areas in the field.
- **Aquatic assessment inclusion: water quality testing (baseline testing for later contamination monitoring); inclusive of wetland area water quality testing (especially since the flow rate tends lower in wetlands)**
    - We are currently proposing in-situ water quality for temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, and turbidity)

Miigwetch,

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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Record of Consultation

Date	Type of communication	Stakeholders	Staff members	Summary
2023-11-02	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that the community held a meeting on November 1, 2023 with Williams Treaty First Nations Chiefs to discuss energy investment opportunities and collaborative approaches to the GTA East Project. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation also noted that they would be happy to host Hydro One focused meetings with Williams Treaty First Nations representatives going forward.
2023-11-02	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Matthew Jackson Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note their appreciation for the community offering to host Hydro One focused meetings with other Williams Treaties First Nations involved. Hydro One inquired about the availability of the communities.
2023-11-09	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Matthew Jackson Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they were available on December 6 or 7, 2023, or the week of December 11, 2023. Hydro One also noted that Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Chippewa Tri-Council reached out to inquire about availability for a meeting on the Project.
2023-11-09	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Matthew Jackson Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that they would be available to schedule a meeting in January 2024 and that they would get back to Hydro One with a proposed date.
2023-11-09	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Matthew Jackson Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for the update on their availability for a meeting sometime in January 2024.
2023-11-13	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking-Lopez Christopher Grol Erika Dawson Matthew Jackson Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that a representative of the Chippewa Tri-Council had requested a meeting to discuss the Project during the week of December 11, 2023 and inquired if they were interested in participating. Hydro One recognized that Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation wanted to meet as a collective in January.
2024-01-09	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation follow up on scheduling a meeting to discuss GTA East Project and Equity Model.
2024-01-10	Email	Don Richardson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide potential dates for a virtual meeting to review Equity Partnership Model and the GTA East Project.

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2024-01-25	Meeting	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss equity partnership and the GTA East Project. Other topics included: partnership with Williams Treaty Nations and development within MSIFN.
2024-01-25	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a presentation on the Equity Model and the GTA East Project.
2024-02-06	Email	Don Richardson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inquire about the status of a proposed energy meeting.
2024-02-06	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island emailed Hydro One in response to an inquiry about an upcoming energy meeting and provided contact information to be included on correspondence going forward.
2024-02-07	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inquire about the status of a meeting to discuss energy projects and to set up a meeting to discuss the GTA East Project and equity partnership.
2024-02-08	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Natalya Garrod Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they still intended to forward the GIS shape files that the community had requested. Hydro One noted that the environmental team was still defining the study area and that they would forward the shape file once it was ready.
2024-03-05	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose a meeting to discuss the next steps. Hydro One also confirmed the Project was now referred to as the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project.
2024-03-05	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed HONI asking HONI to provide some upcoming dates for Durham-Kawartha meeting and equity partnership review
2024-03-06	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island emailed HONI about potential to discuss the Darlington SMR project in upcoming meeting for the Durham - Kawartha Power Line Project

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2024-03-07	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to confirm they will set aside time to review the equity partnership. Hydro One attached a slide deck on the project for MSIFN to review.
2024-03-07	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed HONI to provide availability for upcoming meeting and provide update about additional team members. Also discussed was the topic of an upcoming in person meeting in which MSIFN inquired about potential dates.
2024-03-07	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) confirming date for upcoming virtual meeting. Additionally, HONI provided date of upcoming meeting in which Hydro One would be meeting with Hiawatha First Nation and requested MSIFN to hold the date
2024-03-11	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Minogi Corp. emailed Hydro One to inquire if a meeting on March 21, 2024 had been coordinated with other First Nations an requested a meeting link, if so.
2024-03-11	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them a meeting with both MSIFN and Hiawatha First Nation could not be coordinated at this time. Hydro One noted that they were still holding a virtual meeting to review the equity partnership and project updates in more detail. Hydro One requested MSIFN's availability to have a follow up meeting as well.
2024-03-15	Meeting	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Gary F. Kissack Julie Kapyrka Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One met with representation from Alderville First Nation (AFN) and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to discuss the status of the Durham Kawartha Project and the equity partnership. Topics additionally discussed were the Darlington Connect project and procurement opportunities.
2024-03-15	Invitation	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Gary F. Kissack Julie Kapyrka Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed an invite to Mississaugas of Scugog Island and Alderville First Nation to meet and discuss the Durham/Kawartha Powerline Project and provide information on Darlington project

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2024-03-21	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Gary F. Kissack Julie Kapyrka Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, and Minogi Corporation an attachment of the action items recorded from the previous week's discussion of the DKPL project.
2024-04-19	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Mike Vanegmond Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note their upcoming meeting on May 2, 2024 to discuss the Project and provide next steps.
2024-04-19	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they had been made aware by partner communities that there may be concerns from communities regarding archaeological consultants and that Hydro One would be obtaining and utilizing opinions from communities. Hydro One also noted that they looked forward to the meeting on May 2, 2024.
2024-04-19	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that they typically rely on the advice from Alderville First Nation pertaining to archaeological matters.
2024-05-02	Meeting	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with MSIFN, AFN, HFN, Minogi, Zhooniya Makak, and 4 Directions Conservation Consulting to discuss the DKPL Project and introduce the Holt SS Project. DKPL topics discussed were pertaining to project scope and size, timelines, capacity funding, and equity partnership funding. Additional topics discussed were procurement and employment opportunities for Williams Treaties communities throughout the Project, the closeout of Darlington Connect Project and an overview of Holt SS.

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2024-05-03	Email	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Pelino Colaiacovo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sandy Mackay Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Alderville Frist Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Curve Lake First Nation to request their availability for a meeting in May 2024 to review the Capacity Funding Agreements. Hydro One shared the action items from their meeting including sharing commitments made by WSP from the RFP process, sharing messaging from Minogi Corp with ALGP regarding the equity partnership, to follow up with internal teams regarding sharing the scoring matrix for ECI/EPC and to share if permitted, and to share shape files and Capacity Funding Agreements. Hydro One also confirmed that the discussion around union roles in relation to employment opportunities would continue internally.
2024-05-07	Email	Don Richardson John Rowinski Mindy Knott Stephanie Zilinski	Amanda Hocking-Lopez	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation to request the contacts responsible for monitoring coordination and invoice submission.
2024-05-16	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to notify them that they were in the process of finalizing details on the shapefiles for the Project and would provide them shortly. Hydro One also inquired if MSIFN is using a platform called Nations Connect.
2024-05-16	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to propose a reoccurring Project meeting and provided availability. Hydro One invited MSIFN to share comments on the Project, and inquired about the status of a potential sponsorship for MSIFN's Pow Wow. Hydro One noted an upcoming procurement discussion scheduled for May 24, 2024.
2024-05-21	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One thank them for the update on the shapefiles and noted that shapefiles compatible with ArcGIS were preferred. MSIFN inquired about next steps for the capacity funding agreement and if they could address it during their June 2024 meeting.
2024-05-21	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting on June 10, 2024. MSIFN suggested follow up monthly meetings on July 8, 2024 and August 12, 2024. MSIFN also noted they would follow up with their team regarding Project statements and Pow Wow sponsorship.
2024-05-21	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they would ensure the shapefiles they provide would be compatible. Hydro One also noted that they were finalizing the capacity funding agreement for internal review and could discuss on June 10, 2024.

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2024-05-22	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to respond to Hydro One's voicemail noting that they do not have field monitors available at this time, and that they are working closely with AFN on Archaeology. MSFIN also provided contact information for different parts of the project and inquired about timelines, EPC selection and the consultant selected for the project.
2024-05-23	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide answers to their questions regarding the Environmental Assessment and consultant, the ECI selection process and some timelines for more information.
2024-05-24	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Kelly LaRocca	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an advanced Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One noted that, since October 2023 they had been working with MSIFN to develop an ongoing relationship and discuss potential equity partners in Hydro One's 50/50 First Nations Equity Model. Hydro One offered to host an open house in their community to provide dialogue and Project information to MSIFN.
2024-06-03	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide shapefiles and requested confirmation that the files were compatible with their needs.
2024-06-05	Email	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Minogi Corp. on behalf of MSIFN emailed Hydro One confirming their preference to keep the upcoming meeting on DKPL and Holt SS projects to virtual. Minogi proposed confirming the next meeting to be in person following the June 10th meeting
2024-06-05	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Minogi Corp. on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire about the tabled Capacity Funding Agreement and the timelines surrounding documentation for the equity partnership.
2024-06-06	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the project shapefiles.

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2024-06-10	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Clint Keeler Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Hiawatha First Nation John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One hosted an online meeting with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, along with representation from Minogi and Voyageur Services Inc in a meeting to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and Holt SS. Hydro One shared that the Notice of Commencement had been released publicly on June 4, 2024, and provided an overview of the Project timelines and the route alternatives for a 3 km stretch of the line that would be evaluated by an environmental assessment and community and stakeholder input. Hydro One provided an overview of the Multi-Project CFA, highlighting the history of the agreement development and a breakdown of the capacity funding available for each community. Hydro One also discussed upcoming field studies for the Project as well as planned Community Open Houses. Communities inquired about Hydro One's Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) process and selection.
2024-06-12	Email	Clint Keeler "consultation Consultation" Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams "rob Lukacs Rlukacs" "sam Shrubsole Sshrubsole" Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One followed up with the attendees of the June 10, 2024 meeting to provide answers on the Early Contractor Involvement process for DKPL, as well as noting some upcoming initiatives for field studies on both DKPL and Holt SS Projects. Hydro One also extended the invitation to hold First Nation Community Open houses, and requested a suitable timing from each community for reoccurring monthly meetings.
2024-06-13	Email	Clint Keeler Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for following up and provided their availability for July 8 and August 12, 2024 for a meeting with Hydro One. MSIFN inquired if AFN, CLFN, and HFN were also available during these dates.

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2024-06-14	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Krista Coppaway Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed MSIFN, Minogi Corp., CLFN, AFN, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of HFN, to provide notice that Hydro One's environmental consultant, WSP would reach out to provide notice of upcoming field studies and field monitoring opportunities.
2024-06-20	Invitation	Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent a meeting invitation to Alderville First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp, and Voyageur Services Limited for July 8, 2024 via Microsoft Teams.
2024-07-05	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that they were also looking forward to meeting on July 8, 2024 and to confirm their finance team point of contact.
2024-07-08	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Paige Williams Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with representation and members from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation to discuss project updates on DKPL and Holt SS. Topics included project timelines, Class EA process, field work and opportunities for First Nations involvement, Capacity Funding Agreement, and project next steps. Meeting attendees agreed to hold the next meeting on August 12, 2024 in person in Scugog Island.
2024-07-08	Email	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to request a MSIFN representative be added to all correspondences regarding the DKPL and Holt SS projects.

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2024-07-10	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corporation, Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation a copy of the slide deck and meeting notes from a DKPL and Holt SS project meeting. Hydro One noted the revised DKPL CFAs would be sent soon.
2024-07-16	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One and inquired if they would like to meet at the GBH Hotel or if they would need more space. MSIFN noted that they could look at the conference room at the hotel or the Hall at MSIFN.
2024-08-06	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and noted they were away on vacation the previous week and apologized for the delay. Hydro One thanked Mississaugas of Scugog Island First for their help in coordinating the meeting and noted they looked forward to meeting the following week.
2024-08-09	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to notify them that fieldwork would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP reminded Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation that a signed Indigenous Monitoring Agreement would be required for participation in the fieldwork and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.
2024-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One, 4 Direction Conservation Consulting, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation to inform them that they were running ten minutes late for the meeting.

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2024-08-12	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to request meeting presentations that they were missing from their previous meetings to share with their consultant. MSIFN inquired if they could start a SharePoint or something similar to save all the meeting presentations and reports in.
2024-08-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Sam Shrubsole	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to notify them that they were interested in getting a monitor into the field and requested a draft Monitoring Agreement for their review. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation also requested any future fieldwork dates to coordinate in their calendars.
2024-08-13	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm they could provide the information they requested and noted that they were working with IT to set up a Sharepoint for shared information sources.
2024-08-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Sam Shrubsole	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a draft Indigenous Organization Monitor Master Services Agreement and provided an information sheet outlining liability insurance and WSIB requirements. WSP noted that they would continue to work with Hydro One to secure additional property access for future fieldwork and notify all communities soon.
2024-08-14	Email	Alison Fraser Clint Keeler Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp., Zhooniya Makak, Voyageur Services Limited, 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and thanked them for meeting with them. Hydro One assured the First Nation communities and organizations that they were taking their recommendations, insight, and knowledge with the utmost care and that they wished to continue the conversations and action items in a good way. Hydro One provided the slide deck that presented at the meeting and the shapefiles for DKPL. Hydro One also provided additional information on Holt SS that they were not able to discuss in person due to time constraints including supporting information on the screening process as well as a summary of the field studies that were completed. Hydro One provided a list of action items and noted to reach out with any questions.
2024-08-14	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them.

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2024-08-14	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a complete list of presentations from their meetings and confirmed they would be getting a Sharepoint for each project. Hydro One inquired if they could schedule their monthly project updates on the second Wednesday of every month.
2024-08-14	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to thank them for the presentations and expressed their excitement for the Sharepoint. MSIFN provided some times that would work for them to have the monthly meeting to take place on the second Wednesday of every month.
2024-08-15	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to note that they confirmed the timing of the upcoming Project presentation with their subconsultant.
2024-08-16	Email	Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they would send a poll out to try and organize a time to present the Project to them.
2024-08-16	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Samantha Craig-Curnow	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to inquire if they had regular availability to meet. Hydro One inquired if there were any dates that the MSIFN would like to visit the Holt SS project with an environmental working session. Hydro One also inquired if there was an interest to do the same with DKPL.
2024-08-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN), EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to inquire of MSIFN had any interest in visiting DKPL and Holt SS's route alternatives A and B. Hydro One also invited MSIFN to working sessions for additional field survey opportunities.
2024-08-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and 4 Directions Conservation Consultation and noted they had reached out to each community to schedule field visits and working sessions on the environmental aspects of both Holt SS and DKPL. Hydro One stated they would leave this information with each community to indicate their approach and if they wished to participate. Hydro One noted they would be happy to schedule in dates to facilitate conversations and actions following their return from vacation they following week.

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2024-08-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-08-20	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a response to their requested changes to the CFA.Hydro One noted they could add wording to satisfy their inquiry about administrative funds. Hydro One also noted that they accepted the proposed changes to Sections 5.2 and 5.3.
2024-08-21	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire about a timeline for the decision on administrative costs and circulation of the revised CFA.
2024-08-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to indicate that they would send a site visit invitation for MSIFN to see the Holt Switching SS and DKPL Project Routes A and B. Hydro One provided updates on the Holt SS field studies and surveys, noting they were completed and are expecting the Draft Natural Environment Existing Condition Report to be available for review mid-September. Hydro One provided updates on the DKPL project and noted to contact them with any questions.
2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island ,Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete.
2024-08-29	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and inquired about their interest in having a community open house in Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide community update for the Project and noted that the environmental team, project managers, engineering, and real estate teams would be available to answer questions.
2024-08-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Zhooniya Makak to inform them that Hydro One was working to build an evaluation framework to determine the preferred route for the Project on a segment of approximately 3 km. Hydro One provided a map of the Project and noted it was also available as an interactive map on the Project website. Hydro One noted that they intended to include discussion of the route evaluation at their next monthly meeting on September 11, 2024 and listed potential criteria related to Indigenous Culture, Values, and Land Use.
2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.

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2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua John Rowinski Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jamie Waller Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Kevin Bros Lithwick Sharon Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One and confirmed that the timing of the meeting and site visit works for them.
2024-09-06	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Erin Hayward Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Sean Davison Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amber-Dawn Boudreau Erika Dawson Matthew Jackson Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Minogi Corp. on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One in response to their letter sent on August 12, 2024 regarding Hydro One maintenance activities. Minogi noted that they reviewed Hydro One's response internally and concluded that there was merit in reaching an agreement with Hydro One on short and long-term operational management requirements. Minogi requested the agreement discussion be added to their agenda for their meeting on September 11, 2024. Minogi noted that this was a priority and that they would report on progress to MSIFN Chief and Council, and discuss further with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Hiawatha First Nation.

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2024-09-12	Email	Aaninguaq Peterson Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Gary Pritchard Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, 4D Conservation Consultation, and Francis Chua Consulting to provide a copy of the meeting materials from their Project meeting on September 11, 2024.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share maps of the locations they would be conducting ecological land classification, botanical surveys, and general wildlife and habitat surveys from September 17 to 18, 2024.WSP noted that they would send meet up location to communities with fully executed Monitoring Agreements and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance. WSP provided a list of required PPE for field participation. WSP also noted that additional details about the aquatics fieldwork in October 2024 would be provided once confirmed and requested to be informed if communities had monitors that were interested in participating.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that if monitors did not have safety glasses, a hard hat, or high visibility vest, WSP could provide them, and requested to be informed if any of the items would be required ahead of the scheduled field work dates.

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2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Erin Hayward Gary Pritchard Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Lee Scholl Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie Trisha Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amber-Dawn Boudreau Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Matthew Jackson Michael Farrell Peck Mathew Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	4 Directions Conservation Consultation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to inform them that effective September 17, 2024 they no longer represent Hiawatha First Nation and to please remove 4 Directions Conservation Consultation from all communications meant for Hiawatha First Nation.
2024-09-19	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to inform them that they would be the only representative from MSIFN to attend.
2024-09-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Francis Chua Consulting to finalize the details for upcoming site visits to DKPL and Holt SS sites. Hydro One noted that the meeting had been condensed and would start at 12:30 PM. Attendees were asked to confirm their attendance and note any preferences about logistics.
2024-09-23	Email	Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their contact who would attend the site visit on September 24, 2024 for DKPL and Holt SS.

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2024-09-23	Email	Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that weather was not looking good for their site visit on September 24, 2024 and inquired if they should keep in mind a rain date.
2024-09-23	Email	Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to note that rescheduling would be best for them so other members of their team could also attend. MSIFN requested availability from Hydro One to propose to the team.
2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.
2024-09-23	Email	Don Richardson	Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire if they were available to connect on September 24, 2024.
2024-09-23	Email	Don Richardson	Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island to inform them that they would not be in attendance at the Ontario Electricity Association dinner and requested their availability in the coming week to chat.
2024-09-23	Email	Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to confirm that Curve Lake First Nation would still be attending the site visit on September 24, 2024, in case that made a difference in their decision to reschedule. Hydro One noted that they would send availability for MSIFN to attend.
2024-09-23	Email	Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them and to confirm that they would hold out for a rain date.
2024-09-27	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One thanking them for the revised CFA.
2024-10-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to reschedule field visits for the DKPL Route A and B and Holt SS sites visits that were missed due to weather and availability issues. Hydro One said a full day was preferred but they could condense it into a half day if necessary. Hydro One provided their availability for October 9, 16, 17, 28, and 29, 2024 pending approval from relevant parties.

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2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to inquire if it would be beneficial to cancel their meeting on October 9, 2024, given their busy schedules. Hydro One requested confirmation on how the Nations wanted to proceed and noted that they could facilitate a phone call as a touchpoint or circulate project updates via email if they cancelled their meeting. Hydro One proposed in-person meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-10-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they were in agreement with cancelling the meeting on October 9, 2024.
2024-10-04	Email	Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to follow up on whether they had received any updates on the amount of liability insurance required for First Nations to attend field work.
2024-10-04	Email	Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to inform them that they are still looking into MSIFN's inquiry regarding monitoring insurance and noted that it was on the top of their list of priorities to address. Hydro One noted that they could support MSIFN by having members of their community on site to view the routes, which would not require the insurance coverage that typical monitoring would and Hydro One offered to schedule a date for the site visit if they were interested.

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2024-10-11	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Rao Nadine	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to follow up on financial preparations to ensure readiness when the DKPL and Holt SS agreements were implemented. Hydro One inquired if MSIFN had received information from their supply chain with an introduction to their portal.
2024-10-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose rescheduling the DKPL and Holt SS Project meeting to November 21, 2024 in Peterborough or another community nearby.
2024-10-18	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that many of the DKPL and Holt SS meeting attendees would be in another meeting during the proposed time and inquired if Hydro One could change the meeting time to accommodate.
2024-10-18	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for noting the meeting time conflict and confirmed that they could adjust the meeting time.

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2024-10-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Francis Chua Consulting (representing Curve Lake First Nation) to confirm that the next meeting for DKPL and Holt SS would remain as scheduled for November 13, 2024.
2024-10-24	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide additional information requested by Hydro One. MSIFN noted that the lists were protected, as noted in the CFA.
2024-10-24	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for providing the species of interest lists.
2024-10-29	Email	Cathy Richards Don Richardson	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Chief emailed Hydro One to provide their approval of the amended CFA.
2024-10-29	Email	Cathy Richards Don Richardson	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm receipt of the appended CFA.
2024-10-30	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Lead Don Richardson Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Loist - Paige Williams Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Jonathan Marriott Kenndal Soulliere Michael Farrell Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand Wharram Evan	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation and Mississauga's of Scugog Island, Encompass environmental and the Rice Lake Plains Partnership. Topics of this meeting included tall grass restoration and protection, Hydro One Vegetation Management overview, Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Information and a brief presentation on the DKPL project
2024-10-30	Phone	Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation		Hydro One called Minogi corp. on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island to discuss funding overlap between the executed memorandum of understanding and the executed capacity funding agreement.

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2024-11-01	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the agenda and invite to the meeting on November 13, 2024. Hydro One noted that the meeting would focus on DKPL and Holt SS project updates and opportunities for involvment. Hydro One informed communities that information on the DKPL routing process and an opportunity for input would be sent in the coming days, along with information on the Stage 1 AA study. Hydro One requested preference and availability for ongoing meetings to accommodate an in-person meeting once every few months.
2024-11-01	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to re-send the link to the DKPL Field Work Plan previously sent on August 23, 2024 and requested feedback before the end of November 2024. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October 2024 and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to request input on the criteria and indicators that would be used to evaluate which alternative route would be selected as the Preferred Route for the Project. Hydro One requested feedback on the route evaluation criteria by November 29, 2024 and shared a link to the survey for feedback.

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2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.
2024-11-06	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.
2024-11-07	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Aisha Lewis (WSP)	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed WSP to indicate their interest in participating in the field study on November 14, 2024. MSIFN noted that they had the proper insurance in place and inquired if WSP had a monitoring agreement they could provide or if the preference was to provide MSIFN's monitoring agreement for WSP to sign.
2024-11-07	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for confirming their interest in participating in field studies and confirmed that WSP would provide them a monitoring agreement.
2024-11-08	Email	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to request the presentation materials from their meeting on October 30, 2024.
2024-11-08	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they would not be available the week of November 11, 2024 and requested their availability for future coordination.
2024-11-11	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they were in the process of obtaining their WSIB certificate and that they sent off some comments on the Monitoring Agreement that they hoped to have addressed before signature.

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2024-11-11	Email	Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for their update on the Monitoring Agreement and WSIB.
2024-11-12	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to suggest their meeting take place on November 20 or 27, 2024.
2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to inform them that their teammate from the lifecycle group would be putting together material from the October 30, 2024 meeting to share with them.
2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to send a Teams meeting invite for November 13, 2024 as a calendar hold for their monthly project touchpoint meetings. Hydro One attached a meeting agenda and presentation.

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2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Hiawatha First Nation to inform them that they would be late to their meeting on November 13, 2024.
2024-11-13	Meeting	Alison Fraser Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Paige Williams Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On November 13, 2024 Hydro One met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeast projects. Regarding DKPL, topics included the Field Work Plan review and upcoming 2025 field season, the Stage 1 AA report for review and upcoming Stage 2 AA in 2025, the Route Evaluation survey for community feedback, and the draft ESR review schedule. Hydro One discussed selected ECIs and encouraged IR with contractors.
2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to request that they include additional contacts on all future correspondence.
2024-11-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm that they would update their contact list for future correspondence with the information provided.
2024-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Rhona Scott	EnCompass Environmental, on behalf of MSIFN emailed Hydro One to request the slides from the presentation on November 13, 2024.
2024-11-14	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that their First Nation Consultation Advisor was going on maternity leave and provided alternative contact information.

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2024-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to thank them for meeting with them on November 13, 2024. Hydro One acknowledged that there were several action items on Hydro One's end and that they would send a consolidated email to address action items. Hydro One shared screenshots of the Route Evaluation Survey that was discussed during the meeting and reminded communities that the survey would close on November 29, 2024. Hydro One shared the survey link.
2024-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed EnCompass Environmental on behalf of MSIFN to provide a copy of the presentation slides from November 13, 2024 and confirmed they sent the slides to the list of meeting attendees.
2024-11-19	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose rescheduling their meeting to the week of November 25, 2024.
2024-11-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed WSP to apologize for not being able to attend the field work on November 14, 2024 and noted that they hoped to have insurance and the agreement figured out before the next proposed field studies. MSIFN inquired if they had any update on the comments they provided for review. MSIFN requested the field sheets and summaries from the site visit on November 14, 2024.
2024-11-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for the update and noted that changes to the agreement were still under review internally. WSP also noted that the draft Natural Environment Baseline Conditions Report was currently being developed and would summarize information from the 2024 field studies. WSP also noted that the project team would be providing a schedule for the 2025 field season in the new year and was anticipated to begin in April 2025.
2024-11-21	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island emailed Hydro One to confirm their meeting on December 4, 2024.
2024-11-25	Email	Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Minogi Corp. on behalf of MSIFN emailed Hydro One to notify them of a conflict with the meeting scheduled for January 8, 2024 and inquired if they could reschedule.

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2024-11-25	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the Stage 1 AA report.
2024-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share monthly Project Updates for November 2024 on DKPL, Holt SS and Bowmanville SS Expansion. Updates related to DKPL included route evaluation and input from communities required by November 29, 2024, the Field Work Plan comment period extension until December 6, 2024 to accommodate communities that had not received the link to the work plan, Stage 1 AA report for review until December 4, 2024, Stage 2 AA fieldwork expected to begin in 2025, and SharePoint rollout for review of Draft Environmental Study Report chapters in the new year.
2024-11-27	Email	Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. on behalf of MSIFN to inform them that they would work with the group to reschedule the meeting. Hydro One inquired if Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation would be open to separate meetings if they could not align a meeting time for all communities.
2024-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to follow up on the request from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to develop a Tallgrass Prairie Strategy Protocol from their meeting on October 30, 2024.
2024-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to suggest alternative dates and times to reschedule their meeting initially planned for January 8, 2024 due to conflicts.

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2024-11-28	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Erika Dawson Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to loop in their lifecycle team to follow up on the request to develop a Tallgrass Prairie Strategy Protocol from their meeting on October 30, 2024.
2024-11-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to share their completed survey with their route evaluation feedback.
2024-11-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to request an extension until December 16, 2024 to provide comments on the Field Work Plan.
2024-12-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them and confirmed that an extension until December 16, 2024 for their review of the Field Work Plan was fine.
2024-12-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm receipt of their responses to the Route Evaluation Criteria and Indicators Survey.
2024-12-02	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to acknowledge receipt of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Durham Kawartha Line Project.

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2024-12-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to indicate that aligning on a collective meeting date was a challenge and that they would cancel the meeting on January 8, 2025 in favour of individual invites based on community schedules. Hydro One also noted they would send a month-end communication with important timelines and dates to be reviewed at their meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One requested confirmation that their approach worked for the communities.
2024-12-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to thank them for welcoming them to the Black Oaks Savannah. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to meet again to discuss specifics of the potential protocol and proposed a notification procedure to be put in place in the interim to layout the communications approach for undertaking maintenance activities. Hydro One noted that the need for better communication was a key takeaway for them from their meeting in October 2024. Hydro One requested MSIFN's availability to get the first meeting scheduled.
2024-12-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed CLFN and MSIFN to provide the meeting agenda and presentation for their upcoming meeting on January 22, 2025.
2024-12-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to suggest they move forward with Hydro One's recommendation and inquired if Hydro One would be coordinating an in-person meeting with the other First Nations, or if MSIFN should take the lead.

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2024-12-03	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to confirm that it would be great if the in-person meeting coordination could be facilitated by MSIFN.
2024-12-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for coordinating with the other First Nations to find a date and time for a in-person meeting. Hydro One also noted they were pulling together information for their next discussion with respect to their request on protocol.
2024-12-05	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to request their availability to discuss their concerns regarding information sharing with Hydro One's consultant.
2024-12-05	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on December 6, 2024 and requested a Teams meeting invitation.
2024-12-06	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. with the attachment of the slide deck for the upcoming virtual meeting on December 11, 2024. Hydro One confirmed they would add the presentation to the meeting invite and noted that WSP would present on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conduct a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-09	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy	Minogi Corp emailed Hydro One to thank them for the confirmation and will keep and eye out for the payment for the funding for the Project Engagement Coordinator
2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Francis Chua Julie Henry Kayla Wright Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sean Davison	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	On December 11, 2024, Hydro One met virtually with WSP, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to share updates on southeastern Ontario projects including the Bowmanville SS Expansion Project.

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2024-12-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation on December 11, 2024, to discuss Hydro One's Holt SS and DKPL projects. Hydro One's consultant, WSP presented on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) review schedule and conducted a SharePoint access walkthrough.
2024-12-12	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Shannon McCourt	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the PEC funding should be arriving to them soon.
2024-12-12	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Shannon McCourt	Alyssa Bardy	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm they received the payment on December 11, 2024.
2024-12-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inquire if they had any further additions to make to the Field Work Plan.
2024-12-16	Email	Alison Fraser Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	EnCompass Environmental emailed Hydro One to inquire if the meeting on December 11, 2024 was recorded and if they could share it.
2024-12-16	Email	Alison Fraser Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	EnCompass Environmental, on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to inquire if their meeting was recorded and if they could share the recording.
2024-12-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments, feedback, and questions on the Field Work Plan.
2024-12-17	Email	Alison Fraser Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed EnCompass Environmental to provide a link to the meeting recording from December 11, 2024.
2024-12-17	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for their feedback and comments and noted they would circle back in the new year. Hydro One also informed them that they would be sharing the feedback with WSP and inquired if they required a list of people who would access their comments.
2024-12-17	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for informing them that their comments would be shared with WSP and confirmed there was no sensitive information in the submission, including Traditional Knowledge and that they did not need a list of the people who would have access to the comments.

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2024-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a year-end update and monthly summary on southeastern projects. Hydro One shared information regarding the Field Work Plan and upcoming 2025 field season, the Draft ESR reporting schedule, and upcoming community open houses for DKPL. Hydro One shared an update on the Class EA process, the Screening Criteria Rationale, mitigations table, and the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report for Holt SS. Hydro One also shared an update on the schedule for the Field Work Plan for the Bowmanville SS Expansion project.
2024-12-18	Email	Alison Fraser Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	EnCompass Environmental, on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing a link to the meeting recording.
2025-01-22	Meeting	Alderville First Nation Curve Lake First Nation Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Curve Lake First Nation, Francis Chua Consulting represting Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Alderville First Nation for the monthly meeting to discuss the DKPL Project, Holt SS project and Bowmanville SS Projects.
2025-01-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (DNER) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project and requested feedback from Indigenous communities by February 23, 2025. A SharePoint site was created for access to the draft report. Hydro One noted that communities could submit comments directly if they preferred not to share them in the shared file.
2025-01-27	Email	Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to request an opportunity to discuss best practices and guiding principles pertaining to traditional knowledge shared with Hydro One and their consultants, particularly how to frame the information in reports such as the draft ESR to be sent to Indigenous communities for review, and eventually to the public.
2025-01-27	Email	Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Minogi Corp. on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on January 29, 2025 to discuss traditional knowledge and sharing of information. Minogi Corp. noted that the conversation could be tailored for their next monthly meeting with other communities, recognizing that they could not speak on behalf of all Michi Saagiig Williams Treaties Frist Nations communities.

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2025-01-28	Email	Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to inquire about their availability on the morning of January 29, 2025.
2025-01-29	Meeting	Minogi Corp. Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One met with Minogi (on behlaf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island) to discuss best practices surrounding traditional knowledge and how to further protect information that is shared with Hydro One and its consultants. Hydro One indicated that through public facing reports, some information may need to be shared and wished to clarify with the First Nation the level of information that is acceptable to be shared. Minogi indicated the importance of sharing information via project development and indicated that keeping the information high - level (themes instead of specific species) is acceptable for these purposes.
2025-01-31	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, Hiawatha First Nation, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects. Hydro One noted that some schedule changes were indicated in the summary and that they looked forward to connecting on February 12, 2025.
2025-02-03	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the field notes from November 14, 2024. MSIFN noted that the summary table met their expectations for the time being and that they would appreciate any photos. MSIFN also inquired how the SAR species identified would be addressed by Hydro One.
2025-02-03	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their recommendation to survey the watercourse identified during the November 14, 2024 site visit.

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2025-02-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Johanna Perz (AECOM) Jordan Witt (AECOM) Michael Teal (Golder) Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	On February 12, 2025, Hydro One and WSP met virtually with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and EnCompass Environmental to provide project updates for DKPL, Bowmanville SS, and Holt SS projects. Hydro One introduced their consultant for Bowmanville SS and discussed ELC surveys, expectations for engagement, and field monitoring on the Project. Hydro One discussed Stage 1 AA report reviews and Stage 2 AA for DKPL, including field monitoring opportunities.
2025-02-14	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that a key team member was unavailable for the meeting on March 24, 2025. Hydro One inquired about the possibility of rescheduling to March 31 or April 7, 2025, acknowledging busy schedules and hoping for flexibility. Hydro One wished everyone a wonderful and safe long weekend.
2025-02-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.
2025-02-26	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to inquire if the draft Field Work Plan for spring 2025 would be released and to request the vegetation management protocol/plan for the Project in the existing ROW.
2025-02-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they planned to send the draft Field Work Plan in February 2025 but that their team was working on final adjustments and would send it out in March 2025. Hydro One noted that next steps would be determining if communities wished to participate in the field season and working through monitoring agreements. Hydro One offered their support with the monitoring agreement. Hydro One noted that they were completing a review of a protocol for corridors in the Williams Treaties First Nations territory and that they would be able to share it prior to their meeting on May 5, 2025. Hydro One noted that they had advised forestry crews to withhold from doing any planned maintenance until a plan was developed with First Nations involvement.

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2025-03-07	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp. emailed WSP following their review of the revised MSA to confirm that Hydro One was not a third party, with respect to the language under Section 10 of the MSA. Minogi Corp. requested a terms and definitions section to help understand the language better. Minogi Corp. shared their monitoring protocol to provide a better understanding of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's values and expectations regarding participation in fieldwork.
2025-03-07	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to inform them that their interpretation of the term "third party" was inclusive of the Client, but that it should not prevent Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation from communicating information to the Client directly, as long as the information was not considered "Confidential Information" or "Intellectual Property" of WSP. WSP noted that capitalized terms should be defined within the agreement and that they did not have a document of defined terms to provide them. WSP also noted that additional language can be requested to be added for clarity or that modifications could be made though the Work Order.
2025-03-07	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to confirm they would forward the request for additional information along and inform them when they received a response.
2025-03-10	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Amelia Pilon (TMHC) Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Sean Tutak	Minogi Corp. emailed Hydro One and inquired if they were able to meet on March 10, 2025 to discuss the monitoring rates.
2025-03-20	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Josh Chung (WSP)	Minogi Corp. emailed WSP to provide another copy of a void cheque.
2025-03-20	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Josh Chung (WSP)	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to thank them for the void cheque and noted that they would forward internally to see if it met the requirements of their supplier onboarding team.
2025-03-21	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Josh Chung (WSP)	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to provide an image of what the supplier onboarding team was looking for with respect to the void cheque and apologized for the inconvenience.
2025-03-21	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the release of the 2025 Field Work Memo had been postponed to be able to review and incorporate comments received from communities on the DNER. WSP noted that the Field Work Memo would be released in two parts and provided a copy of the first memo, outlining the 2025 amphibian surveys. WSP noted that the second memo would consider comments on the DNER and outline the remaining terrestrial and aquatic surveys taking place in 2025. WSP requested that Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation confirm if they had Indigenous monitors that were available to attend surveys in 2025 and advised that all required documentation would need to be completed ahead of survey dates.

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2025-03-24	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to apologize for the inconvenience caused by their request on March 19, 2025 for a new void cheque. WSP noted that they would proceed with the void cheque that was provided and no additional void cheques were required from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.
2025-04-03	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose canceling the monthly meeting next week due to ongoing power restoration efforts in the area, particularly affecting Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation. Hydro One suggested pausing the meeting to allow communities to focus on recovery and noted a lack of significant updates since the meeting on the 24th. Hydro One confirmed with OPG that Holt Road at Darlington, south of the gate, is owned by OPG. They invited further questions and mentioned delaying the monthly project update due to the current situation in Southern Communities.
2025-04-03	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) to provide the fully signed MSA for field monitoring.
2025-04-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to update them on the March 2025 SE Project and action items from the March 24th meeting. Due to ongoing power outages, the March updates were delayed, and the April 9th meeting was canceled, with updates to be shared via email. Hydro One provided summaries and updates on DKPL archaeology, fieldwork, and cultural heritage reviews, as well as sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. They also detailed progress and plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including vegetation removal, archaeological reassessment, and natural environment studies. Hydro One invited further questions and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.

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2025-04-07	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Minogi Corp. to discuss incorporating MSIFN's Keystone Species list into the DNER report. Hydro One requested confirmation from MSIFN to share the list and asked for contact information for the WSP team to direct the information. They assured that the information would be redacted or kept at a high level in the report version shared with communities and the public.
2025-04-07	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) informing them that the responses to MSIFN's comments on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report are attached. A meeting is scheduled for April 14th to discuss these comments, with both WSP and Hydro One present. The information has been shared securely with the WSP team. HONI confirmed that the comments will be shared with Hydro One's IR and Environment teams. She emphasizes the importance of handling Traditional Knowledge according to OCAP principles and requests confirmation from Indigenous communities regarding the inclusion of identified species in the final report.
2025-04-08	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to provide the second field work memo detailing additional terrestrial and aquatic surveys planned for 2025. The appendices are available on the SharePoint site due to their large size. WSP mentioned that additional survey date details will be provided in the coming weeks and invited any questions.
2025-04-09	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited monitors from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-14	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. confirming the arrangement for a meeting and lunch, proposing a start time of 12 PM to accommodate arrivals, with CLFN joining around 1 PM. Hydro One inquired about the location and capacity of the room and offered to coordinate lunch and midafternoon treats. The draft agenda includes discussions on forestry operations, communication protocols, forestry practices, and updates on Hydro One SE Projects, including DKPL, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One expressed appreciation for the collaboration.

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2025-04-14	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. expressing appreciation for their assistance and confirming that the arrangements work well. Hydro One requested the invoice be forwarded directly to them for payment to ensure it does not affect the CFA dollars for MSIFN.
2025-04-03	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to propose canceling the monthly meeting next week due to ongoing power restoration efforts in the area, particularly affecting Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Curve Lake First Nation. Hydro One suggested pausing the meeting to allow communities to focus on recovery and noted a lack of significant updates since the meeting on March 24, 2025. Hydro One confirmed with OPG that Holt Road at Darlington, south of the gate, was owned by OPG. They invited further questions and mentioned delaying the monthly project update due to the current situation in Southern Communities.
2025-04-03	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Josh Chung (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) to provide the fully signed MSA for field monitoring.
2025-04-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to update them on the March 2025 SE Project and action items from the March 24, 2025 meeting. Due to ongoing power outages, the March updates were delayed, and the April 9, 2025 meeting was canceled, with updates to be shared via email. Hydro One provided summaries and updates on DKPL archaeology, fieldwork, and cultural heritage reviews, as well as sponsorship opportunities for upcoming events. They also detailed progress and plans for Holt SS and Bowmanville SS, including vegetation removal, archaeological reassessment, and natural environment studies. Hydro One invited further questions and offered alternative solutions for participation in monitoring activities.
2025-04-07	Email	Consultation Email Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Minogi Corp. to discuss incorporating MSIFN's Keystone Species list into the DNER report. Hydro One requested confirmation from MSIFN to share the list and asked for contact information for the WSP team to direct the information. They assured that the information would be redacted or kept at a high level in the report version shared with communities and the public.

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2025-04-07	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) informing them that the responses to MSIFN's comments on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report are attached. A meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2025 to discuss these comments, with both WSP and Hydro One present. The information has been shared securely with the WSP team. Hydro One confirmed that the comments will be shared with Hydro One's IR and Environment teams. She emphasizes the importance of handling Traditional Knowledge according to OCAP principles and requests confirmation from Indigenous communities regarding the inclusion of identified species in the final report.
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2025-04-09	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the planned dates for the 2025 field surveys, including Amphibian Surveys (April 21-26, May 20-25, June 16-21), Breeding Bird Surveys (June 10-15, June 24-29), and Ecological Land Classification/Botanical Inventory and General Wildlife Surveys (June 25-28). WSP invited monitors from Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to join the field teams and requested confirmation of their availability as soon as possible.
2025-04-11	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to discuss logistics for their May 5, 2025 meeting. Hydro One inquired about the venue and booking information.
2025-04-14	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Minogi Corp. emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had a venue reserved at MSIFN for the meeting on May 5, 2025. Minogi Corp. inquired if that worked for Hydro One and if they could provide a draft meeting agenda. Minogi Corp. also inquired about lunch.
2025-04-14	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to confirm a meeting and lunch on May 5, 2025 and to propose a start time of 12 PM to accommodate arrivals, with CLFN joining around 1 PM. Hydro One inquired about the location and capacity of the room and offered to coordinate lunch and mid afternoon treats. The draft agenda included discussions on forestry operations, communication protocols, forestry practices, and updates on Hydro One SE Projects, including DKPL, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS. Hydro One expressed appreciation for the collaboration.

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2025-04-14	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs	Alyssa Bardy	Minogi Corp. emailed Hydro One to confirm details regarding the venue and catering for the meeting on May 5, 2025. Minogi Corp. requested Hydro One's preference for invoicing.
2025-04-14	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to express appreciation for their assistance and to confirm that the arrangements for the meeting worked well. Hydro One requested the invoice be forwarded directly to them for payment to ensure it did not affect the CFA dollars for MSIFN.
2025-04-15	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Curve Lake First Nation's Archaeology Consultation Lead emailed Hydro One and AECOM to thank them for providing the opportunity to CLFN to review the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions report. CLFN inquired if they could arrange a windshield survey with Elders from CLFN to be inserted into a cultural landscape study.
2025-04-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Liam Ryan (AECOM) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) to confirm their support for the suggested approach to organize a windshield survey with Elders to inform on the importance of the landscape to the community. Hydro One indicated their interest in discussing logistics and requested CLFN's availability to discuss.

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2025-04-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jonathan Marriott Michael Farrell Nafiz Somjee Sean Tutak Simmer Anand	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation from EnCompass Environmental and Minogi Corp. to provide them with an agenda for their upcoming meeting on May 5, 2025. Hydro One also provided a consolidated summary of the urban forestry strategy for their review. Hydro One noted that a copy of the slide deck would be provided prior to their meeting
2025-04-28	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island to inquire if they had availability to connect in advance of their meeting on May 5, 2025 to introduce them to a contact on the Hydro One team who could assist them with the logistics of meals and other details for the meeting.
2025-05-01	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp to inform them that the sender would be on vacation next week and unable to attend the meeting on May 5, 2025. Hydro One introduced a contact person as the go-to for any needs. Hydro One requested that the invoice be sent over for prompt processing.
2025-05-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to thank them for their comments on the Field Work Memo and for taking the time to meet on April 14, 2025 to discuss the DNER comment responses. WSP provided a list of action items that they were working on, including providing a summary of ELC survey types within the PSA and ROW in 2024 and 2025, reviewing the contradictions between MNR and MECP regarding critical habitat for [redacted], Incorporate language into the DNER reflective of consent from First Nations, providing responses to comments on the Field Work Memo and Chapter 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report, and providing a response to the comments on breeding bird and ELC survey locations and dates from April 28, 2025.
2025-05-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to offer an introductory archaeology monitoring training session. The session was scheduled for May 20 to 30, 2025 in Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, including one week of in-class instruction and one week of field survey work. Due to limited space, Hydro One requested that one trainee from MSIFN participate. Travel and time expenses could be invoiced through the multi-project funding agreement. Hydro One requested confirmation of participation by the end of the day on May 15, 2025.

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2025-05-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Minogi Corp., on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to inform them that they did not have capacity to participate in the archaeology liaison workshop. Minogi Corp. noted that they hoped to have a liaison onboarded by the end of May 2025 and that they would be interested in attending if Hydro One decided to run the workshop again. Minogi Corp. also noted that they would appreciate any resources from the workshop that could be shared to expand their knowledge.
2025-05-15	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to acknowledge receipt of the capacity update they shared regarding the archaeology liaison workshop and expressed intent to provide any information or materials that would be shared.
2025-05-15	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. to inform them that the sponsorship for Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation powwow had been processed and they should receive it in the coming days via electronic transfer. Hydro One provided their logo should it be needed for information packages or signage and requested to be informed if MSIFN was hosting any information booths this year, as Hydro One would like to attend.
2025-05-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to provide a list of contacts for the southeast projects, including consultants, contractors, and broader teams. The list includes applicable teammates, their respective disciplines, and contact information. Hydro One invited questions or requests for more information.

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2025-05-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Derek Paauaw Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Support Email Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	A member of Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to announce a role change effective May 28 2025. The team member expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with the Michi Saagiig communities over the past 1.5 years and emphasized the importance of the work done together. The team member noted that they would attend the June 11, 2025 meeting to wrap up loose ends and say goodbye, as another member from Hydro One would continue to support the projects. Hydro One requested for patience during the transition and assured that the new team members would handle the portfolio with care. Hydro One expressed hope for future interactions.
2025-05-23	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their responses to Hydro One's replies to their initial comments on the DNER. MSIFN inquired about the status of Hydro One's responses to previous submissions.
2025-05-26	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Minogi Corp.to provide their responses to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's comments on the second field work memo.
2025-05-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Jeff Hankin Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, EnCompass Environmental, and Minogi Corp. to acknowledge receipt of responses and confirm that comments had been forwarded to the environment team. They noted that responses to the DKPL field work memo and DKPL Draft ESR Section 5-6 were provided by WSP. Hydro One requested clarification regarding comments on Chapter 1-2, as they were not received. Hydro One noted that the Holt SS EMP was with AECOM, with responses expected in a couple of weeks, and promised updates if timelines change. Hydro One invited further inquiries.

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2025-05-27	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed EnCompass Environmental, Minogi Corp., and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update regarding upcoming fieldwork surveys. WSP provided a Field Work Look-Ahead for 2025 as well as an overview of upcoming surveys and dates. WSP also provided locations for aquatics and eDNA surveys for the week of June 2, 2025. WSP provided maps of survey locations for reference. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join the teams in the field and provided contacts to reach out to for interest in participation in natural environment surveys and Stage 2 AA surveys. WSP requested to be informed if MSIFN wanted to participate.
2025-06-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming eDNA and aquatics surveys, amphibian surveys, and ELC and general wildlife surveys, and provided survey locations and dates for upcoming breeding bird surveys.
2025-06-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation daily summaries for the Stage 2 Archaeological program as requested.
2025-06-05	Email	Consultation Email Don Richardson Kelly LaRocca Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on their capacity funding. Hydro One also reminded MSIFN about a community investment opportunity.

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2025-06-09	Email	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that they looked forward to connecting at their meeting on June 11, 2025 and to introduce Indigenous Relations team members joining the Project.
2025-06-09	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to provide their responses to Hydro One's comments on the second field work memo.
2025-06-11	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-11	Meeting	Alison Fraser Colleen Milne Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander Zeyad Genena	Hydro One had a monthly touchpoint meeting with Williams Treaties First Nations representatives including Hiawatha First Nation (HFN), Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN), and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to discuss updates and collaborative efforts on Hydro One's transmission projects. Project updates included advanced review schedule for upcoming ESR chapters, development of a tall grass prairie protocol, updates on field studies, biodiversity initiative, funding proposals, and Traditional Knowledge Studies.
2025-06-12	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inform them of their interest in participating in the breeding bird surveys and amphibian surveys on June 24, 2025 and the ELC and breeding bird surveys on June 27, 2025.
2025-06-12	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for the updates on Daily Field Reports and to inform them that MSIFN found them beneficial to their understanding of the site as well as continual relationship building. MSIFN inquired about a potential species nest sighting from June 10, 2025 and inquired if there was a plan to confirm the finding and if it would be reported to ECCC.

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2025-06-12	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for confirming their interest in participating in upcoming fieldwork and noted that they would provide an update with additional details.
2025-06-12	Email	Jenna Hildebrandt Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to express that they were happy that the daily field reports were valuable to MSIFN and for the opportunity for relationship building. WSP committed to providing a response regarding the species nest sighting soon. WSP also provided the Daily Field Report from June 12, 2025.
2025-06-13	Email	Jenna Hildebrandt Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation in follow up to their inquiry about a potential nest sighting. WSP confirmed that the tree where the potential nest was spotted was located outside of the Project Study Area and was not expected to have any direct effects from the Project so they were not planning to go into the field to confirm the use for nesting. WSP confirmed that the data would be shared with the eventual EPC contractor to include in their considerations during detailed design. WSP also noted that ECCC previously indicated that only trees to be impacted by the Project should be registered and they were not tracking otherwise. WSP shared a map of the location of the potential nest sighting.
2025-06-13	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the Daily Field Report from June 13, 2025.

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2025-06-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide meeting details for fieldwork occurring on June 24 and 27, 2025.
2025-06-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-06-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an updated meeting location for the ELC fieldwork on June 27, 2025.
2025-06-23	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inquire if their monitors required any additional information ahead of the planned field surveys and requested confirmation on which monitors would be attending which surveys.

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2025-06-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to apologize that they were unable to deploy a monitor for the breeding bird surveys that took place on June 24, 2025. MSIFN confirmed their attendance for amphibian surveys on June 24, 2025 and ELC surveys on June 27, 2025. MSIFN inquired if there were two field crews for ELC surveys.
2025-06-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for confirming their attendance for the amphibian surveys on June 24, 2025 and confirmed that there would be two separate field crews for ELC surveys on June 27, 2025.

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2025-06-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inquire if they could attend the amphibian survey on June 25, 2025 rather than June 24, 2025. MSIFN also noted which ELC field crew they planned to join on June 27, 2025.
2025-06-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide meeting details and field team contact information for the amphibian survey on June 25, 2025

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2025-06-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an updated meeting location for the fieldwork on June 25, 2025.

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2025-06-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to confirm receipt of the updated meeting location for June 25, 2025.
2025-06-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Cassandra Martino (WSP) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier George Thorman Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Melissa Goodwin Paul Ritchie (WSP) Pierre Paquette Rhona Scott Riley Jauniaux Sean Tutak Todd Hagedorn	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for confirming receipt of the updated meeting location.

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2025-06-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to notify them that the Butternut Health Assessment would take place on July 9, 2025 and invited monitors to participate.
2025-06-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inform them that they would like to attend the Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025. MSIFN requested to be informed of logistics and noted that they would share availability for upcoming surveys shortly.
2025-06-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm they would work with their terrestrial team to confirm site visit details for the Butternut Health Assessment and would get back to them.
2025-06-25	Email	Don Richardson	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp (representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) to discuss the mention of bio-culturally significant species in the ESR. Hydro One recalled a request from MSIFN to not name specific species or areas for the sake of protection and was concerned that redacting it might impact the understanding of their comment. Hydro One inquired if it was okay to acknowledge the significance of the species without identifying locations.

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2025-06-25	Email	Don Richardson Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Minogi Corp. (representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) emailed Hydro One to thank them for taking the time to consider MSIFN's knowledge protection requirements. Minogi Corp. directed Hydro One to their project manager for DKPL and deferred to their recommendation.
2025-06-25	Email	Don Richardson Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One thanked Minogi Corp. (representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation)
2025-06-26	Email	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to follow up on their inquiry regarding the use of a species name in the ESR.
2025-07-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to provide WSP's and Hydro One's responses to Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation's comments on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.
2025-07-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-03	Email	Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to request a meeting to discuss the Project and any concerns or feedback MSIFN may have had. Hydro One proposed dates during the week of July 7, 2025.

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2025-07-07	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Gwyneth Govers Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025.
2025-07-07	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Gwyneth Govers Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed WSP to confirm that two MSIFN representatives would attend the Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025.
2025-07-08	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide logistical information regarding plans to conduct a Butternut Health Assessment on July 9, 2025.

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2025-07-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Don Richardson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation (AFN), Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region. AFN requested that winter ecological studies be conducted and asked for a copy of Hydro One's Cultural Heritage Evaluation Policy.
2025-07-10	Meeting	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One met with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) and representation to discuss invoices and received positive feedback about the staff at the July 9, 2025 Butternut Health Assessment. MSIFN appreciated the staff's attitude and safety-first approach. They also mentioned WSP's improved performance. Hydro One indicated that the July 11, 2025 meeting would focus on feedback regarding engagement, which MSIFN is preparing for and is generally pleased with.
2025-07-10	Email	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for connecting with Hydro One's Indigenous Relations to discuss capacity funding.
2025-07-11	Meeting	Don Richardson Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Scugog Island First Nation to discuss Project engagement, including the quality of engagement, opportunities for improvement, and MSIFN's priorities. Hydro One offered to host a site tour in July or August
2025-07-11	Email	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp. representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to request accompanying documentation for invoices.
2025-07-14	Email	Don Richardson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to seek guidance on their community's policies and preferences regarding archaeological finds. Hydro One requested to be informed of who to notify in case of archaeological finds.
2025-07-18	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they could send invoices to WSP.

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2025-07-22	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-07-22	Email	Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Minogi Corp., on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, to follow up regarding discussions about winter studies. Hydro One advised that their real estate team felt that trail cameras could be problematic due to the many private properties along the corridor, but wanted to find a way to honour their wishes for a four-season approach. Hydro One invited both communities to sit down with a biologist from WSP to develop the scope for a winter studies workplan. Hydro One welcomed their thoughts on the approach.
2025-07-28	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they would send out a calendar invite for a meeting in August 2025 and requested to be informed if any communities had a preferred date for their meeting, recognizing that calendars were quite full for the month of August 2025.

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2025-07-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-01	Email	Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the Daily Field Report for the Butternut Health Assessment conducted on July 30, 2025. WSP also noted that the next field date to complete the remaining assessments was being finalized and that notification would be provided once confirmed.
2025-08-05	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.

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2025-08-05	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inquire why additional Butternut Health Assessments were scheduled for August 21, 2025, and whether this was due to the identification of new Butternut trees.
2025-08-05	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm that additional Butternut trees were identified during the Butternut Health Assessment conducted on July 30. WSP noted that the August 21 assessment would focus on assessing the newly identified trees and conducting a sweep to check for any others. WSP also attached the Daily Field Report from the July 30 assessment for reference.
2025-08-05	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to request that their consultation team be included in all communications related to the Butternut Health Assessments.

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2025-08-05	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to confirm that WSP would include MSIFN's consultation team in all future communications related to the Butternut Health Assessments.
2025-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the presentation slides for the August 15, 2025, meeting and proposed an in-person meeting in fall 2025.

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2025-08-12	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates, locations, and maps for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to provide responses to MSIFN's June 9, 2025, comments on Technical Memorandum #2.
2025-08-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed WSP to confirm that MSIFN would attend the Butternut Health Assessment on August 21, 2025.

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2025-08-13	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to acknowledge MSIFN's confirmation of attendance at the Butternut Health Assessment on August 21, 2025. WSP confirmed that the field crew would be notified of MSIFN's attendance and that deployment details would be provided once finalized.
2025-08-15	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Mustafa Subroto Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss the development of the file access virtual platform, monitor training, winter studies, environmental reporting, transmission line construction, the biodiversity initiative, the Endangered Species Act, Bill C5 and permitting, and ongoing archaeology work.
2025-08-15	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed WSP to provide responses to Hydro One's and WSP's July 2, 2025, responses to MSIFN comments on the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.

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2025-08-15	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to acknowledge receipt of MISFN's responses to Hydro One's and WSP's July 2, 2025, responses to MSIFN comments on the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.
2025-08-17	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Toni Janet	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) emailed WSP to request that WSP provide the logistical information for the August 21, 2025, Butternut Health Assessment to the MSIFN monitor attending the assessment.
2025-08-18	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Toni Janet	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Gwyneth Govers Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to provide logistical information for the August 21, 2025, Butternut Health Assessment to the MSIFN monitor attending the assessment.

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2025-08-19	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Toni Janet	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates and locations for upcoming natural environment surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-08-20	Email	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to request confirmation that they had permission to share their list of bio-culturally important species with their consultant, WSP, for them to compare to the species in the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions report.
2025-08-25	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, to note that they looked forward to their meeting on August 26, 2025. Hydro One noted that they did not have an agenda, and that the intent was to have their teams share specific and desired outcomes of the data for the study area. Hydro One also noted that WSP would be joining them to provide additional expertise.
2025-08-25	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to confirm that they would be prepared to share specific desired outcomes during the upcoming meeting about winter studies. Minogi Corp. also noted that they had identified conflicting information in the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions report regarding references to the Endangered Species Act and what they had discussed in previous meeting with Hydro One. Minogi Corp. requested to discuss how Hydro One's commitments to First Nations were being communicated to consultants.
2025-08-25	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the Daily Field Report for the Butternut Health Assessment conducted on August 21, 2025, and to confirm that a summary of the results would be prepared and shared in the coming days.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to acknowledge their concerns regarding Bill 5 and the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions report and to confirm they would set up a separate meeting to discuss so that could focus their call on August 27, 2025, on the winter studies topic.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to confirm their agreement in setting up a separate call to discuss their concerns. Minogi Corp. also requested that they add the item to their next monthly meeting agenda as well.

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2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Alderville First Nation emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Hydro One to confirm that Minogi Corp.'s suggestion to add their Bill 5 concerns as an agenda item in their next monthly meeting was a great idea, adding that the other communities would also have feedback on the matter.
2025-08-26	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to reiterate that the suggestion was a great idea and to confirm that they would add the topic to their monthly meeting agenda.
2025-08-26	Meeting	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to discuss a scope of work for the proposed winter study for the DKPL project area. Hydro One requested, and both Nations agreed, to provide a project scope within the month so Hydro One could allocate appropriate funding as this study would fall outside the DKPL project parameters and constraints.
2025-08-26	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Shannon McCourt	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP)	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to provide an invoice for field monitoring.
2025-08-26	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Shannon McCourt	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP)	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm receipt of their invoice for field monitoring and to confirm that they would provide to their team for processing.
2025-08-27	Email	Ceara Das Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Barbara Bleho (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation and Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, to thank them for meeting on August 26, 2025, to discuss winter studies. Hydro One provided an overview of action items from the meeting, including providing a map of public access lands in the ROW and areas that may have impacts to vegetation and follow up discussion to discuss the mapping and methodologies, with the intent of developing workplan to execute in fall and winter of 2025. Hydro One also suggested incorporating discussion on targeted studies to the agenda of their next monthly meeting.
2025-08-28	Email	Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to note that they looked forward to receiving the results of the Butternut Health Assessments and requested that the results also include coordinates of all evaluated trees.

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2025-08-28	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to provide their comments on revision 2 of the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions report.
2025-08-28	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for providing their comments on revision 2 of the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and to confirm that they would circulate to their team for review and address.
2025-08-29	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a summary of the results from the Butternut Health Assessments that took place during the 2025 field season. WSP confirmed that the summary included coordinates, as per their previous request.

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2025-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and representation to inform them that their internal meeting would be gathering at Hiawatha First Nation on September 10, 2025, and invited all communities to join them in-person if they were able. Hydro One confirmed they would send out an agenda and presentation deck ahead of the meeting for their review. Hydro One requested to be informed if attendees were able to attend in-person and confirmed that they would maintain the virtual option as well.
2025-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Toni Janet	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Henry Cary (WSP) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Paul Ritchie (WSP) Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide an update on upcoming fieldwork. WSP provided dates for upcoming archaeological surveys and invited monitors to participate.
2025-09-02	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inquire about the summary of the Butternut Health Assessment results.

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2025-09-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to express their concerns regarding the characterization of specific communities in the DNER. MSIFN requested raw data, shapefiles, photos, and written rationale to support their detailed review.
2025-09-05	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm that they shared MSIFN's request with their technical team and that they would work to provide the requested information to support their review.
2025-09-10	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Nicole Mastrangelo Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Sean Tutak Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on multiple projects. Topics of discussion included winter studies, feedback on advanced review of the DNER and ESR chapters, targeted studies, habitat definitions in the reports, and the biodiversity initiative.
2025-09-11	Email	Ceara Das Julie Kapyrka Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Minogi Corp., representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and Alderville First Nation to thank them for meeting with them and to provide mapping for the winter studies project. Hydro One noted that there may be some inaccuracies with the woodlot data when overlayed with the route and that much of the tree clearing in the ROW ha already been completed as a maintenance activity. Hydro One advised that they would reach out to Conservation Authorities to coordinate access when they reached that point in the project planning.
2025-09-16	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to provide responses to MSIFN's questions regarding the Butternut Health Assessment results.
2025-09-24	Email	Alison Fraser Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking	EnCompass Environmental (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) emailed Hydro One to request the shapefiles for the winter study maps.
2025-09-25	Email	Alison Fraser Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed EnCompass Environmental (on behalf of Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation) to confirm that the requested shapefiles for the winter study maps would be provided once available.

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2025-09-25	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Shannon McCourt	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP)	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to provide an invoice for field monitoring.
2025-10-01	Email	Kayla Ponce De Leon Shannon McCourt	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP)	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to confirm receipt of their invoice for field monitoring and to confirm that they would provide to their team for processing.
2025-10-01	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) to provide the Project team's responses to MSIFN's comments on sections 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.
2025-10-01	Email	Alison Fraser Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	EnCompass Environmental, representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, emailed Hydro One to follow up on the winter studies map Shapefiles.
2025-10-06	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to recommend shortening their scheduled monthly project touchpoint due to the lack of substantial updates they had for attendees, and to share an agenda item for discussion regarding confidential file sharing and storage. Hydro One requested confirmation from attendees that they were comfortable with the proposal to shorten the meeting. Hydro One shared their approach for adding community members to respective sharing folders and requested confirmation from communities for the members that would require access.

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2025-10-17	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, and MSIFN representation to share the Project was nearly ready to release its draft ESR for public review. Hydro One thanked the Williams Treaty First Nations for their feedback, input, and effort on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, or sooner for First Nations via their shared workspace. Hydro One also acknowledged a few outstanding responses that were forthcoming. Hydro One encouraged communities to work with their internal teams to submit invoices ahead of the holidays.
2025-10-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide the Project team's responses to their comments on the DNER from August 15 and 28, 2025. WSP also noted that they hoped to provide the requested data files for their Savannah communities request in the coming days.
2025-10-20	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to confirm receipt of the Project team's comment responses.

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2025-10-22	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Energy Lead Francis Chua Jaimi O'Hara Julie Kapyrka Kayla Wright Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to apologize for the delay in their response regarding the winter studies proposal and to inform them that they would be reviewing the proposal as a team. Hydro One inquired if MSIFN was available to meet on October 30 or 31, 2025 to discuss.
2025-10-29	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to where communities could access the report via their shared workspace. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to provide their response to the Project team's responses to comments on section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.

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2025-11-04	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for providing their response to the Project team's response to comments on section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.
2025-11-05	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inquire if the BHA report had been finalized and if it could be shared with them.
2025-11-10	Email	Cathy Richards Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that they had received approval for their project through the Community Led Initiative investment and confirmed that funding would be coordinated.
2025-11-12	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Emily Ferguson Kayla Wright Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One met with representatives from Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide updates on the portfolio of projects in the southeast region.
2025-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the Project team had decided to table the BHA report until they could confirm which Butternut trees would be impacted by the Project during detailed design. WSP noted that the report would be shared with MSIFN at that time. WSP also shared an updated summary of the BHA previously shared on August 29, 2025, following the receipt of the genetic testing results.

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2025-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to thank them for meeting with them and to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-14	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Callum Squires (Golder) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to request the Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) values for the Category 2 and 3 Butternut trees from the assessment they shared. MSIFN also recommended that the Project team contact the Forest Gene Conservation Association to determine whether Category 2 and 3 Butternut trees could be archived, as conservation of the genetic materials was a priority to MSIFN.
2025-11-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Kayla Ponce De Leon Nicole Mastrangelo Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to remind them that the draft ESR comment period would close on November 27, 2025 and requested to be informed if they anticipated any issues submitting comments before the deadline. Hydro One welcomed any comments.
2025-11-24	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to inquire if a response had been provided regarding the request for Savannah communities data.

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2025-11-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to thank them for following up on their request and informed them that they were still compiling the requested files but would be providing a response soon.
2025-11-25	Email	Alison Fraser Consultation Email Julie Kapyrka	Amanda Hocking Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Katie Murray (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and Alderville First Nation to inform them that the requested data had been uploaded to Sharepoint and to provide them the link and a written rationale to support the request.
2025-11-25	Email	Rob Lukacs	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	Minogi Corp. representing Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed WSP to request access to the Sharepoint folder with the Savannah communities data.
2025-11-25	Email	Rob Lukacs	Jenna Hildebrant (WSP)	WSP emailed Minogi Corp. to confirm they should have access to the Sharepoint with the Savannah communties information.
2025-11-26	Email	Consultation Email	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inquire if the Savannah communities information could be shared with other First Nation communities engaged on the Project.
2025-11-26	Email	Consultation Email	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that they could share the information with other First Nations. MSIFN also noted that Savannah-related comments and concerns would be provided after the draft ESR comment deadline, which would be reflected in the comment disposition to be provided on November 27, 2025.
2025-11-27	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. MSIFN thanked Hydro One and their team for their ongoing partnership and noted that they looked forward to continued collaboration on the Project.

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2025-11-28	Outgoing	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Mandy Mcgonigle Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rob Lukacs Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Courtney Gauthier Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Paul Dalmazzi Rhona Scott Stefan Alexander	Hydro One emailed MSIFN to thank them for providing their comments on the draft ESR. Hydro One expressed their gratitude for MSIFN's valued input and the opportunity to work together in a spirit of collaboration and respect.
2026-01-08	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Conf Rm -g Tct-south Tp Capacity Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One emailed Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide a copy of the meeting deck for review. Hydro One noted that the deck had been updated following the holiday period, which resulted in a slight delay in circulation. Hydro One confirmed that decks would be shared on a regular schedule going forward to ensure earlier distribution. Hydro One further noted that the agenda and supporting materials would be provided closer to the meeting date. Hydro One confirmed that the next meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM via Microsoft Teams, with meeting details, including links and dial-in information included in the communication.

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2026-01-09	Meeting	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jordon MacArthur Julie Henry Julie Kapyrka Kayla Ponce De Leon Kayla Wright Mandy Mcgonigle Martina Desjardins Matthew Olsen Mike Howard Mindy Knott Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Paola Cueva Rgray-brady - Rob Lukacs Sam Shrubsole Sean Davison Stephanie Zilinski Tom Cowie	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Amy Shelton Courtney Gauthier Erika Dawson Jeff Hankin Joshua Brown Kenndal Soulliere Laura Witherow Lesley Smith Nafiz Somjee Rhona Scott Ryan Jewell Stefan Alexander Ylenia DiBattista	Hydro One met with Alderville First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to hold their first monthly meeting of 2026. The meeting introduced new staff and provided updates on the five southeast projects: Sudbury Barrie Transmission Line, Holt SS, Durham Kawartha Power Line, Bowmanville SS, and Bowmanville x GTA East.
2026-01-09	In-Person Meeting	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott	Hydro One met with Mississaugas of Scugog Island Consultation to discuss the comments received from MSIFN on the draft ESR and Hydro One's response to their comments.
2026-01-13	Meeting	Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One met with Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to review the proposed revisions and commitments for inclusion in the ESR, resulting from MSIFN's comments received on the draft ESR.
2026-01-14	Email	Alison Fraser Ceara Das Consultation Email Don Richardson Julie Kapyrka Mike Howard Nicole Mastrangelo Paige Williams Rob Lukacs	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, and representation to confirm their interest in supporting the one-time winter studies proposal put forth by their hired subcontractor. Hydro One provided conditions for the study and confirmed that their finance department would reach out to MSIFN once outstanding items had been resolved.

MSIFN Comment Responses

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To the attention of:

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November 25, 2024

Re: Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the Durham Kawartha Line Project

Dear Alyssa,

MSIFN Consultation's comments on the following documents provided by Hydro One Networks Inc. on November 22, 2024:

- Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment – Class EA for Transmission Facilities, Hydro One Networks Inc., Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for the DKPL Project. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on the Archaeological Risk Management Plan - Draft For Atura Power's Napanee BESS Project.

Reference	Topic	MSIFN Comments/Questions
Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment – Class EA for Transmission Facilities, Hydro One Networks Inc., Durham Kawartha Power Line Project	*N/A*	- MSIFN agrees with TMHC's recommendations, including the recommendations for Stage 2 archaeological mapping, test pitting, and ploughing/pedestrian surveying. - We also agree with TMHC's recommendations for Hydro One to avoid known Indigenous archaeological sites. - MSIFN will work with AFN, CLFN and HFN to make sure that archaeological monitors/liaisons are available for the Stage 2 work.
	BbGo-10 (McCreef Site) – a sparse scatter of materials tentatively dated between 1830 and 1860 (Adams 1992). It is unclear whether the methods employed for this survey were in keeping with current standards and the site was not recommended for further assessment. Based on the report, Hydro One had planned to construct an access road through the section of corridor containing BbGo-10. Therefore, the CHVI of BbGo-10 is currently unknown. MCM records indicate	- MSIFN agrees with TMHC's recommendation for a Stage 2 assessment.

	that this site is located outside the Preferred Route; however, the consultant report depicts this site within the Preferred Route (SD Map 10), which poses a planning concern;	
	BaGp-1 (Strong Site) – reportedly classified as an Iroquoian campsite, though it was also described as a roughly two- or three-acre scatter, which may suggest it may be a hamlet or village. It was excavated by the Strong family of Ballyduff prior to its documentation with the MCM; however, the extent of the excavations is unknown, along with its CHVI. It was also noted that the site had been previously disturbed by looters, who dug a line of five-foot squares. The site is within 300 m of the Preferred Route (SD Map 7) and may pose a planning concern;	- MSIFN agrees with TMHC's recommendation for areas within 50 m of its location to have Stage 2 assessment, and should additional archaeological materials are identified in the vicinity of the site, evaluating those materials against current MCM standards with additional archaeological work as required.
	BbGp-14 (Woodland Hills) – a multicomponent site reportedly investigated in 1998 by David J. G. Slattery and consisting of Indigenous artifacts (79 sherds of pottery, pipe fragments, chert chipping detritus, and one projectile point)	- MSIFN agrees with TMHC and Hydro One that this site be protected. MSIFN should be notified immediately should Hydro One changes its plans for activities within 250 m of this site.

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	as well as settler container glass and ceramics (Slattery 1998). The extent of the investigation is unknown, though it was recorded as having further CHVI. This site is reportedly located within 100 m of the Preferred Route; if this location data is accurate, BbGp-14 may pose a planning concern.	

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To the attention of:

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December 16, 2024

Re: Durham Kawartha Power Line Field Work Plan

Dear Rhona,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the DKPL Field Work Plan. Comments on behalf of MSIFN are below:

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Table 1. Comments on the DKPL Field Work Plan.

MSIFN Consultation Comment – December 16, 2024	HONI Response
Section 1.1 • HONI indicates that they will engage landowners to request access to properties where surveys are required, and notes that depending on how many landowners grant access, there may be limitations to data collected. ○ Please provide a record of the efforts that were made to engage landowners to secure access (e.g., how far in advance of the field program was access requested? How many times were landowners contacted? What method of contact was used? etc.)	

Section 1.2
• HONI specifies that the study areas selected for this field work plan include: 1) a Project Study Area (PSA) including lands within 120m of the centreline of the route, and 2) a Local Study Area including lands within 500m of the centreline of the route.
  ○ Please provide a rationale for the buffer selected for each study area.
  ○ Will any additional areas outside the centreline of the route be required for the construction and operation of this project (e.g., laydown yards, use of certain access roads, etc.)?	

Section 4.0 • HONI specifies that invitations were extended to Indigenous communities being consulted on the Project to attend field surveys, that Indigenous monitors will be included as valued core team members for field surveys, and that Indigenous monitors can choose to be provided with training and technology necessary to	

participate in field surveys for the days they attend. However, we were not able to execute a fieldwork agreement with WSP to facilitate our participation prior to these studies commencing. ○ Please explain why WSP was unable to execute a timely agreement with MSIFN to ensure our meaningful participation. Did other Williams Treaties First Nations finalize an agreement with WSP? ○ Please clarify if these opportunities will be extended for field surveys required in 2025. Note that if there will be no further opportunity to meaningfully participate in field surveys, this should be accurately reflected in HONI's engagement record included in the forthcoming Class EA Report.	
Section 4.0 • HONI specifies that species of cultural significance will be documented during field work, if/when identified. While we recognize that this report primarily functions as a field program overview, it includes some high-level results (e.g., SAR bird observations, identifies PSWs overlapping the footprint, etc.). ○ Were any culturally significant species documented during the 2024 field program? If so, please provide a list for our review.	
Section 5.0 • In Table 5.1-1, HONI states that Indigenous Knowledge (IK) / Traditional Land and Resource Use (TLRU) studies will be reviewed as a desktop source. We note that, while substantive IK / TLRU data sources are rarely publicly available, they should never be reviewed and interpreted in new contexts without collaboration with the appropriate Indigenous community and/or Knowledge Holders who produced them.	

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○ Please clarify if HONI obtained any publicly available IK / TLRU data sources. If so, what steps were taken to review, verify, and interpret information collaboratively with the appropriate Knowledge Holders?	
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The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the DKPL Field Work Plan. Comments on behalf of MSIFN are below, followed by Hydro One responses.

Comment #	MSIFN Consultation Comment – December 16, 2024	Hydro One (HONI) Response – February 2025
1	**Section 1.1** • HONI indicates that they will engage landowners to request access to properties where surveys are required, and notes that depending on how many landowners grant access, there may be limitations to data collected. o Please provide a record of the efforts that were made to engage landowners to secure access (e.g., how far in advance of the field program was access requested? How many times were landowners contacted? What method of contact was used? etc.)	Hydro One works with directly impacted landowners to acquire early access permission to support field studies for the project. These efforts began with the Notice of Commencement of the Class Environmental Assessment on June 4, 2024 and are ongoing.
2	**Section 1.2** • HONI specifies that the study areas selected for this field work plan include: 1) a Project Study Area (PSA) including lands within 120m of the centreline of the route, and 2) a Local Study Area including lands within 500m of the centreline of the route. o Please provide a rationale for the buffer selected for each study area. o Will any additional areas outside the centreline of the route be required for the construction and operation of this project (e.g., laydown yards, use of certain access roads, etc.)?	The Project Study Area and Local Study Area boundaries have been developed and utilized on multiple Hydro One projects to study direct and indirect effects of a transmission line project based on professional judgement. Laydown and access areas, which are temporary in nature, may be within the PSA and as a result will be included in the Draft and Final Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the project.
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		shared with Indigenous communities in February 2025. Should communities be interested in participating in 2025 programs, appropriate MSA, WSIB and Liability Insurance must be completed in advance. Communities are also welcome to provide their own monitoring agreements to participate in field monitoring opportunities, should they have their own, noting that the liability insurance and WSIB requirements are still upheld.
4	**Section 4.0** • HONI specifies that species of cultural significance will be documented during field work, if/when identified. While we recognize that this report primarily functions as a field program overview, it includes some high-level results (e.g., SAR bird observations, identifies PSWs overlapping the footprint, etc.). ○ Were any culturally significant species documented during the 2024 field program? If so, please provide a list for our review.	The Project team provided the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report for Indigenous community review in January 2025. The report summarized information from 2024 surveys and originally included some documentation of some identified culturally significant species, based on feedback from Indigenous communities this information was removed.
5	**Section 5.0** • In Table 5.1-1, HONI states that Indigenous Knowledge (IK) / Traditional Land and Resource Use (TLRU) studies will be reviewed as a desktop source. We note that, while substantive IK / TLRU data sources are rarely publicly available, they should never be reviewed and interpreted in new contexts without collaboration with the appropriate Indigenous community and/or Knowledge Holders who produced them. ○ Please clarify if HONI obtained any publicly available IK / TLRU data sources. If so, what steps were taken to review, verify, and interpret information collaboratively with the appropriate Knowledge Holders?	To clarify, Hydro One has not obtained any publicly available IK / TLRU. Should information be obtained we will consult with Indigenous communities on how to understand and incorporate this information into the Project.
6	**Section 5.2.1** • The desktop analysis conducted by HONI appears to have focused exclusively on water crossings directly intersected by the project centerline, resulting in the identification of 70 potential crossings. However, this approach may overlook watercourses and waterbodies located in close proximity to construction-related workspaces, such as laydown areas, access routes, or areas subject to vegetation clearing. These features, though not directly intersected by the centerline, could still be at risk of indirect impacts such as sedimentation, habitat disturbance, or changes to hydrology. Could HONI clarify how these nearby features will be identified, assessed, and protected in the project planning process?	Section 5.2.1 outlines that the project identified 112 water crossings within the PSA buffer, with the desktop analysis limited to those water crossings (70) directly intersected. These locations have the highest potential for project interactions (i.e., water crossing requirements). Construction related workspaces, such as laydown areas, access routes, or areas subject to vegetation clearing will be planned to avoid waterbodies and potential fish habitats to the extent practical (e.g., maintaining distance from the watercourse banks except where crossings exist or are required). Disturbance to waterbodies, shorelines, riparian areas, etc will be stabilized to prevent erosion and an erosion and sediment control plan will be developed and include mitigation measures to address sediment concerns. Project access will be through existing routes where possible and in areas where additional vegetation clearing may be required, natural heritage features will be identified and assessed prior to permitting.
7	**Section 5.2.1** • Additionally, HONI requested non-publicly available data. Has HONI received information from MECP/MNRF? If so, how has this input been integrated into the project's planning and mitigation strategies?	Information was received from MNRF, including provincially tracked (i.e., rare or sensitive) wildlife and plant occurrence records and wildlife concentration area observations. This information was used to identify Areas of Interest which were then targeted for field investigation during windshield surveys, as described in Section 5.1. MECP no longer provides information related to species at risk and directs requests to be submitted to MNRF.
8	**Section 5.2.1** • For sites where fisheries data is greater than 10 years old, what surveys will be completed to provide up-to-date information? Can HONI clarify the scope, timing, and methodology of any planned fisheries surveys to address data gaps?	Windshield surveys and fish habitat assessments were completed for the project to document existing conditions. In areas where fisheries information was not available eDNA fish and vertebrate metabarcoding was undertaken (where access allowed and wetted conditions were present). Construction related workspaces, such as laydown areas, access routes, or areas subject to vegetation clearing will be planned to avoid waterbodies and potential fish habitats to the extent practical. Should permitting be required, sites with ageing fisheries data (i.e., >10 years old) will be visited, as required to support permitting with details developed then.

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12	**Section 8.2** • HONI notes that, due to access limitations, roadside sites were selected as breeding bird survey locations. o How busy / active were these roads at the time of surveying? Is there any concern that conducting surveys on potentially noisy roadsides could lead to some bird calls being missed by surveyors?	Breeding bird surveys are conducted in the early morning between 5:00 and 10:00 am, generally before heavy vehicle traffic begins. The majority of the Project is in a rural area and crosses minor roads with limited sustained traffic. Efforts were made to survey stations along the busier roads, such as Regional Road 57, prior to 8:00 am to avoid potential interference from heavier commuter traffic. The survey period at each station was also extended to 10 minutes from the standard five minutes, which provided improved detectability of bird species in the event a vocalization was masked by a passing vehicle.
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16	**Section 8.3.1** • Based on the fish habitat potential, will spawning surveys, particularly for cold water salmonid species, be conducted for watercourses located within the 120 m Project Study Area (PSA)? Given the ecological sensitivity of cold-water species and their critical spawning habitats, it is essential to confirm whether these surveys are planned and how their results will inform crossing locations and mitigation measures. Could HONI provide clarity on the timing, scope, and methodology for such assessments?	Fisheries surveys (including spawning surveys) will be completed prior to permitting (if required), should the need for construction related workspaces interact with water features. These will include features not directly intersected by the centreline, but that are identified to sill pose a risk of indirect impacts such as sedimentation, habitat disturbance, or changes to hydrology. Potential spawning locations and other critical habitat types (i.e., nursey/rearing, overwintering, migration, feeding) as well as the presence of sensitive habitat features (i.e., indicators of cold-water habitats such as the presence of watercress) were assessed and recorded in the field during the fish habitat assessments and windshield surveys and from background information review. In addition, in-situ water quality measurements were collected and cold-water temperature locations identified and recorded. Should permitting be required, constraints will then be identified, and scope will be determined for any potential spawning locations that interact with project workspaces and an evaluation to relocate/avoid of spawning sites and sensitive features will be completed. Timing for assessments will be planned to occur in the fall to correspond with Brook Trout and other native salmonid population spawning windows. The methodology may include the following but is not limited to: DFO 2020 Salmonid Spawner Survey, AFS Supplemental Techniques Crawford et al ND, Redd Counts Gallagher et al ND, Oregon Fish and Wildlife 2004, Groves et al 2016 etc.
17	**Section 8.3.1** • The report does not outline how studies will be conducted if land access is not granted. Will these studies be deferred until access is obtained, and if so, what is the plan to ensure that data collection is completed in a timely manner and within appropriate survey windows? Additionally, how will HONI address any potential gaps in baseline information if access remains restricted? A clear plan for managing these scenarios is critical to ensuring that environmental assessments are thorough and complete.	HONI strives to secure land access from as many directly affected property owners as possible. If access cannot be obtained, desktop analysis and incidental observations from adjacent lands are used to address any information gaps.

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February 28, 2025

Re: Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report

Dear Alyssa,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (NEECR). Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Reference	Text from NEECR	Comment
1 Introduction	*Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements.*	- This sentence should explicitly highlight the requirements for accommodating Rightsholders. - The referenced sentence should read as "*Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements**, including accommodations for Rightsholders.**"*
1 Introduction	*The Project will span from the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington to the Dobbin TS in the County of Peterborough and is anticipated to be approximately 53 kilometers (km) in length.*	- What is the anticipated width of the transmission line right-of-way? Having this information will be useful for helping MSIFN Consultation evaluate the sufficiency of a 120m PSA, and overall, quantify and understand the extent of direct impacts to plant and wildlife habitat.
1.1 Study Area	*The PSA includes lands within 120 metres (m) of the transmission line centreline.*	- We note from HONI's response to Comment #2 on the DKPL Field Work Plan that "Laydown and access areas, which are temporary in nature, may be within the PSA." - Can HONI guarantee that all project construction and operations activities and components will take place within the 120m PSA? Based on our experience, HONI's footprints typically extend beyond the project right-of-way. While laydown and access areas are often temporary, they still have the potential to adversely impact the natural environment. - All potential temporary and permanent project footprint components – not just the transmission line right-of-way – should be included in the spatial scope of the PSA used for

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		natural environment existing conditions baseline work. Otherwise, the environmental assessment of impacts to these areas (and the species and habitats within them) will not be considered complete, or sufficiently conservative, by MSIFN Consultation.
3 Species at Risk Screening, Table 3-1; Appendix A	*Species at Risk Screening Rankings:* [redacted] *Low Probability of Occurrence – No suitable habitat and no documented occurrences in the LSA* *Moderate Probability of Occurrence – Suitable habitat present, but no documented occurrences; or species recorded, but no suitable habitat apparent.*	- In Appendix A, HONI assigns a low probability to occur in the Study Area to [redacted], stating "although there are recent occurrence records of the species within the study area (NHIC), the study area is unlikely to contain low disturbance, tall grasslands greater than 30ha in size that would be suitable for [redacted] breeding habitat". According to Table 3-1, SAR should be assigned a "moderate" probability of occurrence if species are recorded. As such, [redacted] should be re-assigned a Moderate probability of occurring in the study area. - There is a similar issue for [redacted], which was assigned a Low probability of occurring in the study area, despite being listed as a possible breeder within the OBBA squares that overlap the study area. To be listed as a possible breeder within the overlapping OBBA squares, an occurrence record would have needed to be documented within it. Considering this, we recommend that HONI re-assign [redacted] a Moderate probability of occurring within the study area.

4.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys	*Terrestrial windshield surveys were conducted at 28 roadside locations on April 23-26, 2024. Survey site selection was driven primarily by available public access intersecting the LSA.*	- Did HONI also consider vegetation community type when selecting the roadside locations? Does HONI feel that the 28 roadside survey locations are representative of the potentially impacted vegetation communities? Please provide a table outlining the ELC code for each roadside survey location to facilitate our review of whether or not selected survey locations can be considered representative.
4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory	*Additionally, a one-day targeted Butternut (Juglans cinerea) SAR survey was carried out on October 17, 2024 outside* [redacted]*. This search was conducted by systematically walking through the targeted woodland and recording observations and other incidental plant species.*	- The author should reference the reader to a figure that features a map of the area surveyed. Additionally, the author must state if a leaf-on survey was completed and should state if tree leaves were transitioning to a different colour. - Why did HONI only complete targeted butternut surveys at one woodland near [redacted]? We note that butternut trees were observed in other locations in the study areas, including off [redacted] (Figure 4.14, 4.15), [redacted] (Figure 4.16). Does HONI have plans to complete additional targeted butternut surveys in suitable habitats in 2025? [redacted] - Did HONI surveyors conduct a formal butternut health assessment, or make any notes regarding the health of

		butternut trees recorded in the study areas? If so, please provide this information to MSIFN Consultation.
	High-level ELC surveys were conducted on August 13-15, 2024 and a second and third set of survey dates (September 17-18 and November 14, 2024) were added when early access agreements were secured for additional properties in the LSA.	- Can HONI provide a table outlining which high-level ELC field survey sites were undertaken on which date / in which set (i.e., first, second, third)? We note that the second and third sets were completed outside the peak growing season and it would be useful for MSIFN Consultation to know which sites this applies to, so we can determine where HONI's baseline dataset may be incomplete. While we appreciate that HONI made efforts to conduct high-level ground truthing of the second and third set ELC polygons through publicly accessible roadsides, we note that species inventories for these areas may be biased toward edge species. - Does HONI have plans to conduct high-level ELC surveys at the second and third set locations during the 2025 growing season? If so, we should be extended an invitation to participate, and the methodology should consider species of cultural importance to the community.
	High-level ELC surveys were conducted, wherein plant species were inventoried and the percent cover of each vegetation stratum was estimated.	- Considering only high-level ELC surveys (i.e., vegetation sampling component only – no soils/substrate sampling) were completed, how confident is HONI in its ELC field verification conclusions? Please provide additional information to substantiate the response (i.e., quality / availability of background information, consideration for habitat type, etc.).

4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys	*Preliminary survey locations were selected in advance of the field surveys through a desktop analysis of available land cover mapping located to WSP's web mapping tool.*	- Please substantiate your methodologies and include the answers to the questions below in the draft Existing Conditions Report. - Please explain why breeding bird surveys were selected in advance of the field surveys. - Please explain if any data, including Indigenous Knowledge, was used to determine the preliminary survey locations. - Can HONI provide a table summarizing bird breeding survey locations by land cover type or ELC code? Given the private property access constraints and reliance on public roadsides in this field program, we are concerned that survey locations may not be representative of areas with the potential to be adversely affected by the project.
	Breeding bird surveys were conducted on June 25-26, 2024 which is during the active breeding season (May 24 to July 10 in southern Ontario). One round of surveys was conducted due to access delays until late in the survey window.	- Please explain how this will be corrected (i.e., how will this be remedied to capture data gaps). - Please include the answer to the question above in the draft Existing Conditions Report. - Does HONI have plans to conduct a second round of breeding bird surveys in 2025? We note that, because different species breed on different schedules, conducting multiple point counts spread out during the active breeding season will lead to higher confidence in results. With this in mind, we recommend that HONI complete additional breeding bird surveys prior to completing the assessment of potential adverse effects to breeding birds. If this is not feasible, please explain how HONI will be more

		conservative in its assessment of potential effects, as well as mitigation and monitoring measures, where warranted.
	Breeding bird surveys were completed within the period beginning approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and 10:00 a.m.	- Please highlight the tools (e.g., binoculars), including technologies (e.g., bird identification AI technology) used in the field to facilitate the surveys. If no tools were used, this information should be included in the draft Existing Conditions Report. - Please state in the draft Existing Conditions Report if traffic noise impacted breeding bird surveys. Were survey locations refined as a result of traffic noise? - The methodologies outlined in this section require significant refinement. As a reader, we should be aware of what occurred and why it occurred.
	Environmental conditions (temperature, precipitation, cloud cover) and time were recorded at each survey location as these variables are known to influence the activity levels of birds and their probability of detection.	- We note that neither Section 5.1.3 nor Appendix E include environmental condition data collected by HONI in relation to breeding bird survey stations. Is this because surveys were consistently completed under optimal environmental conditions and there is no need to declare concerns? Please provide MSIFN Consultation with this information for review and confirmation that breeding bird surveys were completed under ideal conditions.
4.1.4 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Surveys	*All suitable habitats for reptiles were searched [...], and all reptiles and amphibians observed were identified and recorded.*	- Please share identification records with MSIFN Consultation. - Did reptile and amphibian identifications occur in or near a specific ELC? Please be as specific as possible.

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	Specific habitat features that support various life processes of wildlife, [...]. [...] behaviour, location, and type of habitat where the individual was observed.	- Please share this information with MSIFN Consultation. - Observed SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals must be reported to our team. This has been communicated to HONI and WSP many times. Please respect our request.
4.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys	*Fish Habitat Potential* *No – The water feature has no habitat available and will not support fish because a defined channel is not present, and/or is not hydrologically connected to fish habitats and/or freezes to the bottom.*	- This category fails to consider that certain isolated or ephemeral features may still provide indirect fish habitat by contributing nutrients or seasonal flows to a downstream fish-bearing system. - Please explain how site-specific surveys will consider the indirect contributions of ephemeral features that aquatic windshield surveys were unable to capture. - If site-specific surveys will not evaluate the indirect contributions of water crossings where there is no fish habitat potential, please bring this to our immediate attention.
	Wetland Vegetation Communities – wetland vegetation communities were visually assessed as present or absent.	- Please confirm if the surveyors are qualified wetland evaluators?
4.2.3 Surface Water Surveys	*Lakes will be categorized as waterbodies >8 ha and ponds as those <8 ha.*	- Is the classification of lakes (>8 ha) and ponds (<8 ha) based on the surface area of the waterbody? Please provide a reference supporting this approach.
4.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys	*If 200 m could not be surveyed due to site logistics (e.g., dense forest, land access issues), the field crew*	- To strengthen the methodology, the author should consider indicators like adjacent habitat quality, topography and hydrology, where direct access isn't possible.

	endeavored to survey as much of the site as is safely accessible, up to 200 m.	- Additionally, if gaps are significant, the author must recommend a follow-up, such as future surveys or remote methods (e.g., aerial imagery, LiDAR, or historical surveys). - Of the 23 water crossing locations assessed, how many could not be surveyed along a 200 m reach due to site logistics? - Did any of the water features that could not be surveyed along a 200 m reach due to site logistics contain critical habitat features for fish?
4.3 Environmental DNA Surveys	*Aquatic eDNA sampling was completed at five water crossing sites (WC-1029.01, 1033.01, 1033.02, 1041.01, 1066.01) located along the centreline of the LSA in October 2024… Surveys were scheduled to be completed at nine locations; however, seasonally dry conditions creating insufficient water levels at four of the proposed stations (WC-1000.01, WC-1029.02, WC-1030, WC-1065) reduced the total stations surveyed to five sites.*	- Please confirm if sampling will be completed at these four stations in 2025 to inform site conditions?
	Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) samples were collected to aid in determining the fish and freshwater invertebrate community assemblages.	- We note that this method was not discussed in the Field Work Plan. - Please provide rationale for selecting eDNA sampling over fish community sampling.

		- How broad was the coverage of the eDNA primers? Did they represent a comprehensive set of Ontario fish species? - Why were molluscs not included in the eDNA analysis?
5.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys	*Other wildlife features of interest identified during the terrestrial windshield surveys include several cavity trees that may provide habitat for bats.* *Twenty-seven individual snags or cavity trees that may provide suitable bat maternity roosting habitat within the LSA were recorded during field surveys.*	- We note that HONI did not complete targeted bat surveys (e.g., acoustic monitoring) through their field program, but opportunistically identified 27 individual snags or cavity trees that may provide suitable bat maternity habitat (e.g., candidate SWH). - Does HONI have plans to conduct acoustic surveys for bats in 2025? Or follow-up investigations to confirm bat maternity colony SWH? - In addition, why is potential bat maternity roosting habitat being discussed in the context of Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (Section 6.8) instead of Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species (Section 6.7)? Has HONI determined that the 27 snags/cavity trees identified are unlikely to be used by [redacted] or [redacted]?
	One ESA threatened species, [redacted] ([redacted]), was frequently observed in open fields within the PSA (Figure 4).	- The following sightings should have been reported to MSIFN Consultation prior to sharing the draft Existing Conditions Report. - Please share the coordinates of the sightings.
5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification	*Butternut ([...]) was observed in four delineated plant communities, including 16 individuals near the Clarington TS,*	- The following sightings should have been reported to MSIFN Consultation prior to sharing the draft Existing Conditions Report.

and Botanical Inventory	*five individuals within the PSA and two individuals within the LSA.* *Additionally, 15 individuals of Black Ash ([...]).*	- Please share the coordinates of all Butternut and Black Ash sightings.
	The vegetation in the ROW is regularly maintained, which limits the amount of woody vegetation.	- Does HONI manage the existing ROW using chemical or mechanical/manual methods? Can the vegetation management plan be shared with MSIFN Consultation?
	Additionally, 15 individuals of Black Ash were observed in 5 locations throughout the LSA (Section 5.1.2) *Nine Black Ash trees were observed during field surveys in various locations within the LSA.*	- There is inconsistent reporting on the number of Black Ash trees found in the LSA, between Section 5.1.2 (15 individuals) and Section 6.7 (nine black ash trees). Please clarify how many Black Ash trees were found in the LSA. - Did surveyors conduct a health assessment of the Black Ash trees found in the LSA, or take note of any signs of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation? If so, please provide the results to MSIFN Consultation.
5.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys	[redacted] *(SAR, 2 observations; 1 station),* [redacted] *(SOCC, 2 observations; 2 stations), and [...].*	- Please share the stations coordinates where [redacted] and [redacted] were observed.
5.1.4 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Surveys	*Scope of terrestrial field surveys – no targeted surveys for reptiles*	- Considering the assessed high likelihood for several herptile species at risk to occur in the study area, we are concerned that HONI did not complete targeted herptile SAR surveys, such as basking surveys in wetlands or waterbodies for turtles or visual encounter surveys for snakes.

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		- Section 4.1.4 notes that the general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys (i.e., incidental wildlife observation protocol) included searching all suitable habitats for reptiles, but only references flipping logs and other types of cover objects, and making observations in piles of rocks, which generally describes strategies for detecting snakes in terrestrial environments, but not turtles in aquatic environments. In addition, the likelihood of detecting herptiles (ectotherms) is highly dependent on environmental conditions (e.g., air and water temperatures, cloud cover) and there is no information on environmental conditions recorded during surveys in this report for us to review and verify. - According to Section 5.1.4 (and Appendix F), two reptile species (and) were detected during general wildlife surveys, including two dead-on-road (DOR) s, suggesting they already experience pressures from human disturbance in the study area and/or that efforts to check wetlands and waterbodies for (still alive) turtles may not have been sufficient. - Considering all of the above information, MSIFN Consultation is concerned that HONI has not done enough baseline survey work to rule out the presence of herptile SAR, including , , and , in the study

		area. Does HONI have plans to conduct additional targeted surveys for turtles and snakes in 2025? If not, will HONI conservatively assume that these species have the potential to occur in the study area for the purposes of the assessment of potential adverse effects on herptiles?
5.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys	*[…] 11 sites require further investigation to determine fish habitat potential […]*	- Will these sites be investigated in 2025 at the project crossing location? Please detail how these 11 sites will be further investigated?
5.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys	*Based on the in-situ field readings, five sites contradicted the previously reported thermal regimes provided in background information.*	- There is no further discussion on what five sites had discrepancies in their thermal regimes. - Additionally, clarify whether these in-situ readings led to any reclassification of thermal regimes or if further analysis was conducted or how this in-situ temperature data was used. Providing this context would improve transparency and help MSIFN Consultation understand the implications of these findings, if any.
	No SCS fish were conveyed during project engagement meetings with Indigenous communities, therefore no SCS were identified.	- This statement is false and must be removed **now** from the report. - MSIFN shared a list of bio-culturally significant (i.e., Species of Cultural Significance (SCS)) species with Hydro One staff. - This list is included in the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement executed by MSIFN Chief Kelly LaRocca and Penny Favel – Vice President of Indigenous Relations at Hydro One Networks Inc. dated October 29, 2024.

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5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys	*Freshwater vertebrate analysis indicated the species-specific presence of* [redacted] *within the PSA* *No terrestrial SAR or SOCC were identified through the eDNA analysis.*	- We note that [redacted] ([redacted]) are an SOCC with high potential to occur in the study area, and that [redacted] ([redacted] does not occur in the region. We therefore assume that the [redacted] eDNA detected was from [redacted]. - Why has HONI stated that no terrestrial SOCC were identified through the eDNA analysis?
	[redacted] *was detected at WC-1033.02, this species has no record of historical presence within Pigeon River or the tertiary watershed (DFO 2024c). There is one record of* [redacted] *within the PSA crossing centreline, located in the North Lake Ontario Shoreline watershed at WC-1001… Due to the uncertainty around this record, further studies are recommended to be completed assess the current presence and habitat potential of* [redacted]. *This would include the collection of eDNA within the main channel at WC-1033, a secondary sample of eDNA taken at WC-1033.02 for confirmation. Supplemental field surveys including fisheries community sampling, habitat assessment*	- Who is responsible to complete further studies to assess the current presence and habitat potential of [redacted]? - Please confirm when these additional and supplemental field studies will occur at WC-1033 and WC-1033.02. - Will any confirmatory studies or eDNA sampling be completed at WC-1001 to confirm the [redacted] record? - Has the following information been shared with the MECP and/or DFO?

	up and downstream of the PSA, and spawning surveys…	

	The freshwater fish meta barcode analysis indicated the species-specific preference of: [redacted] [redacted] [...].	- How will the following eDNA results feed into the DKPL Field Work Plan? Please be as specific as possible.
		- How will the following eDNA results further desktop research as well as future breeding bird and wildlife habitat surveys? Please be as specific as possible.
		- For example, a number of birds, including waterbirds (e.g., herons), waders (e.g., bitterns), diving and dabbling birds (e.g., [redacted]) and gulls and terns hunt [redacted]. The eDNA results can:
		  ○ Identify potential piscivorous birds foraging habitat;
		  ○ Assess waterbody characteristics (e.g., wetland) for nesting habitat suitability; and,
		  ○ Support impact assessments for projects near sensitive waterbodies.

6.1 Wetlands	*Terrestrial survey result maps and unevaluated wetlands*	- We note that there are several locations where unevaluated wetlands appear to overlap the potential project route centrelines. Does HONI have plans to evaluate these wetlands in 2025? If not, how does HONI plan to avoid potentially adverse effects of the project on these wetlands?
	New infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands (other than PSWs) subject to various requirements being met, including demonstratable need for	- Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information?

	and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.	- Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. - MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands (regardless of provincial designation) without MSIFN's consent. - The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to wetlands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers[1]. - Permission to install new infrastructure in wetland(s) within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. - MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. - Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if wetlands are impacted by construction and operation.
6.2 Significant Woodlands	*New infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the*	- Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information?

[1] https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0143622821002411

	infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.	- Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. - MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands without MSIFN's consent. - The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to woodlands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. - Permission to install new infrastructure in woodlands within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. - MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. - Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if woodlands are impacted by construction and operation.
6.3 Significant Valleylands	*New infrastructure may be permitted within significant valleylands given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation*	- Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? - Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence.

	of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.	- MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within significant valleylands without MSIFN's consent. - The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to valleylands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. - Permission to install new infrastructure in valleylands within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. - MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. - Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if valleylands are impacted by construction and operation.
6.4 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest	*New infrastructure may be permitted within ANSIs subject to various requirements being met, including demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.*	- Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? - Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. - MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within ANSIs without MSIFN's consent.

		- The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to ANSIs in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. - Permission to install new infrastructure in ANSIs within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. - MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. - Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if ANSIs are impacted by construction and operation.
6.6 Conservation Areas	*However, new infrastructure may be permitted within conservation areas given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.*	- Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? - Crown agencies were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. - MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within conservation areas without MSIFN's consent. - The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to conservation areas in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers.

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		- Permission to install new infrastructure in conservation areas within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. - MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. - Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if conservation areas are impacted by construction and operation.
6.8 Significant Wildlife Habitat	*New infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.*	- Please correct the typo "significant woodland" to "significant wildlife habitat" in the referenced sentence. - Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? - Crown agencies were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. - MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within significant wildlife habitat without MSIFN's consent. - The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to significant wildlife habitat in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers.

		- Permission to install new infrastructure in significant wildlife habitat within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. - MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. - Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if significant wildlife habitat are impacted by construction and operation.
	Methods used to identify and map Significant Wildlife Habitats	- It's not entirely clear what methods HONI has used to identify candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat in the study area. We acknowledge that Section 4.1.4 states that one of the objectives of general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys was to record potential SWH and that these locations are shown as points on the Figure 4 maps. It is our experience that the standard process for identifying candidate SWH is to, first, use ELC data, the SWH Technical Guide (SWHTG) and appropriate Ecoregion criteria schedule to identify vegetation communities that may provide suitable SWH, and second, conduct field studies in these candidate SWH to confirm significance according to the specific recommended protocols. It does not appear that HONI completed step 1 and instead skipped straight to flagging candidate SWH sites and features in the field.

		- This approach to identifying candidate SWH (combined with access limitations in the field program) leaves MSIFN Consultation concerned that the candidate SWHs described in Section 6.8 and shown on the Figure 4 maps could be significantly under-represented. It is best practice that an environmental assessment baseline should do the opposite – conservatively estimate habitat that may be adversely affected. - We recommend that HONI use ELC data to conduct a desktop analysis of candidate SWH overlapping the study area, followed by additional targeted surveys (per the SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E) in 2025. If HONI considers this to be not feasible or unnecessary, please provide a detailed rationale and explain how potential adverse effects to SWH will be conservatively estimated in the draft ESR.
6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals	*Wetlands with open water areas in the LSA may provide turtle wintering habitat. Five potential sites were observed during field surveys.*	- Please clarify what criteria were used to identify potential turtle wintering habitat sites. Is this based on habitat characteristics observed in the field? Or were turtles observed basking in these areas in early spring (March – May) or fall (September-October)?
	Because the LSA is more than 5 km from Lake Ontario and features no major lakes or rivers, shorebird migratory stopover areas, migratory butterfly	- MSIFN Consultation rejects the referenced statement. - Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1. - The referenced statement must be refined for accuracy, given the following reasons:

	stopover areas and landbird migratory stopover areas are not applicable.	○ Shorebirds may depend on large wetlands in the study area; ○ Inland areas can serve as stopover sites for migratory butterflies if they have nectar sources and roosting trees; and, ○ Passerines (e.g., warblers, thrushes) migrate through forested and shrubby habitats far from major water bodies, so inland areas can still function as stopover sites. - The refined statement should state the following: ○ Because the LSA is more than 5 km from Lake Ontario and lacks major lakes or rivers, it may not be a primary corridor. However, the presence of large wetlands, forested areas, and numerous water crossings suggests potential stopover habitat for migratory shorebirds, landbirds, and butterflies, which should be assessed based on habitat quality and seasonal use.
	There are no suitable features (e.g., caves, karst) to support hibernacula or bat migratory areas in the LSA or ROW.	- Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1. - Additionally, please explain how this statement was drawn following the completion of windshield surveys and few field-based surveys.
	Bank and cliff colony-nesting birds breeding habitat was not observed during field surveys.	- Please connect with St. Marys Cement Inc. (ARA Licence #3198) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit.

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		- Please connect with James Martyn (ARA Licence #3302) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. - Please connect with North York Sand and Gravel Limited (ARA Licence #3239) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. - Please connect with the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes (ARA Licence #3489) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. - Please connect with Katherine Elizabeth Bigelow (ARA Licence #3372) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit.
Rare Vegetation Communities 6.8.2	*Cultural savannah sites [47.4 ha or 46.2 ha within the LSA and 4.7 ha PSA] were classified desktop only and were not accessible for field verification. These cultural savannah sites are all considered candidate SWH until further detailed investigations are conducted to verify if the appropriate criteria are met to confirm the features as SWH.*	- Does HONI have plans to conduct further detailed investigations to confirm if cultural savannah sites meet SWH criteria? Or does HONI intend to assume all cultural savannah sites meet SWH criteria for the purposes of a conservative assessment in the draft ESR? - If the former, please provide more information on investigation methodology and timing to MSIFN Consultation. Study design should include consideration of species of cultural significance (SCS) to MSIFN, including, but not limited to, [redacted], and [redacted]. - MSIFN Consultation should also be granted an invitation to join any further detailed investigations, as savannahs are an ecosystem of great importance to MSIFN.

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6.8.3 Specialized Habitat for Wildlife	*There is no [redacted] and [redacted] nesting, foraging, and perching habitat in the LSA due to the absence of suitable waterbodies adjacent to treed habitat.*	- MSIFN Consultation rejects the referenced statement. Please remove this sentence from the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. - Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1.
	The forested area at [redacted] that intersects the ROW does not quality due to its small contiguous forest size (approximately 3 ha).	- MSIFN Consultation strongly disagrees with this statement. Pleaser remove this sentence from the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. - The presence of numerous [redacted] and bat maternity colonies provides specialized habitat for wildlife (e.g., bats, etc.) and trees of cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg.
6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat	*[…] 35 as non permanent or unknown (MNR 2024d) […] 30 crossings as unknown thermal regimes.*	- Of these approximately 30 watercourses classified as unknown relating to permanency and thermal regime, please confirm that seasonally appropriate studies will be completed to accurately characterize these features.
	The potential for cold water system rehabilitation was identified at 28 of the 34 cold water crossings, indicating locations where improvements to habitat, species stocking, barrier and impediment removal could be corrected as part of future rehabilitation programs and offsetting projects if required.	- Miigwech for sharing this information with MSIFN Consultation.

	No SAR, SOCC, or SCS fish or mussels are present within the Study limits.	- This statement is false and must be removed **<u>now</u>** from the report. - MSIFN shared a list of bio-culturally significant species (e.g., SCS) with Hydro One staff that features a fish species. - This list is included in the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement executed by MSIFN Chief Kelly LaRocca and Penny Favel – Vice President of Indigenous Relations at Hydro One Networks Inc. dated October 29, 2024.
Appendix B; Table 4	*N/A*	- Site WC-1066.01 was surveyed as part of the Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys completed in August and October 2024. The results of the fish habitat survey (Appendix B; Table 4) indicate that this site has no defined channel, is non-permanent, and provides "no" fish habitat. However, eDNA results indicate the presence of fish, suggesting a potential discrepancy between field observations and eDNA results. - How do these results influence the interpretation of other fish habitat surveys that concluded "no" fish habitat? - Will additional assessments or verification be conducted to ensure that similar sites are accurately classified?
Other	*N/A*	- Will eDNA or fish community sampling be completed at all sites with no historical fish records?
	N/A	- Given that 36 of the crossings are known to be inhabited by salmonids, please confirm whether spawning surveys will be conducted at watercourses where the project footprint overlaps. Identifying these sensitive habitat features is crucial for informing project design (prior to permitting)

		and ensuring that avoidance or additional mitigation measures can be implemented as needed.
	N/A	- We understand that HONI is still coordinating land access and in order to supplement existing conditions, windshield aquatic surveys were completed. Caution should be exercised when interpreting information collected during the aquatic windshield survey, particularly in cases where survey stations are located 1 km or more upstream of the actual crossing location. Small watercourses can exhibit significant variations over short distances due to factors such as topography, gradient, flow regime, sediment composition, riparian vegetation, and land use influences. As a result, conditions observed at a survey station may not accurately reflect those at the crossing location, potentially leading to misclassification of habitat features. Additional site-specific assessments are recommended to ensure accurate characterization of watercourse conditions. - Please confirm that once land access has been secured, all watercourses and waterbodies in the PSA and LSA will be studied to inform the project design.
	N/A	- MSIFN Consultation requests that HONI develop an online internal mapping tool that visually depicts the results of the field study/studies. - Please see public facing mapping tool as an example: https://golderglobalgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6f1d9d7732a1459e9cdda45a619ec0af

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		- The internal mapping tool will be available to rights-holding First Nations and will overlay valued ecological and cultural components in the detailed project footprint, which includes (but is not limited to) terrestrial and aquatic surveys, as well as results, identified habitat, wetlands, etc.

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1	1.0 Introduction *Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements. Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements.* • This sentence should explicitly highlight the requirements for accommodating Rightsholders. • The referenced sentence should read as "*Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements**, including accommodations for Rightsholders.***"*	This will be updated and included in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Thank you for your important comment regarding the need to highlight accommodation for Rights holders. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation
2	1.0 Introduction *The Project will span from the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington to the Dobbin TS in the County of Peterborough and is anticipated to be approximately 53 kilometers (km) in length.* • What is the anticipated width of the transmission line right- of-way? Having this information will be useful for helping MSIFN Consultation evaluate the sufficiency of a 120m PSA, and overall, quantify and understand the extent of direct impacts to plant and wildlife habitat.	The anticipated width of the DKPL Right-of-Way is 46 metres (23 metres either side of the centreline) the 120m PSA is also on either side of the centreline in which the project anticipate direct effects. It should also be noted that the project has a 500 metre Local study area (see answer below).
3	1.1 Study Area *The PSA includes lands within 120 metres (m) of the transmission line centreline.* • We note from HONI's response to Comment #2 on the DKPL Field Work Plan that "Laydown and access areas, which are temporary in nature, may be within the PSA." Can HONI guarantee that all project construction and operations activities and components will take place within the 120m PSA? Based on our experience, HONI's footprints typically extend beyond the project right-of-way. While laydown and access areas are often temporary, they still have the potential to adversely impact the natural environment. • All potential temporary and permanent project footprint components – not just the transmission line right-of-way – should be included in the spatial scope of the PSA used for natural environment existing conditions baseline work. Otherwise, the environmental assessment of impacts to these areas (and the species and habitats within them) will not be considered complete, or sufficiently conservative, by MSIFN Consultation.	Hydro One is evaluating both a Local Study Area (LSA; 500 m from centreline) and Project Study Area (LSA; 120 m from centreline) during this Class Environmental Assessment. The PSA is expected to capture direct effects from the project and therefore includes field studies during the Class EA. The PSA includes the existing transmission line corridor which includes existing access. The LSA is expected to experience more indirect effects, and while still studied during the Class EA, these studies are more focussed on background report and research. This ensures that indirect effects like construction noise/dust etc. are captured. After the Class EA, once the detailed design planning has begun, the eventual Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor will assess off ROW construction works (access/laydown) which would be temporary. At this stage, the project team does not anticipate any new access outside of the LSA as the surrounding area has established roads that would be available for crews to travel to the study area. Additionally, given this project is occurring on an existing ROW, there are many existing pathways to access the ROW which would be preferential. If the EPC contractor wishes to establish temporary infrastructure (laydown and access areas) outside of the LSA or include effects not assessed in the Class EA, the EPC Contractors would need to conduct additional studies to support the design and permitting for that access.
4	Species at Risk Screening, Table 3-1 (Appendix A) *Species at Risk Screening Rankings:* [redacted] *Low Probability of Occurrence – No suitable habitat and no documented occurrences in the LSA* *Moderate Probability of Occurrence – Suitable habitat present, but no documented occurrences; or species recorded, but no suitable habitat apparent. -* • In Appendix A, HONI assigns a low probability to occur in the Study Area to [redacted], stating "although there are recent occurrence records of the species within the study area (NHIC), the study area is unlikely to contain low disturbance, tall grasslands	The NHIC database identified occurrences of [redacted] within the grid area squares that overlap the study area, but did not indicate specifically that [redacted] records were documented within the PSA. Due to lack of suitable habitat for [redacted] within the PSA, the probability of this species occurring was determined to be low. This will be clarified in the final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Likewise, the OBBA squares that overlap the PSA do not indicate that [redacted] was documented within the PSA. These records could have been flagged anywhere within the area squares. Due to lack of identified suitable habitat for [redacted] in the PSA, the probability of this species occurring was determined to be low. This will be clarified in the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.

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	greater than 30ha in size that would be suitable for [redacted] breeding habitat". According to Table 3-1, SAR should be assigned a "moderate" probability of occurrence if species are recorded. As such, [redacted] should be re- assigned a Moderate probability of occurring in the study area. • There is a similar issue for [redacted], which was assigned a Low probability of occurring in the study area, despite being listed as a possible breeder within the OBBA squares that overlap the study area. To be listed as a possible breeder within the overlapping OBBA squares, an occurrence record would have needed to be documented within it. Considering this, we recommend that HONI re- assign [redacted] a Moderate probability of occurring within the study area.	The probability of species to occur within the PSA will be updated to reflect the findings of the 2025 Field Program.
5	4.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys *Terrestrial windshield surveys were conducted at 28 roadside locations on April 23-26, 2024. Survey site selection was driven primarily by available public access intersecting the LSA.* • Did HONI also consider vegetation community type when selecting the roadside locations? Does HONI feel that the 28 roadside survey locations are representative of the potentially impacted vegetation communities? Please provide a table outlining the ELC code for each roadside survey location to facilitate our review of whether or not selected survey locations can be considered representative.	Roadside locations were selected based on public accessibility for the field surveyors. Windshield surveys were not intended to function as vegetation surveys, though they did provide opportunities to collect data on vegetation communities present at survey locations. Ecological land classification (ELC) and botanical inventory were completed later in 2024. Additional ELC and botanical inventory will be completed in 2025.
6	4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *Additionally, a one-day targeted Butternut (Juglans cinerea) SAR survey was carried out on October 17, 2024 outside [redacted]. This search was conducted by systematically walking through the targeted woodland and recording observations and other incidental plant species.* • The author should reference the reader to a figure that features a map of the area surveyed. Additionally, the author must state if a leaf-on survey was completed and should state if tree leaves were transitioning to a different colour. • Why did HONI only complete targeted butternut surveys at one woodland [redacted]? We note that butternut trees were observed in other locations in the study areas, including off [redacted] (Figure 4.14, 4.15), [redacted] (Figure 4.16). Does HONI have plans to complete additional targeted butternut surveys in suitable habitats in 2025? [redacted]. • Did HONI surveyors conduct a formal butternut health assessment, or make any notes regarding the health of butternut trees recorded in the study areas? If so, please provide this information to MSIFN Consultation.	Noted. The figures will be referenced in this section. Given the location near [redacted], the project team was contemplating the entrance structures into the stations. The team wanted to get an idea of where the butternut trees are for the project planning to minimize and effects (understanding the importance of these species). For the remainder of the project, the transmission line is located within an existing ROW and therefore we don't anticipate any additional tree clearing beyond the operation and maintenance. The locations were documented for the purposes of showing where mitigations to protect the trees may be required. If during detailed design it becomes evident that we may impact butternuts, we would complete health assessments and appropriate permitting will take place. The Butternut survey was conducted on October 17, 2024 and therefore a Butternut Health Assessment (BHA) was not completed as the leaf-on timing window had passed. If the detailed design is expected to impact the Butternuts, Hydro One will go through the appropriate permitting measures, which may include a BHA, and MSIFN will be engaged. Butternut surveys were completed at the target location because potential clearing for the project was identified in the area and Hydro One was seeking to understand potential SAR permitting implications for the clearing in the event Butternuts were present. Thank you for your comment. [redacted].
7	4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *High-level ELC surveys were conducted on August 13-15, 2024 and a second and third set of survey dates (September 17-18 and November 14, 2024) were added when early access agreements were secured for additional properties in the LSA.*	A table outlining surveys and corresponding survey dates will be provided with the updated report and will include surveys from the 2025 field program. MSIFN's review of the memo outlining planned surveys for 2025 and subsequent discussion provide opportunity for further sharing on species of cultural importance to the community. Participation in all

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	• Can HONI provide a table outlining which high-level ELC field survey sites were undertaken on which date / in which set (i.e., first, second, third)? We note that the second and third sets were completed outside the peak growing season and it would be useful for MSIFN Consultation to know which sites this applies to, so we can determine where HONI's baseline dataset may be incomplete. While we appreciate that HONI made efforts to conduct high-level ground truthing of the second and third set ELC polygons through publicly accessible roadsides, we note that species inventories for these areas may be biased toward edge species. • Does HONI have plans to conduct high-level ELC surveys at the second and third set locations during the 2025 growing season? If so, we should be extended an invitation to participate, and the methodology should consider species of cultural importance to the community.	proposed field surveys by community monitors is welcomed.
8	4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *High-level ELC surveys were conducted, wherein plant species were inventoried and the percent cover of each vegetation stratum was estimated.* • Considering only high-level ELC surveys (i.e., vegetation sampling component only – no soils/substrate sampling) were completed, how confident is HONI in its ELC field verification conclusions? Please provide additional information to substantiate the response (i.e., quality / availability of background information, consideration for habitat type, etc.).	ELC mapping is largely high-level (e.g., FOD) in most of the LSA. Finer classification was assigned where there was confidence in the classification. Should there be an uncertain classification in an area to be affected by the Project, Hydro One and the EPC Contractor will revisit the need for additional survey to confirm the classification.
9	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Preliminary survey locations were selected in advance of the field surveys through a desktop analysis of available land cover mapping located to WSP's web mapping tool.* • Please substantiate your methodologies and include the answers to the questions below in the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Please explain why breeding bird surveys were selected in advance of the field surveys. • Please explain if any data, including Indigenous Knowledge, was used to determine the preliminary survey locations. • Can HONI provide a table summarizing bird breeding survey locations by land cover type or ELC code? Given the private property access constraints and reliance on public roadsides in this field program, we are concerned that survey locations may not be representative of areas with the potential to be adversely affected by the project.	Survey site selection ahead of a field program is standard protocol to facilitate planning and target areas of interest (e.g., representative habitat types), with the understanding that adjustments may be made in the field based on site conditions. Ultimately due to access limitations, the surveys were completed by roadside. Improved access in 2025 will allow for surveys within various target habitats in the PSA. Survey approach, and methodologies will be substantiated in the updated report. Additionally, a table will be included with the updated report that summarizes survey locations and associated land cover types. At the time of the 2024 field planning stage, Indigenous knowledge specifically had not been shared. MSIFN's review of the memo outlining planned surveys for 2025 and subsequent discussion provide opportunity for further sharing.
10	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Breeding bird surveys were conducted on June 25-26, 2024 which is during the active breeding season (May 24 to July 10 in southern Ontario). One round of surveys was conducted due to access delays until late in the survey window.* • Please explain how this will be corrected (i.e., how will this be remedied to capture data	Additional breeding bird surveys are planned for 2025. Results will be incorporated into the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential

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	gaps). • Please include the answer to the question above in the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Does HONI have plans to conduct a second round of breeding bird surveys in 2025? We note that, because different species breed on different schedules, conducting multiple point counts spread out during the active breeding season will lead to higher confidence in results. With this in mind, we recommend that HONI complete additional breeding bird surveys prior to completing the assessment of potential adverse effects to breeding birds. If this is not feasible, please explain how HONI will be more conservative in its assessment of potential effects, as well as mitigation and monitoring measures, where warranted.	presence.
11	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Breeding bird surveys were completed within the period beginning approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and 10:00 a.m.* • Please highlight the tools (e.g., binoculars), including technologies (e.g., bird identification AI technology) used in the field to facilitate the surveys. If no tools were used, this information should be included in the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Please state in the draft Existing Conditions Report if traffic noise impacted breeding bird surveys. Were survey locations refined as a result of traffic noise? • The methodologies outlined in this section require significant refinement. As a reader, we should be aware of what occurred and why it occurred.	Breeding bird surveys were undertaken by WSP on June 25-26 2024, at 35 point count stations within the PSA following the protocols described in the *Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas* (OBBA) (Cadman et al 2007) and in accordance with methods outlined in the *Canadian Breeding Bird Survey* (Downes and Collins 2003). The surveys were completed by qualified biologists, knowledgeable in bird identification by sight and sound, within the period beginning approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and 10:00 am to capture the period of maximum bird song activity. Species were identified through unique vocalizations and by visual observations. Each station location consisted of a survey radius of 100 m from the location of the observer. All birds heard or observed were recorded at intervals of 0-50 m, 50-100 m, >100 m, and flyovers (birds seen flying overhead). Binoculars were occasionally used to identify species by sight. Each point count station was surveyed for a duration of 10 minutes to improve detection, consistent with recommendations in other guidelines, including the *Forest Bird Monitoring Programs in Wildlife Monitoring Programs in Wildlife Monitoring Programs* and *Inventory Techniques for Ontario* (Konze and McLaren 1997). Each bird was recorded once and mapped on the field data sheet to ensure no duplication of individual birds. Surveys were undertaken in appropriate weather conditions (i.e., suitable temperatures, no precipitation, and little or no wind), in accordance with the OBBA survey guidelines. Noise levels were taken into consideration when confirming survey locations in the field. Methodologies and equipment used will be further described in the updated report.
12	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Environmental conditions (temperature, precipitation, cloud cover) and time were recorded at each survey location as these variables are known to influence the activity levels of birds and their probability of detection.* • We note that neither Section 5.1.3 nor Appendix E include environmental condition data collected by HONI in relation to breeding bird survey stations. Is this because surveys were consistently completed under optimal environmental conditions and there is no need to declare concerns? • Please provide MSIFN Consultation with this information for review and confirmation that breeding bird surveys were completed under ideal conditions.	Breeding bird surveys were conducted under suitable environmental conditions and in accordance with accepted protocols. Industry and professional standard is that qualified individuals complete work and under appropriate conditions. Additional details will be included in the updated report and data sheets will be appended.
13	4.1.4 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Surveys *All suitable habitats for reptiles were searched [...], and all reptiles and amphibians observed were identified and recorded.*	All wildlife species documented during the 2024 field program are provided in Appendix F: *Terrestrial Survey Results – Wildlife* in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Herptile observations with corresponding ELC were:

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	• Please share identification records with MSIFN Consultation. • Did reptile and amphibian identifications occur in or near a specific ELC? Please be as specific as possible. • Please share this information with MSIFN Consultation. • Observed SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals must be reported to our team. This has been communicated to HONI and WSP many times. Please respect our request.	- [redacted]: Cultural Woodland (CUW). - [redacted]: Coniferous Forest (FOC), Deciduous Swamp (SWD), Cultural Thicket (CUT), and Shallow Marsh (MAS). - [redacted]: Shallow Marsh (MAS). - [redacted]: Coniferous Forest (FOC). - [redacted]: Shallow Marsh (MAS). - [redacted]: Roadside. It is understood that sightings of SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals during future field studies are to be reported to MSIFN.
14	4.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys *Fish Habitat Potential* *No – The water feature has no habitat available and will not support fish because a defined channel is not present, and/or is not hydrologically connected to fish habitats and/or freezes to the bottom.* • This category fails to consider that certain isolated or ephemeral features may still provide indirect fish habitat by contributing nutrients or seasonal flows to a downstream fish-bearing system. • Please explain how site-specific surveys will consider the indirect contributions of ephemeral features that aquatic windshield surveys were unable to capture. • If site-specific surveys will not evaluate the indirect contributions of water crossings where there is no fish habitat potential, please bring this to our immediate attention.	The focus of the windshield surveys was to identify and evaluate water features that may directly support fish habitat, presence or movement, as well as upstream and downstream contributing habitats (i.e., indirect contributions). Indirect fish habitat and non-permanent water features (i.e., intermittent or ephemeral features) were assessed during detailed fish and fish habitat surveys at a subset of crossings along the centre line. All water features identified in the desktop, windshield and detailed surveys were conservatively assessed for their contributions to fish habitat and surface water quality. Site-specific surveys included documentation of riparian and in-stream vegetation, substrates, wetland community features and groundwater indicators that may contribute nutrients, food inputs or hydrological influence to downstream fish-bearing systems and surface water quality. Site-specific surveys also investigated headwater drainage features and hydrologic connections to direct fish habitat, helping to identify how ephemeral or isolated features may still affect the broader aquatic ecosystem.
15	4.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys *Wetland Vegetation Communities – wetland vegetation communities were visually assessed as present or absent.* • Please confirm if the surveyors are qualified wetland evaluators?	During the aquatic windshield surveys, wetlands were not evaluated, but rather their presence was assessed in terms of their potential to support fish habitat. The statement will be clarified in the updated NER. Wetlands play a vital role in supporting fish habitat by offering shelter, food sources, and contributing to overall ecosystem health. They can also serve as an important indicator of fish species composition within a water feature.
16	4.2.3 Surface Water Surveys *Lakes will be categorized as waterbodies >8 ha and ponds as those <8 ha.* • Is the classification of lakes (>8 ha) and ponds (<8 ha) based on the surface area of the waterbody? Please provide a reference supporting this approach.	The categorization for lakes and ponds was based on surface area. Although there is a lack of standardized refences within regards to the surface area or ponds and lakes, we applied the definitions from DFO 2007 Operational Statement Notification Form and USEPA 2024 Terminology Services.
17	4.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *If 200 m could not be surveyed due to site logistics (e.g., dense forest, land access issues), the field crew endeavored to survey as much of the site as is safely accessible, up to 200 m.*	Our crew was successful in surveying all 23 water crossing locations for the 200 m reach as well as surveyed additional sites above and beyond our target. Should in the future site access be limited, desktop data (including aerial imagery and LiDAR) and

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	• To strengthen the methodology, the author should consider indicators like adjacent habitat quality, topography and hydrology, where direct access isn't possible. • Additionally, if gaps are significant, the author must recommend a follow-up, such as future surveys or remote methods (e.g., aerial imagery, LiDAR, or historical surveys). • Of the 23 water crossing locations assessed, how many could not be surveyed along a 200 m reach due to site logistics? • Did any of the water features that could not be surveyed along a 200 m reach due to site logistics contain critical habitat features for fish?	windshield survey collection data (collected at upstream and downstream roadside locations) will help fill gaps beyond the surveyed area, as well as visual inspection to the extent possible from the point of access of adjacent areas.
18	4.3 Environmental DNA Surveys *Aquatic eDNA sampling was completed at five water crossing sites (WC-1029.01, 1033.01, 1033.02, 1041.01, 1066.01) located along the centreline of the LSA in October 2024… Surveys were scheduled to be completed at nine locations; however, seasonally dry conditions creating insufficient water levels at four of the proposed stations (WC-1000.01, WC- 1029.02, WC-1030, WC-1065) reduced the total stations surveyed to five sites.* • Please confirm if sampling will be completed at these four stations in 2025 to inform site conditions?	eDNA sampling has been proposed at four new sites in 2025.
19	4.3 Environmental DNA Surveys *Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) samples were collected to aid in determining the fish and freshwater invertebrate community assemblages.* • We note that this method was not discussed in the Field Work Plan. • Please provide rationale for selecting eDNA sampling over fish community sampling. • How broad was the coverage of the eDNA primers? Did they represent a comprehensive set of Ontario fish species? • Why were molluscs not included in the eDNA analysis?	eDNA studies were added to the field work based on a recommendation from 4 Directions, supporting Hiawatha First Nation in the summer of 2024, following their review of the Field Work Plan. eDNA was selected over fish community sampling due to higher detection sensitivity, simultaneous assessment of multiple species. eDNA sampling is generally less resource-intensive in the field compared to traditional sampling methods, making it easier to collect data over a larger geographical area in a shorter amount of time. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be recommended where applicable in the ESR for completion prior to permitting in areas where effects may occur. eDNA results provided a broad representation of Ontario fish species, as the primers used were designed to amplify DNA from a wide range of species. Multi-species tests were conducted for both aquatic vertebrates (freshwater fish, amphibians, reptiles, etc.) and invertebrates (molluscs, crustaceans, worms, etc.) using different primers. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting where effects may occur.
20	5.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys *Other wildlife features of interest identified during the terrestrial windshield surveys include several cavity trees that may provide habitat for bats.* *Twenty-seven individual snags or cavity trees that may provide suitable bat maternity roosting habitat within the LSA were recorded during field surveys.* • We note that HONI did not complete targeted bat surveys (e.g., acoustic monitoring) through their field program, but • opportunistically identified 27 individual snags or cavity trees that may provide suitable bat maternity habitat (e.g., candidate SWH). • Does HONI have plans to conduct acoustic surveys for bats in 2025? Or follow-up investigations to confirm bat maternity colony SWH? • In addition, why is potential bat maternity roosting habitat being discussed in the context of Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (Section 6.8) instead of Habitat of Endangered	Currently, Hydro One is not proposing bat acoustic surveys. Once a detailed design is provided, Hydro One and the EPC will evaluate if any potential snag trees are proposed for removal. The vast majority of the project route (~94%) is within the existing ROW and vegetation removal is expected to be minimal. Therefore, effects to bats are not currently anticipated. Where vegetation removal cannot be avoided, mitigation practices, such as tree removal outside of the bat maternity roosting window, would be the approach. If bat snags are proposed to be removed within the maternity roosting window, the requirement for bat acoustic surveys or other targeted bat surveys will be revisited. MSIFN will be engaged in this process. Habitat potential for SAR bats is acknowledged in Section 6.7 (Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species) and a description of habitat preferences and habitat availability for these species within the LSA is provided in Appendix A of the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.

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	or Threatened Species (Section 6.7)? Has HONI determined that the 27 snags/cavity trees identified are unlikely to be used by [redacted] or [redacted]?	
21	5.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys *One ESA threatened species, [redacted] ([redacted]), was frequently observed in open fields within the PSA (Figure 4).* • The following sightings should have been reported to MSIFN Consultation prior to sharing the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Please share the coordinates of the sightings.	Please see table below for location coordinates for [redacted] observations from 2024. It is understood that sightings of SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals during future field studies are to be reported to MSIFN. **Coordinates of [redacted] observations in 2024**: [redacted]

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22	5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *Butternut ([...]) was observed in four delineated plant communities, including 16 individuals near the [redacted], five individuals within the PSA and two individuals within the LSA.* *Additionally, 15 individuals of Black Ash ([...]).* • The following sightings should have been reported to MSIFN Consultation prior to sharing the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Please share the coordinates of all Butternut and Black Ash sightings.	Please see tables below for location coordinates for black ash and butternut observations from 2024. It is understood that sightings of SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals during future field studies are to be reported to MSIFN. **Coordinates of Black Ash observations in 2024:** [redacted] *represents both individual and group locations **Coordinates of Butternut observations in 2024**: [redacted]
23	5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory The vegetation in the ROW is regularly maintained, which limits the amount of woody vegetation. • Does HONI manage the existing ROW using chemical or mechanical/manual methods? Can the vegetation management plan be shared with MSIFN Consultation?	Hydro One takes an integrated approach to maintaining its corridors including the mechanical removal of vegetation and/or the application of herbicides. Should herbicides be required it is always a selective application with a low volume, direct application of federally and provincially approved herbicides, with appropriate setbacks from waterbodies and other sensitive features. Our Forestry Technicians are required to identify all vegetation that could grow or fall into the power lines or towers. Depending on species type, density of vegetation and corridor characteristics (such as line sag, tower height, elevation etc.), our Forestry Technicians will determine which trees and other

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		vegetation will pose a risk, and the best methods to address the vegetation. Hydro One's approach aims to find a balance between ensuring that taller-growing and invasive tree species are deterred from re-establishing and also encouraging the growth of low-growing plant communities to promote biodiversity. The application of herbicides to select vegetation plays a critical role in Hydro One's integrated approach to maintaining vegetation on hydro corridors. Mowing and trimming are important parts of any right of way maintenance program, but mechanical means alone do not provide a long-term sustainable solution for managing vegetation along right of ways. Mechanical control can reduce pollinator habitat, distribute weed seeds and cause some plant species (including some invasive plant species) to re-sprout rapidly resulting in increased density of the stand. Mechanical control also needs to be repeated frequently in order to maintain the right of way. Selective application of herbicides allows desirable species to flourish which increases biodiversity. It is less disruptive to the landscape and controls the entire plant so the intensity of required future maintenance is lower. Integrated vegetation management programs use both mechanical and herbicide control strategies and are proven to be the safest, most cost-effective long-term vegetation management strategy. Typically, vegetation maintenance on transmission lines is completed on a six-year cycle. In instances where herbicides are used to prevent the re-growth of certain fast-growing species, the intensity of the required future maintenance is lower, for example, less herbicide required, less cutting, less mowing. In some cases where herbicide is employed, no brush maintenance is required during the next maintenance cycle as low growing vegetation flourishes and impedes the regrowth of trees and brush. As part of our work planning process, Hydro One staff complete a species at risk assessment for each maintenance project in addition to identification of any Water Source Protected areas or any known archaeological areas of concern. They follow product label directions when determining buffers to potable water wells, Municipal well head or water intake, and/or surface water features and wetlands. In most cases Hydro One utilizes more conservative setbacks than what product labels indicate. Additionally, Hydro One staff follow all provincial and federal legislation (including, but not limited to Canada's *Migratory Bird Convention Act*, Ontario's *Endangered Species Act*, Ontario's *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, Ontario's *Invasive Species Act*), and make all reasonable efforts to comply with the legislation in extreme circumstances if vegetation compromises the integrity of the system. Hydro One does not take the application of herbicides lightly, application is kept to a minimum and spraying. Vegetation management planning for the DKPL project will be developed closer to construction and included in the Environmental Management Plan. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFNs request to share the Forestry Management Plan. Hydro One Forestry shared details of the forestry operations on October 30th. In addition to this, Hydro One has committed to sharing the Hydro One Urban Forestry Protocol and utilizing this as framework to develop a protocol in WTFN territory. This framework will address both work and communication strategies. A collective meeting is proposed for May 5th for further updates and review. At this time, the DKPL vegetation management plan is consistent with Hydro One standard operations and can redistribute the information shared on October 30th. Hydro One is also undertaking an assessment of the DKPL corridor to understand the scope of the Forestry needs. Hydro One has expressed that no forestry work will take place on the DKPL or the

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		adjacent corridor until the scope is understood and communicated with Williams Treaty First Nations communities.
24	5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *Additionally, 15 individuals of Black Ash were observed in 5 locations throughout the LSA (Section 5.1.2)* *Nine Black Ash trees were observed during field surveys in various locations within the LSA.* • There is inconsistent reporting on the number of Black Ash trees found in the LSA, between Section 5.1.2 (15 individuals) and Section 6.7 (nine black ash trees). Please clarify how many Black Ash trees were found in the LSA. • Did surveyors conduct a health assessment of the Black Ash trees found in the LSA, or take note of any signs of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation? If so, please provide the results to MSIFN Consultation.	The discrepancies in Black Ash numbers documented in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report will be corrected in the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Black Ash observations were documented as both individuals and in groupings, within 5 locations (see response to comment 23 for locations). Evidence of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation was not examined or documented during the 2024 surveys. If the detailed design is expected to affect Black Ash trees, Hydro One will go through the appropriate permitting measures, which includes a health assessment (including examination for signs of EAB infestation), and MSIFN will be engaged.
25	5.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys [redacted], [redacted] *(SAR, 2 observations; 1 station),* [redacted] *(SOCC, 2 observations; 2 stations), and [...].* • Please share the stations coordinates where [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted] were observed.	Please refer to Figures 2.1 to 2.10 for Breeding Bird Survey locations. Please refer to Appendix E: *Breeding Bird Survey Results* for the bird species documented in the corresponding survey location. [redacted] **station coordinate:** **Station / UTM easting / UTM Northing** [redacted] [redacted] **station coordinates:** **Station / UTM Easting / UTM Northing** [redacted] [redacted] **station coordinates:** **Station / UTM Easting / UTM Northing** [redacted]

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26	5.1.4 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Surveys *Scope of terrestrial field surveys – no targeted surveys for reptiles* • Considering the assessed high likelihood for several herptile species at risk to occur in the study area, we are concerned that HONI did not complete targeted herptile SAR surveys, such as basking surveys in wetlands or waterbodies for turtles or visual encounter surveys for snakes. • Section 4.1.4 notes that the general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys (i.e., incidental wildlife observation protocol) included searching all suitable habitats for reptiles, but only references flipping logs and other types of cover objects, and making observations in piles of rocks, which generally describes strategies for detecting snakes in terrestrial environments, but not turtles in aquatic environments. In addition, the likelihood of detecting herptiles (ectotherms) is highly dependent on environmental conditions (e.g., air and water temperatures, cloud cover) and there is no information on environmental conditions recorded during surveys in this report for us to review and verify. • According to Section 5.1.4 (and Appendix F), two reptile species ([redacted] and [redacted]) were detected during general wildlife surveys, including two dead-on-road (DOR) [redacted]s, suggesting they already experience pressures from human disturbance in the study area and/or that efforts to check wetlands and waterbodies for (still alive) turtles may not have been sufficient. • Considering all of the above information, MSIFN Consultation is concerned that HONI has not done enough baseline survey work to rule out the presence of herptile SAR, including [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] in the study area. Does HONI have plans to conduct additional targeted surveys for turtles and snakes in 2025? If not, will HONI conservatively assume that these species have the potential to occur in the study area for the purposes of the assessment of potential adverse effects on herptiles?	Targeted turtle surveys, such as basking surveys, are not planned for the 2025 field program. SAR turtle habitat has been observed within the LSA, and Hydro One anticipates that SAR and non-SAR turtle occupancy surrounding and within wetland features is likely, including suitable nesting habitat where it has been identified. With the assumption that both SAR and non-SAR reptiles occupy the LSA, mitigation measures will be implemented to prevent potential effects. Detailed and species-specific surveys for SAR Reptiles will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). The flipping of logs and documentation of rockpiles was completed simultaneously with other scheduled field surveys and did not follow a specific protocol. This strategy was undertaken to increase the chance of incidental wildlife observations and further the understanding of habitat suitability for snakes. Since a specific protocol was not followed, temperature, air, and cloud cover were not documented at the time of each observation. It is acknowledged that the incidental observations documented from lifting debris and identifying suitable rock piles does not negate the effort and species-specific target surveys required in determining turtle presence. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.
27	5.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys *[…] 11 sites require further investigation to determine fish habitat potential […]* • Will these sites be investigated in 2025 at the project crossing location? Please detail how these 11 sites will be further investigated?	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).
28	5.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *Based on the in-situ field readings, five sites contradicted the previously reported thermal regimes provided in background information.* • There is no further discussion on what five sites had discrepancies in their thermal regimes. • Additionally, clarify whether these in-situ readings led to any reclassification of thermal	Temperatures recorded at the following four sites contradicted the cold-water thermal regime reported in the background review: WC-1007, WC-1029, WC-1040 and WC-1046. Temperature recorded at WC-1061 also contradicted the warm water thermal regime reported in the background review. The thermal regimes reported in Appendix B: Table 4 are those identified by the MNR. Reclassification of thermal regimes typically requires multi-season studies and is conducted by regulators. Any

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	regimes or if further analysis was conducted or how this in-situ temperature data was used. Providing this context would improve transparency and help MSIFN Consultation understand the implications of these findings, if any.	updates to the thermal regime classifications would be part of a regulatory process. Avoidance, mitigation, restoration approach for the Project to avoiding effects to fish and fish habitat in general are independent to thermal regime.
29	5.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *No SCS fish were conveyed during project engagement meetings with Indigenous communities, therefore no SCS were identified.* • This statement is false and must be removed **now** from the report. • MSIFN shared a list of bio-culturally significant (i.e., Species of Cultural Significance (SCS)) species with Hydro One staff. • This list is included in the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement executed by MSIFN Chief Kelly LaRocca and Penny Favel – Vice President of Indigenous Relations at Hydro One Networks Inc. dated October 29, 2024.	Thank you for comment, this will be updated in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.
30	5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys *Freshwater vertebrate analysis indicated the species-specific presence of [redacted] ([redacted]) within the PSA* *No terrestrial SAR or SOCC were identified through the eDNA analysis.* • We note that [redacted] ([redacted]) are an SOCC with high potential to occur in the study area, and that [redacted] bellii) does not occur in the region. We therefore assume that the [redacted] eDNA detected was from [redacted]. • Why has HONI stated that no terrestrial SOCC were identified through the eDNA analysis?	Thank you for flagging this. The eDNA results identifying [redacted] will be updated in terrestrial results in the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report.
31	5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys *[redacted] was detected at WC- 1033.02, this species has no record of historical presence within Pigeon River or the tertiary watershed (DFO 2024c).* *There is one record of [redacted] within the PSA crossing centreline, located in the North Lake Ontario Shoreline watershed at WC-1001… Due to the uncertainty around this record, further studies are recommended to be completed assess the current presence and habitat potential of [redacted]. This would include the collection of eDNA within the main channel at WC-1033, a secondary sample of eDNA taken at WC- 1033.02 for confirmation. Supplemental field surveys including fisheries community sampling, habitat assessment up and downstream of the PSA, and spawning surveys…* • Who is responsible to complete further studies to assess the current presence and habitat potential of [redacted]? • Please confirm when these additional and supplemental field studies will occur at WC-1033 and WC-1033.02.	This information will be shared with MECP and DFO. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).

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	• Will any confirmatory studies or eDNA sampling be completed at WC-1001 to confirm the [redacted] record? • Has the following information been shared with the MECP and/or DFO?	

32	5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys
	
	The freshwater fish meta barcode analysis indicated the species-specific preference of: [redacted] [...].
	
	• How will the following eDNA results feed into the DKPL Field Work Plan? Please be as specific as possible.
	• How will the following eDNA results further desktop research as well as future breeding bird and wildlife habitat surveys? Please be as specific as possible.
	• For example, a number of birds, including waterbirds (e.g., herons), waders (e.g., bitterns), diving and dabbling birds (e.g., kingfisher) and gulls and terns hunt [redacted]. The eDNA results can:
	  ○ Identify potential piscivorous birds foraging habitat;
	  ○ Assess waterbody characteristics (e.g., wetland) for nesting habitat suitability; and,
	  ○ Support impact assessments for projects near sensitive waterbodies.
		The 2025 Field Work Plan focuses on surveying new sites as opposed to revisiting previously visited locations.
		
		eDNA results will be shared with the MNR, DFO, and MECP, and have also been provided to the terrestrial ecology team for consideration in the characterization of the existing environment and potential Project effects.
		
		Targeted surveys for waterbirds, gulls, etc. are not planned for the 2025 field program. A conservative approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting where effects may occur once a detailed design has been provided.

33	6.1 Wetlands *Terrestrial survey result maps and unevaluated wetlands* • We note that there are several locations where unevaluated wetlands appear to overlap the potential project route centrelines. Does HONI have plans to evaluate these wetlands in 2025? If not, how does HONI plan to avoid potentially adverse effects of the project on these wetlands?	To the extent practical, Hydro One will avoid disturbance to any wetland through the detailed design stage and will implement mitigation measures to minimize potential adverse effects where they cannot be avoided.. If new long-term disturbances to a wetland cannot be avoided, the requirement for further studies of a wetland will be revisited.
34	6.1 Wetlands *New infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands (other than PSWs) subject to various requirements being met, including demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.* • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands (regardless of provincial designation) without MSIFN's consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to wetlands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers[1] (1 https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0143622821002411) • Permission to install new infrastructure in wetland(s) within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self- determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*.	Thank you for your input. Hydro One has been meeting with Rights holders on the project since before the Notice of Commencement on the Class EA. The purpose of these meetings is to share project updates and acquire feedback on the project including the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations. This continues to be a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. Please note that this report has been provided to First Nations in draft form for comment prior to publishing the report. We acknowledge that the referenced text is limited to narrowly reflecting provincial permitting requirements within the referenced habitat type and that a much wider range of considerations are included in making decisions related to that habitat. This Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report documented desktop or field collected environmental data to date. The Class EA process provides a structure to document the interconnected factor required to understand the baseline environment and potential effects demonstrated in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). As the project progresses, including detailed design, updated studies may be required if effects were not previously assessed, or assessed in detail during the Class EA. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for the any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design. The proposed update to the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report includes the following additions: Within the applicable permitting requirements, potential consideration of placement of new infrastructure within wetlands (other than PSWs) is subject to various requirements being met, including those of First Nations being consulted with on the project. With regards to crown agency

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	• Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if wetlands are impacted by construction and operation.	permitting process, it requires demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of effects demonstrated through an environmental assessment as minimum requirements for consideration. These constraints reflect the ecological and cultural value of wetlands, and recognize the pressures of development to these systems historically impacted by European settlement in Ontario. To the extent possible, Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to wetlands through design and implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects. Further discussion around potential for project interactions with wetlands, potential for effects and related mitigations to minimize potential for effects wetlands and acknowledgement of cumulative effects to wetlands will continue with MSIFN through the Class EA process. Input by MSIFN on these effects will be documented in the ESR. Any commitments made in the ESR will be adhered to by the eventual EPC contractor. As indicated above, regarding the need to highlight accommodation for Rights holders; Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation It remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as "Free Prior and Informed Consent", of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario
35	6.2 Significant Woodlands *New infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.* • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands without MSIFN's consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to woodlands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. • Permission to install new infrastructure in woodlands within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. • Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if woodlands are impacted by construction and operation.	Thank you for your input. The perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations is a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. We acknowledge that the referenced text is limited to narrowly reflecting provincial permitting requirements within the referenced habitat type and that a much wider range of considerations are included in making decisions related to that habitat. This Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report documented desktop or field collected environmental data to date. The Class EA process provides a structure to document the interconnected factor required to understand the baseline environment and potential effects demonstrated in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). As the project progresses, including detailed design, updated studies may be required if effects were not previously assessed, or assessed in detail during the Class EA. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for the any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design. The proposed update to the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report includes the following additions: *Within the applicable permitting requirements, potential placement of new infrastructure within significant woodlands is subject to various requirements being met, including those of First Nations. The permitting process requires demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of effects demonstrated through an environmental assessment as minimum requirements for consideration. These constraints reflect the ecological and cultural value of woodlands, and recognize the pressures of development to these systems historically impacted by European settlement in Ontario. Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to woodlands through design and implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects.* Further discussion around potential for project interactions with woodlands, potential for effects and related mitigations to minimize potential for effects and acknowledgement of cumulative effects will continue with MSIFN through the EA process. Input by MSIFN on these effects will be documented in

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		the ESR. As indicated above, regarding the need to highlight accommodation for Rights holders: Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation It remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as "Free Prior and Informed Consent", of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario
36	6.4 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest *New infrastructure may be permitted within ANSIs subject to various requirements being met, including demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.* • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within ANSIs without MSIFN's consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to ANSIs in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. • Permission to install new infrastructure in ANSIs within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. • Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if ANSIs are impacted by construction and operation.	Thank you for your input. Hydro One has been meeting with Rights holders on the project since before the Notice of Commencement on the Class EA. The purpose of these meetings is to share project updates and acquire feedback on the project including the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations. Information provided from First Nations can be used to support solutions for avoidance, mitigation and restoration. This continues to be a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. Please note that this report has been provided to First Nations in draft form for comment prior to publishing the report. Inf We acknowledge that the referenced text is limited to narrowly reflecting provincial permitting requirements within the referenced habitat type and that a much wider range of considerations are included in making decisions related to that habitat. This Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report documented desktop or field collected environmental data to date. The Class EA process provides a structure to document the interconnected factor required to understand the baseline environment and potential effects demonstrated in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). As the project progresses, including detailed design, updated studies may be required if effects were not previously assessed, or assessed in detail during the Class EA. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for the any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design. The proposed update to the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report includes the following additions: *Within the applicable permitting requirements, potential placement of new infrastructure within ANSIs is subject to various requirements being met, including those of First Nations. The permitting process requires demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of effects demonstrated through an environmental assessment as minimum requirements for consideration. These constraints reflect the ecological and cultural value of features classified as ANSI, and recognize the pressures of development to these systems historically impacted by European settlement in Ontario. To the extent possible, Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to ANSI through design and implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects.* Further discussion around potential for project interactions with ANSI, potential for effects and related mitigations to minimize potential for effects and acknowledgement of cumulative effects will continue with MSIFN through the Class EA process. Input by MSIFN on these effects will be documented in the ESR. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation As per above, it remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in

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37	6.6 Conservation Areas *However, new infrastructure may be permitted within conservation areas given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.* • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation’s responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within conservation areas without MSIFN’s consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to conservation areas in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. Permission to install new infrastructure in conservation areas within MSIFN’s treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN’s consent is derived from the right to self- determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. • Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if conservation areas are impacted by construction and operation.	Thank you for your input. The perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations is a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. We acknowledge that the referenced text is limited to narrowly reflecting provincial permitting requirements within the referenced habitat type and that a much wider range of considerations are included in making decisions related to that habitat. This Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report documented desktop or field collected environmental data to date. The Class EA process provides a structure to document the interconnected factor required to understand the baseline environment and potential effects demonstrated in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). As the project progresses, including detailed design, updated studies may be required if effects were not previously assessed, or assessed in detail during the Class EA. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for the any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design. The proposed update to the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report includes the following additions: *Within the applicable permitting requirements, potential placement of new infrastructure within conservation areas is subject to various requirements being met, including those of First Nations. The permitting process requires demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of effects demonstrated through an environmental assessment as minimum requirements for consideration. These constraints reflect the ecological and cultural value of features classified as conservation areas and recognize the pressures of development to these systems historically impacted by European settlement in Ontario. To the extent possible, Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to conservation areas through design and implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects.* Further discussion around potential for project interactions with conservation areas, potential for effects and related mitigations to minimize potential for effects and acknowledgement of cumulative effects will continue with MSIFN through the Class EA process. Input by MSIFN on these effects will be documented in the ESR. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation As per above, it remains Hydro One’s goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as “Free Prior and Informed Consent”, of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario
38	6.8 Significant Wildlife Habitat *New infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.*	Thank you for your input and edits. The perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations is a priority to HONI and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. HONI will continue to discuss the project and proposed effects and possible mitigation with Rights holders on the project, including sharing the Draft Environmental Study Report with First Nations prior to the public comment period.

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	• Please correct the typo “significant woodland” to “significant wildlife habitat” in the referenced sentence. • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation’s responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within significant wildlife habitat without MSIFN’s consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to significant wildlife habitat in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. • Permission to install new infrastructure in significant wildlife habitat within MSIFN’s treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN’s consent is derived from the right to self- determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, • and Article 32 in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. • Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if significant wildlife habitat are impacted by construction and operation.	The Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report will be updated to include references to MSIFN Consultation. The typo will be corrected from Significant Woodland to Significant Wildlife Habitat in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation As per above, it remains Hydro One’s goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as “Free Prior and Informed Consent”, of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario
39	6.8 Significant Wildlife Habitat *Methods used to identify and map Significant Wildlife Habitats* • It’s not entirely clear what methods HONI has used to identify candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat in the study area. We acknowledge that Section 4.1.4 states that one of the objectives of general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys was to record potential SWH and that these locations are shown as points on the Figure 4 maps. It is our experience that the standard process for identifying candidate SWH is to, first, use ELC data, the SWH Technical Guide (SWHTG) and appropriate Ecoregion criteria schedule to identify vegetation communities that may provide suitable SWH, and second, conduct field studies in these candidate SWH to confirm significance according to the specific recommended protocols. I does not appear that HONI completed step 1 and instead skipped straight to flagging candidate SWH sites and features in the field. • This approach to identifying candidate SWH (combined with access limitations in the field program) leaves MSIFN • Consultation concerned that the candidate SWHs described in Section 6.8 and shown on the Figure 4 maps could be significantly under-represented. It is best practice that an environmental assessment baseline should do the opposite - conservatively estimate habitat that may be adversely affected. • We recommend that HONI use ELC data to conduct a desktop analysis of candidate SWH overlapping the study area, followed by additional targeted surveys (per the SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E) in 2025. If HONI considers this to be not feasible or unnecessary, please provide a detailed rationale and explain how potential adverse effects to SWH will be conservatively estimated in the draft ESR.	Field access was limited in 2024, therefore much of the ELC mapping was completed through desktop analysis and was used to identify potential candidate SWH overlapping the LSA. The mapped SWH in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report figures represents only habitats that were identified during surveys. It is acknowledged in the report that there is likely higher representation of various SWH types Iin the LSA. Field reconnaissance in 2025, where access is available, will substantiate an understanding of candidate SWH within the PSA. If candidate SWH is expected to be impacted as a result of the detailed design, the requirement for further SWH assessments will be re-evaluated. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the Draft Environmental Study Report and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.
40	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *Wetlands with open water areas in the LSA may provide turtle wintering habitat. Five potential sites were observed during field surveys.* • Please clarify what criteria were used to identify potential turtle wintering habitat sites. Is	This is based on suitable habitat observations made in the field, high-level ELC characterization, and natural heritage mapping through desktop analysis. Turtles were not observed basking in the areas flagged as potential turtle overwintering habitat.

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	this based on habitat characteristics observed in the field? Or were turtles observed basking in these areas in early spring (March – May) or fall (September-October)?	

41	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals
	
	Because the LSA is more than 5 km from Lake Ontario and features no major lakes or rivers, shorebird migratory stopover areas, migratory butterfly stopover areas and landbird migratory stopover areas are not applicable.
	
	• MSIFN Consultation rejects the referenced statement.
	• Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1.
	• The referenced statement must be refined for accuracy, given the following reasons:
	  ○ Shorebirds may depend on large wetlands in the study area;
	  ○ Inland areas can serve as stopover sites for migratory butterflies if they have nectar sources and roosting trees; and,
	  ○ Passerines (e.g., warblers, thrushes) migrate through forested and shrubby habitats far from major water bodies, so inland areas can still function as stopover sites.
	• The refined statement should state the following:
	  ○ Because the LSA is more than 5 km from Lake Ontario and lacks major lakes or rivers, it may not be a primary corridor. However, the presence of large wetlands, forested areas, and numerous water crossings suggests potential stopover habitat for migratory shorebirds, landbirds, and butterflies, which should be assessed based on habitat quality and seasonal use.
		Thank you, MSIFN Consultation, for flagging your concern. Section 6.7 of the DNER was exclusively drawn and evaluated from the Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E. It is stated that to have candidate Landbird Migratory Stopover Areas that features need to be located within 5 km of Lake Ontario, and while shorebirds and passerines may utilize habitat within the LSA, their occupancy does not inform candidate SWH as it relates to these stopover areas. It is understood that, although the criteria for candidate SWH for Landbird Migratory Stopover Areas are not met, habitat for passerines and shorebirds is of importance to MSIFN Consultation and suitable habitat may be present within the LSA. Wildlife habitats within the LSA are still being considered in the EA.
		
		This context and reference can be added to the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.

42	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *There are no suitable features (e.g., caves, karst) to support hibernacula or bat migratory areas in the LSA or ROW.* • Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1. • Additionally, please explain how this statement was drawn following the completion of windshield surveys and few field-based surveys.	Through review of available desktop data, including the Abandoned Mines Information System (AMIS) database, ELC mapping and field studies in 2024, no caves or karst environments were identified that may present suitable features to support hibernacula or bat migratory areas in the LSA or ROW.
43	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *Bank and cliff colony-nesting birds breeding habitat was not observed during field surveys*. • Please connect with St. Marys Cement Inc. (ARA Licence #3198) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with James Martyn (ARA Licence #3302) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with North York Sand and Gravel Limited (ARA Licence #3239) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes (ARA Licence #3489) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with Katherine Elizabeth Bigelow (ARA Licence #3372) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit.	It is stated in the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide for 6E (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2015) under *Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Habitat Criteria and Information Sources*: - *Does not include man-made structures (bridges or buildings) or recently (2 years) disturbed soil areas, such as berms, embankments, soil or aggregate stockpiles.* - *Does not include a licensed/permitted Mineral Aggregate Operation.* Therefore, regardless of if the aggregate pits contain nesting [redacted] colonies, the habitat does not meet the criteria for Significant Wildlife Habitat. Further, [redacted]s are listed as threatened under the ESA. The Significant Wildlife Habitat criteria schedules do not apply to species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. However, Hydro One appreciates the recommendation to contact local aggregate producers to acquire information on whether they have [redacted] colonies at their operations as this will inform the assessment for this species within the purview of the ESA.

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44	6.8.2 Rare Vegetation Communities *Cultural savannah sites [47.4 ha or 46.2 ha within the LSA and 4.7 ha PSA] were classified desktop only and were not accessible for field verification. These cultural savannah sites are all considered candidate SWH until further detailed investigations are conducted to verify if the appropriate criteria are met to confirm the features as SWH.* • Does HONI have plans to conduct further detailed investigations to confirm if cultural savannah sites meet SWH criteria? Or does HONI intend to assume all cultural savannah sites meet SWH criteria for the purposes of a conservative assessment in the draft ESR? • If the former, please provide more information on investigation methodology and timing to MSIFN Consultation. Study design should include consideration of species of cultural significance (SCS) to MSIFN, including, but not limited to, [redacted]. • MSIFN Consultation should also be granted an invitation to join any further detailed investigations, as savannahs are an ecosystem of great importance to MSIFN.	The areas identified as cultural savannah sites will be further investigated and characterized during the 2025 field program. Methodology will be provided to MSIFN Consultation. Thank you for sharing the listed species of cultural significance (SCS) to MSIFN. MSIFN has already been invited to participate in the 2025 field program, and we welcome continued involvement.
45	6.8.3 Specialized Habitat for Wildlife *There is no [redacted] and [redacted] nesting, foraging, and perching habitat in the LSA due to the absence of suitable waterbodies adjacent to treed habitat.* • MSIFN Consultation rejects the referenced statement. Please remove this sentence from the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1.	More context is requested as to why this statement is rejected. It is WSP's professional opinion that the requisite features (forested shorelines of large waterbodies) are absent in the LSA.
46	6.8.3 Specialized Habitat for Wildlife *The forested area at [redacted] that intersects the ROW does not quality due to its small contiguous forest size (approximately 3 ha).* • MSIFN Consultation strongly disagrees with this statement. Pleaser remove this sentence from the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. • The presence of numerous [redacted] and bat maternity colonies provides specialized habitat for wildlife (e.g., bats, etc.) and trees of cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg.	This statement applies specifically to candidacy as woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat, which is a form of SWH. There is a size (area) criterion that is not met. Hydro One acknowledges that while this does not meet the criteria as a SWH, areas of importance to the Michi Saagig Nishnaabeg communities as culturally significant is noted and acknowledged. Hydro One will work with the First Nations to develop appropriate mitigations for these areas.
47	6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat *[…] 35 as non permanent or unknown (MNR 2024d) […] 30 crossings as unknown thermal regimes.* • Of these approximately 30 watercourses classified as unknown relating to permanency and thermal regime, please confirm that seasonally appropriate studies will be completed to accurately characterize these features.	Seasonally appropriate studies will be completed through detailed and species-specific surveys as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).

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48	6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat *The potential for cold water system rehabilitation was identified at 28 of the 34 cold water crossings, indicating locations where improvements to habitat, species stocking, barrier and impediment removal could be corrected as part of future rehabilitation programs and offsetting projects if required.* • *Miigwech for sharing this information with MSIFN Consultation.*	No response required.
49	6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat *No SAR, SOCC, or SCS fish or mussels are present within the Study limits.* • This statement is false and must be removed now from the report. • MSIFN shared a list of bio-culturally significant species (e.g., SCS) with Hydro One staff that features a fish species. • This list is included in the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement executed by MSIFN Chief Kelly LaRocca and Penny Favel – Vice President of Indigenous Relations at Hydro One Networks Inc. dated October 29, 2024.	This statement will be removed and updated in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One will confirm with MSIFN that this species list can be shared with WSP and updated into the National Environment Existing Conditions Report. To protect the sensitive nature of the species listed, public facing documentation, will be flagged and redacted.
50	Appendix B; Table 4 • Site WC-1066.01 was surveyed as part of the Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys completed in August and October 2024. The results of the fish habitat survey (Appendix B; Table 4) indicate that this site has no defined channel, is non- permanent, and provides "no" fish habitat. However, eDNA results indicate the presence of fish, suggesting a potential discrepancy between field observations and eDNA results. • How do these results influence the interpretation of other fish habitat surveys that concluded "no" fish habitat? • Will additional assessments or verification be conducted to ensure that similar sites are accurately classified?	An error in Table 4 has been corrected to indicate “yes” for fish habitat within the table. The feature does not contain a defined channel within the wetland but was assessed to support low quality habitat for small-bodied fish. The error does not influence the interpretation of the other results, as the results were rescreened for errors. No additional assessments are currently scheduled for the project.
51	Other • Will eDNA or fish community sampling be completed at all sites with no historical fish records?	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time) Fish community data from the tertiary watershed has been applied for all other sites where eDNA or fish community sampling has not occurred, and no historic records are available, as a conservative measure.
52	Other • Given that 36 of the crossings are known to be inhabited by salmonids, please confirm whether spawning surveys will be conducted at watercourses where the project footprint overlaps. Identifying these sensitive habitat features is crucial for informing project design (prior to permitting) and ensuring that avoidance or additional mitigation measures can be implemented as needed.	The majority of project works will aim to span the watercourses and waterbodies, by stringing aerial lines between hydro towers and make use of existing roads and water crossings to the extent practical, to avoid and limit working in water. These scoping activities will occur in the project planning phase. At locations where the project footprint (e.g., new watercourse crossings) overlaps Salmonid habitats detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).

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		Project specific and in some cases species specific avoidance and mitigation measures may be applied to eliminate or reduce potential effects to sensitive life history events and species.
53	Other • We understand that HONI is still coordinating land access and in order to supplement existing conditions, windshield aquatic surveys were completed. Caution should be exercised when interpreting information collected during the aquatic windshield survey, particularly in cases where survey stations are located 1 km or more upstream of the actual crossing location. Small watercourses can exhibit significant variations over short distances due to factors such as topography, gradient, flow regime, sediment composition, riparian vegetation, and land use influences. As a result, conditions observed at a survey station may not accurately reflect those at the crossing location, potentially leading to misclassification of habitat features. Additional site-specific assessments are recommended to ensure accurate characterization of watercourse conditions. • Please confirm that once land access has been secured, all watercourses and waterbodies in the PSA and LSA will be studied to inform the project design.	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). All other sites will be considered fish habitat as a conservative measure using the fish species listed within the tertiary watershed. In 2025, five additional sites are anticipated to be visited to complete fish habitat and eDNA assessments.
54	Other • MSIFN Consultation requests that HONI develop an online internal mapping tool that visually depicts the results of the field study/studies. • Please see public facing mapping tool as an example: https://golderglobalgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6f1d9d7732a1459e9cdda45a619ec0a • The internal mapping tool will be available to rights-holding First Nations and will overlay valued ecological and cultural components in the detailed project footprint, which includes (but is not limited to) terrestrial and aquatic surveys, as well as results, identified habitat, wetlands, etc.	Thank you for your comment. Hydro One has an interactive map available on our project website that shows ANSI's, the Oak Ridges Moraine Boundary, Wetlands, Watercourses, Waterbodies and Wooded Areas overlayed against the project study area. Given the current project status and that the project data has been shared with the MSIFN, Hydro One would like to better understand the purpose and intent of developing an internal mapping tool. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to discuss this suggestion further.

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Re: DKPL Indigenous Community Review of Section 5 and 6 of the ESR

Dear Aisha,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the Section 5 and 6 of the ESR. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Reference	Text from ESR	Comment
Section 6.1	*Once the Class EA process is completed, Hydro One will proceed with detailed engineering and design for the Project.*	- Can information be provided on each of the project components anticipated for the project? This could include a description of the Transmission Line, Right-of-Way, access roads, laydown areas, watercourse crossings etc. Information could include size (area), number, if clearing is required etc. We understand that detailed engineering and design will take place further along in the project timeline. However, little to no detail on what project components will be included has been provided.
	The final design plans will be informed by essential surveys , such as completion of geotechnical surveys, and ongoing consultations with right holders and stakeholders.	- Are there guiding principles for construction that can be shared with MSIFN Consultation? For example, will design prioritize minimizing watercourse crossings or intersecting environmentally or culturally significant areas?
	Hydro One will also finalize restoration plans in consultation with appropriate rights holders, stakeholders and the local communities, as necessary.	- We requests early engagement in the development and implementation of restoration plans.
Section 6.2	*In addition, a project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared, outlining specific requirements to be followed for the proposed Project.*	- We requests early engagement in the development and implementation of an Environmental Management Plan. -
Section 6.3	*The new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line will undergo regular maintenance (including vegetation*	- We requests early engagement in the development and implementation of a Vegetation Management Plan.

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	maintenance of incompatible species within the ROW) in adherence with Hydro One's maintenance standards and regulatory requirements to maintain a safe and reliable electricity transmission system.	

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: ESR Section 5-6 Comment Responses – MSIFN

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1	Section 6.1 – Design Phase *Once the Class EA process is completed, Hydro One will proceed with detailed engineering and design for the Project.* Can information be provided on each of the project components anticipated for the project? This could include a description of the Transmission Line, Right-of-Way, access roads, laydown areas, watercourse crossings etc. Information could include size (area), number, if clearing is required etc. We understand that detailed engineering and design will take place further along in the project timeline. However, little to no detail on what project components will be included has been provided.	The Project is currently in the planning phase. The location and additional details of project components (i.e. tower placement, access roads, etc.) will be determined as part of the detailed design phase with the contractor. . The anticipated width of the DKPL Right-of-Way is 46 metres (23 metres on either side of the centreline in which the Project anticipates direct effects. The proposed transmission line will be 55 km long with approximately 95% of this new line occurring within an existing transmission line right-of-way/corridor. Once the project enters the detailed design phase the engineering, procurement and construction contractor (EPC) is selected, we will be happy to provide updates regarding project components (e.g., tower locations, construction access, watercourse crossing needs, etc...) Additionally, the EPC will be able to share the project-specific Environmental Management Plan which will detail site-specific mitigation and plans for the Project.
2	Section 6.1 – Design Phase *The final design plans will be informed by essential surveys , such as completion of geotechnical surveys, and ongoing consultations with right holders and stakeholders.* Are there guiding principles for construction that can be shared with MSIFN Consultation? For example, will design prioritize minimizing watercourse crossings or intersecting environmentally or culturally significant areas?	The Environmental Study Report (ESR) will include high level mitigation principles for the Project to follow as we plan for the project. Generally, we would aim to avoid interaction with environmentally sensitive features, to the extent practical. Any mitigations required will be documented in the ESR to be used in project planning. This information will be further refined into specific sites and mitigation details during the detailed design in the contractors Environmental Management Plan (EMP). Both of these documents will be informed by the EA process and in consultation with Rightsholders and stakeholders on the Project. Should MSIFN have any culturally significant areas within the Local Study Area for the Project these will be carried into the design. Generally, sensitive features will be avoided during detailed design to the extent practical. During the detailed design phase, consideration will be given to proximity to sensitive receptors, culturally significant areas, wetlands and watercourse crossings, as known. We continue to look forward to any information MSIFN can share on culturally significant areas within the Project Study Area to be considered during the detailed design phase.
3	Section 6.1 – Design Phase *Hydro One will also finalize restoration plans in consultation with appropriate rights holders, stakeholders and the local communities, as necessary.* We requests early engagement in the development and implementation of restoration plans.	Hydro One and its contractor will provide opportunities for Indigenous communities to provide input into post-construction restoration plans. As restoration activities are typically the last work item to be completed on the project, the near-term focus will primarily be on detailed design and construction plans (such as plans temporary construction access, erosion and sediment controls and other aspects of the EMP that will be developed for construction). However, any early input from Indigenous communities (species of interest or seed mixes for use in post-construction restoration) will be taken into consideration for the development of site-specific restoration plans, which will occur once details on design, construction access and work methodologies are better understood (as these items will all play a role in determining the extent and areas of restoration required). Site-specific restoration plans will focus on

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		restoring those areas directly affected by construction activities (i.e., vegetation clearing required or disturbance form temporary access and work areas). Where these construction effects occur on privately owned lands (i.e., where Hydro One holds easement right for the transmission line ROW), restoration plans will also be reviewed with the landowner for their input. In addition to the post-construction restoration of work areas, Hydro One will also be implementing a Biodiversity Initiative for the DKPL project. This Biodiversity Initiative will seek to fund opportunities to create or enhance habitats off of the ROW (on secured lands which have been set aside for habitat creation projects, but which require additional funding to implement). Hydro One commits to providing opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the DKPL project, and will provide additional information on the Biodiversity Initiative as the project progresses.
4	Section 6.2 – Construction Design *In addition, a project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared, outlining specific requirements to be followed for the proposed Project.* We requests early engagement in the development and implementation of an Environmental Management Plan.	The project-specific Environmental Management Plan (EMP) will be prepared by the EPC Contractor to outline specific mitigation measures for the project, based on the commitments and general mitigation strategies outlined in the ESR. As they work to develop construction plans that will ultimately be presented in the EMP, the Contractor will review and consider the input received from Indigenous communities (e.g., input received through the Class EA engagement) to help guide their planning. We hope that communities will be able to see their early comments reflected in the draft EMP when that document is provided for Community review, closer to the start of construction. This EMP will be provided to Indigenous communities for review prior to construction. Hydro One will also work with the Nations and the construction contractor to identify opportunities for environmental monitoring during construction.
5	Section 6.3 – Operation and Retirement Phase *The new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line will undergo regular maintenance (including vegetation maintenance of incompatible species within the ROW) in adherence with Hydro One's maintenance standards and regulatory requirements to maintain a safe and reliable electricity transmission system.* We requests early engagement in the development and implementation of a Vegetation Management Plan.	Hydro One met with the Michi Saagig Nations on May 5, 2025 to discuss vegetation maintenance in theterritory . This effort is still ongoing between the Nations and Hydro One's Forestry Team with several commitments to be delivered on in the coming months. Additionally, as equity partners on the project, Hydro One and the First Nation partners will work collaboratively in the development of an operational plan for the line once in-service.

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Re: DKPL: 2025 Field Work Project Update – MSIFN

Dear Aisha,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the *Technical Memorandum – Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Survey*s. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on the *Technical Memorandum*.

Reference	Text from the Memo	Comment
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program	*Fish and fish habitat surveys will be conducted at water features crossing the PSA, which were not evaluated during the 2024 assessment. Fish habitat surveys will be conducted to confirm the presence, permanence, water feature type, and the current morphological conditions to determine fish habitat potential. The presence, species, and quantity of any fish observed during the surveys will be recorded, in addition to any SAR or Species of Conservation Concern species encountered.*	- Please provide rationale for why sites WC-1058.03, WC-1038.01, WC-1009.01 and WC-1003.01 were selected to be assessed in 2025? Was site access granted? - While the general criteria for fish and fish habitat site selection are outlined in Appendix A-1 (Section 8.3), further clarification is requested on how site selection was prioritized for the 2025 field season, given that only a subset of watercourse crossings will be assessed. For example, were certain features—such as coldwater systems—given higher priority over unmapped watercourses?
	WC-1058.03 - Otonabee River Watershed, bonus sites occurring in close proximity WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02	- Two additional sites (WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02) have been identified in close proximity to WC-1058.03 and are referred to as “bonus” sites in the memo. Could you please confirm whether these sites will be assessed as part of the 2025 field program or if specific criteria will determine whether they are included? Additionally, clarification on the rationale for classifying these sites as “bonus” rather than as part of the core sites selected for 2025.

	Contingency Sites • *WC-1054.01 - Otonabee River Watershed* • *WC-1063/1064 - Otonabee River Watershed*	- Sites WC-1054.01, WC-1063, and WC-1064 are identified as contingency sites. Please elaborate on the criteria that will be used to determine whether these sites will be included in the 2025 field program.
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations	*Table 1-1 – Potential Survey Locations* • *WC-1038.01 - Kawartha Lakes Watershed* • *WC-1009.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed*	- Sites WC-1038.01 and WC-1009.01 are not shown on the mapping included in Appendix C-2 - Potential Aquatic Survey Locations.
	Table 1-1 – Potential Survey Location • *WC-1003.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed*	- Site WC-1003.01 is identified as a 'bonus' site on Figure 1.1 in Appendix C-2, but not identified as a 'bonus' site in Table 1-1.
	General comment	- Can you confirm whether a fish habitat assessment was completed for site WC-1003.01 in 2024, as part of the windshield survey at AWS-20022? If so, please outline what additional data or assessments are planned for this location in 2025 to supplement the existing information. - Additionally, if baseline data has already been collected, was the option of selecting a different site considered to ensure the most effective use of field resources?
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025	*Last column header – "potential" survey locations.*	- We note that Table 1-1 lists "potential" survey locations for each survey type.

Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program		- Does HONI's team intend to survey all, or only some, of these locations? - What would prevent HONI from surveying any one of these listed locations (i.e., time, money, safety, other)?
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Breeding Bird Surveys Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment – Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (January 23, 2025), Appendix E	*Potential survey locations include: BB04 to BB41 (excluding BB07)* *Two rounds required (for non-grassland birds) and three rounds required (for grassland birds)*	- In comparing the list and maps of potential surveys locations for the 2025 field program (BB04 to BB41, excluding a BB07) to the list and maps of locations surveyed during the 2024 field program (RBB01 to RBB19) we note that there are differences, mainly in location. We note that it is generally best practice to keep point count locations consistent between survey rounds and years, otherwise there could be concerns regarding data consistency, accuracy, and sufficiency. While we recognize 2024-point count site selection was constrained by public access considerations and that there was a need to make improvements for the 2025 season, we feel any changes should be additive (i.e., add new locations while still surveying the old ones). - Please clarify the difference between the "RBB" and "BB" (e.g., RBB04 vs. BB04) notations for point count locations (i.e., different protocols or methods refinements, different locations?). - Please provide a rationale why point count locations changed and explain how this will be factored into HONI's

		assessment of the sufficiency of baseline data on breeding birds (i.e., consideration of enough rounds / seasons of data collection for each station or area).
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Breeding Bird Surveys	*"Surveys completed from roadside only and therefore unable to survey all potential habitats supporting SAR/SOCC/SCS species" [with reference to 2024 surveys]* *List of Potential Survey Locations*	- A noted limitation of the 2024 breeding bird surveys is that they were completed from roadside only. In the description of the 2025 plan, there's no indication that HONI has established any off-road point count sites, and it is not possible to make this determination based on the map of field survey locations alone. We note that, according to the protocols used in this project design (e.g., OBBA protocol, Canadian Breeding Survey), a combination of roadside and off-road point count stations is encouraged. - Please specify which 2025 survey locations are roadside vs. off-road. - Please also explain why specific off-road locations were selected, and if/how this may improve HONI's ability to survey potential habitat supporting SAR/SOCC/SCS.
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program –	*General Comment – Breeding Bird Survey Locations*	- It is challenging for us to evaluate the sufficiency of HONI's breeding bird survey design based on the level of information provided. For example, HONI needs to complete 3 rounds of breeding bird surveys for grassland species, but we can't easily tell which survey locations (from 2024 or 2025) correspond to suitable grassland habitats. Thus, it would be useful to see tables summarizing more information about selected survey locations.

Breeding Bird Surveys		- Please provide a table showing all breeding bird survey locations from the 2024 and 2025 programs, including the corresponding ELC code(s) or vegetation community type(s), and the date(s) they were surveyed. - We request that HONI provide this information as soon as possible, so we can have an opportunity to review it, and, if necessary, make recommendations for improvements in the 2025 program while they can still be implemented.
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – ELC / Botanical Surveys	*Timing Window – June 2025*	- We note that it is generally best practice to conduct three site visits at different times of the growing season (i.e., spring, early summer, late summer) to get a more comprehensive ELC assessment and botanical inventory. However, we see that HONI is only proposing to conduct one site visit during the 2025 field program. We acknowledge that this one visit will occur during the peak growing season, and that past (2024) surveys for some locations were conducted in the late season. - Why is HONI not proposing to do multi-seasonal site visits in 2025? If it's because this is deemed unnecessary, please provide a rationale.
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic	*General Comment – ELC / Botanical Inventory Survey Locations*	- It is challenging for us to evaluate the sufficiency of HONI's ELC/botanical inventory survey design based on the level of information provided. It's not clear how the list of potential ELC/botanical inventory survey locations for the 2025 program compares to that of the 2024 program. It's also

Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – ELC / Botanical Surveys		not clear what type of ecosites HONI is targeting based on this list. - Does HONI plan to field-verify <u>all</u> desktop mapped ELC polygons that overlap the footprint, PSA, and/or LSA? Or will 2025 ELC surveys only target polygons that have not yet been field-verified following the 2024 program? Is HONI returning to sites that were surveyed in 2024, but done out of season? - Please provide a table showing all ELC / botanical survey locations from the 2024 and 2025 programs, including the corresponding ELC code (per desktop mapping results), and the date(s) it was field verified. This information will better help us evaluate the sufficiency of the baseline data collection effort, and highlight any gaps related to vegetation communities, plants, and animals of importance to MSIFN. - We request that HONI provide this information as soon as possible, so we can have an opportunity to review it, and, if necessary, make recommendations for improvements in the 2025 program while they can still be implemented.
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic	*General Comment – Need for Butternut Health Assessment*	- We note that HONI is proceeding with Butternut health assessments in proximity to the [redacted] during the 2025 program. In response to a previous comment we made on the Draft NCEER (Comment 6), HONI indicated that a Butternut health assessment would be completed if

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Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Butternut Health Assessment		detailed design indicates the project is expected to impact Butternut trees. - Does this confirm that HONI cannot avoid clearing the Butternut trees near the [redacted]? - Please provide any updates on detailed design progress and insights as they may become available.
Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys	*General Comment – Targeted Herptile Surveys*	- In comments related to the Draft NCEER, we previously raised concern that HONI had not done, and does not intend to complete targeted SAR herptile surveys. - Please refer to our response to Draft NCEER Comment 26.

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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: Technical Memo #2 Comment Responses - MSIFN

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1	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program *Fish and fish habitat surveys will be conducted at water features crossing the PSA, which were not evaluated during the 2024 assessment. Fish habitat surveys will be conducted to confirm the presence, permanence, water feature type, and the current morphological conditions to determine fish habitat potential. The presence, species, and quantity of any fish observed during the surveys will be recorded, in addition to any SAR or Species of Conservation Concern species encountered.* - Please provide rationale for why sites WC-1058.03, WC- 1038.01, WC-1009.01 and WC-1003.01 were selected to be assessed in 2025? Was site access granted? - While the general criteria for fish and fish habitat site selection are outlined in Appendix A-1 (Section 8.3), further clarification is requested on how site selection was prioritized for the 2025 field season, given that only a subset of watercourse crossings will be assessed. For example, were certain features—such as coldwater systems—given higher priority over unmapped watercourses?	The sites were selected based primarily on lack of existing available desktop information at those locations for fish communities, permanence, thermal regime and those representing smaller watercourses are often poorly or inaccurately mapped in the existing sources. While not every watercourse along the ROW will require a new temporary crossing for construction (e.g., existing watercourse crossings will be used where available and suitable for construction), assessments during this early stage of planning were primarily focused on addressing gaps in existing data, where features could be readily accessed. Site access requests are in progress, and access has been granted for some sites already. As outlined in Section 8.3 of the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report (DNER), the primary criterion used to select sites for survey was a lack of existing available desktop information particularly on the known fish community, while capturing a variety of sizes and types of water features to contribute to the overall dataset. Most permanent water features have existing fish community information, and many have designated thermal regimes. Even in the absence of known fisheries information, a conservative assumption is applied that these locations can support fish and therefore application of the most conservative avoidance and mitigation measures required to protect fish and fish habitats would eliminate potential effects and construction/operation related impacts. Permanent water features are also those that tend to have existing crossing infrastructure in place that could be used by the project to avoid new crossing installations, thereby avoiding impacts. Should new crossings be required or potential effects resulting from construction be determined prior to permitting and construction, then fish and fish habitat surveys will be completed.
2	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program *WC-1058.03 - Otonabee River Watershed, bonus sites occurring in close proximity WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02* *Contingency Sites* *• WC-1054.01 - Otonabee River Watershed* *• WC-1063/1064 - Otonabee River Watershed* - Two additional sites (WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02) have been identified in close proximity to WC-1058.03 and are referred to as “bonus” sites in the memo. Could you please confirm whether these sites will be assessed as part of the 2025 field program or if specific criteria will determine whether they are included? Additionally, clarification on the rationale for classifying these sites as “bonus” rather than as part of the core sites selected for 2025. - Sites WC-1054.01, WC-1063, and WC-1064 are identified as contingency sites. Please elaborate on the criteria that will be used to determine whether these sites will be included in the 2025 field program.	Bonus sites will be surveyed in the 2025 field season, concurrently with WC-1058.03, given their close proximity to WC1058.03, and if access allows, to increase the overall number of sites visited. Contingency sites will be surveyed in the event preferred sites cannot be surveyed (e.g., due to lack of access).
3	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations *Table 1-1 – Potential Survey Locations* • *WC-1038.01 - Kawartha Lakes Watershed*	The figure has been updated to reflect the location of these potential survey locations.

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	• *WC-1009.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed* - Sites WC-1038.01 and WC-1009.01 are not shown on the mapping included in Appendix C-2 - Potential Aquatic Survey Locations.	
4	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations *Table 1-1 – Potential Survey Location* • *WC-1003.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed* - Site WC-1003.01 is identified as a 'bonus' site on Figure 1.1 in Appendix C-2, but not identified as a 'bonus' site in Table 1-1.	The figures and tables have been updated to reflect the current status of WC-1003.01.
5	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations - Can you confirm whether a fish habitat assessment was completed for site WC-1003.01 in 2024, as part of the windshield survey at AWS-20022? If so, please outline what additional data or assessments are planned for this location in 2025 to supplement the existing information. - Additionally, if baseline data has already been collected, was the option of selecting a different site considered to ensure the most effective use of field resources?	A windshield survey was completed in 2024 at AWS-2002. A detailed fish habitat assessment was not completed at WC-1003.01 at that time. Windshield surveys were conducted along the roadside to gain insight on the general existing conditions and natural features, cataloguing water feature type, inferred permanence, bankfull width, fish habitat potential, existing infrastructure, instream barriers, and potential pollution sources. Often these were completed from roadside visual site lines only as property access was limited at the time of the survey. 2025 surveys will include the collection of eDNA to determine the presence and species composition of the potential fisheries community, in addition to fish habitat surveys. Habitat surveys will include an assessment of 200 m of a feature (150 m downstream and 50 m upstream of the crossing), and an in-depth habitat morphology assessment. The inclusion of these surveys will create a more comprehensive understanding of the water feature and confirm any downstream connection to established watercourses. Site selection criteria are provided above in response to Comment #1. If MSIFN prefers an alternative site is selected, WSP can revise the sampling plan.
6	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program *Last column header – "potential" survey locations.* - We note that Table 1-1 lists "potential" survey locations for each survey type. - Does HONI's team intend to survey all, or only some, of these locations? - What would prevent HONI from surveying any one of these listed locations (i.e., time, money, safety, other)?	Hydro One and WSP are planning to sample all potential sites if possible. Construction access plans (including plans for temporary watercourse crossings and work areas) are still being developed, and avoidance of sensitive features is an early consideration in the development of these plans, potential sites that had not yet been surveyed may be removed from consideration if it is later determined that the relevant feature will be avoided by construction works. For potential sites remaining under consideration, variables that would contribute to limiting sampling include but are not limited to: • Lack of access/permissions to enter the property • Health and safety concerns • Lack of suitable site conditions (e.g., dry conditions at a presumed water feature would prevent eDNA sampling). If poor weather conditions are present, sampling will be rescheduled to suitable

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		conditions.
7	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Breeding Bird Surveys Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment – Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (January 23, 2025), Appendix E *Potential survey locations include:* *BB04 to BB41 (excluding BB07)* *Two rounds required (for non- grassland birds) and three rounds required (for grassland birds)* - In comparing the list and maps of potential surveys locations for the 2025 field program (BB04 to BB41, excluding a BB07) to the list and maps of locations surveyed during the 2024 field program (RBB01 to RBB19) we note that there are differences, mainly in location. We note that it is generally best practice to keep point count locations consistent between survey rounds and years, otherwise there could be concerns regarding data consistency, accuracy, and sufficiency. While we recognize 2024-point count site selection was constrained by public access considerations and that there was a need to make improvements for the 2025 season, we feel any changes should be additive (i.e., add new locations while still surveying the old ones). - Please clarify the difference between the "RBB" and "BB" (e.g., RBB04 vs. BB04) notations for point count locations (i.e., different protocols or methods refinements, different locations?). - Please provide a rationale why point count locations changed and explain how this will be factored into HONI's assessment of the sufficiency of baseline data on breeding birds (i.e., consideration of enough rounds / seasons of data collection for each station or area).	RBB indicates a roadside breeding bird survey conducted when access was not available. BB indicates a breeding bird survey to be conducted in the target vegetation community due to property access being granted. Proposed point count locations in 2025 are different from those in 2024 because the intention is to survey in the ROW and adjacent areas of the PSA where there is greatest potential for project effects, and which was not possible in 2024 due to access limitations. The primary objective of breeding bird surveys for the purposes of an EA is to inform understanding of species presence and distribution within the defined study area. Although a second round of survey at a location can improve detectability, it is of greater value to improve and focus on coverage in areas where potential project effects are anticipated, hence the decision to conduct the two rounds in the ROW and proximate areas of the PSA in 2025 now that access is available within the survey window. Data from the roadside surveys conducted in 2024 will continue to inform existing conditions in the PSA, and survey effort (including number of rounds at each survey location) will be reported in the revised Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.
8	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Breeding Bird Surveys *"Surveys completed from roadside only and therefore unable to survey all potential habitats supporting SAR/SOCC/SCS species" [with reference to 2024 surveys]* *List of Potential Survey Locations* - A noted limitation of the 2024 breeding bird surveys is that they were completed from roadside only. In the description of the 2025 plan, there's no indication that HONI has established any off-road point count sites, and it is not possible to make this determination based on the map of field survey locations alone. We note that, according to the protocols used in this project design (e.g., OBBA protocol, Canadian Breeding Survey), a combination of roadside and off-road point count stations is encouraged. - Please specify which 2025 survey locations are roadside vs. off-road. - Please also explain why specific off-road locations were selected, and if/how this may improve HONI's ability to survey potential habitat supporting SAR/SOCC/SCS.	The 2025 breeding bird surveys will not be conducted by roadside. It is preferable to survey within potential habitat. The referenced protocols were originally developed for volunteer-based surveys to monitor long-term population trends in breeding birds in Ontario and North America. Roadside surveys were included to facilitate participation, and in recognition that access is restricted to public lands in many areas. Selection of planned survey locations for 2025 was based on a combination of spatial coverage and land cover (ELC mapping and aerial imagery). Potential habitats in the ROW and proximate areas of the PSA were targeted since these are most likely to support SAR/SOCC/SCS and have greatest potential to be subject to project effects. Table 2 included with this submission summarizes the number of planned breeding bird survey locations in each ELC community type.
9	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Breeding Bird Surveys - It is challenging for us to evaluate the sufficiency of HONI's breeding bird survey design based on the level of information provided. For example, HONI needs to complete 3 rounds of breeding bird surveys for grassland species, but we can't easily tell which survey locations (from 2024 or 2025) correspond to suitable grassland habitats. Thus, it	Tables 1 and 2 have been provided to summarize ELC community types and the number of breeding bird surveys in each community type. The 2024 breeding bird surveys were conducted on June 25-26, which is within the breeding bird survey timing window (May 24-July 10). One round of surveys was conducted due to access delays until late in the survey window. The 2025 surveys have not been completed as the survey window has not yet opened for the year. Two rounds are planned at each survey location. Breeding bird surveys in 2025 are

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	would be useful to see tables summarizing more information about selected survey locations. - Please provide a table showing all breeding bird survey locations from the 2024 and 2025 programs, including the corresponding ELC code(s) or vegetation community type(s), and the date(s) they were surveyed. - We request that HONI provide this information as soon as possible, so we can have an opportunity to review it, and, if - necessary, make recommendations for improvements in the 2025 program while they can still be implemented.	tentatively scheduled for June 10 to June 15 and June 24 to June 29. The planned approach is expected to be sufficient for EA purposes with respect to the identification of potential effects and mitigation measures. Areas where vegetation clearing will be required in grassland areas with SAR potential will be confirmed during detailed design and evaluated for potential to provide habitat for SAR identified through the desktop screening and 2024 and 2025 field investigations, and to determine the need for additional surveys to confirm presence and inform authorization requirements.
10	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – ELC / Botanical Surveys *Timing Window – June 2025* - We note that it is generally best practice to conduct three site visits at different times of the growing season (i.e., spring, early summer, late summer) to get a more comprehensive ELC assessment and botanical inventory. However, we see that HONI is only proposing to conduct one site visit during the 2025 field program. We acknowledge that this one visit will occur during the peak growing season, and that past (2024) surveys for some locations were conducted in the late season. - Why is HONI not proposing to do multi-seasonal site visits in 2025? If it's because this is deemed unnecessary, please provide a rationale.	The Notice of Commencement was issued in June 2024 and the timing of surveys was largely driven by land access. It was for this reason and at the request of the Nations that an additional field season (spring 2025) was added to the field program. This had the benefit of allowing time to gain access to more locations and to allow for another season of data collection. The overall project schedule was extended and updated to accommodate the addition of the spring 2025 season. We do therefore have some multi-season site visits. The project is predominantly within an existing ROW, which is already subject to periodic disturbance from routine maintenance activities. Revisits to areas where new vegetation clearing is planned for the project have been targeted for the 2025 surveys to achieve multiple seasons of data. A conservative approach will be applied in the assessment with respect to the presence of sensitive species and vegetation communities, in that presence is assumed in the absence of evidence to conclude absence. The planned approach is expected to be sufficient for EA purposes with respect to the identification of potential effects and mitigation measures. Any necessary follow-up on botanical data can be collected at targeted locations during the detailed design stage.
11	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – ELC / Botanical Surveys It is challenging for us to evaluate the sufficiency of HONI's ELC/botanical inventory survey design based on the level of information provided. It's not clear how the list of potential ELC/botanical inventory survey locations for the 2025 program compares to that of the 2024 program. It's also not clear what type of ecosites HONI is targeting based on this list. - Does HONI plan to field-verify <u>all</u> desktop mapped ELC polygons that overlap the footprint, PSA, and/or LSA? Or will 2025 ELC surveys only target polygons that have not yet been field-verified following the 2024 program? Is HONI returning to sites that were surveyed in 2024, but done out of season? - Please provide a table showing all ELC / botanical survey locations from the 2024 and 2025 programs, including the corresponding ELC code (per desktop mapping results), and the date(s) it was field verified. This information will better help us evaluate the sufficiency of the baseline data collection effort, and highlight any gaps related to vegetation communities, plants, and animals of importance to MSIFN. - We request that HONI provide this information as soon as possible, so we can have an opportunity to review it, and, if necessary, make recommendations for improvements in the 2025 program while they can still be implemented.	ELC surveys were conducted on August 13-14, September 17-18, and November 14, 2024. The Notice of Commencement was issued in June 2024, the timing of surveys was largely driven by land access. It was for this reason and at the request of the Nations that an additional field season (spring 2025) was added to the field program. The overall project schedule was extended and updated to accommodate the addition of the spring 2025 season. Tables 1 and 2 have been provided to summarize ELC community types and the number of ELC surveys in each community type. Table 3 outlines the dates ELC survey locations were visited and when they will be revisited. 2024 ELC field surveys were meant to ground truth a subset of the desktop ELC polygons, identify potential presence of rare vegetation communities and inform the assessment of habitat potential for plant and wildlife species, including SAR. 2025 ELC field surveys will consist of additional properties after obtaining new access agreements with the intent to inventory and ground truth more of the desktop ELC data. 2025 surveys will mostly target polygons that have not yet been field verified following the 2024 program. A few polygons where new vegetation clearing is anticipated have been identified for revisit to have multiple seasons of data (surveys are tentatively scheduled for June 2025). The planned approach is expected to be sufficient for EA purposes with respect to the identification of potential effects and mitigation measures. Any necessary follow-up on ELC data can be collected at targeted locations during the detailed design stage.
12	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Butternut Health Assessment	It has not been confirmed whether Butternut trees will be impacted near the [redacted]. HONI is evaluating the extent to which the project may need to

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	- We note that HONI is proceeding with Butternut health assessments in proximity to the [redacted] during the 2025 program. In response to a previous comment we made on the Draft NCEER (Comment 6), HONI indicated that a Butternut health assessment would be completed if detailed design indicates the project is expected to impact Butternut trees. - Does this confirm that HONI cannot avoid clearing the Butternut trees near the [redacted]? - Please provide any updates on detailed design progress and insights as they may become available. -	disturb these areas, and if so, what approvals process (e.g., permit or registration) and mitigation or offsetting measures, would be required based on the health of the butternut trees in question and the extent of disturbance). We will keep the Community apprised of any updates to construction plans with regards to potential effects to butternut, as they continue to be developed.
13	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys - In comments related to the Draft NCEER, we previously raised concern that HONI had not done, and does not intend to complete targeted SAR herptile surveys. - Please refer to our response to Draft NCEER Comment 26.	At this stage of the project the Project team is taking a conservative approach with respect to the presence of SAR herptiles. Where potential SAR herptile habitat is identified through desktop review and/or field investigations, presence is assumed in the absence of targeted surveys to confirm absence, and mitigation will be identified to avoid project effects. Targeted surveys will be completed should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to SAR herptiles or their habitats (including previously identified candidate habitats) cannot be avoided.

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Tables associated with HONI responses to comments # 9 and 11

Table 1. Ecological Land Classification (ELC) community types and associated 2024 data survey points categorized by survey type including amphibian survey, breeding bird survey, eDNA, ELC/botanical survey, and fish habitat survey

	Amphibian Survey			Breeding Bird Survey			eDNA			ELC/Botanical survey			Fish Habitat Survey		
ELC Community Type	**LSA**	**PSA**	**ROW**	**LSA**	**PSA**	**ROW**	**LSA**	**PSA**	**ROW**	**LSA**	**PSA**	**ROW**	**LSA**	**PSA**	**ROW**
AG | Agriculture	1	1			2						1				
CGL_4 | Recreational														1	2
CUM | Cultural Meadow		5			1	2			1	1	3			3	1
CUM1-1 | Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type					1						1				
CUS | Cultural Savannah					2	1					1	1			
CUT | Cultural Thicket		1			2	5			1			4		1	1
CUW | Cultural Woodland												1			
FOC | Coniferous Forest											2				
FOC2 | Dry – Fresh Cedar Coniferous Forest					1							1			
FOCM6 | Naturalized Coniferous Plantation					1						1				
FOCM6-3 | Dry – Fresh Scotch Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation Type												1			
FOD | Deciduous Forest											2				
FODM11 | Naturalized Deciduous Hedge-row Ecosite		1													
FOM | Mixed Forest					1	1									
MA | Marsh		3	3		3				2		3				8
MAM | Meadow Marsh					1	1					2				3
MAS | Shallow Marsh		2			2	1			1		2	1		1	1
MASM1-1 | Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type			2									1			1
OAG | Open Agriculture		1				1								1	1
OAGM4 | Open Pasture		1			1	2								1	1

ELC Community Type	Amphibian Survey			Breeding Bird Survey			eDNA			ELC/Botanical survey			Fish Habitat Survey		
	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW
OAO | Open Aquatic									1						1
SAGM6 | Shrub Pasture					1						1				
SW | Swamp		1	1	1						1	1			1	1
SWC | Coniferous Swamp											3				
SWD | Deciduous Swamp	1			2						2	1				
SWT | Thicket Swamp		1			1							1			1
Grand Total	**2**	**17**	**6**	**3**	**20**	**14**	**0**	**0**	**6**	**4**	**24**	**11**	**0**	**9**	**22**

Table 2. Ecological Land Classification (ELC) community types and associated 2025 data survey points categorized by survey type including amphibian survey, breeding bird survey, eDNA, ELC/botanical survey, and fish habitat survey.

ELC Community Type	Amphibian Survey			Breeding Bird Survey			ELC/Botanical Survey		
	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW
AG | Agriculture	1				4	1	1		
CGL_4 | Recreational		1							
Coniferous Swamp | SWC									1
CUM | Cultural Meadow		5	2	1	2	2		2	
CUS | Cultural Savannah					2	1	1	5	2
CUT | Cultural Thicket			2		3	2			1
CUW | Cultural Woodland									1
CVR | Residential					1				
FOC | Coniferous Forest								1	
FOC2 | Dry – Fresh Cedar Coniferous Forest					1				1
FOCM6-3 | Dry – Fresh Scotch Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation Type					1				
FOD | Deciduous Forest		1						2	
FOM | Mixed Forest						1		1	1

ELC Community Type	Amphibian Survey			Breeding Bird Survey			ELC/Botanical Survey		
	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW	LSA	PSA	ROW
Forest | FO								1	
MA | Marsh		3	1		2	1		3	
MAM | Meadow Marsh			1		1			1	
MAS | Shallow Marsh		4			1	1		2	
MASM1-1 | Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type		1	2						1
OAG | Open Agriculture		1							
OAGM4 | Open Pasture		1			1	2			1
SAGM6 | Shrub Pasture					1			1	
SW | Swamp		1	1	1					
SWC | Coniferous Swamp								2	1
SWD | Deciduous Swamp								1	
SWM | Mixed Swamp								1	
SWT | Thicket Swamp	1	1			1				1
TAGM4 | Treed Pasture								1	
Grand Total	**2**	**19**	**9**	**2**	**21**	**11**	**2**	**24**	**11**

Table 3. 2024 and 2025 Ecological Land Classification (ELC) station visits.

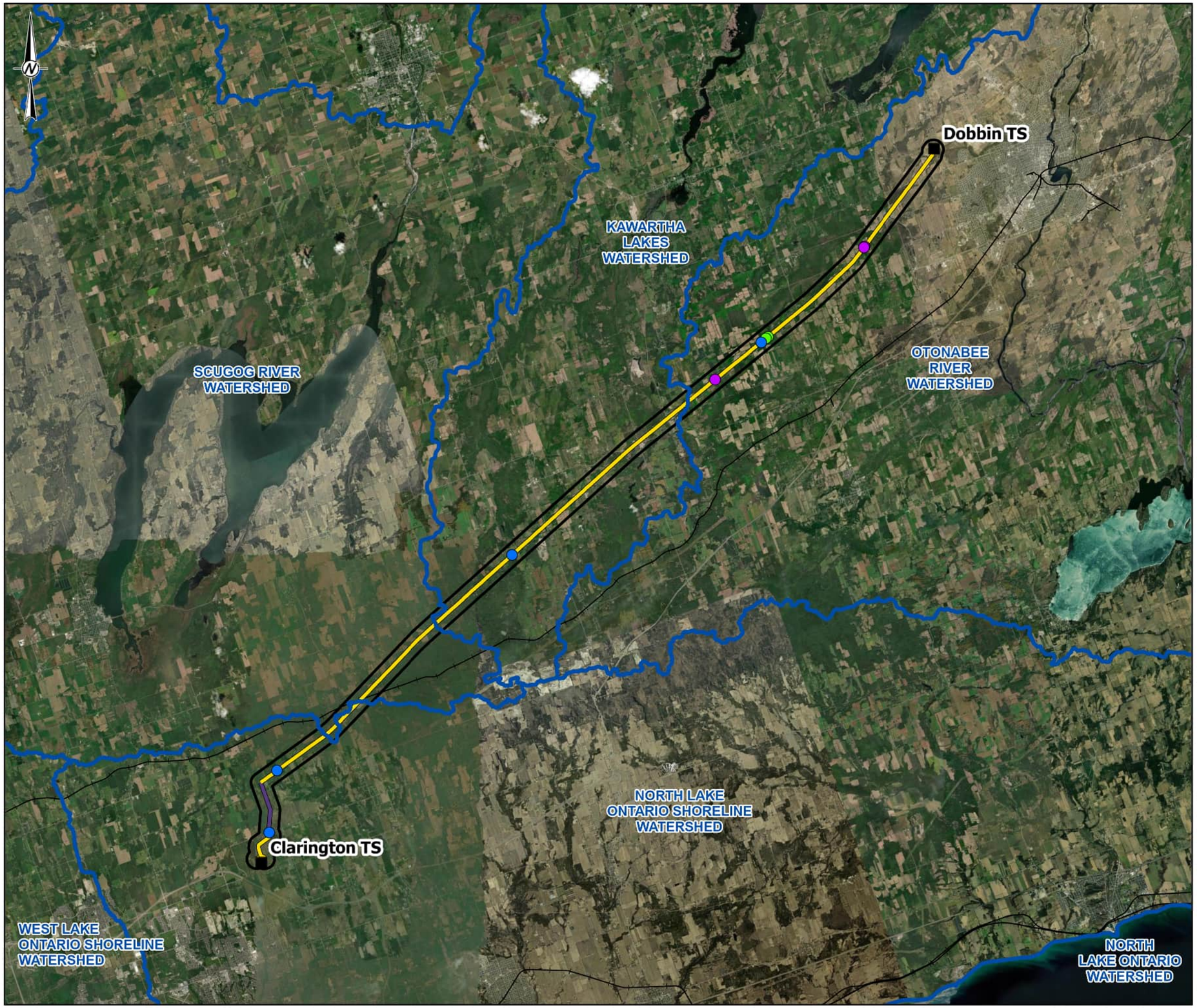
Station	First Visit (2024)	Second Visit (2024)	Planned June 2025 Visit
ELC01	13-Aug-24		
ELC02	13-Aug-24	18-Sep-24	
ELC03	13-Aug-24	18-Sep-24	
ELC04	14-Nov-24		x
ELC05	13-Aug-24	18-Sep-24	
ELC05b			x

Station	First Visit (2024)	Second Visit (2024)	Planned June 2025 Visit
ELC06	14-Aug-24	18-Sep-24	
ELC07	13-Aug-24		
ELC08			x
ELC09	18-Sep-24		x
ELC10			x
ELC11			x
ELC12			x
ELC13	13-Aug-24		x
ELC14	18-Sep-24		x
ELC15	17-Sep-24		x
ELC16			x
ELC17			x
ELC18			x
ELC19	14-Aug-24		
ELC 20			x
ELC 21			x
ELC22	14-Aug-24		
ELC23	14-Aug-24		
ELC24			x
ELC25			x
ELC26			x
ELC27			x
ELC28	17-Sep-24		

Station	First Visit (2024)	Second Visit (2024)	Planned June 2025 Visit
ELC29			x
ELC30	17-Sep-24		
ELC31			x
ELC32			x
ELC33			x
ELC34			x
ELC35			x
ELC36			x
ELC37			x
ELC40	17-Oct-24		x
ELC41			x
ELC42			x
ELC43			x
ELC44			x
ELC45			x
ELC46			x
ELC47			x
ELC48			x
ELC49			x
ELC50			x

The Project team are only proposing a couple revisits in 2025 because the vast majority of the line will be within the existing ROW, which is maintained. The Project team believe there is more value in increasing coverage along the line,

and targeting vegetation communities mapped as savannah from desktop, which the Indigenous communities have identified as a vegetation community of interest. Note also that Alternative A was the route that intersected more natural vegetation, whereas Alternative B (the selected preferred route) mainly traverses through agricultural fields.



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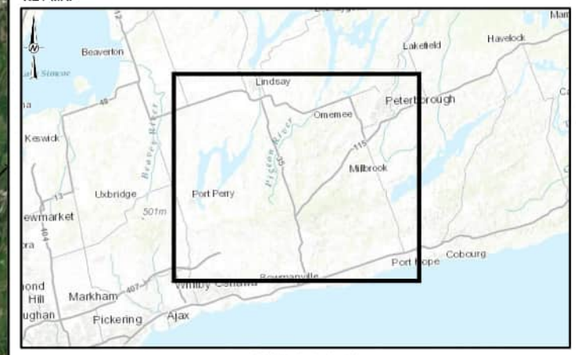

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LEGEND

- TRANSFORMER STATION (TS)
- CONTINGENCY SAMPLE LOCATION
- POTENTIAL BONUS SAMPLE
- PROPOSED SAMPLE LOCATION
- RAILWAY
- SECTION OF PREFERRED ROUTE TO BE UNDERGROUND
- PREFERRED ROUTE
- SELECTED PREFERRED ROUTE
- LOCAL STUDY AREA (LSA)
- WATERSHED BOUNDARY

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NOTE(S)
1. ALL LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE

REFERENCE(S)
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3. COORDINATE SYSTEM: NAD 1983 UTM ZONE 17N

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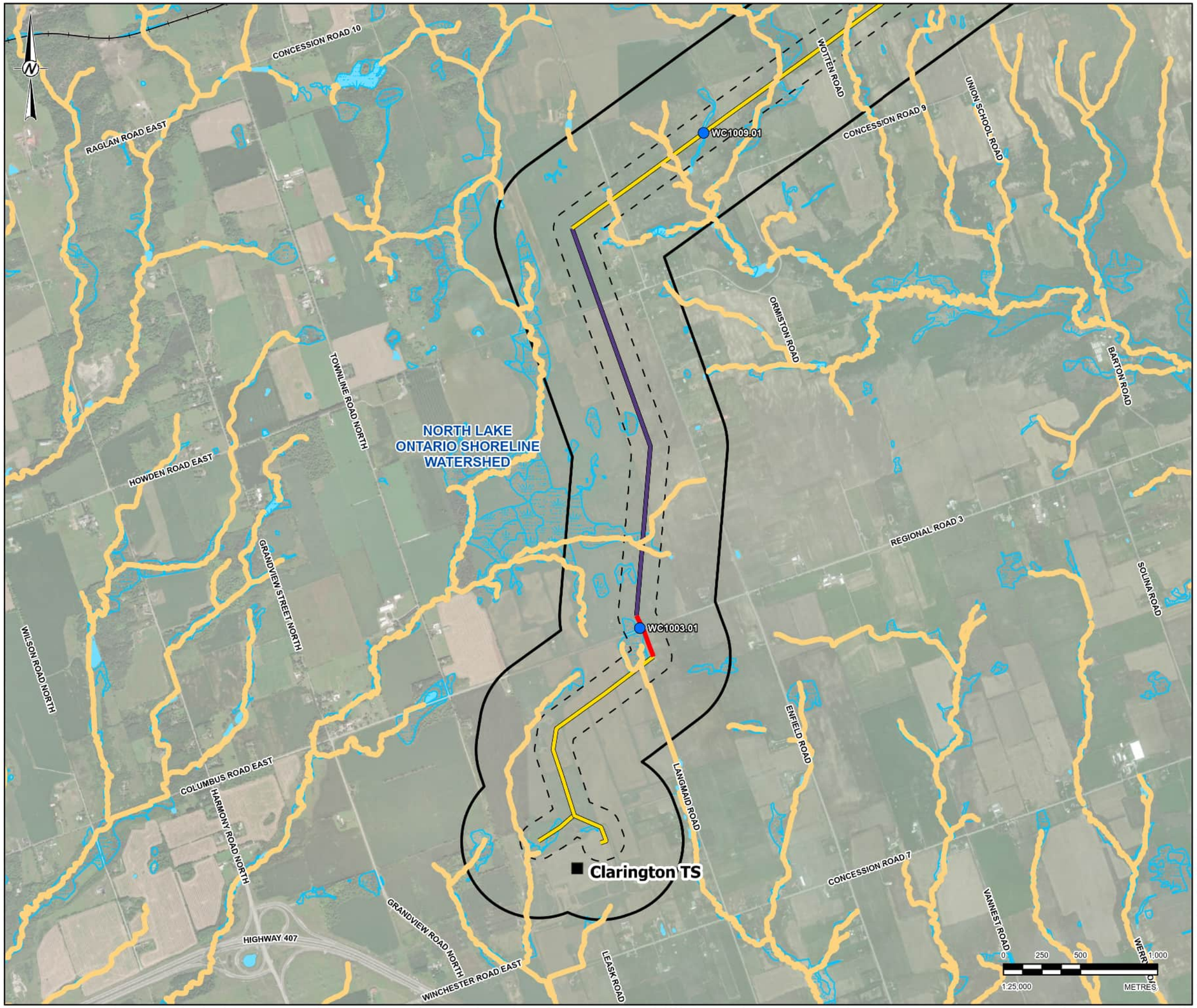

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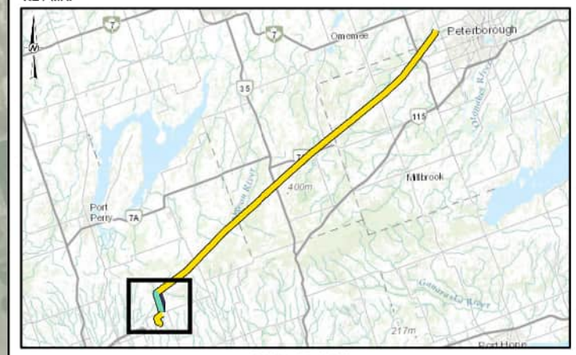

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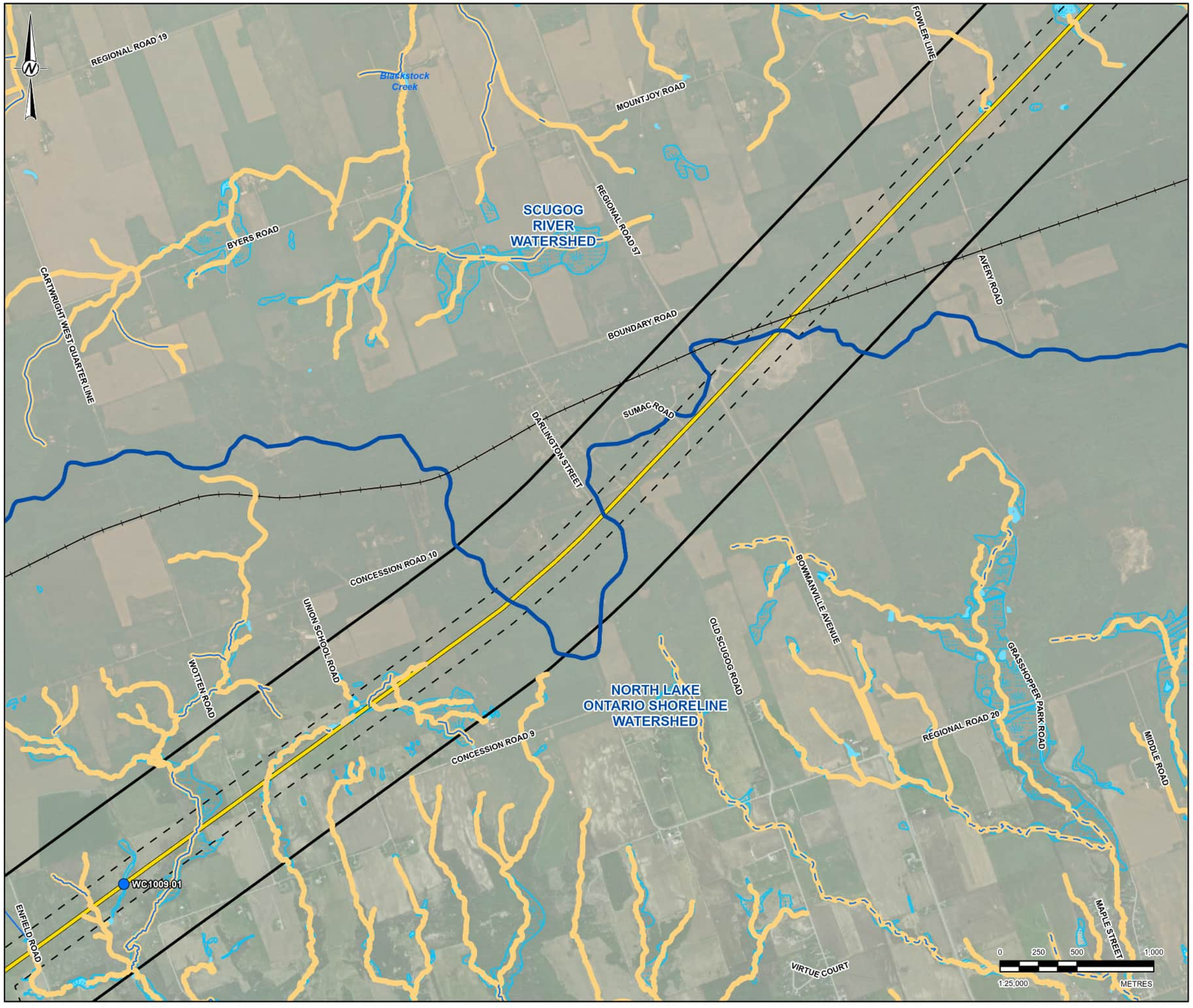

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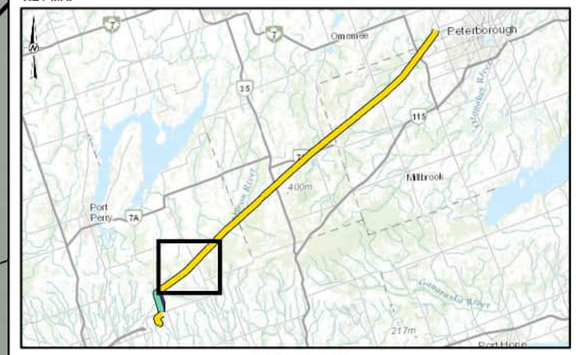

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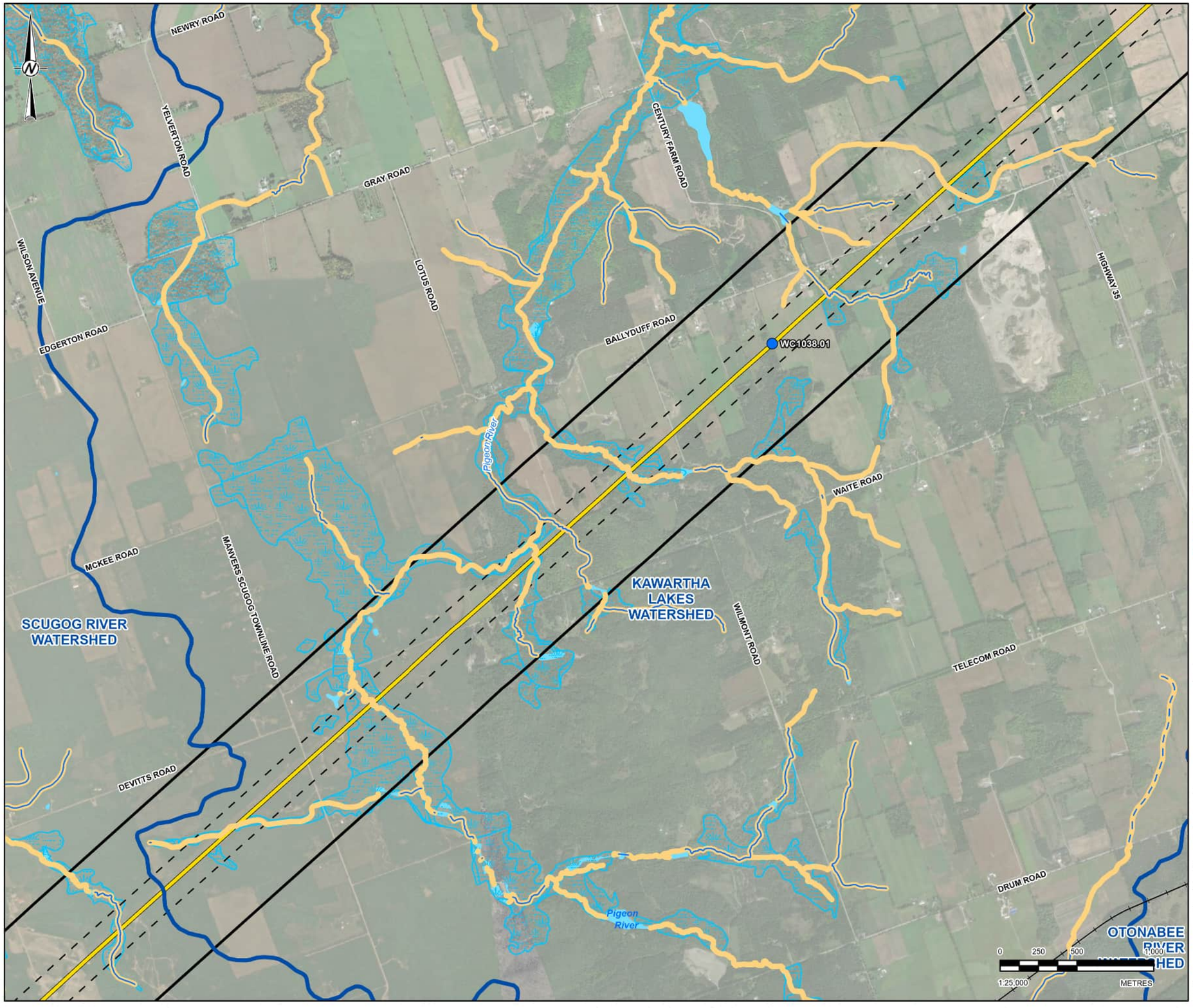

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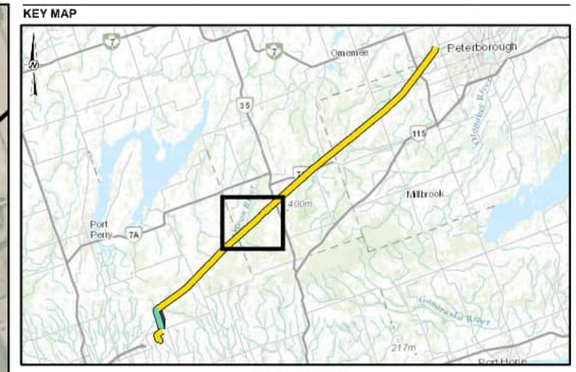

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SKIVIEW DRIVE
HILLVIEW DRIVE
SLALOM DRIVE
FIRE ROUTE 1201
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DARLING CRESCENT
CORA DRIVE
JACK LANE
SHARPE LINE
DRANOEL ROAD
MORTON LINE
SKI HILL ROAD
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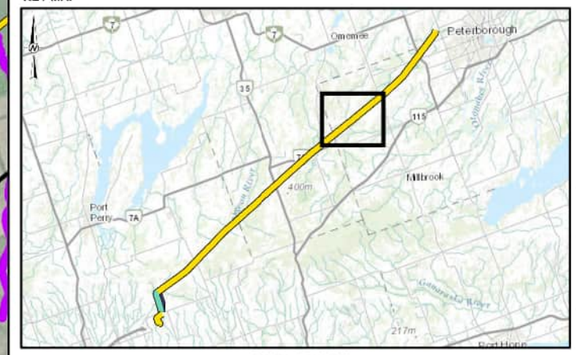

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BEST ROAD

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KENNEDY DRIVE

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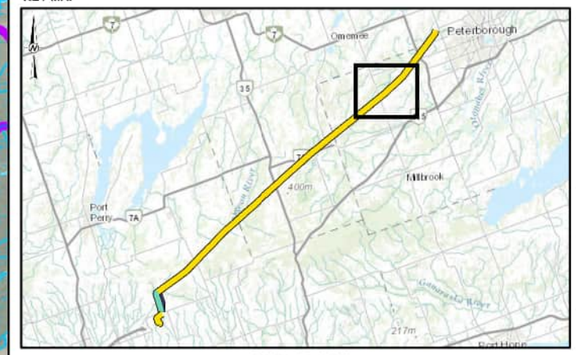

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Comment #	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Comment – February 28, 2025	Hydro One Response – April 7, 2025	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Comment – May 2025	Hydro One Response –July 2, 2025
1	1.0 Introduction *Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements. Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements.* • This sentence should explicitly highlight the requirements for accommodating Rightsholders. The referenced sentence should read as "*Key activities for a Class EA include [...] a preferred route and effects identification and mitigation requirements**, including accommodations for Rightsholders.***"	This will be updated and included in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Thank you for your important comment regarding the need to highlight accommodation for Rights holders. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
2	1.0 Introduction *The Project will span from the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington to the Dobbin TS in the County of Peterborough and is anticipated to be approximately 53 kilometers (km) in length.* What is the anticipated width of the transmission line right- of-way? Having this information will be useful for helping MSIFN Consultation evaluate the sufficiency of a 120m PSA, and overall, quantify and understand the extent of direct impacts to plant and wildlife habitat.	The anticipated width of the DKPL Right-of-Way is 46 metres (23 metres either side of the centreline) the 120m PSA is also on either side of the centreline in which the project anticipate direct effects. It should also be noted that the project has a 500 metre Local study area (see answer below).	**Addressed.**	
3	1.1 Study Area *The PSA includes lands within 120 metres (m) of the transmission line centreline.* • We note from HONI's response to Comment #2 on the DKPL Field Work Plan that "Laydown and access areas, which are temporary in nature, may be within the PSA." Can HONI guarantee that all project construction and operations activities and components will take place within the 120m PSA? Based on our experience, HONI's footprints typically extend beyond the project right-of-way. While laydown and access areas are often temporary, they still have the potential to adversely impact the natural environment. • All potential temporary and permanent project footprint components – not just the transmission	Hydro One is evaluating both a Local Study Area (LSA; 500 m from centreline) and Project Study Area (LSA; 120 m from centreline) during this Class Environmental Assessment. The PSA is expected to capture direct effects from the project and therefore includes field studies during the Class EA. The PSA includes the existing transmission line corridor which includes existing access. The LSA is expected to experience more indirect effects, and while still studied during the Class EA, these studies are more focussed on background report and research. This ensures that indirect effects like construction noise/dust etc. are captured. After the Class EA, once the detailed design planning has begun, the eventual Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor will assess off ROW construction works (access/laydown) which would be temporary. At this stage, the project team does not anticipate any new	**Partially Addressed.** We recognize that the project team does not anticipate any new access outside of the LSA, and appreciate that there is commitment to conduct additional studies if temporary infrastructure (laydown and access areas) is required outside the LSA or include effects not assessed in the Class EA. Does the project team anticipate that non-access infrastructure (e.g., laydown areas) may be required outside the LSA?	At this time, Hydro One does not anticipate the need to establish non-access infrastructure outside of the LSA. If this changes, more information will be provided during the detailed design stage of the Project.

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	line right-of-way – should be included in the spatial scope of the PSA used for natural environment existing conditions baseline work. Otherwise, the environmental assessment of impacts to these areas (and the species and habitats within them) will not be considered complete, or sufficiently conservative, by MSIFN Consultation.	access outside of the LSA as the surrounding area has established roads that would be available for crews to travel to the study area. Additionally, given this project is occurring on an existing ROW, there are many existing pathways to access the ROW which would be preferential. If the EPC contractor wishes to establish temporary infrastructure (laydown and access areas) outside of the LSA or include effects not assessed in the Class EA, the EPC Contractors would need to conduct additional studies to support the design and permitting for that access.		
4	Species at Risk Screening, Table 3-1 (Appendix A) *Species at Risk Screening Rankings:* [redacted] *Low Probability of Occurrence – No suitable habitat and no documented occurrences in the LSA* *Moderate Probability of Occurrence – Suitable habitat present, but no documented occurrences; or species recorded, but no suitable habitat apparent.* - • In Appendix A, HONI assigns a low probability to occur in the Study Area to [redacted], stating "although there are recent occurrence records of the species within the study area (NHIC), the study area is unlikely to contain low disturbance, tall grasslands greater than 30ha in size that would be suitable for [redacted] breeding habitat". According to Table 3-1, SAR should be assigned a "moderate" probability of occurrence if species are recorded. As such, [redacted] should be re- assigned a Moderate probability of occurring in the study area. • There is a similar issue for [redacted], which was assigned a Low probability of occurring in the study area, despite being listed as a possible breeder within the OBBA squares that overlap the study area. To be listed as a possible breeder within the overlapping OBBA squares, an occurrence record would have needed to be documented within it. Considering this, we recommend that HONI re- assign	The NHIC database identified occurrences of [redacted] within the grid area squares that overlap the study area, but did not indicate specifically that [redacted] records were documented within the PSA. Due to lack of suitable habitat for [redacted] within the PSA, the probability of this species occurring was determined to be low. This will be clarified in the final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Likewise, the OBBA squares that overlap the PSA do not indicate that [redacted] was documented within the PSA. These records could have been flagged anywhere within the area squares. Due to lack of identified suitable habitat for [redacted] in the PSA, the probability of this species occurring was determined to be low. This will be clarified in the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. The probability of species to occur within the PSA will be updated to reflect the findings of the 2025 Field Program.	**Partially Addressed.** Does HONI have access to exact coordinates for the [redacted] occurrence records overlapping the PSA, or only grid area squares with an occurrence? While it is being argued that NHIC / OBBA records don't indicate that the occurrence records of the highlighted square fall within the PSA, in the absence of exact coordinates, we would conversely argue that it can't be ruled out. Either way, we are fine with the probability of occurrence assessment being clarified in the updated Natural Environment approach to characterizing the potential presence of, and adverse effects to, [redacted] and [redacted]. HONI should also know that MSIFN is aware of, and vehemently opposes, the recently proposed interim changes to the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and proposal to repeal and replace it with the *Species Conservation Act, 2025.* While there are too many potentially relevant critical flaws in the proposed new approaches to SAR protection and permitting for us to list in this comment, we feel that it's particularly important to highlight that the "registration-first approach" to permitting does not preclude HONI's obligation to fully consult MSIFN regarding SAR matters prior to the onset of disruptive activities. For HONI's awareness, all provincial SAR are of cultural importance to the Michi Saagiig, and MSIFN will not tolerate a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting that is less than what is currently required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* in relation to	Element occurrence records of species at risk that overlap the PSA were acquired from NHIC through a sensitive data use licence agreement. [redacted] and [redacted] were not present in the records. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and the inclusion of First Nations input. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Additionally, outside of the permitting process,

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	[redacted] a Moderate probability of occurring within the study area.		this proposed project.	Hydro One plans to implement a Biodiversity Initiative. First Nations will have an opportunity to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the project which will seek opportunities to create or enhance habitat to offset any adverse effects to habitats as a result of the Project. Hydro One will involve interested communities in the Biodiversity Initiative, including potential incorporation of TEK where that information is willingly provided. .
5	4.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys *Terrestrial windshield surveys were conducted at 28 roadside locations on April 23-26, 2024. Survey site selection was driven primarily by available public access intersecting the LSA.* • Did HONI also consider vegetation community type when selecting the roadside locations? Does HONI feel that the 28 roadside survey locations are representative of the potentially impacted vegetation communities? Please provide a table outlining the ELC code for each roadside survey location to facilitate our review of whether or not selected survey locations can be considered representative.	Roadside locations were selected based on public accessibility for the field surveyors. Windshield surveys were not intended to function as vegetation surveys, though they did provide opportunities to collect data on vegetation communities present at survey locations. Ecological land classification (ELC) and botanical inventory were completed later in 2024. Additional ELC and botanical inventory will be completed in 2025.	**Not Addressed.** We understand that terrestrial windshield surveys are not intended to function as vegetation surveys, however as we understand it, they were relied upon for gathering general / incidental wildlife and wildlife habitat data, including record of SAR/SOCC/SCS and SWH. The point of our comment is that we're concerned that field survey locations were selected based mainly on public access considerations rather than surveying representative vegetation community types and therefore potential plant and animal species and habitats that may be impacted by the project. The response doesn't address this concern. To help our team assess the representativeness of selected survey locations, including the terrestrial windshield surveys (but also all others – ELC / botanical, breeding bird, and general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys) we request a table showing windshield survey locations by vegetation community type. We recommend providing this as soon as possible so MSIFN can assess survey location representativeness prior to the end of the 2025 field season, so recommendations for adjustments can be made if necessary	Terrestrial windshield surveys were completed by roadside and consequently are mostly situated in "road" land cover. Surveyors scanned visible areas of the adjacent ROW and PSA from the roadside location. Locations of windshield survey stations in relation to land cover (ELC) mapping is provided in Figure 1 included with this submission. It is acknowledged in the DNER that these survey locations were selected based on public access, not representative vegetation community types. Information collected during these surveys was complementary to other surveys completed for the project. Please also refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 11). These tables identify the vegetation community types where subsequent surveys were completed in 2024 or will be completed in 2025.
6	4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *Additionally, a one-day targeted Butternut (Juglans cinerea) SAR survey was carried out on October 17, 2024 outside* [redacted] *This search was conducted by systematically walking through the targeted woodland and recording observations and other incidental plant species.* • The author should reference the reader to a	Noted. The figures will be referenced in this section. Given the location near [redacted], the project team was contemplating the entrance structures into the stations. The team wanted to get an idea of where the butternut trees are for the project planning to minimize and effects (understanding the importance of these species). For the remainder of the project, the transmission line is located within	**Addressed.**	[redacted]

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	figure that features a map of the area surveyed. Additionally, the author must state if a leaf-on survey was completed and should state if tree leaves were transitioning to a different colour. • Why did HONI only complete targeted butternut surveys at one woodland near [redacted] We note that butternut trees were observed in other locations in the study areas, including off [redacted] (Figure 4.14, 4.15), [redacted](Figure 4.16). Does HONI have plans to complete additional targeted butternut surveys in suitable habitats in 2025? [redacted] • Did HONI surveyors conduct a formal butternut health assessment, or make any notes regarding the health of butternut trees recorded in the study areas? If so, please provide this information to MSIFN Consultation.	an existing ROW and therefore we don't anticipate any additional tree clearing beyond the operation and maintenance. The locations were documented for the purposes of showing where mitigations to protect the trees may be required. If during detailed design it becomes evident that we may impact butternuts, we would complete health assessments and appropriate permitting will take place. The Butternut survey was conducted on October 17, 2024 and therefore a Butternut Health Assessment (BHA) was not completed as the leaf-on timing window had passed. If the detailed design is expected to impact the Butternuts, Hydro One will go through the appropriate permitting measures, which may include a BHA, and MSIFN will be engaged. Butternut surveys were completed at the target location because potential clearing for the project was identified in the area and Hydro One was seeking to understand potential SAR permitting implications for the clearing in the event Butternuts were present. Thank you for your comment. [redacted]		[redacted]
7	4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *High-level ELC surveys were conducted on August 13-15, 2024 and a second and third set of survey dates (September 17-18 and November 14, 2024) were added when early access agreements were secured for additional properties in the LSA.* • Can HONI provide a table outlining which high-level ELC field survey sites were undertaken on which date / in which set (i.e., first, second, third)? We note that the second and third sets were completed outside the peak growing season and it would be useful for MSIFN Consultation to know which sites this applies to, so we can determine where HONI's baseline dataset may be incomplete. While we	A table outlining surveys and corresponding survey dates will be provided with the updated report and will include surveys from the 2025 field program. MSIFN's review of the memo outlining planned surveys for 2025 and subsequent discussion provide opportunity for further sharing on species of cultural importance to the community. Participation in all proposed field surveys by community monitors is welcomed.	**Partially Addressed.** We appreciate HONI's willingness to provide a table outlining ELC / botanical surveys and corresponding survey dates for both the 2024 and 2025 field programs, as well as the invitation for MSIFN representatives to participate in 2025 surveys and provide input on species of cultural importance. Being able to determine which ELC/botanical surveys were completed at what point in the growing season is one piece in helping MSIFN determine the sufficiency of survey effort. In addition, refer to our response to Comment 5 - MSIFN has the same concerns about representativeness of ELC/botanical survey locations. Please provide a table summarizing the types of vegetation communities (or ELC codes) where surveys took place and specify if any vegetation community types (or ELC codes) could not be	Acknowledged. Please refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 11).

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	appreciate that HONI made efforts to conduct high-level ground truthing of the second and third set ELC polygons through publicly accessible roadsides, we note that species inventories for these areas may be biased toward edge species. • Does HONI have plans to conduct high-level ELC surveys at the second and third set locations during the 2025 growing season? If so, we should be extended an invitation to participate, and the methodology should consider species of cultural importance to the community.		surveyed. We recommend providing this as soon as possible so MSIFN can assess survey location representativeness prior to the end of the 2025 field season, so recommendations for adjustments can be made if necessary.	
8	4.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *High-level ELC surveys were conducted, wherein plant species were inventoried and the percent cover of each vegetation stratum was estimated.* • Considering only high-level ELC surveys (i.e., vegetation sampling component only – no soils/substrate sampling) were completed, how confident is HONI in its ELC field verification conclusions? Please provide additional information to substantiate the response (i.e., quality/ availability of background information, consideration for habitat type, etc.).	ELC mapping is largely high-level (e.g., FOD) in most of the LSA. Finer classification was assigned where there was confidence in the classification. Should there be an uncertain classification in an area to be affected by the Project, Hydro One and the EPC Contractor will revisit the need for additional survey to confirm the classification.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
9	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Preliminary survey locations were selected in advance of the field surveys through a desktop analysis of available land cover mapping located to WSP's web mapping tool.* • Please substantiate your methodologies and include the answers to the questions below in the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Please explain why breeding bird surveys were selected in advance of the field surveys. • Please explain if any data, including Indigenous Knowledge, was used to determine the preliminary survey locations.	Survey site selection ahead of a field program is standard protocol to facilitate planning and target areas of interest (e.g., representative habitat types), with the understanding that adjustments may be made in the field based on site conditions. Ultimately due to access limitations, the surveys were completed by roadside. Improved access in 2025 will allow for surveys within various target habitats in the PSA. Survey approach, and methodologies will be substantiated in the updated report. Additionally, a table will be included with the updated report that summarizes survey locations and associated land cover types. At the time of the 2024 field planning stage, Indigenous knowledge specifically had not been	**Partially Addressed.** Please refer to our response to Comment 5 – MSIFN Consultation has the same concerns about representativeness of breeding bird survey locations. Please provide a summary table showing breeding bird survey locations by vegetation community type. We recommend providing this as soon as possible so MSIFN can assess survey location representativeness prior to the end of the 2025 field season, so recommendations for adjustments can be made if necessary.	Acknowledged. Please refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 9).

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	• Can HONI provide a table summarizing bird breeding survey locations by land cover type or ELC code? Given the private property access constraints and reliance on public roadsides in this field program, we are concerned that survey locations may not be representative of areas with the potential to be adversely affected by the project.	shared. MSIFN's review of the memo outlining planned surveys for 2025 and subsequent discussion provide opportunity for further sharing.		
10	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Breeding bird surveys were conducted on June 25-26, 2024 which is during the active breeding season (May 24 to July 10 in southern Ontario). One round of surveys was conducted due to access delays until late in the survey window.* • Please explain how this will be corrected (i.e., how will this be remedied to capture data gaps). • Please include the answer to the question above in the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Does HONI have plans to conduct a second round of breeding bird surveys in 2025? We note that, because different species breed on different schedules, conducting multiple point counts spread out during the active breeding season will lead to higher confidence in results. With this in mind, we recommend that HONI complete additional breeding bird surveys prior to completing the assessment of potential adverse effects to breeding birds. If this is not feasible, please explain how HONI will be more conservative in its assessment of potential effects, as well as mitigation and monitoring measures, where warranted.	Additional breeding bird surveys are planned for 2025. Results will be incorporated into the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
11	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Breeding bird surveys were completed within the period beginning approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and 10:00 a.m.* • Please highlight the tools (e.g., binoculars), including technologies (e.g., bird identification AI technology) used in the field to facilitate the	Breeding bird surveys were undertaken by WSP on June 25-26 2024, at 35 point count stations within the PSA following the protocols described in the *Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas* (OBBA) (Cadman et al 2007) and in accordance with methods outlined in the *Canadian Breeding Bird Survey* (Downes and Collins 2003). The surveys were completed by qualified biologists, knowledgeable in bird	**Addressed.**	

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	surveys. If no tools were used, this information should be included in the draft Existing Conditions Report. • Please state in the draft Existing Conditions Report if traffic noise impacted breeding bird surveys. Were survey locations refined as a result of traffic noise? The methodologies outlined in this section require significant refinement. As a reader, we should be aware of what occurred and why it occurred.	identification by sight and sound, within the period beginning approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and 10:00 am to capture the period of maximum bird song activity. Species were identified through unique vocalizations and by visual observations. Each station location consisted of a survey radius of 100 m from the location of the observer. All birds heard or observed were recorded at intervals of 0-50 m, 50-100 m, >100 m, and flyovers (birds seen flying overhead). Binoculars were occasionally used to identify species by sight. Each point count station was surveyed for a duration of 10 minutes to improve detection, consistent with recommendations in other guidelines, including the *Forest Bird Monitoring Programs in Wildlife Monitoring Programs in Wildlife Monitoring Programs* and *Inventory Techniques for Ontario* (Konze and McLaren 1997). Each bird was recorded once and mapped on the field data sheet to ensure no duplication of individual birds. Surveys were undertaken in appropriate weather conditions (i.e., suitable temperatures, no precipitation, and little or no wind), in accordance with the OBBA survey guidelines. Noise levels were taken into consideration when confirming survey locations in the field. Methodologies and equipment used will be further described in the updated report.		[redacted]
12	4.1.3 Breeding Bird Surveys *Environmental conditions (temperature, precipitation, cloud cover) and time were recorded at each survey location as these variables are known to influence the activity levels of birds and their probability of detection.* • We note that neither Section 5.1.3 nor Appendix E include environmental condition data collected by HONI in relation to breeding bird survey stations. Is this because surveys were consistently completed under optimal environmental conditions and there is no need to declare concerns? Please provide MSIFN Consultation with this information for review and confirmation that breeding	Breeding bird surveys were conducted under suitable environmental conditions and in accordance with accepted protocols. Industry and professional standard is that qualified individuals complete work and under appropriate conditions. Additional details will be included in the updated report and data sheets will be appended.	**Addressed.**	

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	bird surveys were completed under ideal conditions.			[redacted]
13	4.1.4 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Surveys *All suitable habitats for reptiles were searched [...], and all reptiles and amphibians observed were identified and recorded.* • Please share identification records with MSIFN Consultation. • Did reptile and amphibian identifications occur in or near a specific ELC? Please be as specific as possible. • Please share this information with MSIFN Consultation. • Observed SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals must be reported to our team. This has been communicated to HONI and WSP many times. Please respect our request.	All wildlife species documented during the 2024 field program are provided in Appendix F: *Terrestrial Survey Results – Wildlife* in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Herptile observations with corresponding ELC were: - [redacted]: Cultural Woodland (CUW). - [redacted]: Coniferous Forest (FOC), Deciduous Swamp (SWD), Cultural Thicket (CUT), and Shallow Marsh (MAS). - [redacted]: Shallow Marsh (MAS). - [redacted]: Coniferous Forest (FOC). - [redacted]: Shallow Marsh (MAS). - [redacted]: Roadside. It is understood that sightings of SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals during future field studies are to be reported to MSIFN.	**Addressed.**	
14	4.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys *Fish Habitat Potential* *No – The water feature has no habitat available and will not support fish because a defined channel is not present, and/or is not hydrologically connected to fish habitats and/or freezes to the bottom.* • This category fails to consider that certain isolated or ephemeral features may still provide indirect fish habitat by contributing nutrients or seasonal flows to a downstream fish-bearing system. • Please explain how site-specific surveys will consider the indirect contributions of ephemeral features that aquatic windshield surveys were unable to capture. • If site-specific surveys will not evaluate the indirect contributions of water crossings where there is no fish habitat potential, please bring	The focus of the windshield surveys was to identify and evaluate water features that may directly support fish habitat, presence or movement, as well as upstream and downstream contributing habitats (i.e., indirect contributions). Indirect fish habitat and non-permanent water features (i.e., intermittent or ephemeral features) were assessed during detailed fish and fish habitat surveys at a subset of crossings along the centre line. All water features identified in the desktop, windshield and detailed surveys were conservatively assessed for their contributions to fish habitat and surface water quality. Site-specific surveys included documentation of riparian and in-stream vegetation, substrates, wetland community features and groundwater indicators that may contribute nutrients, food inputs or hydrological influence to downstream fish-bearing systems and surface water quality. Site-specific surveys also investigated headwater drainage features and hydrologic connections to	**Partially Addressed.** Miigwech for the additional detail regarding the consideration of ephemeral and indirect features in fish habitat assessments. We appreciate the recognition of the broader ecological role these features play. To support our understanding and verification of these findings, we request the following clarifications: • Can you please clarify how conservative assumptions were applied in the assessment of fish habitat potential, particularly in cases of uncertainty or limited access? • Were any ephemeral or intermittent features ultimately classified as having no fish habitat potential? If so, what criteria were used to rule out indirect contributions?	All water features assessed only at the desktop level, inaccessible, or with noted uncertainties were conservatively considered fish habitat. Fish habitat was defined as the presence of defined beds and/or banks with flowing or standing water for a portion of the year. Any locations where there was an absence of defined beds and/or banks was considered not fish habitat. Locations with defined beds/banks that were dry at the time of the assessment were considered non-permanent water features with potential to support fish habitats for a portion of the year. For locations that were considered non-fish habitats (i.e., no defined beds/banks) the indirect effect of surface water contributions will be considered in the EA through the water quality component. Yes, there were non-permanent features classified as non-fish habitats where there was a lack of defined channel (i.e., beds and/or banks) and habitat features present, often these sites

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	this to our immediate attention.	direct fish habitat, helping to identify how ephemeral or isolated features may still affect the broader aquatic ecosystem.		were dry at the time of the survey.
15	4.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys *Wetland Vegetation Communities – wetland vegetation communities were visually assessed as present or absent.* • Please confirm if the surveyors are qualified wetland evaluators?	During the aquatic windshield surveys, wetlands were not evaluated, but rather their presence was assessed in terms of their potential to support fish habitat. The statement will be clarified in the updated NER. Wetlands play a vital role in supporting fish habitat by offering shelter, food sources, and contributing to overall ecosystem health. They can also serve as an important indicator of fish species composition within a water feature.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
16	4.2.3 Surface Water Surveys *Lakes will be categorized as waterbodies >8 ha and ponds as those <8 ha.* Is the classification of lakes (>8 ha) and ponds (<8 ha) based on the surface area of the waterbody? Please provide a reference supporting this approach.	The categorization for lakes and ponds was based on surface area. Although there is a lack of standardized refences within regards to the surface area or ponds and lakes, we applied the definitions from DFO 2007 Operational Statement Notification Form and USEPA 2024 Terminology Services.	**Addressed.**	
17	4.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *If 200 m could not be surveyed due to site logistics (e.g., dense forest, land access issues), the field crew endeavored to survey as much of the site as is safely accessible, up to 200 m.* • To strengthen the methodology, the author should consider indicators like adjacent habitat quality, topography and hydrology, where direct access isn't possible. • Additionally, if gaps are significant, the author must recommend a follow-up, such as future surveys or remote methods (e.g., aerial imagery, LiDAR, or historical surveys). • Of the 23 water crossing locations assessed, how many could not be surveyed along a 200 m reach due to site logistics? Did any of the water features that could not be surveyed along a 200 m reach due to site logistics contain critical habitat features for fish?	Our crew was successful in surveying all 23 water crossing locations for the 200 m reach as well as surveyed additional sites above and beyond our target. Should in the future site access be limited, desktop data (including aerial imagery and LiDAR) and windshield survey collection data (collected at upstream and downstream roadside locations) will help fill gaps beyond the surveyed area, as well as visual inspection to the extent possible from the point of access of adjacent areas.	**Addressed.**	
18	4.3 Environmental DNA Surveys	eDNA sampling has been proposed at five new	**Partially Addressed.**	eDNA sites were selected based on those where there was an absence or insufficient desktop data

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	Aquatic eDNA sampling was completed at five water crossing sites (WC-1029.01, 1033.01, 1033.02, 1041.01, 1066.01) located along the centreline of the LSA in October 2024… Surveys were scheduled to be completed at nine locations; however, seasonally dry conditions creating insufficient water levels at four of the proposed stations (WC-1000.01, WC- 1029.02, WC-1030, WC-1065) reduced the total stations surveyed to five sites. • Please confirm if sampling will be completed at these four stations in 2025 to inform site conditions?	sites in 2025.	HONI has indicated that eDNA sampling will be completed at four new sites in 2025. Could you please clarify the criteria used to select these new sampling locations? Additionally, does this mean that the originally planned but unsurveyed sites (WC-1000.01, WC-1029.02, WC-1030, and WC-1065) will not be included in the 2025 eDNA sampling program?	was available and where previous surveys had not been completed. The sites MSFIN has listed were surveyed but they were dry at the time of sampling, therefore habitat characteristics were obtained but no eDNA sample. The aforementioned sites were determined not to be fish habitat as a result of the previous surveys, except for WC-1065 which was determined to be a farm drain and will not be sampled in 2025.
19	4.3 Environmental DNA Surveys *Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) samples were collected to aid in determining the fish and freshwater invertebrate community assemblages.* • We note that this method was not discussed in the Field Work Plan. • Please provide rationale for selecting eDNA sampling over fish community sampling. • How broad was the coverage of the eDNA primers? Did they represent a comprehensive set of Ontario fish species? • Why were molluscs not included in the eDNA analysis?	eDNA studies were added to the field work based on a recommendation from 4 Directions, supporting Hiawatha First Nation in the summer of 2024, following their review of the Field Work Plan. eDNA was selected over fish community sampling due to higher detection sensitivity, simultaneous assessment of multiple species. eDNA sampling is generally less resource-intensive in the field compared to traditional sampling methods, making it easier to collect data over a larger geographical area in a shorter amount of time. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be recommended where applicable in the ESR for completion prior to permitting in areas where effects may occur. eDNA results provided a broad representation of Ontario fish species, as the primers used were designed to amplify DNA from a wide range of species. Multi-species tests were conducted for both aquatic vertebrates (freshwater fish, amphibians, reptiles, etc.) and invertebrates (molluscs, crustaceans, worms, etc.) using different primers. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting where effects may occur.	**Partially Addressed.** Thank you for the additional information. It is not clear in the DNER whether any mussel species were detected during the eDNA sampling. Could you please confirm whether any were identified? Additionally, could you expand on what specific types of potential effects or project interactions would trigger the need for detailed and species-specific surveys?	No mussel species were observed during the field surveys. The bioassay primer that was used for testing did not include freshwater mussels. Species-specific surveys may be required for project interactions that affect the footprint or habitat below the highwater mark, such as culvert water crossings or fording locations. Surveys may also be necessary for impacts to riparian areas within protective buffer zones, like towers placed less than 30 meters from the high-water mark or where permitting and notifications are required..
20	5.1.1 Terrestrial Windshield Surveys *Other wildlife features of interest identified during the*	Currently, Hydro One is not proposing bat acoustic surveys. Once a detailed design is provided, Hydro One and the EPC will evaluate if any potential snag	**Addressed.**	[redacted]

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Twenty-seven individual snags or cavity trees that may provide suitable bat maternity roosting habitat within the LSA were recorded during field surveys.

• We note that HONI did not complete targeted bat surveys (e.g., acoustic monitoring) through their field program, but
• opportunistically identified 27 individual snags or cavity trees that may provide suitable bat maternity habitat (e.g., candidate SWH).
• Does HONI have plans to conduct acoustic surveys for bats in 2025? Or follow-up investigations to confirm bat maternity colony SWH?
In addition, why is potential bat maternity roosting habitat being discussed in the context of Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (Section 6.8) instead of Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species (Section 6.7)? Has HONI determined that the 27 snags/cavity trees identified are unlikely to be used by [redacted] or [redacted]?</td><td>trees are proposed for removal. The vast majority of the project route (~94%) is within the existing ROW and vegetation removal is expected to be minimal. Therefore, effects to bats are not currently anticipated. Where vegetation removal cannot be avoided, mitigation practices, such as tree removal outside of the bat maternity roosting window, would be the approach. If bat snags are proposed to be removed within the maternity roosting window, the requirement for bat acoustic surveys or other targeted bat surveys will be revisited. MSIFN will be engaged in this process.

Habitat potential for SAR bats is acknowledged in Section 6.7 (Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species) and a description of habitat preferences and habitat availability for these species within the LSA is provided in Appendix A of the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.</td><td></td><td rowspan="2">[redacted]</td></tr>
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One ESA threatened species, [redacted], was frequently observed in open fields within the PSA (Figure 4).

• The following sightings should have been reported to MSIFN Consultation prior to sharing the draft Existing Conditions Report.
Please share the coordinates of the sightings.</td><td>Please see table below for location coordinates for [redacted] observations from 2024. It is understood that sightings of SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals during future field studies are to be reported to MSIFN.

Coordinates of [redacted] observations in 2024:

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<td>5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory

Butternut ([...]) was observed in four delineated plant communities, including 16 individuals near the [redacted], five individuals within the PSA and two individuals within the LSA.

Additionally, 15 individuals of Black Ash ([...]).

• The following sightings should have been reported to MSIFN Consultation prior to sharing the draft Existing Conditions Report.
Please share the coordinates of all Butternut and Black Ash sightings.</td>
<td>Please see tables below for location coordinates for black ash and butternut observations from 2024. It is understood that sightings of SAR/SOCC/SCS individuals during future field studies are to be reported to MSIFN.

Coordinates of Black Ash observations in 2024:
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23	5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory The vegetation in the ROW is regularly maintained, which limits the amount of woody vegetation. • Does HONI manage the existing ROW using chemical or mechanical/manual methods? Can the vegetation management plan be shared with MSIFN Consultation?	Hydro One takes an integrated approach to maintaining its corridors including the mechanical removal of vegetation and/or the application of herbicides. Should herbicides be required it is always a selective application with a low volume, direct application of federally and provincially approved herbicides, with appropriate setbacks from waterbodies and other sensitive features. Our Forestry Technicians are required to identify all vegetation that could grow or fall into the power lines or towers. Depending on species type, density of vegetation and corridor characteristics (such as line sag, tower height, elevation etc.), our Forestry Technicians will determine which trees and other vegetation will pose a risk, and the best methods to address the vegetation. Hydro One's approach aims to find a balance between ensuring that taller-growing and invasive tree species are deterred from re-establishing and also encouraging the growth of low-growing plant communities to promote biodiversity. The application of herbicides to select vegetation plays a critical role in Hydro One's integrated approach to maintaining vegetation on hydro corridors. Mowing and trimming are important parts of any right of way maintenance program, but mechanical means alone do not provide a long-term sustainable solution for managing vegetation along right of ways. Mechanical control can reduce pollinator habitat, distribute weed seeds and cause some plant species (including some invasive plant species) to re-sprout rapidly resulting in increased density of the stand. Mechanical control also needs to be repeated frequently in order to maintain the right of way. Selective application of herbicides allows desirable species to flourish which increases biodiversity. It is less disruptive to the landscape and controls the entire plant so the intensity of	TBD.	

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		required future maintenance is lower. Integrated vegetation management programs use both mechanical and herbicide control strategies and are proven to be the safest, most cost-effective long-term vegetation management strategy. Typically, vegetation maintenance on transmission lines is completed on a six-year cycle. In instances where herbicides are used to prevent the re-growth of certain fast-growing species, the intensity of the required future maintenance is lower, for example, less herbicide required, less cutting, less mowing. In some cases where herbicide is employed, no brush maintenance is required during the next maintenance cycle as low growing vegetation flourishes and impedes the regrowth of trees and brush. As part of our work planning process, Hydro One staff complete a species at risk assessment for each maintenance project in addition to identification of any Water Source Protected areas or any known archaeological areas of concern. They follow product label directions when determining buffers to potable water wells, Municipal well head or water intake, and/or surface water features and wetlands. In most cases Hydro One utilizes more conservative setbacks than what product labels indicate. Additionally, Hydro One staff follow all provincial and federal legislation (including, but not limited to Canada's *Migratory Bird Convention Act*, Ontario's *Endangered Species Act*, Ontario's *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*, Ontario's *Invasive Species Act*), and make all reasonable efforts to comply with the legislation in extreme circumstances if vegetation compromises the integrity of the system. Hydro One does not take the application of herbicides lightly, application is kept to a minimum and spraying. Vegetation management planning for the DKPL project will be developed closer to construction and included in the Environmental Management Plan.		[redacted]

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		Hydro One acknowledges MSIFNs request to share the Forestry Management Plan. Hydro One Forestry shared details of the forestry operations on October 30th. In addition to this, Hydro One has committed to sharing the Hydro One Urban Forestry Protocol and utilizing this as framework to develop a protocol in WTFN territory. This framework will address both work and communication strategies. A collective meeting is proposed for May 5th for further updates and review. At this time, the DKPL vegetation management plan is consistent with Hydro One standard operations and can redistribute the information shared on October 30th. Hydro One is also undertaking an assessment of the DKPL corridor to understand the scope of the Forestry needs. Hydro One has expressed that no forestry work will take place on the DKPL or the adjacent corridor until the scope is understood and communicated with Williams Treaty First Nations communities.		[redacted]
24	5.1.2 Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory *Additionally, 15 individuals of Black Ash were observed in 5 locations throughout the LSA (Section 5.1.2)* *Nine Black Ash trees were observed during field surveys in various locations within the LSA.* • There is inconsistent reporting on the number of Black Ash trees found in the LSA, between Section 5.1.2 (15 individuals) and Section 6.7 (nine black ash trees). Please clarify how many Black Ash trees were found in the LSA. • Did surveyors conduct a health assessment of the Black Ash trees found in the LSA, or take note of any signs of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation? If so, please provide the results to	The discrepancies in Black Ash numbers documented in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report will be corrected in the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Black Ash observations were documented as both individuals and in groupings, within 5 locations (see response to comment 23 for locations). Evidence of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation was not examined or documented during the 2024 surveys. If the detailed design is expected to affect Black Ash trees, Hydro One will go through the appropriate permitting measures, which includes a health assessment (including examination for signs of EAB infestation), and MSIFN will be engaged.	**Partially Addressed.** We accept the rationale for not planning to complete black ash assessments during the 2025 field season / until it's confirmed that black ash removal cannot be avoided, assuming that there will be sufficient time to conduct this assessment in a robust manner and acquire the necessary permits prior to the disruptive activities. Please confirm that this will be the case. We appreciate HONI's commitment to conduct the necessary follow-up studies if removal of black ash trees cannot be avoided. HONI should also know that MSIFN is aware of, and vehemently opposes, the recently proposed interim changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and proposal to repeal and replace it with the Species Conservation Act, 2025. While there are too many potentially relevant critical flaws in the	Hydro One confirms that any Black Ash trees that cannot be avoided will receive a health assessment and no disturbance to the trees will occur until appropriate regulatory approvals are received. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous

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We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line.

Additionally, outside of the permitting process, Hydro One plans to implement a Biodiversity Initiative. First Nations will have an opportunity to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the project which will seek opportunities to create or enhance habitat to offset any adverse effects to habitats as a result of the Project. Hydro One will involve interested communities in the Biodiversity Initiative, including potential incorporation of TEK where that information is willingly provided.</td></tr>
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[redacted] (SAR, 2 observations; 1 station), [redacted] (SOCC, 2 observations; 2 stations), and [...].

Please share the stations coordinates where [redacted] were observed.</td><td>Please refer to Figures 2.1 to 2.10 for Breeding Bird Survey locations.

Please refer to Appendix E: Breeding Bird Survey Results for the bird species documented in the corresponding survey location.

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		[redacted] station coordinates: Station / UTM Easting / UTM Northing [redacted]		[redacted]
26	5.1.4 General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Surveys *Scope of terrestrial field surveys – no targeted surveys for reptiles* • Considering the assessed high likelihood for several herptile species at risk to occur in the study area, we are concerned that HONI did not complete targeted herptile SAR surveys, such as basking surveys in wetlands or waterbodies for turtles or visual encounter surveys for snakes.	Targeted turtle surveys, such as basking surveys, are not planned for the 2025 field program. SAR turtle habitat has been observed within the LSA, and Hydro One anticipates that SAR and non-SAR turtle occupancy surrounding and within wetland features is likely, including suitable nesting habitat where it has been identified. With the assumption that both SAR and non-SAR reptiles occupy the LSA, mitigation measures will be implemented to prevent potential effects. Detailed and species-specific surveys for SAR Reptiles will be completed	**Not Addressed.** We are concerned that HONI has not done, and does not intend to, conduct targeted SAR herptile surveys during the 2025 field season – particularly targeted surveys for [redacted] both of which could trigger Section 10 contraventions under the ESA, are assessed as having a high likelihood of occurring in the study area, and can be considered habitat generalists. While we generally understand the	Although [redacted] both use a variety of habitat types, each species also has specific habitat requirements that need to be met. [redacted] is area-sensitive, prefers xeric environments and requires a habitat mosaic of fields and >5 ha open forests with sandy soils, vegetative cover and a nearby permanent water source. [redacted] requires a large wetland complex (as it is known to travel >1-2 km between wetlands and use multiple bodies of water

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	• Section 4.1.4 notes that the general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys (i.e., incidental wildlife observation protocol) included searching all suitable habitats for reptiles, but only references flipping logs and other types of cover objects, and making observations in piles of rocks, which generally describes strategies for detecting snakes in terrestrial environments, but not turtles in aquatic environments. In addition, the likelihood of detecting herptiles (ectotherms) is highly dependent on environmental conditions (e.g., air and water temperatures, cloud cover) and there is no information on environmental conditions recorded during surveys in this report for us to review and verify. • According to Section 5.1.4 (and Appendix F), two reptile species ([redacted] and [redacted]) were detected during general wildlife surveys, including two dead-on-road (DOR) [redacted]s, suggesting they already experience pressures from human disturbance in the study area and/or that efforts to check wetlands and waterbodies for (still alive) turtles may not have been sufficient. • Considering all of the above information, MSIFN Consultation is concerned that HONI has not done enough baseline survey work to rule out the presence of herptile SAR, including [redacted], in the study area. Does HONI have plans to conduct additional targeted surveys for turtles and snakes in 2025? If not, will HONI conservatively assume that these species have the potential to occur in the study area for the purposes of the assessment of potential adverse effects on herptiles?	as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). The flipping of logs and documentation of rockpiles was completed simultaneously with other scheduled field surveys and did not follow a specific protocol. This strategy was undertaken to increase the chance of incidental wildlife observations and further the understanding of habitat suitability for snakes. Since a specific protocol was not followed, temperature, air, and cloud cover were not documented at the time of each observation. It is acknowledged that the incidental observations documented from lifting debris and identifying suitable rock piles does not negate the effort and species-specific target surveys required in determining turtle presence. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.	rationale behind not conducting targeted studies until potential impacts are known, we are not as clear on what will trigger HONI to know targeted studies are needed (i.e., relative to the clear triggers for follow-up studies for bats, butternut, or black ash for example). Please explain what criteria or triggers HONI would use to determine if targeted surveys for herptiles, such as [redacted], are needed following detailed design results. HONI should also know that MSIFN is aware of, and vehemently opposes, the recently proposed interim changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and proposal to repeal and replace it with the Species Conservation Act, 2025. While there are too many potentially relevant critical flaws in the proposed new approaches to SAR protection and permitting for us to list in this comment, we feel that it's particularly important to highlight that the "registration-first approach" to permitting does not preclude HONI's obligation to fully consult MSIFN regarding SAR matters prior to the onset of disruptive activities. For HONI's awareness, all SAR are of cultural importance to the Michi Saagiig, and MSIFN will not tolerate a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting that is less than what is currently required under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 in relation to this proposed project.	throughout the season). Suitable aquatic habitat for this species includes swamps, bogs, fens, marshes, lake bays, ponds, and slow flowing creeks, but it prefers shallow eutrophic wetlands with abundant aquatic vegetation and slow to no flow. Once detailed design is confirmed, areas where disturbance is planned will be evaluated against these specific habitat requirements, and targeted surveys will be conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and the inclusion of First Nations input. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Additionally, outside of the permitting process, Hydro One plans to implement a Biodiversity Initiative. First Nations will have an opportunity to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the project which will seek opportunities to create or enhance habitat to offset any adverse effects to habitats as a result of the Project. Hydro One will

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				involve interested communities in the Biodiversity Initiative, including potential incorporation of TEK where that information is willingly provided.
27	5.2.2 Aquatic Windshield Surveys *[…] 11 sites require further investigation to determine fish habitat potential […]* • Will these sites be investigated in 2025 at the project crossing location? Please detail how these 11 sites will be further investigated?	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).	**Not Addressed.** The windshield survey identified 11 sites for further assessment to confirm fish habitat potential. Have any of the watercourses within the LSA associated with these sites been assessed to date? Understanding the fish habitat potential of these locations would help inform project design. If assessments have not yet been completed, will these sites be treated as fish habitat moving forward?	As the project alignment developed between the timing of the windshield surveys and fish habitat surveys, it was determined that for 10 out of 11 windshield survey locations, were tributaries of larger watercourses that crossed the project centre line, for which existing fisheries information was applied. For example, WC1067 crossing converges to encompasses 5 of the 11 windshield survey locations. No fish surveys were completed at these locations. AWS 3012 was field visited at WC-1041.01 and confirmed to be fish habitat. Any sites that were not assessed in the field were conservatively considered fish habitat.
28	5.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *Based on the in-situ field readings, five sites contradicted the previously reported thermal regimes provided in background information.* • There is no further discussion on what five sites had discrepancies in their thermal regimes. • Additionally, clarify whether these in-situ readings led to any reclassification of thermal regimes or if further analysis was conducted or how this in-situ temperature data was used. Providing this context would improve transparency and help MSIFN Consultation understand the implications of these findings, if any.	Temperatures recorded at the following four sites contradicted the cold-water thermal regime reported in the background review: WC-1007, WC-1029, WC-1040 and WC-1046. Temperature recorded at WC-1060 also contradicted the warm water thermal regime reported in the background review. The thermal regimes reported in Appendix B: Table 4 are those identified by the MNR. Reclassification of thermal regimes typically requires multi-season studies and is conducted by regulators. Any updates to the thermal regime classifications would be part of a regulatory process. Avoidance, mitigation, restoration approach for the Project to avoiding effects to fish and fish habitat in general are independent to thermal regime.	**Partially Addressed.** Did the water temperature data from WC-1060 indicate that it might be cold water?	Yes, the recorded temperature at WC-1060 was 15.83 °C at the time of sampling, meeting the criteria for cold water temperature range, it is important to note that this temperature reading is merely a snapshot in time and may not represent the typical conditions throughout the year.
29	5.2.4 Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *No SCS fish were conveyed during project engagement meetings with Indigenous communities, therefore no SCS were identified.* • This statement is false and must be removed **now** from the report.	Thank you for comment, this will be updated in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]

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	• MSIFN shared a list of bio-culturally significant (i.e., Species of Cultural Significance (SCS)) species with Hydro One staff. • This list is included in the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement executed by MSIFN Chief Kelly LaRocca and Penny Favel – Vice President of Indigenous Relations at Hydro One Networks Inc. dated October 29, 2024.			[redacted]
30	5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys *Freshwater vertebrate analysis indicated the species-specific presence of* [redacted] *within the PSA* *No terrestrial SAR or SOCC were identified through the eDNA analysis.* • We note that [redacted] are an SOCC with high potential to occur in the study area, and that [redacted] does not occur in the region. We therefore assume that the [redacted] eDNA detected was from [redacted] • Why has HONI stated that no terrestrial SOCC were identified through the eDNA analysis?	Thank you for flagging this. The eDNA results identifying [redacted] will be updated in terrestrial results in the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report.	**Addressed.**	
31	5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys [redacted] *was detected at WC- 1033.02, this species has no record of historical presence within Pigeon River or the tertiary watershed (DFO 2024c).* *There is one record of* [redacted] *within the PSA crossing centreline, located in the North Lake Ontario Shoreline watershed at WC-1001… Due to the uncertainty around this record, further studies are recommended to be completed assess the current presence and habitat potential of* [redacted]*. This would include the*	This information will be shared with MECP and DFO. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).	**Partially Addressed.** Has MECP or DFO provided any feedback or guidance regarding the [redacted] eDNA results, particularly the detection at WC- 1033.02 where there is no known historical presence? Given the uncertainty of these results and the potential implications for project planning and permitting, could you please clarify why confirmatory eDNA sampling is not being undertaken at WC-1033.02 and WC-1001 to validate the previous detections?	Feedback provided by NHIC indicated that they do not track [redacted], but are providing the results to other departments. No response has been received to date from other departments. As a precautionary measure the site will be presumed to contain [redacted] for project planning purposes. It should be noted that the laboratory results indicated that [redacted] are highly commercial species and detection(s) may be derived from human/non-natural sources. The percentage that the [redacted] contributed to the sample make up was 0.42% of the total. The habitat characteristics at the sampling location are not suitable to support

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	collection of eDNA within the main channel at WC-1033, a secondary sample of eDNA taken at WC-1033.02 for confirmation. Supplemental field surveys including fisheries community sampling, habitat assessment up and downstream of the PSA, and spawning surveys… • Who is responsible to complete further studies to assess the current presence and habitat potential of [redacted]? • Please confirm when these additional and supplemental field studies will occur at WC-1033 and WC-1033.02. • Will any confirmatory studies or eDNA sampling be completed at WC-1001 to confirm the [redacted] record? • Has the following information been shared with the MECP and/or DFO?			[redacted] nor provide sufficient connection to Lake Ontario. Therefore, it is unlikely that the habitats present would support [redacted] for any life stages. The project will aim to avoid impacts on the near and in-water areas. If impacts are predicted, detailed and species-specific surveys will be conducted before permitting, in consultation with regulators and Indigenous communities.

32	5.3 Environmental DNA Surveys
	
	The freshwater fish meta barcode analysis indicated the species-specific preference of: [redacted] *[...].*
	
	• How will the following eDNA results feed into the DKPL Field Work Plan? Please be as specific as possible.
	• How will the following eDNA results further desktop research as well as future breeding bird and wildlife habitat surveys? Please be as specific as possible.
	• For example, a number of birds, including waterbirds (e.g., herons), waders (e.g., bitterns), diving and dabbling birds (e.g., [redacted]) and gulls and terns hunt [redacted]. The eDNA results can:
	  ○ Identify potential piscivorous birds foraging habitat;
	  ○ Assess waterbody characteristics (e.g., wetland) for nesting habitat suitability; and,
	  ○ Support impact assessments for projects near sensitive waterbodies.
		The 2025 Field Work Plan focuses on surveying new sites as opposed to revisiting previously visited locations.
		
		eDNA results will be shared with the MNR, DFO, and MECP, and have also been provided to the terrestrial ecology team for consideration in the characterization of the existing environment and potential Project effects.
		
		Targeted surveys for waterbirds, gulls, etc. are not planned for the 2025 field program. A conservative approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting where effects may occur once a detailed design has been provided.
			Not Addressed.
			
			It's unclear how eDNA results influence current planning and research. Notably, there is no detailed link between eDNA findings and site prioritization or survey focus. Additionally, there is no clear path from eDNA sampling to desktop research to habitat suitability and finally to mitigation planning.
			Consequently, could you please provide a clear example of how specific species detected in the eDNA analysis influenced any aspects of the DKPL Field Work Plan or terrestrial/ecological assessment – such as selection of survey areas, characterization of waterbody function, or assumed habitat use by piscivorous birds?
				eDNA was used in the fieldwork program as an additional tool to quickly and efficiently determine fish presence or absence at locations where data was insufficient or outdated. Results were treated similarly to desktop data, visual observation, and in-field sampling. If fish presence was confirmed, the site will be designated as 'fish habitat' for the purposes of the EA. As a result, for sites where fish presence was verified, no further studies are required at this time.
				Note that a lack of eDNA results does not indicate absence.

33	6.1 Wetlands	To the extent practical, Hydro One will avoid disturbance to any wetland through the detailed	**Partially Addressed.**	Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of

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	Terrestrial survey result maps and unevaluated wetlands • We note that there are several locations where unevaluated wetlands appear to overlap the potential project route centrelines. Does HONI have plans to evaluate these wetlands in 2025? If not, how does HONI plan to avoid potentially adverse effects of the project on these wetlands?	design stage and will implement mitigation measures to minimize potential adverse effects where they cannot be avoided. If new long-term disturbances to a wetland cannot be avoided, the requirement for further studies of a wetland will be revisited.	We accept the rationale for not planning to complete further studies of a wetland until it is known that new long-term disturbances cannot be avoided, assuming that there will be sufficient time to conduct this assessment in a robust manner and acquire the necessary permits prior to the disruptive activities. Please confirm that this will be the case. We appreciate HONI's commitment to conduct the necessary follow-up studies if new long-term disturbances to a wetland cannot be avoided.	any impacts to wetlands.
34	6.1 Wetlands *New infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands (other than PSWs) subject to various requirements being met, including demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.* • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands (regardless of provincial designation) without MSIFN's consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to wetlands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers[1] (1 https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0143622821002411) • Permission to install new infrastructure in wetland(s) within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self- determination, which is enshrined in	Thank you for your input. Hydro One has been meeting with Rights holders on the project since before the Notice of Commencement on the Class EA. The purpose of these meetings is to share project updates and acquire feedback on the project including the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations. This continues to be a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. Please note that this report has been provided to First Nations in draft form for comment prior to publishing the report. We acknowledge that the referenced text is limited to narrowly reflecting provincial permitting requirements within the referenced habitat type and that a much wider range of considerations are included in making decisions related to that habitat. This Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report documented desktop or field collected environmental data to date. The Class EA process provides a structure to document the interconnected factor required to understand the baseline environment and potential effects demonstrated in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). As the project progresses, including detailed design, updated studies may be required if effects were not previously assessed, or assessed in detail during the Class EA. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for the any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design. The proposed update to the Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report includes the following	**Partially Addressed.** Miigwech for creating space for continued dialogue as well as a commitment to updates. In light of HONI's response, MSIFN Consultation is seeking further clarifications: 1. Can you please confirm whether WSP or HONI made efforts to integrate MSIFN's perspective into the development of this section before it was released in draft form, or was this perspective only expected to be added through post- publication period? 2. MSIFN Consultation explicitly rejects the statement that new infrastructure may be permitted within wetlands in the territory without consent. How will HONI address this position within the Class EA and project design process? 3. We appreciate the reference to UNDRIP and FPIC as a guide; however, can HONI clarify whether it views FPIC as a legal obligation under Canadian and international law in contexts where constitutionally protected Rights may be impacted, or as a voluntary engagement standard? 4. Will HONI commit to negotiating meaningful accommodations in good faith before decisions are finalized, rather than limiting accommodations to mitigations or measures post-design?	1. HONI is utilizing this early draft review period as the opportunity to integrate MSIFN's perspective into the development of the ESR. HONI seeks to incorporate the valuable information and feedback MSIFN and other First Nations have shared with HONI to date and through this back-and-forth comment process. 2. On consent, HONI has and continues to, work with Indigenous communities with the aim of obtaining support for projects. HONI hopes that this is evident not only through our industry leading 50/50 First Nations Equity Partnership model but also through our approach to building projects in partnership with communities. HONI would never advance a new project without working extensively with Indigenous communities. Hydro One intends to proceed with all assessments as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and inclusion of First Nations. 3. While HONI cannot comment on legal obligations at the federal or provincial levels, it remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as "Free Prior and Informed Consent", of Indigenous peoples. 4. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to better understand the potential impacts

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	Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. • Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if wetlands are impacted by construction and operation.	additions: Within the applicable permitting requirements, potential consideration of placement of new infrastructure within wetlands (other than PSWs) is subject to various requirements being met, including those of First Nations being consulted with on the project. With regards to crown agency permitting process, it requires demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of effects demonstrated through an environmental assessment as minimum requirements for consideration. These constraints reflect the ecological and cultural value of wetlands, and recognize the pressures of development to these systems historically impacted by European settlement in Ontario. To the extent possible, Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to wetlands through design and implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects. Further discussion around potential for project interactions with wetlands, potential for effects and related mitigations to minimize potential for effects wetlands and acknowledgement of cumulative effects to wetlands will continue with MSIFN through the Class EA process. Input by MSIFN on these effects will be documented in the ESR. Any commitments made in the ESR will be adhered to by the eventual EPC contractor. As indicated above, regarding the need to highlight accommodation for Rights holders; Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet with the First Nations to better understand the potential effects of the project on ability to exercise Section 35 rights, as well as explore possible mitigation measures to those effects, which could include accommodation It remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as "Free Prior and Informed Consent", of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our	Finally, HONI should be aware that asking for input in meetings, alone, does not constitute meaningful consultation on impacts to Rights. We need to be provided with sufficient time and resources to engage leadership and community, and complete research or studies specific to the Project, such as Indigenous Knowledge studies and a rights-impact assessment.	of this project to MSIFN and initiate discussions around potential accommodations where there are demonstrable impacts. 5. HONI has demonstrated its commitment to meaningful consultation and engagement from the outset of the project, beginning with engagement prior to a public Notice of Commencement. Through sharing of meeting materials (including but not limited to agenda, presentation slides, and associated materials) up to two weeks in advance of the recurring monthly meeting to provide time for review, HONI has sought to provide adequate time for review in addition to monthly opportunities for discussion. HONI has provided copies of our route evaluation survey, draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report, and drafted sections of the Environmental study report for early review with extended review time, and has demonstrated flexibility in these deadlines such as with the case of the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Regarding Indigenous Knowledge studies and other self-led assessments, HONI has provided funding above and beyond the minimum requirements for capacity funding explicitly for this purpose and is committed to including the results of these studies wherever applicable and feasible in the project development. HONI has been and remains available at the request of the First Nations to meet and provide information to further understanding of the project in order to support meaningful participation and input. Following delivery of these responses, HONI will be reaching out to schedule a meeting to better understand specific

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		relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario		opportunities for engagement outside of the current practices.
35	6.2 Significant Woodlands *New infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands given that various requirements are met, including demonstratable need for, and lack of reasonable alternative to, the infrastructure, and adequate mitigation of impacts demonstrated through an environmental assessment.* • Did WSP and HONI staff make efforts to incorporate the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations before publishing this section, or is it solely MSIFN Consultation's responsibility to provide this information? • Crown agencies and municipalities were mentioned only in the referenced sentence. • MSIFN Consultation rejects that new infrastructure may be permitted within significant woodlands without MSIFN's consent. • The referenced sentence makes no mention of cumulative impacts to woodlands in Ontario following the establishment of European settlers. • Permission to install new infrastructure in woodlands within MSIFN's treaty and traditional territory requires our free, prior, and informed consent. • MSIFN's consent is derived from the right to self-determination, which is enshrined in Article 3, Article 4, and Article 32 in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. • Beyond the co-development of mitigation measures, HONI must negotiate adequate accommodations in good faith with MSIFN if woodlands are impacted by construction and operation.	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36	6.4 Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest *New infrastructure may be permitted within ANSIs subject to various requirements being met, including demonstratable need for and lack of reasonable alternative to the infrastructure,*	Thank you for your input. Hydro One has been meeting with Rights holders on the project since before the Notice of Commencement on the Class EA. The purpose of these meetings is to share	**Partially Addressed.** Miigwech for creating space for continued dialogue as well as a commitment to updates. In light of HONI's response, MSIFN Consultation is seeking further clarifications:	1. HONI is utilizing this early draft review period as the opportunity to integrate MSIFN's perspective into the development of the ESR. HONI seeks to incorporate the valuable information and feedback MSIFN and other First Nations have shared with

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Information provided from First Nations can be used to support solutions for avoidance, mitigation and restoration. This continues to be a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. Please note that this report has been provided to First Nations in draft form for comment prior to publishing the report. Inf We acknowledge that the referenced text is limited to narrowly reflecting provincial permitting requirements within the referenced habitat type and that a much wider range of considerations are included in making decisions related to that habitat. This Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report documented desktop or field collected environmental data to date. The Class EA process provides a structure to document the interconnected factor required to understand the baseline environment and potential effects demonstrated in the Environmental Study Report (ESR). 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39	6.8 Significant Wildlife Habitat *Methods used to identify and map Significant Wildlife Habitats* • It's not entirely clear what methods HONI has used to identify candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat in the study area. We acknowledge that Section 4.1.4 states that one of the objectives of general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys was to record potential SWH and that these locations are shown as points on the Figure 4 maps. It is our experience that the standard process for identifying candidate SWH is to, first, use ELC data, the SWH Technical Guide (SWHTG) and appropriate Ecoregion criteria schedule to identify vegetation communities that may provide suitable SWH, and second, conduct field studies in these candidate SWH to confirm significance according to the specific recommended protocols. I does not appear that HONI completed step 1 and instead skipped straight to flagging candidate SWH sites and features in the field. • This approach to identifying candidate SWH (combined with access limitations in the field program) leaves MSIFN • Consultation concerned that the candidate SWHs described in Section 6.8 and shown on the Figure 4 maps could be significantly under-represented. It is best practice that an environmental assessment baseline should do the opposite - conservatively estimate habitat that may be adversely affected. • We recommend that HONI use ELC data to conduct a desktop analysis of candidate SWH	Field access was limited in 2024, therefore much of the ELC mapping was completed through desktop analysis and was used to identify potential candidate SWH overlapping the LSA. The mapped SWH in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report figures represents only habitats that were identified during surveys. It is acknowledged in the report that there is likely higher representation of various SWH types Iin the LSA. Field reconnaissance in 2025, where access is available, will substantiate an understanding of candidate SWH within the PSA. If candidate SWH is expected to be impacted as a result of the detailed design, the requirement for further SWH assessments will be re-evaluated. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the Draft Environmental Study Report and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.	**Partially Addressed.** Could you please describe what form of mitigation will be applied to assumed candidate SWH where field confirmation is not yet available, particularly in areas of habitat sensitivity (e.g., wetlands, treed swamps, riparian corridors)? Any information would be greatly appreciated. MSIFN Consultation seeks to initiate discussions with HONI now regarding pre-construction agreements for all unassessed sites, including sites that were previously unsurveyed or had constrained access. The agreement will recognize that, where avoidance and mitigations prove insufficient following additional fieldwork, appropriate accommodation(s) must be on the table. As an equity partner in the Project, MSIFN Consultation also requests the development of a formal procedure that enables MSIFN to identify when a pre-construction agreement is needed – along with associated archaeological and ecological surveys – on unassessed or data-deficient sites.	Appropriate mitigation would depend on the type of candidate SWH but would generally aim to avoid sensitive periods (e.g., bird breeding season, bat roosting season) where practical, along with additional measures to avoid or minimize disturbance (e.g., exclusion fencing, wetland matting). The Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (MNRF 2014) would also be consulted for guidance on appropriate mitigation options by SWH type. Hydro One welcomes discussions regarding pre-construction agreements to address accommodations, if required.

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	overlapping the study area, followed by additional targeted surveys (per the SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E) in 2025. If HONI considers this to be not feasible or unnecessary, please provide a detailed rationale and explain how potential adverse effects to SWH will be conservatively estimated in the draft ESR.			
40	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *Wetlands with open water areas in the LSA may provide turtle wintering habitat. Five potential sites were observed during field surveys.* • Please clarify what criteria were used to identify potential turtle wintering habitat sites. Is this based on habitat characteristics observed in the field? Or were turtles observed basking in these areas in early spring (March – May) or fall (September-October)?	This is based on suitable habitat observations made in the field, high-level ELC characterization, and natural heritage mapping through desktop analysis. Turtles were not observed basking in the areas flagged as potential turtle overwintering habitat.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
41	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *Because the LSA is more than 5 km from Lake Ontario and features no major lakes or rivers, shorebird migratory stopover areas, migratory butterfly stopover areas and landbird migratory stopover areas are not applicable.* • MSIFN Consultation rejects the referenced statement. • Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1. • The referenced statement must be refined for accuracy, given the following reasons: ○ Shorebirds may depend on large wetlands in the study area; ○ Inland areas can serve as stopover sites for migratory butterflies if they have nectar sources and roosting trees; and, ○ Passerines (e.g., warblers, thrushes) migrate through forested and shrubby habitats far from major water bodies, so	Thank you, MSIFN Consultation, for flagging your concern. Section 6.7 of the DNER was exclusively drawn and evaluated from the Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 6E. It is stated that to have candidate Landbird Migratory Stopover Areas that features need to be located within 5 km of Lake Ontario, and while shorebirds and passerines may utilize habitat within the LSA, their occupancy does not inform candidate SWH as it relates to these stopover areas. It is understood that, although the criteria for candidate SWH for Landbird Migratory Stopover Areas are not met, habitat for passerines and shorebirds is of importance to MSIFN Consultation and suitable habitat may be present within the LSA. Wildlife habitats within the LSA are still being considered in the EA. This context and reference can be added to the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.	**Addressed.**	

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	inland areas can still function as stopover sites. • The refined statement should state the following: Because the LSA is more than 5 km from Lake Ontario and lacks major lakes or rivers, it may not be a primary corridor. However, the presence of large wetlands, forested areas, and numerous water crossings suggests potential stopover habitat for migratory shorebirds, landbirds, and butterflies, which should be assessed based on habitat quality and seasonal use.			[redacted]
42	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *There are no suitable features (e.g., caves, karst) to support hibernacula or bat migratory areas in the LSA or ROW.* • Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1. • Additionally, please explain how this statement was drawn following the completion of windshield surveys and few field-based surveys.	Through review of available desktop data, including the Abandoned Mines Information System (AMIS) database, ELC mapping and field studies in 2024, no caves or karst environments were identified that may present suitable features to support hibernacula or bat migratory areas in the LSA or ROW.	**Noted.** Should future surveys identify suitable features to support hibernacula or bat migratory areas, the draft DNER shall be updated to reflect those findings. Additionally, the following information shall be brought to MSIFN Consultation's attention.	
43	6.8.1 Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals *Bank and cliff colony-nesting birds breeding habitat was not observed during field surveys*. • Please connect with St. Marys Cement Inc. (ARA Licence #3198) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with James Martyn (ARA Licence #3302) if they have [redacted] or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with North York Sand and Gravel Limited (ARA Licence #3239) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with the Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes (ARA Licence #3489) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit. • Please connect with Katherine Elizabeth Bigelow (ARA Licence #3372) if they have [redacted] birds or colonies in their pit.	It is stated in the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide for 6E (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2015) under *Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Habitat Criteria and Information Sources*: - *Does not include man-made structures (bridges or buildings) or recently (2 years) disturbed soil areas, such as berms, embankments, soil or aggregate stockpiles.* - *Does not include a licensed/permitted Mineral Aggregate Operation.* Therefore, regardless of if the aggregate pits contain nesting [redacted] colonies, the habitat does not meet the criteria for Significant Wildlife Habitat. Further, [redacted] are listed as threatened under the ESA. The Significant Wildlife Habitat criteria schedules do not apply to species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. However, Hydro One appreciates the	**Partially Addressed.** Please contact local aggregates producers to confirm the presence of [redacted] colonies at their operations, and please share the findings with MSIFN Consultation. Future discussions concerning the development of appropriate mitigation measures may be prioritized between MSIFN and HONI if their presence is confirmed. Additionally, the possible removal of the ESA in Ontario will require that HONI engage in meaningful consultation* (see definition below) with MSIFN, given that Bill 5 would further erode the protection of SAR and the habitats they depend on, including human-made structures. *Meaningful consultation requires respecting the inherent Rights of the Michi Saagiiig and engaging in a process aimed at securing MSIFN's consent before the Crown makes decisions that could adversely affect MSIFN's ability to exercise their constitutionally protected Rights.	The DKPL ROW intersects with three (3) of the aggregate pits listed here. Hydro One is in the process of reaching out to these local aggregate sites and currently waiting on responses.

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		recommendation to contact local aggregate producers to acquire information on whether they have [redacted] colonies at their operations as this will inform the assessment for this species within the purview of the ESA.		
44	6.8.2 Rare Vegetation Communities *Cultural savannah sites [47.4 ha or 46.2 ha within the LSA and 4.7 ha PSA] were classified desktop only and were not accessible for field verification. These cultural savannah sites are all considered candidate SWH until further detailed investigations are conducted to verify if the appropriate criteria are met to confirm the features as SWH.* • Does HONI have plans to conduct further detailed investigations to confirm if cultural savannah sites meet SWH criteria? Or does HONI intend to assume all cultural savannah sites meet SWH criteria for the purposes of a conservative assessment in the draft ESR? • If the former, please provide more information on investigation methodology and timing to MSIFN Consultation. Study design should include consideration of species of cultural significance (SCS) to MSIFN, including, but not limited to, [redacted] • MSIFN Consultation should also be granted an invitation to join any further detailed investigations, as savannahs are an ecosystem of great importance to MSIFN.	The areas identified as cultural savannah sites will be further investigated and characterized during the 2025 field program. Methodology will be provided to MSIFN Consultation. Thank you for sharing the listed species of cultural significance (SCS) to MSIFN. MSIFN has already been invited to participate in the 2025 field program, and we welcome continued involvement.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
45	6.8.3 Specialized Habitat for Wildlife *There is no [redacted] and [redacted] nesting, foraging, and perching habitat in the LSA due to the absence of suitable waterbodies adjacent to treed habitat.* • MSIFN Consultation rejects the referenced statement. Please remove this sentence from the Natural Environment Existing Conditions	More context is requested as to why this statement is rejected. It is WSP's professional opinion that the requisite features (forested shorelines of large waterbodies) are absent in the LSA.	**Not Addressed.** To support a more robust and transparent assessment, we request the following clarifications: 1. Waterbodies: For the purpose of this assessment, what is WSP's definition of a suitable waterbody? 2. Habitat Criteria: Is WSP's assessment of	1. Suitable waterbodies were identified from the Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (SWHMiST; MNRF 2014). The SWHMiST states [redacted] nests are almost always associated with large lakes and marshes, and usually built in large trees near the shore or over the water. Large lakes, rivers and marshes containing fish are required for foraging. The SWHMiST states [redacted] nests are almost always associated

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	Report. Please explain how this statement was drawn using the List of Information Sources Reviewed by Desktop in Table 2-1.		nesting, foraging and perching habitat for [redacted] based solely on the absence of suitable waterbodies adjacent to treed habitat? If not, please outline the full suite of criteria used to assess habitat suitability for these species within the LSA. 3. Infrastructure as Habitat: Given that hydro towers and similar infrastructure are known to provide suitable nesting habitat-particularly for [redacted] and increasingly for [redacted] – how was the potential use of existing transmission infrastructure within the LSA considered in your evaluation of habitat suitability? 4. Alternative Foraging Sources: Was consideration given to the possibility of foraging occurring at nearby waterbodies outside the immediate LSA, with perching or nesting occurring within the LSA? If so, please provide details; if not, please explain why this potential use pattern was not assessed.	with lakes (generally with >5 km of shoreline) and rivers. Waterbodies that support abundant fish are required and the species prefers large, shallow lakes for foraging. Large waterbodies with these characteristics are not present in the LSA. 2. Presence of suitable waterbodies is the primary criterion in the evaluation of this SWH type as suitability of habitat for nesting is dependent on proximity to a suitable waterbody (according to the SWHMiST, within 120 m). Similarly, suitability of habitat for foraging is dependent on waterbody characteristics. Consideration of perching habitat is only relevant if there is potential nesting habitat present since suitable perches are required in proximity to nests. 3. Per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E, anthropogenic structures do not quality as SWH for [redacted]. Hydro One acknowledges these structures may provide nesting opportunities for these species. 4. Habitat suitability outside the LSA was not evaluated as the LSA was identified as the largest spatial boundary within which to characterize existing conditions. The primary spatial boundary that will be applied in the assessment of potential Project effects is the PSA (120-m buffer of the transmission line), which is consistent with the maximum buffer area that is typically applied to sensitive natural heritage features identified in the Natural Heritage Reference Manual (MNR 2010). The LSA (500-m buffer of the transmission line) is considered for the cumulative effects assessment. Suitable waterbodies appear to be present within 0.5 km to 2 km of the LSA, therefore, nesting and perching habitat may be present within the LSA, however, would not meet criteria for significance as defined in the Ecoregion 6E SWH criteria schedules or the SWHMiST (i.e. does not occur within 120 m of a suitable waterbody). Regardless of significance, any nesting habitat found within the LSA would be protected with suitable buffers during the breeding period. Hydro One will consult with MNR

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				and First Nations in the event that impacts to raptor nests are anticipated.
46	6.8.3 Specialized Habitat for Wildlife *The forested area at* [redacted] *that intersects the ROW does not quality due to its small contiguous forest size (approximately 3 ha).* • MSIFN Consultation strongly disagrees with this statement. Pleaser remove this sentence from the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. • The presence of numerous [redacted] and bat maternity colonies provides specialized habitat for wildlife (e.g., bats, etc.) and trees of cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg.	This statement applies specifically to candidacy as woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat, which is a form of SWH. There is a size (area) criterion that is not met. Hydro One acknowledges that while this does not meet the criteria as a SWH, areas of importance to the Michi Saagig Nishnaabeg communities as culturally significant is noted and acknowledged. Hydro One will work with the First Nations to develop appropriate mitigations for these areas.	**Partially Addressed.** Does this statement apply to candidacy as woodland area bat maternity colonies, which is a form of SWH? MSIFN Consultation is pleased that HONI acknowledges the significance of the forested area. A commitment to recognize SWH outside of modernity can shape the outcome of appropriate mitigations, including accommodations to Rights-holding First Nations. Beyond mitigations, MSIFN Consultation would like to discuss SAR recovery efforts with HONI (and its partners) in the forested area at [redacted] that intersects the ROW.	The statement applies specifically to candidacy as woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat. The forested area at [redacted] is identified as candidate habitat for bat maternity colonies (refer to Section 6.8.1, page 50 of the DNER). Hydro One acknowledges the cultural significance of the forested area and its potential to support SWH and SAR habitat, but notes that the term SWH is linked to specific provincial policy under the Provincial Planning Statement and therefore reserves its use for that purpose. Hydro One will consult with the First Nations in the event SAR recovery efforts are required.
47	6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat *[…] 35 as non permanent or unknown (MNR 2024d)* *[…] 30 crossings as unknown thermal regimes.* • Of these approximately 30 watercourses classified as unknown relating to permanency and thermal regime, please confirm that seasonally appropriate studies will be completed to accurately characterize these features.	Seasonally appropriate studies will be completed through detailed and species-specific surveys as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).	**Partially Addressed.** Studies to confirm stream permanency and thermal regime require data collection over multiple months and appropriate seasonal conditions. Can HONI confirm whether the detailed design schedule will accommodate the time needed to complete these studies to accurately determine the sensitivity of the watercourse?	All water features that were not assessed or lacked information on permanence and thermal regime were assumed to be the most sensitive (i.e., cold water), detailed design will aim to avoid sensitive features (i.**e**., water features/fish habitats) to the extent practical and limit in-water works (i.e., water crossings) and impacts to the riparian areas. Where not possible, site-specific surveys will be completed to facilitate permitting. Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of any impacts.
48	6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat *The potential for cold water system rehabilitation was identified at 28 of the 34 cold water crossings, indicating locations where improvements to habitat, species stocking, barrier and impediment removal could be corrected as part of future rehabilitation programs and offsetting projects if required.* • *Miigwech for sharing this information with MSIFN Consultation.*	No response required.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]

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				[redacted]
49	6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat *No SAR, SOCC, or SCS fish or mussels are present within the Study limits.* • This statement is false and must be removed now from the report. • MSIFN shared a list of bio-culturally significant species (e.g., SCS) with Hydro One staff that features a fish species. • This list is included in the Multi Project Capacity Funding Agreement executed by MSIFN Chief Kelly LaRocca and Penny Favel – Vice President of Indigenous Relations at Hydro One Networks Inc. dated October 29, 2024.	This statement will be removed and updated in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Hydro One will confirm with MSIFN that this species list can be shared with WSP and updated into the National Environment Existing Conditions Report. To protect the sensitive nature of the species listed, public facing documentation, will be flagged and redacted.	**Addressed.**	
50	Appendix B; Table 4 • Site WC-1066.01 was surveyed as part of the Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys completed in August and October 2024. The results of the fish habitat survey (Appendix B; Table 4) indicate that this site has no defined channel, is non- permanent, and provides "no" fish habitat. However, eDNA results indicate the presence of fish, suggesting a potential discrepancy between field observations and eDNA results. • How do these results influence the interpretation of other fish habitat surveys that concluded "no" fish habitat? • Will additional assessments or verification be conducted to ensure that similar sites are accurately classified?	An error in Table 4 has been corrected to indicate "yes" for fish habitat within the table. The feature does not contain a defined channel within the wetland but was assessed to support low quality habitat for small-bodied fish. The error does not influence the interpretation of the other results, as the results were rescreened for errors. No additional assessments are currently scheduled for the project.	**Partially Addressed.** New comment – no additional assessments are currently scheduled for the project. Given the data gaps and uncertainties surrounding the watercourses, why wouldn't general reconnaissance surveys be conducted during this phase of the study? These surveys could help inform both the project design and the schedule for the detailed design phase.	Data gaps are quite limited on this project, the majority of locations had sufficient background data to classify the fish habitat characteristics (i.e., >70%) and all other locations where there was a lack of data were considered to be fish habitats. Project planning uses avoidance techniques to prevent interactions with sensitive features (i.e., water features) for example by employing the use of existing access roads/trails to the extent practical. Water crossings and interaction with the riparian areas will be greatly reduced through the planning phase. As stated above, locations selected for work below the high water mark or where impacts may occur to the riparian areas will be assessed in detail prior to permitting.
51	Other • Will eDNA or fish community sampling be completed at all sites with no historical fish records?	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time) Fish community data from the tertiary watershed has been applied for all other sites where eDNA or fish community sampling has not occurred, and no historic records are available, as a conservative	**Noted.**	[redacted]

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		measure.		[redacted]
52	Other • Given that 36 of the crossings are known to be inhabited by salmonids, please confirm whether spawning surveys will be conducted at watercourses where the project footprint overlaps. Identifying these sensitive habitat features is crucial for informing project design (prior to permitting) and ensuring that avoidance or additional mitigation measures can be implemented as needed.	The majority of project works will aim to span the watercourses and waterbodies, by stringing aerial lines between hydro towers and make use of existing roads and water crossings to the extent practical, to avoid and limit working in water. These scoping activities will occur in the project planning phase. At locations where the project footprint (e.g., new watercourse crossings) overlaps Salmonid habitats detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). Project specific and in some cases species specific avoidance and mitigation measures may be applied to eliminate or reduce potential effects to sensitive life history events and species.	**Partially Addressed.** See response to comment #47 regarding timing allocation for detailed and species-specific surveys.	Traditional spawning surveys are not necessary to support permitting, whereas detailed species-specific habitat mapping can identify suitable spawning habitats and features to help guide design and avoidance of sensitive areas. That way there is not a timing constraint on the project.
53	Other • We understand that HONI is still coordinating land access and in order to supplement existing conditions, windshield aquatic surveys were completed. Caution should be exercised when interpreting information collected during the aquatic windshield survey, particularly in cases where survey stations are located 1 km or more upstream of the actual crossing location. Small watercourses can exhibit significant variations over short distances due to factors such as topography, gradient, flow regime, sediment composition, riparian vegetation, and land use influences. As a result, conditions observed at a survey station may not accurately reflect those at the crossing location, potentially leading to misclassification of habitat features. Additional site-specific assessments are recommended to ensure accurate characterization of watercourse conditions.	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). All other sites will be considered fish habitat as a conservative measure using the fish species listed within the tertiary watershed. In 2025, five additional sites are anticipated to be visited to complete fish habitat and eDNA assessments.	**Noted.**	[redacted]

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	• Please confirm that once land access has been secured, all watercourses and waterbodies in the PSA and LSA will be studied to inform the project design.			[redacted]
54	Other • MSIFN Consultation requests that HONI develop an online internal mapping tool that visually depicts the results of the field study/studies. • Please see public facing mapping tool as an example: https://golderglobalgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6f1d9d7732a1459e9cdda45a619ec0a • The internal mapping tool will be available to rights-holding First Nations and will overlay valued ecological and cultural components in the detailed project footprint, which includes (but is not limited to) terrestrial and aquatic surveys, as well as results, identified habitat, wetlands, etc.	Thank you for your comment. Hydro One has an interactive map available on our project website that shows ANSI's, the Oak Ridges Moraine Boundary, Wetlands, Watercourses, Waterbodies and Wooded Areas overlayed against the project study area. Given the current project status and that the project data has been shared with the MSIFN, Hydro One would like to better understand the purpose and intent of developing an internal mapping tool. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to discuss this suggestion further.	**Partially Addressed.** MSIFN acknowledges the interactive map on the project website and has found it very helpful in understanding project components and the local environment. However, as the project progresses, including study locations and collected baseline data in an interactive map would help streamline the ESR review process, as all data/information could be spatially displayed in one map.	Hydro One will investigate options that may be available to help facilitate this method of sharing information as our current mapping tool licences won't allow for external users. Hydro One will establish a Mapping tool with the EPC to share with the communities after award (in 2026).

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Re: DKPL First Nation Review of Section 4 of the Draft ESR – MSIFN

Dear Aisha,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on Section 4 of the ESR. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Reference	Text from ESR	Comment
General		There are sections of the document that have not yet been completed. We will need to do a fulsome review once these sections are drafted.
Section 4 – Environmental Inventory	*Third paragraph*	This section outlines the Natural Environment field surveys completed in 2024 and those planned for 2025. However, there is no mention of aquatic habitat surveys conducted in 2024, or any reference to aquatic habitat or eDNA surveys planned for 2025. Please clarify whether these components were completed or are scheduled, and if not, provide rationale for their omission.

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1	There are sections of the document that have not yet been completed. We will need to do a fulsome review once these sections are drafted.	A partial draft of section 4 was provided as 2025 natural environment field studies were ongoing during its compilation. The fulsome section 4 will be available to First Nation communities during the formal 30-day review period in the fall of 2025. Hydro One will be providing a second draft of the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report for early review during the summer of 2025, inclusive of 2025 field work for early review by First Nation communities. This report provides natural environment baseline data that will be incorporated into section 4 of the ESR.
2	*Section 4 -Environment Inventory – Third Paragraph* This section outlines the Natural Environment field surveys completed in 2024 and those planned for 2025. However, there is no mention of aquatic habitat surveys conducted in 2024, or any reference to aquatic habitat or eDNA surveys planned for 2025. Please clarify weather these components were completed or are scheduled, and if not provide rationale for their option.	Aquatic habitat and eDNA surveys were completed during the 2024 and 2025 field season. Section 4 of the Draft ESR issued for the 30-day review period in the fall of 2025 will include reference to 2024 and 2025 surveys completed as part of the ESR.

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Re: DKPL Technical Memo #2

Dear Aisha,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on HONI's responses on the DKPL Technical Memo #2. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on the DKPL Technical Memo #2.

Reference	Text from HONI Response – May 26, 2025	Comment
Comment 1	*The sites were selected based primarily on lack of existing available desktop information at those locations for fish communities, permanence, thermal regime and those representing smaller watercourses are often poorly or inaccurately mapped in the existing sources. While not every watercourse along the ROW will require a new temporary crossing for construction (e.g., existing watercourse crossings will be used where available and suitable for construction), assessments during this early stage of planning were primarily focused on addressing gaps in existing data, where features could be readily accessed.* *Site access requests are in progress, and access has been granted for some sites already.*	- Noted. Thank you for the additional detail. - For watercourses lacking information as outlined in the May 26, 2025, responses, will these sites be visited to collect the necessary data if site access is granted.

	As outlined in Section 8.3 of the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report (DNER), the primary criterion used to select sites for survey was a lack of existing available desktop information particularly on the known fish community, while capturing a variety of sizes and types of water features to contribute to the overall dataset. Most permanent water features have existing fish community information, and many have designated thermal regimes. Even in the absence of known fisheries information, a conservative assumption is applied that these locations can support fish and therefore application of the most conservative avoidance and mitigation measures required to protect fish and fish habitats would eliminate potential effects and construction/operation related impacts. *Permanent water features are also*	

	those that tend to have existing crossing infrastructure in place that could be used by the project to avoid new crossing installations, thereby avoiding impacts. *Should new crossings be required or potential effects resulting from construction be determined prior to permitting and construction, then fish and fish habitat surveys will be completed.*	
Comment 2	*Bonus sites will be surveyed in the 2025 field season, concurrently with WC-1058.03, given their close proximity to WC1058.03, and if access allows, to increase the overall number of sites visited.* *Contingency sites will be surveyed in the event preferred sites cannot be surveyed (e.g., due to lack of access).*	- Noted. - If access is granted for contingency sites, can you clarify why they can't be included as part of the core sites for the 2025 survey?
Comment 3	*The figures and tables have been updated to reflect the current status of WC- 1003.01.*	- Addressed.

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Comment 4	*The figures and tables have been updated to reflect the current status of WC- 1003.01.*	- Addressed.
Comment 5	*A windshield survey was completed in 2024 at AWS-2002. A detailed fish habitat assessment was not completed at WC-1003.01 at that time.* *Windshield surveys were conducted along the roadside to gain insight on the general existing conditions and natural features, cataloguing water feature type, inferred permanence, bankfull width, fish habitat potential, existing infrastructure, instream barriers, and potential pollution sources. Often these were completed from roadside visual site lines only as property access was limited at the time of the survey.* *2025 surveys will include the collection of eDNA to determine the presence and species composition of the potential fisheries community, in*	- Addressed. - Thank you for the additional information. MSIFN Consultation wanted confirmation that, given the sub-sampling approach for aquatic sites, careful consideration was given to the selection of sites to be assessed.

	addition to fish habitat surveys. Habitat surveys will include an assessment of 200 m of a feature (150 m downstream and 50 m upstream of the crossing), and an in-depth habitat morphology assessment. The inclusion of these surveys will create a more comprehensive understanding of the water feature and confirm any downstream connection to established watercourses. *Site selection criteria are provided above in response to Comment #1. If MSIFN prefers an alternative site is selected, WSP can revise the sampling plan.*	
Comment 6	*Hydro One and WSP are planning to sample all potential sites if possible. Construction access plans (including plans for temporary watercourse crossings and work areas) are still being developed, and avoidance of sensitive features is an early consideration in the development of*	- Addressed.

	these plans, potential sites that had not yet been surveyed may be removed from consideration if it is later determined that the relevant feature will be avoided by construction works. *For potential sites remaining under consideration, variables that would contribute to limiting sampling include but are not limited to:* • *Lack of access/permissions to enter the property* • *Health and safety concerns* • *Lack of suitable site conditions (e.g., dry conditions at a presumed water feature would prevent eDNA sampling).* *If poor weather conditions are present, sampling will be rescheduled to suitable conditions.*	

Comment 7	*RBB indicates a roadside breeding bird survey conducted when access was not available. BB indicates a breeding bird survey to be conducted in the target vegetation community due to property access being granted.* *Proposed point count locations in 2025 are different from those in 2024 because the intention is to survey in the ROW and adjacent areas of the PSA where there is greatest potential for project effects, and which was not possible in 2024 due to access limitations.* *The primary objective of breeding bird surveys for the purposes of an EA is to inform understanding of species presence and distribution within the defined study area. Although a second round of survey at a location can improve detectability, it is of greater value to improve and focus on coverage in areas where potential*	- Addressed.

	project effects are anticipated, hence the decision to conduct the two rounds in the ROW and proximate areas of the PSA in 2025 now that access is available within the survey window. Data from the roadside surveys conducted in 2024 will continue to inform existing conditions in the PSA, and survey effort (including number of rounds at each survey location) will be reported in the revised Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report.	
Comment 8	*The 2025 breeding bird surveys will not be conducted by roadside. It is preferable to survey within potential habitat. The referenced protocols were originally developed for volunteer-based surveys to monitor long-term population trends in breeding birds in Ontario and North America. Roadside surveys were included to facilitate participation, and in recognition that access is restricted to public lands in many areas.*	- Addressed.

	Selection of planned survey locations for 2025 was based on a combination of spatial coverage and land cover (ELC mapping and aerial imagery). Potential habitats in the ROW and proximate areas of the PSA were targeted since these are most likely to support SAR/SOCC/SCS and have greatest potential to be subject to project effects. Table 2 included with this submission summarizes the number of planned breeding bird survey locations in each ELC community type.	
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Durham Kawartha Power Line: Technical Memo #2 Comment Responses - MSIFN

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1	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program *Fish and fish habitat surveys will be conducted at water features crossing the PSA, which were not evaluated during the 2024 assessment. Fish habitat surveys will be conducted to confirm the presence, permanence, water feature type, and the current morphological conditions to determine fish habitat potential. The presence, species, and quantity of any fish observed during the surveys will be recorded, in addition to any SAR or Species of Conservation Concern species encountered.* - Please provide rationale for why sites WC-1058.03, WC- 1038.01, WC-1009.01 and WC-1003.01 were selected to be assessed in 2025? Was site access granted? - While the general criteria for fish and fish habitat site selection are outlined in Appendix A-1 (Section 8.3), further clarification is requested on how site selection was prioritized for the 2025 field season, given that only a subset of watercourse crossings will be assessed. For example, were certain features—such as coldwater systems—given higher priority over unmapped watercourses?	The sites were selected based primarily on lack of existing available desktop information at those locations for fish communities, permanence, thermal regime and those representing smaller watercourses are often poorly or inaccurately mapped in the existing sources. While not every watercourse along the ROW will require a new temporary crossing for construction (e.g., existing watercourse crossings will be used where available and suitable for construction), assessments during this early stage of planning were primarily focused on addressing gaps in existing data, where features could be readily accessed. Site access requests are in progress, and access has been granted for some sites already. As outlined in Section 8.3 of the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report (DNER), the primary criterion used to select sites for survey was a lack of existing available desktop information particularly on the known fish community, while capturing a variety of sizes and types of water features to contribute to the overall dataset. Most permanent water features have existing fish community information, and many have designated thermal regimes. Even in the absence of known fisheries information, a conservative assumption is applied that these locations can support fish and therefore application of the most conservative avoidance and mitigation measures required to protect fish and fish habitats would eliminate potential effects and construction/operation related impacts. Permanent water features are also those that tend to have existing crossing infrastructure in place that could be used by the project to avoid new crossing installations, thereby avoiding impacts. Should new crossings be required or potential effects resulting from construction be determined prior to permitting and construction, then fish and fish habitat surveys will be completed.	- Noted. Thank you for the additional detail. - For watercourses lacking information as outlined in the May 26, 2025, responses, will these sites be visited to collect the necessary data if site access is granted.	Should additional crossings assessments be required or potential effects resulting from construction/operations be determined prior to permitting and construction, then fish and fish habitat surveys will be completed at the potentially impacted locations. Access would need to be granted to allow visitation to these sites.
2	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program *WC-1058.03 - Otonabee River Watershed, bonus sites occurring in close proximity WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02* *Contingency Sites*	Bonus sites will be surveyed in the 2025 field season, concurrently with WC-1058.03, given their close proximity to WC1058.03, and if access allows, to increase the overall number of sites visited. Contingency sites will be surveyed in the event preferred sites cannot be surveyed (e.g., due to lack	- Noted. - If access is granted for contingency sites, can you clarify why they can't be included as part of the core sites for the 2025 survey?	Hydro One has surveyed 22% more locations than the original planned (25%), resulting in coverage of 47% of the potential water crossings. Using both field data and background information, fish habitat has been classified at 62% of these water crossings. For the remaining sites not surveyed or lacking fisheries information, fish habitat was assumed based on the tertiary watershed information for the purpose of the

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	• *WC-1054.01 - Otonabee River Watershed* • *WC-1063/1064 - Otonabee River Watershed* - Two additional sites (WC-1058.01 and WC-1058.02) have been identified in close proximity to WC-1058.03 and are referred to as "bonus" sites in the memo. Could you please confirm whether these sites will be assessed as part of the 2025 field program or if specific criteria will determine whether they are included? Additionally, clarification on the rationale for classifying these sites as "bonus" rather than as part of the core sites selected for 2025. - Sites WC-1054.01, WC-1063, and WC-1064 are identified as contingency sites. Please elaborate on the criteria that will be used to determine whether these sites will be included in the 2025 field program.	of access).		effects assessment. Once the project footprint is finalized, more detailed site-specific studies will be conducted to inform appropriate mitigation measures and, where necessary, compensation for potentially affected areas.. During the 2025 aquatics field sampling a total of 11 sites were assessed. Site assessments were completed at all planned primary and contingency sites, in addition to two unplanned locations. The two additional sites were surveyed due to no water or insufficient water depths at the original locations. The additional sites were added to fulfill the requirements of four EDNA collection locations. The sites assessed are listed below: Primary sites: • WC-1003.01 • WC-1009.01 • WC-1038.01 • WC-1058.03 Bonus / Contingency Sites • WC-1058.01, WC-1058.02 • WC-1054.01 • WC-1063, WC-1064 Additional unplanned sites: • WC-1034.01 • WC-1055.01 The eDNA results from the 2025 field work are not anticipated to be received until September.
3	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations *Table 1-1 – Potential Survey Locations* • *WC-1038.01 - Kawartha Lakes Watershed*	The figure has been updated to reflect the location of these potential survey locations.	Addressed.	[redacted]

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	• *WC-1009.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed* - Sites WC-1038.01 and WC-1009.01 are not shown on the mapping included in Appendix C-2 - Potential Aquatic Survey Locations.			[redacted]
4	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations *Table 1-1 – Potential Survey Location* • *WC-1003.01 - North Lake Ontario Watershed* - Site WC-1003.01 is identified as a 'bonus' site on Figure 1.1 in Appendix C-2, but not identified as a 'bonus' site in Table 1-1.	The figures and tables have been updated to reflect the current status of WC-1003.01.	Addressed.	
5	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys – Appendix C-2 – Potential Aquatic Survey Locations - Can you confirm whether a fish habitat assessment was completed for site WC-1003.01 in 2024, as part of the windshield survey at AWS-20022? If so, please outline what additional data or assessments are planned for this location in 2025 to supplement the existing information. - Additionally, if baseline data has already been collected, was the option of selecting a different site considered to ensure the most effective use of field resources?	A windshield survey was completed in 2024 at AWS-2002. A detailed fish habitat assessment was not completed at WC-1003.01 at that time. Windshield surveys were conducted along the roadside to gain insight on the general existing conditions and natural features, cataloguing water feature type, inferred permanence, bankfull width, fish habitat potential, existing infrastructure, instream barriers, and potential pollution sources. Often these were completed from roadside visual site lines only as property access was limited at the time of the survey. 2025 surveys will include the collection of eDNA to determine the presence and species composition of the potential fisheries community, in addition to fish habitat surveys. Habitat surveys will include an assessment of 200 m of a feature (150 m downstream and 50 m upstream of the crossing), and an in-depth habitat morphology assessment. The inclusion of these surveys will create a more comprehensive understanding of the water feature and confirm any downstream connection to established watercourses. Site selection criteria are provided above in response	- Addressed. - Thank you for the additional information. MSIFN Consultation wanted confirmation that, given the sub- sampling approach for aquatic sites, careful consideration was given to the selection of sites to be assessed.	

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		to Comment #1. If MSIFN prefers an alternative site is selected, WSP can revise the sampling plan.		[redacted]
6	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program *Last column header – "potential" survey locations.* - We note that Table 1-1 lists "potential" survey locations for each survey type. - Does HONI's team intend to survey all, or only some, of these locations? - What would prevent HONI from surveying any one of these listed locations (i.e., time, money, safety, other)?	Hydro One and WSP are planning to sample all potential sites if possible. Construction access plans (including plans for temporary watercourse crossings and work areas) are still being developed, and avoidance of sensitive features is an early consideration in the development of these plans, potential sites that had not yet been surveyed may be removed from consideration if it is later determined that the relevant feature will be avoided by construction works. For potential sites remaining under consideration, variables that would contribute to limiting sampling include but are not limited to: • Lack of access/permissions to enter the property • Health and safety concerns • Lack of suitable site conditions (e.g., dry conditions at a presumed water feature would prevent eDNA sampling). If poor weather conditions are present, sampling will be rescheduled to suitable conditions.	Addressed.	
7	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Breeding Bird Surveys Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment – Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (January 23, 2025), Appendix E *Potential survey locations include:* *BB04 to BB41 (excluding BB07)* *Two rounds required (for non- grassland birds) and three rounds required (for grassland birds)* - In comparing the list and maps of potential surveys locations for the 2025 field program (BB04 to BB41, excluding a BB07) to the list and maps of	RBB indicates a roadside breeding bird survey conducted when access was not available. BB indicates a breeding bird survey to be conducted in the target vegetation community due to property access being granted. Proposed point count locations in 2025 are different from those in 2024 because the intention is to survey in the ROW and adjacent areas of the PSA where there is greatest potential for project effects, and which was not possible in 2024 due to access limitations. The primary objective of breeding bird surveys for the purposes of an EA is to inform understanding of species presence and distribution within the defined study area. Although a second round of survey at a location can improve detectability, it is of greater value to improve and focus on coverage in areas where potential project effects are anticipated, hence	Addressed.	

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	HONI has established any off-road point count sites, and it is not possible to make this determination based on the map of field survey locations alone. We note that, according to the protocols used in this project design (e.g., OBBA protocol, Canadian Breeding Survey), a combination of roadside and off-road point count stations is encouraged. - Please specify which 2025 survey locations are roadside vs. off-road. - Please also explain why specific off-road locations were selected, and if/how this may improve HONI's ability to survey potential habitat supporting SAR/SOCC/SCS.	breeding bird survey locations in each ELC community type.		[redacted]
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10	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – ELC / Botanical Surveys *Timing Window – June 2025* - We note that it is generally best practice to conduct three site visits at different times of the growing season (i.e., spring, early summer, late summer) to get a more comprehensive ELC assessment and botanical inventory. However, we see that HONI is only proposing to conduct one site visit during the 2025 field program. We acknowledge that this one visit will occur during the peak growing season, and that past (2024) surveys for some locations were conducted in the late season. - Why is HONI not proposing to do multi-seasonal site visits in 2025? If it's because this is deemed unnecessary, please provide a rationale.	The Notice of Commencement was issued in June 2024 and the timing of surveys was largely driven by land access. It was for this reason and at the request of the Nations that an additional field season (spring 2025) was added to the field program. This had the benefit of allowing time to gain access to more locations and to allow for another season of data collection. The overall project schedule was extended and updated to accommodate the addition of the spring 2025 season. We do therefore have some multi-season site visits. The project is predominantly within an existing ROW, which is already subject to periodic disturbance from routine maintenance activities. Revisits to areas where new vegetation clearing is planned for the project have been targeted for the 2025 surveys to achieve multiple seasons of data. A conservative approach will be applied in the assessment with respect to the presence of sensitive species and vegetation communities, in that presence is assumed in the absence of evidence to conclude absence. The planned approach is expected to be sufficient for EA purposes with respect to the identification of potential effects and mitigation measures. Any necessary follow-up on botanical data can be collected at targeted locations during the detailed design stage.	- Partially Addressed. - We note that only 10 of the total 51 ELC stations will be visited more than once / in different periods of the growing season. However, it's difficult to determine if the planned number of visits and timing is sufficient without knowing which ELC community type each ELC station corresponds to. Please add a column to Table 3 specifying which ELC community type corresponds to each ELC survey station. This will help us further evaluate if it will be sufficient to only complete one visit to certain ELC stations, considering ELC community type. Based on the results of this review, we may request that additional late growing season (i.e., August – September) surveys occur at select ELC stations in 2025.	High-level ELC surveys were conducted to ground-truth desktop ELC polygons on four sets of dates: August 13-15, 2024, September 17-18, 2024, November 14, 2024, and June 24-28, 2025 Tables 1,2, 3 and 4 are provided with this submission to specify which ELC stations correspond to which ELC community types and when stations were visited. Note that the tables have been updated to include refined ELC communities based on additional field-verification surveys completed in 2025. The tables have also been updated to replace 'planned' survey stations/dates, with final survey stations/dates now that the fieldwork program has been completed. Locations of ELC survey stations in relation to land cover (ELC) mapping is also provided in Figure 1 included with this submission, for additional clarity on which ELC stations correspond to which ELC community types.
11	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – ELC / Botanical Surveys It is challenging for us to evaluate the sufficiency of HONI's ELC/botanical inventory survey design based on the level of information provided. It's not clear how the list of potential ELC/botanical inventory survey locations for the 2025 program compares to that of the 2024 program. It's also not clear what type of ecosites HONI is targeting based on this list. - Does HONI plan to field-verify <u>all</u> desktop mapped ELC polygons that overlap the footprint, PSA, and/or LSA? Or will 2025 ELC surveys only target polygons that have not yet been field-verified following the 2024 program? Is HONI returning to sites that were surveyed in 2024, but done out of	ELC surveys were conducted on August 13-14, September 17-18, and November 14, 2024. The Notice of Commencement was issued in June 2024, the timing of surveys was largely driven by land access. It was for this reason and at the request of the Nations that an additional field season (spring 2025) was added to the field program. The overall project schedule was extended and updated to accommodate the addition of the spring 2025 season. Tables 1 and 2 have been provided to summarize ELC community types and the number of ELC surveys in each community type. Table 3 outlines the dates ELC survey locations were visited and when they will be revisited. 2024 ELC field surveys were meant to ground truth a subset of the desktop ELC polygons, identify potential presence of rare vegetation communities and inform the assessment of habitat potential for plant and wildlife species, including SAR. 2025 ELC field surveys will consist of additional properties after obtaining new access agreements	- Partially Addressed. - We accept that HONI is only field-verifying a subset of the desktop mapped ELC polygons, as Table 1 and 2 demonstrate that a variety of ELC community types are being field-verified between the 2024 and 2025 seasons. Per Comment Response #10 above, it would also be helpful to know which ELC community type corresponds to each ELC station. Please add the requested information to Table 3.	Please see response to comment 10 above.

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	season? - Please provide a table showing all ELC / botanical survey locations from the 2024 and 2025 programs, including the corresponding ELC code (per desktop mapping results), and the date(s) it was field verified. This information will better help us evaluate the sufficiency of the baseline data collection effort, and highlight any gaps related to vegetation communities, plants, and animals of importance to MSIFN. - We request that HONI provide this information as soon as possible, so we can have an opportunity to review it, and, if necessary, make recommendations for improvements in the 2025 program while they can still be implemented.	with the intent to inventory and ground truth more of the desktop ELC data. 2025 surveys will mostly target polygons that have not yet been field verified following the 2024 program. A few polygons where new vegetation clearing is anticipated have been identified for revisit to have multiple seasons of data (surveys are tentatively scheduled for June 2025). The planned approach is expected to be sufficient for EA purposes with respect to the identification of potential effects and mitigation measures. Any necessary follow-up on ELC data can be collected at targeted locations during the detailed design stage.		
12	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys, Table 1-1: 2025 Field Program – Butternut Health Assessment - We note that HONI is proceeding with Butternut health assessments in proximity to the [redacted] during the 2025 program. In response to a previous comment we made on the Draft NCEER (Comment 6), HONI indicated that a Butternut health assessment would be completed if detailed design indicates the project is expected to impact Butternut trees. - Does this confirm that HONI cannot avoid clearing the Butternut trees near the [redacted]? - Please provide any updates on detailed design progress and insights as they may become available. -	It has not been confirmed whether Butternut trees will be impacted near the [redacted]. HONI is evaluating the extent to which the project may need to disturb these areas, and if so, what approvals process (e.g., permit or registration) and mitigation or offsetting measures, would be required based on the health of the butternut trees in question and the extent of disturbance). We will keep the Community apprised of any updates to construction plans with regards to potential effects to butternut, as they continue to be developed.	Addressed.	[redacted]
13	Durham Kawartha Power Line 2025 Terrestrial and Aquatic Surveys - In comments related to the Draft NCEER, we previously raised concern that HONI had not done, and does not intend to complete	At this stage of the project the Project team is taking a conservative approach with respect to the presence of SAR herptiles. Where potential SAR herptile habitat is identified through desktop review and/or field investigations, presence is assumed in the absence of targeted surveys to confirm absence, and mitigation will be identified to avoid project effects.	- Not Addressed. - While HONI has reiterated that it will not conduct SAR herptile surveys as part of its 2025 field work plan, there remain unanswered questions from our Draft NCEER	A table of SAR, SOCC and SCS with potential to occur in the project study areas is provided in the DNER (see Appendix A). Although [redacted] and [redacted] both use a variety of habitat types, each species also has specific habitat requirements that

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	targeted SAR herptile surveys. - Please refer to our response to Draft NCEER Comment 26.	Targeted surveys will be completed should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to SAR herptiles or their habitats (including previously identified candidate habitats) cannot be avoided.	Comment #26. Specifically, we requested an explanation on what criteria or triggers will be used to determine if targeted surveys for herptiles, such as but not limited to [redacted] and [redacted], are needed following detailed design results; this answer has not been provided via this comment response. With Bill 5 very recently receiving Royal Assent, our questions and level of concern have just increased regarding the extent to which at-risk and culturally significant herptile species will be protected in relation to DKPL project activities. Will HONI provide a fulsome response to our questions and comment in Draft NCEER Comment #26? To be more specific, it would be useful if HONI could: • A) Provide a table of at-risk and culturally significant herptile species with potential to occur in the project study areas, and what would trigger the need for targeted surveys for each (i.e., which ELC community types are considered their habitat, the type/level of project activities overlapping this habitat that would be considered disruptive to the species, etc.). • B) Provide further comment on how Bill 5 receiving Royal Assent will affect its approach to protecting at-risk and culturally significant herptile species for the DKPL project. Please refer to MSIFN's position statement on Bill 5 in Draft NCEER Comment #26.	need to be met. [redacted] is area-sensitive, prefers xeric environments and requires a habitat mosaic of fields and >5 ha open forests with sandy soils, vegetative cover and a nearby permanent water source. [redacted] requires a large wetland complex (as it is known to travel >1-2 km between wetlands and use multiple bodies of water throughout the season). Suitable aquatic habitat for this species includes swamps, bogs, fens, marshes, lake bays, ponds, and slow flowing creeks, but it prefers shallow eutrophic wetlands with abundant aquatic vegetation and slow to no flow. Once detailed design is confirmed, areas where disturbance is planned will be evaluated against the specific habitat requirements for all SAR (as outlined in Appendix A of the DNER), and targeted surveys will be conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified and expected to be impacted. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and the inclusion of First Nations input. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Additionally, outside of the permitting process, Hydro One plans to implement a Biodiversity Initiative. First Nations will have an opportunity to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the project which will seek opportunities to create or enhance habitat to offset any adverse effects to habitats as a result of the Project. Hydro One will involve interested

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				communities in the Biodiversity Initiative, including potential incorporation of TEK where that information is willingly provided.

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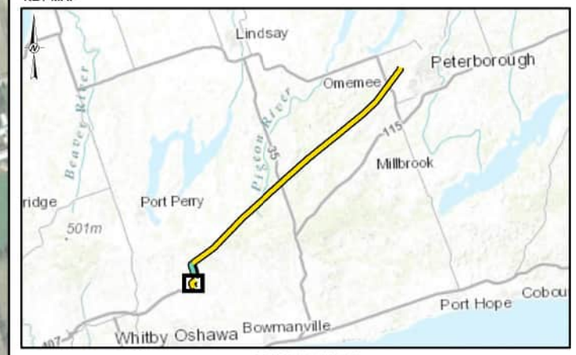

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- ROUTE ALTERNATIVE A CENTERLINE
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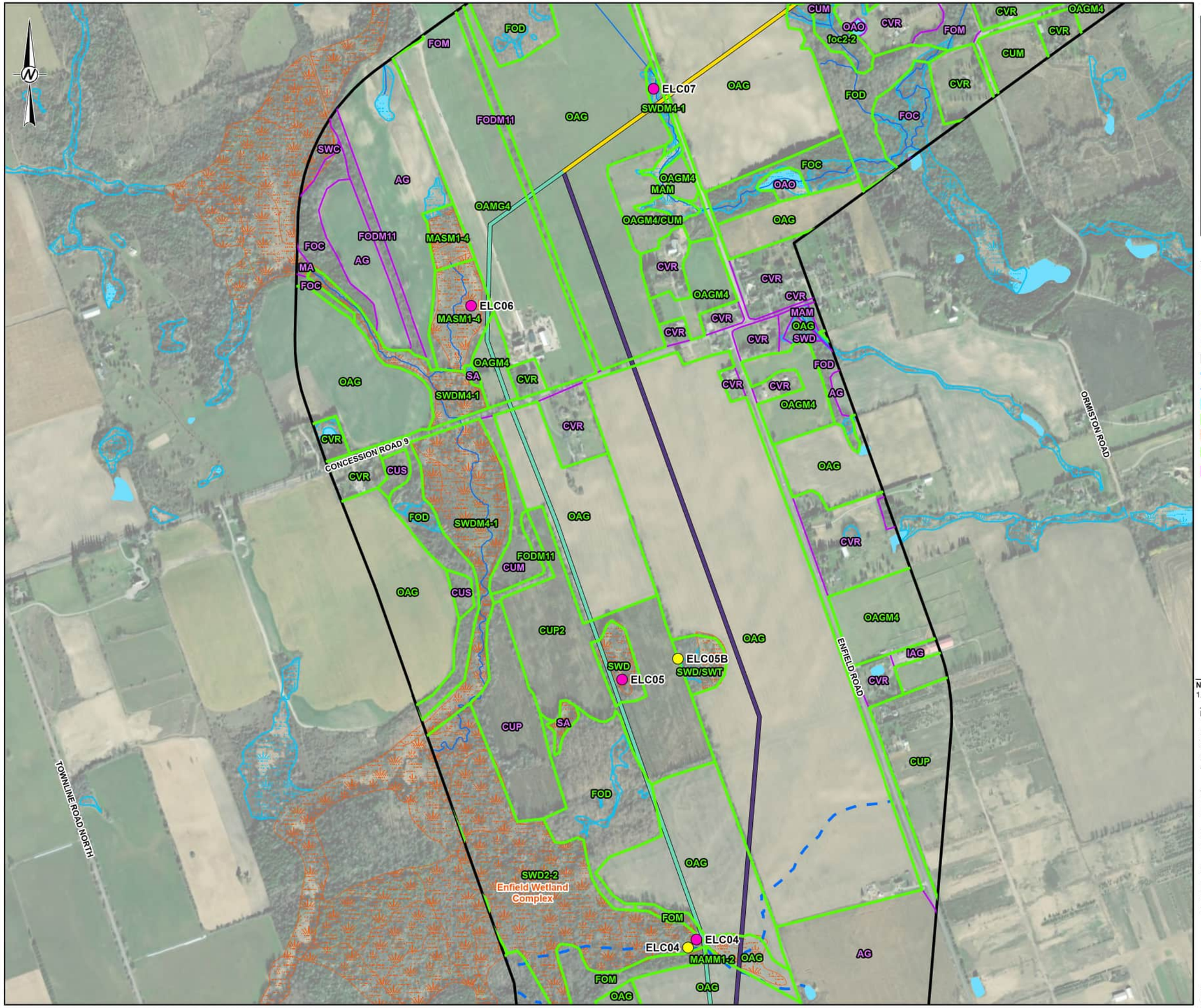

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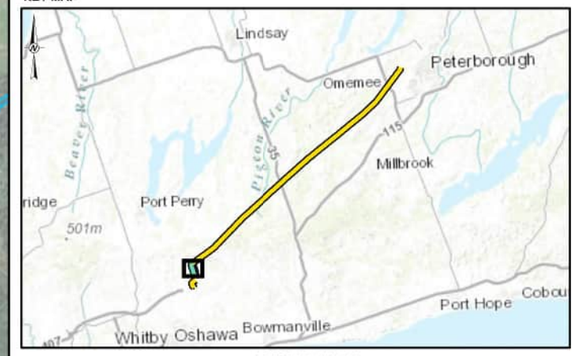

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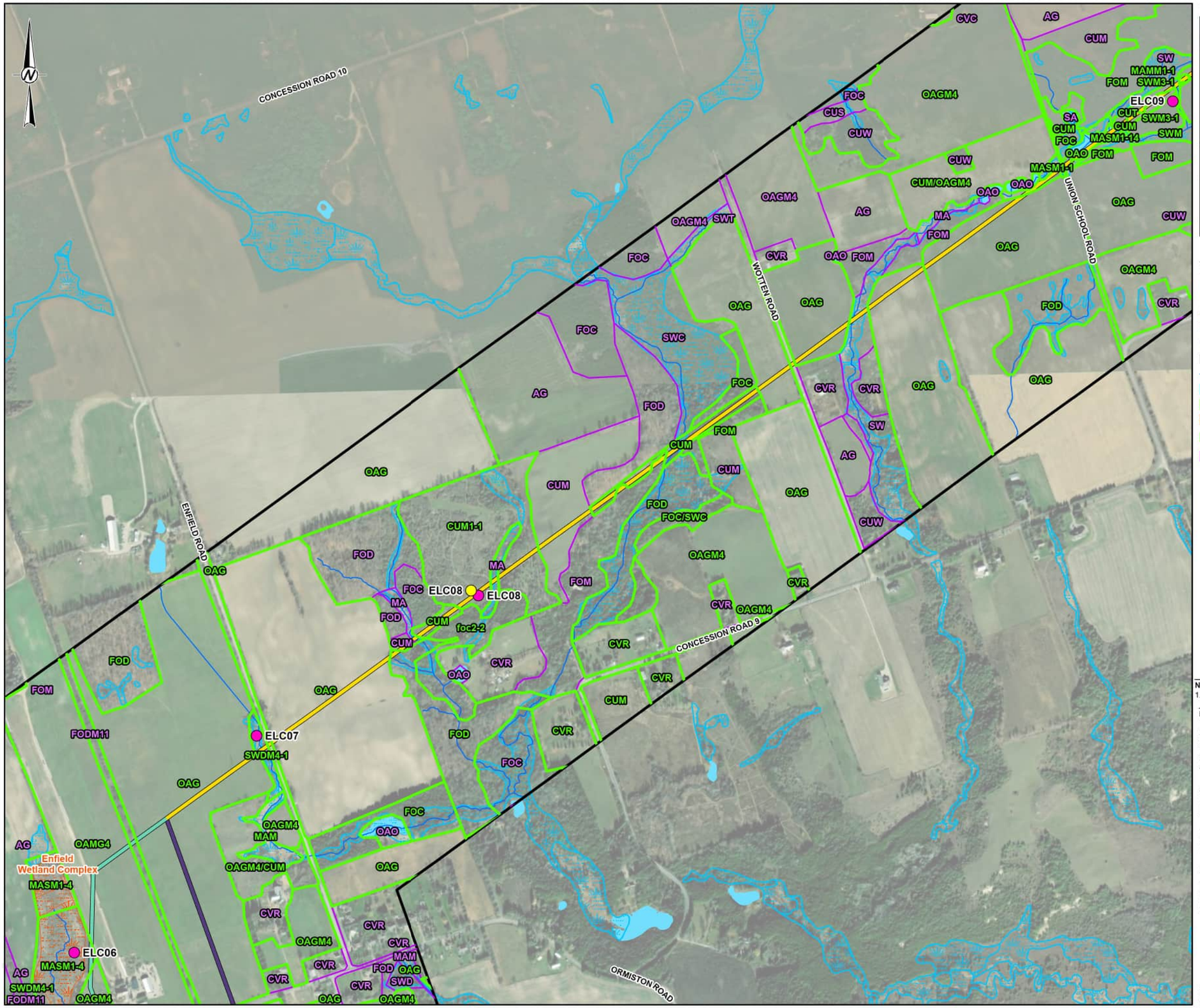

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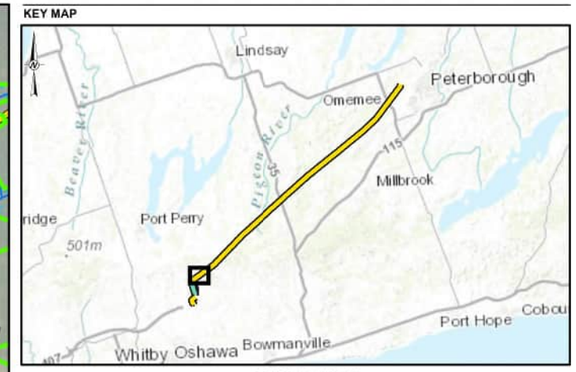

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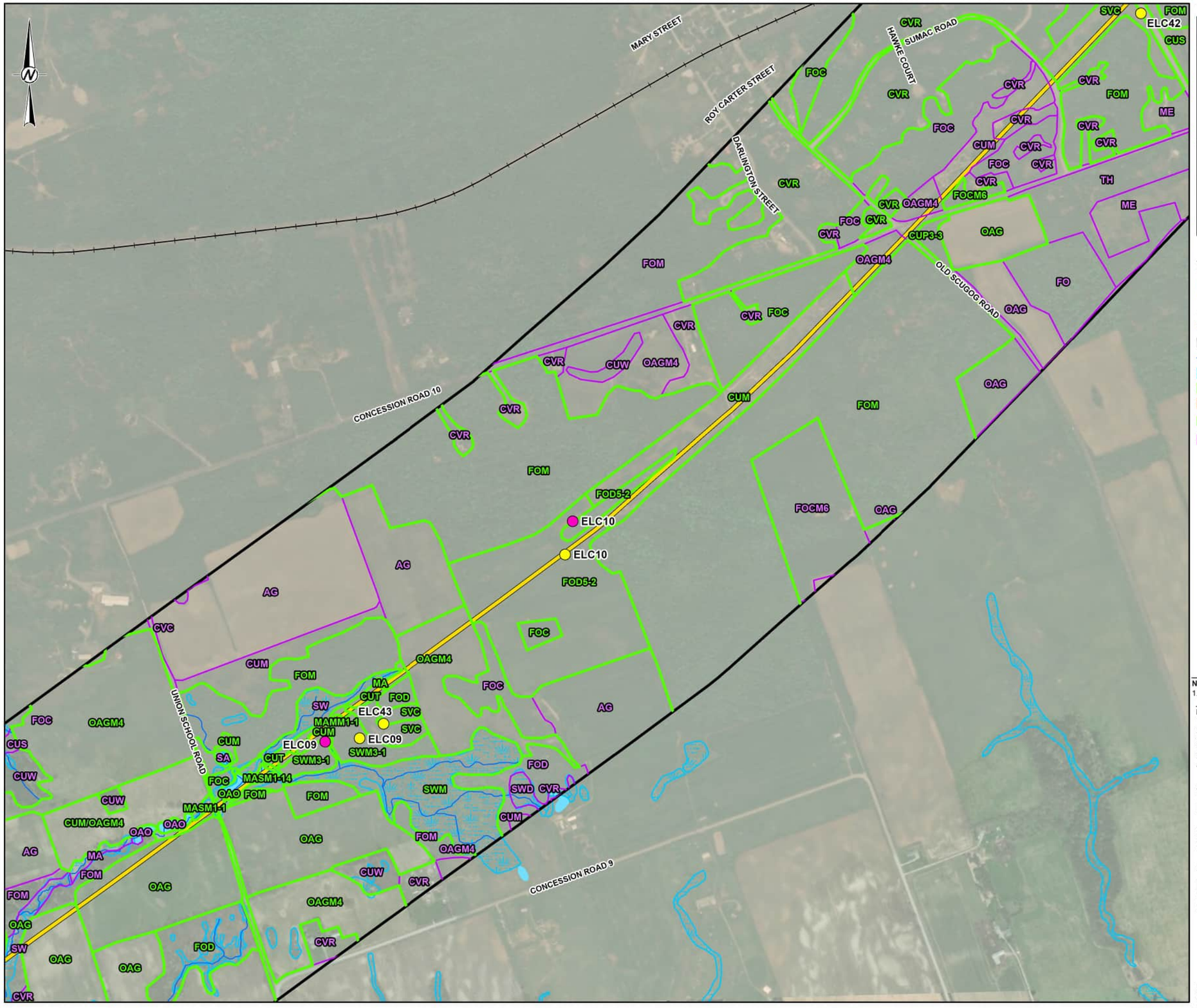

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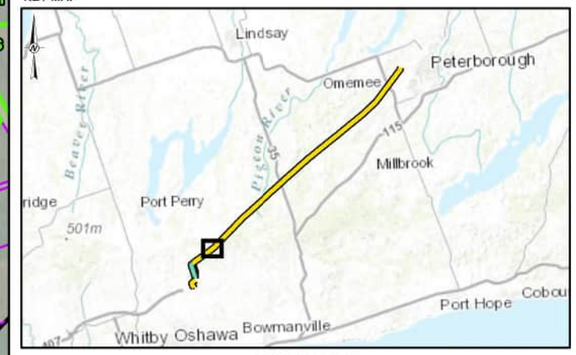

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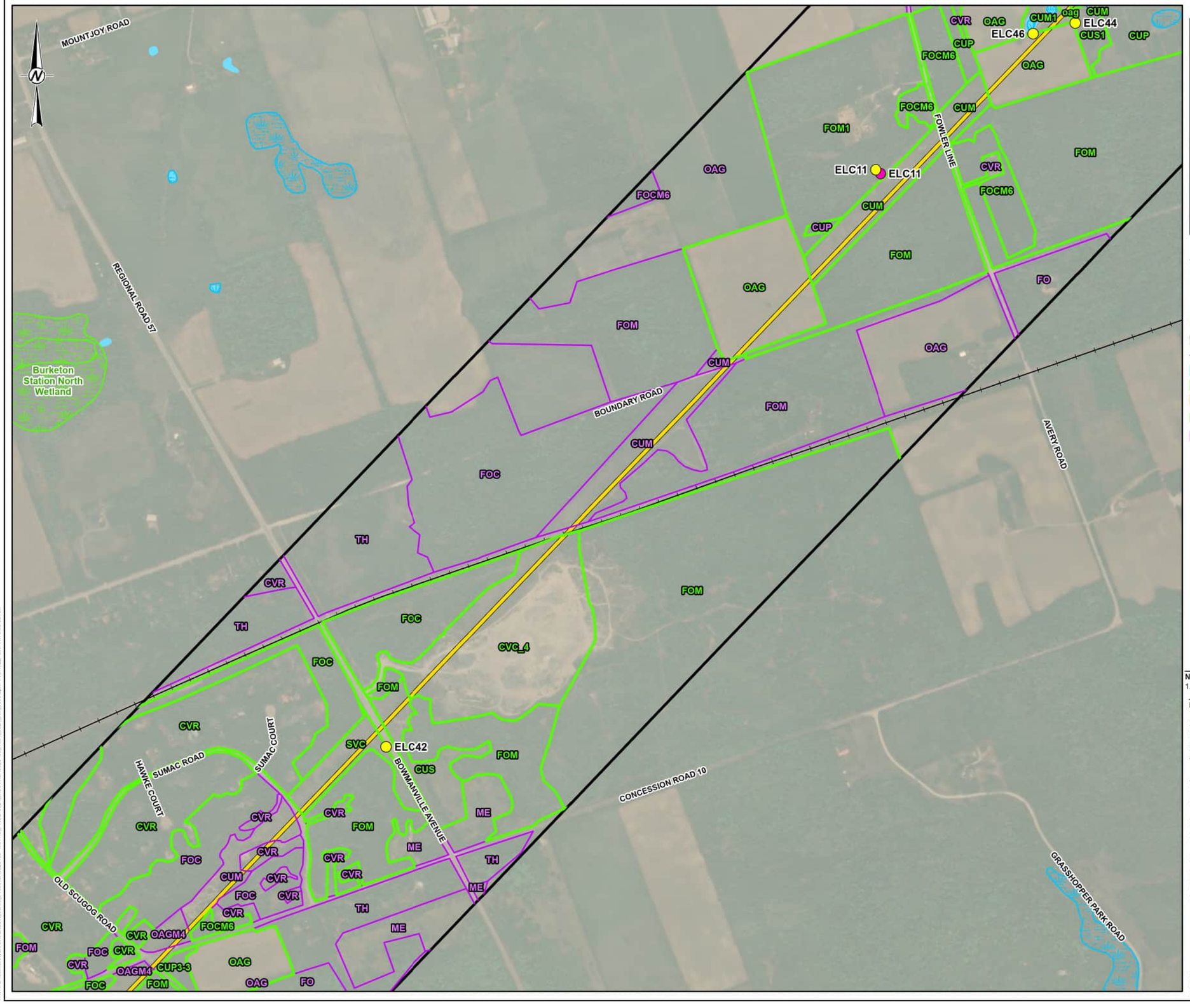

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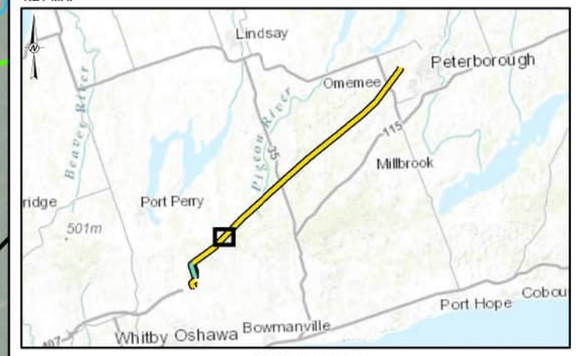

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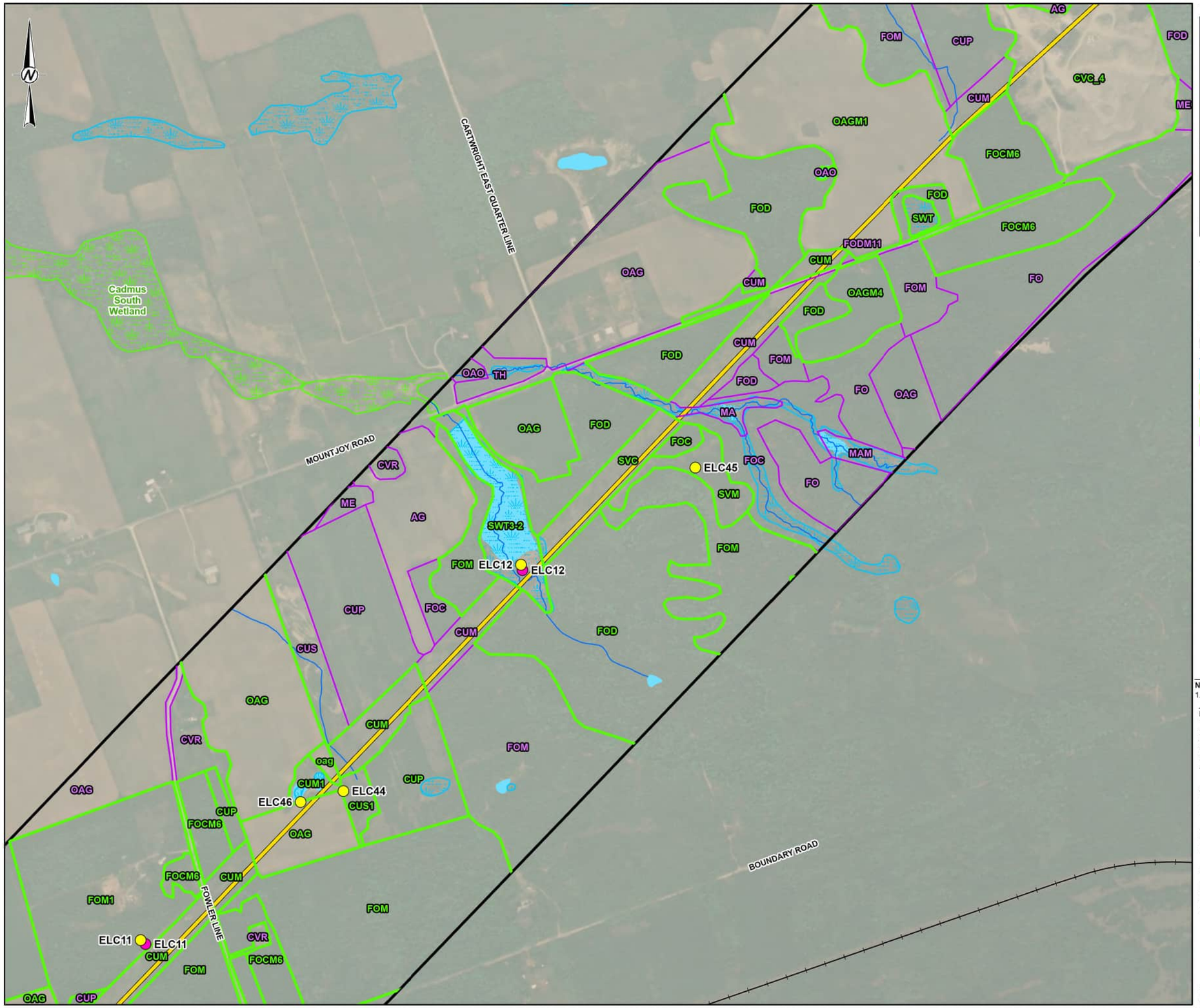

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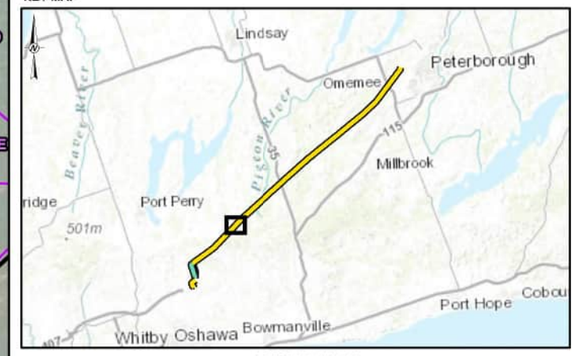

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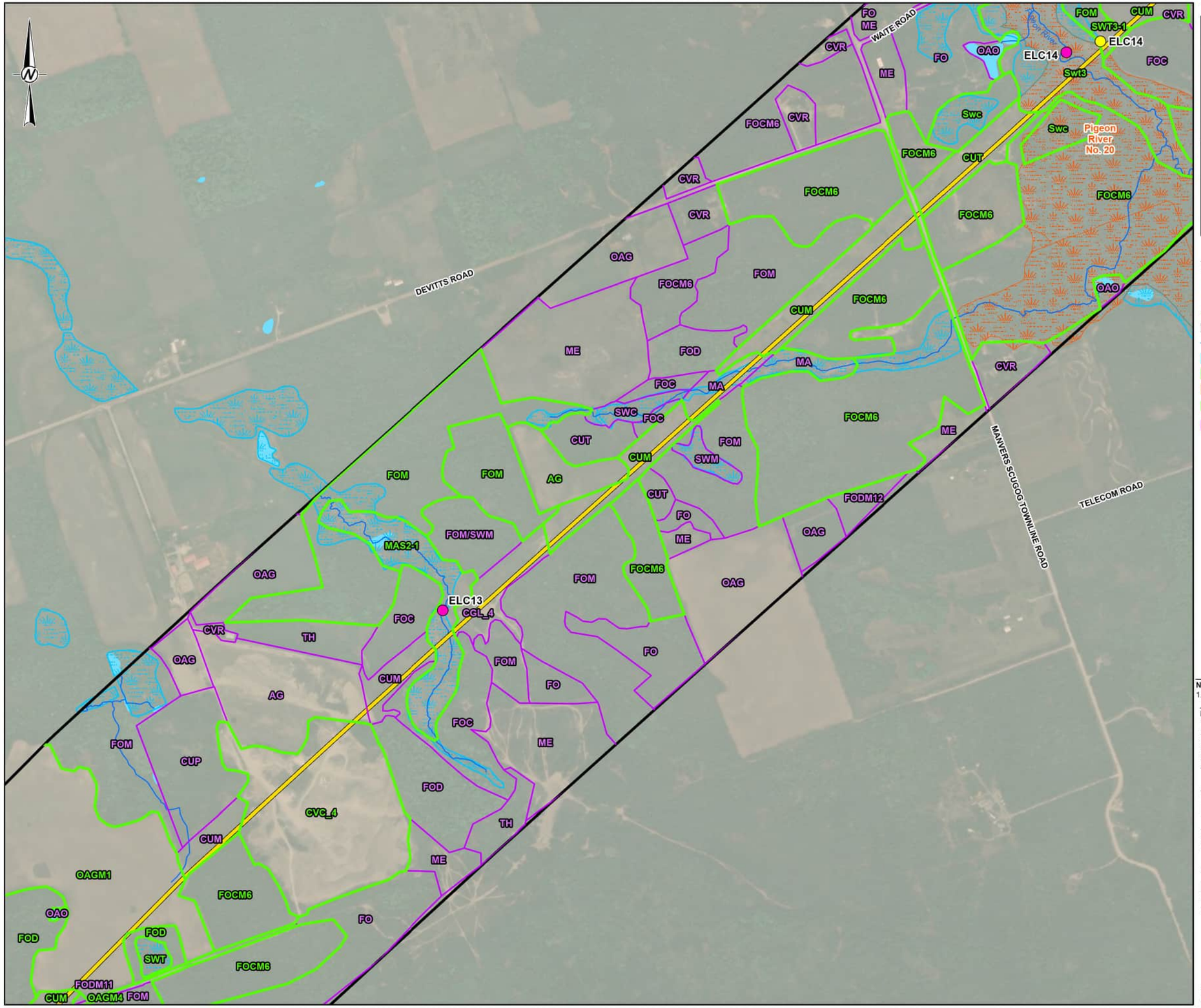

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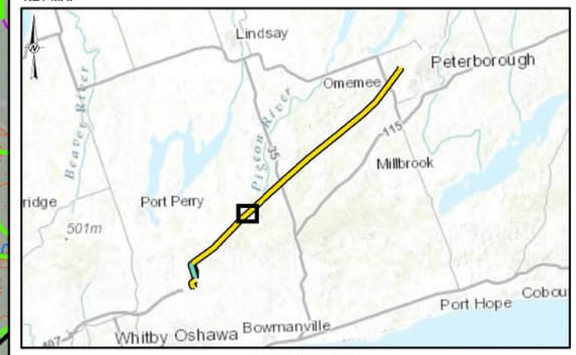

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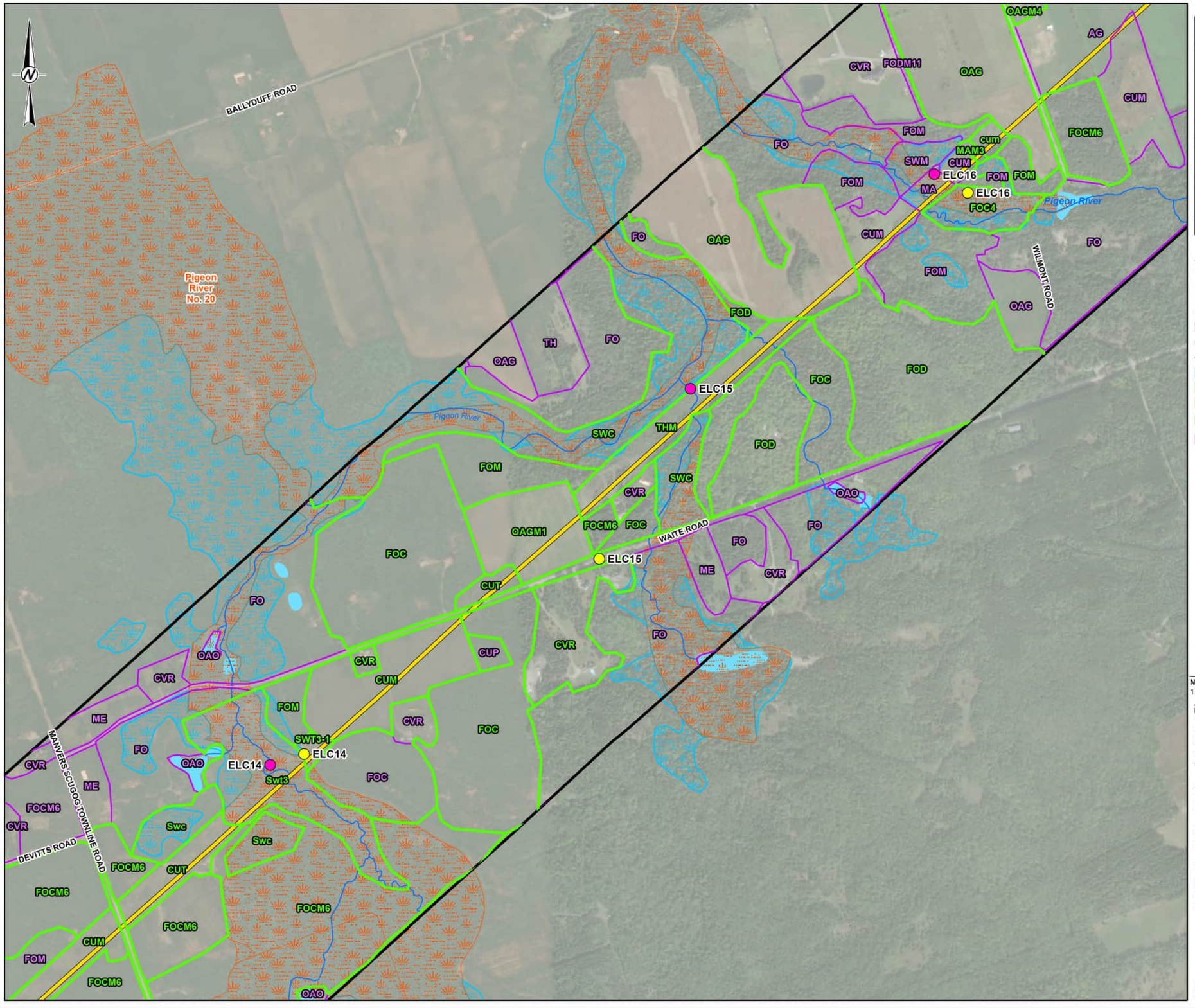

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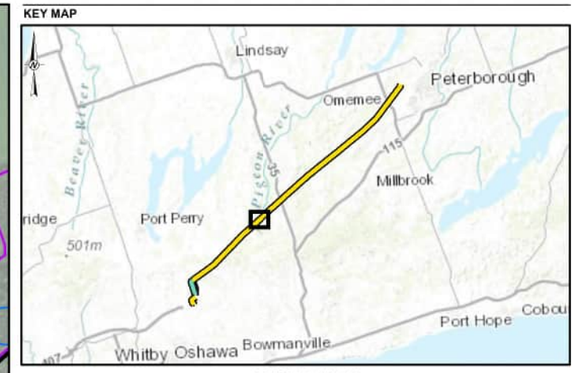

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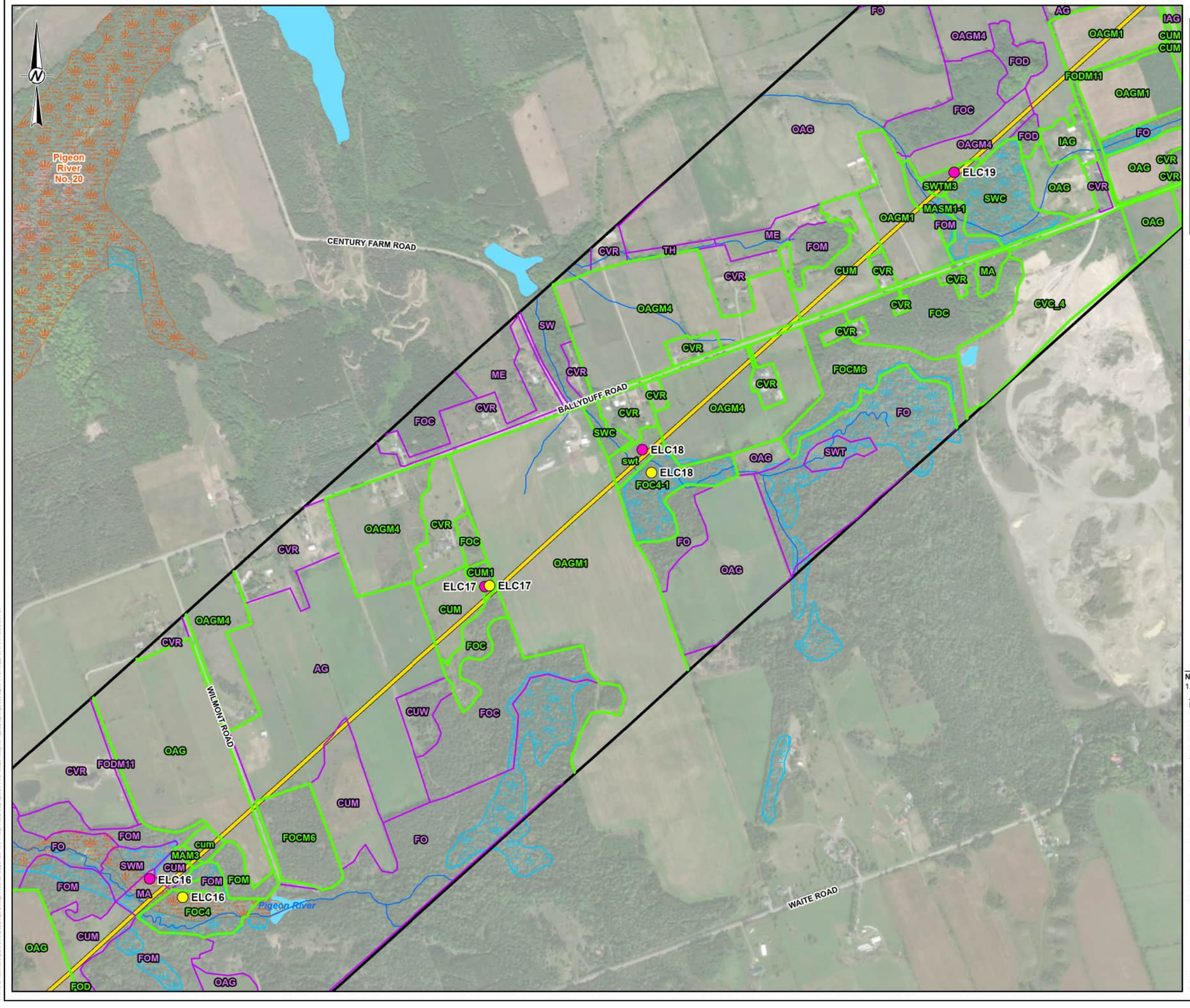

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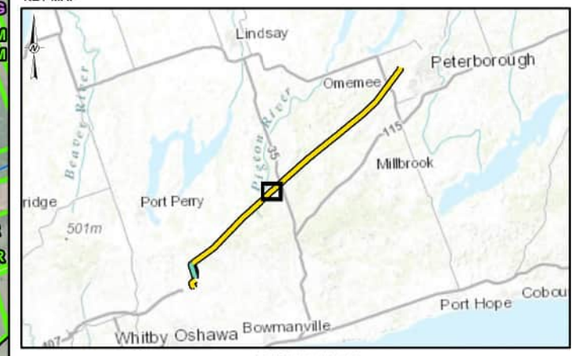

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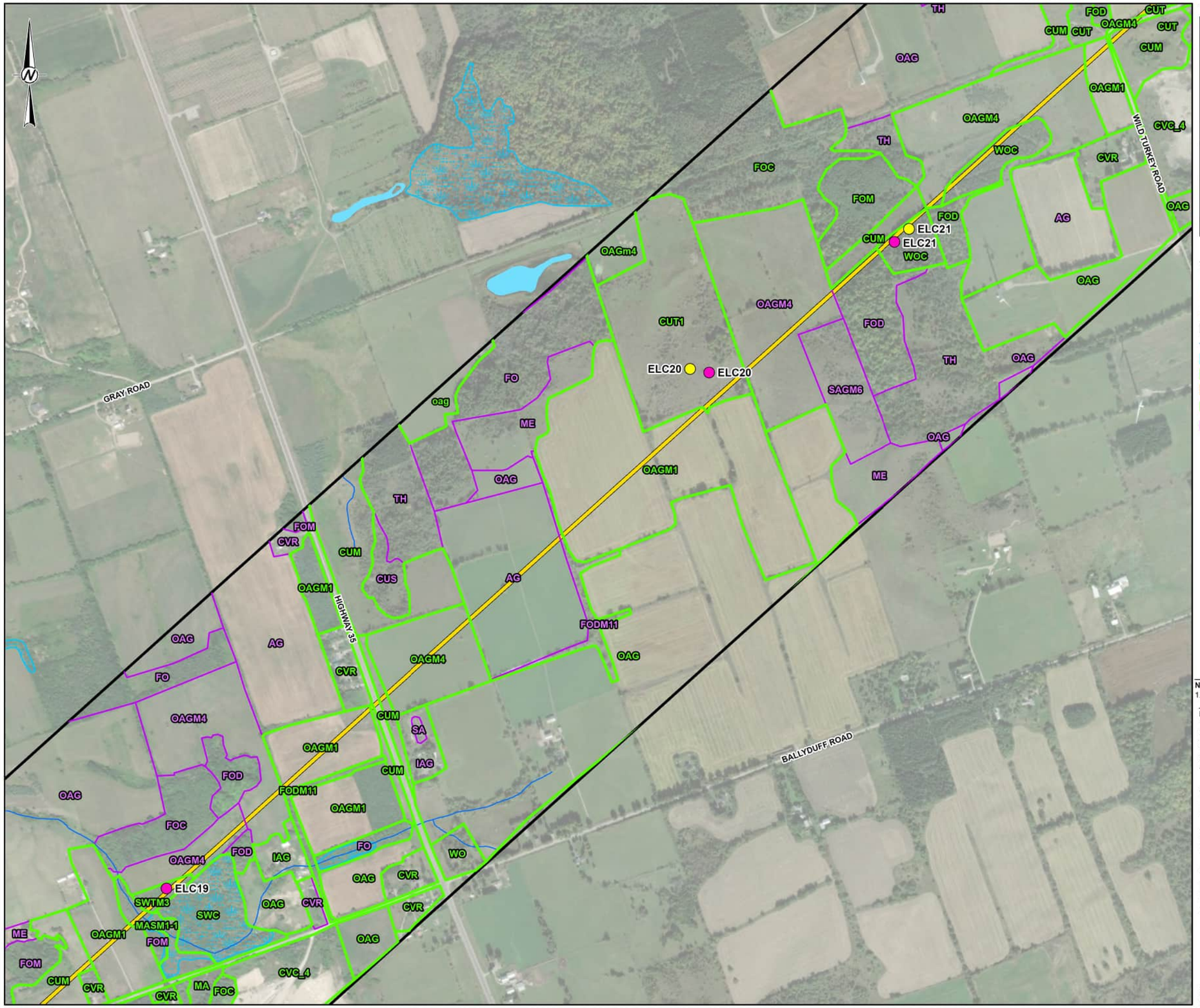

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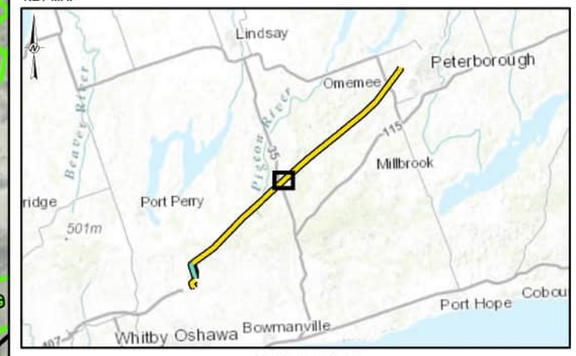

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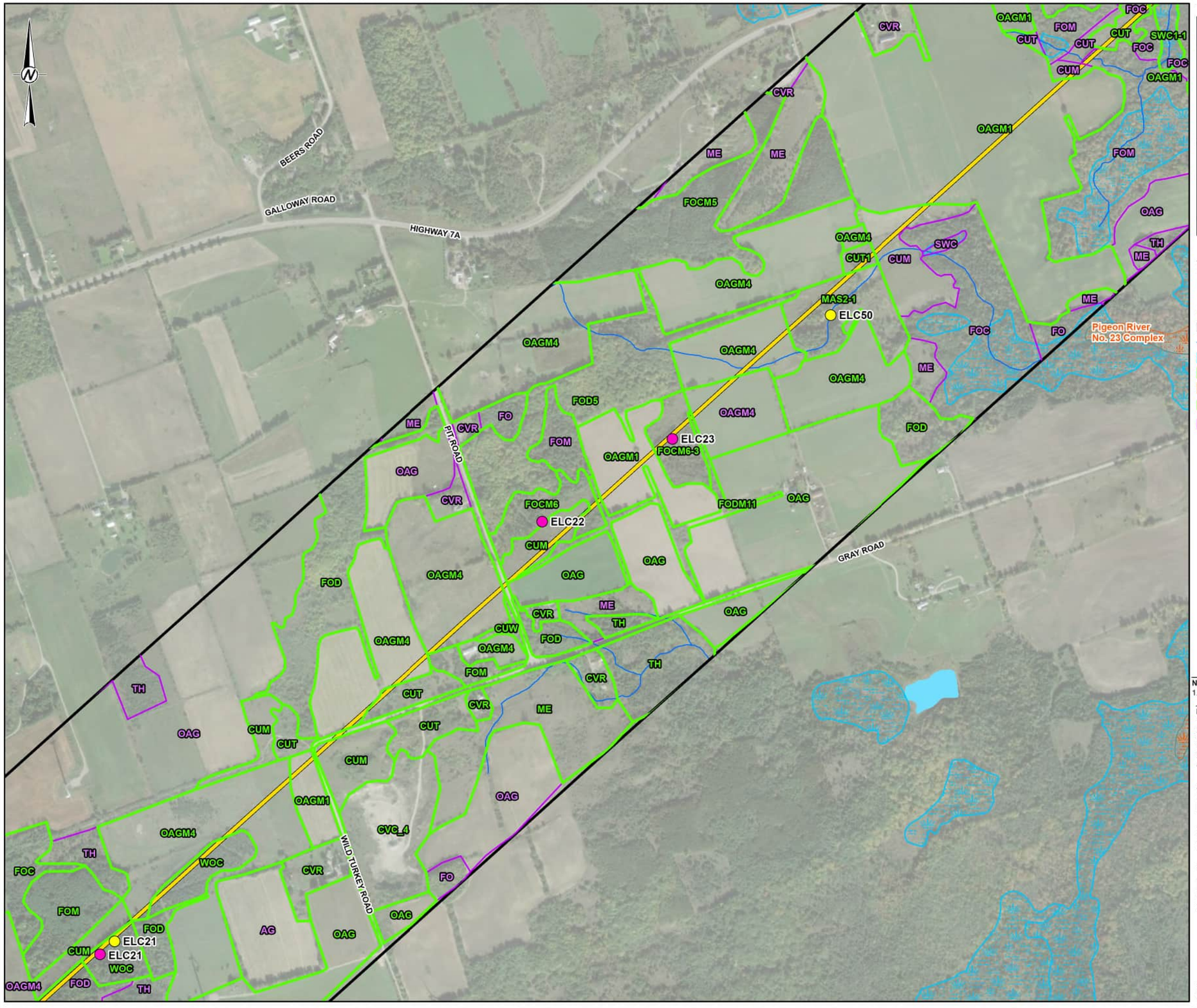

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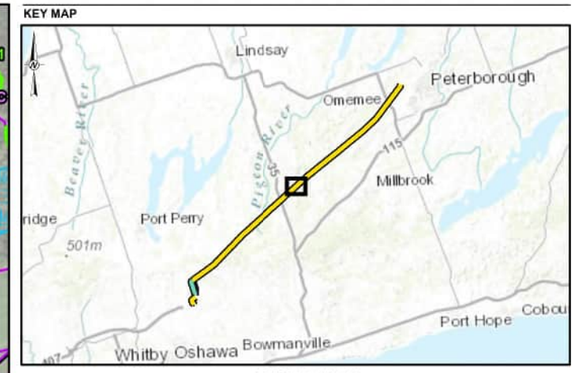

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LEGEND

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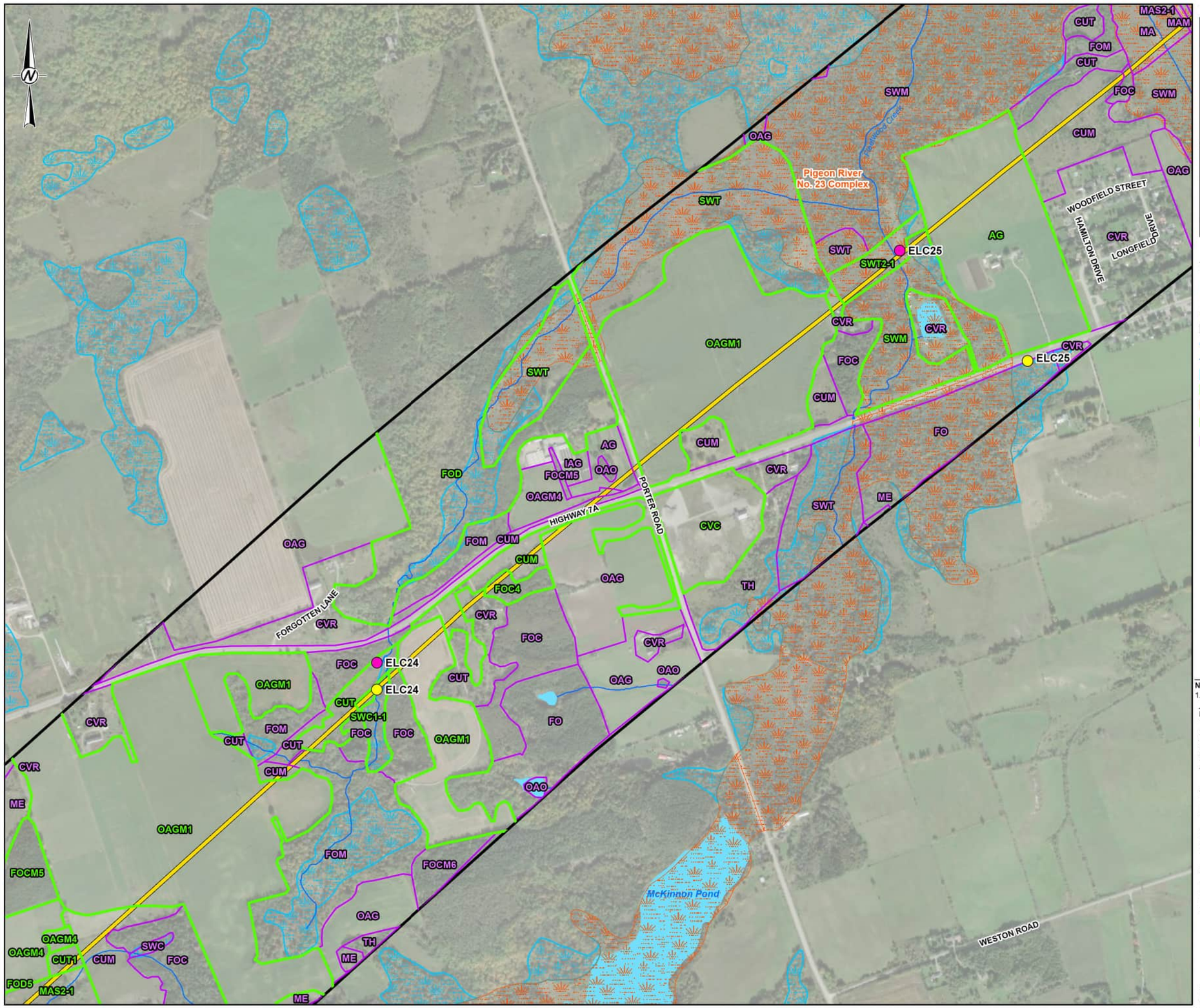

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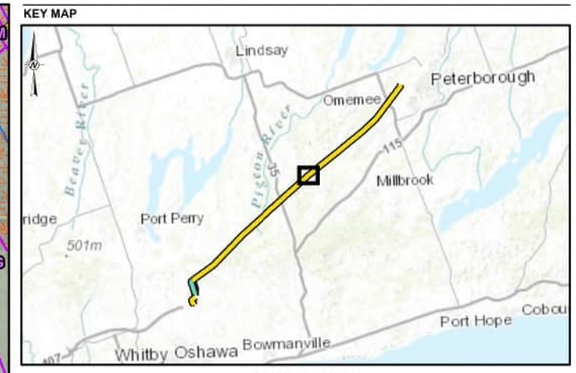

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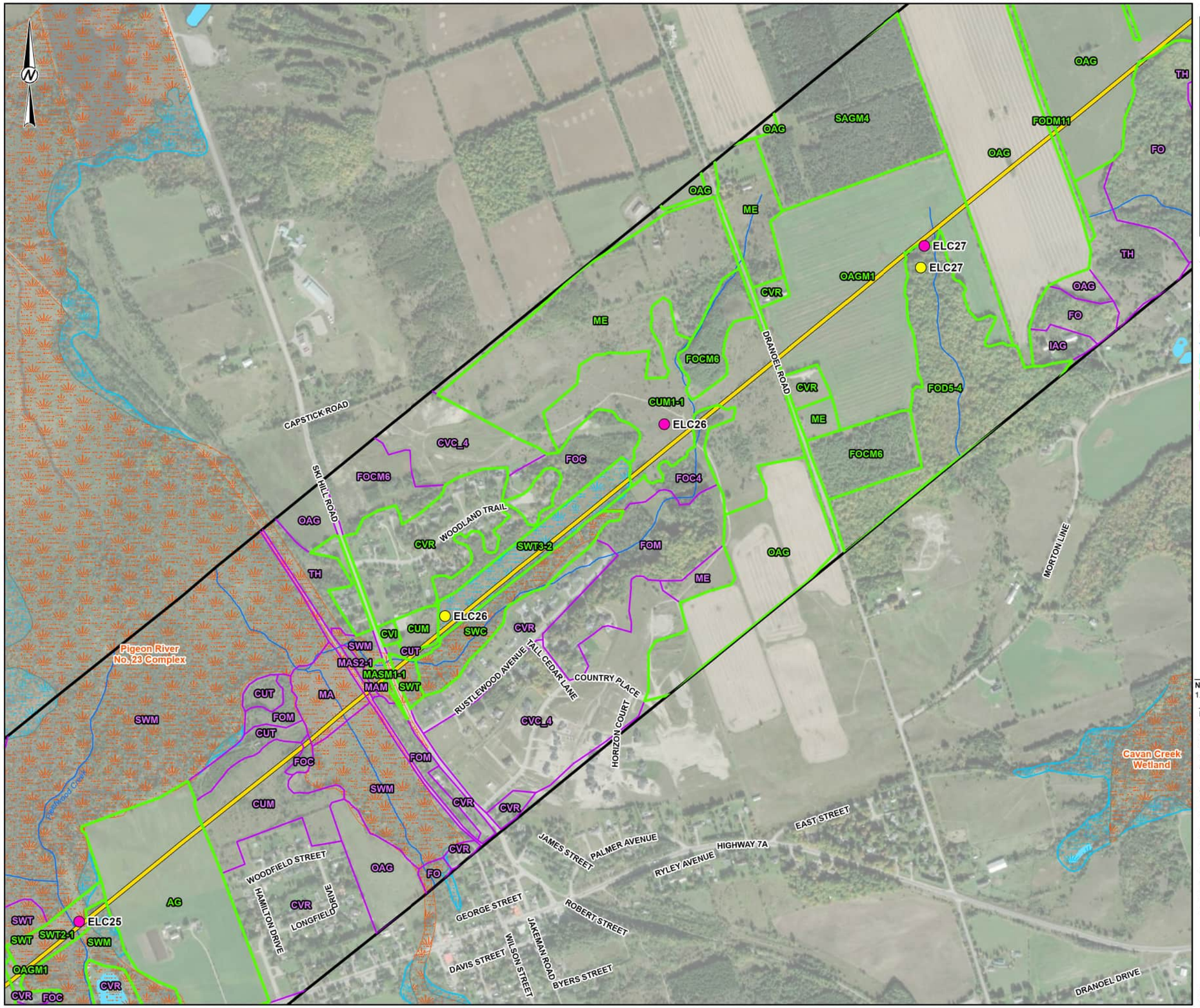

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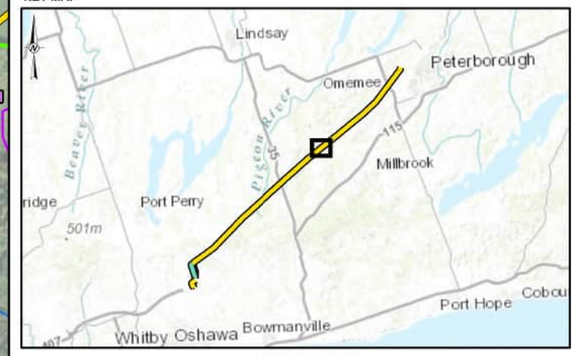

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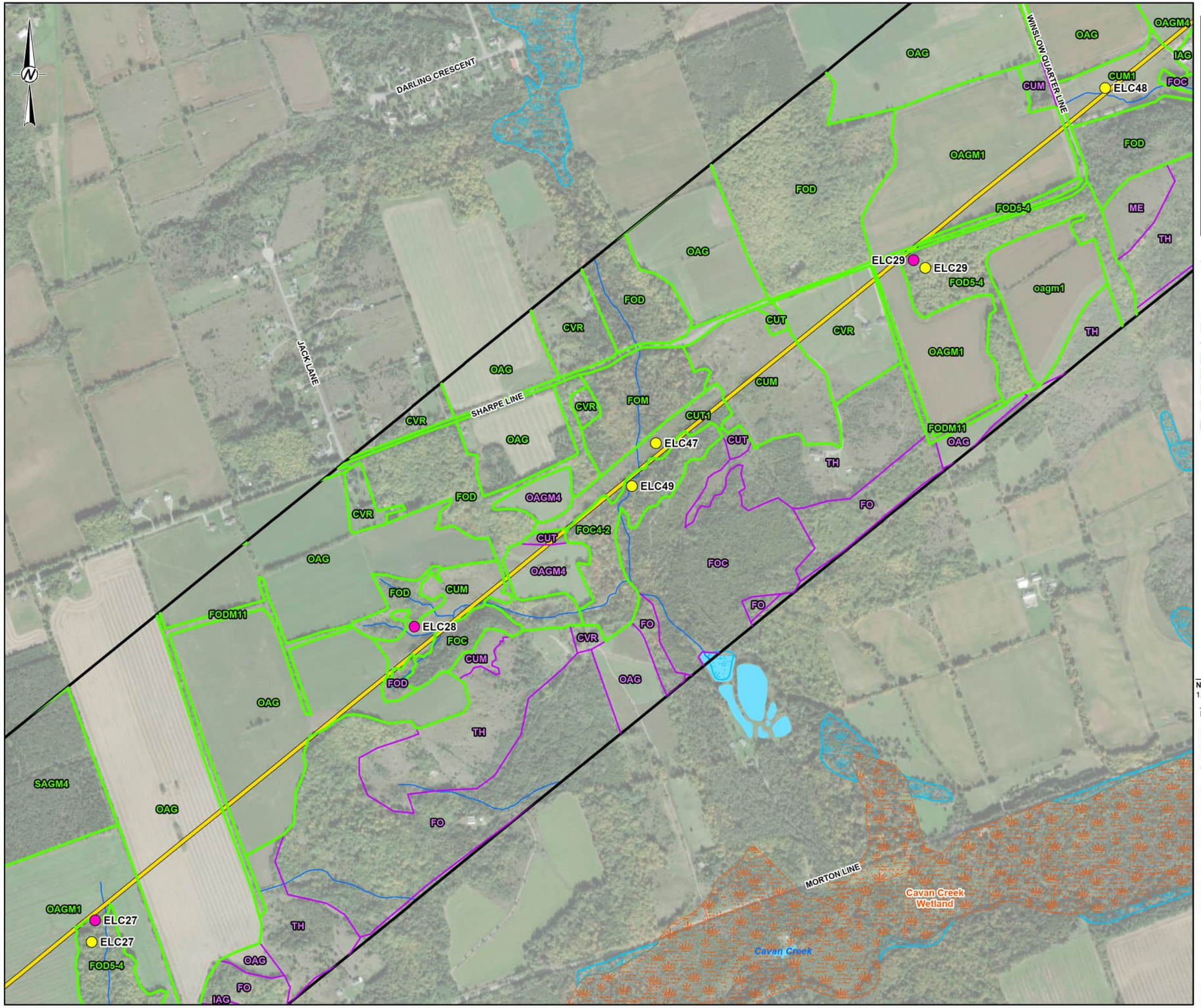

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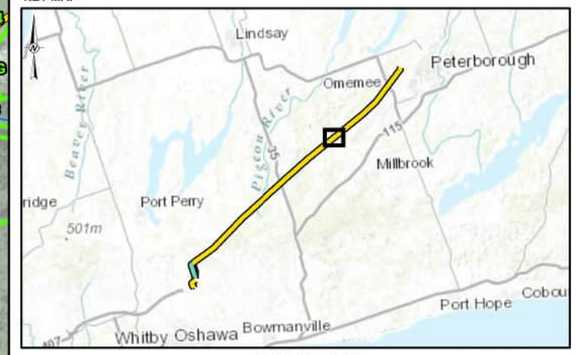

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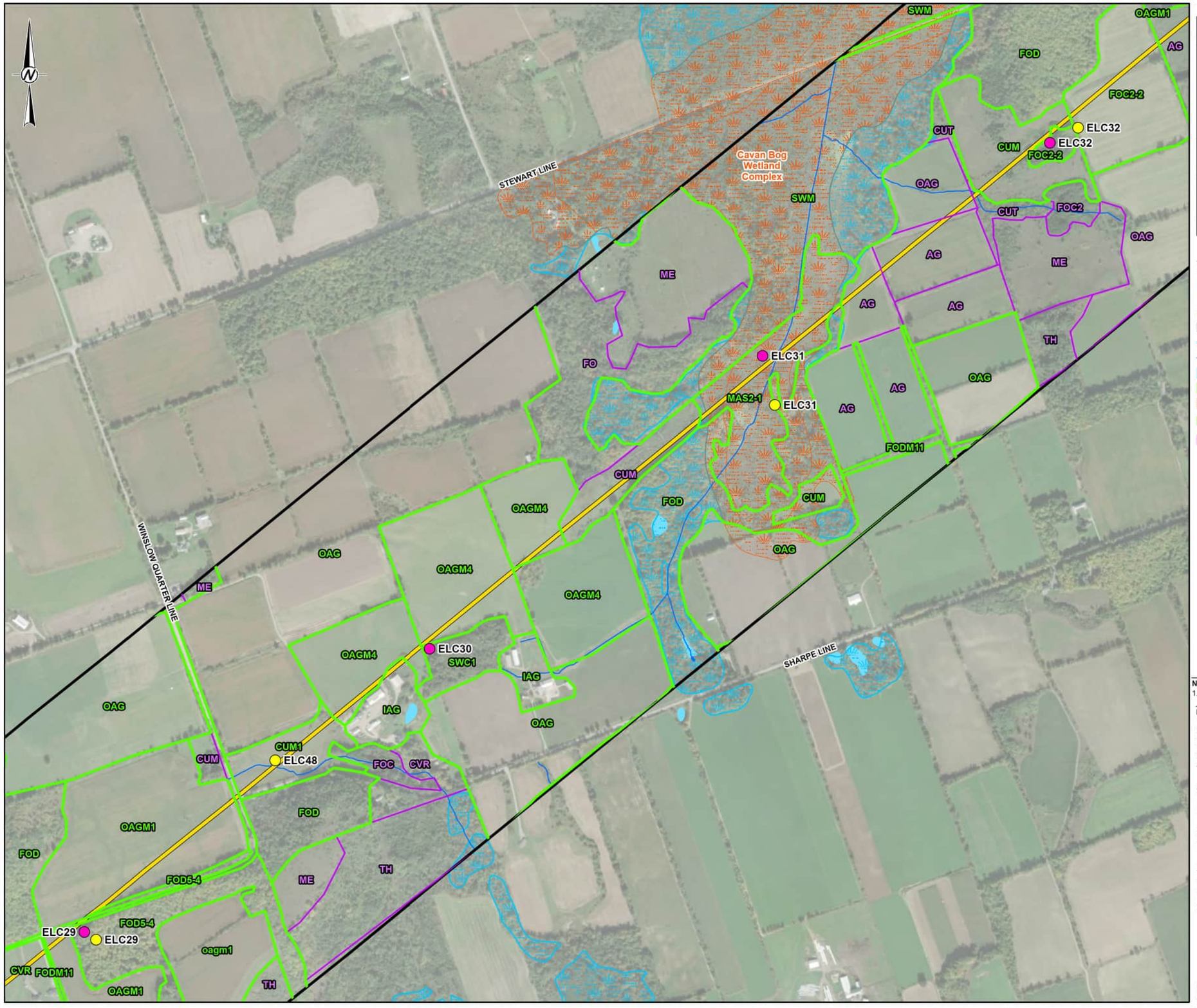

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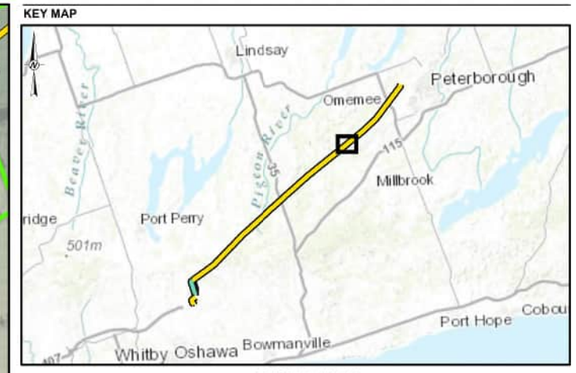

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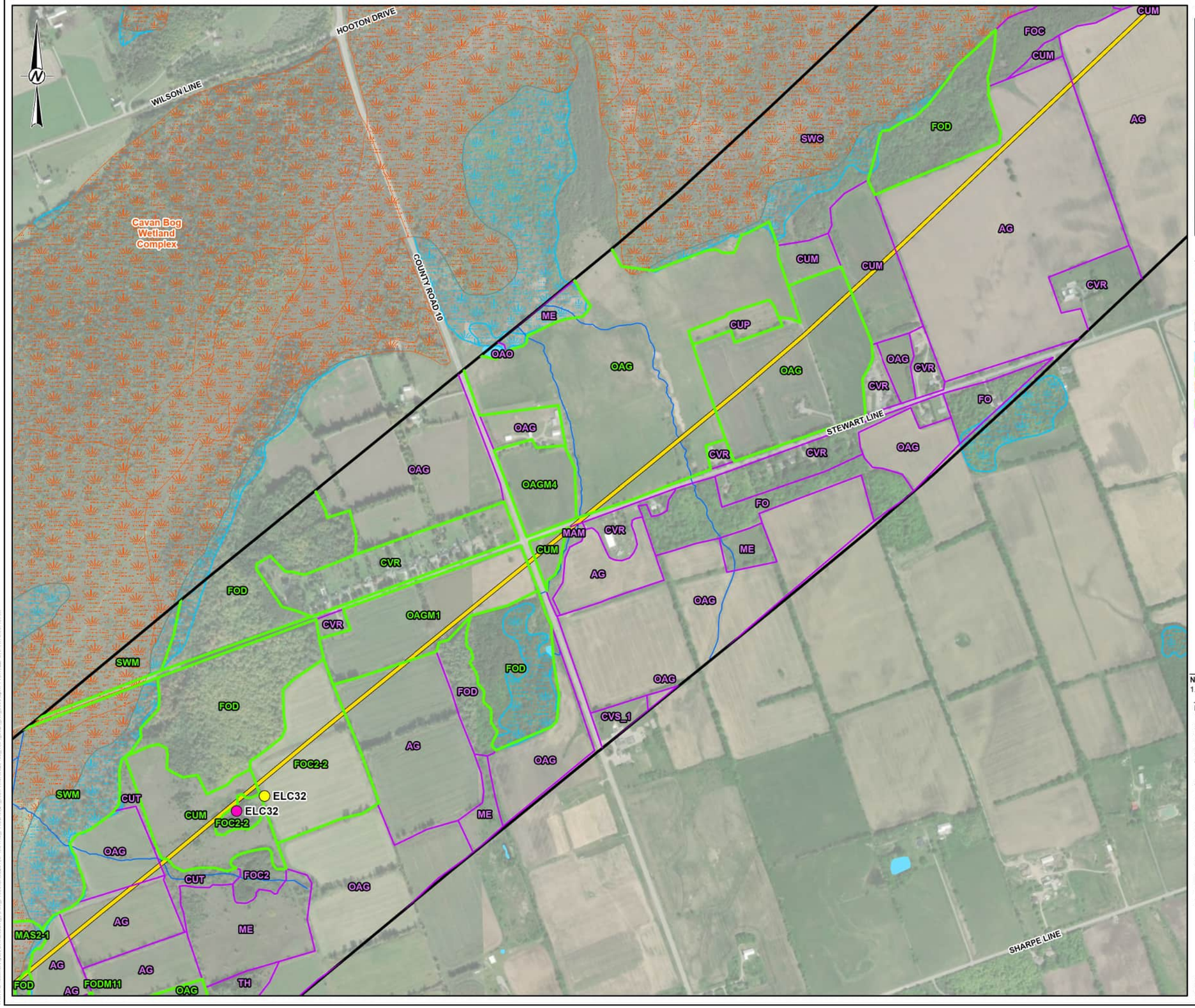

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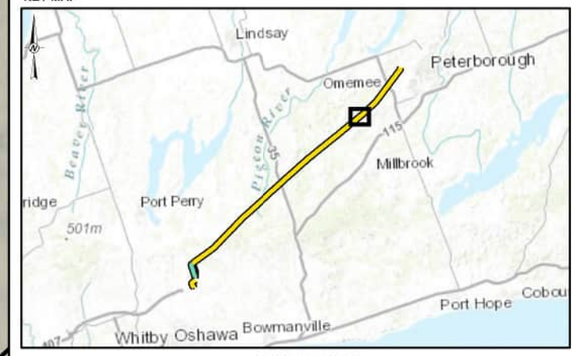

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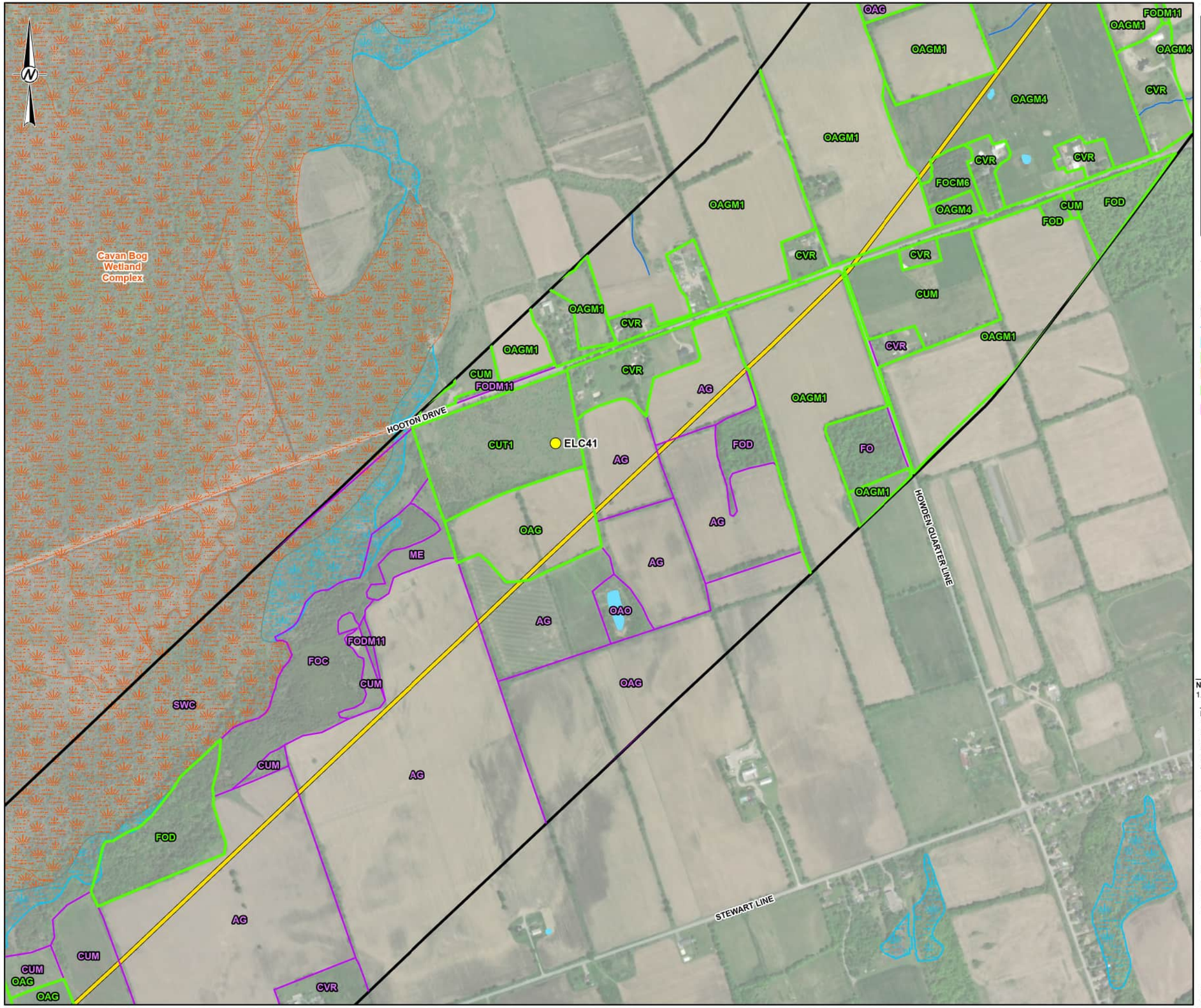

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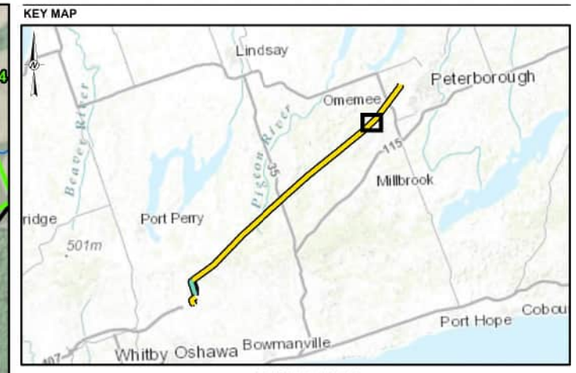

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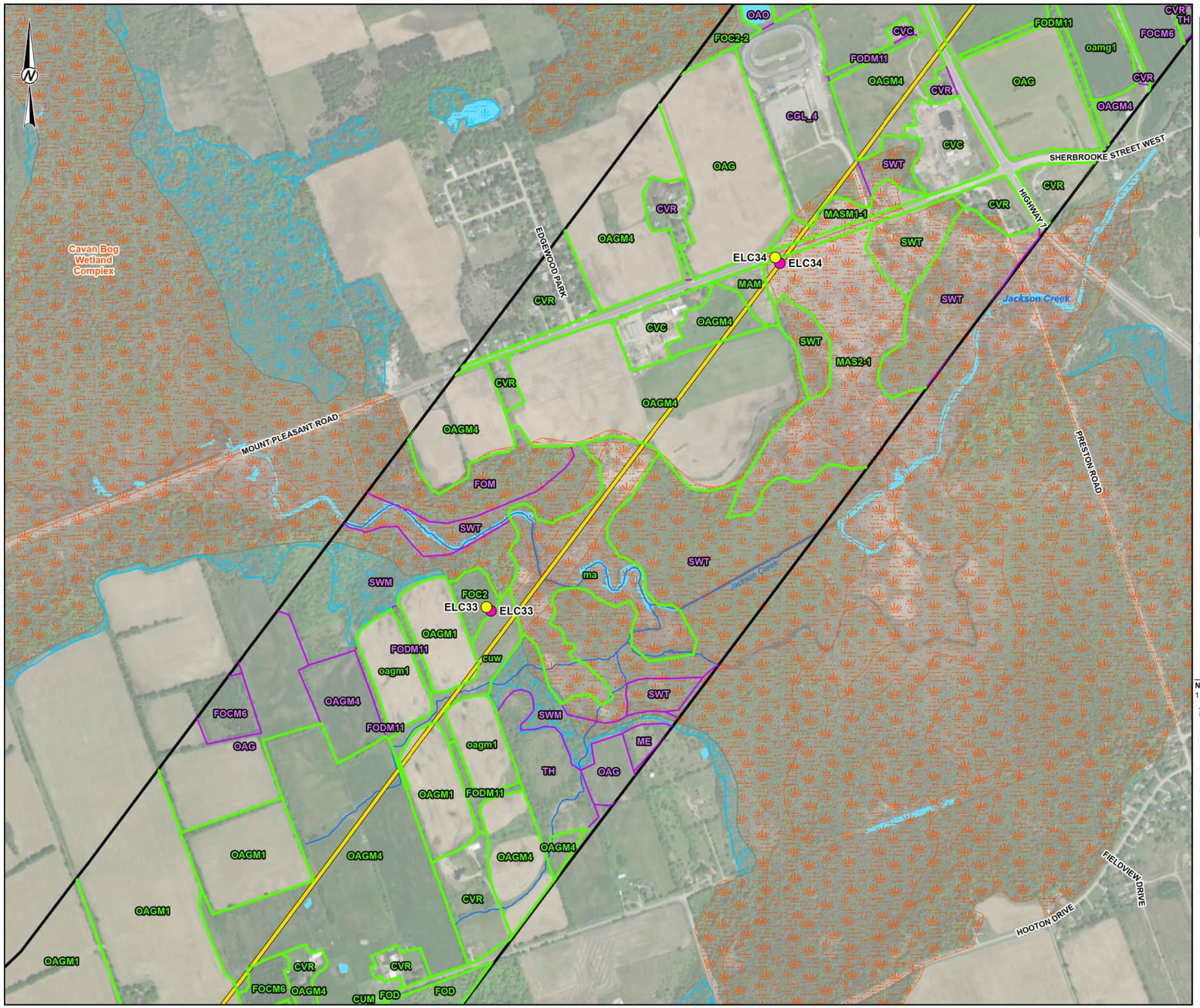

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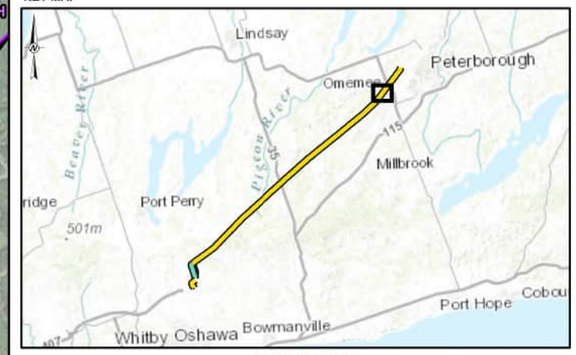

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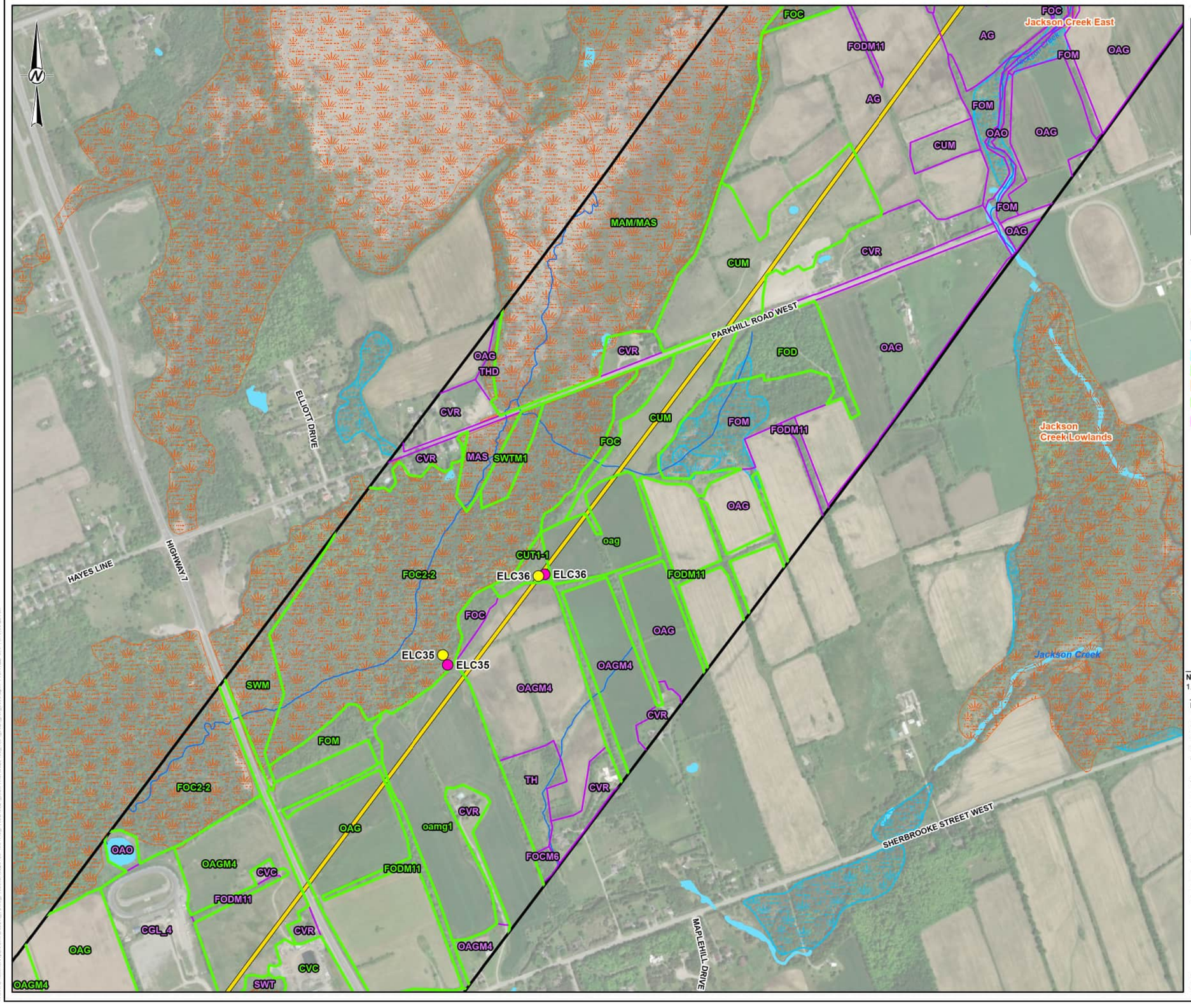

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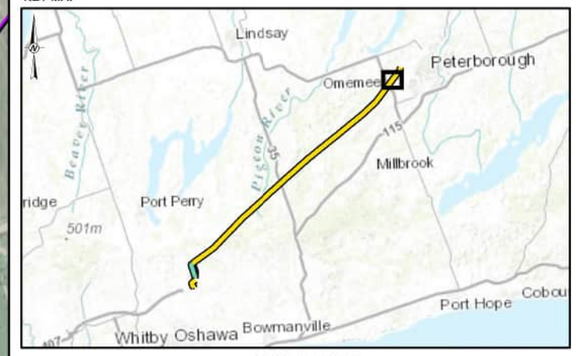

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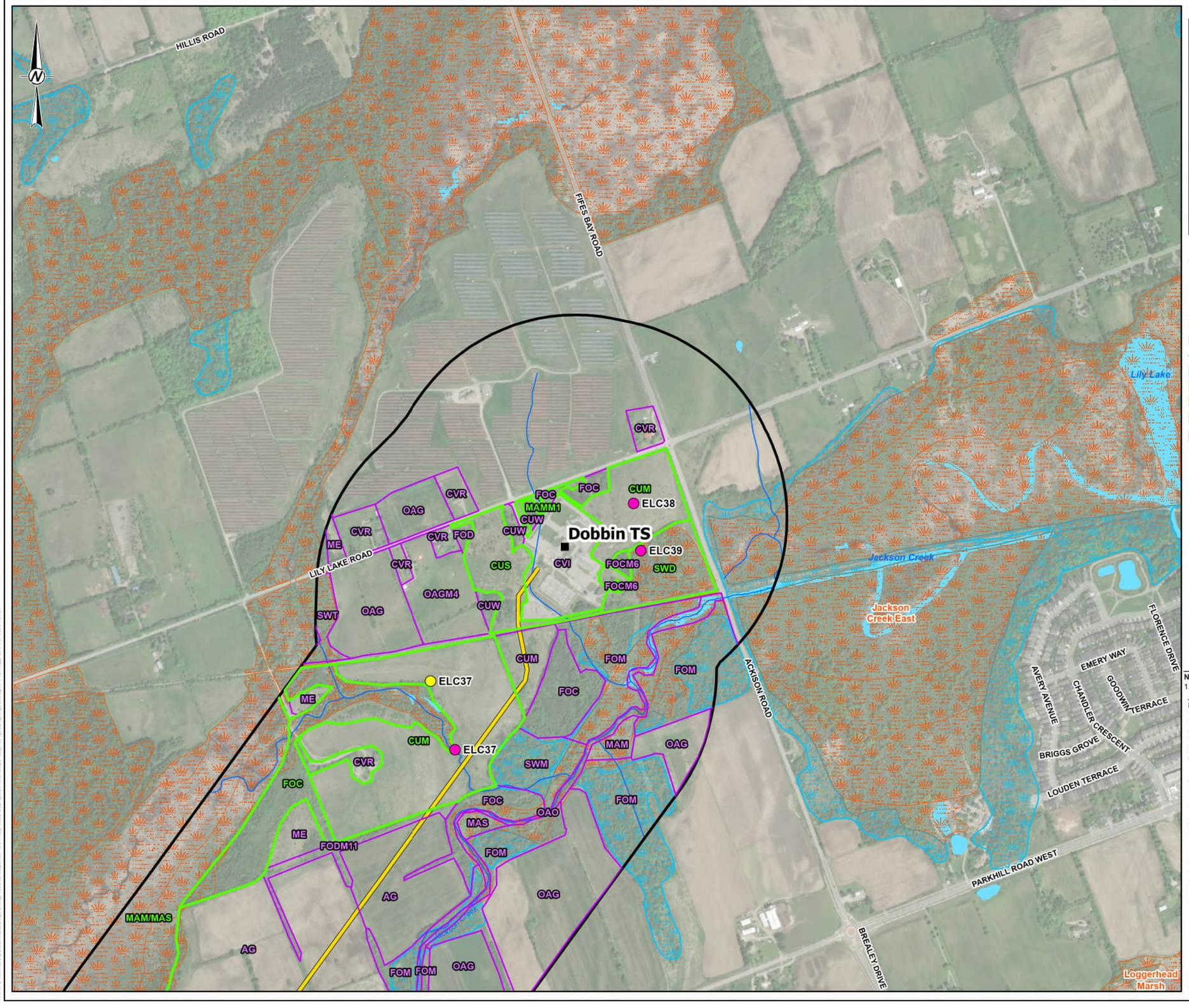

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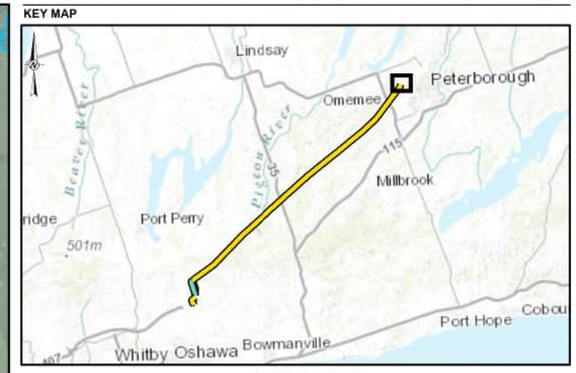

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Table 1. Ecological Land Classification (ELC) community types and associated 2024 data survey stations categorized by survey type

ELC Code	ELC Community Description	Breeding Bird Survey			eDNA			ELC/Botanical Survey			Fish Habitat Survey			
		ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA	Beyond LSA
CGL_4	Recreational										1			
CUM	Cultural Meadow	3							2	1	1	2		
CUM1	Mineral Cultural Meadow		1						1					
CUM1-1	Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type	1	1					1	1					
CUT	Cultural Thicket		1		1				1					
CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket		3		1				1		1			
CUT1-1	Sumach Deciduous Srub Thicket	1						1						
CUW	Cultural Woodland											1		
CVC_4	Extraction		1											
FOC	Coniferous Forest		1											
FOC2	Dry – Fresh Cedar Coniferous Forest								1					
FOC2-2	Dry White Cedar Calcareous Bedrock Coniferous Forest		1					1	1					
FOCM6	Naturalized Coniferous Plantation		1						1					
FOCM6-3	Dry – Fresh Scotch Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation							1						
FOD	Deciduous Forest		1											
FOD5-1	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest								1					
FOD5-2	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest								1					
FOD5-4	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Ironwood Deciduous Forest							1	1					
FODM3-1	Dry – Fresh Poplar Deciduous Forest Type	1						1						
FOM	Mixed Forest	1												
FOM1	Dry Oak - Pine Calcareous Shallow Mixed Forest								1					
MA	Marsh		1		1				1		3			
MAM	Meadow Marsh	1	1											
MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type		2		1			1	2		1	1		
MASM1-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	1						1			1			
MASM1-4	Narrow-leaved Sedge Mineral Shallow Marsh Type			1						1			1	
OAG	Open Agriculture		2								1	1		
OAGM1	Annual Row Crops		1											
OAGM4	Open Pasture	1									1			
SWC	Coniferous Swamp								1					
SWC1	White Cedar Mineral Coniferous Swamp								1					
SWD	Deciduous Swamp			1						2				
SWD2-2	Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp			1					1					
SWDM4-1	Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type								1		1			
SWM3-1	Yellow Birch - Conifer Mineral Mixed Swamp								1					
SWT	Thicket Swamp		1					1						
SWT2-1	Speckled Alder Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp		1					1			1			
SWT3	Alder Organic Swamp Thicket		1		1				1		3			
SWT3-2	Willow Organic Thicket Swamp								1					
SWTM3	Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp Ecosite	1						1						
THDM5	Fresh - Moist Deciduous Thicket Ecosite								1		1			
WOC	Coniferous Woodland							1						
N/A	N/A													1
Grand Total		**11**	**21**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**24**	**4**	**16**	**5**	**1**	**1**

Table 2. Ecological Land Classification (ELC) community types and associated 2025 data survey stations categorized by survey type

ELC Code	ELC Community Description	Amphibian Survey			Breeding Bird Survey			eDNA			ELC/Botanical Survey			Fish Habitat Survey		
		ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA	ROW	PSA	LSA
AG	Agriculture					1										
CUM	Cultural Meadow	1	3		1	3							1	1		
CUM1	Mineral Cultural Meadow		2			1					2					
CUM1-1	Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type				1						1					
CUP2	Mixed Plantation			1			1						1			
CUS1	Mineral Cultural Savannah											1				
CUT	Cultural Thicket		1		2											
CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket	1				3		1				2	1	1		
CUT1-1	Sumach Deciduous Srub Thicket					1					1					
CUW	Cultural Woodland				1											
CVC_4	Extraction					1										
CVR	Residential					1										
FOC	Coniferous Forest					1								1		
FOC2	Dry – Fresh Cedar Coniferous Forest											1				
FOC2-2	Dry White Cedar Calcareous Bedrock Coniferous Forest											2				
FOC4	Fresh – Moist White Cedar Coniferous Forest Ecosite											1				
FOC4-1	Fresh - Moist White Cedar Coniferous Forest											1				
FOC4-2	Fresh - Moist White Cedar - Hemlock Coniferous Forest										1					
FOCM6-3	Dry – Fresh Scotch Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation					1										
FOD	Deciduous Forest											1				
FOD5-1	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest											1				
FOD5-2	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest					1					1					
FOD5-4	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Ironwood Deciduous Forest											2				
FOM	Mixed Forest				1											
FOM1	Dry Oak - Pine Calcareous Shallow Mixed Forest											1				
MA	Marsh	1	1		1									1		
MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	2	1		1			1				3		2		
MASM1-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	1	2													
MASM1-4	Narrow-leaved Sedge Mineral Shallow Marsh Type			1			1									
OAG	Open Agriculture	2	1		1	2						1				
OAGM1	Annual Row Crops					1										
OAGM4	Open Pasture				2	1								2	1	
SVC	Coniferous Savannah											2				
SVM	Mixed Savannah											1				
SWC1-1	White Cedar Mineral Coniferous Swamp										1					
SWD2-2	Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp												1			
SWDM4-1	Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type	1														
SWM	Mixed Swamp					1										
SWM3-1	Yellow Birch - Conifer Mineral Mixed Swamp											1				
SWT	Thicket Swamp	1	1			1			1						1	
SWT2-1	Speckled Alder Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp		1		1							1				
SWT3	Alder Organic Swamp Thicket		1			1										
SWT3-1	Speckled Alder Organic Deciduous Thicket Swamp											1				
SWT3-2	Willow Organic Thicket Swamp		1			1						2				
THM	Mixed Thicket		1		1			1				1		1		
WOC	Coniferous Woodland										1					
N/A	Roadside stations (target OAO - open water)		1	1												
Grand Total		**10**	**17**	**3**	**13**	**22**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**8**	**26**	**4**	**9**	**2**	**0**

Table 3. 2024 and 2025 Ecological Land Classification (ELC) stations and visits

Station	ELC Code	ELC Community Description	First Visit	Second Visit
ELC01	THDM5	Fresh - Moist Deciduous Thicket Ecosite	13-Aug-24	
ELC02	FODM3-1	Dry – Fresh Poplar Deciduous Forest Type	13-Aug-24	18-Sep-24
ELC03	MASM1-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	13-Aug-24	18-Sep-24
ELC04	SWD2-2	Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp	14-Nov-24	24-Jun-25
ELC05	SWD	Deciduous Swamp	13-Aug-24	18-Sep-24
ELC05b	CUP2	Mixed Plantation	24-Jun-25	
ELC06	MASM1-4	Narrow-leaved Sedge Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	14-Aug-24	18-Sep-24
ELC07	SWDM4-1	Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type	13-Aug-24	
ELC08	CUM1-1	Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type	24-Jun-25	
ELC09	SWM3-1	Yellow Birch - Conifer Mineral Mixed Swamp	18-Sep-24	25-Jun-25
ELC10	FOD5-2	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest	25-Jun-25	
ELC11	FOM1	Dry Oak - Pine Calcareous Shallow Mixed Forest	25-Jun-25	
ELC12	SWT3-2	Willow Organic Thicket Swamp	25-Jun-25	
ELC13	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	13-Aug-24	26-Jun-25
ELC14	SWT3-1	Speckled Alder Organic Deciduous Thicket Swamp	18-Sep-24	26-Jun-25
ELC15	THM	Mixed Thicket	17-Sep-24	26-Jun-25
ELC16	FOC4	Fresh – Moist White Cedar Coniferous Forest Ecosite	25-Jun-25	
ELC17	CUM1	Mineral Cultural Meadow	26-Jun-25	
ELC18	FOC4-1	Fresh - Moist White Cedar Coniferous Forest	26-Jun-25	
ELC19	SWTM3	Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp Ecosite	14-Aug-24	
ELC 20	CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket	26-Jun-25	
ELC 21	WOC	Coniferous Woodland	26-Jun-25	
ELC22	FOCM6	Naturalized Coniferous Plantation	14-Aug-24	
ELC23	FOCM6-3	Dry – Fresh Scotch Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation	14-Aug-24	
ELC24	SWC1-1	White Cedar Mineral Coniferous Swamp	28-Jun-25	
ELC25	SWT2-1	Speckled Alder Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp	28-Jun-25	
ELC26	SWT3-2	Willow Organic Thicket Swamp	26-Jun-25	
ELC27	FOD5-4	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Ironwood Deciduous Forest	26-Jun-25	
ELC28	CUM	Cultural Meadow	17-Sep-24	
ELC29	FOD5-4	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Ironwood Deciduous Forest	27-Jun-25	
ELC30	SWC1	White Cedar Mineral Coniferous Swamp	17-Sep-24	
ELC31	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	27-Jun-25	
ELC32	FOC2-2	Dry White Cedar Calcareous Bedrock Coniferous Forest	27-Jun-25	
ELC33	FOC2	Dry – Fresh Cedar Coniferous Forest	27-Jun-25	
ELC34	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	27-Jun-25	
ELC35	FOC2-2	Dry White Cedar Calcareous Bedrock Coniferous Forest	27-Jun-25	
ELC36	CUT1-1	Sumach Deciduous Shrub Thicket	27-Jun-25	
ELC37	CUM	Cultural Meadow	27-Jun-25	
ELC38	CUM	Cultural Meadow	14-Aug-24	
ELC39	SWD	Deciduous Swamp	14-Aug-24	
ELC40	FOD5-1	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest	17-Sep-24	24-Jun-25
ELC41	CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket	27-Jun-25	
ELC42	SVC	Coniferous Savannah	25-Jun-25	
ELC43	SVC	Coniferous Savannah	25-Jun-25	
ELC44	CUS1	Mineral Cultural Savannah	25-Jun-25	
ELC45	SVM	Mixed Savannah	25-Jun-25	
ELC46	CUM1	Mineral Cultural Meadow	25-Jun-25	
ELC47	CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket	28-Jun-25	
ELC48	CUM1	Mineral Cultural Meadow	28-Jun-25	
ELC49	FOC4-2	Fresh - Moist White Cedar - Hemlock Coniferous Forest	28-Jun-25	
ELC50	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	27-Jun-25	

Table 4. 2024 and 2025 Ecological Land Classification (ELC) category subgroups and visits

ELC Category Subgroups	ELC Code	ELC Community Description	ELC Stations	Visits
Anthropogenic - Open	CUM	Cultural Meadow	ELC28, ELC37, ELC38	Aug 2024, Sept 2024, June 2025
	CUM1	Mineral Cultural Meadow	ELC17, ELC46, ELC48	
	CUM1-1	Dry – Moist Old Field Meadow Type	ELC08	
Marsh	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	ELC13, ELC31, ELC34, ELC50	Aug 2024, Sept 2024, June 2025
	MAS2-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	ELC50	
	MASM1-1	Cattail Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	ELC03	
	MASM1-4	Narrow-leaved Sedge Mineral Shallow Marsh Type	ELC06	
Savannah	CUS1	Mineral Cultural Savannah	ELC44	June 2025
	SVC	Coniferous Savannah	ELC42, ELC43	
	SVM	Mixed Savannah	ELC45	
Thicket	CUT1	Mineral Cultural Thicket	ELC20, ELC 41, ELC47	Aug 2024, Sept 2024, June 2025
	CUT1-1	Sumach Deciduous Shrub Thicket	ELC36	
	SWT2-1	Speckled Alder Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp	ELC25	
	SWT3-1	Speckled Alder Organic Deciduous Thicket Swamp	ELC14	
	SWT3-2	Willow Organic Thicket Swamp	ELC12, ELC26	
	SWTM3	Willow Mineral Deciduous Thicket Swamp Ecosite	ELC19	
	THDM5	Fresh - Moist Deciduous Thicket Ecosite	ELC01	
	THM	Mixed Thicket	ELC15	
Wooded Habitat	CUP2	Mixed Plantation	ELC05b	Aug 2024, Sept 2024, Nov 2024, June 2025
	FOC2	Dry – Fresh Cedar Coniferous Forest	ELC33	
	FOC2-2	Dry White Cedar Calcareous Bedrock Coniferous Forest	ELC32, ELC35	
	FOC4	Fresh – Moist White Cedar Coniferous Forest Ecosite	ELC16	
	FOC4-1	Fresh - Moist White Cedar Coniferous Forest	ELC18	
	FOC4-2	Fresh - Moist White Cedar - Hemlock Coniferous Forest	ELC49	
	FOCM6	Naturalized Coniferous Plantation	ELC22	
	FOCM6-3	Dry – Fresh Scotch Pine Naturalized Coniferous Plantation	ELC23	
	FOD5-1	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest	ELC40	
	FOD5-2	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Beech Deciduous Forest	ELC10	
	FOD5-4	Dry - Fresh Sugar Maple - Ironwood Deciduous Forest	ELC27, ELC29	
	FODM3-1	Dry – Fresh Poplar Deciduous Forest Type	ELC02	
	FOM1	Dry Oak - Pine Calcareous Shallow Mixed Forest	ELC11	
	SWC1	White Cedar Mineral Coniferous Swamp	ELC30	
	SWC1-1	White Cedar Mineral Coniferous Swamp	ELC24	
	SWD	Deciduous Swamp	ELC05, ELC39	
	SWD2-2	Green Ash Mineral Deciduous Swamp	ELC04	
	SWDM4-1	Willow Mineral Deciduous Swamp Type	ELC07	
	SWM3-1	Yellow Birch - Conifer Mineral Mixed Swamp	ELC09	
	WOC	Coniferous Woodland	ELC 21	

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Re: Review of Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Environmental Study Report (ESR) – Sections 7 and 8

Dear Jenna,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the ESR Sections 7 and 8. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on the Draft ESR – Sections 7 and 8**.**

Reference	Text from Draft ESR – Sections 7 and 8	Comment
General Comment	*DKPL – Class EA Draft Environmental Report-Section 7 and 8*	- Several plans are noted in the document including an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan, and a Construction Water Management Plan. MSIFN Consultation requests to review these documents when available.
Section 7 – General Comment	*N/A*	- It is challenging to complete a meaningful review of draft Section 7 of the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Draft Environmental Study Report (draft ESR) without much transparency on HONI's effects assessment approach (e.g., indicators or effects pathways that were or weren't considered and why). We note that the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Line Facilities (Hydro One, 2024) also provides very little guidance on the standard to which proponents must complete "a description of the potential environmental effects (positive and negative)". Our general impression is that the draft Section 7 document lacks substantive discussion of potential environmental effects across many document sections, and in particular is not sufficient for us to fully assess potential adverse Rights-based impacts. - We request more detailed information from HONI on indicators or effects pathways that were or weren't considered for each environmental concern (i.e., document section) and why. - We also request that HONI revise Section 7 to include more detailed descriptions of potential environmental effects. More

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		specific recommendations may be provided in the comments below.
Section 7 – General Question	*N/A*	- There is some quantification of direct ecosystem impacts throughout the draft ESR Section 7 (e.g., the project ROW crosses 16.04 ha of wetlands, approx. 11.12 ha of the preferred route is composed of wooded habitat, etc.). It is also our understanding that the project includes a "preferred route", an "underground section", plus route alternative B options. Do these calculations consider all of the above ROW segments, or only some?
Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*Where soil stripping is required, topsoil and subsoils will be removed and stockpiled separately.*	- Please provide details on restrictions around where materials will be stockpiled – i.e., distance from waterbodies.
Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*Cleaning will be conducted using a risk-based approach, whereby vehicles and equipment that have come in contact with soils will be inspected and cleaned of dirt/debris/seeds;*	- Please provide details – who will do the inspection and how often?
Section 7.7.1.2 – Spills	*An Emergency Response Plan as well as spill cleanup equipment will be maintained and readily accessible at all times during construction and operation activities.* *In the event refuelling is required outside of designated areas, additional*	- When complete, please provide the ERP to us for review. Please detail, within the plan, what measures will be implemented when refuelling outside of designated areas. Please also provide details around equipment inspection frequency. - Will non-reportable spills be tracked?

	containment or other mitigation and spill prevention measures will be utilized. Equipment will be inspected regularly during construction and operation to ensure it is clean and free of leaks.	
7.7.2.3 Noise and Vibration	*Noise emissions from construction stage activities could increase noise levels at PORs.*	- Have the impacts of noise on First Nation use of the lands for harvesting and cultural activities been considered in the assessment of net effects? Specifically, in proximity to evaluated and non-evaluated wetlands, conservation authority lands, and significant waterways?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*During construction and certain operation and maintenance activities, the potential effects of the Project on surface water may include changes in surface water quantity or quality conditions in nearby municipal drains, watercourses or waterbodies due to site preparation, earthworks, discharge of construction water, and operation of vehicles and equipment.*	- Please confirm whether any municipal drains have been identified within the study area?

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Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Existing water crossings and constructed access roads will be used to the extent practical;*	- The assessment discusses potential effects on surface water from vegetation removal and soil rutting in relation to existing water crossings. Could you please confirm whether existing crossings have been identified and mapped? - Additionally, is the current condition of these crossings known, specifically in terms of their suitability for use by construction vehicles? - Will all new access roads be temporary?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where required, temporary crossing structures will be installed for construction access at watercourses, waterbodies and other low-lying areas and will be removed upon completion of construction;*	- What is the width of the proposed access roads as they approach watercourse crossings through the riparian area?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*The use of constructed access (e.g., mats or geotextile/crushed stone) roads will be monitored to ensure there is no surface ponding to minimize rutting and pooling of water. If ponding of water due to the road does occur, this can be mitigated through the use of equalizing culverts or similar.*	- The report notes that access roads will use mats or geotextile with crushed stone. Are there any plans to use corduroy roads for this Project?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Vegetation removals will be minimized to the extent practical. Compatible vegetation will be retained within riparian*	- Could you please clarify what is meant by *compatible vegetation* in this context, and what criteria are being used to determine compatibility within riparian areas?

	areas adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies.	
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Replant with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs and native seed mix) as required;*	- Could you please clarify what criteria will be used to determine when replanting is required? - Please share a list of shrubs and native seed mixes being considered.
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where erosion is a concern, exposed soils in previously vegetated areas will be re-vegetated as practical or have other erosion or sedimentation measures applied as necessary;*	- Could you clarify under what circumstances such measures would *not* be implemented, given that erosion is identified as a concern?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Vegetation buffers along water feature banks will be maintained to the extent practical, and restored*	- Has a specific width been identified for riparian/vegetation buffers adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies? - If so, could you please clarify how this width was determined, and whether it varies depending on site-specific conditions such as slope, soil type, or sensitivity of adjacent aquatic habitat? - Or will riparian buffers be standard for all types of watercourses and waterbodies?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Temporary laydown areas, and conductor "pulling pads will be placed away from sensitive areas (e.g., municipal drains,*	- Has a specific setback distance been established for these features relative to sensitive areas? If so, could you please provide the details and the rationale behind the selected setback distances?

	watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands, woodlots) to the extent feasible.	
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Cleared vegetation will be relocated to designated areas away from water features*	- Does this include the removal of cut trees and woody debris from riparian areas? - Could you please clarify Hydro One's plan for managing this material, specifically, whether it will be fully removed or retained in place to function as ESC? - Has Hydro One developed an Invasive Species Management Plan to address handling and relocation?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Topsoil will be stockpiled in designated areas away from water features and will utilize containment measures such as erosion and sediment control as appropriate*	- To ensure environmental protection, could you please confirm that ESC measures will always be implemented around stockpiles without exception?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Machine clearing and grubbing will be restricted near sensitive environmental areas; hand clearing will be required within watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas;*	- The report states that equipment operation adjacent to watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands will be minimized where practical. Will specific machine-free zones be identified and clearly delineated to enforce this?
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Works adjacent or around water feature banks will be conducted during appropriate conditions and times of the*	- Could you provide an example of situations where this timing guideline might not be adhered to, and how potential impacts would be managed in such cases?

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	year (e.g., dry or frozen conditions), to the extent practical.	
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Existing water crossings and constructed access roads will be utilized to the extent practical.*	- Does Hydro One have an inventory of these existing crossings, including assessments of which ones are in suitable condition for construction vehicle access?
Section 7.7.4 – Source Water Protection	*Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary*	- Given the sensitivity of SWP areas, would it be more appropriate for this language to specify that such measures *will be* employed rather than *may be*?
Section 7.7.5.2 – Groundwater Resources	*Construction is occurring predominantly within active agricultural lands. If there is a need to handle any construction waters, it is anticipated that discharge would be to nearby agricultural lands. There would be some runoff from this discharge and some infiltration.*	- Could you please confirm that any discharge water will be treated through filter bags (if necessary) and directed to well-vegetated areas to minimize sediment transport into nearby watercourses and waterbodies? - Confirm that turbidity monitoring will be completed for any discharge to surface water features and compared against CCME guidelines.
Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"Significance of woodlands within the ROW that are subject to clearing will be*	- Please provide more information on what criteria will be used to confirm "significance" of a woodland, or a definition of "significant woodland" being used for the purposes of this project.

	confirmed with future field investigations" (p.41)	- We note that we define a woodland as "significant" if it meets one or more of the following criteria: - 1) It provides habitat for any culturally important or harvested animal species; - 2) Is part of a movement or migratory corridor for any culturally important or harvested animal species; - 3) It contains an abundance of culturally important trees or plants used for medicines and crafting purposes. We've already provided HONI with a preliminary list of bio-culturally important species which includes several plant species that may be found within woodlands, such as (but not limited to) [redacted], and [redacted]; and - 4) Is known to be used by members for the exercise of Treaty Rights. - The Draft ESR should be updated to reflect the above criteria for woodland "significance".
Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands […]: Minimize the extent of vegetation clearing required for the Project"*	- We are aware that HONI utilizes (or has at least proposed to utilize) a "wire zone-border zone" approach to vegetation management on other transmission line rights-of-way, in order to maximize vegetation retention during their operations phases. Does HONI intend to implement a wire zone-border zone approach to vegetation management for the DKPL project?

Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"Woodlands have important value for First Nations as they support elements required for continued practice of culture and rights […] Changes in woodland availability of composition have the potential to alter the ability of First Nations to practice their culture and rights."*	- While we appreciate HONI's efforts to consider the intersection between biological impacts and impacts to First Nations' Rights and culture in the effects assessment, we note that the characterization of the linkages between changes in woodland availability or composition and the exercise of Treaty Rights could benefit from further depth and clarity. For example, changes to woodland availability or composition may result in changes in wildlife and plant harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, loss or alteration of important cultural sites, changes in changes in sense of place (e.g., thoughts, feelings memories evoked by a disturbed territory). - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to woodland availability or composition on the exercise of First Nations Rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.
Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands; Section 7.7.7.3 – Woodlands	*"Section 7.7.6.2 describes Project impacts on woodlands and associated*	- There is no difference between Section 7.7.7.3 (Woodlands) and 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands), including with respect to

	mitigation measures that would be employed with respect to woodlands during construction"	mitigation measures. While we recognize that standard avoidance measures (e.g., minimize the extent of vegetation clearing) will benefit both woodlands and significant woodlands, we believe that a higher standard of environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring measures should be applied for any significant woodlands that need to be removed or altered due to Project construction activities. For example, will HONI create Biodiversity Initiative activities to offset unavoidable impacts to significant woodlands, but not (non-significant) woodlands? Will HONI go to greater extents to ensure refuelling is avoided, snags are retained, etc. in significant vs. non-significant woodlands? - Please clarify if all mitigation measures described in Section 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands) apply to Section 7.7.7.3 (Woodlands) and provide more information on how HONI will take extra measures to protect significant woodlands, particularly those deemed significant due to criteria provided by MSIFN Consultation.
Section 7.7.6.3 – Conservation Areas	*Lack of discussion on importance of Conservation Areas in supporting the exercise of land use rights by MSIFN members*	- We note that three designated conservation areas overlap the ROW, including the Enfield Conservation Area, Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area, and Cavan Swamp Wildlife Area. Due to the high proportion of private lands within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, members are particularly dependent on crown lands and conservation areas (especially the Durham East Cross Conservation Forest) for practicing their land use Rights. We are in the process of developing formal agreements with the

		appropriate conservation authorities to enable and protect the exercise of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. - Despite this, Section 7.7.6.3 contains no reference to the importance of conservation areas for the practice of MSIFN Rights, and how the proposed project may affect this. - We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.6.3 to highlight linkages between potential effects on Conservation Areas and the exercise of First Nations inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights.
Section 7.7.6.6. – Provincially Significant Wetlands	*"Section 7.7.6.6 describes the potential Project impacts on wetlands and associated mitigation measures that would be employed with respect to wetlands during construction."* *Lack of discussion on importance of Provincially Significant Wetlands to First Nations, including MSIFN.*	- We note that there is no information on mitigation measures for wetlands (or enhanced measures for those that have been assessed as provincially significant) to follow this statement. We assume this is a section reference error. - Please provide a description of mitigation measures that will be used to avoid and minimize adverse effects in provincially significant wetlands. By contrast to our perspective on significant vs. "non-significant" woodlands, the same high standard for environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring measures that is applied to PSWs, must also be applied to compared to unevaluated and evaluated wetlands deemed "non-significant".
Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Prior to construction, a detailed construction plan will be developed and CLOCA, KC and ORCA will be consulted for work in regulated areas.*	- Please ensure that we are also provided the opportunity to review and provide input on the construction plan.

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Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Cutting trees that require removal adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands such that their root systems remain intact to maintain soil stability;*	- Regarding the cutting of trees adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands, where trees are felled but root systems are left intact to maintain soil stability, could you please clarify what the plan is for the felled trees? Will they be removed from the site, or left in place?
Section 7.7.7.1 - Wetlands	*"Wetlands have an important value for First Nations as they support elements required for continued practice of culture and rights. […]"*	- While we appreciate HONI's efforts to consider the intersection between biological impacts and impacts to First Nations' Rights and culture in the effects assessment, we note that the characterization of the linkages between wetland changes and the exercise of Treaty Rights could benefit from further depth and clarity. Notably, wetlands (marshes in particular) are commonly considered medicine baskets by First Nations communities as they support a community of plants used for medicinal purposes (e.g., [redacted], etc.), making it particularly important to consider and characterize health impact pathways. For example, changes in wetland quantity and condition may result in changes to plant harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to wetlands), changes in level of effort required to harvest wetland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in the ability to treat ailments and conditions with traditional medicines, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered or access is restricted), change in ability to engage in

		change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices using harvested medicines, loss or alteration of important cultural sites, changes in changes in sense of place (e.g., thoughts, feelings memories evoked by a disturbed territory). - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to wetland quantity and condition on the exercise of First Nations rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.
Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*Project specific ESC and Spill Management Plans will be developed to mitigate the most common effects.*	- Could you please confirm when these plans will be available for review?
Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*An ESC plan will be developed to include mitigation measures such as constructing watercourse crossings during low flow conditions, retaining compatible stream bank vegetation, use of ESC during construction and restoration, and storing materials away from sensitive receptors (e.g., watercourses, drains, wetlands).*	- Has it been determined whether watercourse crossings will be completed using culverts, clear span bridges, or other methods? - If so, could you please provide details on the selected crossing types and the criteria used to determine their suitability?
Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*If permanent or temporary works are required below the high-water mark of a water feature, a Request for Review will*	- The term *"Letter of Advance"* appears to be a typographical error. It should be corrected to *"Letter of Advice,"* which is the appropriate term used by DFO.

	be prepared and submitted to the DFO in support of a Letter of Advance and/or approvals under the Fisheries Act.	
Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*No mention of potential adverse effects to [redacted] or mitigation measures*	- We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that a [redacted] was observed basking in a wetland near survey site BB40. Based on the information provided, it is not entirely clear where this occurrence is relative to the PSA and ROW though we note that the Jackson Creek Complex PSW overlaps the PSA. However, draft Section 7.7.7.4 does not contain any information on potential adverse effects to [redacted] (listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act), or proposed mitigation measures. Please update Section 7.7.7.4 to include the missing information related to [redacted]. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to [redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding

		the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed its own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for [redacted]) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance.
Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Butternut observed within 25m of the ROW require a formal Butternut Health Assessment (BHA) completed by a qualified professional […] As deemed necessary by the results of the BHA, mitigation measures [will be applied"*	- We note from our team's participation in BHA work completed at the [redacted] during the 2025 field program that all of the Butternut trees assessed were infected with canker and categorized as Category 1. It is our understanding that a number of these trees have hybridized, but considering the limitations of confirming these via visual inspection approaches, we request that genetic testing is completed for all leaf samples that were collected. - During this work, we also noted that mature Butternut trees were producing healthy nuts and the crown did not show excessive dieback. On this basis, it is our position that measures to avoid, mitigate, or offset these trees (as appropriate) should be undertaken. Please revise Section 7.7.7.4 to reflect these requirements.

		- In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to Butternut. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed our own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for Butternut) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance.
Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Black Ash was observed in several locations during the 2024 field program; however, none of these observations were located within the ROW"*	- We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that black ash trees were found at survey station ELC14, which occurs in the PSA (though we are unclear if this overlaps the ROW). Further notes from the terrestrial field

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		team indicate that no signs of EAB infestation were observed for these trees, though there were larger dead / dying ash trees nearby. Please confirm if these newly observed black ash trees overlap the ROW (or other area subject to vegetation removal). If so, please enhance Section 7.7.7.4 to characterize follow-up black ash assessments that will be completed, potential adverse effects, and proposed mitigation and compensation measures, as required. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to Black ash. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed our own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for Black ash) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP.

		More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance..
Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will be performed ahead of construction"*	- Please clarify when pre-construction sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will take place (e.g., each morning immediately prior to the onset of activities, a week in advance of activities, etc.)
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA*	- Please specify which of the listed SWH types were: a) candidate or confirmed, and b) found in the ROW and/or PSA.
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA:* • *Animal movement corridors* *No mitigation related to preventing barriers to wildlife movement / migration during the project construction phase.*	- Please specify which types of animal movement corridors (i.e., amphibian movement corridors, deer movement corridors, or other) have been identified within the ROW and/or PSA. - We note that because our lands are situated within the highly altered and fragmented southern Ontario landscape, it is especially important to avoid disturbance to animal movement corridors to ensure there is continued habitat connectivity. Not only is this important for allowing species to continue to access their seasonal habitats, but to also minimize disruptions to animal harvesting practices by our members (e.g., increased scouting and harvesting effort required if animals are using different habitats). - Despite acknowledgement that animal movement corridors overlap the ROW / PSA (and presumably may be adversely affected by project activities), we see no proposed measures to avoid or minimize disruptions to animal movement and migration. Please add mitigation measures that address this potential impact, such

		as prohibiting the stockpiling of slash, creation of brush piles, storage of project equipment or materials, etc. within or near animal movement corridors (e.g., those mapped as SWH, or other major wildlife trails discovered during construction / pre-construction surveying.
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA:*	- We note that several types of (confirmed or candidate) winter SWH were identified within the ROW and/or PSA, such as: Raptor Wintering Areas, Turtle Wintering Areas, Deer Yarding Areas, and Deer Winter Congregation Areas. However, we are aware that baseline field work has not been conducted in late fall / winter seasons that would support confirmation of these (e.g., pellet count deer density surveys, deer track surveys, late fall turtle basking surveys, etc.). - As we have previously expressed to HONI, we have interest in conducting winter field surveys in order to obtain a complete, multi-season baseline. We recommend that HONI conduct these studies with support from MSIFN Consultation and updated the effects assessment accordingly when results become available.
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*"Boundaries of important wildlife habitat will be identified and the ROW boundaries flagged prior to clearing"*	- Please clarify which types of "important wildlife habitats" will be identified. Does this apply to species at risk habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act? Does it include Significant Wildlife Habitats (confirmed, or candidate)? We require more specific information to understand the extent to which HONI plans to avoid wildlife habitats.

		- Also, does being "identified" mean that they will also be marked and identified as project no-go zones?
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No mitigation for* [redacted] *or* [redacted] *(or other Schedule 1 species) nest protection*	- We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that possible [redacted] nest cavities have been observed near the proposed ROW corridor. In addition, we recall from review of the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (draft NCEER) that [redacted] (though nests were not specifically mentioned). However, we do not see measures to protect the nests of Migratory Bird Regulation Schedule 1 species reflected in this section (or others). While it is our understanding that these nests may not be confirmed, and may be situated outside the ROW, these mitigation measures should be captured in Section 7.7.7.5, as a conservative approach.
Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*No mitigation for turtle nesting or injury/mortality prevention*	- We note from a variety of sources (e.g., the list of candidate/confirmed SWH at the beginning of Section 7.7.7.5, the Draft NCER, 2025 field program terrestrial daily field reports, etc.) that several species of turtle have been documented in the project study areas, including [redacted] and [redacted] and their sensitive habitats overlap the study areas. Specifically, this includes documentation of turtle nesting areas and turtle wintering areas, observations of dead-on-road (DOR) [redacted]s, and the occurrence of [redacted] which is known to move extensively in terrestrial environments. Thus, we are concerned about adverse effects on safe turtle

		movement and nesting throughout the project study areas, which will see an increase in vehicle activity and traffic during construction of the DKPL. Despite this, there is no substantive discussion of the potential effects of construction activities on turtle nesting or injury/mortality in either Sections 7.7.7.4 (applicable to [redacted]) or 7.7.7.5 (applicable to [redacted] and [redacted]), nor are there mitigation measures to address this. - We recommend that HONI revise Sections 7.7.7.4 and 7.7.7.5 to include discussion of the potential impacts of the project on turtle injury/mortality when migrating through terrestrial environments, or on turtle nesting activity. In addition, HONI should add mitigation measures to these sections to address these concerns, including (but not limited to): implementing and enforcing vehicle speed limits, requiring project vehicles to brake for / give right of way to migrating turtles (and other wildlife) when it is safe to do so, conducting ongoing monitoring for turtle movement and nesting during the turtle active seasons (especially during the nesting period and during ideal conditions), installing exclusion fencing in areas where turtle may migrate overland and across the project study areas between wetland or aquatic habitats, etc.
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*Lack of sufficient consideration of project effects pathways other than wildlife habitat loss*	- Commentary on potential project impact pathways for Section 7.7.7.5 focuses only on direct habitat loss, alteration and fragmentation. This is only done at a very high-level, and despite reference to several types of SWH overlapping the ROW or PSA just

		above, there is no substantive discussion on which types may be most (directly or indirectly) impacted by the project. We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.7.5 to include a more substantive discussion of the SWH types that will be permanently lost, altered or fragmented due to the project, as well as more commentary on potential indirect effects. - In addition to this, there is no discussion of other pathways potentially affecting wildlife, such as change in survival and recruitment or change in wildlife migration or movement patterns during construction. We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.7.5 to include a meaningful discussion of these additional effects pathways.
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No acknowledgement of linkages between effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat, and potential effects on the exercise of First Nations rights.*	- Unlike Sections 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands) and 7.7.7.1 (Wetlands), there is no discussion on the linkages between potential effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat and the exercise of First Nations inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within Section 7.7.7.5 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat). - For example, changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability may result in changes to wildlife harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, etc.

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		- With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability on the exercise of First Nations Rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.
Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*Section 7.7.7.6 notes the importance of properly handling, containing, and disposing of invasive plant material, where required.*	- This principle should also apply to electrofishing surveys in the event that invasive fish species are encountered. In such cases, please ensure that all handling and disposal procedures adhere to permit conditions provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).
Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*Additional mitigation measures […] to reduce the spread of invasive species include: Inspecting and cleaning equipment and vehicles as necessary to reduce potential for spreading invasive species propagules*	- While not explicitly stated, we assume that HONI will implement this mitigation measure according to the Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Halloran et al., 2013). Please confirm that this is the case, or provide more information on the best practice guidelines that will be followed with respect to equipment cleaning and preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species.
Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*No definition of "invasive species" causing lack of clarity around which species may trigger mitigation.*	- We note that this section does not include a clear definition of "invasive species", making it hard to determine how comprehensive this mitigation plan will be. Does this include noxious weeds (as defined in the Weed Control Act)? Prohibited and restricted invasive species (as defined in the Invasive Species Act)? Other common non-native invasive plants, such as garlic mustard, that don't fit the above criteria?

		- Please provide a more specific definition of invasive species, or a list of those that will trigger mitigation, so we can fully evaluate how comprehensive these measures are.
Section 7.7.7.7 – Biodiversity Initiative	*Lack of information on parameters of the Biodiversity Initiative.* *"Following completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct processes, Hydro One will engage with interested parties to discuss the implementation of the biodiversity initiative for the Project"*	- There is no information on the parameters of the Biodiversity Initiative, such as funding or in-kind resources available, timelines, eligible activities, eligible recipients or partners, project geographic limitations, differences between standard environmental requirements and Biodiversity Initiative projects, methods for calculating unavoidable project impacts and ensuring they are proportionate to the Biodiversity Initiative scope, etc. - Please provide the above information so we can better understand the Biodiversity Initiative. - Importantly, we must come to a mutual and legally-binding agreement on the DKPL Project Biodiversity Initiative activities and scope prior to the completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct process.
Section 7.11 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects	*Table 7-1 – Natural Environment Resources – Physical Environment: Spills* - The table notes that *"if refuelling must occur outside of designated areas, additional containment or other mitigation and spill prevention measures will be utilized."*	- Could you please clarify under what scenarios refuelling would be permitted outside of designated areas, and what specific additional mitigation and spill prevention measures would be implemented in such cases?

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Section 7 – General Comment	*No discussion of potential effects of herbicide spraying on vegetation communities, wildlife, and First Nations health.*	- There is no discussion on the potential impacts of herbicide spraying (for integrated vegetation management) on vegetation communities, wildlife, and First Nations health during the project operations phase in draft Section 7. The application of herbicide is only discussed in the context of potential impacts to adjacent agriculture lands and landowners, and to not include consideration of how this may influence the health of MSIFN harvesters using lands within the project study areas is a critical omission. - Is this an oversight? Or has this effect pathway been omitted because HONI is proposing to build the DKPL in an existing ROW corridor that is already subject to herbicide application (therefore its part of the baseline environment)? If so, we require more information on HONI's existing integrated vegetation management practices and protocols, and how current practices may change when the DKPL project reaches the operations phase. - HONI must also revise the draft ESR Section 7 to include adequate consideration of the potential effects of herbicide spraying on vegetation communities, wildlife, and most importantly First Nations traditional food consumption and health.

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1	General Comment	*DKPL – Class EA Draft Environmental* *Report-Section 7 and 8* - Several plans are noted in the document including an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan, and a Construction Water Management Plan. MSIFN Consultation requests to review these documents when available.	The Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor (EPC) will be able to share the Project-specific Environmental Management Plan with First Nations prior to construction. This report will include the other mentioned reports.
2	Section 7 – General Comment	- It is challenging to complete a meaningful review of draft Section 7 of the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Draft Environmental Study Report (draft ESR) without much transparency on HONI's effects assessment approach (e.g., indicators or effects pathways that were or weren't considered and why). We note that the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Line Facilities (Hydro One, 2024) also provides very little guidance on the standard to which proponents must complete "a description of the potential environmental effects (positive and negative)". Our general impression is that the draft Section 7 document lacks substantive discussion of potential environmental effects across many document sections, and in particular is not sufficient for us to fully assess potential adverse Rights-based impacts. - We request more detailed information from HONI on indicators or effects pathways that were or weren't considered for each environmental concern (i.e., document section) and why. - We also request that HONI revise Section 7 to include more detailed descriptions of potential environmental effects. More specific recommendations may be provided in the comments below.	As noted in the comment, the project is being assessed under the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2024). The Class EA process is designed for projects that occur frequently and have a predictable range of environmental effects. Hydro One has transmission infrastructure across the province, spanning a wide range of environments. The effects of transmission lines are primarily limited to the ROW. In this context, the Class EA for Transmission Facilities offers a streamlined and effective approach to environmental assessment, ensuring that projects are carried out efficiently while remaining environmentally responsible. As a result, indicators or effects pathways were not independently studied, however the general structure and level of analysis included in the Draft ESR for the DKPL Project is consistent with previous and recent Hydro One Class EAs, which were defined to align with the requirements of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities. All known potential effects and proposed mitigation measures for the DKPL Project are outlined in Table 7-1 of the ESR. Hydro One is committed to working with MSIFN and all First Nations to further understand and mitigate potential impacts to rights as a result of this project. Hydro One agrees with including additional detail to Section 7 of the Draft ESR to further characterize potential effects (and mitigation measures) as per Hydro One's responses to the comments below where identified by MSIFN. Hydro One continues to welcome additional feedback on the potential effects and mitigation measures identified in the Draft ESR. .
3	Section 7 – General Question	- There is some quantification of direct ecosystem impacts throughout the draft ESR Section 7 (e.g., the project ROW crosses 16.04 ha of wetlands; approximately 11.12 ha of the preferred route is composed of wooded habitat, etc.). It is also our understanding that the project includes a "preferred route," an "underground section," plus route alternative B options. Do these calculations consider all of the above ROW segments, or only some?	The Project ROW and the preferred route both refer to the entire proposed transmission line ROW. The calculations included in Section 7.0 include the entire transmission line ROW.
4	Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*Where soil stripping is required, topsoil and subsoils will be removed and stockpiled separately.* - Please provide details on restrictions around where materials will be stockpiled—i.e., distance from waterbodies.	All stockpiled materials will be placed at a safe distance from waterbodies, wetlands, and drainage courses. Typically, stockpiles will be located at least 30 m away from the high-water mark of any waterbody or wetland, unless site-specific conditions require a greater setback. The 30 m buffer will help to prevent sediment runoff and protect water quality during periods of heavy precipitation. Additionally, other erosion and sediment control measures (such as the use of silt fencing) will be installed around stockpiles, as needed, to minimize the risk of sediment entering nearby aquatic habitats. These requirements will be communicated to the contractor and monitored throughout the

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			construction period. All efforts will be made to reuse soils onsite where practical and feasible. If soils are stockpiled, they will also be managed to prevent [redacted]nesting (e.g., maintaining slopes at 70° or less, and covering/seeding bare soils during the breeding season). Additionally, soil testing will be completed as required under O.Reg. 406/19 (On-Site Excess Soil Management) under the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act*, and any excess material that cannot be reused onsite will be tracked and transported to an approved facility or beneficial reuse site, in compliance with the appropriate regulatory requirements.
5	Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*Cleaning will be conducted using a risk-based approach, whereby vehicles and equipment that have come in contact with soils will be inspected and cleaned of dirt, debris, and seeds;* - Please provide details – who will do the inspection and how often?	Inspections and cleaning of vehicles and equipment that have come into contact with soils will be carried out by the contractor's personnel, under the supervision of the Project's Environmental Specialist. The Environmental Specialist will be responsible for overseeing environmental protection measures such as equipment cleaning protocols, which will be outlined within the Environmental Management Plan. Inspections will occur at key points of entry/exit from work areas. The frequency of inspections and cleaning will likely be determined utilizing a risk-based approach, where more frequent inspections may occur for high-risk activities (e.g., wet conditions, movement between properties, work in areas where/if invasive species may be identified). All cleaning activities will be done throughout the construction period to ensure vehicles and equipment are kept free of soils, debris, and seeds, to minimize the risk of spreading invasive species or contaminants.
6	Section 7.7.1.2 – Spills	*An Emergency Response Plan, as well as spill cleanup equipment, will be maintained and readily accessible at all times during construction and operation activities.* *In the event that refuelling is required outside of designated areas, additional containment or other mitigation and spill prevention measures will be utilized.* *Equipment will be inspected regularly during construction and operation to ensure it is clean and free of leaks.* - When complete, please provide the ERP to us for review. Please detail, within the plan, what measures will be implemented when refuelling outside of designated areas. Please also provide details around equipment inspection frequency. - Will non-reportable spills be tracked?	The ERP will be developed by the EPC Contractor and provided for review by First Nations prior to construction and will incorporate details on what measures will be implemented when refuelling outside of the designated areas and details around equipment inspection frequency. All spills including non-reportable will be tracked.
7	7.7.2.3 Noise and Vibration	*Noise emissions from construction stage activities could increase noise levels at PORs.* - Have the impacts of noise on First Nation use of the lands for harvesting and cultural activities been considered in the assessment of net effects? Specifically, in proximity to evaluated and non-evaluated wetlands, conservation authority lands, and significant waterways?	The findings of the noise effects assessment apply to points of reception that are within the Noise Local Study Area where human activity is expected to occur, including any identified Indigenous land uses that may be noise sensitive.
8	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*During construction and certain operation and maintenance activities, the potential effects of the Project on surface water may include changes in surface water quantity or quality conditions in nearby municipal drains, watercourses, or waterbodies due to site preparation, earthworks, discharge of construction water, and operation of vehicles and equipment.* - Please confirm whether any municipal drains have been identified within the study area?	Municipal drains have been included within the water crossing list for the aquatic's investigations. For the municipal drains that were identified during preliminary desktop reconnaissance, the drains were assessed as watercourses throughout the Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat investigations.
9	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Existing water crossings and constructed access roads will be used to the extent practical;* - The assessment discusses potential effects on surface water from vegetation removal and soil rutting in relation to existing water crossings. Could you please confirm whether existing crossings have been identified and mapped? - Additionally, is the current condition of these crossings known, specifically in terms of their suitability for use by construction vehicles? - Will all new access roads be temporary?	Existing crossings for site access have not yet been identified. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. The draft ESR includes general mitigation measures for potential water crossings such as refueling setbacks from waterbodies and the commitment to complete site-specific surveys to facilitate permitting at locations where sufficient information has not yet been collected. Once planned, details including the identification of existing crossings and access roads, including potential new temporary or permanent access crossing types, locations, methodology will be submitted to respective agencies and stakeholders for review.
10	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where required, temporary crossing structures will be installed for construction access at watercourses, waterbodies and other low-lying areas and will be removed upon completion of construction;*	The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor who will determine if potential impacts to waterbodies require permitting and if additional site-specific survey information is required as noted in response to comment 9.

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		- What is the width of the proposed access roads as they approach watercourse crossings through the riparian area?	
11	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*The use of constructed access (e.g., mats or geotextile/crushed stone) roads will be monitored to ensure there is no surface ponding to minimize rutting and pooling of water. If ponding of water due to the road does occur, this can be mitigated through the use of equalizing culverts or similar.* - The report notes that access roads will use mats or geotextile with crushed stone. Are there any plans to use corduroy roads for this Project?	The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor.
12	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Vegetation removals will be minimized to the extent practical. Compatible vegetation will be retained within riparian areas adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies.* - Could you please clarify what is meant by compatible vegetation in this context, and what criteria are being used to determine compatibility within riparian areas?	In this context, the term compatible refers to vegetation species whose height does not interfere with the safe operation of overhead transmission lines. Vegetation compatibility can vary greatly from one span to the next and is determined based on anticipated height of vegetation at maturity, line configuration and topography at a given site. Any vegetation that may encroach on the applicable clearance standard must be controlled or removed. Typically, vegetation that reaches 3m or above, can cause a risk to the safety and reliability of the powerline and must be removed. Restoration within the existing ROW will include returning the area to the condition it was found. Where opportunity exists, in consultation with landowners and First Nation partners, Hydro One will prioritize planting native species. The final determination of species will be made in consultation with landowners and First Nations partners, as appropriate. That said, vegetation management planning for the DKPL project will be developed closer to construction and included in the Environmental Management Plan.
13	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Replant with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs and native seed mix) as required;* - Could you please clarify what criteria will be used to determine when replanting is required? - Please share a list of shrubs and native seed mixes being considered.	Replanting is anticipated in areas affected by construction that were previously vegetated. This will be carried out in consultation with the property owners to reinstate the land to its existing condition. The project has not advanced the design to the level of detail yet to know what shrubs and seed mixes will be used, these will be available in later versions of the Environmental Management Plan.
14	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where erosion is a concern, exposed soils in previously vegetated areas will be re-vegetated as practical or have other erosion or sedimentation measures applied as necessary;* - Could you clarify under what circumstances such measures would not be implemented, given that erosion is identified as a concern?	While long-term erosion control will be achieved through the reestablishment of vegetation, more immediate measures—such as silt fences or erosion control blankets—may be implemented during construction to stabilize disturbed areas and prevent soil loss. These temporary controls are intended to minimize erosion until vegetation is successfully reestablished and can provide sustained protection. The ESR text will be revised to clarify that revegetation will occur in areas that were previously vegetated as a result of the Project.
15	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Vegetation buffers along water feature banks will be maintained to the extent practical, and restored* - Has a specific width been identified for riparian/vegetation buffers adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies? - If so, could you please clarify how this width was determined, and whether it varies depending on site-specific conditions such as slope, soil type, or sensitivity of adjacent aquatic habitat? - Or will riparian buffers be standard for all types of watercourses and waterbodies?	Typically, a 30 m setback from the ordinary high-water mark is selected based on Ontario Provincial Standard Specification General Specification for Environmental Protection for Construction in and Around Waterbodies and on Waterbody Banks (OPSS, 2021), best management practices and the mitigation and enhancement measures that will be in place for the Project. The recommended riparian buffer to maintain aquatic resources and functions varies in literature; however, a 30 m riparian buffer is considered sufficient to reduce or avoid effects on bank stability, maintain benthic communities, and protect fish habitat (Environment Canada, 2013; The District of Muskoka Planning and Economic Development Department, 2003). During detailed design, the riparian buffer may be increased around certain waterbodies with a high slope if it is determined to be suitable or necessary to protect the waterbody from sediment mobilization. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor who will determine if potential impacts to waterbodies require permitting and if additional site-specific survey information is required as noted in response to comment 9. Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate.
16	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water	*Temporary laydown areas, and conductor "pulling pads will be placed away from sensitive areas (e.g., municipal drains, watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands, woodlots) to the extent feasible.*	Similar to the above comment, typically a 30 m setback from the ordinary high-water mark of municipal drains, watercourses, waterbodies and wetlands is selected based on Ontario Provincial Standard

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	Resources	- Has a specific setback distance been established for these features relative to sensitive areas? If so, could you please provide the details and the rationale behind the selected setback distances?	Specification General Specification for Environmental Protection for Construction in and Around Waterbodies and on Waterbody Banks (OPSS, 2021), best management practices and the mitigation and enhancement measures that will be in place for the Project. The recommended riparian buffer to maintain aquatic resources and functions varies in literature; however, a 30 m riparian buffer is considered sufficient to reduce or avoid effects on bank stability, maintain benthic communities, and protect fish habitat (Environment Canada, 2013; The District of Muskoka Planning and Economic Development Department, 2003). During detailed design, the riparian buffer may be increased around certain drains/watercourses/waterbodies with a high slope if it is determined to be suitable or necessary to protect the waterbody from sediment mobilization. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor who will determine if potential impacts to waterbodies require permitting and if additional site-specific survey information is required as noted in response to comment 9.Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate for municipal drains, watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands and woodlot features.
17	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Cleared vegetation will be relocated to designated areas away from water features* - Does this include the removal of cut trees and woody debris from riparian areas? - Could you please clarify Hydro One's plan for managing this material, specifically, whether it will be fully removed or retained in place to function as ESC? - Has Hydro One developed an Invasive Species Management Plan to address handling and relocation?	No, this statement does not specifically refer to vegetation within the setback areas around the water features. The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team. Section 7.7.7.6 includes additional information for addressing invasive species, such as the identifying invasive plant species ahead of construction and properly handling, containing and disposing of invasive plant material, where required. As noted in Sections 6.2 and 7 of the Draft Environmental Study Report, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared following the completion of the Class EA process and before the start of construction. The Environmental Management Plan will have a site-specific plan to prevent the spread of invasive species.
18	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Topsoil will be stockpiled in designated areas away from water features and will utilize containment measures such as erosion and sediment control as appropriate* - To ensure environmental protection, could you please confirm that ESC measures will always be implemented around stockpiles without exception?	Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations. That said, topsoil that is stockpiled will be located to designated areas and contained with erosion and sediment perimeter control features.
19	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Machine clearing and grubbing will be restricted near sensitive environmental areas; hand clearing will be required within watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas;* - The report states that equipment operation adjacent to watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands will be minimized where practical. Will specific machine-free zones be identified and clearly delineated to enforce this?	Throughout the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate for watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas. That said, vegetation will be largely removed by mechanical means, except within 10 m of a watercourse or wetland. In these areas, vegetation will be removed manually, using chain saws and other hand-held equipment, while leaving the under growth and duff layer undisturbed to prevent erosion.
20	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Works adjacent or around water feature banks will be conducted during appropriate conditions and times of the year (e.g., dry or frozen conditions), to the extent practical.* - Could you provide an example of situations where this timing guideline might not be adhered to, and how potential impacts would be managed in such cases?	The timing guideline of works being conducted during appropriate conditions and times of the year is acknowledged as conditional (i.e., to the extent practical) which allows for flexibility when dry or frozen conditions cannot be guaranteed. For example, emergency repairs or unexpected outages may require immediate access to watercourse-adjacent areas. Additionally, tight construction schedules or seasonal delays (e.g., prolonged wet conditions) may force work outside ideal windows. Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate for watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas when timing forces work outside of ideal windows, such as additional erosion and sediment control plans and discharge controls with field verification.
21	Section 7.7.3 –	*Existing water crossings and constructed access roads will be utilized to the extent*	Existing crossing locations for site access have not yet been identified. The project has not advanced

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	Surface Water Resources	*practical.* - Does Hydro One have an inventory of these existing crossings, including assessments of which ones are in suitable condition for construction vehicle access?	the design to this level of detail yet.
22	Section 7.7.4 – Source Water Protection	*Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary* - Given the sensitivity of SWP areas, would it be more appropriate for this language to specify that such measures *will be* employed rather than *may* be?	Agreed, wording will be changed to *will* be.
23	Section 7.7.5.2 – Groundwater Resources	*Construction is occurring predominantly within active agricultural lands. If there is a need to handle any construction waters, it is anticipated that discharge would be to nearby agricultural lands. There would be some runoff from this discharge and some infiltration.* - Could you please confirm that any discharge water will be treated through filter bags (if necessary) and directed to well-vegetated areas to minimize sediment transport into nearby watercourses and waterbodies? - Confirm that turbidity monitoring will be completed for any discharge to surface water features and compared against CCME guidelines.	Dewatering discharges will be subject to the mitigation measures detailed in Section 7.7.3. This includes use of filter bags in accordance with the construction water management plan and restricting discharge locations to at least 30 m away from sensitive receptors (e.g., watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands, etc.) where practical. Wording will be updated to also include that discharge shall not be on bare soil but rather well vegetated areas or laydown/work pads to minimize sediment transport. Dewatering discharges will also be subject to permits or approvals as required. Section 7.7.5.2 will be updated to refer to Section 7.7.3 regarding the discharge mitigation measures to be employed. If construction water is required to be discharged directly to waterbody, turbidity monitoring will be completed.

24	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"Significance of woodlands within the ROW that are subject to clearing will be confirmed with future field investigations" (p.41)*
		
		- Please provide more information on what criteria will be used to confirm "significance" of a woodland, or a definition of "significant woodland" being used for the purposes of this project.
		- We note that we define a woodland as "significant" if it meets one or more of the following criteria:
		  o 1) It provides habitat for any culturally important or harvested animal species;
		  o 2) Is part of a movement or migratory corridor for any culturally important or harvested animal species;
		  o 3) It contains an abundance of culturally important trees or plants used for medicines and crafting purposes. We've already provided HONI with a preliminary list of bio-culturally important species which includes several plant species that may be found within woodlands, such as (but not limited to) [redacted]; and
		  o 4) Is known to be used by members for the exercise of Treaty Rights.
		- The Draft ESR should be updated to reflect the above criteria for woodland "significance".
			The term "significant woodland" is established through the Provincial Planning Statement and defined as follows: *an area which is ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to its contribution to the broader landscape because of its location, size or due to the amount of forest cover in the planning area; or economically important due to site quality, species composition, or past management history. These are to be identified using criteria and procedures established by the Province.* The provincial Natural Heritage Reference Manual identifies criteria for evaluating woodland significance. Some municipal official plans also identify criteria. The criteria used where clearing of trees is identified for the project will depend on location of the clearing (i.e., under which jurisdiction).
			
			Hydro One respects the cultural importance of woodlands to Indigenous communities and appreciates that MSIFN provided a list of criteria for evaluation. To distinguish from provincial policy definitions, Hydro One will refer to "culturally significant" woodlands in the included text in the ESR.

25	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands […]: Minimize the extent of vegetation clearing required for the Project"* - We are aware that HONI utilizes (or has at least proposed utilize) a "wire zone-border zone" approach to vegetation management on other transmission line rights-of-way, in order to maximize vegetation retention during their operations phases - Does HONI intend to implement a wire zone-border zone approach to vegetation management for the DKPL project?	We are currently working through this response with our Forestry team and hope to have a response shortly.
26	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"Woodlands have important value for First Nations as they support elements required for continued practice of culture and rights […] Changes in woodland availability of composition have the potential to alter the ability of First Nations to practice their culture and rights."*	Thank you for the added context. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this. It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to significant woodlots, these effects are expected to be greatly minimized. The project is situated within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), which limits the extent of new vegetative disturbance and avoids

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		- While we appreciate HONI's efforts to consider the intersection between biological impacts and impacts to First Nations' Rights and culture in the effects assessment, we note that the characterization of the linkages between changes in woodland availability or composition and the exercise of Treaty Rights could benefit from further depth and clarity. For example, changes to woodland availability or composition may result in changes in wildlife and plant harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, loss or alteration of important cultural sites, changes in changes in sense of place (e.g., thoughts, feelings memories evoked by a disturbed territory). - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to woodland availability or composition on the exercise of First Nations Rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.	large-scale transitions. This, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the Draft ESR, contributes to reducing potential environmental effects to significant woodlots. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.
27	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands; Section 7.7.7.3 – Woodlands	*"Section 7.7.6.2 describes Project impacts on woodlands and associated mitigation measures that would be employed with respect to woodlands during construction"* - There is no difference between Section 7.7.7.3 (Woodlands) and 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands), including with respect to mitigation measures. While we recognize that standard avoidance measures (e.g., minimize the extent of vegetation clearing) will benefit both woodlands and significant woodlands, we believe that a higher standard of environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring measures should be applied for any significant woodlands that need to be removed or altered due to Project construction activities. For example, will HONI create Biodiversity Initiative activities to offset unavoidable impacts to significant woodlands, but not (non-significant) woodlands? Will HONI go to greater extents to ensure refuelling is avoided, snags are retained, etc. in significant vs. non-significant woodlands? - Please clarify if all mitigation measures described in Section 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands) apply to Section 7.7.7.3 (Woodlands) and provide more information on how HONI will take extra measures to protect significant woodlands, particularly those deemed significant due to criteria provided by MSIFN Consultation.	Mitigation measures are generally the same between woodlands and significant woodlands, with the intention to avoid effects to the extent practical. However, Hydro One is open to discussing with MSIFN any additional measures that may be appropriate to further protect significant woodlots as identified by MSIFN.. Hydro One applies higher standard mitigations and protections to all Woodland sites, as if all sites were Significant Woodland, to the extent practical.
28	Section 7.7.6.3 – Conservation Areas	*Lack of discussion on importance of Conservation Areas in supporting the exercise of land use rights by MSIFN members* - We note that three designated conservation areas overlap the ROW, including the Enfield Conservation Area, Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area, and Cavan Swamp Wildlife Area. Due to the high proportion of private lands within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, members are particularly dependent on crown lands and conservation areas (especially the Durham East Cross Conservation Forest) for practicing their land use Rights. We are in the process of developing formal agreements with the appropriate conservation authorities to enable and protect the exercise of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. - Despite this, Section 7.7.6.3 contains no reference to the importance of conservation areas for the practice of MSIFN Rights, and how the proposed project may affect this. - We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.6.3 to highlight linkages between potential effects on Conservation Areas and the exercise of First Nations inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights.	Thank you for this information. The last paragraph of Section 7.7.6.3 will be updated as follows to reflect this information: Project activities within areas managed by conservation authorities will require authorization from the responsible conservation authority. In addition, MSIFN identified that due to the high proportion of private lands within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, members are particularly dependent on crown lands and conservation areas (especially the Durham East Cross Conservation Forest Conservation Area) for practicing their land use Rights. Hydro One acknowledges that MSIFN is in the process of developing formal agreements with the appropriate conservation authorities to enable and protect the exercising of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights on Crown lands. Sections 7.7.6.2 and 7.7.7.1 describe potential Project impacts on woodlands and wetlands, including associated mitigation measures that would be employed during construction.
29	Section 7.7.6.6. – Provincially Significant Wetlands	*"Section 7.7.6.6 describes the potential Project impacts on wetlands and associated mitigation measures that would be employed with respect to wetlands during construction."* *Lack of discussion on importance of Provincially Significant Wetlands to First Nations, including MSIFN.*	The section reference will be corrected to 7.7.7.1, where mitigation measures for all wetlands are described. Thank you for catching the error. Mitigation measures are generally the same between wetlands and significant wetlands, with the intention to avoid effects to the extent practical, regardless of significance.

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		- We note that there is no information on mitigation measures for wetlands (or enhanced measures for those that have been assessed as provincially significant) to follow this statement. We assume this is a section reference error. - Please provide a description of mitigation measures that will be used to avoid and minimize adverse effects in provincially significant wetlands. By contrast to our perspective on significant vs. "non-significant" woodlands, the same high standard for environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring measures that is applied to PSWs, must also be applied to compared to unevaluated and evaluated wetlands deemed "non-significant".	
30	Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Prior to construction, a detailed construction plan will be developed and CLOCA, KC and ORCA will be consulted for work in regulated areas.* - Please ensure that we are also provided the opportunity to review and provide input on the construction plan.	Acknowledged. These will be detailed in the Environmental Management Plan that will be provided to First Nations for review.
31	Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Cutting trees that require removal adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands such that their root systems remain intact to maintain soil stability;* - Regarding the cutting of trees adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands, where trees are felled but root systems are left intact to maintain soil stability, could you please clarify what the plan is for the felled trees? Will they be removed from the site, or left in place?	The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team.
32	Section 7.7.7.1 - Wetlands	*"Wetlands have an important value for First Nations as they support elements required for continued practice of culture and rights. […]"* - While we appreciate HONI's efforts to consider the intersection between biological impacts and impacts to First Nations' Rights and culture in the effects assessment, we note that the characterization of the linkages between wetland changes and the exercise of Treaty Rights could benefit from further depth and clarity. Notably, wetlands (marshes in particular) are commonly considered medicine baskets by First Nations communities as they support a community of plants used for medicinal purposes (e.g., [redacted], etc.), making it particularly important to consider and characterize health impact pathways. For example, changes in wetland quantity and condition may result in changes to plant harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to wetlands), changes in level of effort required to harvest wetland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in the ability to treat ailments and conditions with traditional medicines, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered or access is restricted), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices using harvested medicines, loss or alteration of important cultural sites, changes in changes in sense of place (e.g., thoughts, feelings memories evoked by a disturbed territory). - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to wetland quantity and condition on the exercise of First Nations rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.	Thank you for the added context. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this. It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to wetlands, these effects are expected to be greatly minimized. The project is situated within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), which limits the extent of new vegetative disturbance and avoids large-scale transitions. This, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the Draft ESR, contributes to reducing potential environmental effects to wetlands. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.
33	Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*Project specific ESC and Spill Management Plans will be developed to mitigate the most common effects.* - Could you please confirm when these plans will be available for review?	Yes, these plans will be available for review. They will be included with the Environmental Management Plan, which will be provided prior to Construction.
34	Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*An ESC plan will be developed to include mitigation measures such as constructing watercourse crossings during low flow conditions, retaining compatible stream bank vegetation, use of ESC during construction and restoration, and storing materials away from sensitive receptors (e.g., watercourses, drains, wetlands).* - Has it been determined whether watercourse crossings will be completed using culverts,	The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. Once planned details of the crossing types, locations, methodology will be submitted to DFO for regulatory approval for fish bearing water crossings.

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		clear span bridges, or other methods? - If so, could you please provide details on the selected crossing types and the criteria used to determine their suitability?	
35	Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*If permanent or temporary works are required below the high-water mark of a water feature, a Request for Review will be prepared and submitted to the DFO in support of a Letter of Advance and/or approvals under the Fisheries Act.* - The term "Letter of Advance" appears to be a typographical error. It should be corrected to "Letter of Advice," which is the appropriate term used by DFO.	Acknowledged and thank you for the correction. This has been corrected to "Letter of Advice"
36	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*No mention of potential adverse effects to [redacted], or mitigation measures* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that a [redacted] was observed basking in a wetland near survey site BB40. Based on the information provided, it is not entirely clear where this occurrence is relative to the PSA and ROW though we note that the Jackson Creek Complex PSW overlaps the PSA. However, draft Section 7.7.7.4 does not contain any information on potential adverse effects to [redacted] (listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act), or proposed mitigation measures. Please update Section 7.7.7.4 to include the missing information related to [redacted]. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to [redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we request to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed its own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for [redacted]) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance.	The draft ESR was prepared ahead of the June 2025 observation of [redacted]. Updates will be made to include this SAR. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. However, as noted, Hydro One is committed to transparency in the Species at Risk (SAR) permitting process and will share project permit application information submitted to the Ministry Hydro One is committed to keeping MSFIN updated on the permitting progress, including awareness of commitments, mitigation measures and beneficial actions as applicable. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry Thank you for sharing the developments of your own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions once available. Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for [redacted], if available.
37	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Butternut observed within 25m of the ROW require a formal Butternut Health Assessment (BHA) completed by a qualified professional […] As deemed necessary by the results of the BHA, mitigation measures [will be applied"* - We note from our team's participation in BHA work completed at the [redacted] during the 2025 field program that all of the Butternut trees assessed were infected with canker and categorized as Category 1. It is our understanding that a number of these trees have hybridized, but considering the limitations of confirming these via visual inspection approaches, we request that genetic testing is completed for all leaf samples that were collected.	A total of 40 Butternuts were identified at the [redacted] Of these, 25 were assessed as Category 1 trees, 14 as Category 2 trees and 1 as a Category 3 tree. Hydro One plans to proceed with genetic testing of all Category 2 and Category 3 trees. Category 1 trees are in advanced stages of disease as a result of Butternut Canker and do not receive protections under the provincial ESA. This applies to both pure Butternuts and hybrids. Further, neither Category 1 trees nor hybrid trees (regardless of category) are used by the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) for genetic preservation of the species. Therefore, can MSIFN please clarify how the results of genetic testing of Category 1 trees will be applied so Hydro One can have a better

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		- During this work, we also noted that mature Butternut trees were producing healthy nuts and the crown did not show excessive dieback. On this basis, it is our position that measures to avoid, mitigate, or offset these trees (as appropriate) should be undertaken. Please revise Section 7.7.7.4 to reflect these requirements. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to Butternut. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed our own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for Butternut) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance.	understanding of this request? Regardless of ESA protections, Hydro One welcomes further discussion with MSIFN regarding avoidance, mitigation and offsetting for Category 1 hybrid trees producing healthy nuts [redacted]. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. Hydro One is committed to full transparency in the Species at Risk (SAR) permitting process and will share all project information submitted to the Ministry as part of this process. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for Butternut if available.
38	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Black Ash was observed in several locations during the 2024 field program; however, none of these observations were located within the ROW"* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that black ash trees were found at survey station ELC14, which occurs in the PSA (though we are unclear if this overlaps the ROW). Further notes from the terrestrial field team indicate that no signs of EAB infestation were observed for these trees, though there were larger dead / dying ash trees nearby. Please confirm if these newly observed black ash trees overlap the ROW (or other area subject to vegetation removal). If so, please enhance Section 7.7.7.4 to characterize follow-up black ash assessments that will be completed, potential adverse effects, and proposed mitigation and compensation measures, as required. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to Black ash. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding	The ESR will be updated to include 2025 observations and mitigation and effects will be revised if needed to reflect these additions. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. Hydro One is committed to full transparency in the Species at Risk (SAR) permitting process and will share all project information submitted to the Ministry as part

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		the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed our own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for Black ash) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance..	of this process. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for Black Ash if available.
39	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will be performed ahead of construction"* - Please clarify when pre-construction sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will take place (e.g., each morning immediately prior to the onset of activities, a week in advance of activities, etc.)	The need, timing and location of sweeps will be dependent on the surrounding site conditions, the activities planned and the SAR of concern for that area. As noted in Sections 6.2 and 7 of the Draft Environmental Study Report, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared following the completion of the Class EA process and before the start of construction and will describe the environmental monitoring process and frequency to be undertaken during construction.
40	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA* - Please specify which of the listed SWH types were: a) candidate or confirmed, and b) found in the ROW and/or PSA.	These details will be included in the updated ESR.
41	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA:* *• Animal movement corridors* *No mitigation related to preventing barriers to wildlife movement / migration during the project construction phase.* - Please specify which types of animal movement corridors (i.e., amphibian movement corridors, deer movement corridors, or other) have been identified within the ROW and/or PSA. - We note that because our lands are situated within the highly altered and fragmented southern Ontario landscape, it is especially important to avoid disturbance to animal movement corridors to ensure there is continued habitat connectivity. Not only is this important for allowing species to continue to access their seasonal habitats, but to also minimize disruptions to animal harvesting practices by our members (e.g., increased scouting and harvesting effort required if animals are using different habitats). - Despite acknowledgement that animal movement corridors overlap the ROW / PSA (and presumably may be adversely affected by project activities), we see no proposed measures to avoid or minimize disruptions to animal movement and migration. Please add mitigation measures that address this potential impact, such as prohibiting the stockpiling of slash, creation of brush piles, storage of project equipment or materials, etc. within or near animal movement corridors (e.g., those mapped as SWH, or other major wildlife trails discovered during construction / pre-construction surveying.	The text will be updated to specify animal movement corridors refers to deer and amphibian movement corridors, which are the two forms specified in the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E where the project is located. Additional mitigation will be added to the ESR relating to potential animal movement corridors as requested. However, the project is not anticipated to create measurable animal movement barriers given the nature of construction, which consists of working sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. Further, there is very little new clearing planned for the DKPL project. Considering this limited clearing and the presence of an existing ROW, as well as mitigation measures such as avoiding wetlands and watercourses to the extent practical, the project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on animal movement corridors that may be present in the LSA.
42	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA:* - We note that several types of (confirmed or candidate) winter SWH were identified within the ROW and/or PSA, such as: Raptor Wintering Areas, Turtle Wintering Areas, Deer Yarding Areas, and Deer Winter Congregation Areas. However, we are aware that baseline field work has not been conducted in late fall / winter seasons that would support confirmation of these (e.g., pellet count deer density surveys, deer track	Hydro One has committed to funding a First Nation-led study of animal movement in public access areas where there is new potential disturbance to incompatible vegetation. Hydro One is in the process of finalizing the details of this study with the First Nations.

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		surveys, late fall turtle basking surveys, etc.). - As we have previously expressed to HONI, we have interest in conducting winter field surveys in order to obtain a complete, multi-season baseline. We recommend that HONI conduct these studies with support from MSIFN Consultation and updated the effects assessment accordingly when results become available.	
43	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*"Boundaries of important wildlife habitat will be identified and the ROW boundaries flagged prior to clearing"* - Please clarify which types of "important wildlife habitats" will be identified. Does this apply to species at risk habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act? Does it include Significant Wildlife Habitats (confirmed, or candidate)? We require more specific information to understand the extent to which HONI plans to avoid wildlife habitats. - Also, does being "identified" mean that they will also be marked and identified as project no-go zones?	The text will be clarified to state that important wildlife habitats will be mapped and incorporated into the environmental management plan (EMP) with details on the associated mitigation, which will depend on the habitat type (e.g., timing). The term "important wildlife habitat" will be clarified to include savannah communities, candidate/confirmed SWH, raptor stick nests, and nests of species listed on Schedule 1 of the Migratory Birds Regulations (, herons). A similar statement regarding mapping and incorporation into the EMP will be added to Section 7.7.7.4 for SAR, which applies to species listed under the ESA.
44	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No mitigation for or (or other Schedule 1 species) nest protection* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that possible nest cavities have been observed near the proposed ROW corridor. In addition, we recall from review of the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (draft NCEER) that five s were observed in the Jackson Creek Complex PSW (though nests were not specifically mentioned). However, we do not see measures to protect the nests of Migratory Bird Regulation Schedule 1 species reflected in this section (or others). While it is our understanding that these nests may not be confirmed, and may be situated outside the ROW, these mitigation measures should be captured in Section 7.7.7.5, as a conservative approach.	The ESR will be updated to include 2025 observations of these species and mitigation and effects will be revised if needed to reflect these additions.
45	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*No mitigation for turtle nesting or injury/mortality prevention* - We note from a variety of sources (e.g., the list of candidate/confirmed SWH at the beginning of Section 7.7.7.5, the Draft NCER, 2025 field program terrestrial daily field reports, etc.) that several species of turtle have been documented in the project study areas, including , and and their sensitive habitats overlap the study areas. Specifically, this includes documentation of turtle nesting areas and turtle wintering areas, observations of dead-on-road (DOR) s, and the occurrence of which is known to move extensively in terrestrial environments. Thus, we are concerned about adverse effects on safe turtle movement and nesting throughout the project study areas, which will see an increase in vehicle activity and traffic during construction of the DKPL. Despite this, there is no substantive discussion of the potential effects of construction activities on turtle nesting or injury/mortality in either Sections 7.7.7.4 (applicable to) or 7.7.7.5 (applicable to and), nor are there mitigation measures to address this. - We recommend that HONI revise Sections 7.7.7.4 and 7.7.7.5 to include discussion of the potential impacts of the project on turtle injury/mortality when migrating through terrestrial environments, or on turtle nesting activity. In addition, HONI should add mitigation measures to these sections to address these concerns, including (but not limited to): implementing and enforcing vehicle speed limits, requiring project vehicles to brake for / give right of way to migrating turtles (and other wildlife) when it is safe to do so, conducting ongoing monitoring for turtle movement and nesting during the turtle active seasons (especially during the nesting period and during ideal conditions), installing exclusion fencing in areas where turtle may migrate overland and across the project study areas between wetland or aquatic habitats, etc.	The following mitigation measures specific to turtles are identified in the draft ESR: • Potential SAR turtle habitat will be screened prior to installing ESC measures. If required, sediment fencing for turtle exclusion will be installed per provincial guidelines. • In-water works within candidate turtle wintering areas, if required, will be conducted outside the turtle wintering season. Other mitigation measures identified in the draft ESR that do not specifically reference turtles but are applicable to turtles (including SAR) include: • Existing access roads and water crossings will be used to the extent practical. • Equipment operation adjacent to aquatic features will be minimized where practical. • Vehicles will not exceed posted speed limits. • Sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will be performed ahead of construction. • Construction personnel will be aware of the potential presence of, and will be able to identify, SAR with the potential to occur within the general work areas. • If a suspected SAR is observed during construction, a qualified biologist will be contacted for assistance immediately and the MECP will be informed if deemed necessary. • Should SAR be encountered during construction activities, activities will be stopped until it has been determined that harm will not occur. The required activities will be assessed to determine whether the work/schedule can be modified, or mitigation measures employed, to avoid potential effects on SAR and their habitat. The ESR will be updated to include greater discussion on potential impacts and mitigation specific to turtles.
46	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and	*Lack of sufficient consideration of project effects pathways other than wildlife habitat loss*	The ESR will be updated to include additional discussion of other potential direct and indirect effects to

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	Significant Habitat	- Commentary on potential project impact pathways for Section 7.7.7.5 focuses only on direct habitat loss, alteration and fragmentation. This is only done at a very high-level, and despite reference to several types of SWH overlapping the ROW or PSA just above, there is no substantive discussion on which types may be most (directly or indirectly) impacted by the project. We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.7.5 to include a more substantive discussion of the SWH types that will be permanently lost, altered or fragmented due to the project, as well as more commentary on potential indirect effects. - In addition to this, there is no discussion of other pathways potentially affecting wildlife, such as change in survival and recruitment or change in wildlife migration or movement patterns during construction. We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.7.5 to include a meaningful discussion of these additional effects pathways.	wildlife from the project. Mitigation measures against impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat (including SWH) have been identified in the ESR and will be updated to include additional measures to address MSIFN comments received on the ESR and NER Rev2. Project interaction with candidate/confirmed SWH and the need for additional field investigation to confirm interaction and/or SWH will be evaluated during detailed design and additional specific mitigation will be identified depending on the SWH type, in consultation with First Nations. The project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on wildlife survival, recruitment or movement given that the project is predominantly within an existing ROW that is subject to routine maintenance, and taking into account all the mitigation measures identified in the ESR, as well as the nature of construction, which consists of working sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. A discussion of potential effects on wildlife survival, recruitment and movement, and why they are not anticipated to be measurable for the reasons above, will be added to the ESR.
47	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No acknowledgement of linkages between effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat, and potential effects on the exercise of First Nations rights.* - Unlike Sections 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands) and 7.7.7.1 (Wetlands), there is no discussion on the linkages between potential effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat and the exercise of First Nations inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within Section 7.7.7.5 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat). - For example, changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability may result in changes to wildlife harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, etc. DKPL HONI ESR Section 7 & 8 - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability on the exercise of First Nations Rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.	Thank you for this important context. The ESR text will be updated to reflect this information. It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to woodlands and wetlands, long-term habitat changes will be avoided on the DKPL project through the use of existing transmission line corridors, and the remaining effects are generally short-term disturbance that is associated with construction activities which can generally be mitigated and restored. . The project is also not anticipated to create measurable animal movement barriers given the nature of construction, which consists of working sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.
48	Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*Section 7.7.7.6 notes the importance of properly handling, containing, and disposing of invasive plant material, where required.* - This principle should also apply to electrofishing surveys in the event that invasive fish species are encountered. In such cases, please ensure that all handling and disposal procedures adhere to permit conditions provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).	Fish are handled and collected according to the approved MNR Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes, which contains conditions for the handling and disposal of invasive species and actions to guard against the spread of fish disease. WSP's protocols involve decontamination of our equipment to prevent spread of invasive species and disease between waterbodies.
49	Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*Additional mitigation measures […] to reduce the spread of invasive species include: Inspecting and cleaning equipment and vehicles as necessary to reduce potential for spreading invasive species propagules* - While not explicitly stated, we assume that HONI will implement this mitigation measure according to the Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Halloran et al., 2013). Please confirm that this is the case, or provide more information on the best practice guidelines that will be followed with respect to equipment cleaning and preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species.	Confirmed, the contractor will follow the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Halloran et al., 2013) which was updated in 2016. This detail will be added to the ESR.
50	Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*No definition of "invasive species" causing lack of clarity around which species may trigger mitigation.*	Details will be added to the ESR that indicate which species will be targeted for management. The

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		- We note that this section does not include a clear definition of "invasive species", making it hard to determine how comprehensive this mitigation plan will be. Does this include noxious weeds (as defined in the Weed Control Act)? Prohibited and restricted invasive species (as defined in the Invasive Species Act)? Other common non-native invasive plants, such as garlic mustard, that don't fit the above criteria?	contractor will be required to abide by the Invasive Species Act. The EMP will identify and map invasive species identified through the ELC and botanical surveys (e.g., Phragmites, Dog-strangling Vine, Garlic Mustard) and any other observation of invasive species not previously documented... Species listed under the Weed Control Act (noxious weeds) will be considered for management under certain conditions, such as where there are large concentrations or high human interaction risk (for toxic species). Poison ivy has been identified in the Project area. Although it is a native plant to Ontario and beneficial to the local ecosystem, it is also classified as a noxious weed under the *Ontario Weed Control Act* due to its ability to cause painful skin rashes from contact.
51	Section 7.7.7.7 – Biodiversity Initiative	*Lack of information on parameters of the Biodiversity Initiative. "Following completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct processes, Hydro One will engage with interested parties to discuss the implementation of the biodiversity initiative for the Project"* - There is no information on the parameters of the Biodiversity Initiative, such as funding or in-kind resources available, timelines, eligible activities, eligible recipients or partners, project geographic limitations, differences between standard environmental requirements and Biodiversity Initiative projects, methods for calculating unavoidable project impacts and ensuring they are proportionate to the Biodiversity Initiative scope, etc. - Please provide the above information so we can better understand the Biodiversity Initiative. - Importantly, we must come to a mutual and legally-binding agreement on the DKPL Project Biodiversity Initiative activities and scope prior to the completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct process.	Recognizing the questions raised by First Nations regarding the biodiversity initiative, HONI provided additional information to MSIFN during the meeting held on September 9, 2025. As noted, specific details on the biodiversity initiative have not been included in the ESR for several reasons. The project has not advanced to a stage where the design sufficiently detailed to assess residual effects that would warrant compensation, and these effects are anticipated to be minimal on the DKPL project given its use of existing transmission corridors to avoid new long-term change to habitats. The project will continue to first prioritize avoidance, mitigation/minimization, and restoration to the extent possible. The scope of the biodiversity initiative has not yet been fully determined but typically such initiatives involve the funding of third-party projects or proposals (opportunities), such as wetland and wildlife habitat creation and enhancement; aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement activities; and invasive species inventory or removal. Following completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construction processes, Hydro One will engage with interested parties to discuss the implementation of the biodiversity initiative for the Project.
52	Section 7.11 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects	*Table 7-1 – Natural Environment Resources – Physical Environment: Spills* *- The table notes that "if refuelling must occur outside of designated areas, additional containment or other mitigation and spill prevention measures will be utilized."* - Could you please clarify under what scenarios refuelling would be outside of designated areas, and what specific additional mitigation and spill prevention measures would be implemented in such cases?	Less mobile (i.e., tracked) and stationary (e.g., generators, pumps, light towers, etc.) equipment may need to be refuelled outside of designated areas. In addition to the use of spill trays, fuelling supervision requirements, equipment inspections, and use of approved storage containers, refuelling outside of designated areas could require stationary equipment to be installed within secondary containment and precautionary deployment of absorbent booms/spill pads.
53	Section 7 – General Comment	*No discussion of potential effects of herbicide spraying on vegetation communities, wildlife, and First Nations health.* - There is no discussion on the potential impacts of herbicide spraying (for integrated vegetation management) on vegetation communities, wildlife, and First Nations health during the project operations phase in draft Section 7. The application of herbicide is only discussed in the context of potential impacts to adjacent agriculture lands and landowners, and to not include consideration of how this may influence the health of MSIFN harvesters using lands within the project study areas is a critical omission. - Is this an oversight? Or has this effect pathway been omitted because HONI is proposing to build the DKPL in an existing ROW corridor that is already subject to herbicide application (therefore its part of the baseline environment)? If so, we require more information on HONI's existing integrated vegetation management practices and protocols, and how current practices may change when the DKPL project reaches the operations phase. - HONI must also revise the draft ESR Section 7 to include adequate consideration of the potential effects of herbicide spraying on vegetation communities, wildlife, and most importantly First Nations traditional food consumption and health.	Thank you for this important context. The following mitigation will be added **Section 7.7.7 Natural Heritage Features will be updated to include the following mitigation measures:** • Follow established vegetation management procedures regarding herbicide use to ensure protection of wildlife and adjacent vegetation, including consultation with Landowners *and notification of First Nations*. Integrated pest management *principles will be used to determine appropriate work methods.* Herbicides will be applied by forestry professionals who are properly licensed, certified, and supervised in accordance with provincial rules, regulations, and internal standards. Ongoing vegetation management involves the removal of incompatible vegetation species whose height could interfere with the safe operation of overhead transmission lines. Vegetation compatibility can vary greatly from one span to the next and is determined based on anticipated height of vegetation at maturity, line configuration and topography at a given site. Any vegetation that may encroach on the applicable clearance standard must be controlled or removed. Typically, vegetation that reaches 3m or above, can cause a risk to the safety and reliability of the powerline and must be removed. This work is accomplished through regular inspections and associated field work as dictated by field conditions,

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			which includes tree and brush removal and/or herbicide application. Herbicide application techniques used by Hydro One greatly limit the potential for any overspray or impact to non-target vegetation.

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Re: Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report

Dear Jenna,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on Hydro One's responses submitted to MSIFN Consultation on July 2, 2025, on the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on Hydro One's responses submitted to MSIFN Consultation on July 2, 2025, on the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project.

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3	*At this time, Hydro One does not anticipate the need to establish non-access infrastructure outside of the LSA. If this changes, more information will be provided during the detailed design stage of the Project.*	- **Addressed.**
4	*Element occurrence records of species at risk that overlap the PSA were acquired from NHIC through a sensitive data use licence agreement. [redacted] and [redacted] were not present in the records.* *Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One*	- **Partially addressed.** - We acknowledge HONI's response that there were no NHIC element occurrence records for [redacted] or [redacted] overlapping the PSA. - We note that Hydro One's response provides assurances of commitments to continue rigorous consultation and engagement with MSIFN, which we appreciate. However, it doesn't explicitly commit to adhering to a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* prior to changes enacted through Bill 5. - From what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions for at least [redacted],

	remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. *Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and the inclusion of First Nations input.* *We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line.*	[redacted], and/or [redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species from the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, MSIFN requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions and authorization requirements. - Since all of the above species hold cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig, MSIFN Consultation will continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if the MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in full. - It is our position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights related to SAR. At this

	Additionally, outside of the permitting process, Hydro One plans to implement a Biodiversity Initiative. First Nations will have an opportunity to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the project which will seek opportunities to create or enhance habitat to offset any adverse effects to habitats as a result of the Project. Hydro One will involve interested communities in the Biodiversity Initiative, including potential incorporation of TEK where that information is willingly provided.	time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR.
5	*Terrestrial windshield surveys were completed by roadside and consequently are mostly situated in "road" land cover. Surveyors scanned visible areas of the adjacent ROW and PSA from the roadside location. Locations of windshield survey stations in relation to land cover (ELC) mapping is provided in Figure 1 included with this submission. It is acknowledged in the DNER that these survey locations were selected based on public access,*	- **Partially addressed.** - We acknowledge that terrestrial windshield surveys are complementary to ELC surveys (with respect to characterizing vegetation communities and identifying botanical species present) and appreciate HONI's additional efforts to sample representative communities via the 2024 and 2025 field program ELC surveys. - While this concern has largely been addressed, please see our response to Comment 11 from MSIFN Consultation's comment table on the 2025 field work memo for a follow-up request to add a column to Table 3 (2024 and 2025

	not representative vegetation community types. Information collected during these surveys was complementary to other surveys completed for the project. *Please also refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 11). These tables identify the vegetation community types where subsequent surveys were completed in 2024 or will be completed in 2025.*	Ecological Land Classification (ELC) station visits) specifying ELC Community Type for each survey station.
7	*Acknowledged. Please refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 11).*	- **Partially addressed.** - While this concern has largely been addressed, please see our response to Comment 11 from MSIFN Consultation's comment table on the 2025 field work memo for a follow-up request to add a column to Table 3 (2024 and 2025 Ecological Land Classification (ELC) station visits) specifying ELC Community Type for each survey station.
9	*Acknowledged. Please refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 9).*	- **Addressed.**

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14	*All water features assessed only at the desktop level, inaccessible, or with noted uncertainties were conservatively considered fish habitat.* *Fish habitat was defined as the presence of defined beds and/or banks with flowing or standing water for a portion of the year. Any locations where there was an absence of defined beds and/or banks was considered not fish habitat. Locations with defined beds/banks that were dry at the time of the assessment were considered non-permanent water features with potential to support fish habitats for a portion of the year. For locations that were considered non- fish habitats (i.e., no defined beds/banks) the indirect effect of surface water contributions will be considered in the EA through the water quality component.* *Yes, there were non-permanent features classified as non-fish habitats*	- **Addressed.**

	where there was a lack of defined channel (i.e., beds and/or banks) and habitat features present, often these sites were dry at the time of the survey.	
18	*eDNA sites were selected based on those where there was an absence or insufficient desktop data was available and where previous surveys had not been completed.* *The sites MSFIN has listed were surveyed but they were dry at the time of sampling, therefore habitat characteristics were obtained but no eDNA sample. The aforementioned sites were determined not to be fish habitat as a result of the previous surveys, except for WC-1065 which was determined to be a farm drain and will not be sampled in 2025.*	- **Addressed.**
19	*No mussel species were observed during the field surveys. The bioassay primer that was used for testing did not include freshwater mussels.*	- **Partially addressed.** - In Hydro Ones response from April 7, 2025, they stated that, "*eDNA results provided a broad representation of Ontario fish species, as the primers used were designed to amplify DNA from a wide range of species. Multi-species*

	Species-specific surveys may be required for project interactions that affect the footprint or habitat below the highwater mark, such as culvert water crossings or fording locations. Surveys may also be necessary for impacts to riparian areas within protective buffer zones, like towers placed less than 30 meters from the high-water mark or where permitting and notifications are required.	*tests were conducted for both aquatic vertebrates (freshwater fish, amphibians, reptiles, etc.) and invertebrates (molluscs, crustaceans, worms, etc.) using different primers*." - The response says that multi-species tests were conducted including molluscs. Please clarify the response that states the bioassay primer did not include testing for freshwater mussels. What type of molluscs were included in the bioassay primer?
24	*Hydro One confirms that any Black Ash trees that cannot be avoided will receive a health assessment and no disturbance to the trees will occur until appropriate regulatory approvals are received.* *Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities*	- **Partially addressed.** - We appreciate HONI's confirmation that, if it's determined that black ash trees cannot be avoided, they will be subject to a black ash assessment and the appropriate approvals. We note that this should not be limited to approvals from MECP, but MSIFN as well. - We note that Hydro One's response provides assurances of commitments to continue rigorous consultation and engagement with MSIFN Consultation, which we appreciate. However, it doesn't explicitly commit to adhering to a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* prior to changes enacted through Bill 5.

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26	*Although* [redacted] *and* [redacted] *both use a variety of habitat types, each species also has specific habitat requirements that need to be met.* [redacted] *is area-sensitive, prefers xeric environments and requires a habitat mosaic of fields and >5 ha open forests with sandy soils, vegetative cover and a nearby permanent water source.* [redacted] *requires a large wetland complex (as it is known to travel >1-2 km between wetlands and*	- **Partially addressed.** - We appreciate additional information from HONI on the more specific habitat criteria that will be used to evaluate the potential effects of the project on [redacted] and [redacted]. - We note that Hydro One's response provides assurances of commitments to continue rigorous consultation and engagement with MSIFN Consultation, which we appreciate. However, it doesn't explicitly commit to adhering to a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* prior to changes enacted through Bill 5.

	use multiple bodies of water throughout the season). Suitable aquatic habitat for this species includes swamps, bogs, fens, marshes, lake bays, ponds, and slow flowing creeks, but it prefers shallow eutrophic wetlands with abundant aquatic vegetation and slow to no flow. *Once detailed design is confirmed, areas where disturbance is planned will be evaluated against these specific habitat requirements, and targeted surveys will be conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified.* *Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals,*	- From what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions for at least [redacted], and/or [redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species from the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, MSIFN Consultation requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions and authorization requirements. - Since all of the above species hold cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig, MSIFN will continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in full. - It is MSIFN Consultation's position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's

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27	*As the project alignment developed between the timing of the windshield surveys and fish habitat surveys, it was determined that for 10 out of 11 windshield survey locations, were tributaries of larger watercourses that crossed the project centre line, for which existing fisheries information was applied. For example, WC1067 crossing converges to encompasses 5 of the 11 windshield survey locations. No fish surveys were completed at these locations.* *AWS 3012 was field visited at WC-1041.01 and confirmed to be fish habitat. Any sites that were not*	- **Addressed.** - Miigwech for the additional information.

	assessed in the field were conservatively considered fish habitat.	
28	*Yes, the recorded temperature at WC-1060 was 15.83 °C at the time of sampling, meeting the criteria for cold water temperature range, it is important to note that this temperature reading is merely a snapshot in time and may not represent the typical conditions throughout the year.*	- While the recorded temperature of 15.83 °C at WC-1060 falls within the coldwater range, we acknowledge that this represents a single point-in-time measurement and may not reflect the site's thermal regime throughout the year. In the absence of continuous temperature data or thermal classification from MNR, a conservative approach should be taken. This includes relying on field habitat characteristics and applying appropriate thermal regime setbacks, such as those recommended for coldwater systems, when informing project design and mitigation measures.
31	*Feedback provided by NHIC indicated that they do not track [redacted] but are providing the results to other departments. No response has been received to date from other departments.* *As a precautionary measure the site will be presumed to contain [redacted] for project planning purposes. It should be noted that the laboratory results indicated that [redacted]*	- Please provide any feedback from DFO and MECP once received. We appreciate the conservative approach to addressing the uncertainty around the [redacted] eDNA detection, particularly given the lack of historical records and the questionable habitat suitability at the site. This precautionary approach will help ensure that any potential regulatory or ecological considerations are proactively managed as the project moves forward.

	are highly commercial species and detection(s) may be derived from human/non-natural sources. The percentage that the [redacted] contributed to the sample make up was 0.42% of the total. The habitat characteristics at the sampling location are not suitable to support [redacted] nor provide sufficient connection to Lake Ontario. Therefore, it is unlikely that the habitats present would support [redacted] for any life stages. *The project will aim to avoid impacts on the near and in-water areas. If impacts are predicted, detailed and species-specific surveys will be conducted before permitting, in consultation with regulators and Indigenous communities.*	
32	*eDNA was used in the fieldwork program as an additional tool to quickly and efficiently determine fish presence or absence at locations*	- **Addressed.**

	where data was insufficient or outdated. Results were treated similarly to desktop data, visual observation, and in-field sampling. If fish presence was confirmed, the site will be designated as 'fish habitat' for the purposes of the EA. As a result, for sites where fish presence was verified, no further studies are required at this time. Note that a lack of eDNA results does not indicate absence.	
33	*Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of any impacts to wetlands.*	- **Addressed.**
34	1. *HONI is utilizing this early draft review period as the opportunity to integrate MSIFN's perspective into the development of the ESR. HONI seeks to incorporate the valuable information and feedback MSIFN and other First Nations have shared with HONI to date and through this back-and- forth comment*	- **Noted.** - 1. MSIFN Consultation appreciates HONI's willingness to integrate our perspectives early in the development of the ESR. Early-stage engagement is critical for ensuring that our Rights, values, and priorities are reflected in project planning before decisions are finalized. We kindly note that weaving Indigenous perspectives should not be limited to information already shared, but remain open to new and evolving input as we continue our own assessments and community engagement.

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	along with additional measures to avoid or minimize disturbance (e.g., exclusion fencing, wetland matting). The Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (MNRF 2014) would also be consulted for guidance on appropriate mitigation options by SWH type. *Hydro One welcomes discussions regarding pre- construction agreements to address accommodations, if required.*	values of importance to MSIFN and we note that the criteria for confirming significance outlined in the SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E may not necessarily align with our perspectives on what qualifies as "significant". As such, we wish to have further detailed discussion with HONI regarding potential avoidance, mitigation, and if necessary, compensation measures that will be implemented for SWH, considering type, location within the project study areas, and for confirmed vs. candidate sites. - While we recognize that it is not possible for HONI to comprehensively evaluate all candidate SWH overlapping the project study areas, we remain concerned about project activities that will occur in previously un-surveyed areas. We appreciate that HONI will take a conservative, precautionary approach for the purposes of the EA, however additional measures to address issues arising in the post-EA phase (e.g., into detailed design, pre-construction, during construction, etc.) stemming from uncertainty, or lack of fulsome baseline characterization, is required to ensure minimal impacts to MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and interests. - We request a follow-up meeting with HONI to discuss the terms of such an agreement.

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43	*The DKPL ROW intersects with three (3) of the aggregate pits listed here. Hydro One is in the process of reaching out to these local aggregate sites and currently waiting on responses.*	- **Noted.** - Please share the responses with MSIFN Consultation upon receipt.
45	*1. Suitable waterbodies were identified from the Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (SWHMiST; MNRF 2014). The SWHMiST states [redacted] nests are almost always associated with large lakes and marshes, and usually built in large trees near the shore or over the water. Large lakes, rivers and marshes containing fish are required for foraging. The SWHMiST states [redacted] nests are almost always associated with lakes (generally with >5 km of shoreline) and rivers. Waterbodies that support abundant fish are required and the species prefers large, shallow lakes for foraging. Large waterbodies with these characteristics are not present in the*	- **Partially addressed.** - Please refer to comment #39.

	LSA. *2. Presence of suitable waterbodies is the primary criterion in the evaluation of this SWH type as suitability of habitat for nesting is dependent on proximity to a suitable waterbody (according to the SWHMiST, within 120 m). Similarly, suitability of habitat for foraging is dependent on waterbody characteristics. Consideration of perching habitat is only relevant if there is potential nesting habitat present since suitable perches are required in proximity to nests.* *3. Per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E, anthropogenic structures do not quality as SWH for [redacted]s and [redacted]. Hydro One acknowledges these structures may provide nesting opportunities for these species.* *4. Habitat suitability outside the LSA*	

	was not evaluated as the LSA was identified as the largest spatial boundary within which to characterize existing conditions. The primary spatial boundary that will be applied in the assessment of potential Project effects is the PSA (120-m buffer of the transmission line), which is consistent with the maximum buffer area that is typically applied to sensitive natural heritage features identified in the Natural Heritage Reference Manual (MNR 2010). The LSA (500-m buffer of the transmission line) is considered for the cumulative effects assessment. Suitable waterbodies appear to be present within 0.5 km to 2 km of the LSA, therefore, nesting and perching habitat may be present within the LSA, however, would not meet criteria for significance as defined in the Ecoregion 6E SWH criteria schedules or the SWHMiST (i.e. does not occur within 120 m of a suitable waterbody). Regardless of significance, any nesting	

	habitat found within the LSA would be protected with suitable buffers during the breeding period. Hydro One will consult with MNR and First Nations in the event that impacts to raptor nests are anticipated.	
46	*The statement applies specifically to candidacy as woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat. The forested area a[redacted]s identified as candidate habitat for bat maternity colonies (refer to Section 6.8.1, page 50 of the DNER).* *Hydro One acknowledges the cultural significance of the forested area and its potential to support SWH and SAR habitat, but notes that the term SWH is linked to specific provincial policy under the Provincial Planning Statement and therefore reserves its use for that purpose.*	- **Partially addressed.** - Please refer to comment #39.

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47	*All water features that were not assessed or lacked information on permanence and thermal regime were assumed to be the most sensitive (i.e., cold water), detailed design will aim to avoid sensitive features (i.e., water features/fish habitats) to the extent practical and limit in-water works (i.e., water crossings) and impacts to the riparian areas.* *Where not possible, site-specific surveys will be completed to facilitate permitting. Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of any impacts.*	- **Noted.**
50	*Data gaps are quite limited on this project, the majority of locations had sufficient background data to classify the fish habitat characteristics (i.e., >70%) and all other locations where*	- Miigwech for the response. - While it's noted that most locations had background data and a conservative approach has been applied to others, the question remains: why wouldn't general reconnaissance surveys be undertaken now to improve

	there was a lack of data were considered to be fish habitats. Project planning uses avoidance techniques to prevent interactions with sensitive features (i.e., water features) for example by employing the use of existing access roads/trails to the extent practical. Water crossings and interaction with the riparian areas will be greatly reduced through the planning phase. As stated above, locations selected for work below the high water mark or where impacts may occur to the riparian areas will be assessed in detail prior to permitting.	confidence in the existing data and proactively identify potential permitting or timing constraints? Early surveys could reduce uncertainty heading into detailed design and avoid potential delays.
52	*Traditional spawning surveys are not necessary to support permitting, whereas detailed species- specific habitat mapping can identify suitable spawning habitats and features to help guide design and avoidance of sensitive areas. That way there is not a timing constraint on the project.*	- **Noted.**

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54	*Hydro One will investigate options that may be available to help facilitate this method of sharing information as our current mapping tool licences won't allow for external users. Hydro One will establish a Mapping tool with the EPC to share with the communities after award (in 2026).*	- Miigwech. We look forward to seeing the mapping tool.

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report Comment Responses - MSIFN

Comment #	Hydro One Response – April 7, 2025	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Comment – May 2025	Hydro One Response –July 2, 2025	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Comment – August 15, 2025	Hydro One Response –October 20, 2025
3	Hydro One is evaluating both a Local Study Area (LSA; 500 m from centreline) and Project Study Area (LSA; 120 m from centreline) during this Class Environmental Assessment. The PSA is expected to capture direct effects from the project and therefore includes field studies during the Class EA. The PSA includes the existing transmission line corridor which includes existing access. The LSA is expected to experience more indirect effects, and while still studied during the Class EA, these studies are more focussed on background report and research. This ensures that indirect effects like construction noise/dust etc. are captured. After the Class EA, once the detailed design planning has begun, the eventual Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor will assess off ROW construction works (access/laydown) which would be temporary. At this stage, the project team does not anticipate any new access outside of the LSA as the surrounding area has established roads that would be available for crews to travel to the study area. Additionally, given this project is occurring on an existing ROW, there are many existing pathways to access the ROW which would be preferential. If the EPC contractor wishes to establish temporary infrastructure (laydown and access areas) outside of the LSA or include effects not assessed in the Class EA, the EPC Contractors would need to conduct additional studies to support the design and permitting for that access.	**Partially Addressed.** We recognize that the project team does not anticipate any new access outside of the LSA, and appreciate that there is commitment to conduct additional studies if temporary infrastructure (laydown and access areas) is required outside the LSA or include effects not assessed in the Class EA. Does the project team anticipate that non-access infrastructure (e.g., laydown areas) may be required outside the LSA?	At this time, Hydro One does not anticipate the need to establish non-access infrastructure outside of the LSA. If this changes, more information will be provided during the detailed design stage of the Project.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
4	The NHIC database identified occurrences of [redacted] within the grid area squares that overlap the study area, but did not indicate specifically that [redacted] records were documented within the PSA. Due to lack of suitable habitat for [redacted] within the PSA, the probability of this species occurring was determined to be low. This will be clarified in the final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Likewise, the OBBA squares that overlap the PSA do not indicate that [redacted] was documented within the PSA. These records could have been flagged anywhere within the area squares. Due to lack of identified suitable habitat for [redacted] in the PSA, the probability of this species occurring was determined to be low. This will be clarified in the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. The probability of species to occur within the PSA will be updated to reflect the findings of the 2025 Field Program.	**Partially Addressed.** Does HONI have access to exact coordinates for the [redacted] and [redacted] occurrence records overlapping the PSA, or only grid area squares with an occurrence? While it is being argued that NHIC / OBBA records don't indicate that the occurrence records of the highlighted square fall within the PSA, in the absence of exact coordinates, we would conversely argue that it can't be ruled out. Either way, we are fine with the probability of occurrence assessment being clarified in the updated Natural Environment approach to characterizing the potential presence of and adverse effects to, [redacted] and [redacted]. HONI should also know that MSIFN is aware of, and vehemently opposes, the recently proposed interim changes to the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and proposal to repeal and replace it with the *Species Conservation Act, 2025.* While there are too many potentially relevant critical flaws in the proposed new approaches to SAR protection and permitting for us to list in this comment, we feel that it's particularly important to highlight that the "registration-first approach" to permitting does not preclude HONI's obligation to fully consult MSIFN regarding SAR matters prior to the onset of disruptive activities. For HONI's awareness, all provincial SAR are of cultural importance to the Michi Saagiig, and MSIFN will not tolerate a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting that is less than what is currently required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* in relation to this proposed project.	Element occurrence records of species at risk that overlap the PSA were acquired from NHIC through a sensitive data use licence agreement. [redacted] and [redacted] were not present in the records. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and the inclusion of First Nations input. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Additionally, outside of the permitting process, Hydro One plans to implement a Biodiversity Initiative. First Nations will have an opportunity to participate in the Biodiversity Initiative for the project which will seek opportunities to create or enhance habitat to offset any adverse effects to habitats as a result of the Project. Hydro One will involve interested communities in the Biodiversity Initiative, including potential incorporation of TEK where that information is willingly provided.	**Partially addressed.** We acknowledge HONI's response that there were no NHIC element occurrence records for [redacted] overlapping the PSA. We note that Hydro One's response provides assurances of commitments to continue rigorous consultation and engagement with MSIFN, which we appreciate. However, it doesn't explicitly commit to adhering to a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* prior to changes enacted through Bill 5. From what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions for at least [redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species from the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, MSIFN requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions and authorization requirements. Since all of the above species hold cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig, MSIFN Consultation will continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if the MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in	Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding the biodiversity initiative, HONI agrees with MSIFN's position related to SAR. The biodiversity initiative is intended to be an additional measure and not meant to replace or pre-empt regulatory processes or the duty to consult. The biodiversity initiative is last in the hierarchy of actions to address adverse effects. The project will first and foremost aim to avoid, mitigate or minimize, and restore. The biodiversity initiative is the last mechanism to address any remaining residual adverse effects that cannot be otherwise eliminated or fully remediated. The Initiative is not a substitute for avoidance, mitigation, restoration, or required permit conditions; it is intended to deliver additional habitat benefits to the region only after all upstream measures and regulatory obligations have been exhausted.

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			.	full. It is our position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights related to SAR. At this time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR.	
5	Roadside locations were selected based on public accessibility for the field surveyors. Windshield surveys were not intended to function as vegetation surveys, though they did provide opportunities to collect data on vegetation communities present at survey locations. Ecological land classification (ELC) and botanical inventory were completed later in 2024. Additional ELC and botanical inventory will be completed in 2025.	**Not Addressed.** We understand that terrestrial windshield surveys are not intended to function as vegetation surveys, however as we understand it, they were relied upon for gathering general / incidental wildlife and wildlife habitat data, including record of SAR/SOCC/SCS and SWH. The point of our comment is that we're concerned that field survey locations were selected based mainly on public access considerations rather than surveying representative vegetation community types and therefore potential plant and animal species and habitats that may be impacted by the project. The response doesn't address this concern. To help our team assess the representativeness of selected survey locations, including the terrestrial windshield surveys (but also all others – ELC / botanical, breeding bird, and general wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys) we request a table showing windshield survey locations by vegetation community type. We recommend providing this as soon as possible so MSIFN can assess survey location representativeness prior to the end of the 2025 field season, so recommendations for adjustments can be made if necessary	Terrestrial windshield surveys were completed by roadside and consequently are mostly situated in "road" land cover. Surveyors scanned visible areas of the adjacent ROW and PSA from the roadside location. Locations of windshield survey stations in relation to land cover (ELC) mapping is provided in Figure 1 included with this submission. It is acknowledged in the DNER that these survey locations were selected based on public access, not representative vegetation community types. Information collected during these surveys was complementary to other surveys completed for the project. Please also refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 11). These tables identify the vegetation community types where subsequent surveys were completed in 2024 or will be completed in 2025.	**Partially addressed.** We acknowledge that terrestrial windshield surveys are complementary to ELC surveys (with respect to characterizing vegetation communities and identifying botanical species present) and appreciate HONI's additional efforts to sample representative communities via the 2024 and 2025 field program ELC surveys. While this concern has largely been addressed, please see our response to Comment 11 from MSIFN Consultation's comment table on the 2025 field work memo for a follow-up request to add a column to Table 3 (2024 and 2025 Ecological Land Classification (ELC) station visits) specifying ELC Community Type for each survey station.	Addressed in August 11 response to MSIFN's Comment #10 on the field work memo. All tables were updated, and a Figure was provided for additional clarity, on which ELC stations correspond to which ELC community types.
7	A table outlining surveys and corresponding survey dates will be provided with the updated report and will include surveys from the 2025 field program. MSIFN's review of the memo outlining planned surveys for 2025 and subsequent discussion provide opportunity for further sharing on species of cultural importance to the community. Participation in all proposed field surveys by community monitors is welcomed.	**Partially Addressed.** We appreciate HONI's willingness to provide a table outlining ELC / botanical surveys and corresponding survey dates for both the 2024 and 2025 field programs, as well as the invitation for MSIFN representatives to participate in 2025 surveys and provide input on species of cultural importance. Being able to determine which ELC/botanical surveys were completed at what point in the growing season is one piece in helping MSIFN determine the sufficiency of survey effort. In addition, refer to our response to Comment 5 - MSIFN has the same concerns about representativeness of ELC/botanical survey locations. Please provide a table summarizing the types of vegetation communities (or ELC codes) where surveys took place and specify if any vegetation community types (or ELC codes) could not be surveyed. We recommend providing this as soon as possible so MSIFN can assess survey location representativeness prior to the end of the 2025 field season, so recommendations for adjustments can be made if necessary.	Acknowledged. Please refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 11).	**Partially addressed.** While this concern has largely been addressed, please see our response to Comment 11 from MSIFN Consultation's comment table on the 2025 field work memo for a follow-up request to add a column to Table 3 (2024 and 2025 Ecological Land Classification (ELC) station visits) specifying ELC Community Type for each survey station.	Addressed in August 11 response to MSIFN's Comment #10 on the field work memo. All tables were updated, and a Figure was provided for additional clarity, on which ELC stations correspond to which ELC community types.
9	Survey site selection ahead of a field program is standard protocol to facilitate planning and target areas of interest (e.g., representative habitat types), with the understanding that adjustments may be made in the field based on site conditions. Ultimately due to access limitations, the surveys were completed by roadside. Improved access in 2025 will allow for surveys within various target habitats in the PSA. Survey approach, and methodologies will be substantiated in the updated	**Partially Addressed.** Please refer to our response to Comment 5 – MSIFN Consultation has the same concerns about representativeness of breeding bird survey locations. Please provide a summary table showing breeding bird survey locations by vegetation community type. We recommend providing this as soon as possible so MSIFN can assess survey location representativeness prior to the end of the 2025 field season, so recommendations for	Acknowledged. Please refer to the tables provided in response to a similar request received from MSIFN on the 2025 field work memo (comment 9).	**Addressed.**	[redacted]

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	report. Additionally, a table will be included with the updated report that summarizes survey locations and associated land cover types. At the time of the 2024 field planning stage, Indigenous knowledge specifically had not been shared. MSIFN's review of the memo outlining planned surveys for 2025 and subsequent discussion provide opportunity for further sharing.	adjustments can be made if necessary.			[redacted]
14	The focus of the windshield surveys was to identify and evaluate water features that may directly support fish habitat, presence or movement, as well as upstream and downstream contributing habitats (i.e., indirect contributions). Indirect fish habitat and non-permanent water features (i.e., intermittent or ephemeral features) were assessed during detailed fish and fish habitat surveys at a subset of crossings along the centre line. All water features identified in the desktop, windshield and detailed surveys were conservatively assessed for their contributions to fish habitat and surface water quality. Site-specific surveys included documentation of riparian and in-stream vegetation, substrates, wetland community features and groundwater indicators that may contribute nutrients, food inputs or hydrological influence to downstream fish-bearing systems and surface water quality. Site-specific surveys also investigated headwater drainage features and hydrologic connections to direct fish habitat, helping to identify how ephemeral or isolated features may still affect the broader aquatic ecosystem.	**Partially Addressed.** Miigwech for the additional detail regarding the consideration of ephemeral and indirect features in fish habitat assessments. We appreciate the recognition of the broader ecological role these features play. To support our understanding and verification of these findings, we request the following clarifications: • Can you please clarify how conservative assumptions were applied in the assessment of fish habitat potential, particularly in cases of uncertainty or limited access? • Were any ephemeral or intermittent features ultimately classified as having no fish habitat potential? If so, what criteria were used to rule out indirect contributions?	All water features assessed only at the desktop level, inaccessible, or with noted uncertainties were conservatively considered fish habitat. Fish habitat was defined as the presence of defined beds and/or banks with flowing or standing water for a portion of the year. Any locations where there was an absence of defined beds and/or banks was considered not fish habitat. Locations with defined beds/banks that were dry at the time of the assessment were considered non-permanent water features with potential to support fish habitats for a portion of the year. For locations that were considered non-fish habitats (i.e., no defined beds/banks) the indirect effect of surface water contributions will be considered in the EA through the water quality component. Yes, there were non-permanent features classified as non-fish habitats where there was a lack of defined channel (i.e., beds and/or banks) and habitat features present, often these sites were dry at the time of the survey.	**Addressed.**	
18	eDNA sampling has been proposed at five new sites in 2025.	**Partially Addressed.** HONI has indicated that eDNA sampling will be completed at four new sites in 2025. Could you please clarify the criteria used to select these new sampling locations? Additionally, does this mean that the originally planned but unsurveyed sites (WC-1000.01, WC-1029.02, WC-1030, and WC-1065) will not be included in the 2025 eDNA sampling program?	eDNA sites were selected based on those where there was an absence or insufficient desktop data was available and where previous surveys had not been completed. The sites MSFIN has listed were surveyed but they were dry at the time of sampling, therefore habitat characteristics were obtained but no eDNA sample. The aforementioned sites were determined not to be fish habitat as a result of the previous surveys, except for WC-1065 which was determined to be a farm drain and will not be sampled in 2025.	**Addressed.**	
19	eDNA studies were added to the field work based on a recommendation from 4 Directions, supporting Hiawatha First Nation in the summer of 2024, following their review of the Field Work Plan. eDNA was selected over fish community sampling due to higher detection sensitivity, simultaneous assessment of multiple species. eDNA sampling is generally less resource-intensive in the field compared to traditional sampling methods, making it easier to collect data over a larger geographical area in a shorter amount of time. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be recommended where applicable in the ESR for completion prior to permitting in areas where effects may occur. eDNA results provided a broad representation of Ontario fish species, as the primers used were designed to amplify DNA from a wide range of species. Multi-species tests were conducted for both aquatic vertebrates (freshwater fish, amphibians, reptiles, etc.) and invertebrates	**Partially Addressed.** Thank you for the additional information. It is not clear in the DNER whether any mussel species were detected during the eDNA sampling. Could you please confirm whether any were identified? Additionally, could you expand on what specific types of potential effects or project interactions would trigger the need for detailed and species-specific surveys?	No mussel species were observed during the field surveys. The bioassay primer that was used for testing did not include freshwater mussels. Species-specific surveys may be required for project interactions that affect the footprint or habitat below the highwater mark, such as culvert water crossings or fording locations. Surveys may also be necessary for impacts to riparian areas within protective buffer zones, like towers placed less than 30 meters from the high-water mark or where permitting and notifications are required.	**Partially addressed.** In Hydro Ones response from April 7, 2025, they stated that, "*eDNA results provided a broad representation of Ontario fish species, as the primers used were designed to amplify DNA from a wide range of species. Multi-species tests were conducted for both aquatic vertebrates (freshwater fish, amphibians, reptiles, etc.) and invertebrates (molluscs, crustaceans, worms, etc.) using different primers.*" The response says that multi-species tests were conducted including molluscs. Please clarify the response that states the bioassay primer did not include testing for freshwater mussels. What type of molluscs were included in the bioassay primer?	We acknowledge the statement from April 7, 2025 was inaccurate, as the invertebrate primer was not selected for the 2024 or 2025 sampling. The 2025 eDNA sampling focused on the freshwater fish and freshwater vertebrate bioassay primers. An edit will be made noting that no invertebrate primers were included in the 2025 sampling. In addition, molluscs were not included in the testing as no SAR mussels were identified as occurring in the Project area. To account for potential mollusc presence the previous comment will apply. Species-specific surveys may be required for project interactions that affect the footprint or habitat below the highwater mark, such as culvert water crossings or fording locations. Surveys may also be necessary for impacts to riparian areas within protective buffer zones, like towers placed less than 30 meters from the high-water mark or where permitting and notifications are required. Throughout these surveys, particular consideration will be given to any mussel specimens observed.

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24	The discrepancies in Black Ash numbers documented in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report will be corrected in the updated Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report. Black Ash observations were documented as both individuals and in groupings, within 5 locations (see response to comment 23 for locations). Evidence of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestation was not examined or documented during the 2024 surveys. If the detailed design is expected to affect Black Ash trees, Hydro One will go through the appropriate permitting measures, which includes a health assessment (including examination for signs of EAB infestation), and MSIFN will be engaged.	**Partially Addressed.** We accept the rationale for not planning to complete black ash assessments during the 2025 field season / until it's confirmed that black ash removal cannot be avoided, assuming that there will be sufficient time to conduct this assessment in a robust manner and acquire the necessary permits prior to the disruptive activities. Please confirm that this will be the case. We appreciate HONI's commitment to conduct the necessary follow-up studies if removal of black ash trees cannot be avoided. HONI should also know that MSIFN is aware of, and vehemently opposes, the recently proposed interim changes to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 and proposal to repeal and replace it with the Species Conservation Act, 2025. 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Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. Hydro One intends to proceed with all work as planned at the outset of the Environmental Assessment process, including rigorous engagement and the inclusion of First Nations input. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. 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However, it doesn't explicitly commit to adhering to a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation, measures to achieve overall benefit, and permitting required under the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* prior to changes enacted through Bill 5. From what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions for at least [redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species from the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, MSIFN Consultation requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions and authorization requirements. Since all of the above species hold cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig, MSIFN Continue will continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/ investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in full. It is MSIFN Consultation's position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights related to SAR. At this time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR.	Please see response to comment #4 above.
26	Targeted turtle surveys, such as basking surveys, are not planned for the 2025 field program. SAR turtle habitat has been observed within the LSA, and Hydro One anticipates that SAR and non-SAR turtle occupancy surrounding and within wetland features is likely, including suitable nesting habitat where it has been identified. With the assumption that both SAR and non-SAR reptiles occupy the LSA, mitigation measures will be implemented to prevent potential effects. Detailed and species-specific surveys for SAR Reptiles will be completed	**Not Addressed.** We are concerned that HONI has not done, and does not intend to, conduct targeted SAR herptile surveys during the 2025 field season – particularly targeted surveys for [redacted], both of which could trigger Section 10 contraventions under the ESA, are assessed as having a high likelihood of occurring in the study area, and can be considered habitat generalists. While we generally understand the	Although [redacted] both use a variety of habitat types, each species also has specific habitat requirements that need to be met. [redacted] is area-sensitive, prefers xeric environments and requires a habitat mosaic of fields and >5 ha open forests with sandy soils, vegetative cover and a nearby permanent water source. [redacted] requires a large wetland complex (as it is known to travel >1-2 km between wetlands and use multiple bodies of water	**Partially addressed.** We appreciate additional information from HONI on the more specific habitat criteria that will be used to evaluate the potential effects of the project on [redacted]. We note that Hydro One's response provides assurances of commitments to continue rigorous consultation and engagement with MSIFN	Please see response to comment #4 above.

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	as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). The flipping of logs and documentation of rockpiles was completed simultaneously with other scheduled field surveys and did not follow a specific protocol. This strategy was undertaken to increase the chance of incidental wildlife observations and further the understanding of habitat suitability for snakes. Since a specific protocol was not followed, temperature, air, and cloud cover were not documented at the time of each observation. It is acknowledged that the incidental observations documented from lifting debris and identifying suitable rock piles does not negate the effort and species-specific target surveys required in determining turtle presence. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.	rationale behind not conducting targeted studies until potential impacts are known, we are not as clear on what will trigger HONI to know targeted studies are needed (i.e., relative to the clear triggers for follow-up studies for bats, butternut, or black ash for example). Please explain what criteria or triggers HONI would use to determine if targeted surveys for herptiles, such as [redacted], are needed following detailed design results. 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Suitable aquatic habitat for this species includes swamps, bogs, fens, marshes, lake bays, ponds, and slow flowing creeks, but it prefers shallow eutrophic wetlands with abundant aquatic vegetation and slow to no flow. Once detailed design is confirmed, areas where disturbance is planned will be evaluated against these specific habitat requirements, and targeted surveys will be conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation, and specifically, MSIFN's opposition to changes to the Endangered Species Act. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation. 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27	Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).	**Not Addressed.** The windshield survey identified 11 sites for further assessment to confirm fish habitat potential. Have any of the watercourses within the LSA associated with these sites been assessed to date? Understanding the fish habitat potential of these locations would help inform project design. If assessments have not yet been completed, will these sites be treated as fish habitat moving forward?	As the project alignment developed between the timing of the windshield surveys and fish habitat surveys, it was determined that for 10 out of 11 windshield survey locations, were tributaries of larger watercourses that crossed the project centre line, for which existing fisheries information was applied. For example, WC1067 crossing converges to encompasses 5 of the 11 windshield survey locations. No fish surveys were completed at these locations. AWS 3012 was field visited at WC-1041.01 and confirmed to be fish habitat. Any sites that were not assessed in the field were conservatively considered fish habitat.	**Addressed.** Miigwech for the additional information.	[redacted]
28	Temperatures recorded at the following four sites contradicted the cold-water thermal regime reported in the background review: WC-1007, WC-1029, WC-1040 and WC-1046. Temperature recorded at WC-1060 also contradicted the warm water thermal regime reported in the background review. The thermal regimes reported in Appendix B: Table 4 are those identified by the MNR. Reclassification	**Partially Addressed.** Did the water temperature data from WC-1060 indicate that it might be cold water?	Yes, the recorded temperature at WC-1060 was 15.83 °C at the time of sampling, meeting the criteria for cold water temperature range, it is important to note that this temperature reading is merely a snapshot in time and may not represent the typical conditions throughout the year.	While the recorded temperature of 15.83 °C at WC-1060 falls within the coldwater range, we acknowledge that this represents a single point-in-time measurement and may not reflect the site's thermal regime throughout the year. In the absence of continuous temperature data or thermal classification from MNR, a conservative approach should be taken. This includes relying on field habitat characteristics and applying appropriate thermal regime setbacks, such as those recommended for coldwater systems, when	The results within the report deferred to the MNR thermal classification as a single field measurement would not warrant a change. It should be noted that site WC-1060 was a small drainage crossing and therefore it is anticipated that impacts can be avoided though the application of best management practices, standards and mitigations.

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	of thermal regimes typically requires multi-season studies and is conducted by regulators. Any updates to the thermal regime classifications would be part of a regulatory process. Avoidance, mitigation, restoration approach for the Project to avoiding effects to fish and fish habitat in general are independent to thermal regime.			informing project design and mitigation measures.	
31	This information will be shared with MECP and DFO. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time).	**Partially Addressed.** Has MECP or DFO provided any feedback or guidance regarding the [redacted] eDNA results, particularly the detection at WC- 1033.02 where there is no known historical presence? Given the uncertainty of these results and the potential implications for project planning and permitting, could you please clarify why confirmatory eDNA sampling is not being undertaken at WC-1033.02 and WC-1001 to validate the previous detections?	Feedback provided by NHIC indicated that they do not track [redacted] but are providing the results to other departments. No response has been received to date from other departments. As a precautionary measure the site will be presumed to contain [redacted] for project planning purposes. It should be noted that the laboratory results indicated that [redacted] are highly commercial species and detection(s) may be derived from human/non-natural sources. The percentage that the [redacted] contributed to the sample make up was 0.42% of the total. The habitat characteristics at the sampling location are not suitable to support [redacted] nor provide sufficient connection to Lake Ontario. Therefore, it is unlikely that the habitats present would support [redacted] for any life stages. The project will aim to avoid impacts on the near and in-water areas. If impacts are predicted, detailed and species-specific surveys will be conducted before permitting, in consultation with regulators and Indigenous communities.	Please provide any feedback from DFO and MECP once received. We appreciate the conservative approach to addressing the uncertainty around the [redacted] eDNA detection, particularly given the lack of historical records and the questionable habitat suitability at the site. This precautionary approach will help ensure that any potential regulatory or ecological considerations are proactively managed as the project moves forward.	To date, no additional feedback has been received from DFO, MECP or other departments.
32	The 2025 Field Work Plan focuses on surveying new sites as opposed to revisiting previously visited locations. eDNA results will be shared with the MNR, DFO, and MECP, and have also been provided to the terrestrial ecology team for consideration in the characterization of the existing environment and potential Project effects. Targeted surveys for waterbirds, gulls, etc. are not planned for the 2025 field program. A conservative approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence. Detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed prior to permitting where effects may occur once a detailed design has been provided.	**Not Addressed.** It's unclear how eDNA results influence current planning and research. Notably, there is no detailed link between eDNA findings and site prioritization or survey focus. Additionally, there is no clear path from eDNA sampling to desktop research to habitat suitability and finally to mitigation planning. Consequently, could you please provide a clear example of how specific species detected in the eDNA analysis influenced any aspects of the DKPL Field Work Plan or terrestrial/ecological assessment – such as selection of survey areas, characterization of waterbody function, or assumed habitat use by piscivorous birds?	eDNA was used in the fieldwork program as an additional tool to quickly and efficiently determine fish presence or absence at locations where data was insufficient or outdated. Results were treated similarly to desktop data, visual observation, and in-field sampling. If fish presence was confirmed, the site will be designated as 'fish habitat' for the purposes of the EA. As a result, for sites where fish presence was verified, no further studies are required at this time. Note that a lack of eDNA results does not indicate absence.	**Addressed.**	[redacted]
33	To the extent practical, Hydro One will avoid disturbance to any wetland through the detailed design stage and will implement mitigation measures to minimize potential adverse effects where they cannot be avoided. If new long-term disturbances to a wetland cannot be avoided, the requirement for further studies of a wetland will be revisited.	**Partially Addressed.** We accept the rationale for not planning to complete further studies of a wetland until it is known that new long-term disturbances cannot be avoided, assuming that there will be sufficient time to conduct this assessment in a robust manner and acquire the necessary permits prior to the disruptive activities. Please confirm that this will be the case. We appreciate HONI's commitment to conduct the necessary follow-up studies if new long-term disturbances to a wetland cannot be avoided.	Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of any impacts to wetlands.	**Addressed.**	
34	Thank you for your input. Hydro One has been meeting with Rights holders on the project since before the Notice of Commencement on the Class EA. The purpose of these meetings is to share project updates and acquire feedback on the project including the perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations. This continues to be a priority to Hydro One and this section will be updated to	**Partially Addressed.** Miigwech for creating space for continued dialogue as well as a commitment to updates. In light of HONI's response, MSIFN Consultation is seeking further clarifications: 1. Can you please confirm whether WSP or HONI made efforts to integrate MSIFN's	1. HONI is utilizing this early draft review period as the opportunity to integrate MSIFN's perspective into the development of the ESR. HONI seeks to incorporate the valuable information and feedback MSIFN and other First Nations have shared with HONI to date and through this back-and-	**Noted.** 1. MSIFN Consultation appreciates HONI's willingness to integrate our perspectives early in the development of the ESR. Early-stage engagement is critical for ensuring that our Rights, values, and priorities are reflected in project	1. Thank you for your comment. HONI is open to hearing feedback beyond the studies and Class EA process, as is the EPC contractor. 2. Thank you for your comment. HONI recognizes that equity partnership and economic participation are in support of reconciliation and are distinct from project

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HONI continues to seek the support and approval of Indigenous communities and values the important traditional knowledge that has been shared to date on the project by the Michi Saagiiig communities. Wherever feasible, this information is being incorporated into mitigations and project development. 4. Thank you for providing MSIFN's definition of "impacts". As noted above, this information is being incorporated into mitigations and project development wherever feasible in order to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts. We would welcome the opportunity to pro-actively meet to discuss impacts and accommodations further. 5. HONI has considered available input and recommendations into the Draft ESR, which will guide the project after the conclusion of the Class Environmental Assessment and into the detailed design and construction phase. HONI has worked to accommodate First Nation interests throughout the project. For example, Route Option A was expected to traverse around a sensitive area as identified by First Nation community feedback. This feedback was considered when determining Route B as the preferred route. The Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use category was weighted equally to other categories identified and played a pivotal role in the selection of the preferred route. For the detailed design, specifically tower placements, HONI has given the highest weighting to avoidance of wetland/water crossings during project design rather than to other design parameters (landowners, municipal, etc.) even though some legacy towers were installed in wetlands. This was done as a result of feedback from First Nations. HONI adjusted its project schedule to accommodate a 2025 spring field season in order to adopt a multi-seasonal approach and address concerns regarding limited access (due to timing of securing early access agreements at the start of the project), as requested by some First Nations. While HONI considers the dataset adequate for the purposes of project planning (not including targeted surveys that may be required to support detailed design and permitting), it is speaking with the Nations to implement a winter studies program outside of the Class EA. Winter studies would be used to confirm certain types of SWH. Winter studies were not proposed for DKPL because we are adopting a conservative approach and, in some cases already have confirmed SWH, i.e. deer wintering habitat already mapped by the MNRF. Additionally, the DKPL project will primarily be housed within an existing transmission line corridor, and the preferred route selected for the greenfield portion largely avoids natural habitats, long-term habitat loss from the DKPL project will be minimal and the majority of effects to natural habitats will be temporary disturbance during construction. Regardless, as stated earlier, HONI is speaking with the Nations about a winter studies program and should anything arise from the studies that would help to better inform the project mitigations, that can be implemented in the EMP. To date, HONI believes MSIFN's recommendations have been implemented into project plans. We commit to continuing these efforts going forward and maintaining an open-door policy. 6. Noted. HONI looks forward to receiving MSIFN's suggestions for additional engagement opportunities. 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39	Field access was limited in 2024, therefore much of the ELC mapping was completed through desktop analysis and was used to identify potential candidate SWH overlapping the LSA. The mapped SWH in the Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report figures represents only habitats that were identified during surveys. It is acknowledged in the report that there is likely higher representation of various SWH types lin the LSA. Field reconnaissance in 2025, where access is available, will substantiate an understanding of candidate SWH within the PSA. If candidate SWH is expected to be impacted as a result of the detailed design, the requirement for further SWH assessments will be re-evaluated. A conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment recognizing that even following the 2025 field program there will not be comprehensive coverage of habitats that interact with the Project. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species of interest, this will be acknowledged in the Draft Environmental Study Report and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of potential presence.	**Partially Addressed.** Could you please describe what form of mitigation will be applied to assumed candidate SWH where field confirmation is not yet available, particularly in areas of habitat sensitivity (e.g., wetlands, treed swamps, riparian corridors)? Any information would be greatly appreciated. MSIFN Consultation seeks to initiate discussions with HONI now regarding pre-construction agreements for all unassessed sites, including sites that were previously unsurveyed or had constrained access. The agreement will recognize that, where avoidance and mitigations prove insufficient following additional fieldwork, appropriate accommodation(s) must be on the table. As an equity partner in the Project, MSIFN Consultation also requests the development of a formal procedure that enables MSIFN to identify when a pre-construction agreement is needed – along with associated archaeological and ecological surveys – on unassessed or data-deficient sites.	Appropriate mitigation would depend on the type of candidate SWH but would generally aim to avoid sensitive periods (e.g., bird breeding season, bat roosting season) where practical, along with additional measures to avoid or minimize disturbance (e.g., exclusion fencing, wetland matting). The Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (MNRF 2014) would also be consulted for guidance on appropriate mitigation options by SWH type. Hydro One welcomes discussions regarding pre-construction agreements to address accommodations, if required.	**Partially addressed.** MSIFN Consultation appreciates information from HONI on general approaches to mitigation for candidate SWH (e.g., seasonal avoidance, measures to minimize disturbance, and guiding documents). Many types of SWH include values of importance to MSIFN and we note that the criteria for confirming significance outlined in the SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E may not necessarily align with our perspectives on what qualifies as “significant”. As such, we wish to have further detailed discussion with HONI regarding potential avoidance, mitigation, and if necessary, compensation measures that will be implemented for SWH, considering type, location within the project study areas, and for confirmed vs. candidate sites. While we recognize that it is not possible for HONI to comprehensively evaluate all candidate SWH overlapping the project study areas, we remain concerned about project activities that will occur in previously un-surveyed areas. We appreciate that HONI will take a conservative, precautionary approach for the purposes of the EA, however additional measures to address issues arising in the post-EA phase (e.g., into detailed design, pre-construction, during construction, etc.) stemming from uncertainty, or lack of fulsome baseline characterization, is required to ensure minimal impacts to MSIFN’s Aboriginal and Treaty Rights and interests. We request a follow-up meeting with HONI to discuss the terms of such an agreement.	- SWH is a technical guide published by the province, and provides clarity on provincial definitions of significant habitats for technical professionals to work with. We understand that First Nations often have differing perspectives and knowledge and that is why we work with the Nations to capture Indigenous perspectives alongside the provincial technical frameworks. - Beyond the EA/ESR, additional perspectives from FNs can be provided through ongoing consultation (continued meetings and discussions with Hydro One and the EPC< reviews of the EMP for construction and participation in subsequent field surveys, etc). We would welcome continued discussion on this topic, including with our eventual EPC contractor, to ensure that the Nations’ perspectives are heard and understood, even if these are outside of provincial guidelines for habitats such as SWH. - With regards to SWH specifically: o Additional surveys and characterization will be undertaken as needed, but will be driven by the EPC and their detailed design and construction plans. For example, they may not need to characterize all areas of the PSA, or even the ROW if their construction and access plans avoid certain areas. o If candidate SWH is identified (but not confirmed) then another approach may be for the EPC to simply take a purely conservative approach and apply mitigation measures for activities occurring in the area, assuming it is SWH without conducting additional studies to confirm. o Detailed studies conducted post-EA (e.g., for candidate SWH that must be traversed for construction) may in fact confirm that SWH is not present. It is one possible outcome of these studies.
43	It is stated in the Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide for 6E (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry 2015) under *Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat: Habitat Criteria and Information Sources*: - *Does not include man-made structures (bridges or buildings) or recently (2 years) disturbed soil areas, such as berms, embankments, soil or aggregate stockpiles.* - *Does not include a licensed/permitted Mineral Aggregate Operation.* Therefore, regardless of if the aggregate pits contain nesting [redacted] colonies, the habitat does not meet the criteria for Significant Wildlife Habitat. Further, [redacted] are listed as threatened under the ESA. The Significant Wildlife Habitat criteria schedules do not apply to species listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. However, Hydro One appreciates the recommendation to contact local aggregate producers to acquire information on whether they	**Partially Addressed.** Please contact local aggregates producers to confirm the presence of [redacted] colonies at their operations, and please share the findings with MSIFN Consultation. Future discussions concerning the development of appropriate mitigation measures may be prioritized between MSIFN and HONI if their presence is confirmed. Additionally, the possible removal of the ESA in Ontario will require that HONI engage in meaningful consultation* (see definition below) with MSIFN, given that Bill 5 would further erode the protection of SAR and the habitats they depend on, including human-made structures. *Meaningful consultation requires respecting the inherent Rights of the Michi Saagiiig and engaging in a process aimed at securing MSIFN’s consent before the Crown makes decisions that could adversely affect MSIFN’s ability to exercise their constitutionally protected Rights.	The DKPL ROW intersects with three (3) of the aggregate pits listed here. Hydro One is in the process of reaching out to these local aggregate sites and currently waiting on responses.	**Noted.** Please share the responses with MSIFN Consultation upon receipt.	Hydro One has inquired with the local aggregate sites and has not received responses, should they be provided, we will share the responses with MSIFN on receipt.

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45	More context is requested as to why this statement is rejected. It is WSP's professional opinion that the requisite features (forested shorelines of large waterbodies) are absent in the LSA.	**Not Addressed.** To support a more robust and transparent assessment, we request the following clarifications: 1. Waterbodies: For the purpose of this assessment, what is WSP's definition of a suitable waterbody? 2. Habitat Criteria: Is WSP's assessment of nesting, foraging and perching habitat for [redacted] based solely on the absence of suitable waterbodies adjacent to treed habitat? If not, please outline the full suite of criteria used to assess habitat suitability for these species within the LSA. 3. Infrastructure as Habitat: Given that hydro towers and similar infrastructure are known to provide suitable nesting habitat-particularly for [redacted] and increasingly for [redacted] – how was the potential use of existing transmission infrastructure within the LSA considered in your evaluation of habitat suitability? 4. Alternative Foraging Sources: Was consideration given to the possibility of foraging occurring at nearby waterbodies outside the immediate LSA, with perching or nesting occurring within the LSA? If so, please provide details; if not, please explain why this potential use pattern was not assessed.	1. Suitable waterbodies were identified from the Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (SWHMiST; MNRF 2014). The SWHMiST states [redacted] nests are almost always associated with large lakes and marshes, and usually built in large trees near the shore or over the water. Large lakes, rivers and marshes containing fish are required for foraging. The SWHMiST states [redacted] nests are almost always associated with lakes (generally with >5 km of shoreline) and rivers. Waterbodies that support abundant fish are required and the species prefers large, shallow lakes for foraging. Large waterbodies with these characteristics are not present in the LSA. 2. Presence of suitable waterbodies is the primary criterion in the evaluation of this SWH type as suitability of habitat for nesting is dependent on proximity to a suitable waterbody (according to the SWHMiST, within 120 m). Similarly, suitability of habitat for foraging is dependent on waterbody characteristics. Consideration of perching habitat is only relevant if there is potential nesting habitat present since suitable perches are required in proximity to nests. 3. Per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E, anthropogenic structures do not quality as SWH for [redacted] and [redacted]. Hydro One acknowledges these structures may provide nesting opportunities for these species. 4. Habitat suitability outside the LSA was not evaluated as the LSA was identified as the largest spatial boundary within which to characterize existing conditions. The primary spatial boundary that will be applied in the assessment of potential Project effects is the PSA (120-m buffer of the transmission line), which is consistent with the maximum buffer area that is typically applied to sensitive natural heritage features identified in the Natural Heritage Reference Manual (MNR 2010). The LSA (500-m buffer of the transmission line) is considered for the cumulative effects assessment. Suitable waterbodies appear to be present within 0.5 km to 2 km of the LSA, therefore, nesting and perching habitat may be present within the LSA, however, would not meet criteria for significance as defined in the Ecoregion 6E SWH criteria schedules or the SWHMiST (i.e. does not occur within 120 m of a suitable waterbody). Regardless of significance, any nesting habitat found within the LSA would be protected with suitable buffers during the breeding period. Hydro One will consult with MNR and First Nations in the event that impacts to raptor nests are anticipated.	**Partially addressed.** Please refer to comment #39.	Please refer to response #39 where this answer is included.
46	This statement applies specifically to candidacy as woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat, which is a form of SWH. There is a size (area) criterion that is not met. Hydro One acknowledges that while this does not meet the criteria as a SWH, areas of importance to the Michi Saagig Nishnaabeg communities as culturally significant is noted and acknowledged. Hydro One will work with the First Nations to develop appropriate mitigations for these areas.	**Partially Addressed.** Does this statement apply to candidacy as woodland area bat maternity colonies, which is a form of SWH? MSIFN Consultation is pleased that HONI acknowledges the significance of the forested area. A commitment to recognize SWH outside of modernity can shape the outcome of appropriate mitigations, including accommodations to Rights-holding First Nations. Beyond mitigations, MSIFN Consultation would like to discuss SAR recovery efforts with HONI (and its partners) in the forested area at [redacted] that intersects the ROW.	The statement applies specifically to candidacy as woodland area-sensitive bird breeding habitat. The forested area at [redacted] is identified as candidate habitat for bat maternity colonies (refer to Section 6.8.1, page 50 of the DNER). Hydro One acknowledges the cultural significance of the forested area and its potential to support SWH and SAR habitat, but notes that the term SWH is linked to specific provincial policy under the Provincial Planning Statement and therefore reserves its use for that purpose. Hydro One will consult with the First Nations in the event SAR recovery efforts are required.	**Partially addressed.** Please refer to comment #39.	Please refer to response #39 where this answer is included.

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50	An error in Table 4 has been corrected to indicate “yes” for fish habitat within the table. The feature does not contain a defined channel within the wetland but was assessed to support low quality habitat for small-bodied fish. The error does not influence the interpretation of the other results, as the results were rescreened for errors. No additional assessments are currently scheduled for the project.	**Partially Addressed.** New comment – no additional assessments are currently scheduled for the project. Given the data gaps and uncertainties surrounding the watercourses, why wouldn't general reconnaissance surveys be conducted during this phase of the study? These surveys could help inform both the project design and the schedule for the detailed design phase.	Data gaps are quite limited on this project, the majority of locations had sufficient background data to classify the fish habitat characteristics (i.e., >70%) and all other locations where there was a lack of data were considered to be fish habitats. Project planning uses avoidance techniques to prevent interactions with sensitive features (i.e., water features) for example by employing the use of existing access roads/trails to the extent practical. Water crossings and interaction with the riparian areas will be greatly reduced through the planning phase. As stated above, locations selected for work below the high water mark or where impacts may occur to the riparian areas will be assessed in detail prior to permitting.	Miigwech for the response. While it’s noted that most locations had background data and a conservative approach has been applied to others, the question remains: why wouldn’t general reconnaissance surveys be undertaken now to improve confidence in the existing data and proactively identify potential permitting or timing constraints? Early surveys could reduce uncertainty heading into detailed design and avoid potential delays.	At this point in the design process no further studies will be completed as the background data and in field reconnaissance (combined >70% of water crossings) has provided a comprehensive understanding of the fish and fish habitat present within the study area. Through project planning we aim to lower the interaction with sensitive features (i.e., water features) for example by employing the use of existing access roads/trails to the extent practical. Accordingly, additional surveys will be conducted only as necessary and focused on areas designated for work within the highwater mark or where potential impacts to the riparian zone may occur. While we recognize the value of early reconnaissance surveys, they are not considered essential to the ongoing planning process.
52	The majority of project works will aim to span the watercourses and waterbodies, by stringing aerial lines between hydro towers and make use of existing roads and water crossings to the extent practical, to avoid and limit working in water. These scoping activities will occur in the project planning phase. At locations where the project footprint (e.g., new watercourse crossings) overlaps Salmonid habitats detailed and species-specific surveys will be completed as required, should detailed design and construction plans indicate that effects to these species or their habitat may occur (i.e., cannot be avoided in space or in time). Project specific and in some cases species specific avoidance and mitigation measures may be applied to eliminate or reduce potential effects to sensitive life history events and species.	**Partially Addressed.** See response to comment #47 regarding timing allocation for detailed and species-specific surveys.	Traditional spawning surveys are not necessary to support permitting, whereas detailed species-specific habitat mapping can identify suitable spawning habitats and features to help guide design and avoidance of sensitive areas. That way there is not a timing constraint on the project.	**Noted.**	[redacted]
54	Thank you for your comment. Hydro One has an interactive map available on our project website that shows ANSI’s, the Oak Ridges Moraine Boundary, Wetlands, Watercourses, Waterbodies and Wooded Areas overlayed against the project study area. Given the current project status and that the project data has been shared with the MSIFN, Hydro One would like to better understand the purpose and intent of developing an internal mapping tool. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to discuss this suggestion further.	**Partially Addressed.** MSIFN acknowledges the interactive map on the project website and has found it very helpful in understanding project components and the local environment. However, as the project progresses, including study locations and collected baseline data in an interactive map would help streamline the ESR review process, as all data/information could be spatially displayed in one map.	Hydro One will investigate options that may be available to help facilitate this method of sharing information as our current mapping tool licences won’t allow for external users. Hydro One will establish a Mapping tool with the EPC to share with the communities after award (in 2026).	Miigwech. We look forward to seeing the mapping tool.	

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DNER Rev2, Sections 4.2.2 – Aquatic Windshield Surveys AND 4.2.4 – Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys	*Wetland Vegetation Communities – wetland vegetation communities were visually assessed as present or absent.* *Presence of wetland community features (e.g., cattail marsh around a waterbody, a watercourse running though a bog, fen, or swamp, etc.).*	- Please clarify why this text was removed in the revised report.
DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.4 – Amphibian	*Upon further review of the survey results, initial observations of [redacted] recorded at six*	- Please provide a more detailed explanation to substantiate the conclusion that [redacted] alternate trill calls were misidentified as [redacted] calls at

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Acoustic Survey Results (p.28)	*stations (AC07, AC08, AC14, AC15, AC17, and AC28) during the surveys were determined to represent individuals giving alternate calls (as s were recorded in large numbers at each station where small numbers of s [1 to 6 individuals] were documented and the alternate call sounds very similar to calls).*	stations AC07, AC08, AC14, AC15, AC17, and AC28. Please describe what factors were or were not considered in the change in conclusion (e.g., the species' comparative biology/habitat, current and/or historic occupancy, surveyor credentials, when the misidentification was discovered and if any follow-up site investigation occurred, etc.).
DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.4 –General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Survey Results (p.31)	*Foraging cavities belonging to [redacted] were identified within the PSA in two locations: 1) south of Ballyduff Road within the PSA, and 2) south of [redacted] within LSA.*	- We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that possible nest cavities have been observed near the proposed ROW corridor. Based on the information provided, were these instead determined to be feeding cavities? Or were these field reports referring to a separate feature? Assuming the former, please provide more information to substantiate the conclusion that these were feeding cavities and not nesting cavities.
DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.4 –General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Survey Results (p.30); Appendix G, Table 1	*[…] 36 other wildlife species were observed during field surveys: […] 17 mammal species.*	- Section 5.1.5 notes that 17 mammal species were observed during field surveys, however there is no follow-up information on these observations - only commentary for insects, reptiles, amphibians and birds, with an emphasis on species at risk. We note that furbearing mammals, including [redacted]

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		[redacted] - Please provide more detailed information on mammal observations, including 1) general locations (e.g., survey stations), 2) any notable activities (e.g., feeding, moving through the study areas, etc.), and 3) whether any protected habitat features were observed or suspected (e.g., dens, dams, etc.). - In addition, did WSP observe any [redacted] or even signs (e.g., tracks, scat) of [redacted] during field surveys?
DNER Rev2, Section 6.1 – Wetlands (p.47)	*Where direct impacts to wetlands are anticipated, desktop mapping will be field verified by the engineering, procurement and construction team (EPC) during detailed design to confirm wetland boundaries. […] First Nation engaged on the Project noted that wetlands have important cultural significance and are afforded protections on territories by their communities"*	- Please clarify what is meant by "direct impacts" to wetlands. Does this mean permanently siting project components within wetlands? Does this include temporary or seasonal use of wetlands for project activities (e.g., access)? - MSIFN Consultation requests to be notified which wetlands are anticipated to be directly impacted by the project as soon as this information is known. MSIFN Consultation's first and strong preference is for direct impacts to wetlands to be avoided wherever practical (i.e., not compromising project feasibility). - For MSIFN Consultation, conducting field verification of wetland boundaries is considered acceptable for the purposes of having additional and more detailed information to confirm avoidance of wetlands. However, if project components are planned to be sited within wetlands, or if project activities are planned to occur within wetlands (e.g., temporary access), wetland boundary delineation is considered insufficient. In these cases, MSIFN Consultation will require full wetland evaluation per Ontario's established wetland evaluation procedures (MMAH, 2024) with added consideration for and analysis of values of cultural significance to MSIFN (e.g., abundance of medicine species, habitat for important wildlife, etc.). The purpose of these evaluations is to help determine what mitigation, monitoring,

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		and/or accommodation may be necessary to implement. This commitment should be incorporated into the Draft ESR, as well as in Section 6.1 of the DNER to prevent any contradictions or confusion.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.7 – Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species - [redacted] (p.51-52)	*Under the recently amended (June 2025) ESA, habitat is defined, for animals, as the dwelling place that is occupied for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating, and the immediate surrounding area* *Habitat for [redacted] is understood from the GHD (MECP 2022) and based on the current definition of habitat in the ESA as follows:* • *Category 1 – the [redacted] breeding colony, including the congregation of burrows and substrate around them.* • *Category 2 – the area within 50m in front of the breeding colony bank face to allow [redacted]s to enter and exit burrows*	- We note that Category 3 habitat ("The area of suitable foraging habitat within 500 m of the outer edge of the breeding colony") is missing from HONI's description of protected habitat for [redacted]s. We assume that this is because it doesn't fit the ESA's recently amended (June 2025) definition of habitat for animals ("the dwelling place that is occupied fir the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating") and relates to foraging habitat instead. Has HONI received written confirmation from MECP that Category 3 habitat is no longer considered protected habitat for [redacted], per the new ESA? - As previously mentioned to HONI, MSIFN strongly opposes Bill 5 and the recent interim changes to the *Endangered Species Act*, which received Royal Assent without sufficient consultation and engagement with affected First Nations groups. MSIFN Consultation has also previously stated to HONI that it will not accept a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation measures, and permitting that is less than what was required under pre-Bill 5 ESA. This includes changes to the definition of protected habitat, and in this specific case, the removal of Category 3 habitat for [redacted]. - HONI has previously stated that it "remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation". However, HONI's apparent acceptance of the amended ESA habitat protections (i.e., omission of Category 3 habitat for [redacted] from the DNER

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		Rev2) leaves MSIFN Consultation highly concerned that we are not on the same page with respect to standards for SAR protection on the DKPL project. - MSIFN has a responsibility to continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., triggers for authorization, requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if the MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in full. - It is also our position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights related to SAR. At this time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR. - Considering the above, please clarify how HONI intends to proceed with the assessment of potential impacts to protected [redacted] habitat in the context of MSIFN's responsibilities, concerns, and changes to the ESA. - We also requests to be involved in all of HONI's (and its consultants') correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions (including habitat triggers) and authorization requirements.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.7 – Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species - [redacted] (p.54)	*Under the recently amended (June 2025) ESA, habitat is defined, for animals, as the dwelling place that is occupied for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating, and the immediate surrounding area*	- We note that Category 3 habitat (the area between 30m and 250m around suitable Category 2 habitat) is missing from HONI's description of protected habitat for [redacted]. We assume that this is because it doesn't fit the ESA's recently amended (June 2025) definition of habitat for animals ("the dwelling place that is occupied fir the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating").

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	Habitat for [redacted] *is understood from the GHD (MECP 2013b) and based on the current definition of habitat in the ESA as follows:* • *Category 1 – Nest and the area within 30m, or overwintering sites and the area within 30m.* • *Category 2 – The wetland complex (i.e., all suitable wetlands or waterbodies within 500m of each other) that extends up to 2 km from an occurrence, and the area within 30m around those suitable waterbodies or wetlands*	Has HONI received confirmation from MECP that Category 3 habitat is no longer considered protected habitat for [redacted], per the new ESA? - As previously mentioned to HONI, MSIFN strongly opposes Bill 5 and the recent interim changes to the *Endangered Species Act*, which received Royal Assent without sufficient consultation and engagement with affected First Nations groups. MSIFN has also previously stated to HONI that is will not accept a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation measures, and permitting that is less than what was required under pre-Bill 5 ESA. This includes changes to the definition of protected habitat, and in this specific case, the removal of Category 3 habitat for [redacted]. - HONI has previously stated that it "remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation". However, HONI's apparent acceptance of the amended ESA habitat protections (i.e., omission of Category 3 habitat for [redacted] from the DNER Rev2) leaves MSIFN Consultation highly concerned that we are not on the same page with respect to standards for SAR protection on the DKPL project. - [redacted] hold cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig, and so MSIFN will continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., triggers for authorization, requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in full. - It is also our position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and

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		accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty rights related to SAR. At this time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR. - Considering the above, please clarify how HONI intends to proceed with the assessment of potential impacts to protected [redacted] habitat in the context of MSIFN's responsibilities, concerns, and changes to the ESA. - We also requests to be involved in all of HONI's (and its consultants') correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions (including habitat triggers) and authorization requirements.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.7 – Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species – Black Ash (p. 51 – 55)	*Under the recently amended (June 2025) ESA, habitat is defined […] For vascular plants, habitat is defined as the critical root zone of individuals.* *Per Ontario Regulation 6/24, habitat protection applies to all health black ash trees that meet the following criteria:* • *Stem height of 1.37m or greater;* • *Diameter measured at a height of 1.37m that is 8 centimetres (cm) or greater; and* • *Located in municipalities or territorial districts listed in Schedule 1 of the Regulation.* *A 30 m area around the stem of the tree is also protected.*	- Has MECP provided HONI with a definition of "critical root zone" specific to Black Ash trees? Or can HONI confirm that MECP has given it direction that the habitat protection provisions in O.Reg 832/21, S. 5(1)(2) (i.e., areas within a radial distance of 30 metres of the stem of every Black Ash receives habitat protection) continue to apply despite the amended definition of habitat for vascular plants?

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DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.2 – ELC Classification and Botanical Inventory Results (p.24) DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.2 – Habitat of Threatened and Endangered Species – Black Ash (p.54)	*25 individuals of Black Ash (Fraxinus nigra, listed as endangered under the ESA) were observed in six locations throughout the LSA (p. 24)* *Twenty-seven Black Ash tree were observed during field surveys in six locations within the LSA (p. 54)*	- There is inconsistent information within the DNER Rev2 on how many Black Ash trees have been found within the LSA. Please clarify which number is accurate.
DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.2 – ELC Classification and Botanical Inventory Methods (p.12)	*Genetic testing may be required where trees exhibit ambiguous features, or where 5 or more traits cannot be assessed. Where possible, a leaf sample is collected to preserve in case genetic testing is required/requested.*	- The methods section of the DNER Rev2 describes the potential need for genetic testing of butternut trees. However, there is no follow-up information in Sections 5.1.2 (ELC and botanical inventory results) or 6.7 (Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species) indicating whether or not HONI considers this step warranted, has carried it out, or what the results are. - We note from our participation in butternut health assessment (BHA) work completed at the [redacted] during the 2025 field program that all of the Butternut trees assessed were infected with canker and categorized as Category 1. It is our understanding that a number of these trees have hybridized, but considering the limitations of confirming this via visual inspection approaches, we request that genetic testing is completed for all leaf samples that were collected during this baseline work.

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		- Please clarify if HONI intends to conduct genetic testing of butternut trees. If there are no plans to do this, please provide a detailed rationale why this is not necessary.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.1 – Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals – Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas (p.56-57)	*Additionally, agricultural fields and cultural meadows and thickets that flood during spring melt and run-off may be used as terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas in the ROW on both Route Alternatives A and B. However, agricultural fields do not meet criteria for significance (per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E: MNRF 2015) unless they have spring sheet water available.*	- We note that Cultural Meadows overlap a sizeable percentage of the ROW (22.414% for Route A; or 22.464% for Route B). We also note from MNRF SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E that cultural meadows and thickets, plus evidence of annual spring flooding from melt water or run-off within these ecosites, are considered candidate SWH (Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas – Terrestrial). However, Section 6.8.1 only includes discussion related to agricultural fields and how they may not meet criteria for significance with respect to waterfowl stopover and staging. - HONI should be aware that members from MSIFN harvest waterfowl species outside of the regulated period for non-Indigenous hunters in Ontario (e.g., fall/winter).MSIFN harvesters are utilizing cultural meadows and thickets for duck hunting in spring, especially if they are located on public and accessible lands. As such, terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas are tied to MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty harvesting Rights and potential impacts of the project on these areas must be adequately characterized within the Draft ESR, including its baseline conditions. Please note that this may also apply to aquatic waterfowl stopover and staging areas, though we note that this SWH type appears to have been better-documented through 2024/2025 field program and baseline investigation efforts. - Did HONI conduct any field investigations in 2024 or 2025 at cultural meadows or thickets during an appropriate season (i.e., mid-March – May flooding) to identify potential terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas? If not, targeted field

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		investigations may be required in spring 2026 to better understand baseline conditions and potential impacts to terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas (flooded cultural meadows or thickets), corresponding Rights impacts pathways, and mitigation options and/or triggers.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.1 – Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals – Turtle Wintering Areas (p.56-57)	*Although 12 [redacted]s were observed basking in an anthropogenic pond in an agricultural field southwest of Bethany, anthropogenic ponds do not meet criteria for significance per the SWH criteria schedules of Ecoregion 6E (MNRF 2015).*	- Please clarify if the anthropogenic pond overlaps the ROW, or is adjacent any area where potentially disruptive construction activities may take place. - Please also note that turtle species hold great cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig. When it comes to species of cultural importance, MSIFN's criteria for "significance" – and therefore habitat that warrants avoidance and/or protection - may be above and beyond MNRF guidelines and standards outlined in SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E. It is our expectation that HONI avoid siting project components or undertaking disruptive activities in areas where turtles may be overwintering. If detailed design reveals that wetland or waterbody habitats suitable for turtle nesting absolutely cannot be avoided, turtle emergence / overwintering surveys must be conducted to help identify appropriate mitigation and monitoring options and triggers.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.1 – Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals – Deer Yarding Areas / Deer Winter Congregation Areas (p.59)	*Two deer yarding areas, mapped by the MNR, are located within the LSA. One is located across a mosaic landscape of forest and agricultural fields west of Bethany. Most of this yarding area is outside the LSA; however a portion does extend into the LSA and ROW at this site. The second deer yarding area extends across the LSA and ROW just west of Highway 7.*	- Does HONI anticipate clearing vegetation and/or undertaking disruptive project activities in this area during the winter?

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DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.2 – Rare Vegetation Communities – Savannah (p.60)	*Savannah and prairie communities have been identified as features of cultural significance by First Nations engaged on the Project […]* *Within the LSA, 16 areas of savannah communities were originally identified during desktop review. In 2024 and 2025, 11 of these areas were ground-truthed, and six areas were confirmed as savannah communities: two Cultural Savannah (CUS), one Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1), one Mixed Savannah (SVM), and two Coniferous Savannahs (SVC). An additional Coniferous Savannah (SVC) community, that was not previously identified during desktop review was identified during field surveys in 2025.*	- Please explain why 5 of the 16 savannah communities were not ground-truthed during 2025 field surveys with Rights-holding First Nations communities. Do any of the sites that weren't ground-truthed overlap the project footprint?
DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.2 – Rare Vegetation Communities – Savannah (p.60)	*To qualify as SWH, savannah communities must be sites that are restored or natural. Natural savannahs are extremely rare habitats in Ontario. It is likely that most of the cultural savannah cover in the LSA is a result of regeneration from previous disturbances (e.g., old pastures). Further, none of the field verified savannah communities in the LSA meet criteria for significance (per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E; MNRF 2015) as they do not meet ecosite criteria (i.e., CUS2, TPS1, TPS2, TPW1, TPW2)*	- As previously mentioned to HONI, savannah communities are of great cultural significance to MSIFN regardless of whether they are natural, restored, or the result of regeneration from previous disturbances. The importance of these areas is further underscored by their rarity in the region / within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, and as such their protection must be prioritized. When it comes to rare vegetation communities of cultural importance, MSIFN's criteria for "significance" – and therefore habitat that warrants avoidance and/or protection - may be above and beyond MNRF guidelines and standards outlined in SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E. - It is our expectation that HONI avoids siting project components or undertaking disruptive activities in savannah communities regardless of MNRF significance

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		criteria. If this absolutely cannot be avoided, additional field investigations will be required to help identify appropriate mitigation, monitoring, and restoration / habitat enhancement measures.
DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.3 – Specialized Habitat for Wildlife – Turtle Nesting Areas (p.62)	*Sand and gravel road shoulders in proximity to wetlands and waterbodies may also provide turtle nesting opportunities. [redacted] nesting was confirmed along Concession Road 9 adjacent to the Enfield Wetland Complex PSW; however, road embankments and shoulders do not qualify as SWH (per the SWH Criteria Schedules for Ecoregions 6E; MNRF 2015)*	- Please note that turtle species hold great cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig. When it comes to species of cultural importance, MSIFN's criteria for "significance" – and therefore habitat that warrants avoidance and/or protection - may be above and beyond MNRF guidelines and standards outlined in SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E. Given the loss and alteration of natural nesting habitats through anthropogenic impacts such as shoreline development, wetland infilling, and habitat fragmentation, road embankments or shoulders that provide suitable nesting site characteristics (e.g., appropriate substrate, proximity to wetlands or waterbodies, open sunny area) have become critical alternatives for turtles, and should therefore be considered significant and warranting protections from our perspective. - While we do not necessarily expect HONI to avoid disruptive activities on provincial and municipal road shoulders / embankments, HONI should be prepared to monitor for nesting turtles within the project footprint and implement appropriate mitigation measures (e.g., seasonal nest avoidance, transporting eggs to a nearby incubator, transporting injured turtles to rehabilitation facilities, etc.) when they're triggered on road embankments as they are when they are triggered in nesting areas that MNRF would deem significant per the Ecoregion 6E Criteria Schedule.

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Comment #	Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation Comment – August 28, 2025	HONI Response – October 17, 2025
1	Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (DNER), Rev2, p. 3 *Species and ecosystems identified by engaged First Nation communities as being of cultural significance have been incorporated into this report* - Please provide a table summarizing species and ecosystems identified as important by First Nation communities.	See Table 1 and Table 2 provided with this submission for the lists of species and ecosystems that have been identified as culturally significant by First Nations engaged on the project. The NER will also be updated to include species identified from ongoing engagement since the last version of the report.
2	DNER Rev2, Section 4.1.2 – ELC and Botanical Inventory Methods (p. 11) *Ecosites where new clearing would be required (pending route selection) were also revisited to gather multi-season botanical data.* - Please provide a map of areas where new clearing would be required (pending route selection) as well as a list of the ELC stations surveyed within these areas. It would also be useful for MSIFN Consultation to see botanical inventory field data sheets for these stations with the purpose of using them to identify culturally significant plant species that may be lost due to clearing and whether this will result in concerning impacts to plant harvesting rights.	Areas where new clearing is required have not been confirmed. The decision to revisit some ecosites was based on a high-level review and visual evaluation of the ROW intersect with vegetated areas, primarily along the corridor coming from Clarington and Route A. Note that there will be no widespread clearing as part of this Project and only incompatible vegetation will be removed. Most of the route is within an existing transmission corridor that has already had this vegetation change. Beyond this, there will only be temporary construction impacts to vegetation communities. Please see Figure 2 of the NER to see which ELC stations were visited in 2024 and 2025. ELC data were recorded digitally and were summarized in tabular format. Therefore, please see Table 3 provided with this submission for a list of ELC stations that were revisited and Table 4 for a list of culturally significant plants and associated ELC stations they were confirmed at.
3	DNER Rev2, Sections 4.2.2 – Aquatic Windshield Surveys AND 4.2.4 – Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys *Wetland Vegetation Communities – wetland vegetation communities were visually assessed as present or absent. Presence of wetland community features (e.g., cattail marsh around a waterbody, a watercourse running though a bog, fen, or swamp, etc.).* - Please clarify why this text was removed in the revised report.	The Wetland Vegetation Communities section was originally intended as a means of communicating potential presence internally to the other teams, not as a full assessment. This section was removed from the revised report after answering questions on whether full OWES assessments had been completed. Wetland and riparian vegetation presence was still captured within the Fish and Fish Habitat Surveys, under cover type, riparian vegetation, and general site comments. A more in-depth analysis of wetland presence, communities, and significance was undertaken in the Ecological Land Classification and Botanical Inventory portion of the report.
4	DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.4 – Amphibian Acoustic Survey Results (p.28) *Upon further review of the survey results, initial observations of [redacted]ecorded at six stations (AC07, AC08, AC14, AC15, AC17, and AC28) during the surveys were determined to represent [redacted] individuals giving alternate calls (as [redacted]were recorded in large numbers at each station where small numbers of [redacted] [1 to 6 individuals] were documented and the [redacted]alternate call sounds very similar to [redacted]calls).* - Please provide a more detailed explanation to substantiate the conclusion that [redacted] alternate trill calls were misidentified as [redacted] calls at stations AC07, AC08, AC14, AC15, AC17, and AC28. Please describe what factors were or were not considered in the change in conclusion (e.g., the species' comparative biology/habitat, current and/or historic occupancy, surveyor credentials, when the misidentification was discovered and if any follow-up site investigation occurred, etc.).	It is important to note that the Daily Field Reports that are shared with First Nations provide *preliminary* results that have not yet been fully reviewed/evaluated. The amphibian calling data were fully analysed and reviewed by senior ecologists at the reporting stage. Senior reviewers of the data sets recognized that it would be highly unusual and unlikely for only one to a few [redacted] individuals to be calling amongst a large chorus of [redacted] This is why [redacted] has been removed from stations AC07, AC08, AC14, AC15, AC17, and AC28. Three visits (April, May and June) were completed at each amphibian calling station and based on the survey results, [redacted]has been confirmed in the LSA (heard greater than 300 m beyond station AC18). Further, this species is known to occur in the region and the NER acknowledges that wetlands throughout the LSA, including those that cross the ROW, may provide suitable habitat for [redacted] The following mitigation that supports protection of amphibian habitat will be identified in the ESR: • Natural vegetation and wildlife habitats (including wetlands) will be avoided to the extent practical. • Boundaries of important wildlife habitats (including wetlands) will be identified and the ROW boundaries flagged prior to clearing. • Mitigation such as using alternative access points and accessing structures on either side of the wetland will be implemented to the extent practical to avoid disturbance to wetlands. • If disturbance to wetlands occurs during project activity, wetland vegetation will be allowed to re-establish naturally or will be re-seeded with native wetland species.

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5	DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.4 –General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Survey Results (p.31) *Foraging cavities belonging to [redacted] were identified within the PSA in two locations: 1) south of Ballyduff Road within the PSA, and 2) south of [redacted] within LSA.* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that possible [redacted]est cavities have been observed near the proposed ROW corridor. Based on the information provided, were these instead determined to be feeding cavities? Or were these field reports referring to a separate feature? Assuming the former, please provide more information to substantiate the conclusion that these were feeding cavities and not nesting cavities.	[redacted] feeding cavities have been confirmed but no nesting cavities have been confirmed. The location south of [redacted] had both *confirmed feeding cavities* and *potential nesting cavities*. This location is in the broader LSA (>300m beyond the ROW) and will not be affected by project activities. Therefore, no further surveys to confirm Pileated nesting use have been completed. However, the NER will be updated to specify that potential nesting cavities were identified at this location.
6	DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.4 –General Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Survey Results (p.30); Appendix G, Table 1 *[…] 36 other wildlife species were observed during field surveys: […] 17 mammal species.* - Section 5.1.5 notes that 17 mammal species were observed during field surveys, however there is no follow-up information on these observations - only commentary for insects, reptiles, amphibians and birds, with an emphasis on species at risk. [redacted] - Please provide more detailed information on mammal observations, including 1) general locations (e.g., survey stations), 2) any notable activities (e.g., feeding, moving through the study areas, etc.), and 3) whether any protected habitat features were observed or suspected (e.g., dens, dams, etc.). - In addition, did WSP observe any [redacted], or even signs (e.g., tracks, scat) of [redacted] during field surveys?	Thank-you for providing this new information regarding culturally significant furbearing mammal species. We will add these to the list of culturally significant species that was previously provided by MSIFN. [redacted] Additional details on mammal species of cultural significance (SCS) will be included in the final NER and locations will be provided on the figures.
7	DNER Rev2, Section 6.1 – Wetlands (p.47) *Where direct impacts to wetlands are anticipated, desktop mapping will be field verified by the engineering, procurement and construction team (EPC) during detailed design to confirm wetland boundaries. […] First Nation engaged on the Project noted that wetlands have important cultural significance and are afforded protections on territories by their communities"* - Please clarify what is meant by "direct impacts" to wetlands. Does this mean permanently siting project components within wetlands? Does this include temporary or seasonal use of wetlands for project activities (e.g., access)? - MSIFN Consultation requests to be notified which wetlands are anticipated to be directly impacted by the project as soon as this information is known. MSIFN Consultation's first and strong preference is for direct impacts to wetlands to be avoided wherever practical (i.e., not compromising project feasibility). - For MSIFN Consultation, conducting field verification of wetland boundaries is considered acceptable for the purposes of having additional and more detailed information to confirm avoidance of wetlands. However, if project components are planned to be sited within wetlands, or if project activities are planned to occur within wetlands (e.g., temporary access), wetland	Direct impacts may include both temporary (e.g. access) and permanent (e.g. project components) disturbances. To the extent practical, Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to wetlands through design and to implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects. Minimizing disturbance to wetlands is one of the design considerations for the Project. The project team will have a more informed understanding of potential direct impacts to wetlands once the EPC contractor is selected and tower locations are finalized through detailed design. With confirmed tower placements, the EPC will be positioned to plan and validate field activities effectively. We acknowledge and respect MSIFN's strong preference to avoid direct impacts to wetlands wherever possible. Avoiding impacts to wetlands is a design consideration for the detailed design phase. It will not be feasible to conduct OWES evaluations for all impacted wetlands given that most wetlands will extend past the ROW corridor and will therefore not be fully accessible on-foot to complete the evaluations. For the purposes of this project and determining mitigations, OWES evaluations would not provide much added value than what has been obtained through ELC and other surveys to date. By using an existing ROW, we are avoiding net long term impacts to PSWs and have committed to other mitigations for wetlands.

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	boundary delineation is considered insufficient. In these cases, MSIFN Consultation will require full wetland evaluation per Ontario's established wetland evaluation procedures (MMAH, 2024) with added consideration for and analysis of values of cultural significance to MSIFN (e.g., abundance of medicine species, habitat for important wildlife, etc.). The purpose of these evaluations is to help determine what mitigation, monitoring, and/or accommodation may be necessary to implement. This commitment should be incorporated into the Draft ESR, as well as in Section 6.1 of the DNER to prevent any contradictions or confusion.	
8	DNER Rev2, Section 6.7 – Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species - [redacted] *Under the recently amended (June 2025) ESA, habitat is defined, for animals, as the dwelling place that is occupied for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating, and the immediate surrounding area Habitat for [redacted]s understood from the GHD (MECP 2022) and based on the current definition of habitat in the ESA as follows:* *• Category 1 – the [redacted] breeding colony, including the congregation of burrows and substrate around them.* *• Category 2 – the area within 50m in front of the breeding colony bank face to allow [redacted] to enter and exit burrows* - We note that Category 3 habitat ("The area of suitable foraging habitat within 500 m of the outer edge of the breeding colony") is missing from HONI's description of protected habitat for [redacted]. We assume that this is because it doesn't fit the ESA's recently amended (June 2025) definition of habitat for animals ("the dwelling place that is occupied fir the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating") and relates to foraging habitat instead. Has HONI received written confirmation from MECP that Category 3 habitat is no longer considered protected habitat for [redacted] per the new ESA? - As previously mentioned to HONI, MSIFN strongly opposes Bill 5 and the recent interim changes to the *Endangered Species Act*, which received Royal Assent without sufficient consultation and engagement with affected First Nations groups. MSIFN Consultation has also previously stated to HONI that it will not accept a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation measures, and permitting that is less than what was required under pre-Bill 5 ESA. This includes changes to the definition of protected habitat, and in this specific case, the removal of Category 3 habitat for [redacted]. - HONI has previously stated that it "remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation". However, HONI's apparent acceptance of the amended ESA habitat protections (i.e., omission of Category 3 habitat for [redacted] from the DNER Rev2) leaves MSIFN Consultation highly concerned that we are not on the same page with respect to standards for SAR protection on the DKPL project. - MSIFN has a responsibility to continue to uphold the need for rigorous impact assessment (e.g., triggers for authorization, requirement for IGF, AAF forms and supplementary studies/investigations, draft permit applications, etc.) and authorization processes, even if the MECP no longer requires this either in part, or in full. - It is also our position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty Rights related to SAR. At this time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR. - Considering the above, please clarify how HONI intends to proceed with the assessment of potential impacts to protected [redacted]habitat in the context of MSIFN's responsibilities, concerns, and changes to the ESA. - We also requests to be involved in all of HONI's (and its consultants') correspondence and	Hydro One projects are subject to various legislation and approval requirements (federal, provincial, municipal and First Nations). Therefore, a policy review and compliance assessment for each is necessary. The NER discusses what the current protections are for SAR under the ESA. The revised habitat definitions under the ESA are based on MECP interpretation and do not represent Hydro One's position. Direction from MECP regarding interpretation of habitat for SAR under the amended ESA has been provided on an as-needed basis through various projects. Through consultation with MECP on a different HONI project, it was communicated by MECP that for [redacted] the nesting colony and the area within 50 m in front of the colony is protected under the amended ESA, which corresponds to categories 1 and 2 of the GHD. Direction on other SAR that have existing GHDs has also indicated the current definition of habitat under the amended ESA aligns with category 1 and 2 definitions from the GHD. Note that the most recent guidance received from MECP confirms that category 3 habitat for [redacted]s no longer protected. MECP no longer has jurisdiction outside of what is now defined as habitat for SAR under the amended ESA. Therefore, obtaining environmental permitting/authorizations as a measure to offset adverse effects from the project will only be possible under the amended ESA if category 1 and 2 habitats will be impacted. This has recently been demonstrated on another project where a proponent submitted a permit application for impacts to category 3 habitat (given commitments made to FN) and the MECP refused the application. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding the changes to the ESA and respects MSIFN's position to uphold environmental standards and protections. To address MSIFN's concerns, Hydro One will commit to using the SAR habitat definitions that were in effect under the previous ESA (prior to the recent amendments) for construction planning purposes (e.g. to delineate habitat where the species may be encountered during construction and develop suitable mitigation measures and offsetting). Therefore, the NER will be updated to include the Category 3 definitions for this purpose. Potential impacts to SAR will be determined at the detailed design stage. Hydro One is committed to working with MSIFN to determine suitable measures for mitigation and offsetting any adverse effects to SAR that may be impacted by the project. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. However, as noted, Hydro One is committed to transparency in the SAR permitting process and will share project permit application information submitted to the Ministry. Hydro One is committed to keeping MSFIN updated on the permitting progress, including awareness of commitments, mitigation measures and beneficial actions as applicable. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry

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	discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions (including habitat triggers) and authorization requirements.	
9	DNER Rev2, Section 6.7 – Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species - [redacted] *Under the recently amended (June 2025) ESA, habitat is defined, for animals, as the dwelling place that is occupied for the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating, and the immediate surrounding area* - We note that Category 3 habitat (the area between 30m and 250m around suitable Category 2 habitat) is missing from HONI's description of protected habitat for [redacted]. We assume that this is because it doesn't fit the ESA's recently amended (June 2025) definition of habitat for animals ("the dwelling place that is occupied fir the purposes of breeding, rearing, staging, wintering or hibernating"). Has HONI received confirmation from MECP that Category 3 habitat is no longer considered protected habitat for [redacted] per the new ESA? - As previously mentioned to HONI, MSIFN strongly opposes Bill 5 and the recent interim changes to the *Endangered Species Act*, which received Royal Assent without sufficient consultation and engagement with affected First Nations groups. MSIFN has also previously stated to HONI that is will not accept a standard for SAR impact assessment, mitigation measures, and permitting that is less than what was required under pre-Bill 5 ESA. This includes changes to the definition of protected habitat, and in this specific case, the removal of Category 3 habitat for [redacted]. - HONI has previously stated that it "remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project approvals, protection of species, the Environmental Management Plan and appropriate mitigation". However, HONI's apparent acceptance of the amended ESA habitat protections (i.e., omission of Category 3 habitat for [redacted] from the DNER Rev2) leaves MSIFN Consultation highly concerned that we are not on the same page with respect to standards for SAR protection on the DKPL project. - [redacted] - It is also our position that measures to offset any adverse effects from the DKPL project should first be addressed through the appropriate environmental permitting or authorizations processes, including HONI's obligation to consult and accommodate potential adverse effects on MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty rights related to SAR. At this time, we wish to exhaust these options prior to entertaining the use of the Biodiversity Initiative to address adverse project effects on SAR. - Considering the above, please clarify how HONI intends to proceed with the assessment of potential impacts to protected [redacted] habitat in the context of MSIFN's responsibilities, concerns, and changes to the ESA. - We also requests to be involved in all of HONI's (and its consultants') correspondence and discussions with the MECP with respect to potential ESA contraventions (including habitat triggers) and authorization requirements.	Refer to comment response 8. [redacted]
10	DNER Rev2, Section 6.7 – Habitat of Endangered or Threatened Species – Black Ash (p. 51 – 55) *Under the recently amended (June 2025) ESA, habitat is defined […] For vascular plants, habitat is defined as the critical root zone of individuals.* *Per Ontario Regulation 6/24, habitat protection applies to all health black ash trees that meet the following criteria:* • *Stem height of 1.37m or greater;*	WSP has received recent clarification from MECP for a different project that Ontario Regulation 6/24 continues to apply for Black Ash under the amended ESA. The NER has been updated to specify this.The NER has been updated to specify this.

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	• *Diameter measured at a height of 1.37m that is8 centimetres (cm) or greater; and* • *Located in municipalities or territorial districts listed in Schedule 1 of the Regulation.* *A 30 m area around the stem of the tree is also protected.* - Has MECP provided HONI with a definition of "critical root zone" specific to Black Ash trees? Or can HONI confirm that MECP has given it direction that the habitat protection provisions in O.Reg 832/21, S. 5(1)(2) (i.e., areas within a radial distance of 30 metres of the stem of every Black Ash receives habitat protection) continue to apply despite the amended definition of habitat for vascular plants?	
11	DNER Rev2, Section5.1.2 – ELC Classification and Botanical Inventory Results (p.24) DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.2 – Habitat of Threatened and Endangered Species – Black Ash (p.54) *25 individuals of Black Ash (Fraxinus nigra, listed as endangered under the ESA) were observed in six locations throughout the LSA (p. 24)* *Twenty-seven Black Ash tree were observed during field surveys in six locations within the LSA (p. 54)* - There is inconsistent information within the DNER Rev2 on how many Black Ash trees have been found within the LSA. Please clarify which number is accurate.	As indicated in the DNER Rev2 (and associated email submission) yellow-highlighted text throughout the DNER Rev2 represented text that needed to be updated (pending finalization of Figure 4). Now that Figure 4 has been finalized we can confirm that 31 Black Ash trees were observed in 10 locations throughout the LSA, including four within the ROW. This information will be updated in the NER.
12	DNER Rev2, Section 5.1.2 – ELC Classification and Botanical Inventory Methods (p.12) *Genetic testing may be required where trees exhibit ambiguous features, or where 5 or more traits cannot be assessed. Where possible, a leaf sample is collected to preserve in case genetic testing is required/requested.* - The methods section of the DNER Rev2 describes the potential need for genetic testing of butternut trees. However, there is no follow-up information in Sections 5.1.2 (ELC and botanical inventory results) or 6.7 (Habitat of Endangered and Threatened Species) indicating whether or not HONI considers this step warranted, has carried it out, or what the results are. - We note from our participation in butternut health assessment (BHA) work completed at the [redacted] during the 2025 field program that all of the Butternut trees assessed were infected with canker and categorized as Category 1. It is our understanding that a number of these trees have hybridized, but considering the limitations of confirming this via visual inspection approaches, we request that genetic testing is completed for all leaf samples that were collected during this baseline work. - Please clarify if HONI intends to conduct genetic testing of butternut trees. If there are no plans to do this, please provide a detailed rationale why this is not necessary.	As indicated in the DNER Rev2 (and associated email submission) the BHA results were not available at the time of report submission. Now that the final survey has been completed the results will be added to the NER. Overall, a total of 40 Butternuts were identified at the [redacted]. Of these, 25 were assessed as Category 1 trees, 14 as Category 2 trees and 1 as a Category 3 tree. Category 1 trees are in advanced stages of disease as a result of Butternut Canker and do not receive protections under the provincial ESA. Further, neither Category 1 trees nor hybrid trees (regardless of category) are used by the Forest Gene Conservation Association (FGCA) for genetic preservation of the species. Therefore, can MSIFN please clarify how the results of genetic testing of Category 1 trees will be applied so Hydro One can have a better understanding of this request? Category 2 trees are retainable trees that are not in advanced stages of disease and could support the protection and recovery of the species in the area. Category 3 trees are retainable trees that could support the protection and recovery of the species in the area and be useful in determining sources of resistance to Butternut Canker. Genetic testing using samples collected during the BHA from suspected hybrid trees will be conducted for Category 2 and Category 3 trees to determine genetic purity and if ESA protections apply. The samples were submitted for testing on September 12, 2025 and the results are expected to be received in October 2025. Once the genetic results are received, Hydro One can share the information with MSIFN. If it is determined that trees will be impacted by the Project, a BHA report will be submitted to MECP and the information can then be submitted to FGCA. Regardless of ESA protections, Hydro One welcomes further discussion with MSIFN regarding avoidance, mitigation and offsetting for Butternut (including Category 1 hybrid trees producing healthy nuts) [redacted]
13	DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.1 – Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals – Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas (p.56-57)	Section 6.8.1. acknowledges that all three habitat types (i.e. agricultural fields, cultural meadows, and thickets) may be used as terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas, as long as they flood/have spring sheet water available. The statement regarding sheet water on agricultural fields will be removed to avoid confusion. Waterfowl will occupy agricultural fields with waste grain in the spring but these are not considered SWH in the absence of

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	Additionally, agricultural fields and cultural meadows and thickets that flood during spring melt and run-off may be used as terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas in the ROW on both Route Alternatives A and B. However, agricultural fields do not meet criteria for significance (per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E: MNRF 2015) unless they have spring sheet water available. - We note that Cultural Meadows overlap a sizeable percentage of the ROW (22.414% for Route A; or 22.464% for Route B). We also note from MNRF SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E that cultural meadows and thickets, plus evidence of annual spring flooding from melt water or run-off within these ecosites, are considered candidate SWH (Waterfowl Stopover and Staging Areas – Terrestrial). However, Section 6.8.1 only includes discussion related to agricultural fields and how they may not meet criteria for significance with respect to waterfowl stopover and staging. - HONI should be aware that members from MSIFN harvest waterfowl species outside of the regulated period for non-Indigenous hunters in Ontario (e.g., fall/winter). MSIFN harvesters are utilizing cultural meadows and thickets for duck hunting in spring, especially if they are located on public and accessible lands. As such, terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas are tied to MSIFN's Aboriginal and Treaty harvesting Rights and potential impacts of the project on these areas must be adequately characterized within the Draft ESR, including its baseline conditions. Please note that this may also apply to aquatic waterfowl stopover and staging areas, though we note that this SWH type appears to have been better-documented through 2024/2025 field program and baseline investigation efforts. - Did HONI conduct any field investigations in 2024 or 2025 at cultural meadows or thickets during an appropriate season (i.e., mid-March – May flooding) to identify potential terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas? If not, targeted field investigations may be required in spring 2026 to better understand baseline conditions and potential impacts to terrestrial waterfowl stopover and staging areas (flooded cultural meadows or thickets), corresponding Rights impacts pathways, and mitigation options and/or triggers.	sheet water, hence the explicit mention of this criterion in the SWH criteria schedules. Thank you for your input regarding the importance of waterfowl stopover and staging areas for MSIFN harvesters. The perspectives of Rights-holding First Nations is a priority to Hydro One and this section of the NER will be updated to reflect and incorporate this point. No field investigations were conducted at agricultural fields, cultural meadows, and thickets in spring to confirm SWH for waterfowl stopover and staging areas. Rather, a conservative, precautionary approach will be applied to the environmental assessment. Where there is unsurveyed habitat for species or habitats of interest, this will be acknowledged in the assessment and mitigation will be put forward on assumptions of presence where potential project effects are identified. Appropriate mitigation would depend on the type of candidate SWH but would generally aim to avoid sensitive periods (e.g., bird breeding season, bat roosting season) where practical, along with additional measures to avoid or minimize disturbance (e.g., exclusion fencing, wetland matting). The Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (MNRF 2014) would also be consulted for guidance on appropriate mitigation options by SWH type. Approximately 50 km (94%) of the Project will repurpose an existing transmission corridor, and vegetation removal is expected to be minimal, thereby avoiding long-term loss, alteration and fragmentation of wildlife habitat along most of the route. However, if candidate SWH is expected to be impacted as a result of the detailed design, the requirement for further SWH assessments will be re-evaluated. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design.
14	DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.1 – Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals – Turtle Wintering Areas (p.56-57) *Although 12 [redacted] were observed basking in an anthropogenic pond in an agricultural field southwest of Bethany, anthropogenic ponds do not meet criteria for significance per the SWH criteria schedules of Ecoregion 6E (MNRF 2015).* - Please clarify if the anthropogenic pond overlaps the ROW, or is adjacent any area where potentially disruptive construction activities may take place. - Please also note that turtle species hold great cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig. When it comes to species of cultural importance, MSIFN's criteria for "significance" – and therefore habitat that warrants avoidance and/or protection -may be above and beyond MNRF guidelines and standards outlined in SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E. It is our expectation that HONI avoid siting project components or undertaking disruptive activities in areas where turtles may be overwintering. If detailed design reveals that wetland or waterbody habitats suitable for turtle nesting absolutely cannot be avoided, turtle emergence / overwintering surveys must be conducted to help identify appropriate mitigation and monitoring options and triggers.	[redacted] To the extent practical, Hydro One seeks to avoid disturbance to wetlands and waterbodies through design and to implement mitigation measures to reduce potential for effects. The anthropogenic pond where the [redacted] were observed occurs just outside of the ROW and is not anticipated to be affected by the project. Further, it is conservatively assumed to provide candidate turtle overwintering habitat. In-water works within candidate turtle wintering areas, if required, will be conducted outside the turtle wintering season. See screenshot below showing the location of the pond. The pond is within the existing ROW but outside the proposed ROW for the DKPL project.

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15	DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.1 – Seasonal Concentration Areas of Animals – Deer Yarding Areas / Deer Winter Congregation Areas (p.59) *Two deer yarding areas, mapped by the MNR, are located within the LSA. One is located across a mosaic landscape of forest and agricultural fields west of Bethany. Most of this yarding area is outside the LSA; however a portion does extend into the LSA and ROW at this site. The second deer yarding area extends across the LSA and ROW just west of Highway 7.* - Does HONI anticipate clearing vegetation and/or undertaking disruptive project activities in this area during the winter?	Tree/vegetation clearing will be conducted during the winter period to the extent practical as this is the season that avoids disturbance to the greatest number of sensitive natural heritage features (e.g., nesting birds, roosting bats, growing plants). Both deer yarding areas overlap the existing ROW. Given that the ROW is already subject to routine vegetation maintenance activities, no new fragmentation of the deer yarding areas will occur from the DKPL project, and construction activities will generally be conducted sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment will be temporary, measurable effects on deer from construction activities within the ROW at these locations during the winter are not anticipated.
16	DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.2 – Rare Vegetation Communities – Savannah (p.60) *Savannah and prairie communities have been identified as features of cultural significance by First Nations engaged on the Project […]* *Within the LSA, 16 areas of savannah communities were originally identified during desktop review. In 2024 and 2025, 11 of these areas were ground-truthed, and six areas were confirmed as savannah communities: two Cultural Savannah (CUS), one Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1), one Mixed Savannah (SVM), and two Coniferous Savannahs (SVC). An additional Coniferous Savannah (SVC) community, that was not previously identified during desktop review was identified during field surveys in 2025.*	The 5 savannah communities (per desktop mapping) that were not ground-truthed occur well beyond the ROW and are not anticipated to be affected by the project. See screenshots below (the savannah communities are outlined in blue, ROW in hatched yellow, PSA in black). This clarification will be added to the NER. Regardless, non-field verified cultural savannah sites will continue to be considered candidate SWH until further investigations are conducted, if required during detailed design.

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	- Please explain why 5 of the 16 savannah communities were not ground-truthed during 2025 field surveys with Rights-holding First Nations communities. Do any of the sites that weren't ground-truthed overlap the project footprint?	[redacted]

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		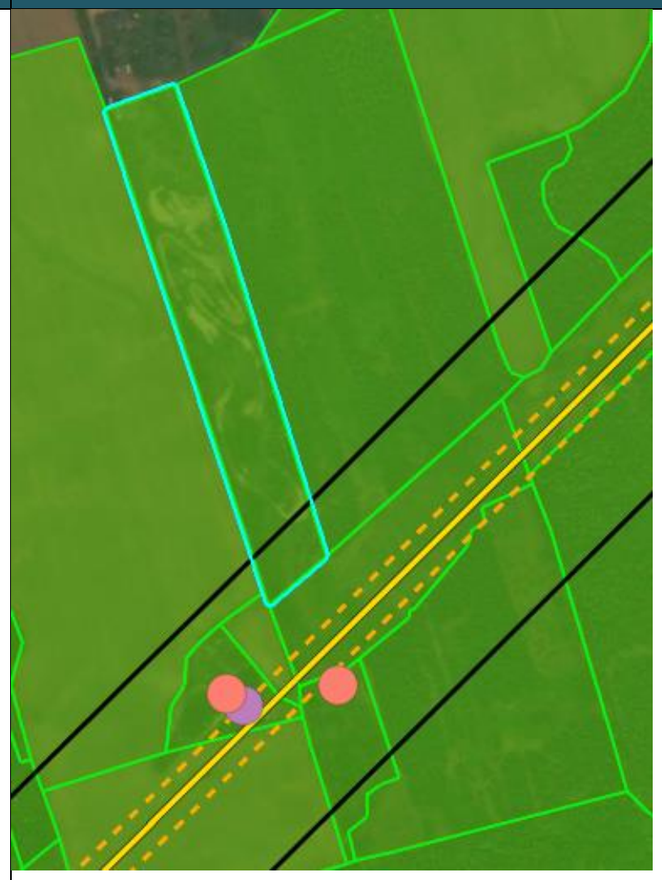
17	DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.2 – Rare Vegetation Communities –Savannah (p.60) *To qualify as SWH, savannah communities must be sites that are restored or natural. Natural savannahs are extremely rare habitats in Ontario. It is likely that most of the cultural savannah cover in the LSA is a result of regeneration from previous disturbances (e.g., old pastures). Further, none of the field verified savannah communities in the LSA meet criteria for significance (per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E; MNRF 2015) as they do not meet ecosite criteria (i.e., CUS2, TPS1, TPS2, TPW1, TPW2)* - As previously mentioned to HONI, savannah communities are of great cultural significance to MSIFN regardless of whether they are natural, restored, or the result of regeneration from previous disturbances. The importance of these areas is further underscored by their rarity in the region / within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, and as such their protection must be prioritized. When it comes to rare vegetation communities of cultural importance, MSIFN's criteria for "significance" – and therefore habitat that warrants avoidance and/or protection -may be above and beyond MNRF guidelines and standards outlined in SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E. - It is our expectation that HONI avoids siting project components or undertaking disruptive activities in savannah communities regardless of MNRF significance criteria. If this absolutely cannot be avoided, additional field investigations will be required to help identify appropriate mitigation, monitoring, and restoration / habitat enhancement measures.	Hydro One understands that savannah communities are culturally significant to MSIFN, regardless of whether they meet criteria for "significance" per the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E. If culturally significant ecosystems are expected to be impacted as a result of the detailed design, the requirement for further field investigations will be evaluated, in consultation with First Nations. The EPC Contractor will be responsible for any studies required above and beyond the Class EA to support their design.
18	DNER Rev2, Section 6.8.3 – Specialized Habitat for Wildlife – Turtle Nesting Areas (p.62)	Road shoulders may certainly provide nesting alternatives for turtles; however, in most scenarios, they are

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	Sand and gravel road shoulders in proximity to wetlands and waterbodies may also provide turtle nesting opportunities. [redacted] *nesting was confirmed along Concession Road 9 adjacent to the Enfield Wetland Complex PSW; however, road embankments and shoulders do not qualify as SWH (per the SWH Criteria Schedules for Ecoregions 6E; MNRF 2015)* - Please note that turtle species hold great cultural significance to the Michi Saagiig. When it comes to species of cultural importance, MSIFN's criteria for "significance"– and therefore habitat that warrants avoidance and/or protection - may be above and beyond MNRF guidelines and standards outlined in SWH Criteria Schedule for Ecoregion 6E. Given the loss and alteration of natural nesting habitats through anthropogenic impacts such as shoreline development, wetland infilling, and habitat fragmentation, road embankments or shoulders that provide suitable nesting site characteristics (e.g., appropriate substrate, proximity to wetlands or waterbodies, open sunny area) have become critical alternatives for turtles, and should therefore be considered significant and warranting protections from our perspective. - While we do not necessarily expect HONI to avoid disruptive activities on provincial and municipal road shoulders / embankments, HONI should be prepared to monitor for nesting turtles within the project footprint and implement appropriate mitigation measures (e.g., seasonal nest avoidance, transporting eggs to a nearby incubator, transporting injured turtles to rehabilitation facilities, etc.) when they're triggered on road embankments as they are when they are triggered in nesting areas that MNRF would deem significant per the Ecoregion 6E Criteria Schedule.	population sinks given that they pose a high mortality risk to nesting adults, nests and hatchlings. The COSEWIC status reports for [redacted] all identify road mortality as one of the leading threats to population persistence. Therefore, road shoulders should not be considered SWH for turtle nesting areas given the high conservation implications of nesting in these habitats. However, Hydro One agrees that implementation of measures to protect nesting turtles and turtle nests is important and the following mitigation will be included in the ESR: • Contractor Awareness and Encounter protocols will be implemented within the Contract documents to identify the potential for turtles to be encountered during construction and the procedures to be followed in the event of an encounter. • The Contractor will regularly examine the construction areas (including road shoulders, staging areas) to ensure no turtles (or other wildlife) have entered the construction zone. • Any turtles incidentally encountered will be protected from harm and harassment. If a turtle is encountered, all activities within 30 m of the individual will cease immediately and the turtle will be provided a reasonable amount of time to leave the construction area on its own accord. If an injured turtle is encountered an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator) to collect and rehabilitate the turtle. • Nesting turtles will not be disturbed. If a nesting turtle is encountered, activities within 30 m will cease until the turtle has left the area. Any turtle nests laid within the construction zone should be protected with a 10 m buffer and an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator) to relocate the nest to a suitable location outside the construction zone or collect the nest for ex situ incubation under an approved permit.

Kawartha Nishnawbe (KN)
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2024-01-18	Email	Council Mailbox Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb Sam Harvey	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking-Lopez Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishawbe First Nation providing information on the GTA-E project
2024-06-14	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to inform them a WSP consultant would be reaching out to discuss field monitoring opportunities, community capacity, and next steps on negotiating field monitoring agreements.
2024-06-19	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP consultant emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to introduce themselves as Hydro One's environmental consultant for the DKPL project. WSP also disclosed field monitoring opportunities and an attachment summarizing details.
2024-08-09	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to notify them that fieldwork would take place from August 13 to 16, 2024 and provided a description of the surveys. WSP reminded Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation that a signed Indigenous Monitoring Agreement would be required for participation in the fieldwork and provided a list of required PPE for fieldwork participation.
2024-08-19	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to inform them that Hydro One had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island ,Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete. WSP shared a link to the Field Work Plan for communities to review and provide feedback.

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2024-08-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation ,Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to inform them that the next field program for the Project was anticipated to take place during the week of September 16, 2024 and that WSP would be following up to confirm field dates in the coming weeks. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and insurance requirements were needed to participate in the fieldwork. WSP also shared a summary of observations from the previous field program that took place August 13-15, 2024 and noted that the results of the field program would be in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and made available to all communities once complete.
2024-08-30	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on anticipated fieldwork dates from September 17-19, 2024. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork. WSP reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share maps of the locations they would be conducting ecological land classification, botanical surveys, and general wildlife and habitat surveys from September 17 to 18, 2024.WSP noted that they would send meet up location to communities with fully executed Monitoring Agreements and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance. WSP provided a list of required PPE for field participation. WSP also noted that additional details about the aquatics fieldwork in October 2024 would be provided once confirmed and requested to be informed if communities had monitors that were interested in participating.

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2024-09-13	Email	Ben Cousineau Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to note that if monitors did not have safety glasses, a hard hat, or high visibility vest, WSP could provide them, and requested to be informed if any of the items would be required ahead of the scheduled field work dates.
2024-09-18	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming fish habitat field studies on October 2 to 4, 2024. WSP provided a Shapefile of the survey locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork and reminded all communities that a fully executed Monitoring Agreement and up-to-date WSIB and Liability Insurance would be required to participate in the fieldwork.
2024-09-23	Email	Ben Cousineau Chippewas of Rama First Nation Emily Ferguson Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Trisha Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	WSP emailed 4 Directions Conservation Consultation on behalf of Hiawatha First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Curve Lake First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to provide them an update on upcoming eDNA field studies on October 7 to 11, 2024. WSP provided a map of the water crossing locations they planned to survey. WSP requested to be informed if any communities had monitors that wished to join the fieldwork.
2024-11-01	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to remind them to provide feedback on the DKPL Field Work Plan by the end of November 2024. Hydro One shared a link to access the Field Work Plan for review. Hydro One noted that, as a result of consultation, they implemented an eDNA program in October and planned to delay the Draft Environmental Study Report and project schedule to accommodate a Spring 2025 field season. Hydro One noted that the results of the 2024 field program would be detailed in the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report which would be made available to Indigenous communities in January 2025 for review.
2024-11-01	Email	Nodin Webb	Rhona Scott	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were interested in sending a monitor to observe the field work and inquired about who they should contact to coordinate.

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2024-11-01	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to request input on the criteria and indicators that would be used to evaluate which alternative route would be selected as the Preferred Route for the Project. Hydro One requested feedback on the route evaluation criteria by November 29, 2024 and shared a link to the survey for feedback.
2024-11-01	Email	Ben Cousineau Consultation Email Emily Ferguson Francis Chua Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth James "JL" Porte Julie Kapyrka Karry Sandy-McKenzie Kayla Wright Laurie Carr Lua Mondor Nodin Webb Paige Williams Samantha Craig-Curnow Sean Davison Tom Cowie	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	WSP emailed Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, and Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation to share an update on the 2024 field studies for DKPL. WSP noted that most of the field work had been finalized in September and October 2024, but that they planned to conduct additional surveys on November 14, 2024 and shared a map of the general area. WSP welcomed the opportunity for monitors to join their field crew and requested to be informed of any interested communities or monitors by November 7, 2024. WSP apologized for the short notice and explained their intent to avoid risk of inclement weather. WSP noted that monitors with fully executed Monitoring Agreements, up-to-date WSIB, and Liability Insurance would be able to attend.
2024-11-06	Email	Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to share their Indigenous Environmental Monitor Information sheet outlining three conditions for participation (WSIB, Liability Insurance, and an executed Monitoring Agreement through WSP). Hydro One noted that the 2024 field season was nearly complete, but that that had one more site visit planned for November 14, 2024. Hydro One copied WSP to work with Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation on obtaining an executed Monitoring Agreement. Hydro One also copied their Indigenous Relations contact to address any additional questions.
2024-11-06	Email	Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had WSIB certification and that they did not require liability insurance for their monitors to attend. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation informed Hydro One that they had previously acted as field monitors on multiple projects and locations and insurance was optional for them on their territory.
2024-11-06	Email	Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.

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2024-11-06	Email	Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to introduce themselves as the Indigenous Relations coordinator. Hydro One noted that liability insurance was a requirement to execute the monitoring agreement and participate in field studies, and that both WSIB and liability insurance were requirements of Hydro One policy across all projects in Ontario with over 50 First Nation communities. Hydro One requested examples of where they had previously monitored without the requirement of liability insurance to better understand the situation. Hydro One offered to meet to discuss opportunities for onsite involvement beyond field monitoring or to discuss the Project and other information needs.
2024-11-06	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had worked and received capacity funding through Enbridge for field monitoring of archaeological field work and could provide additional examples if needed.
2024-11-07	Email	Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to thank them for the information they provided and noted they would look into the matter. Hydro One offered to meet with Kawartha Nishnawbe to discuss the project
2024-12-18	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to provide a year-end update and monthly summary on southeastern projects. Hydro One shared information regarding the Field Work Plan and upcoming 2025 field season, the Draft ESR reporting schedule, and upcoming community open houses for DKPL. Hydro One shared an update on the Class EA process, the Screening Criteria Rationale, mitigations table, and the Draft Natural Environmental Existing Conditions Report for Holt SS. Hydro One also shared an update on the schedule for the Field Work Plan for the Bowmanville SS Expansion project.
2024-12-18	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the Project updates and to provide their availability for consultation bookings. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation also noted that they would provide an invoice for funding for a virtual meeting and requested Hydro One's availability.
2025-01-15	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to apologize for the delay in getting back to them and to confirm their interest in scheduling a meeting to discuss Hydro One projects. Hydro One provided their availability for February 11 and 12, 2025. Hydro One also requested confirmation on the preferred point of contact for Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation.
2025-01-15	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting on February 11, 2025. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation confirmed that they could be the point of contact and included the other council members. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation requested the address for Hydro One for their invoice.
2025-01-16	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation (KNFN) to note that the calendar invite had been sent and that they looked forward to connecting about the DKPL, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS Expansion Projects.

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2025-01-31	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to share the January 2025 update and monthly summary for Hydro One southeast projects.
2025-02-11	Meeting	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak Zeyad Genena	Hydro One met with Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to provide an introductory meeting to three major projects in the Hydro One South East Portfolio: Durham Kawartha Power Line, Holt Switching Station and Bowmanville Switching Station Expansion. Hydro One provided a brief overview of each project scope, timelines and current status as well as opportunities for Indigenous involvement such as archaeology studies and field monitoring opportunities. Capacity funding to support Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation was also discussed.
2025-02-11	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to express gratitude for a meeting on the SE projects and provided the Stage 1 AA Report. Hydro One requested an invoice for payment processing and inquired about electronic fund transfer capabilities to facilitate quicker payments, attaching an EFT form. Hydro One proposed three dates for the next meeting: April 1, April 8, and April 22, 2025, from 10 to 11 AM, and asked Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to confirm their availability. Hydro One invited further questions or concerns.
2025-02-14	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Callum Squires (Golder) Christina Condarcuri (WSP) Courtney Gauthier Jenna Hildebrant (WSP) Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	WSP emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Study Area) of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Project for advanced review. WSP requested feedback by April 9, 2025, and provided a link to the sections. WSP noted that if Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation prefers their comments not be shared with other Indigenous communities, they should download and submit a separate file with comments to Hydro One and WSP. After the review period, documents will be read-only for feedback consolidation. WSP offered assistance with SharePoint access if needed.
2025-02-18	Email	Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed WSP to thank them for their email and to confirm they were interested in consulting with WSP on the matter. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation provided their availability and noted that they would send an invoice for funding a virtual meeting. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation requested WSP's availability.
2025-02-19	Email	Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy	WSP emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, acknowledging receipt of the email. WSP clarified their role as a consultant providing information on behalf of Hydro One and noted that Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation met with Hydro One the previous week. WSP included Hydro One in the email to continue the conversation.
2025-02-23	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to confirm that sending cheques by mail was helpful. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation agreed to April 22, 2025 for the next consultation and inquired whether to send an invoice now or closer to the date. They requested the archaeological assessment be resent for review and mentioned forwarding it to a contact. An invoice for the assessment was attached.

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2025-02-25	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Courtney Gauthier Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation and scored the best (lowest impact) on the Indigenous culture, values, and land use criteria. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss the Project and the evaluation process.
2025-03-03	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to provide a monthly update on various projects, acknowledging that much of the information may be a review. Hydro One mentioned that future communications would come directly from them to streamline information flow and reduce email volume. Hydro One inquired if emails should be sent directly to their Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation contact or to the entire contact list and invited questions or concerns.
2025-03-06	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to provide initial drafts of Sections 5 and 6 of the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One requested feedback by April 10, 2025, and provided links for review. Hydro One noted that comments could be submitted separately if desired and mentioned that documents will become read-only after the review period. For SharePoint access questions, Hydro One provided a contact email.
2025-03-06	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for contacting them for consultation. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation provided their availability for consultation bookings and noted that they would include an invoice for funding a virtual meeting.
2025-03-27	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Aisha Lewis (WSP) Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation to inform them that the release of the 2025 Field Work Memo would be postponed while the Project team addresses comments received on the draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report and worked to incorporate comments into the 2025 field program. Hydro One notified KNFN that the first scheduled surveys for 2025 were anticipated to take place mid-to-late April.
2025-04-23	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation emailed Hydro One to express interest in having a monitor in attendance and requested to be contacted to discuss further details.
2025-04-25	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inform them that they would call them on April 25, 2025 to discuss having a monitor present.
2025-05-16	Email	Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe (KN) provided their funding rates for archaeological monitoring. KN outlined their field monitoring capacity funding rates, including hourly pay, accommodation, and PPE costs, and stated that monitors must wear required PPE and contribute to KN.
2025-05-16	Phone	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One discussed upcoming archaeology and natural environment field studies with Kawartha Nishnawbe (KN). Due to insurance issues, substitute field visits with a Hydro One representative would be arranged. KN accepted this and committed to sharing their monitoring rates. Hydro One and KN agreed to meet the following week to review the rates and discuss field visits and updates on the southeast major project portfolio.
2025-05-23	Meeting	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One proposed and scheduled a meeting with Kawartha Nishnawbe to discuss the southeast projects and upcoming field studies. The meeting was verbally accepted by KN. KN did not attend the meeting.
2025-05-23	Text	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One sent a text message to Kawartha Nishnawbe (KN) regarding the missed meeting, which was scheduled on May 23, 2025. KN requested a phone call on May 26, 2025 . Hydro One accepted this time.

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2025-05-23	Invitation	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Sean Tutak	Hydro One sent an invitation to Kawartha Nishnawbe (KN) to set aside time next Friday to discuss arranging site visits for the Southeast Project Field and Archaeology Studies. They plan to review rates in advance and provide an overview of upcoming studies to collaboratively plan field visits for KN. Hydro One wished them a wonderful weekend.
2025-05-26	Phone	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	Alyssa Bardy	Kawartha Nishnawbe (KN) and Hydro One discussed field monitoring rates, with Hydro One explaining that due to KN's lack of adequate insurance, they would coordinate field visits with their team and consultants. Hydro One accepted KN's rates for payment and planned to work with them on upcoming field visits, noting a staffing change in their Indigenous Relations team for southeast project coordination.
2025-05-29	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Alyssa Bardy Amanda Hocking Jeff Hankin Kenndal Soulliere Lesley Smith Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to express appreciation for a recent call and to discuss coordinating field visits with KN as part of ongoing archaeological and natural environment studies. They outlined three projects: DKPL, Holt SS, and Bowmanville SS, with studies occurring in the coming months. Hydro One proposed scheduling field days at the end of June/early July during a transition period for their IR team and introduced their new IR point of contact for KN. Hydro One encouraged collaboration with IR for coordinating dates and future meetings. Hydro One confirmed that participation in field visits could be invoiced and paid via cheque.
2025-06-02	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to confirm they would be reaching out in the coming weeks to discuss field day coordination. Hydro One expressed appreciation for their patience as they got up to speed on the Project.
2025-08-12	Email	Diane Blunt Jack (Giiwednang) Hoggarth Jessica Frost-cruise Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to propose a Project site visit and the opportunity to observe ongoing studies at the Project site. Hydro One noted that fieldwork activities were expected to conclude in October 2025, subject to weather conditions. Hydro One also offered to provide Project updates over a lunch or dinner meeting.
2025-08-27	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to confirm they would call them in the afternoon on August 27, 2025.
2025-08-27	Phone	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One called Kawartha Nishnawbe to offer support for their attendance at archaeological monitoring or a scheduled site visit. Kawartha Nishnawbe noted that they would consider the opportunity and would like to establish a Capacity Funding Agreement.
2025-08-29	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inform them that they would provide a draft agreement on the week of September 1, 2025, for their review.
2025-10-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to provide a Capacity Funding Agreement and requested that Kawartha Nishnawbe sign and return the agreement. Hydro One noted that the funding was intended to support Kawartha Nishnawbe's participation in the Project and review the upcoming Environmental Study Report. Hydro One indicated that once the agreement was signed, a coordinator would follow up to obtain payment information.

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2025-10-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Kawartha Nishnawbe emailed Hydro One to provide a signed Capacity Funding Agreement.
2025-10-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to acknowledge receipt of the signed Capacity Funding Agreement and requested payment information.
2025-10-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Kawartha Nishnawbe emailed Hydro One to provide capacity funding payment information.
2025-10-17	Phone	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One had a phone call with Kawartha Nishnawbe to discuss field monitor participation. Kawartha Nishnawbe confirmed that they did not have WSIB or general liability insurance required for monitor participation. Hydro One offered to coordinate an observational field visit instead of having working monitors in the field and committed to providing the schedule for upcoming field dates. Kawartha Nishnawbe informed Hydro One that they were not available on October 21, 2025. Hydro One and Kawartha Nishnawbe agreed to revisit the Capacity Funding Agreement later during the Project, if necessary.
2025-10-20	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to follow up on tour of the archaeological field work as discussed in their phone call on October 17, 2025. Hydro One noted that work was planned to continue Monday through Friday, until approximately November 15, 2025, affording them flexible opportunities to schedule a tour for up to three people. Hydro One provided their availability and requested Kawartha Nishnawbe's preferred date. Hydro One also informed Kawartha Nishnawbe that the draft ESR would soon be posted for review by October 29, 2025 and would be shared with them once available. Hydro One also welcomed comments or feedback following their review.
2025-10-29	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to the Project website where the report could be accessed. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-10-29	In-Person Meeting	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	On October 29, 2025 Hydro One and Kawartha Nishnawbe attended a site visit to observe archaeological fieldwork on the Project.
2025-11-04	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inquire about their availability for an accompanied site visit. Hydro One followed up with KN regarding insurance.
2025-11-04	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Kawartha Nishnawbe emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a site visit accompanied by Hydro One on November 6, 2025. KN requested the meeting time and location. KN also noted that they were still seeking an insurance quote and would update Hydro One once they had more information.
2025-11-05	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to apologize for missing their phone call due to technical issues, and to offer their personal cell to be reached at.
2025-11-06	In-Person Meeting	Nodin Webb Mike Godfrey	Lesley Smith	On November 6, 2025 Hydro One and Kawartha Nishnawbe attended a site visit to observe archaeological fieldwork on the Project.
2025-11-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Kawartha Nishnawbe emailed Hydro One to inquire if they could arrange a site visit on November 11, 2025.
2025-11-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inform them that the fieldwork had been postponed until at least November 12, 2025. Hydro One noted that they would continue to monitor weather and ground conditions to determine if work would be able to continue and confirmed that they would provide as much advanced notice as possible.

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2025-11-10	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking	Kawartha Nishnawbe emailed Hydro One to thank them for the update regarding postponed field studies and noted that they were available on November 12, 2025 for a site visit if weather permitted. KN noted that they would wait to hear from Hydro One regarding the updated site visit. KN provided an update on insurance.
2025-11-11	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inform them that fieldwork and their site visit on November12, 2025 would be postponed due to weather and that they were tentatively set to resume on November 13, 2025.
2025-11-14	In-Person Meeting	Jessica Frost-cruise Mike Godfrey	Lesley Smith	On November 14, 2025 Hydro One and Kawartha Nishnawbe attended a site visit to observe archaeological fieldwork on the Project.
2025-11-14	Email	Nodin Webb	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Nishnawbe to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.

Wendat Nation (WN)
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2024-08-19	Email	Dominique Lesage Marie-Sophie Gendron Tina Durand	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to introduce themselves as the Manager of Major Capital Projects focusing on the Southeast region. Hydro One informed Wendat Nation that they had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-08-20	Email	Dominique Lesage Marie-Sophie Gendron	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for their email and provided an email address for consultation and project notices. Wendat Nation also requested that they remove any other email addresses from their mailing list that Hydro One had on file. Wendat Nation also noted that they were interested in participating in archaeological fieldwork for the Project as well as receiving copies of draft reports for review and comments.
2024-08-20	Email	Dominique Lesage Marie-Sophie Gendron	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to thank them for providing the appropriate contact information for project notices and confirmed they would forward their previous email to the address provided.
2024-08-20	Email	Consultations Email	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed the Consultation email address for Wendat Nation to introduce themselves as the Manager of Major Capital Projects focusing on the Southeast region. Hydro One informed Wendat Nation that they had issued an RFP for the Stage 1 Archaeology work on DKPL and that they decided to award the work to Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants (TMHC). Hydro One noted that TMHC was a pre-qualified vendor that demonstrated the required qualifications, and that TMHC indicated that they were already working on projects in the area that would result in some efficiencies. Hydro One noted that TMHC recommended early outreach to Indigenous communities and stressed the importance of engaging with communities during the planning stage and for review of reports, which aligned with Hydro One's approach. Hydro One noted that they planned to send the award notification during the week of August 19, 2024.
2024-09-04	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for reaching out for the study and noted that they would be interested in reviewing the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report once complete. Wendat Nation inquired if Hydro One could provide capacity funding to allow them to mobilize resources for the task.
2024-09-04	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to confirm capacity funding is available and proposes a meeting for further discussion.

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2024-09-06	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response and inquired if they could meet virtually.
2024-09-06	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to note that they would be happy to meet virtually and inquired if they had a preferred date.
2024-09-09	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Ryerson Whetung	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to provide availability on September 10 and 11, 2024 and noted they were also available on September 23, 2024.
2024-09-09	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Ryerson Whetung	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to inform them that their team was unable to meet the week of September 9, 2024 and that they would be on holidays from September 11 to 18, 2024. Hydro One proposed meeting on September 20, 2024 at 11:00 am.
2024-11-08	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to inform them that the Stage 1 AA report for the Project was ready for review and provided a link to access the report. Hydro One noted that TMHC had flagged a known archaeological site and that Hydro One planned to assess the location in the spring. Hydro One requested feedback or questions to be sent to TMHC by December 4, 2024.
2024-11-19	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Matthew Beaudoin (TMHC) Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for sending the draft Stage 1 AA report for review. Wendat Nation noted that they typically provide a cost estimate for approval and begin their review once signed and suggested this method until they could establish a consultation agreement. Wendat Nation noted that they were very busy and would be unable to meet on the topic prior to the holidays. Wendat Nation inquired if Hydro One could agree to the quote method they suggested. Wendat Nation also inquired if they were planning field work this season and indicated their interest in participating.
2024-11-28	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott Sean Tutak	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to thank them for the information they provided and to share a signed cost estimate. Hydro One noted that Stage 2 AA work was planned for early 2025 and that they had time to work out the logistics and sign an agreement. Hydro One offered to set up a meeting in 2025 to discuss.
2024-12-03	Email	Consultations Email	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to note that they came across an email addressed to their coworker regarding an email address to be included in all correspondence with Wendat Nation. Hydro One forwarded their recent email to the address specified to ensure no communications were missed.
2024-12-04	Email	Benjamin Labbe Consultations Email	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to follow up on their previous email and to inform them that, due to the delay in the approval of the invoice on Hydro One's end, the deadline for Wendat Nation's comments on the Stage 1 AA report had been extended to December 18, 2024.
2024-12-04	Email	Benjamin Labbe	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the deadline extension and confirmed they should be able to provide comments by December 18, 2024.

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2024-12-20	Email	Benjamin Labbe Caroline Therrien Maryse Picard Sonia Laine	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the Stage 1 AA report and an invoice for the capacity funding. Wendat Nation noted that direct payment was preferred and provided a void cheque.
2025-01-02	Email	Benjamin Labbe Caroline Therrien Maryse Picard Sonia Laine	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to thank them for their response on the Stage 1 AA report and to confirm that they forwarded the comments to TMHC. Hydro One recommended a meeting to discuss the Project, including the EA process, Project updates, and further discussion on a capacity funding agreement. Hydro One also provided an EFT form to arrange payment of an outstanding invoice. Hydro One requested Wendat Nation's availability for a meeting.
2025-01-15	Email	Benjamin Labbe Caroline Therrien	Alyssa Bardy Kenndal Soulliere Rhona Scott	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to provide the completed EFT form.
2025-03-10	Email	Benjamin Labbe Caroline Therrien	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to inform that they had resolved the issues they were facing with payment processing and that WN should receive payment within the week. Hydro One informed WN that they were preparing for Stage 2 AA and felt it would be a good idea to find time to connect. Hydro One intended to introduce WN to their archaeology consultant, WSP, to discuss the fieldwork plan and upcoming monitoring opportunities. Hydro One requested WN's availability.
2025-03-14	Email	Benjamin Labbe Dominique Lesage	Alyssa Bardy	Wendat Nation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the update regarding payment and requested a written overview of archaeology fieldwork plans.
2025-03-25	Email	Benjamin Labbe Dominique Lesage	Alyssa Bardy	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to inform them that they would connect them with their consultant, WSP, for further information on the archaeology fieldwork.
2025-10-22	Email	Dominique Lesage Marie-Sophie Gendron	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to share the Project was nearly ready to release its draft ESR for public review. Hydro One thanked the Williams Treaty First Nations for their feedback, input, and effort on the Project. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR would soon be posted for public review by October 29, 2025, and would be shared with them once available. Hydro One also welcomed comments or feedback following their review. Hydro One informed Wendat Nation that archaeology work would still continue and thanked them for their support and involvement through archaeology.
2025-10-29	Email	Dominique Lesage Marie-Sophie Gendron	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to inform them that the draft ESR had been posted for 30-day public review. Hydro One provided the link to the Project website where the report could be accessed. Hydro One welcomed any comments from their review.
2025-11-14	Email	Dominique Lesage Marie-Sophie Gendron	Amanda Hocking Lesley Smith	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to inform them that they had now passed the halfway mark for the ESR review period which would close on November 27, 2025. Hydro One invited any comments be sent directly to them.
2025-11-24	Email	Marie-Sophie Gendron	Amanda Hocking	Hydro One emailed Wendat Nation to request confirmation regarding how the community wished to be addressed, as they had heard that it may have been preferred to remove Huron from the community's name.

WN Comment Responses

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Wendake, December 20th, 2024

Alyssa Bardy
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Subject: Huron-Wendat Nation comments on the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report for the Hydro One Durham Kawartha Line Project

Ms. Bardy,

This letter refers to the subject above and follows reception of the report by the Huron-Wendat Nation on November 8, 2024.

The archaeological report to which this letter replies has been found satisfactory. The Huron-Wendat Nation expects the report's recommendations to be followed by the proponent for the next steps of the project.

In this respect, we request to participate in monitoring for the upcoming Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and to review the associated reports.

Additionally, the Huron-Wendat Nation requests to be consulted on the project's development and to review the project's documentation related to the Class Environmental Assessment. This involvement is especially relevant considering that the project is close to important Wendat heritage sites, and that other sites may be discovered throughout the assessment. Capacity funding should be made available to allow our territorial office the resources required to carry out this consultation work. The Huron-Wendat Nation is interested in entering in a consultation agreement to establish a common understanding of the consultation process.

If you have any questions, please address them directly to Benjamin Labbé, at Benjamin.Labbe@wendake.ca.

Please accept Ms. Bardy, assurances of my highest consideration.

Lori-Jeanne Bolduc
Consultations team leader

Federal Government Representatives and Agencies Record of Consultation

Organisations	Stakeholders	Date	Type of communication	Origin	Summary
Canadian National Railway (CN Rail)	Linda Vergata	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CN Rail to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Canadian National Railway (CN Rail)	Linda Vergata Proximity CN Rail	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CN Rail a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Canadian National Railway (CN Rail)	CN GLD Permits Linda Vergata Proximity CN Rail	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CN Rail the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail)	Tom Twigge	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CP Rail to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail)	Tom Twigge	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CP Rail a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail)	Andreas Grammenz Liam Roney Tom Twigge	2025-06-09	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CP Rail to inform them about the DKPL Project and to note that the line crosses CP Rail infrastructure at the Burketon Bridge location, within the existing Hydro One Corridor. Hydro One noted that their eventual EPC contractor would be responsible for the detailed design and permitting, which was expected to be complete in 2026 with construction to follow in 2027. Hydro One inquired if CP Rail had any questions or required any information about the Project, and invited an oportunity to discuss further.
Canadian Pacific Railway (CP Rail)	Chih-Hung Chen Jack Carello Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker	2025-08-25	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with CP Rail to discuss the DKPL rail crossing of CP Rail lines at Burketon Station. Hydro One and CP Rail determined that approval of the crossing would require formal permit approval to be submitted by Hydro One's EPC contractor. CP Rail confirmed the estimated timeline for permit approvals and Hydro One provided the construction timeline. Hydro One committed to confirming conductor clearances in by way of the permit submission. CP Rail did not anticipate any interference with CP equipment operation due to the absence of signals or vehicle crossings in the immediate area of the powerline crossing, as confirmed by Hydro One walking the area of the proposed crossing. CP Rail also noted that a new regional manager would be appointed in the coming months. Parties agreed that no further follow up would be required prior to the EPC permit application.

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Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS)	Jennifer Soetemans	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CWS to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS)	Jennifer Soetemans	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CWS a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	DFO Fisheries Protection	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed DFO to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	DFO Fisheries Protection	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed DFO a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	DFO Fisheries Protection	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the DFO the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Indigenous Services Canada	Lina Letiecq	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Indigenous Services Canada to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
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Transport Canada (TC)	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Transport Canada to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Transport Canada (TC)	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region	2024-06-07	Email	Incoming	Transport Canada emailed Hydro One to inform them of the Individual and Class EA notification criteria and informed Hydro One that if the Project did not meet the criteria TC should not be included in further correspondence.
Transport Canada (TC)	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed TC a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Nav Canada Transport Canada (TC)	NAV Canada Land Use Assessment Ontario Aviation Services	2025-07-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Nav Canada and the Ontario Aviation Services branch of Transport Canada to provide an overview of the Project including approximate timeline for construction, increased voltage, and approximate tower height. Hydro One also shared a link to the route map. Hydro One requested information on the CBM2 Blackstock/Martyn runway and sought guidance on design considerations relevant to the Project. Hydro One requested a meeting to discuss further.
Transport Canada (TC)	Jim Pengelly	2025-09-16	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with Transport Canada to discuss the Blackstock Aerodrome in relation to Hydro One's plans to replace an existing tower line with a new, taller tower line. Hydro One and Transport Canada also discussed the Project right-of-way and associated design considerations.
Burns & McDonnell Transport Canada (TC)	Jeffrey G Johnson Jim Pengelly	2025-09-16	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Transport Canada to provide a summary of the September 16, 2025 meeting discussion.
Burns & McDonnell Transport Canada (TC)	Jeffrey G Johnson Jim Pengelly	2025-09-17	Email	Incoming	Transport Canada emailed Hydro One to acknowledge receipt of the September 16, 2025 meeting summary and to confirm that the topics discussed were accurately captured. Transport Canada provided a link to guidance material regarding markings and markers for obstructions, specifically referencing Standard 621 - Obstacle Marking and Lighting under the Canadian Aviation Regulations.
Transport Canada (TC)	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region	2025-10-29	Smart email		Hydro One emailed Transport Canada the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

Transport Canada
Response to NOC and COH #1

From: Rhona Scott <rhona.scott@hydroone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2024 1:44 PM
To: ONT Environment / Environnement ONT <EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca>
Subject: [External/Externe]: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line

Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform you that Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Station, located in the City of Peterborough. We are referring to this project as the Durham Kawartha Power Line project.

We are beginning a Class EA for this project under Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities (https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/class-environmental-assessment).

Please see the attached Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1 for more details.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact me at (437) 929-7638 or rhona.scott@hydroone.com

Thanks,

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Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1

Class Environmental Assessment for a new 230 kilovolt transmission line between Clarington and Peterborough

June 2024

Eastern Ontario is expecting significant growth in the next 20 years. As demand for electricity continues to grow in the area, Hydro One is planning for a new transmission line to ensure the region continues to have clean and reliable power along with the resiliency and capacity to support future growth. The need for this transmission line was identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator, the organization responsible for planning for the province's future energy needs.

Project description

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Hydro One is prioritizing the use of existing transmission corridors, where possible. However, as part of the Class EA, Hydro One has identified two route alternatives for a portion of the new transmission line as shown on the map and online **HydroOne.com/DKPL**. These route alternatives will be studied and evaluated to ultimately select a preferred route for the new line. This project involves work at the terminal stations to facilitate the transmission line connections.

Planning process

The Class EA will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities" (Class EA, 2024), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. This process applies to transmission infrastructure projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed to ensure that potential natural, economic, social, and cultural effects are thoroughly considered before a project begins. Following completion of the Class EA, the project will also require Ontario Energy Board (OEB) approval under Section 92 (Leave to Construct) of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. The in-service date is expected no later than 2029.

We want to hear from you

As planning and development for these new lines begins, we will continue engaging with Indigenous communities, local community members, residents and businesses to ensure their feedback is reflected in the planning process, where possible. We invite you to join one of our upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about the project, ask our team any questions and provide feedback.

Community Open House #1

Please join us: In-person Community Open Houses

June 25, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
1964 Concession Road,
Solina, ON

June 26, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Peterborough Lions Community Centre
347 Burnham Street,
Peterborough, ON

June 27, 2024
2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bethany United Church
3 George Street,
Bethany, ON

We're here to help

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding this project, please feel free to contact us at:

416.345.6799

Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

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Durham Karwartha Power Line Project

Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Route Alternative A
- Route Alternative B
- Preferred Route
- Existing Transmission Line
- Local study area (500 M on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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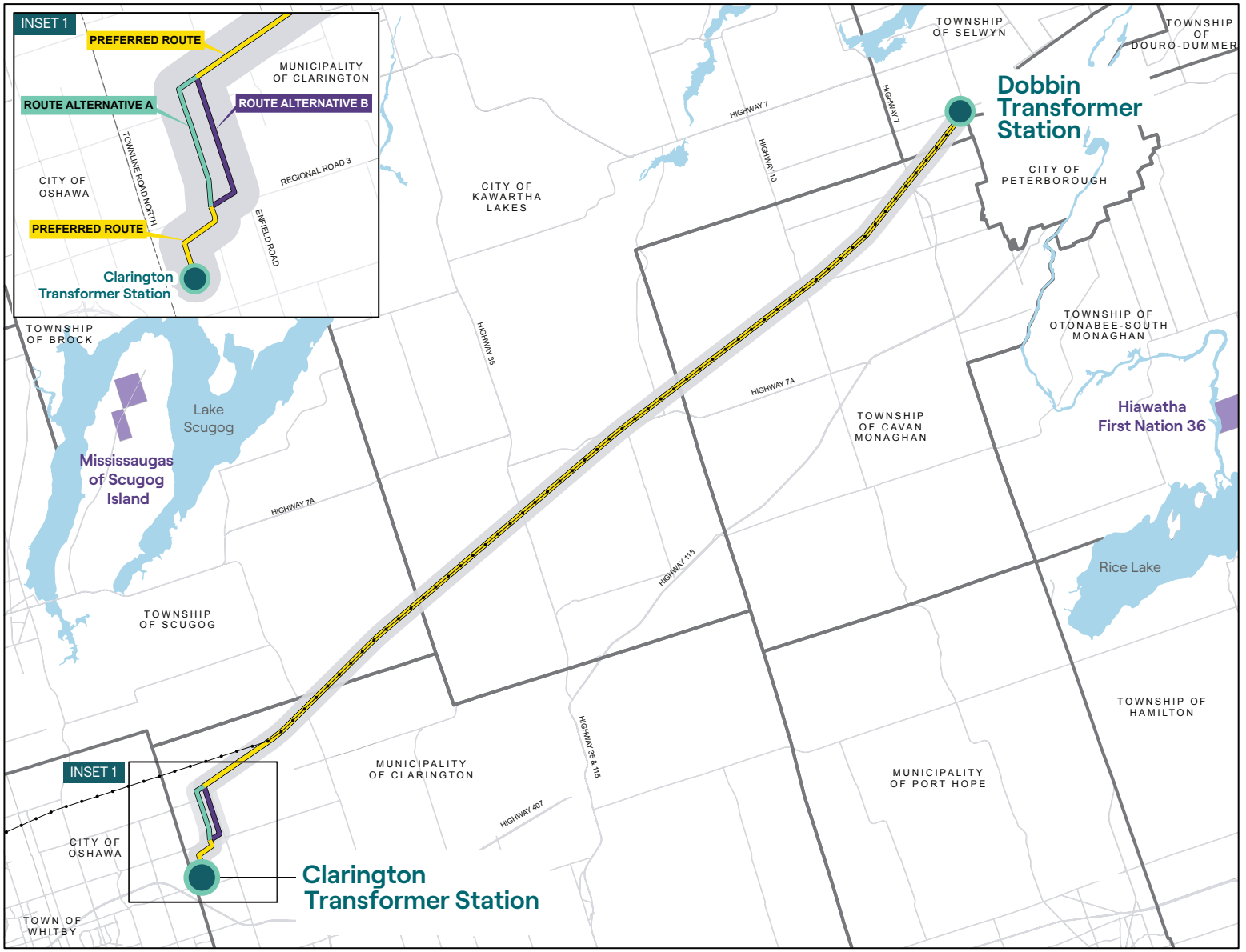

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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.

Subject: FW: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line
Sent: 2024-06-07, 9:10:50 AM
From: ONT Environment / Environnement ONT<EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca>
To: Rhona Scott
Attachments: Class EA Notice of Commencement and COH- Hydro One_DKPL.pdf

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Hello Rhona,

Thank you for your correspondence.

Please note Transport Canada does not require receipt of all Individual or Class EA related notifications. We request that project proponents self-assess whether their project:

1. Will interact with a federal property and/or waterway by reviewing the Directory of Federal Real Property, available at at www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/dfrp-rbif/; **and**
2. Will require approval and/or authorization under any Acts administered by Transport Canada* available at http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/acts-regulations/menu.htm.

Proposed projects that will occur on federal property (including reserve lands or lands owned by federal departments other than Transport Canada) will be subject to an Impact Assessment per Section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act, 2019* prior to exercising a federal power (including full or partial funding), and/or performing a function or duty (e.g. regulatory approval or issuance of a lease) in relation to that project.

If the criteria above do not apply, Transport Canada's Environmental Assessment program should not be included in any further correspondence, and future notifications will not receive a response. If there is a role under the program, correspondence should be forwarded to: EnviroOnt@tc.gc.ca with a **brief description of Transport Canada's expected role**.

*Below is a summary of the most common Acts that apply to projects in an Environmental Assessment context:

- ***Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)*** – the Act applies primarily to works constructed or placed in, on, over, under, through, or across navigable waters set out under the Act. The Navigation Protection Program administers the CNWA through the review and authorization of works affecting navigable waters. Information about the Program, CNWA and approval process is available at: http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/programs-621.html. Inquiries can be directed to NPPONT-PPNONT@tc.gc.ca or by calling (519) 383-1863.

- ***Railway Safety Act (RSA)*** – the Act provides the regulatory framework for railway safety, security, and some of the environmental impacts of railway operations in Canada. The Rail Safety Program develops and enforces regulations, rules, standards and procedures governing safe railway operations. Additional information about the Program is available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/railsafety/menu.htm. Inquiries can be directed to RailSafety@tc.gc.ca or by calling (613) 998-2985.

- ***Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (TDGA)*** – the transportation of dangerous goods by air, marine, rail and road is regulated under the TDGA. Transport Canada, based on risks, develops safety standards and regulations, provides oversight and gives expert advice on dangerous goods to promote public safety. Additional information about the transportation of dangerous goods is available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/safety-menu.htm. Inquiries can be directed to TDG-TMDOntario@tc.gc.ca or by calling (416) 973-1868.

- ***Aeronautics Act*** – this Act and the associated Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) govern civil aviation in Canada. Transport Canada should be notified of projects involving aerodromes and associated structures, or activities that could affect aviation safety. Elevated structures, such as wind turbines and communication towers, are examples of projects that must be assessed for lighting and marking requirements in accordance with the CARs. Transport Canada also has an interest in projects that have the potential to cause interference between wildlife and

aviation activities. One example would be waste facilities, which may attract birds into commercial and recreational flight paths. Additional guidance can be found in the *Land Use In The Vicinity of Aerodromes* publication, available at: https://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/publications/tp1247-menu-1418.htm. Information about Transport Canada's Civil Aviation program can be found at: https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation. Inquires can be directed to aviation.ont@tc.gc.ca or by calling 1 (800) 305-2059 / (416) 952-0230.

Please advise if additional information is needed.

Thank you,

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Lisa-Beth Bulford	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Erin Dick	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Doris Cheng	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Saravannan Sivarajah	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Doris Cheng Erin Dick Lisa-Beth Bulford Saravannan Sivarajah	2024-08-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to notify them that they were looking to refine and finalize the criteria that would be used to determine a preferred route selection for the Project to be announced in the Fall of 2024. Hydro One inquired if CLOCA had any recommendations or inputs that they considered significant for the preferred route selection and offered to meet to discuss.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Erin Dick	2024-08-30	Email	Incoming	Hydro One received an email bounceback from CLOCA with an alternative email address to reach out to in their absence.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Doris Cheng	2024-08-30	Email	Incoming	Hydro One received an Out of Office reply from CLOCA.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-09-06	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to inform them that they would be happy to meet to discuss the criteria and requirements to assist their route selection. CLOCA copied their colleagues to provide their meeting availability.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-02	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to offer their availability for a call to discuss the Project and route evaluation. Hydro One also noted that they were working on preparing an application for any boreholes within CLOCA regulated areas for their Phase 1 Geotechnical investigations and would be sending the application to another contact at CLOCA.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-02	Email	Incoming	Another member of CLOCA emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on October 16 and 17, 2024 and included another contact to provide their availability as well.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-02	Email	Incoming	Another member of CLOCA emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on October 16 and 17, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-02	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on October 16 and 17, 2024.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide a description of the Phase 1 Geotechnical Investigation program for the Project for boreholes located within CLOCA regulated areas. Hydro One noted that work was planned to begin in the next few weeks and inquired if there was a permit application that they needed to fill out. Hydro One also requested a fee schedule or invoice.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-17	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invite to CLOCA for October 17, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Perry Sisson	2024-10-17	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide a copy of their existing easement agreement and to provide a contact if they had any questions or concerns.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Perry Sisson	2024-10-17	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to thank them.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-17	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One and WSP met with members of CLOCA to discuss the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project. Items discussed included an overview of the Project, natural environment field studies completed to date and planned for spring 2025, route evaluation criteria and the preferred route selection process, and the Project schedule.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Eric Cameron	2024-10-17	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to request GPS coordinates for the borehole locations, as their regulated areas had been adjusted with the new legislation and they would need to manually check until the new mapping was available.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Eric Cameron	2024-10-18	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide a kmz file with the Phase 1 borehole locations within CLOCA regulated areas.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Eric Cameron	2024-10-18	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the information they requested.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-22	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to provide a list of the reviewed borehole locations and requested that they revise the application to include only boreholes that were within CLOCA regulation boundary.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to share the revised report with applicable boreholes.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-28	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the updated report and shared the permit application to be filled out and sent back to CLOCA. CLOCA noted that they would then provide payment information.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to inform them that they were working through the new map book and would get back to them shortly.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-29	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed CLOCA to share the draft minutes from their meeting with Hydro One on October 17, 2024 for their review. WSP requested any comments or changes to be provided by November 11, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-10-31	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to provide a copy of the permit application and requested payment information.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-10-31	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to request clarification on the reasoning for the permit type.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-10-31	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to provide payment information for the permit application.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-01	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to thank them for their explanation and confirmed that the invoice had been processed.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-01	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to clarify that a Minor Permit B fee would be required for the work due to its proximity to wetlands and provided further explanation for when Minor Permit A fees would apply.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to inquire about the timing for next steps for their permit request.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-05	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to provide the fully executed permit.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-05	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to thank them for the permit and to inform them that Hydro One was planning a second round of geotechnical boreholes in the spring and that they would reach out once they confirmed the locations.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-05	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to thank them and to provide the signed permit back.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-05	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to provide the unsigned permit for review. CLOCA requested that Hydro One provide additional details and signature and to send back the permit to CLOCA for final execution.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2024-11-05	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were currently working on their permit and planned to provide it to them that week.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-11-11	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed CLOCA to remind them that November 11, 2024 was the final day to submit comments or revisions to the draft minutes from their meeting on October 17, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-11-13	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed CLOCA to provide the final meeting minutes from their meeting on October 17, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Sarem Nejad	2024-11-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to request feedback on the importance of the criteria and indicators used to evaluate the route alternatives and to select the Preferred Route. Hydro One noted that they included "restoration opportunity" as an additional criterion in response to the comments provided by CLOCA. Hydro One also requested any information that could be fed into the restoration criteria, such as policies or plans for the property. Hydro One shared a link to a survey to solicit feedback on the route evaluation criteria and noted that the survey would close on November 29, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope	2024-12-12	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One and WSP to request an extension to submit the Route Evaluation Survey as they were unsure if the completed survey had been submitted to Hydro One.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope	2024-12-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to confirm that they had not received the completed survey and that they reopened the survey for CLOCA to revisit. Hydro One inquired if CLOCA could complete the survey by December 13, 2024.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Jamie Davidson Perry Sisson	2024-12-16	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to thank them for reopening the survey and confirmed that it had been completed. CLOCA noted that references and supporting documentation provided were not exhaustive due to limited characters and number of files that could be uploaded. CLOCA recommended that Hydro One consider resources listed on their website and provided a link to access.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Dayna Kiriakou Doris Cheng Eric Cameron Erin Dick Jamie Davidson Lisa-Beth Bulford Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Saravannan Sivarajah Sarem Nejad	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Dayna Kiriakou Doris Cheng Eric Cameron Erin Dick Jamie Davidson Lisa-Beth Bulford Musharraf Khan Perry Sisson Saravannan Sivarajah Sarem Nejad	2025-03-04	Email	Incoming	CLOCA sent an email to Hydro One with positive feedback regarding the route selection.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Jamie Davidson	2025-03-04	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to apologize for including them on an internal communication, and reiterated their appreciation for the fact that Hydro One took time to encourage CLOCA's input and to consider the information they provided critically.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Jamie Davidson	2025-03-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to thank them for the positive feedback.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)		2025-04-03	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One reached out to thank everyone who attended the recent open houses on March 18 and 20 for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. This email encouraged those who missed the Open Houses to visit the project website for the most recent information and project updates.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2025-05-15	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to inform them that they were still working on biodiversity initiative documents to share, as per their conversation at the Community Open House in March 2025.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope	2025-05-15	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to inform them that they were preparing for their second round of boreholes to take place in the coming months as well as Stage 2 Archaeology. Hydro One noted that they may have requested permits last season that they might not require. Hydro One noted that the boreholes within CLOCA regulated limits were not within the limits of a wetland, watercourse, or valley and their understanding was that they would need to follow best practices laid out in the MOU with Conservation Ontario and no other approval would be required for boreholes or archaeological test pitting in the area. Hydro One shared a copy of the MOU for reference and offered to set up a meeting if discussion was needed.

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Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope	2025-05-16	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to thank them for the information regarding the biodiversity initiative in progress.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2025-05-22	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to confirm that they reviewed Hydro One's proposal and that the geotechnical work would not require a permit from CLOCA. CLOCA requested the Application of Standard Best Practices.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2025-05-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to thank them for their response and to seek clarification regarding their request for Hydro One to show their commitment to the Application of Standard Best Practices. Hydro One confirmed that their Archaeological and Geotechnical consultants have been forwarded the MOU guidelines and that they would commit to following them. Hydro One requested to be informed if CLOCA required something else.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2025-05-22	Email	Incoming	CLOCA emailed Hydro One to clarify that they thought they would need to sign something and referenced a flow chart in the MOU.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dayna Kiriakou Eric Cameron Musharraf Khan Sarem Nejad	2025-05-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to thank them for their response and to confirm they were following Standard Best Practices, and that based on the flow chart they were aligned with the receipt of their email.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope	2025-06-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA to inform them that the Project team planned to host a workshop to introduce its Biodiversity Initiative following the completion of the Class EA in late 2025 - early 2026, which would involve Hydro One funding habitat creation and enhancement projects to offset any net habitat loss from the Project. Hydro One shared the proposed requirements for participation and noted that the program was still in development. Hydro One noted that CLOCA would be invited to the workshop following the Class EA and invited any questions in the interim.
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA)	Dan Hope Dayna Kiriakou Doris Cheng Eric Cameron Erin Dick Jamie Davidson Lisa-Beth Bulford Musharraf Khan	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed CLOCA the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
City of Peterborough Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Dave Smith Jasbir Raina Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-11-21	Event (attended)		Hydro One participated in a mayor's breakfast event by the Peterborough-Kawartha Chamber of Commerce, followed by a roundtable with local officials and MPP Dave Smith. The discussion covered the DKPL project, its progress, engagement with Indigenous communities, the EA process, property owner engagement, community investments, and plans for open houses in early 2025.

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City of Peterborough Legislative Assembly of Ontario Peterborough County Township of Selwyn	Dave Smith Jasbir Raina Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead Peterborough County Sarah McDougall Perrin Township of Selwyn	2024-11-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Mayor of the City of Peterborough, City of Peterborough staff, MPP for Peterborough-Kawartha, and the Township of Selwyn to thank them for joining their roundtable after the Mayor's Breakfast event and to share the link to the Project website. Hydro One provided a brochure with information about stray voltage and contact information for the team available to address additional questions on the topic. Hydro One noted that they would connect the Township of Selwyn with their Distribution planning team regarding growth, expansion, and connection needs as well as potential community investment opportunities.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Todd J. McCarthy	2025-03-20	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the office of Durham MPP to provide a high-level overview of the Project. Hydro One directed attendees from Durham MPP's office to the Project website for more information about the Project, including the informational panels that would be showcased at the Community Open House on March 20, 2025. Hydro One encouraged Durham MPP's attendees to reach out to the Project team with any questions or if they required additional details.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Todd J. McCarthy	2025-10-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One contacted Durham MPP to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025 with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Todd McCarthy	2025-10-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One contacted Durham MPP to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025 with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Laurie Scott	2025-10-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One contacted Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025, with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Laurie Scott	2025-10-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One contacted Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025, with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)	Brett Smith	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.

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Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)	IESO Contract Management	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed IESO the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Infrastructure Ontario	Notice Review Inbox (IO)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed IO to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Infrastructure Ontario		2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed IO to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Infrastructure Ontario	Notice Review Inbox (IO) Rahim Baird	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed IO a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Infrastructure Ontario		2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	
Infrastructure Ontario	David Macey Environmental Management Erica Anderson Notice Review Inbox (IO) Rahim Baird	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Infrastructure Ontario the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Kawartha Conservation	Matthew Mantle	2024-07-17	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to inform them of the Class EA for the DKPL Project. Hydro One noted that their Real Estate team had reached out to Kawartha Conservation to discuss access agreements for the areas where the Project crosses Kawartha Conservation property. Hydro One attached the Notice of Commencement.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-08-26	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide a proposed meeting agenda for their meeting.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to inquire if they planned to meet in person on September 23, 2024. Hydro One confirmed that they were mostly going to call in virtually but would have the ability to attend in person if they preferred.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-23	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were welcome to attend the meeting in person or virtually.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to confirm they would attend the meeting in person.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-23	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with Kawartha Conservation and gave an overview of the DKPL project, including a description of the routes and evaluation process, the planned studies, and high level schedule. Kawartha Conservation shared details of a project they had planned for restoration within the ROW. They also shared details of the area, including information about trails, memorials, and previous issues with trespassing in the area.

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Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to notify them that the shapefiles they had of the regulation limits were out of date with the last legislation change. Hydro One inquired if they could share the most recent files and noted they could sign any data sharing agreements if required.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-30	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to confirm they could provide the data and inquired if there was a specific study area file they would like their Regulated Area Limit clipped for the Project.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to provide a kmz of the area for clipping.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-09-30	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed internally to request access for Hydro One to the data they collected to delineate the wetland areas within the eco corridor.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-02	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide a Data Licensing Agreement to be signed prior to sharing data and inquired about what file format Hydro One required.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to confirm they would require Shapefiles.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-04	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide a PDF agreement for signature and confirmed they would send the Shapefiles once they received the signed agreement.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to thank them.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-04	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide the Shapefiles and requested to be informed if they experienced any issues. Kawartha Conservation noted that they informed their director that Hydro One had signed the agreement and would provide Hydro One a copy once it had been fully executed by Kawartha Conservation.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-07	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide the fully executed agreement.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-16	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to request confirmation of the permitting contact that they had previously provided. Hydro One noted that they were ready to request approval for the Phase 1 Geotechnical Investigations for boreholes located within Kawartha Conservation Authority regulated limits, as recommended by their MOU with Conservation Ontario. Hydro One provided a description of the program and the locations of the boreholes within Kawartha Conservation Authority regulated areas and requested guidance regarding the applicable permit application for the program.
Kawartha Conservation	Conservation Areas Mailbox	2024-10-16	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to request a contact to discuss permitting with, as their previous contact was no longer available.
Kawartha Conservation	Kristie Virgoe Matthew Mantle	2024-10-21	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide them a contact to reach out to regarding their permit questions.
Kawartha Conservation	Melissa Creasy-alexander	2024-10-25	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they forwarded Hydro One's email and attached documents to their permitting team and provided their contact information.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle	2024-11-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to follow up on their permit request and provided an updated project description and borehole location. Hydro One requested confirmation of the timeline to process their permit request.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle	2024-11-13	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to confirm receipt of their permit application and noted that they would look into their submission.

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Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle	2024-11-13	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to follow up on their permit request and inquire about the timeline for review and signature according to the MOU with Conservation Ontario. Hydro One recognized that they made changes since their original submission but noted that they had not received any response.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle	2024-11-19	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to thank them for acknowledging receipt of their submission and requested an estimated timeline for when they would have permits in hand.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle	2024-11-19	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they hoped to send the permit to Hydro One by the end of the day.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle Susanne Murchison	2024-11-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to notify them of the start dates for geotechnical work to begin on December 2 and 4, 2024.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Matthew Mantle Melissa Creasy-alexander Ron Warne	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Kawartha Conservation	Kristie McCabe Melissa Creasy-alexander	2025-05-08	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to inquire about a memorial cross on one of the Hydro One towers. Hydro One requested the location of the cross and contact information of the family to coordinate its removal and replacement. Hydro One also inquired about the restoration work previously indicated by Kawartha Conservation and requested a species list possible delineation.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle	2025-05-16	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to inform them that they were preparing for their second round of boreholes to take place in the coming months as well as Stage 2 Archaeology. Hydro One noted that they may have requested permits last season that they might not require. Hydro One noted that the boreholes within Kawartha Conservation's regulated limits were not within the limits of a wetland, watercourse, or valley and their understanding was that they would need to follow best practices laid out in the MOU with Conservation Ontario and no other approval would be required for boreholes or archaeological test pitting in the area. Hydro One shared a copy of the MOU for reference and offered to set up a meeting if discussion was needed.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits	2025-05-16	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to thank them for the information and maps they provided for references. Kawartha Conservation informed Hydro One of staffing changes and changes in their permitting processes. Kawartha Conservation noted that they had reviewed the borehole locations and found that only one of the boreholes was located within their regulated area. Kawartha Conservation confirmed that they would issue a modified permit that would include standard best practices and requested a timeline to ensure they issue the permit in a timely manner so as not to delay work.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-05-20	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to thank them for their information and notified Hydro One of staffing changes. Kawartha Conservation noted that they would discuss internally to ensure no permits would be required and that they would advise by May 23, 2025.

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Kawartha Conservation	Kristie McCabe	2025-05-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to inform them that another contact at Kawartha Conservation had responded to their inquiry and that they would loop them into that email chain. Hydro One also flagged another outstanding email chain that they would provide a response to.
Kawartha Conservation	Kristie McCabe Melissa Creasy-alexander	2025-05-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to follow up on a few action items from their meeting in September 2024. Hydro One offered to meet for a refresher on items they discussed.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-05-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to confirm their understanding of the modified permit to be issued. Hydro One informed Kawartha Conservation that geotechnical work would begin in July 2025 and inquired if the permit could be issued in time. Hydro One also noted that they would be conducting archaeological work along the entire line starting the week of May 26, 2025 until about September 2025 and that some work would be intrusive (hand digging) and some areas would be ploughed and walked through within Hydro One's Right-of-Way. Hydro One inquired if a permit would be required for that work.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-05-27	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they did not need permits for hand digging as they did not consider it to be intrusive. Kawartha Conservation advised that a permit would be required for any large earthworks where erosion could become a concern for a wetland.
Kawartha Conservation	Kristie McCabe Melissa Creasy-alexander	2025-05-27	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to note that they would let their colleague respond to their inquiry.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-05-27	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they could draft a permit for the borehole work to be issued before July 2025. Kawartha Conservation advised that a permit would be required for the archaeological portion of the work as well and noted that it may be best to issue separate permits for the work. Kawartha Conservation requested supporting documentation for the borehole and archaeological work do they could draft permits for issuance once payment was received.
Kawartha Conservation	Kristie McCabe Melissa Creasy-alexander	2025-05-27	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One and provided a shapefile for the locations of trees planted in 2019, and restoration area for Hydro One's records. They also noted they did not have an exact location of the memorial cross, but would try to get this and provided a general area requesting the cross be replaced when the work is completed.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-07-02	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to confirm that a permit was not required for the archaeology work. Hydro One noted that a permit may not be necessary for the geotechnical borehole work under the Memorandum of Understanding with Conservation Ontario, as the borehole was located outside the wetland. Nonetheless, Hydro One provided a completed permit application for the geotechnical borehole work. Hydro One also requested gate access to Kawartha Conservation property and permission to park a float in the public lot during the borehole drilling.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-07-02	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to confirm that Hydro One had received the access to the Kawartha Conservation property, and noted that only the geotechnical borehole work and parking permissions were still required.
Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits	2025-07-03	Phone	Incoming	Hydro One received a call from Kawartha Conservation regarding permitting for the geotechnical borehole work. After reviewing the borehole location overlaid within the conservation authority's regulated areas, it was determined that no permit was required.

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Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Kristie McCabe	2025-07-03	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to confirm that no permit was required for the geotechnical borehole work. Kawartha Conservation also provided Hydro One with a location for parking.
Kawartha Conservation	Korey Hayes Melissa Creasy-alexander Ron Warne	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	David Cooper	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OMAFRA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	David Marriott	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OMAFRA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	Payton Hofstetter	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	Anab Siraj	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OMAFRA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Karla Barboza	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Liam Smythe	2024-07-03	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to respond to the Notice of Commencement with a reminder of Hydro One's responsibilities under the Ontario Heritage Act and Environmental Assessment Act, including the timing and sequencing of completion of technical cultural heritage studies.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Karla Barboza	2024-12-17	Email	Incoming	AECOM, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed MCM to introduce their role on the Project and to request their review of the Project map to verify whether there were any Provincial Heritage Properties and/or Provincial Heritage Properties of Provincial Significance adjacent to the Project Study Area. AECOM also inquired if there were any provincial plaques nearby. AECOM noted that the route passed through the Municipality of Clarington, the Township of Scugog, the City of Kawartha Lakes, the Township of Cavan-Monaghan, and the Township of Selwyn.

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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Karla Barboza Liam Smythe MCM Office of the Registrar	2024-12-27	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed AECOM to share the screening checklists that was developed to assist property owners, developers, consultants in identifying known and potential cultural heritage resources. MCM provided responses to screening questions from the Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes checklist, confirming that no properties within the study area had been designated as being of cultural heritage and that they did not have any record of a provincial heritage property within or adjacent to the study area. MCM noted that if the lands were owned or controlled by an Ontario Ministry or Prescribed Public Body on behalf of the Crown, they may have responsibilities under the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties. MCM also noted that regarding other protected heritage properties and provincial plaques within or adjacent to the study area, AECOM should contact the Ontario Heritage Trust, Provincial Heritage Registrar and the municipal planner.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Karla Barboza	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Jackson Kaufman Karla Barboza	2025-03-26	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for the Notice of Preferred Route and Open House Invitation and to note a change in their contact list and provided another contact to be included on correspondence going forward.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Jackson Kaufman Karla Barboza	2025-04-03	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM to confirm that they updated their Project Contact List with the contact information previously provided. Hydro One informed MCM that the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions (CHEC) report was currently drafted and with Indigenous communities for review and comment. Hydro One provided the CHEC and noted that the final CHEC would be appended to their draft and final versions of the Environmental Study Report (ESR) which was intended to go for public review in October 2025. Hydro One provided panels and Chapter 5 of the draft ESR with details on how Hydro One selected the preferred route. Hydro One welcomed questions or comments.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Jackson Kaufman Karla Barboza Mariana Nito	2025-06-06	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the draft copy of the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report for the Project. MCM provided an attachment with their comments.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	Jackson Kaufman Karla Barboza	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza	2025-11-27	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing MCM with the Notice of Completion. MCM confirmed that they were finalizing their comments to be provided to Hydro One on the week of December 1, 2025. MCM apologized for the delay.

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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza	2025-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM to thank them for providing an update regarding their timeline to submit comments and acknowledged the need for additional time.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza	2025-12-05	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM to follow up with them regarding their comments on the ESR.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman Jon Orpana Karla Barboza	2025-12-05	Email		MCM emailed Hydro One to inform them that their comments on the draft ESR had been delayed and inquired if they could receive an extension to submit final comments by December 10, 2025.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza	2025-12-08	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM to thank them for informing Hydro One of the delays they had been experiencing and to offer their understanding. Hydro One welcomed receipt of MCM's comments by December 10, 2025.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman Jon Orpana Karla Barboza	2025-12-08	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for their patience in awaiting their comments on the draft ESR and for their accommodation.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Chunmei Liu EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza Mariana Nito	2025-12-10	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. MCM thanked Hydro One for their patience awaiting the final comments.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Chunmei Liu EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza Mariana Nito	2025-12-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MCM to thank them for their comments on the draft ESR and to provide a table with their response to MCM's comments. Hydro One welcomed any questions or requests for clarification.

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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Chunmei Liu EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jackson Kaufman James Hamilton Jon Orpana Karla Barboza Mariana Nito	2025-12-22	Email	Incoming	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing their responses to MCM's comments on the draft ESR. MCM advised that they would review and get back to them in the new year.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	Erin Thompson	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MEDJCT to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	Nathan Hammill	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MEDJCT to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	Ed Kung Erin Thompson	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MEDJCT a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	Ed Kung Erin Thompson	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MEDJCT the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Energy		2023-10-19	Letter	Incoming	On October 19, 2023 the Ministry of Energy provided Hydro One an Order in Council to amend the conditions of Hydro One's license to require it to develop and seek all necessary approvals for three priority projects, including DKPL.
Ministry of Energy	Gillian Brown	2023-12-29	Email	Incoming	Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to provide a delegation letter for the Project.
Ministry of Energy	Gillian Brown	2024-01-03	Email	Incoming	Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to apologize for the IT issue they were experiencing and provided a scanned copy of the ODF of the delegation letter for the Project. Ministry of Energy noted that they would ensure the community consultation advisors of the First Nations also had the scanned notification letter.
Ministry of Energy	Gillian Brown	2024-01-03	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy to inform them that they couldn't open the attachment they sent.
Ministry of Energy	Gillian Brown	2024-01-03	Email	Incoming	Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to inquire if the PDF attachment they sent worked.
Ministry of Energy	Gillian Brown	2024-01-03	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy to inform them that they could not open the document in either email they sent and requested a readable version or print screen of the document.
Ministry of Energy		2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.

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Ministry of Energy	Michael Di Cosmo	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Energy and Electrification	Hillary Armstrong Michael Di Cosmo	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy and Electrification a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Energy and Electrification	Hillary Armstrong Michael Di Cosmo Omerdin Omer Tracey Burton	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MEE the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Mines	Melanie Johnson	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Mines to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Mines	Tracey Burton	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Mines to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Mines	Melanie Johnson Tracey Burton	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Mines a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	Michael Elms	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MMAH to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	Maya Harris	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	Maya Harris Michael Elms	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MMAH a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	Elaine Hardy Michael Elms	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MMAH the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)		2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)	Christa Rigney Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2024-06-05	Email	Incoming	MNR emailed Hydro One to confirm receipt of their notice of commencement and provided a response outlining MNRF's areas of interest.

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Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	MNR Southern Region Email Inbox	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-03-26	Email	Incoming	MNR emailed Hydro One to thank them for the Notice of Preferred Route and to note that they had completed a cursory scan of the open house materials. MNR noted that the project appeared to overlap with many of MNR's interests, including Oak Ridges Moraine, such as Natural Core Areas and Natural Linkage Areas, coldwater systems, an Area of Natural and Scientific Intesrest (ANSI), and a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). MNR also noted that a patch of the Enfield Wetlands Complex PSW might be missing from the mapping tool. MNR requested more information on the existing conditions inventory, evaluation of impacts of each route alternative and propose mitigation measures relative to MNR's interests. MNR also noted that they sent information on their areas of interest in their reply to Hydro One's Notice of Commencement and have since updated their Areas of Interest package with expanded information. MNR attached the latest version of the Areas of Interest package for consideration.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-04-03	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR to thank them for reaching out and to confirm that they had received MNR's initial response to Hydro One's Notice of Commencement. Hydro One also confirmed that they had looked at the datasets identified by MNR and that the Enfield Wetland Complex was a major factor in their decision to select Route B as the preferred route. Hydro One provided a copy of the drafted chapter on the Identification and Evaluation of Route Alternatives that would be included in the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR), which was intended to go for public review in October 2025. Hydro One noted that they were still compiling the existing conditions inventory and effects assessment and mitigations chapters. Hydro One welcomed an opportunity to meet and discuss further. Hydro One provided an overview of the routing and evaluation process, including the decision to utilize an existing corridor for 50 km of the preferred route to minimize vegetation clearing and to avoid additional crossings of environmentally significant areas, such as Oak Ridges Moraine and Provincially Significant Wetlands (PSWs). Hydro One explained the route evaluation process for the remaining 3 km of the route, resulting in the decision to proceed with Route B, which scored highest in the categories of Indigenous culture, values and land use, natural environment, and technical feasibility and cost. Lastly, Hydro One thanked MNR for providing the updated Areas of Interest Package and advised that they would review and let MNR know if they had any questions.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-04-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR to share an image to show the wetlands and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSIs) on the Project map, and apologized for not pointing it out in their previous email. Hydro One also noted that, although the Project goes through parts of the wetland, tower locations had not yet been planned and will be developed during the detail design phase. Hydro One noted that their goal was to span over the wetlands rather than place a tower within them.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-04-04	Email	Incoming	MNR emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the requested information and to note that they would wait for the Draft ESR to become available for their review. MNR flagged a patch of PSWs that may be crossed by the preferred route alternative and wondered if it was taken into consideration for the route evaluation. MNR provided a screenshot of DKPL webviewer tool that faintly showed the ANSI boundaries north of Regional Road 3 and a screenshot of the Land Information Ontario (LIO) GIS layers showing the PSW boundaries.

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Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-04-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR to provide additional context for the reason that the selected route traversed through the area that MNR was concerned about. Hydro One noted that the proposed transmission line paralleled an existing transmission line corridor in the section of interest. Hydro One clarified that they had not begun the detailed design phase which would include tower placements but that, based on best practices and feedback received during the environmental assessment, their goal would be to span over wetlands to avoid placing towers in wetlands whereever possible.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-04-16	Email	Incoming	MNR emailed Hydro One to thank them for the clarification and noted that the selection made more sense.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	MNR Southern Region Email Inbox	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-11-24	Email	Incoming	MNR emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. MNR noted that they did not have concerns with the project generally, however pointed out a discrepancy between the overlap with Enfield Provincially Significant Wetland Complex along the preferred alternative route in a table and figure in the ESR. MNR also noted that there were a few references in the text to MNRF and suggested that it should be updated to remove "Forestry" from the ministry name.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-12-18	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MNR to provide their responses to comments received on the draft ESR. Hydro One provided an explanation regarding Table 5-10 of the ESR, noting that the table provides a comparative evaluation of Route A and B only, not other route sections. Hydro One attached a figure with calculations to clarify the ROW intersections. Hydro One confirmed that additional calculations would be added to the ESR to specify the amount of ANSIs and PSWs intersecting the full preferred route ROW and noted that intersection with the ROW did not necessarily equate to impacts, as mitigation measures would be implemented to avoid interactions. Lastly, Hydro One thanked MNR for pointing out references to MNRF in the draft ESR and committed to correcting one of the references, while noting that references to MNRF publications dated prior to the ministry's name change would remain unchanged, in accordance with their style guide. Hydro One welcomed any questions or requests for additional information.
Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)	Christa Rigney	2025-12-31	Email	Incoming	MNR emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the clarification in response to their comment on the draft ESR and to thank them for adding additional text to the final ESR to support this clarification.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Kathleen O'Neill	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Joshua Ortega	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Jamila Dhanji	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Class EA Notices EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Gavin Battarino Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Nick Colella	2024-06-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Eastern Region	2024-06-04	Email	Incoming	Hydro One received an automated message from MECP to acknowledge receipt of their email.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EAB Director (MECP) EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Gavin Battarino Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Nick Colella	2024-06-07	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing an update on the Project status. MECP attached information regarding the ministry's interest with respect to the Class EA process.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Class EA Notices EA Notification Eastern Region Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Krishna Selvakumar	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EAB Director (MECP) EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Gavin Battarino Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Nick Colella	2025-06-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to inform them that they were in the final stages of the Class EA and that they expected to submit a Draft Environmental Study Report to stakeholders in October 2025 for a 30-day public comment period. Hydro One noted that they would soon be beginning their detailed design process for the Project and inquired if MECP had any new feedback to consider for either the Class EA or the detailed design. Hydro One also requested confirmation of the appropriate regional contact for Project notices.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EAB Director (MECP) EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Gavin Battarino Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Nick Colella	2025-06-27	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for the update and to note that they did not have any feedback to be considered for detailed design as they had not received any report or materials to review. MECP suggested that, because the Project spanned two regions, Hydro One send notices to both regional inboxes for completeness.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Class EA Notices EAB Director (MECP) EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Gavin Battarino Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Nick Colella	2025-10-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Krishna Selvakumar	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Class EA Notices EAB Director (MECP) EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Gavin Battarino Jamila Dhanji Joshua Ortega Kathleen O'Neill Nick Colella	2025-11-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to inquire if they should expect any comments on the draft ESR for the Project, as the deadline would close as of 4:30 PM on November 27, 2025 and they had not yet received any feedback from MECP.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Marco Mazzuca	2025-11-27	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for their patience and to confirm that they would submit their comments on November 28, 2025.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Marco Mazzuca	2025-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to thank them for providing a timeline for when to expect their comments on the draft ESR.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-11-28	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR and supporting documentation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to thank them for their comments on the draft ESR and to express appreciation for the effort they had taken to review and provide feedback.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Chunmei Liu	2025-12-17	Phone	Outgoing	Hydro One called MECP and left a voicemail to request an opportunity to discuss their comments on the draft ESR.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-12-17	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to inform them that they left a voicemail and requested confirmation that they had the right number. Hydro One requested an opportunity to connect to discuss one of their comments on the draft ESR regarding Indigenous consultation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas Chunmei Liu EA Notification Eastern Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-12-18	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to inquire about which comments they wanted to discuss so they could include the appropriate reviewers in their discussion.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-12-19	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to thank them for getting back to them and to note that Indigenous communities have expressed concern about the release of sensitive information in public-facing materials, and that they did not feel that including all correspondence in the final ESR without first discussing with all First Nations involved would be appropriate, in addition to requiring significant effort to redact sensitive information from records. Hydro One mentioned that their approach was to include key correspondence in the ESR with consultation summaries, and if MECP required additional correspondence beyond what was included in the ESR, they propose providing those documents directly to MECP upon request to help maintain confidentiality and avoid delays. Hydro One requested to be informed of the specific communications they required so that they could prepare accordingly. Hydro One also recognized that they had been asked to provide copies of NOC emails and TAC emails, however they did not host any TACs for the Project. Hydro One planned to provide answers to their other comments later that day.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region EA Notification Eastern Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-12-19	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to thank them for providing their comments on the draft ESR and to provide a table summarizing their responses to MECP's comments. Hydro One also included an unredacted copy of the Natural Environment Report to provide full contact and addressed points raised. Hydro One welcomed any questions or requests for clarification.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region Jon Orpana Marco Mazzuca	2025-12-22	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response to MECP's comments and to confirm that they would share the response with their reviewers for review. MECP wished Hydro One happy holidays.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region	2025-12-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to thank them for confirming receipt of their responses and to wish them happy holidays as well.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region	2025-12-23	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to request access to the link they provided with their response to MECP's comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region	2025-12-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to note that they had provided access to the EA Notification email address and inquired if they could try accessing the link again. Hydro One also noted that they would try to get in touch with their IT department for alternative options.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region Marco Mazzuca	2026-01-07	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to follow up on their ability to access and download the Natural Environment report following their email on December 23, 2025. Hydro One advised that WSP would also send the report to MECP via their file transfer system due to the size of the report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region Marco Mazzuca	2026-01-07	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed MECP to send the Natural Environment Report via web transfer file for download.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	EA Notification Central Region Marco Mazzuca	2026-01-13	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to inform them that they would be including First Nation correspondence consistent with the approach recently confirmed by MECP's southwest review team in the final ESR, including emails for the Notice of Commencement. Hydro One noted that any additional correspondence could be provided directly to MECP upon request.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region Header Merza Jon Orpana Mahdi Zangeneh Marco Mazzuca Sherif Hegazy	2026-01-19	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response to MECP's comments and to provide additional comments. MECP noted that they were satisfied with majority of Hydro One's responses, except for those related to noise and vibration, as MECP did not support deferring the noise and vibration assessment to the detailed design phase of the Project. MECP believed that the ESR was the appropriate stage to evaluate potential noise and vibration impacts and identify mitigation measures, particularly for a transmission project of the scale and complexity of DKPL. MECP advised that predictable worst-case scenarios should be assessed at this time, in accordance with MECP guidelines, to ensure transparency and allow stakeholders to understand potential impacts before the project advanced. MECP also noted that their staff were still reviewing Hydro One's response to their comments on Indigenous consultation and they would share feedback once available.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region Header Merza Jon Orpana Mahdi Zangeneh Marco Mazzuca Sherif Hegazy	2026-01-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to acknowledge concerns regarding noise and vibration assessments. Hydro One asserted that a fully compliant predictive noise assessment was not feasible at the ESR stage because detailed engineering inputs required for such assessments were not yet available, as the project has not advanced to detailed design. Hydro One emphasized that operational noise levels from similar projects have consistently met MECP thresholds and that noise exceedances beyond the right of way have not been observed. Hydro One's plan to defer detailed noise and vibration modeling until the detailed design phase had been accepted by the MECP on other projects. Hydro One committed to evaluating noise and vibration guidance as design progressed, completing assessments when engineering details are available, and incorporating design measures to minimize noise. Hydro One noted that the Project was a provincial priority and must advance to the detailed design stage to meet its mandated in-service date.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region Header Merza Jon Orpana Mahdi Zangeneh Marco Mazzuca Sherif Hegazy	2026-01-29	Email	Incoming	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for their patience as their review team continues to work on the file. MECP requested additional details regarding the nature and extent of the confidentiality concerns from First Nation communities engaged on the Project. MECP committed to responding as soon as possible to Hydro One once clarification was provided.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	Celeste Dugas EA Notification Central Region Header Merza Jon Orpana Mahdi Zangeneh Marco Mazzuca Sherif Hegazy	2026-01-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MECP to inform them that the Class EA consultation chapter of the ESR provided a transparent record of Indigenous engagement, which was consistent with similar projects. Hydro One also provided additional detail regarding the nature of the confidentiality concerns raised by First Nations, noting that a primary concern was the volume of correspondence that would require review for redactions. Hydro One also noted that they had heard directly from First Nation communities that they did not want their Indigenous Knowledge made public and expectations to adhere to OCAP principles were emphasized. Hydro One explained that their approach was to include key correspondence with First Nation communities, such as notices, presentations, and formal comments, with summaries intended to provide sufficient detail regarding any specific items of interest. Hydro One recommended that, if MECP determined additional correspondence was needed beyond what was in the ESR, Hydro One could provide them directly to MECP upon request.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	Wagdy Guirgis	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of the Solicitor General to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	Wagdy Guirgis	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of the Solicitor General a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	Amorette Rodrigues Christina Kwan	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of the Solicitor General the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)		2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MTCS to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming	Laurie Brownlee	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming	Josh Wilson Laurie Brownlee	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	Rina Kulathinal	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MTO to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.

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Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	Jenn Meleschuk	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MTO to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	Shanna Foreman	2024-06-20	Email	Incoming	MTO emailed Hydro One to inform them that their Class EA announcement had been circulated to the wrong regional area and may result in a delay in MTO providing comments. MTO informed Hydro One that they had a new system to streamline approval processes and requested that Hydro One submit their Class EA as a non-site specific land development through the HCMS site and provided the link.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	Jenn Meleschuk Rina Kulathinal	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MTO a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	Highway Corridor Management Section (MTO)	2025-06-27	Email	Incoming	Hydro One received an automatic reply from MTO informing them that their request for a pre-consultation submitted on June 27, 2025 was received and that a member of the Highway Corridor Management staff would be in contact with them.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	Norm Meyers Rina Kulathinal	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed MTO the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Samuel Bayefsky Tara Jenkins	2024-12-13	Email	Incoming	AECOM emailed Ontario Heritage Trust to introduce their work on DKPL and to request a review of an attached map of the Project Study Area to determine if there were any properties within or adjacent to the Study Area that were of interest to Ontario Heritage Trust.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Samuel Bayefsky Tara Jenkins	2024-12-30	Email	Incoming	Ontario Heritage Trust emailed AECOM to provide information for two properties located within the Project Study Area that Ontario Heritage Trust protects and attached an associated map. Ontario Heritage Trust recommended reaching out to clerks and local municipalities to confirm heritage status of properties because they relied on municipalities to share information on designations and Ontario Heritage Trust could not guarantee the completeness of information contained in the OHA register.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Samuel Bayefsky Tara Jenkins	2025-01-02	Email	Incoming	AECOM emailed Ontario Heritage Trust to thank them for providing information regarding two Ontario Heritage Trust properties in the vicinity of the Project Study Area. AECOM requested additional information about one of the properties.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Jake Harper Samuel Bayefsky Tara Jenkins	2025-01-09	Email	Incoming	AECOM emailed Ontario Heritage Trust to thank them for the information and inquired if they could provide a municipal address or GIS shapefile for the property to help them locate it on their mapping. AECOM requested any additional information to support recommendations for mitigation measures, such as the type of protection and easement Ontario Heritage Trust has on the property.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Samuel Bayefsky Tara Jenkins	2025-01-09	Email	Incoming	Ontario Heritage Trust emailed AECOM to provide information about a property they requested additional information on. Ontario Heritage Trust noted that this property may have generalized senstive areas as per Kawartha Conservation's East Cross Forest Natural Heritage Study and requested various mitigation measures to protect some sensitive areas on the property.

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Ontario Heritage Trust	Jake Harper Samuel Bayefsky Tara Jenkins	2025-01-15	Email	Incoming	Ontario Heritage Trust emailed AECOM to provide the GIS shapefile for the property and noted that they did not have a municipal address on record. Ontario Heritage Trust informed AECOM that they protect the property via a heritage conservation easement agreement and provided additional information on the objective of the easement. Ontario Heritage Trust also noted that their easement was subject to two pre-existing easements in favour of Ontario Hydro.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Samuel Bayefsky	2025-05-23	Email	Outgoing	AECOM emailed Ontario Heritage Trust to request the heritage conservation easement agreement for the Happe Property.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Catherine Wisniowski Samuel Bayefsky	2025-05-27	Email	Incoming	Ontario Heritage Trust emailed AECOM to provide the heritage conservation agreement for the Happe Property and requested that they did not share it wider than was necessary for purposes of the Project.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Catherine Wisniowski Samuel Bayefsky	2025-05-28	Email	Incoming	AECOM emailed Ontario Heritage Trust to thank them for providing the heritage conservation easement agreement for the Happe Property and inquired if they could share it with Hydro One's environmental team. AECOM noted that a new easement following the same ROW would be required between Hydro One and the property owner and that the towers would need to be relocated within the easement. AECOM provided their opinion that a CHER would not be warranted as there were no cultural heritage attributes to assess or mitigate and requested Ontario Heritage Trust confirm whether they agreed with this approach.
Ontario Heritage Trust	Catherine Wisniowski Samuel Bayefsky	2025-06-02	Email	Incoming	Ontario Heritage Trust emailed AECOM to confirm they could share the easement with the Hydro One environmental team. Ontario Heritage Trust confirmed that they entered into the Heritage Conservation Easement Agreement (HCEA) to protect the natural heritage features of the Happe Property and were not aware of any cultural heritage features on the property. Ontario Heritage Trust could not speak to the evaluations that AECOM was required to perform, but noted their agreement of AECOM's assessment that a CHER may not be necessary given the property's lack of known cultural heritage features.
Ontario Power Generation (OPG)		2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPG to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ontario Power Generation (OPG)	Barbara Medeiros	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPG a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ontario Power Generation (OPG)	Barbara Medeiros	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPG the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)		2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	OPP City of Kawartha Lakes	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.

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Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	OPP Peterborough County	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPP to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	Jennifer Chown OPP City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Peterborough County	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPP a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	Nicole Rodaro	2025-03-07	Email	Incoming	OPP emailed Hydro One to direct them to update their contact list for present and future projects.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	Nicole Rodaro	2025-03-07	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPP to thank them for the contact update and to note that the change had been made to their project contact list.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	Jennifer Chown Nicole Rodaro OPP City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Peterborough County	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed OPP the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin Otonabee Conservation (General Inbox)	2024-09-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to follow up on their initial email to inform them of the Class EA for the Project. Hydro One provided details of the Project and informed Otonabee Conservation of the criteria that Hydro One would use to evaluate and deteremine the Preferred Route of the Project. Hydro One recognized that the route evaluation was not in Otonabee Conservation boundaries but they welcomed any input on the evaluation. Hydro One requested shapefiles of Otonabee Conservation's regulated areas to overlay on their internal system. Hydro One also noted that they were planning a fall geotechnical program to gather early design information for the Project and wanted to review the proposed geotechnical locations against regulation limits to determine next steps. Hydro One offered to coordinate an informational meeting with Otonabee Conservation to provide an overview of the Class EA and next steps.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin Otonabee Conservation (General Inbox)	2024-09-23	Email	Incoming	Otonabee Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide a Data Sharing Agreement to be completed and inquired if they required copies of floodplain and regulation limits or if a webservice would work. Otonabee Conservation noted that they were working with someone with respect to accessing some of their lands along the route. Otonabee Conservation also shared mapping to denote Provincially Significant Wetlands for the EA.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin Otonabee Conservation (General Inbox)	2024-09-25	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to thank them for their quick response and requested copies of the regulation limits and floodplains and noted that their supervisor would fill Data Sharing Agreement and reach out to them directly. Hydro One thanked Otonabee Conservation for sharing the PSW mapping and noted they were aware that their real estate team was in contact with property owners to discuss access.

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Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2024-09-26	Email	Incoming	Otonabee Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that they should have received their Regulated Areas and Floodplain layers for regulatory and permit purposes and inquired if they no longer had access to it.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2024-09-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to inquire who they shared the Regulated Areas and Floodplain layers with.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2024-10-02	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to confirm they had located the regulated areas data provided to Hydro One in June 2023 and inquired if it was the most updated data on the CA's side.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2024-10-02	Email	Incoming	Otonabee Conservation emailed Hydro One to inform them that the data had been updated in early 2024 and shared the updated data. Otonabee Conservation noted that they would make a notation on their agreement that the update was shared.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2024-10-02	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to thank them for the updated data.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2025-05-15	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation to inform them that they were preparing for assessments on DKPL in the coming weeks. Hydro One noted that the work they would be conducting within Otonabee's regulation limits would involve intrusive works within a wetland, and therefore their understanding was that they would need to follow best practices laid out in the MOU with Conversation Ontario and no other approval would be required for boreholes or archaeological test pitting in the area. Hydro One shared a copy of the MOU for reference and offered to set up a meeting if discussion was needed.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2025-05-16	Email	Incoming	Otonabee Conservation emailed Hydro One to confirm they had no concerns with Hydro One's approach. Otonabee Conservation noted their absence until June 2, 2025 and invited conversation with regards to Dobbin Station upon their return.
Otonabee Conservation	Don Allin	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Otonabee Conservation the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
Response to Preferred Route Announcement

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Hello,

I am writing to share an update on the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) that Hydro One initiated back in June 2024 for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County.

Hydro One would like to announce the selection of the preferred route for an approximately 3-kilometre portion of the new 53-kilometre line near Clarington TS.

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The Class EA for this project under Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities is expected to be complete at the end of 2025 (https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/class-environmental-assessment).

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact myself or Rhona Scott, Environmental Lead for the project at Rhona.Scott@Hydroone.com

Thank you,

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Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Notice of Preferred Route and Community Open House #2

March 2025

Hydro One is committed to energizing life across eastern Ontario by supporting economic growth and improving reliability for homes and businesses. In June 2024, Hydro One initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, which includes a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, along with upgrades at the stations to support the connections.

Route selection

Since the start of the project, we've been actively engaging with Indigenous communities, residents, municipalities, and stakeholders to gather feedback and ensure it shapes project planning through meaningful and transparent consultation. To efficiently plan this project, Hydro One prioritized the use of existing transmission corridors to accommodate 50 kilometers of the new 53-kilometre line as shown on the map. For the 3-kilometre portion of the line near Clarington TS, two route alternatives were considered. Each option was carefully reviewed based on four evaluation categories: Indigenous culture, values and land use; the natural environment; the socio-economic environment; and technical considerations, including cost.

Based on the evaluation, **Route Alternative B** was selected as the preferred route. This route has the lowest effect on values of significance identified by Indigenous communities, as well as the lowest effect on the natural environment. While socio-economic criteria scored similarly across both alternatives, Route B performed more strongly for technical and cost considerations.

Planning process

The Class EA is expected to be complete at the end of 2025. The project will also require approval from the Ontario Energy Board under Section 92 (Leave to Construct).

We invite you to join one of our upcoming Community Open Houses to learn more about the project updates and upcoming milestones.

Community Open House #2

Please join us:

Tuesday,
March 18, 2025
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
1964 Concession Rd 6,
Hampton, ON L0B 1J0

Thursday,
March 20, 2025
3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Bethany United Church
3 George Street,
Bethany, ON L0A 1A0

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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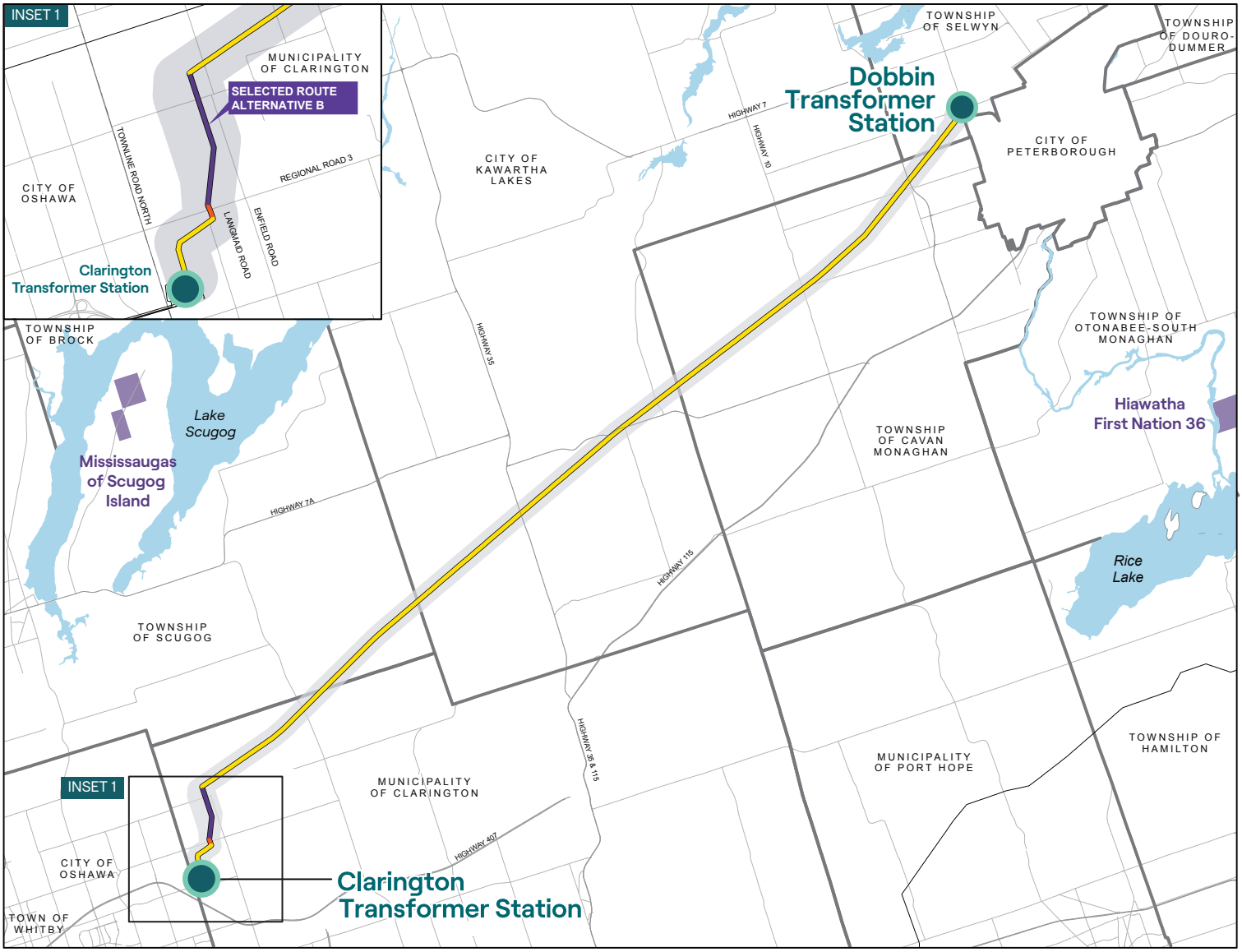
Durham Kawartha Power Line Project



Map Legend

- Station/Junction
- Potential underground line
- Selected route alternative B
- Preferred route
- Local study area (500 m on either side of the route centerline)
- Municipal boundary
- First Nation community
- Waterbody
- Roads

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To: SOULLIERE Kenndal <Kenndal.Soulliere@hydroone.com>
Subject: RE: Hydro One Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL) - Notice of Preferred Route and Open House Invitation

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Hi Kenndal,

Thanks for sending the update. Sorry for the last email, I meant to send that one internally. Regardless, CLOCA appreciates the fact that Hydro One took the time to encourage our input and consider the information we provided critically.

Jamie

Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority

Healthy watersheds for today and tomorrow.

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Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
Response to Preferred Route Announcement

From: Kenndal Soulliere <kenndal.soulliere@hydroone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 12:03 PM
To: Barboza, Karla (She/Her) (MCM) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>
Subject: Hydro One Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL) - Notice of Preferred Route and Open House Invitation

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From: Barboza, Karla (She/Her) (MCM) <Karla.Barboza@ontario.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 1:28 PM
To: SOULLIERE Kenndal <Kenndal.Soulliere@hydroone.com>
Cc: SCOTT Rhona <Rhona.Scott@HydroOne.com>; Kaufman, Jackson (MCM) <Jackson.Kaufman@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Hydro One Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL) - Notice of Preferred Route and Open House Invitation [MCM File 0021830]

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Hi Kenndal,

Thanks for sending the Notice of Preferred Route and Open House Invitation to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM).

There have been some changes in our office and I would like to update MCM's contact information as follows:

- Please remove Liam Smythe
- Please include Jackson Kaufman, MCM Heritage Planner jackson.kaufman@ontario.ca
- Please ensure that I'm still in the contact list 😉

Our records indicate that a Stage 1 archaeological assessment (under Project Information Form P324-0967-2024) has been submitted to MCM and is under review.

Could you please advise what the status of the Cultural Heritage Report, especially the Existing Conditions section, is? If one has been completed, could you please send it for our review?

Could you please provide us with additional information about the selection of the preferred route – e.g., evaluation criteria, Open House boards?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks in advance,
Karla

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks Response to Preferred Route Announcement

From: SCOTT Rhona <Rhona.Scott@HydroOne.com>
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Cc: SOULLIERE Kenndal <Kenndal.Soulliere@hydroone.com>; Ortega, Joshua (MECP) <Joshua.Ortega@ontario.ca>; O'Neill, Kathleen (MECP) <Kathleen.Oneill@ontario.ca>; Dhanji, Jamila (MECP) <Jamila.Dhanji@ontario.ca>
Subject: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line

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Good afternoon MECP,

I am writing to inform you that Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Station, located in the City of Peterborough. We are referring to this project as the Durham Kawartha Power Line project.

We are beginning a Class EA for this project under Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities (https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/class-environmental-assessment).

Please see the attached Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1 for more details.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact me at (437) 929-7638 or rhona.scott@hydroone.com

Thanks,

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Subject: Automatic reply: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line
Sent: 2024-06-04, 2:02:21 PM
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To: SCOTT Rhona

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This is to acknowledge your email has been delivered to the Regional email account. A Regional EA Coordinator will contact you if additional information is needed. To speak directly to a Regional EA Coordinator, go to the INFO-GO website and under our ministry, select: 1) Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division 2) applicable Regional Office 3) Technical Support Section 4) Air, Pesticides, and Environmental Planning 5) Environmental Resource Planner & EA Coordinator

Subject: RE: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line
Sent: 2024-06-07, 10:25:30 AM
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Cc: SOULLIERE Kenndal; Ortega, Joshua (MECP); O'Neill, Kathleen (MECP); Dhanji, Jamila (MECP)
Attachments: Supporting Attachment - Areas of Interest (August 2022).pdf
Supporting Attachment - Species at Risk Proponents Guide to Preliminary Screening (May 2019).pdf

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Dear Project Team,

Thank you for updating us about the project status. We would like to share the attached information with the project team regarding the ministry's interests with respect to the Class EA process.

If your project team have any questions regarding the list provided and the information shared, please feel free to contact me directly for further discussion.

Thanks so much and hope you have a nice weekend!

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AREAS OF INTEREST (v. August 2022)

It is suggested that you check off each section after you have considered / addressed it.

☐ **Planning and Policy**

- Applicable plans and policies should be identified in the report, and the proponent should describe how the proposed project adheres to the relevant policies in these plans.
    - Projects located in MECP Central, Eastern or West Central Region may be subject to **A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2020)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Central or Eastern Region may be subject to the **Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (2017)** or the **Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (2014)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Central, Southwest or West Central Region may be subject to the **Niagara Escarpment Plan (2017)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Central, Eastern, Southwest or West Central Region may be subject to the **Greenbelt Plan (2017)**.
    - Projects located in MECP Northern Region may be subject to the **Growth Plan for Northern Ontario (2011).**

- The **Provincial Policy Statement (2020)** contains policies that protect Ontario's natural heritage and water resources. Applicable policies should be referenced in the report, and the proponent should describe how the proposed project is consistent with these policies.

- In addition to the provincial planning and policy level, the report should also discuss the planning context at the municipal and federal levels, as appropriate.

☐ **Source Water Protection**

The *Clean Water Act*, 2006 (CWA) aims to protect existing and future sources of drinking water. To achieve this, several types of vulnerable areas have been delineated around surface water intakes and wellheads for every municipal residential drinking water system that is located in a source protection area. These vulnerable areas are known as a Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPAs) and surface water Intake Protection Zones (IPZs). Other vulnerable areas that have been delineated under the CWA include Highly Vulnerable Aquifers (HVAs), Significant Groundwater Recharge Areas (SGRAs), Event-based modelling areas (EBAs), and Issues Contributing Areas (ICAs). Source protection plans have been developed that include policies to address existing and future risks to sources of municipal drinking water within these vulnerable areas.

Projects that are subject to the Environmental Assessment Act that fall under a Class EA, or one of the Regulations, have the potential to impact sources of drinking water if they occur in designated vulnerable areas or in the vicinity of other at-risk drinking water systems (i.e.

systems that are not municipal residential systems). MEA Class EA projects may include activities that, if located in a vulnerable area, could be a threat to sources of drinking water (i.e. have the potential to adversely affect the quality or quantity of drinking water sources) and the activity could therefore be subject to policies in a source protection plan. Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, policies in the local source protection plan may impact how or where that activity is undertaken. Policies may prohibit certain activities, or they may require risk management measures for these activities. Municipal Official Plans, planning decisions, Class EA projects (where the project includes an activity that is a threat to drinking water) and prescribed instruments must conform with policies that address significant risks to drinking water and must have regard for policies that address moderate or low risks.

- In October 2015, the MEA Parent Class EA document was amended to include reference to the Clean Water Act (Section A.2.10.6) and indicates that proponents undertaking a Municipal Class EA project must identify early in their process whether a project is or could potentially be occurring with a vulnerable area. **Given this requirement, please include a section in the report on source water protection.**

    - The proponent should identify the source protection area and should clearly document how the proximity of the project to sources of drinking water (municipal or other) and any delineated vulnerable areas was considered and assessed. Specifically, the report should discuss whether or not the project is located in a vulnerable area and provide applicable details about the area.

    - If located in a vulnerable area, proponents should document whether any project activities are prescribed drinking water threats and thus pose a risk to drinking water (this should be consulted on with the appropriate Source Protection Authority). Where an activity poses a risk to drinking water, the proponent must document and discuss in the report how the project adheres to or has regard to applicable policies in the local source protection plan. This section should then be used to inform and be reflected in other sections of the report, such as the identification of net positive/negative effects of alternatives, mitigation measures, evaluation of alternatives etc.

- While most source protection plans focused on including policies for significant drinking water threats in the WHPAs and IPZs it should be noted that even though source protection plan policies may not apply in HVAs, these are areas where aquifers are sensitive and at risk to impacts and within these areas, activities may impact the quality of sources of drinking water for systems other than municipal residential systems.

- In order to determine if this project is occurring within a vulnerable area, proponents can use Source Protection Information Atlas, which is an online mapping tool available to the public. Note that various layers (including WHPAs, WHPA-Q1 and WHPA-Q2, IPZs, HVAs, SGRAs, EBAs, ICAs) can be turned on through the “Map Legend” bar on the left. The

mapping tool will also provide a link to the appropriate source protection plan in order to identify what policies may be applicable in the vulnerable area.

- For further information on the maps or source protection plan policies which may relate to their project, proponents must contact the appropriate source protection authority. **Please consult with the local source protection authority to discuss potential impacts on drinking water. Please document the results of that consultation within the report and include all communication documents/correspondence.**

More Information

For more information on the *Clean Water Act*, source protection areas and plans, including specific information on the vulnerable areas and drinking water threats, please refer to Conservation Ontario's website where you will also find links to the local source protection plan/assessment report.

A list of the prescribed drinking water threats can be found in section 1.1 of Ontario Regulation 287/07 made under the *Clean Water Act*. In addition to prescribed drinking water threats, some source protection plans may include policies to address additional "local" threat activities, as approved by the MECP.

☐ **Climate Change**

The document "Considering Climate Change in the Environmental Assessment Process" (Guide) is now a part of the Environmental Assessment program's Guides and Codes of Practice. The Guide sets out the MECP's expectation for considering climate change in the preparation, execution and documentation of environmental assessment studies and processes. The guide provides examples, approaches, resources, and references to assist proponents with consideration of climate change in EA. Proponents should review this Guide in detail.

- **The MECP expects proponents of Class EA projects to:**

1. Consider during the assessment of alternative solutions and alternative designs, the following:
    a. the project's expected production of greenhouse gas emissions and impacts on carbon sinks (climate change mitigation); and
    b. resilience or vulnerability of the undertaking to changing climatic conditions (climate change adaptation).
2. Include a discrete section in the report detailing how climate change was considered in the EA.

How climate change is considered can be qualitative or quantitative in nature and should be scaled to the project's level of environmental effect. In all instances, both a project's impacts on climate change (mitigation) and impacts of climate change on a project (adaptation) should be considered.

- The MECP has also prepared another guide to support provincial land use planning direction related to the completion of energy and emission plans. The "Community Emissions Reduction Planning: A Guide for Municipalities" document is designed to educate stakeholders on the municipal opportunities to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and to provide guidance on methods and techniques to incorporate consideration of energy and greenhouse gas emissions into municipal activities of all types. We encourage you to review the Guide for information.

Air Quality, Dust and Noise

- If there are sensitive receptors in the surrounding area of this project, a quantitative air quality/odour impact assessment will be useful to evaluate alternatives, determine impacts and identify appropriate mitigation measures. The scope of the assessment can be determined based on the potential effects of the proposed alternatives, and typically includes source and receptor characterization and a quantification of local air quality impacts on the sensitive receptors and the environment in the study area. The assessment will compare to all applicable standards or guidelines for all contaminants of concern. **Please contact this office for further consultation on the level of Air Quality Impact Assessment required for this project if not already advised.**

- If a quantitative Air Quality Impact Assessment is not required for the project, the MECP expects that the report contain a qualitative assessment which includes:

    - A discussion of local air quality including existing activities/sources that significantly impact local air quality and how the project may impact existing conditions;
    - A discussion of the nearby sensitive receptors and the project's potential air quality impacts on present and future sensitive receptors;
    - A discussion of local air quality impacts that could arise from this project during both construction and operation; and
    - A discussion of potential mitigation measures.

- As a common practice, "air quality" should be used an evaluation criterion for all road projects.

- Dust and noise control measures should be addressed and included in the construction plans to ensure that nearby residential and other sensitive land uses within the study area are not adversely affected during construction activities.

- The MECP recommends that non-chloride dust-suppressants be applied. For a comprehensive list of fugitive dust prevention and control measures that could be applied, refer to *Cheminfo Services Inc. Best Practices for the Reduction of Air Emissions from*

Construction and Demolition Activities report prepared for Environment Canada. March 2005.

- The report should consider the potential impacts of increased noise levels during the operation of the completed project. The proponent should explore all potential measures to mitigate significant noise impacts during the assessment of alternatives.

Ecosystem Protection and Restoration

- Any impacts to ecosystem form and function must be avoided where possible. The report should describe any proposed mitigation measures and how project planning will protect and enhance the local ecosystem.

- Natural heritage and hydrologic features should be identified and described in detail to assess potential impacts and to develop appropriate mitigation measures. The following sensitive environmental features may be located within or adjacent to the study area:
  - Key Natural Heritage Features: Habitat of endangered species and threatened species, fish habitat, wetlands, areas of natural and scientific interest (ANSIs), significant valleylands, significant woodlands; significant wildlife habitat (including habitat of special concern species); sand barrens, savannahs, and tallgrass prairies; and alvars.
  - Key Hydrologic Features: Permanent streams, intermittent streams, inland lakes and their littoral zones, seepage areas and springs, and wetlands.
  - Other natural heritage features and areas such as: vegetation communities, rare species of flora or fauna, Environmentally Sensitive Areas, Environmentally Sensitive Policy Areas, federal and provincial parks and conservation reserves, Greenland systems etc.

We recommend consulting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and your local conservation authority to determine if special measures or additional studies will be necessary to preserve and protect these sensitive features. In addition, for projects located in Central Region you may consider the provisions of the Rouge Park Management Plan if applicable.

Species at Risk

- The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has now assumed responsibility of Ontario's Species at Risk program. Information, standards, guidelines, reference materials and technical resources to assist you are found at https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk.

- The Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk (Draft May 2019) has been attached to the covering email for your reference and use. Please review this document for next steps.

- For any questions related to subsequent permit requirements, please contact SAROntario@ontario.ca.

Surface Water

- The report must include enough information to demonstrate that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or ecological functions of any watercourses within the study area. Measures should be included in the planning and design process to ensure that any impacts to watercourses from construction or operational activities (e.g. spills, erosion, pollution) are mitigated as part of the proposed undertaking.

- Additional stormwater runoff from new pavement can impact receiving watercourses and flood conditions. Quality and quantity control measures to treat stormwater runoff should be considered for all new impervious areas and, where possible, existing surfaces. The ministry's Stormwater Management Planning and Design Manual (2003) should be referenced in the report and utilized when designing stormwater control methods. **A Stormwater Management Plan should be prepared as part of the Class EA process** that includes:

    - Strategies to address potential water quantity and erosion impacts related to stormwater draining into streams or other sensitive environmental features, and to ensure that adequate (enhanced) water quality is maintained
    - Watershed information, drainage conditions, and other relevant background information
    - Future drainage conditions, stormwater management options, information on erosion and sediment control during construction, and other details of the proposed works
    - Information on maintenance and monitoring commitments.

- Ontario Regulation 60/08 under the *Ontario Water Resources Act* (OWRA) applies to the Lake Simcoe Basin, which encompasses Lake Simcoe and the lands from which surface water drains into Lake Simcoe. If the proposed sewage treatment plant is listed in Table 1 of the regulation, the report should describe how the proposed project and its mitigation measures are consistent with the requirements of this regulation and the OWRA.

- Any potential approval requirements for surface water taking or discharge should be identified in the report. A Permit to Take Water (PTTW) under the OWRA will be required for any water takings that exceed 50,000 L/day, except for certain water taking activities that have been prescribed by the Water Taking EASR Regulation – *O. Reg. 63/16*. These prescribed water-taking activities require registration in the EASR instead of a PTTW. Please

review the Water Taking User Guide for EASR for more information. Additionally, an Environmental Compliance Approval under the OWRA is required for municipal stormwater management works.

Groundwater

- The status of, and potential impacts to any well water supplies should be addressed. If the project involves groundwater takings or changes to drainage patterns, the quantity and quality of groundwater may be affected due to drawdown effects or the redirection of existing contamination flows. In addition, project activities may infringe on existing wells such that they must be reconstructed or sealed and abandoned. Appropriate information to define existing groundwater conditions should be included in the report.

- If the potential construction or decommissioning of water wells is identified as an issue, the report should refer to Ontario Regulation 903, Wells, under the OWRA.

- Potential impacts to groundwater-dependent natural features should be addressed. Any changes to groundwater flow or quality from groundwater taking may interfere with the ecological processes of streams, wetlands or other surficial features. In addition, discharging contaminated or high volumes of groundwater to these features may have direct impacts on their function. Any potential effects should be identified, and appropriate mitigation measures should be recommended. The level of detail required will be dependent on the significance of the potential impacts.

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- Consultation with the railroad authorities is necessary wherever there is a plan to use construction dewatering in the vicinity of railroad lines or where the zone of influence of the construction dewatering potentially intercepts railroad lines.

Excess Materials Management

- In December 2019, MECP released a new regulation under the Environmental Protection Act, titled "On-Site and Excess Soil Management" (O. Reg. 406/19) to support improved management of excess construction soil. This regulation is a key step to support proper management of excess soils, ensuring valuable resources don't go to waste and to provide

clear rules on managing and reusing excess soil. New risk-based standards referenced by this regulation help to facilitate local beneficial reuse which in turn will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from soil transportation, while ensuring strong protection of human health and the environment. The new regulation is being phased in over time, with the first phase in effect on January 1, 2021. For more information, please visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/handling-excess-soil.

- The report should reference that activities involving the management of excess soil should be completed in accordance with O. Reg. 406/19 and the MECP's current guidance document titled "Management of Excess Soil – A Guide for Best Management Practices" (2014).

- All waste generated during construction must be disposed of in accordance with ministry requirements

Contaminated Sites

- Any current or historical waste disposal sites should be identified in the report. The status of these sites should be determined to confirm whether approval pursuant to Section 46 of the EPA may be required for land uses on former disposal sites. We recommend referring to the MECP's D-4 guideline for land use considerations near landfills and dumps.
  - Resources available may include regional/local municipal official plans and data; provincial data on large landfill sites and small landfill sites; Environmental Compliance Approval information for waste disposal sites on Access Environment.

- Other known contaminated sites (local, provincial, federal) in the study area should also be identified in the report (Note – information on federal contaminated sites is found on the Government of Canada's website).

- The location of any underground storage tanks should be investigated in the report. Measures should be identified to ensure the integrity of these tanks and to ensure an appropriate response in the event of a spill. The ministry's Spills Action Centre must be contacted in such an event.

- Since the removal or movement of soils may be required, appropriate tests to determine contaminant levels from previous land uses or dumping should be undertaken. If the soils are contaminated, you must determine how and where they are to be disposed of, consistent with *Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act* (EPA) and Ontario Regulation 153/04, Records of Site Condition, which details the new requirements related to site assessment and clean up. Please contact the appropriate MECP District Office for further consultation if contaminated sites are present.

Servicing, Utilities and Facilities

- The report should identify any above or underground utilities in the study area such as transmission lines, telephone/internet, oil/gas etc. The owners should be consulted to discuss impacts to this infrastructure, including potential spills.

- The report should identify any servicing infrastructure in the study area such as wastewater, water, stormwater that may potentially be impacted by the project.

- Any facility that releases emissions to the atmosphere, discharges contaminants to ground or surface water, provides potable water supplies, or stores, transports or disposes of waste must have an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) before it can operate lawfully. Please consult with MECP's Environmental Permissions Branch to determine whether a new or amended ECA will be required for any proposed infrastructure.

- We recommend referring to the ministry's environmental land use planning guides to ensure that any potential land use conflicts are considered when planning for any infrastructure or facilities related to wastewater, pipelines, landfills or industrial uses.

Mitigation and Monitoring

- Contractors must be made aware of all environmental considerations so that all environmental standards and commitments for both construction and operation are met. Mitigation measures should be clearly referenced in the report and regularly monitored during the construction stage of the project. In addition, we encourage proponents to conduct post-construction monitoring to ensure all mitigation measures have been effective and are functioning properly.

- Design and construction reports and plans should be based on a best management approach that centres on the prevention of impacts, protection of the existing environment, and opportunities for rehabilitation and enhancement of any impacted areas.

- The proponent's construction and post-construction monitoring plans must be documented in the report, as outlined in Section A.2.5 and A.4.1 of the MEA Class EA parent document.

Consultation

- The report must demonstrate how the consultation provisions of the Class EA have been fulfilled, including documentation of all stakeholder consultation efforts undertaken during the planning process. This includes a discussion in the report that identifies concerns that were raised and **describes how they have been addressed by the proponent** throughout

the planning process. The report should also include copies of comments submitted on the project by interested stakeholders, and the proponent's responses to these comments (as directed by the Class EA to include full documentation).

- Please include the full stakeholder distribution/consultation list in the documentation.

Class EA Process

- If this project is a Master Plan: there are several different approaches that can be used to conduct a Master Plan, examples of which are outlined in Appendix 4 of the Class EA. **The Master Plan should clearly indicate the selected approach for conducting the plan**, by identifying whether the levels of assessment, consultation and documentation are sufficient to fulfill the requirements for Schedule B or C projects. Please note that any Schedule B or C projects identified in the plan would be subject to Part II Order Requests under the Environmental Assessment Act, although the plan itself would not be. **Please include a description of the approach being undertaken (use Appendix 4 as a reference).**

- If this project is a Master Plan: Any identified projects should also include information on the MCEA schedule associated with the project.

- The report should provide clear and complete documentation of the planning process in order to allow for transparency in decision-making.

- The Class EA requires the consideration of the effects of each alternative on all aspects of the environment (including planning, natural, social, cultural, economic, technical). The report should include a level of detail (e.g. hydrogeological investigations, terrestrial and aquatic assessments, cultural heritage assessments) such that all potential impacts can be identified, and appropriate mitigation measures can be developed. Any supporting studies conducted during the Class EA process should be referenced and included as part of the report.

- Please include in the report a list of all subsequent permits or approvals that may be required for the implementation of the preferred alternative, including but not limited to, MECP's PTTW, EASR Registrations and ECAs, conservation authority permits, species at risk permits, MTO permits and approvals under the *Impact Assessment Act*, 2019.

- Ministry guidelines and other information related to the issues above are available at http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/environment-and-energy. We encourage you to review all the available guides and to reference any relevant information in the report.

Amendments to the EAA through the Covid-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020
Once the EA Report is finalized, the proponent must issue a Notice of Completion providing a minimum 30-day period during which documentation may be reviewed and comment and input can be submitted to the proponent. The Notice of Completion must be sent to the appropriate MECP Regional Office email address.

The public can request a higher level of assessment on a project if they are concerned about potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. In addition, the Minister may issue an order on his or her own initiative within a specified time period. The Director (of the Environmental Assessment Branch) will issue a Notice of Proposed Order to the proponent if the Minister is considering an order for the project within 30 days after the conclusion of the comment period on the Notice of Completion. At this time, the Director may request additional information from the proponent. Once the requested information has been received, the Minister will have 30 days within which to make a decision or impose conditions on your project.

Therefore, the proponent cannot proceed with the project until at least 30 days after the end of the comment period provided for in the Notice of Completion. Further, the proponent may not proceed after this time if:

- a Section 16 Order request has been submitted to the ministry regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, or
- the Director has issued a Notice of Proposed order regarding the project.

Please ensure that the Notice of Completion advises that outstanding concerns are to be directed to the proponent for a response, and that in the event there are outstanding concerns regarding potential adverse impacts to constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights, Section 16 Order requests on those matters should be addressed in writing to:

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Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
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minister.mecp@ontario.ca

and

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
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Client's Guide to Preliminary Screening for Species at Risk

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Species at Risk Branch, Permissions and Compliance

DRAFT - May 2019

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1.0 Purpose, Scope, Background and Context

1.1 Purpose of this Guide

This guide has been created to:

- help clients better understand their obligation to gather information and complete a preliminary screening for species at risk before contacting the ministry,
- outline guidance and advice clients can expect to receive from the ministry at the preliminary screening stage,
- help clients understand how they can gather information about species at risk by accessing publicly available information housed by the Government of Ontario, and
- provide a list of other potential sources of species at risk information that exist outside the Government of Ontario.

It remains the client's responsibility to:

- carry out a preliminary screening for their projects,
- obtain best available information from all applicable information sources,
- conduct any necessary field studies or inventories to identify and confirm the presence or absence of species at risk or their habitat,
- consider any potential impacts to species at risk that a proposed activity might cause, and
- comply with the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA).

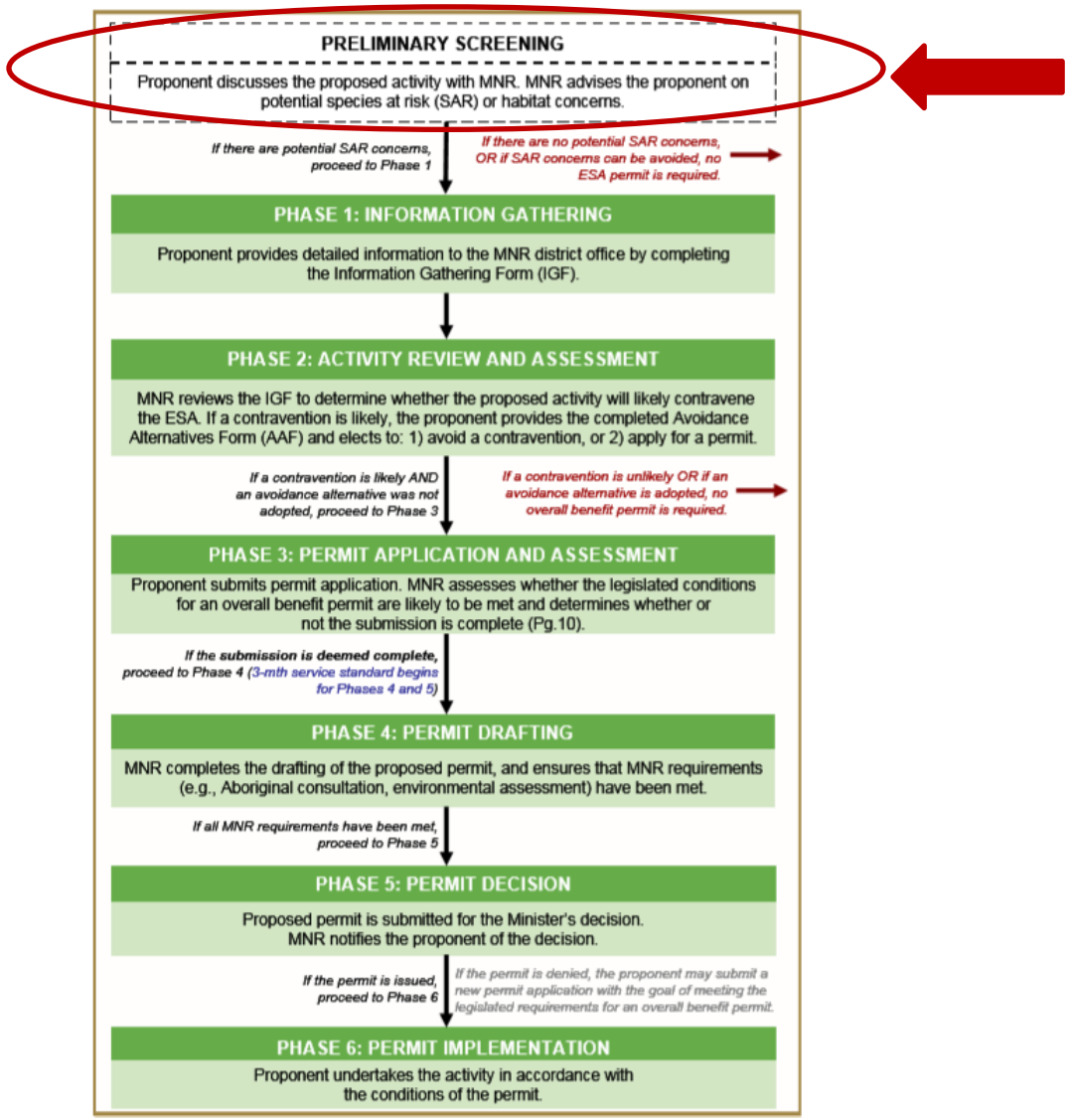
To provide the most efficient service, clients should initiate species at risk screenings and seek information from all applicable information sources identified in this guide, at a minimum, prior to contacting Government of Ontario ministry offices for further information or advice.

1.2 Scope

This guide is a resource for clients seeking to understand if their activity is likely to impact species at risk or if they are likely to trigger the need for an authorization under the ESA. It is not intended to circumvent any detailed site surveys that may be necessary to document species at risk or their habitat nor to circumvent the need to assess the impacts of a proposed activity on species at risk or their habitat. This guide is not an exhaustive list of available information sources for any given area as the availability of information on species at risk and their habitat varies across the province. This guide is intended to support projects and activities carried out on Crown and private land, by private landowners, businesses, other provincial ministries and agencies, or municipal government.

1.3 Background and Context

To receive advice on their proposed activity, clients must first determine whether any species at risk or their habitat exist or are likely to exist at or near their proposed activity, and whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA. Once this step is complete, clients may contact the ministry at SAROntario@ontario.ca to discuss the main purpose, general methods, timing and location of their proposed activity as well as information obtained about species at risk and their habitat at, or near, the site. At this stage, the ministry can provide advice and guidance to the client about potential species at risk or habitat concerns, measures that the client is considering to avoid adverse effects on species at risk or their habitat and whether additional field surveys are advisable. This is referred to as the "Preliminary Screening" stage. For more information on additional phases in the diagram below, please refer to the *Endangered Species Act Submission Standards for Activity Review and 17(2)(c) Overall Benefit Permits* policy available online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-overall-benefit-permits



2.0 Roles and Responsibilities

To provide the most efficient service, clients should initiate species at risk screenings and seek information from all applicable information sources identified in this guide prior to contacting Government of Ontario ministry offices for further information or advice.

Step 1: Client seeks information regarding species at risk or their habitat that exist, or are likely to exist, at or near their proposed activity by referring to all applicable information sources identified in this guide.

Step 2: Client reviews and consider guidance on whether their proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA (see section 3.4 of this guide for guidance on what to consider).

Step 3: Client gathers information identified in the checklist in section 4 of this guide.

Step 4: Client contacts the ministry at SAROntario@ontario.ca to discuss their preliminary screening. Ministry staff will ask the client questions about the main purpose, general methods, timing and location of their proposed activity as well as information obtained about species at risk and their habitat at, or near, the site. Ministry staff will also ask the client for their interpretation of the impacts of their activity on species at risk or their habitat as well as measures the client has considered to avoid any adverse impacts.

Step 5: Ministry staff will provide advice on next steps.

Option A: Ministry staff may advise the client they can proceed with their activity without an authorization under the ESA where the ministry is confident that:

- no protected species at risk or habitats are likely to be present at or near the proposed location of the activity; or
- protected species at risk or habitats are known to be present but the activity is not likely to contravene the ESA; or
- through the adoption of avoidance measures, the modified activity is not likely to contravene the ESA.

Option B: Ministry staff may advise the client to proceed to Phase 1 of the overall benefit permitting process (i.e. Information Gathering in the previous diagram), where:

- there is uncertainty as to whether any protected species at risk or habitats are present at or near the proposed location of the activity; or
- the potential impacts of the proposed activity are uncertain; or
- ministry staff anticipate the proposed activity is likely to contravene the ESA.

3.0 Information Sources

Land Information Ontario (LIO) and the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) maintain and provide information about species at risk, as well as related information about fisheries, wildlife, crown lands, protected lands and more. This information is made available to organizations, private individuals, consultants, and developers through online sources and is often considered under various pieces of legislation or as part of regulatory approvals and planning processes.

The information available from LIO or NHIC and the sources listed in this guide should not be considered as a substitute for site visits and appropriate field surveys. Generally, this information can be regarded as a starting point from which to conduct further field surveys, if needed. While this data represents best available current information, it is important to note that a lack of information for a site does not mean that species at risk or their habitat are not present. There are many areas where the Government of Ontario does not currently have information, especially in more remote parts of the province. The absence of species at risk location data at or near your site does not necessarily mean no species at risk are present at that location. On-site assessments can better verify site conditions, identify and confirm presence of species at risk and/or their habitats.

Information on the location (i.e. observations and occurrences) of species at risk is considered sensitive and therefore publicly available only on a 1km square grid as opposed to as a detailed point on a map. This generalized information can help you understand which species at risk are in the general vicinity of your proposed activity and can help inform field level studies you may want to undertake to confirm the presence, or absence of species at risk at or near your site.

Should you require specific and detailed information pertaining to species at risk observations and occurrences at or near your site on a finer geographic scale; you will be required to demonstrate your need to access this information, to complete data sensitivity training and to obtain a Sensitive Data Use License from the NHIC. Information on how to obtain a license can be found online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-natural-heritage-information.

Many organizations (e.g. other Ontario ministries, municipalities, conservation authorities) have ongoing licensing to access this data so be sure to check if your organization has this access and consult this data as part of your preliminary screening if your organization already has a license.

3.1 Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas

The Make a Natural Heritage Area Map (available online at http://www.gisapplication.lrc.gov.on.ca/mamnh/Index.html?site=MNR_NHLUPS_NaturalHeritage&viewer=NaturalHeritage&locale=en-US provides public access to natural heritage information, including species at risk, without the user needing to have Geographic Information System (GIS) capability. It allows users to view and identify generalized species at risk information, mark areas of interest, and create and print a custom map directly from the web application. The tool also shows topographic information such as roads, rivers, contours and municipal boundaries.

Users are advised that sensitive information has been removed from the natural areas dataset and the occurrences of species at risk has been generalized to a 1-kilometre grid to mitigate the risks to the species (e.g. illegal harvest, habitat disturbance, poaching).

The web-based mapping tool displays natural heritage data, including:

- Generalized Species at risk occurrence data (based on a 1-km square grid),
- Natural Heritage Information Centre data.

Data cannot be downloaded directly from this web map; however, information included in this application is available digitally through Land Information Ontario (LIO) at https://www.ontario.ca/page/land-information-ontario.

3.2 Land Information Ontario (LIO)

Most natural heritage data is publicly available. This data is managed in a large provincial corporate database called the LIO Warehouse and can be accessed online through the LIO Metadata Management Tool at https://www.javacoeapp.lrc.gov.on.ca/geonetwork/srv/en/main.home. This tool provides descriptive information about the characteristics, quality and context of the data. Publicly available geospatial data can be downloaded directly from this site.

While most data are publicly available, some data may be considered highly sensitive (i.e. nursery areas for fish, species at risk observations) and as such, access to some data maybe restricted.

3.3 Additional Species at Risk Information Sources

- The Breeding Bird Atlas can be accessed online at http://www.birdsontario.org/atlas/index.jsp?lang=en
- eBird can be accessed online at https://ebird.org/home
- iNaturalist can be accessed online at https://www.inaturalist.org/
- The Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas can be accessed online at https://ontarionature.org/programs/citizen-science/reptile-amphibian-atlas
- Your local Conservation Authority. Information to help you find your local Conservation Authority can be accessed online at https://conservationontario.ca/conservation-authorities/find-a-conservation-authority/

  Local naturalist groups or other similar community-based organizations
- Local Indigenous communities
- Local land trusts or other similar Environmental Non-Government Organizations
- Field level studies to identify if species at risk, or their habitat, are likely present or absent at or near the site.
- When an activity is proposed within one of the continuous caribou ranges, please be sure to consider the caribou Range Management Policy. This policy includes figures and maps of the continuous caribou range, can be found online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/range-management-policy-support-woodland-caribou-conservation-and-recovery

3.4 Information Sources to Support Impact Assessments

- Guidance to help you understand if your activity is likely to adversely impact species at risk or their habitat can be found online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/policy-guidance-harm-and-harass-under-endangered-species-act and https://www.ontario.ca/page/categorizing-and-protecting-habitat-under-endangered-species-act
- A list of species at risk in Ontario is available online at https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario. On this webpage, you can find out more about each species, including where is lives, what threatens it and any specific habitat protections that apply to it by clicking on the photo of the species.

4.0 Check-List

Please feel free to use the check list below to help you confirm you have explored all applicable information sources and to support your discussion with Ministry staff at the preliminary screening stage.

- ✓ Land Information Ontario (LIO)
- ✓ Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC)
- ✓ The Breeding Bird Atlas
- ✓ eBird
- ✓ iNaturalist
- ✓ Ontario Reptile and Amphibian Atlas
- ✓ List Conservation Authorities you contacted:_____

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- ✓ List local naturalist groups you contacted:_____

  _____
- ✓ List local Indigenous communities you contacted:_____

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- ✓ List any other local land trusts or Environmental Non-Government Organizations you contacted:_____

  _____
- ✓ List and field studies that were conducted to identify species at risk, or their habitat, likely to be present or absent at or near the site: _____

  _____
- ✓ List what you think the likely impacts of your activity are on species at risk and their habitat (e.g. damage or destruction of habitat, killing, harming or harassing species at risk):_____

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Ministry of Natural Resources Response to Notice of Commencement and Preferred Route Announcement

From: Rhona Scott <rhona.scott@hydroone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Southern Region Planning Inbox (MNRF) <SR.Planning@ontario.ca>
Subject: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform you that Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Station, located in the City of Peterborough. We are referring to this project as the Durham Kawartha Power Line project.

We are beginning a Class EA for this project under Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities (https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/class-environmental-assessment).

Please see the attached Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1 for more details.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact me at (437) 929-7638 or rhona.scott@hydroone.com

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 2:00 PM
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Cc: Rigney, Christa (MNRF) <Christa.Rigney@ontario.ca>
Subject: RE: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line

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Hello,
We received your notice of commencement. Please find attached a response outlining MNRF's areas of interest.
Regards,
Christa

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June 5, 2024, 2023

To Community Relations, Hydro One

SUBJECT: Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) received the email about the Notice of Commencement for the Class EA for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project on June 4, 2024. Thank you for circulating this to our office. Please note that we have not competed a screening of natural heritage or other resource values for the project at this time. This response, however, does provide information to guide you in identifying and assessing natural features and resources as required by applicable policies and legislation, as well as engaging with the Ministry for advice as needed.

Please also note that it is the proponent's responsibility to be aware of, and comply with, all relevant federal or provincial legislation, municipal by-laws or other agency approvals.

Natural Heritage

MNRF's natural heritage and natural resources GIS data layers can be obtained through the Ministry's Land Information Ontario (LIO) website. You may also view natural heritage information online (e.g., Provincially Significant Wetlands, ANSI's, woodlands, etc.) using the Make a Map: Natural Heritage Areas tool.

We recommend that you use the above-noted sources of information during the review of your project proposal.

Natural Hazards

A series of natural hazard technical guides developed by MNRF are available to support municipalities and conservation authorities implement the natural hazard policies in the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS). For example, standards to address flood risks and the potential impacts and costs from riverine flooding are addressed in the *Technical Guide River and Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002)*. We recommend that you consider these technical guides as you assess specific improvement projects that can be undertaken to reduce the risk of flooding.

Petroleum Wells & Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act

There may be petroleum wells within the proposed project area. Please consult the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library website (www.ogsrlibrary.com) for the best-known data on any wells recorded by MNRF. Please reference the 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications on the library website to better understand the well information available. Any oil and gas wells in your project area are regulated by the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resource Act*, and the supporting regulations and operating standards. If any unanticipated wells are encountered during development of the project, or if the proponent has questions regarding petroleum operations, the proponent should contact the Petroleum Operations Section at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

Please note, that should the project require:

- The relocation of fish outside of the work area, a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.
- The relocation of wildlife outside of the work area (including amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals), a Wildlife Collector's Authorization under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act* will be required.

Public Lands Act & Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

Some Project may be subject to the provisions of the *Public Lands Act* or *Lakes and River Improvement Act*. Please review the information on MNRF's web pages provided below regarding when an approval is, or is not, required. Please note that many of the authorizations under the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* are administered by the local Conservation Authority.

- For more information about the *Public Lands Act*: https://www.ontario.ca/page/crown-land-work-permits
- For more information about the *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*: https://www.ontario.ca/page/lakes-and-rivers-improvement-act-administrative-guide

After reviewing the information provided, if you have not identified any of MNRF's interests stated above, there is no need to circulate any subsequent notices to our office. If you have identified any of MNRF's interests and/or may require permit(s) or further technical advice, please direct your specific questions to the undersigned.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Hydro One Durham Kawartha Powerline Project (DKPL) - Notice of Preferred Route and Open House Invitation

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Hello,

I am writing to share an update on the Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) that Hydro One initiated back in June 2024 for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County.

Hydro One would like to announce the selection of the preferred route for an approximately 3-kilometre portion of the new 53-kilometre line near Clarington TS.

Please see the attached Notice of Preferred Route and invitation to Community Open House #2 for more details. We also have a project website, and interactive map available at: https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/durham-kawartha

The Class EA for this project under Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities is expected tobe complete at the end of 2025 (https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/class-environmental-assessment).

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact myself or Rhona Scott, Environmental Lead for the project at Rhona.Scott@Hydroone.com

Thank you,

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Hello Kenndal,
Thank you for circulating MNR on the Hydro One Durham Kawartha Powerline Project. MNR has completed a cursory scan of the PIC #2 materials and we note that the project appears to overlap with many of MNR's interests including the Oak Ridges Moraine policy area including Natural Core Areas andNatural Linkage Areas, coldwater systems, an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and a Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). There is a patch of the Enfield Wetlands Complex PSW in the southwest quadrant of Langmaid Rd/Regional Road 3 that may be missing in your mapping tool and overlaps with the preferred alternative (alternative #2). It's unclear whether Hydro One was aware of this PSW patch when selecting the route for alternative #2.

MNR would appreciate receiving more information on the existing conditions inventories, evaluation of impacts of each alternative and proposed mitigation measures, relative to MNR's interests. Currently the PIC #2 materials provide very little details on this and we'd appreciate the opportunity to provide more fulsome input prior to finalization of routes.

We first sent Hydro One information on our areas of interest in our reply to your Notice of Study Commencement. We've since updated our Areas of Interest package with expanded information. Please find attached the latest version for further consideration. I will be your primary point of contact for communications on this project and wish to be added to your distribution list.

Kind Regards,
Christa

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MNR SOUTHERN REGION INFORMATION PACKAGE – FOR EXTERNAL PROPONENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

MNR – SOUTHERN REGION – LUPSI

October 2024

How to Use This Information Package

Environmental Assessment (EA) is a planning and decision-making process used to promote environmentally responsible decision-making. In Ontario, this process is defined and is required pursuant to the *Environmental Assessment Act (EAA)*. The Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) administers the *EAA*.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) may be asked by a proponent of a project subject to an EA or Class EA to participate as a commenting agency to ensure provincial interests within MNR's mandate are considered by the proponent in the project planning process.

Use of this Information Package "Package" is intended to help project proponents understand MNR's:

- role as a commenting agency and interests related to environmental assessment within the Ministry's mandate (refer Sections 1 through 8 of this document)
- regulatory authority to issue authorizations, permits, licenses and/or approvals (refer Appendix A – MNR Regulatory Role)

The information provided by MNR and the sources listed in this Package should not be considered exhaustive nor a substitute for consultation with other agencies, site visits and appropriate field studies. The information provided is subject to change from time to time and it is the proponent's responsibility to ensure the information used to support project planning and compliance with *EAA* requirements is current and accurate.

If no MNR interests are identified based on the information contained in this Package there is no need to further circulate MNR as a commenting agency when undertaking consultation and review under the applicable EA process. MNR Southern Region (via sr.planning@ontario.ca) may be contacted if there are any questions about the content of this Package or if specific technical information is required.

This Package is intended for use within MNR's Southern Region (SR) regional boundary only. To view the MNR SR regional boundary please see Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry work centres | ontario.ca.

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1. MNR Mandate

MNR has a mandate to protect Ontario's biodiversity while promoting economic opportunities in the resource sector and supporting outdoor recreation opportunities by:

- Sustainably managing Ontario's fish and wildlife resources.
- Leading the management of Ontario's public (also referred to as Crown) lands, including the beds of navigable waters, oil, gas, salt and aggregate resources, and access to Crown land for renewable energy projects.
- Ensuring the sustainable management of Ontario's Crown forests.
- Protecting people, property and communities from forest fires, floods, and droughts.
- Developing and applying geographic information to help manage the province's natural resources.

MNR's regulatory role is triggered when a project proponent seeks an approval under legislation administered by the Ministry. Information on the Ministry's regulatory role under applicable legislation can be found in Appendix A.

2. MNR Role as Commenting Agency

MNR's role as a commenting agency on projects subject to *EAA* requirements is to:

- Assist and enable project proponents to access relevant technical and scientific information within the scope of MNR's mandate.
- Provide legislative / regulatory / policy information and direction regarding interests within MNR's mandate.
- Support the identification and consideration of the potential effects of a project on matters within MNR's mandate.
- Identify where the project proponent may need to seek MNR approvals regarding the project.

3. Provincial Planning Policies

Provincial plans together with the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2024* (PPS) issued under section 3(1) of the *Planning Act,* provide policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development in Ontario. The PPS and provincial plans contain policies specific to infrastructure projects.

A summary of matters related to MNR's mandate within specific infrastructure-related provincial planning policies can be found below. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list of provincial policies that may apply to a project and other MNR mandated interests may be applicable. It is the project proponent's responsibility to review the provincial plans and PPS,

which may be amended from time to time, to determine policies applicable to the proposed project.

Provincial Plan Mapping

Mapping of provincial plan boundaries and natural heritage areas as defined in individual provincial plans is available to view or download through Make A Map: Natural Heritage Areas or Ontario GeoHub (GeoHub) - Natural Heritage System Area.

Greenbelt Plan, 2017

Section 4.2.1.2 of the Greenbelt Plan contains policies which are designed to direct infrastructure away from, or where not possible, to minimize the impacts on the Natural Heritage and Water Resource Systems. It requires that new or expanding infrastructure "shall avoid *key natural heritage features, key hydrologic features or key hydrologic areas* unless need has been demonstrated and it has been established that there is no other reasonable alternative."

Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP), 2017

The NEP is administered by the Niagara Escarpment Commission, the government agency mandated to develop, interpret, and apply NEP policies that maintain and enhance the Niagara Escarpment's unique environmental and landscape features. In addition to Make A Map: Natural Heritage Areas, mapping of NEP Escarpment Natural Areas and Escarpment Protection Areas may be obtained from your local municipality or the Niagara Escarpment Commission.

Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP), 2017

Section 41 of the ORMCP contains policies specific to the development of new or the upgrading/extension of existing infrastructure. This policy direction includes where development shall not be permitted unless specified criteria have been satisfied (including where applicable that there is no other reasonable alternative) and establishes required documentation to support infrastructure projects. Specific conditions apply to proposed infrastructure development within a natural core area and infrastructure crossings of key natural heritage features.

Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP), 2009

Policy 6.23-DP of the LSPP directs that development or site alteration in relation to infrastructure shall not be permitted within a key natural heritage feature, a key hydrologic feature or within a related vegetation protection zone unless the need for the project has been demonstrated through an Environmental Assessment or other similar environmental approval and it has been demonstrated there is no reasonable alternative. Some exceptions may apply.

4. Fish, Wildlife and Natural Heritage

MNR's natural heritage and natural resources geospatial data layers can be accessed through the ministry's GeoHub and Natural Resources Data Access Requests | Ontario GeoHub. Please note, these Geospatial Ontario (formerly known as Land Information Ontario) GIS data layers available from MNR and the sources listed and linked on this webpage should not be considered as a substitute for site visits and appropriate field surveys. Generally, information available from MNR can be regarded as a starting point from which to conduct further field studies, if needed. While this data represents MNR's best available current information, it is important to note that a lack of information for a site does not mean that additional features and values are not present. There are many areas where MNR does not currently have information. On-site assessments can better verify site conditions, identify natural features and values and confirm presence of species at risk and/or their habitats.

The information below provides an overview of MNR's mandated interests in natural heritage to consider within the project study area. A detailed list of provincial technical guidance material used to identify significant natural heritage features in different landscapes can be found in Appendix B.

Fisheries

All permanent and intermittent watercourses and waterbodies have potential to contain fish habitat or contribute to fisheries resources. MNR is responsible for administering and enforcing the Ontario Fishery Regulations under the *Fisheries Act*.

When agency approvals are required for a proposed project, it is the responsibility of the authorizing regulatory agency to set any in-water work timing windows in their authorizations. These timing windows may be based on the MNR's In-water Work Timing Window Guidelines.

Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest

The study area should be screened for the presence of Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI). ANSIs are lands and waters containing features that are important for natural heritage protection, scientific study, and education. ANSIs are identified and confirmed by MNR based on their representation of Ontario's significant geological and natural heritage features and are categorized as either Earth Science or Life Science.

Wetlands

Study areas that contain unevaluated or unmapped wet features should be investigated for the presence of wetlands. Wetlands are lands that are seasonally or permanently covered by shallow water, as well as lands where the water table is close to the surface. Wetlands may

vary in their significance, and the four major types of wetlands are swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens.

As of January 1, 2023, MNR no longer reviews and confirms wetland evaluations. MNR's role with respect to wetland evaluation includes providing the provincial framework under which wetlands in Ontario are evaluated for significance (OWES), and uploading digital wetland boundary mapping and wetland status into the Geospatial Ontario database.

Significant Wildlife Habitat

Study areas which may contain significant wildlife habitat should be investigated for its presence or absence. Significant wildlife habitat may include features such as: seasonal concentration areas for wildlife species (e.g., snake hibernaculum), rare vegetation communities (e.g., tallgrass prairie), specialized habitats of wildlife (e.g., turtle nesting and over-wintering areas), habitats of species of conservation concern (e.g., Special Concern species as identified on the Species at Risk in Ontario list) and animal movement corridors (e.g., amphibian movement corridors). Provincially tracked species data (generalized to Natural Heritage Information Centre 1 km screening grid) can be viewed in Natural Heritage Make a Map. Detailed geospatial data may be obtained through GeoHub via a data sharing agreement.

Please note, relying on online mapping tools only may not accurately reflect the presence or absence of significant wildlife habitat within the project study area. Surveys or additional site level assessment are often required to confirm presence or absence of natural heritage features and values.

Significant Woodlands

Project study areas that contain wooded areas should be investigated for the presence of significant woodlands. Significant woodlands are areas that are ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to their contribution to the broader landscape; or economically important. Local planning authorities are responsible for identifying significant woodlands in accordance with criteria established by MNR.

Significant Valleylands

Project study areas that occur in a valley or other landform depression that has water for some period of the year should be investigated for the presence of significant valleylands. The identification of valleyland significance is the responsibility of the local planning authority. MNR recommends criteria for determination of valleyland significance.

5. Natural Hazards

In Ontario, development is generally directed away from areas impacted by natural hazards to prevent risks from inappropriate development on and around these lands and to ensure that the risks to public health and safety are minimized. Keeping people and property out of harm's way is a cost-effective, socially responsible, and proactive approach to addressing natural hazards. Various policies and programs direct people and development outside of natural hazard areas.

Responsibility for natural hazard management and implementation of programs and policies for most natural hazards has been delegated to municipalities and Conservation Authorities (CA) where they exist. MNR supports implementation of natural hazard policies by local municipalities and CAs by providing a series of natural hazard technical guidelines (see Appendix B).

Hazardous Lands (flooding, erosion and dynamic beach hazards)

The project location should be reviewed for the presence of hazardous lands. These may include lands subject to flooding and/or erosion and dynamic beaches. These lands become hazardous when people and property locate in these areas. The local municipality and CA should be contacted for further guidance where required.

Special Policy Areas

Some localized areas of the province may be subject to an approved Special Policy Area (SPA), as defined by the PPS. If the study area is located within or adjacent to a SPA, special consideration for any impacts to the flood plain and site-specific SPA policies may be necessary. Any proposed change or modification to the official plan policies, land use designations or boundaries applying to SPA lands, requires joint approval by the Ministers of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) and MNR.

Local official plans may be reviewed to identify the presence of SPAs within the study area. MNR may have additional information regarding SPAs which can be made available upon request.

Where applicable, information should be identified at the EA stage regarding any expected changes to the floodplain or potential modifications to the SPA subject to provincial approval.

Hazardous Sites (unstable soils and bedrock)

The project location should be reviewed for the presence of hazardous sites. These may include unstable soils (sensitive marine clays [leda], organic soils) or unstable bedrock (karst topography). General information and mapping tools available to assist in identifying the

potential presence of hazardous sites (e.g., karst and organic soils) include, but are not limited to:

- GeologyOntario (gov.on.ca) is maintained by the Ministry of Mines and provides access to all Ontario Geological Survey maps, reports and digital datasets.
- Wetland mapping
- Soil information and mapping maintained by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is available at Soil Survey Complex (GeoON) or AgMaps

Hazardous Forest Types for Wildland Fire

Project study areas containing wooded areas should be screened for the presence of hazardous forest types for wildland fire. Data to identify potential areas that meet this definition can be found in GeoHub - Potential Hazardous Forest Types for Wildland Fire. Note that this data layer is based on forest type data at a coarse scale. Complete assessment of risk and determination of appropriate mitigation measures can only be done with confidence on a site-specific basis.

6. Oil, Gas and Salt Resources

Oil, gas or salt wells are regulated under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*, and the supporting regulations and operating standards.

To help determine the presence of petroleum wells within the proposed project area, basic mapping information can be found through the GeoHub portal or the Ontario Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Library (www.ogsrlibrary.com). The 'Definitions and Terminology Guide' listed in the publications section on the library website may provide a better understanding of the well and resource information available.

The Ontario Petroleum Institute (OPI) is an industry association that can assist with retaining the services of a consultant who can provide information about the potential resources located below the property.

If any unanticipated petroleum wells or associated works are encountered during a project, the proponent should cease work immediately and contact MNR's Petroleum Operations Section (POS) to further understand the proponent's obligations under the *Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act*. The POS may be contacted at POSRecords@ontario.ca or 519-873-4634. In the event of a spill, the project proponent should report it to the Spills Action Centre at 416-325-3000, 1-800-268-6060 (toll free), or 1-855-889-5775 (TTY).

7. Mineral Aggregate Resources

Mineral aggregate resources are usually sand, gravel, clay, earth and bedrock. They are used to make roads, subway tunnels, homes and other structures. Mineral aggregate resources are a non-renewable resource that exist in fixed locations.

MNR has an interest in protecting mineral aggregate resources from incompatible development so they may continue to be available for future extraction. Data to map known deposits of mineral aggregate resources is available from Geology Ontario at GeologyOntario (gov.on.ca).

Project proponents should consider mineral aggregate resources by screening for existing aggregate operations at Find Pits and Quarries | ontario.ca, and consider any potential to preclude or hinder operations and the use of aggregate resource deposits through incompatible development.

8. Crown Lands, Lakes, Rivers and Forests

MNR manages public lands including the beds of most lakes and rivers. Some activities on shore lands (both public and private) are also managed by the MNR.

Public land boundaries (mapping is representative only) and applicable Crown land use policies can be viewed at Crown Land Use Policy Atlas | ontario.ca. Provincial parks and conservation reserves are managed by MECP under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act*.

MNR manages the health of Crown forests so they may continue to provide ecological, economic, and social benefits. Most of Ontario's Crown forests are managed by forest companies under 20-year Sustainable Forest Licences. These companies are responsible for working with government and others to prepare and implement a forest management plan for their licence area, monitoring compliance with the plan and renewing the forest after harvesting trees.

9. Conclusion

The list of interests within MNR's mandate described in this document is not exhaustive. For additional information on legislation and programs the ministry administers see Ministry of Natural Resources | ontario.ca.

If you have identified any MNR interests in your project planning and require additional information, please direct your specific questions to the designated Regional Planner for the project, or to SR.planning@ontario.ca.

Appendix A – MNR Regulatory Role

MNR's regulatory role is triggered when a project proponent seeks an approval under legislation administered by the Ministry. This Appendix provides information about some of the more commonly applicable approvals issued by MNR. Please note, MNR may not be able to confirm the requirement for an approval until a detailed project and site plan have been provided to the Ministry.

A proposal for an MNR approval may engage the ministry's duty to consult Indigenous peoples.

Where MNR is considering an application, the ministry must also ensure its own obligations under the *EAA* are satisfied prior to a final decision. Where an approval would dispose of rights to Crown Resources for a project that has already completed *EAA* requirements under another process, MNR will require written documentation from the applicant setting out how *EAA* requirements for the project have been met prior to MNR issuing any requested approval.

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

The *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* regulates the relocation of fish and wildlife. Accordingly, should a project require:

- The relocation of fish outside of the work area, a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes will be required.
- The relocation of wildlife outside of the work area (including amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals), will require a Wildlife Collector's Authorization.
- The destruction, taking or possession of any nests or eggs of species not protected by the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (*MBCA*)* or excluded under section 7(2) of the FWCA may also require a Wildlife Collector's Authorization.

To learn more about the management of Fish and Wildlife in Ontario, or to apply for permits or licenses, please visit the Natural Resources Information Portal.

Aggregate Resources Act

The *Aggregate Resources Act* (ARA) is the primary legislative framework for regulating aggregate resource extraction in Ontario. The MNR administers the *ARA* and issues licenses, permits and approves amendments to existing approvals. Information on existing pits and quarries and when an aggregate permit or license may be required can be accessed from MNR's Aggregates Section or GeoHub – Additional Resources

Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act

The *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act* (LRIA) provides the MNR with regulatory authority over the design, construction, operation, maintenance and safety of dams in Ontario. For

information regarding when a MNR approval may be required and how the LRIA is administered by the Ministry visit Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act administrative guide | ontario.ca

Public Lands Act

The use of public land and shore lands are regulated under the *Public Lands Act*. A work permit must be obtained from MNR to undertake certain activities on public land and shore lands. To occupy public lands in Ontario, you must receive prior approval from MNR unless the use is permitted by regulation. Visit Natural Resources Information Portal for information on when a permit or approval is required and how to submit an application.

Crown Forest Sustainability Act

Any activities that involve a proposal to cut Crown forest resources (e.g., trees on Crown land) may require approval under the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994.*

Appendix B – Technical Guides

The following technical guides are the province's best available information to support identification of significant natural heritage features in different landscapes:

- Natural Heritage Reference Manual (2010)
- Greenbelt Technical Paper (2005)
- Oak Ridges Moraine Technical Paper 1 (Natural Heritage Features)
- Oak Ridges Moraine Technical Paper 2 (Significant Wildlife Habitat)
- Oak Ridges Moraine Technical Paper 7 (Significant Woodlands)
- Lake Simcoe Protection Plan Technical Paper
- Ontario Wetland Evaluation System (OWES)
- Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide
    - Ecoregion Criterion Schedules for the identification of Significant Wildlife Habitat
        - Ecoregion 5E
        - Ecoregion 6E
        - Ecoregion 7E
    - Significant Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Support Tool (MiST)

Other supporting information may be found at Ontario GeoHub or Natural Resources Data Access Requests | Ontario GeoHub.

The following technical guides are the province's best available information to support implementation of MNR's interest in natural hazards (contact MNR to request pdf copies):

- Understanding Natural Hazards (2001)
- Special Policy Areas Procedures (2009)
- Technical Guide – River & Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit (2002)
- Technical Guide – River & Stream Systems: Erosion Hazard Limit (2002)
- Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Shorelines: Flooding, Erosion and Dynamic Beaches (2001)
- Technical Guide for Large Inland Lakes Shorelines: Flooding, Erosion and Dynamic Beaches (1996)
- Hazardous Sites Technical Guide (1996)
- Technical Bulletin: Flooding Hazards: Data Survey and Mapping Specifications (2023)
- Wildland Fire Risk Assessment and Mitigation Reference Manual (2017)

The following technical guide is the province's best available information supporting implementation of MNR's mandated interest in mineral aggregate resources (contact MNR to request pdf copy):

- Non-renewable Resources Training Manual (1997)

Ministry of Transportation Response to Notice of Commencement

From: Rhona Scott <rhona.scott@hydroone.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Kulathinal, Rina (MTO) <Rina.Kulathinal@ontario.ca>
Subject: Hydro One Notice of Commencement - Durham Kawartha Power Line

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Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform you that Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station located in the Municipality of Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Station, located in the City of Peterborough. We are referring to this project as the Durham Kawartha Power Line project.

We are beginning a Class EA for this project under Hydro One's Class EA for Transmission Facilities (https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/class-environmental-assessment).

Please see the attached Notice of Commencement and invitation to Community Open House #1 for more details.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact me at (437) 929-7638 or rhona.scott@hydroone.com

Thanks,

Rhona Scott, M.A.Sc. (she/her)
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Environmental Services
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Good Afternoon,

It looks as though this Class EA was initially circulated to the wrong regional area and there may be a delay in MTO providing comments that meet your deadline.

Please note that the Ministry has launched its new Land Development Module for the Highway Corridor Management System to streamline approval processes. To avoid delays in the processing of review requests, please ensure that you submit your Class EA as a non-site specific land development through our HCMS site.

Here is the link: www.hcms.mto.gov.on.ca/

Let me know if you have any issues using the site.

Kindest-regards,

Shanna Foreman (pronounce here)
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Corridor Management | Operations East
Ministry of Transportation | Ontario Public Service
437-991-5387 | shanna.foreman@ontario.ca
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Good day,

Please update your contact list for present and future projects to the following to also include Nicole Rodaro (info in signature)

Communication by email is preferred and will expedite the process.

Kind Regards,
Nicole Rodaro | Facilities Coordinator
Ontario Provincial Police, BMB Facilities Section
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Municipal Government Representatives and Agencies Record of Consultation

Organisations	Stakeholders	Date	Type of communication	Origin	Summary
City of Kawartha Lakes	City of Kawartha Lakes Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the mayor of City of Kawartha Lakes to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Jane Pyle	2024-01-31	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to invite them to a virtual meeting and inquired if they were available to meet February 5, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Doug Elmslie Jane Pyle Ron Taylor	2024-02-01	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to thank them for coordinating a meeting on February 5, 2024 and confirmed their availability.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor	2024-02-05	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the City of Kawartha Lakes on February 5, 2024 to introduce the Project. Items discussed included: mandate for the Project, looking at existing Hydro One corridors being explored, proposed timelines for the Project, engagement approach, and more.
City of Kawartha Lakes	City of Kawartha Lakes Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor	2024-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One shared an advanced copy of the Notice of Commencement which included details about the EA process, a map of the project area, and information on the upcoming community open houses that would be sent to community members in the study area the week of June 4, 2024, in addition to media ads. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing about the Project and requested preferred dates and times after June 5, 2024 to meet. The project was previously communicated in the early briefings as East GTA.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Richard Holy	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes Planning Services	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-10	Phone	Incoming	Hydro One returned a call from a City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor. Hydro One and the City of Kawartha Lakes agreed to having a meeting and have extended the invitation to the mayor and CAO.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-10	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed City of Kawartha Lakes to suggest a meeting prior to the community open houses planned for June 25 to 27, 2024 to discuss the Project. Hydro One provided their availability for a meeting.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-10	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed City of Kawartha Lakes to suggest a meeting prior to the community open houses planned for June 25 to 27, 2024 to discuss the Project. Hydro One provided their availability for a meeting.
City of Kawartha Lakes	City of Kawartha Lakes CAO Laura Williams Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-06-11	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed City of Kawartha Lakes to suggest a meeting prior to the community open houses planned for June 25 to 27, 2024 to discuss the Project. Hydro One provided their availability for a meeting.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-14	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to provide their availability for a meeting on June 21, 2024 and inquired if they preferred in-person or virtual.

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City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to suggest a time for their meeting and inquired if they were agreeable to a virtual meeting.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-14	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to inquire if they could meet on June 14, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to provide their availability for a meeting on June 14, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-14	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting time on June 14, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-14	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met virtually with a Councilor of the City of Kawartha Lakes on June 14, 2024 to discuss the Project. Hydro One informed the Councilor about their plans to inform residents of the upcoming Community Open House. The Councilor spoke of a planned subdivision in the area and that the community expressed resistance to new building projects, but specified that they had not heard of any concerns from constituents about DKPL. The Councilor of the City of Kawartha Lakes noted that they intended to attend the Community Open House.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to confirm receipt of the Project Notice of Commencement that was forwarded to them internally. The City of Kawartha Lakes requested a detailed map of the Project.
City of Kawartha Lakes	City of Kawartha Lakes CAO Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-11-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to share an update on DKPL and community engagement. Hydro One shared a postcard to be sent broader community in the coming weeks to remind them about Project milestones and ways to stay involved. Hydro One noted that they would be hosting another series of open houses in spring 2025 to update the community on the preferred route selection, which they were working closely with impacted property owners to inform the evaluation process. Hydro One also requested availability for a meeting to discuss potential investment opportunities.
City of Kawartha Lakes Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle Susanne Murchison	2024-11-19	Email	Incoming	Kawartha Conservation emailed Hydro One to provide their permit and requested their review of conditions. Kawartha Conservation requested the start date of the proposed works.
City of Kawartha Lakes Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle Susanne Murchison	2024-11-19	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to thank them for providing the permit and noted that they would inform them in advance of the start date.
City of Kawartha Lakes Kawartha Conservation	Kawartha Conservation Permits Matthew Mantle Susanne Murchison	2024-11-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Conservation to notify them of the start dates for geotechnical work to begin on December 2 and 4, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	City of Kawartha Lakes CAO Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-11-27	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes Councilor emailed Hydro One to confirm they would like to discuss a partnership opportunity.

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City of Kawartha Lakes	City of Kawartha Lakes CAO Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-11-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor to inform them that they could set up a virtual meeting for a discussion and requested their availability.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Constance Ellison Doug Elmslie Jane Pyle Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-11-27	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability on December 4, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Constance Ellison Doug Elmslie Jane Pyle Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-11-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to confirm they would send a meeting invitation for December 4, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Constance Ellison Doug Elmslie Jane Pyle Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-12-04	Meeting	Outgoing	A virtual meeting was held between the City of Kawartha Lakes and Hydro One's Community Relations Team to discuss the DKPL Project and community investment opportunities. Hydro One planned to host community open houses in February to update on the project's progress, particularly regarding a 3 km section outside Clarington Transformer Station. The conversation emphasized the importance of Hydro One's partnership in local communities, encouraging the Mayor, CAO, and council members to reach out with community initiatives for potential support related to the project.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Constance Ellison Doug Elmslie Jane Pyle Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-12-04	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a meeting invite to the City of Kawartha Lakes for December 4, 2024.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Constance Ellison Doug Elmslie Jane Pyle Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2024-12-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to thank them for meeting with them on December 4, 2024 to discuss the DKPL Project and potential community investment opportunities. Hydro One noted that they had been engaging with directly impacted property owners along the proposed route to gather feedback and that conversations with the Rustlewood Avenue community were progressing well. Hydro One informed the City of Kawartha Lakes that they were planning a series of community open houses in February 2025 to provide updates on the project's progress and the selected route. Hydro One requested to be informed of any community-focused initiatives or programs for consideration.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Emily Turner	2024-12-17	Email	Incoming	AECOM emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to introduce their role on the Project and to request their review of the Project map to verify whether there were any properties designated or listed on their municipal heritage registrar within the Project Study Area.

Organisations	Stakeholders	Date	Type of communication	Origin	Summary
City of Kawartha Lakes	Doug Elmslie Ron Taylor Tracy Richardson	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Kawartha Lakes to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation. Hydro One noted that they would be sharing updates with the community through radio announcements, newspaper ads, and notice mailouts starting the week of March 3, 2025, and that their Real Estate team would continue to engage with directly affected property owners. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to provide a briefing and invited them to attend one of the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes Planning Services Richard Holy Susanne Murchison	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed City of Kawartha Lakes a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Charlotte Crockford Leah Barrie Nancy Mcleod Nancy Ord Wendy Ellis	2025-03-04	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro one to confirm receipt of their email.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2025-03-27	Meeting	Incoming	Hydro One Community Relations met with Councillor Richardson to share additional details about the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project scope refinements, engagement approach and environmental assessment process. Hydro One shared details of the upcoming Community Open Houses and encouraged community members and councillors to come out to share their input.
City of Kawartha Lakes	Tracy Richardson	2025-04-03	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One reached out to thank everyone who attended the recent open houses on March 18 and 20 for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. This email encouraged those who missed the Open Houses to visit the project website for the most recent information and project updates.
City of Peterborough	Jasbir Raina Jeff Leal	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the mayor of City of Peterborough to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
City of Peterborough	Jeff Leal	2024-01-23	Email	Incoming	The mayor of the City of Peterborough emailed Hydro One to thank them for their email and to note that they would set up a meeting time.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-01-24	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to loop them into their email chain with the Mayor of the City of Peterborough regarding setting up a meeting.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-01-26	Email	Incoming	The City of Peterborough emailed Hydro One to thank them for their email and noted they would get back to them with potential times for a virtual meeting.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-01-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to thank them for their response and commitment to providing their meeting availability.

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City of Peterborough	Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead	2024-05-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and the Notice of Commencement for the DKPL Class EA. Hydro One informed them that members of the community would also receive the Notice of Commencement and that ads would be published to disseminate the project information. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing at their convenience.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead	2024-05-31	Email	Incoming	The City of Peterborough emailed Hydro One to confirm the Mayor was agreeable to the quote Hydro One provided.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead	2024-05-31	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed The City of Peterborough to thank them for their response.
City of Peterborough	Brendan Wedley	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
City of Peterborough	Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to follow up on their email from May 29, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project was made public on June 4, 2024 to community members in the study area. Hydro One requested the City of Peterborough's meeting availability.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead	2024-06-17	Email	Incoming	The City of Kawartha Lakes emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting time on June 20, 2024.
City of Peterborough	Jeremy Istead	2024-06-18	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to confirm their availability for a meeting time on June 20, 2024.
City of Peterborough	Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead	2024-06-20	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invitation to the City of Peterborough to discuss the Project.
City of Peterborough	Jasbir Raina Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead Lesley Parnell	2024-11-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to share an update on DKPL and community engagement. Hydro One shared a postcard to be sent broader community in the coming weeks to remind them about Project milestones and ways to stay involved. Hydro One noted that they would be hosting another series of open houses in spring 2025 to update the community on the preferred route selection, which they were working closely with impacted property owners to inform the evaluation process. Hydro One also noted that they took back their discussion regarding park redevelopment plans to their team to determine how Hydro One could support and requested availability for a meeting to further discuss.
City of Peterborough	Jasbir Raina Jeremy Istead Lesley Parnell Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-11-15	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the City of Peterborough to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and community investment projects. Hydro One expressed gratitude for the partnership and encouraged further communication.
City of Peterborough	Jasbir Raina Jeremy Istead Lesley Parnell Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-11-15	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough to thank them for meeting with them on November 15, 2024 to discuss the Project and associated community investment opportunities.

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City of Peterborough Legislative Assembly of Ontario	Dave Smith Jasbir Raina Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead Sarah McDougall Perrin	2024-11-21	Event (attended)		Hydro One participated in a mayor's breakfast event by the Peterborough-Kawartha Chamber of Commerce, followed by a roundtable with local officials and MPP Dave Smith. The discussion covered the DKPL project, its progress, engagement with Indigenous communities, the EA process, property owner engagement, community investments, and plans for open houses in early 2025.
City of Peterborough Legislative Assembly of Ontario Peterborough County Township of Selwyn	Dave Smith Jasbir Raina Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead Peterborough County Sarah McDougall Perrin Township of Selwyn	2024-11-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Mayor of the City of Peterborough, City of Peterborough staff, MPP for Peterborough-Kawartha, and the Township of Selwyn to thank them for joining their roundtable after the Mayor's Breakfast event and to share the link to the Project website. Hydro One provided a brochure with information about stray voltage and contact information for the team available to address additional questions on the topic. Hydro One noted that they would connect the Township of Selwyn with their Distribution planning team regarding growth, expansion, and connection needs as well as potential community investment opportunities.
City of Peterborough	Brendan Wedley	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the City of Peterborough a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
City of Peterborough	Jeff Leal Jeremy Istead	2025-03-27	Meeting		Hydro One Community Relations met with Mayor Leal to share additional details about the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project scope refinements, engagement approach and environmental assessment process. Hydro One shared details of the upcoming Community Open Houses and encouraged community members and councillors to come out to share their input.
Durham Regional Police Department	Durham Regional Police Department	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Durham Regional Police Department to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Durham Regional Police Department	Durham Regional Police Department	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Durham Regional Police Department a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Kawartha Lakes Police Services	Mark Mitchell	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Kawartha Lakes Police Services to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Kawartha Lakes Police Services	Mark Mitchell	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed KLPS a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the mayor of Municipality of Clarington to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to thank them for confirming their availability for a meeting on February 2, 2024 and noted that they were looking forward to meeting.

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Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Willie Woo	2024-02-02	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the Municipality of Clarington on February 2, 2024 to introduce the Project. Items discussed included: mandate for the Project, looking at existing Hydro One corridors being explored, proposed timelines for the Project, engagement approach, and more.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-05-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and the Notice of Commencement for the DKPL Class EA. Hydro One informed them that members of the community would also receive the Notice of Commencement and that ads would be published to disseminate the project information. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing at their convenience.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-05-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and the Notice of Commencement for the DKPL Class EA. Hydro One informed them that members of the community would also receive the Notice of Commencement and that ads would be published to disseminate the project information. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing at their convenience.
Municipality of Clarington	Heather Anderson	2024-05-31	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One to provide a quote from the Mayor for use in publications.
Municipality of Clarington	Heather Anderson	2024-05-31	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to thank them for their quote.
Municipality of Clarington	Planning Department General Inbox	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to follow up on their email from May 29, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project was made public on June 4, 2024 to community members in the study area. Hydro One requested the Municipality of Clarington's meeting availability.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to follow up on their email from May 29, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project was made public on June 4, 2024 to community members in the study area. Hydro One requested the Municipality of Clarington's meeting availability.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to follow up on their email from May 29, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project was made public on June 4, 2024 to community members in the study area. Hydro One requested the Municipality of Clarington's meeting availability.

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Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster	2024-06-12	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One to confirm the Mayor's availability for a virtual meeting on June 14, 2024 to discuss the Project.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster	2024-06-13	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One sent the Municipality of Clarington a Teams meeting invite for June 14. 2024 to discuss the Project.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Heather Anderson	2024-06-14	Meeting		Hydro One met with the Municipality of Clarington to discuss the DKPL Project. Topics of discussion included scope refinements, engagement approach with affected property owners and Hydro One's EA process. Hydro One discussed encouraging community members to come out to upcoming open houses later in June 2024 to share their input. The Municipality of Clarington noted that they had not heard anything from the community about the Project.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster	2024-06-14	Meeting	Outgoing	Community Relations met with the Mayor of Clarington to share additional details about the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project scope refinements, engagement approach and environmental assessment process. Hydro One shared details of the upcoming Community Open Houses and encouraged community members and councillors to come out to share their input.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Clerks Office Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-06-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to thank them for their time to discuss the Project. Hydro One noted the upcoming open houses at the end of June 2024 and requested that the invitation be extended to the councillors. Hydro One noted that individual briefings could also be arranged.
Municipality of Clarington	Carlos Salazar Planning Department General Inbox Tony Cannella	2024-09-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington planning department to follow up on their initial email to inform them of the Class EA for the Project. Hydro One provided details of the Project, including a map of the route alternatives. Hydro One wished to provide a technical introduction and overview of the EA to the Municipality of Clarington staff and to discuss the initial design for the Project. Hydro One welcomed any feedback regarding developments in the area and any information the Planning and Engineering departments may have for consideration. Hydro One shared names of key contacts at Hydro One to potentially be included in their meeting and requested the Municipality of Clarington's availability.

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Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Clerks Office Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2024-11-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to share an update on DKPL and community engagement. Hydro One shared a postcard to be sent broader community in the coming weeks to remind them about Project milestones and ways to stay involved. Hydro One noted that they would be hosting another series of open houses in spring 2025 to update the community on the preferred route selection, which they were working closely with impacted property owners to inform the evaluation process. Hydro One also requested availability for a meeting to discuss potential investment opportunities.
Municipality of Clarington	Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Tony Cannella	2024-11-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to request technical and engineering support from the Municipality regarding Project design and requirements related to towers and road crossings for transmission lines. Hydro One also inquired if the Municipality of Clarington was aware of any planned projects or developments that Hydro One should be made aware.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Annette Vandyk Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Tony Cannella Tony Ricciardi	2024-11-21	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One to confirm they could coordinate a meeting to discuss the Project with their engineering and planning team members.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Annette Vandyk Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Tony Ricciardi	2024-11-22	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to thank them for confirming they could coordinate a meeting and requested their availability.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Annette Vandyk Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Tony Ricciardi	2024-11-28	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on December 9, 10, and 16, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Annette Vandyk Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Tony Ricciardi	2024-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to confirm they could meet on December 16, 2024 and inquired if they could book the meeting.
Municipality of Clarington	Annette Vandyk Karen Richardson	2024-11-28	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One to apologize that their schedule had changed and they were no longer available o December 16, 2024. The Municipality of Clarington inquired if they could reschedule their meeting to a time on December 20, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	Annette Vandyk Karen Richardson	2024-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to inquire if a different time on December 16, 2024 was available to reschedule the meeting. Hydro One noted that they were also available December 20, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	Annette Vandyk Karen Richardson	2024-11-28	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One to note that their team was unavailable during the suggested timeslot on December 16, 2024 and confirmed that they were still available on December 20, 2024.

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Municipality of Clarington	Annette Vandyk Karen Richardson	2024-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington to confirm that they booked their meeting on December 20, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	No Reply	2024-12-17	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed AECOM to confirm receipt of their email.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Karen Richardson Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2024-12-20	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met virtually with technical staff from the Regional Municipality of Durham on December 20, 2024 to discuss the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project. Hydro One provided an overview of the Project and key timelines. Other topics of discussion included other Hydro One projects in Durham Region, technical requirements for the potential underground section of the line, and Durham Region projects in the area.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Karen Richardson Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2025-01-21	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed the Municipality of Clarington to share the draft meeting minutes from their meeting on December 20, 2024. WSP also provided a copy of the meeting presentation. WSP requested feedback on the draft minutes for finalization by January 31, 2025.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Karen Richardson Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2025-01-22	Email	Incoming	The Municipality of Clarington emailed Hydro One and WSP to note a change to be made to the draft meeting minutes. The Municipality of Clarington clarified that the notification that they provided during the meeting was in relation to the Enfield TS project, and not DKPL. The Municipality of Clarington also provided the contact information for the Region's Project Manager on the file for Hydro One to consult on their design.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Karen Richardson Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2025-01-22	Email	Incoming	WSP replied to the Municipality of Clarington to thank them for the edits to the draft meeting minutes and noted that the change would be reflected in the meeting record. WSP also informed the Municipality of Clarington that the information they provided was circulated to the Project Development team for awareness.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Karen Richardson Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2025-01-31	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed the Municipality of Clarington to share the final meeting minutes from their meeting on December 20, 2024.
Municipality of Clarington	Clerks Office Heather Anderson Mary-Anne Dempster	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Mayor of the Municipality of Clarington to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation. Hydro One noted that they would be sharing updates with the community through radio announcements, newspaper ads, and notice mailouts starting the week of March 3, 2025, and that their Real Estate team would continue to engage with directly affected property owners. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to provide a briefing and invited them to attend one of the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Annette Vandyk Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Planning Department General Inbox Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Municipality of Clarington a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Municipality of Clarington	Adrian Foster Heather Anderson Sarah Raso	2025-10-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the mayor of the Municipality of Clarington to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025 with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Municipality of Clarington	Amanda Tapp Annette Vandyk Darryl Lyons Karen Richardson Planning Department General Inbox Robert Brezina Tony Ricciardi	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Municipality of Clarington the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Peterborough County	Bonnie Clark Peterborough County C.A.O.	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough County to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
Peterborough County	Peterborough County	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough County to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Peterborough County	Peterborough County	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough County a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Peterborough County	Kyle Darling	2025-03-12	Phone	Incoming	Peterborough County called Hydro One to inquire about the DKPL project in response to the recent notice shared. Discussion included a general project description and the EA process and also the project characteristics including reuse of an existing corridor to support new towers and circuits. Peterborough County confirmed two County roads that the project crossed and committed to sharing their set back requirements for Hydro One to consider when designing.

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Peterborough County	Doug Saccoccia John Ward Justin Mcgill Kyle Darling Pete Hynes	2025-03-12	Email	Incoming	Peterborough County emailed Hydro One noting that it had been good speaking with them. Peterborough County requested further details that described Hydro One's proposed work where it crossed County Road 10, County Road 9, and County Road 3, when more information was available. Peterborough County included another contact in the email to provide the County's setback requirements for the proposed new transmission towers upon their return during the week of March 17,2025.
Peterborough County	Doug Saccoccia John Ward Justin Mcgill Kyle Darling Pete Hynes	2025-03-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough County to inform them that they were a ways away from being able to provide drawings but that their Project Delivery Team would provide them when available and take into account the setbacks shared by Peterborough County.
Peterborough County	Doug Saccoccia John Ward Justin Mcgill Kyle Darling Pete Hynes	2025-03-17	Email	Incoming	Peterborough County emailed Hydro One to inform them that formal setback commentary would be provided once Hydro One provided proposed transmission tower locations. Peterborough County provided general comments on the County's typical setbacks. Peterborough County noted that it was their understanding that Hydro One's new transmission line was proposed to run in parallel with existing transmission lines and that some of those towers were closer than the setbacks provided, which would mean that new towers could also be placed at the same distance. Peterborough County also noted that they were in the process of updating their setback policy, but at this time, increases were not expected.
Peterborough County	Doug Saccoccia John Ward Justin Mcgill Kyle Darling Pete Hynes	2025-03-17	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One thanked Peterborough County for their email.
Peterborough County	Peterborough County	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough County the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Peterborough Police Service	Peterborough Police Service	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Peterborough Police Service to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Peterborough Police Service	Peterborough Police Service	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough Police Service Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Peterborough Police Service	Peterborough Police Service	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Peterborough Police Service the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the chair of Regional Municipality of Durham to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff Nancy Kalotai Patricia Nokes	2024-01-23	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed internally and to Hydro One to note that they had limited availability but that they could meet on February 1, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff Nancy Kalotai Patricia Nokes	2024-01-23	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed internally and to Hydro One to provide their availability for a meeting on February 13 or 16, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff Nancy Kalotai Patricia Nokes	2024-01-23	Email	Incoming	Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One and internally to inform them that they were unavailable on February 1, 2024 and provided their availability for February 13 and 16, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff Nancy Kalotai Patricia Nokes	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to thank them for their quick response and to confirm that they could meet on February 16, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff Nancy Kalotai Patricia Nokes	2024-01-23	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting on February 16, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff	2024-02-16	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the Regional Municipality of Durham on February 16, 2024 to introduce the Project. Items discussed included: mandate for the Project, looking at existing Hydro One corridors being explored, proposed timelines for the Project, engagement approach, and more.

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Regional Municipality of Durham	Henry Tang	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff	2024-06-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and the Notice of Commencement for the DKPL Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024. Hydro One informed them that members of the community would also receive the Notice of Commencement and that ads would be published to disseminate the project information. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing with the Regional Municipality of Durham and requested their availability.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff	2024-06-06	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to provide their availability for a meeting on July 3 or 5, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff	2024-06-07	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to confirm their availability for a meeting on July 3, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff	2024-06-07	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invitation to the Regional Municipality of Durham for July 3, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Elaine Baxter-Trahair John Henry Mark Sheriff	2024-07-03	In-Person Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One updated the Regional Chair and CEO of Durham on the Durham Kawartha Power Line project, discussing project scope refinements, the Notice of Commencement, the environmental assessment process, and upcoming community open houses, while also addressing questions and gathering local insights.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Regional Municipality of Durham	2024-11-26	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to introduce the Project and request an opportunity to connect with technical staff to align on the requirements for Project design. Hydro One requested availability for a time to meet in the coming weeks or in early 2025 to gain a better understanding of regional requirements for road crossings, tower setbacks, foundation requirements.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-27	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed internally to share Hydro One's request regarding a discussion about future projects.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-27	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to provide their availability from December 9 to 13, 2024 for a meeting. The Regional Municipality of Durham noted that they had active relocation work being completed by Hydro One along the corridor and copied the Hydro One distribution lead to be included in the discussion.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-28	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to confirm their team's availability on December 10, 2024 and requested a meeting invite.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed	2024-11-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to inform them that they should receive the meeting invite any moment.

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Regional Municipality of Durham	Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-29	Email	Outgoing	A member of Hydro One responded to an invite for a meeting with the Regional Municipality of Durham and noted that they were unavailable to join the call scheduled for December 10, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-29	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to inquire if they could reschedule the meeting to accommodate the contact from Hydro One involved in the active relocation work previously mentioned.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Regional Municipality of Durham to clarify that the Hydro One contact was involved in a project that would be completed in the coming months while DKPL construction was planned to begin in 2027. Hydro One noted they could still extend the invite to the contact and move the meeting earlier on December 10, 2024 to accommodate.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-29	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to inform them that they had a conflict at the suggested time on December 10, 2024 and inquired if they were available the following week.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-11-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to provide their availability for December 17 and 19, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-12-17	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met virtually with technical staff from the Regional Municipality of Durham on December 17, 2024 to discuss the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project. Hydro One provided an overview of the Project and key timelines. Other topics of discussion included other Hydro One projects in Durham Region, technical requirements for the potential underground section of the line, and Durham Region projects in the area.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Gauthier Courtney Jenna Hildebrandt Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2024-12-17	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invite to the Regional Municipality of Durham for a meeting on December 17, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-01-14	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to share the draft meeting minutes from their meeting on December 17, 2024. WSP also provided a copy of the meeting presentation a map of the Project within Durham Region, and a picture of another Hydro One project area. WSP requested feedback on the draft minutes for finalization by January 24, 2025.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-01-24	Email	Outgoing	WSP emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to share the final meeting minutes from their meeting on December 17, 2024.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-03-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to follow up with them regarding the request for a copy of Hydro One's Project design. Hydro One noted that their engineers were currently working on the design for the Regional Road 3 underground crossing. Hydro One recalled at the Regional Municipality of Durham's construction planned for Regional Road 3 was planned to take place before the construction of the underground crossing. Hydro One requested a preliminary design with proposed cross sections of their planned work to base Hydro One's design off of.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-03	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to request a meeting to present proposed crossing locations, duct details, and construction methods, and to seek feedback on road construction timing and opportunities to refine design and construction approaches.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-03	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to propose July 14 or 16, 2025, for the meeting regarding construction works for the Project.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-04	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to confirm that they would follow up with availability for the meeting regarding construction works for the Project.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-14	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the Regional Municipality of Durham to discuss the rehabilitation schedule for Regional Road 3, Hydro One's proposal for contractor crossings to support underground 230kV services, and opportunities for future collaboration. The Region agreed to consult with its construction and commercial teams to determine whether Hydro One's scope could be incorporated into the tender documents. Hydro One committed to providing a scope of work for installing two parallel pipes across the road and to entering into a cost-sharing agreement for the installation and any resulting road settlement.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-15	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham to summarize the discussion from the July 14, 2025 meeting. Hydro One reiterated the Region's plans to consult with its construction and commercial teams to determine whether Hydro One's scope could be incorporated into the tender documents. Hydro One reiterated their committed to providing a detailed scope of work for installing two parallel pipes across the road and to entering into a cost-sharing agreement for the installation and any resulting road settlement. Hydro One also invited the Region to confirm whether the meeting summary captured all relevant details.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-15	Email	Incoming	The Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to inquire whether it would be acceptable to provide an update on the contract drawings scope by August 8, 2025.

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Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-07-15	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed The Regional Municipality of Durham to confirm that it would be acceptable to receive the update regarding the contract drawings scope by August 8, 2025.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Mark Cavanaugh Nga Nguyen	2025-08-07	Email	Incoming	Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to confirm that the Region was willing to move forward with the plan to install two parallel pipes under Regional Road 3 during road construction to facilitate the proposed DKPL crossing. Regional Municipality of Durham requested that Hydro One provide a written memo detailing the scope of work and a written memo committing Hydro One to compensate the Region of Durham for any costs associated with installation before granting formal approval and incorporating the installation into the construction tender.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Mark Cavanaugh Nga Nguyen	2025-08-07	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed Regional Municipality of Durham to confirm that the written memo detailing the scope of work and the written memo committing Hydro One to compensate the Region of Durham for any costs associated with installation would be provided. Hydro One noted that the number of pipe crossings would be increased from two to three, with the third serving as a spare to accommodate future repairs over the 75 to 100 year lifespan of transmission lines. Hydro One asked whether this adjustment raised any concerns and requested confirmation of the date by which the memos were required.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Jeffrey G Johnson Julia D McAstocker Marc Halle Mark Cavanaugh Nga Nguyen	2025-08-07	Email	Incoming	Regional Municipality of Durham emailed Hydro One to confirm that they did not have any concerns regarding the addition of a third pipe crossing and that the requested memos could be provided by mid-September 2025.
Regional Municipality of Durham	Abdulaziz Mohammed Marc Halle Nga Nguyen	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Regional Municipality of Durham the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Yvette Hurley	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Mayor of the Township of Cavan Monaghan to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.

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Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Yvette Hurley	2024-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One shared an advanced copy of the Notice of Commencement which included details about the EA process, a map of the project area, and information on the upcoming community open houses that would be sent to community members in the study area the week of June 4, 2024, in addition to media ads. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing about the Project and requested preferred dates and times after June 5, 2024 to meet. The project was previously communicated in the early briefings as East GTA.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Yvette Hurley	2024-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and the Notice of Commencement for the DKPL Class EA. Hydro One informed them that members of the community would also receive the Notice of Commencement and that ads would be published to disseminate the project information. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing at their convenience.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Christina Coulter	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Yvette Hurley	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to follow up on their email from May 30, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project was made public on June 4, 2024 to community members in the study area. Hydro One requested the Township of Cavan Monaghan's meeting availability.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Yvette Hurley	2024-07-19	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to thank them for their attendance at the community open house in June 2024. Hydro One shared a link to the project website for open house materials and regular project updates.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Yvette Hurley	2024-11-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to share an update on DKPL and community engagement. Hydro One shared a postcard to be sent broader community in the coming weeks to remind them about Project milestones and ways to stay involved. Hydro One noted that they would be hosting another series of open houses in spring 2025 to update the community on the preferred route selection, which they were working closely with impacted property owners to inform the evaluation process. Hydro One also requested availability for a meeting to discuss potential investment opportunities.

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Township of Cavan Monaghan	Jennifer Steen Yvette Hurley	2024-12-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One followed up with Yvette Hurley regarding the Hydro One Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, expressing appreciation for their attendance at the Community Open House and addressing concerns raised. Hydro One mentioned that they look forward to working with Cavan Monaghan and offered to discuss community investment opportunities in a virtual meeting. The email also referenced ongoing community engagement and project updates.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Jennifer Steen Yvette Hurley	2024-12-16	Email	Incoming	The Township of Cavan Monaghan responded to Hydro One's email proposing a meeting on January 23rd regarding the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Jennifer Steen Yvette Hurley	2024-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to confirm availability during their requested meeting time on January 23, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Brigid Ayotte	2024-12-17	Email	Incoming	AECOM received an automatic reply from the Township of Cavan Monaghan with an out of office message.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Brigid Ayotte Tara Jenkins	2024-12-17	Email	Outgoing	AECOM emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to introduce their role on the Project and to request their review of the Project map to verify whether there were any properties designated or listed on their municipal heritage registrar within the Project Study Area.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Jennifer Steen Yvette Hurley	2025-01-23	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invite to the Township of Cavan Monaghan for January 23, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Jennifer Steen Township of Cavan Monaghan CAO Yvette Hurley	2025-01-23	Meeting	Outgoing	A virtual meeting took place between Community Relations and Cavan Monaghan's CAO and Executive Assistant, where Hydro One provided updates on the Durham Kawartha Power Line project, including upcoming spring open houses. Hydro One also expressed interest in community investment opportunities, leading to discussions on potential local initiatives. Cavan Monaghan representatives agreed to propose initiatives supporting their community, and all parties looked forward to future collaboration.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Township of Cavan Monaghan CAO	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation. Hydro One noted that they would be sharing updates with the community through radio announcements, newspaper ads, and notice mailouts starting the week of March 3, 2025, and that their Real Estate team would continue to engage with directly affected property owners. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to provide a briefing and invited them to attend one of the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Township of Cavan Monaghan CAO Yvette Hurley	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation. Hydro One noted that they would be sharing updates with the community through radio announcements, newspaper ads, and notice mailouts starting the week of March 3, 2025, and that their Real Estate team would continue to engage with directly affected property owners. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to provide a briefing and invited them to attend one of the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Christina Coulter	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Yvette Hurley	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Yvette Hurley	2025-04-03	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One reached out to thank everyone who attended the recent open houses on March 18 and 20 for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. This email encouraged those who missed the Open Houses to visit the project website for the most recent information and project updates.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Matthew Graham Township of Cavan Monaghan CAO Yvette Hurley	2025-10-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025 with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Christina Coulter	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Cavan Monaghan the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Township of Cavan Monaghan	Yvette Hurley	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed members of the public to inform them of the latest project milestone, the release of the draft ESR and the 30-day public review period.
Township of Scugog	Warren Marr Wilma Wotten	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Mayor of the Township of Scugog to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.

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Township of Scugog	Warren Marr Wilma Wotten	2024-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One shared an advanced copy of the Notice of Commencement which included details about the EA process, a map of the project area, and information on the upcoming community open houses that would be sent to community members in the study area the week of June 4, 2024, in addition to media ads. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing about the Project and requested preferred dates and times after June 5, 2024 to meet. The project was previously communicated in the early briefings as East GTA.
Township of Scugog	Warren Marr Wilma Wotten	2024-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project and the Notice of Commencement for the DKPL Class EA. Hydro One informed them that members of the community would also receive the Notice of Commencement and that ads would be published to disseminate the project information. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing at their convenience.
Township of Scugog	Township of Scugog Planning Services	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Township of Scugog	Warren Marr Wilma Wotten	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog to follow up on their email from May 30, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project
Township of Scugog	Warren Marr Wilma Wotten	2024-11-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Mayor of the Township of Scugog to share an update on DKPL and community engagement. Hydro One shared a postcard to be sent broader community in the coming weeks to remind them about Project milestones and ways to stay involved. Hydro One noted that they would be hosting another series of open houses in spring 2025 to update the community on the preferred route selection, which they were working closely with impacted property owners to inform the evaluation process. Hydro One also requested availability for a meeting to discuss potential investment opportunities.
Township of Scugog	Township of Scugog	2024-12-17	Email	Incoming	AECOM emailed the Township of Scugog to introduce their role on the Project and to request their review of the Project map to verify whether there were any properties designated or listed on their municipal heritage registrar within the Project Study Area.
Township of Scugog	Warren Marr Wilma Wotten	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation. Hydro One noted that they would be sharing updates with the community through radio announcements, newspaper ads, and notice mailouts starting the week of March 3, 2025, and that their Real Estate team would continue to engage with directly affected property owners. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to provide a briefing and invited them to attend one of the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Township of Scugog	Township of Scugog Planning Services	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Township of Scugog	Warren Mar Wilma Wotten	2025-10-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025 with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.
Township of Scugog	Township of Scugog Planning Services	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Scugog the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Township of Selwyn	Sherry Senis Township of Selwyn	2024-01-23	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the mayor of Township of Selwyn to notify them of the GTA East Project and to request a virtual meeting on February 1, 2, or 5, 2024.
Township of Selwyn	Angela Chittick Sherry Senis Township of Selwyn	2024-01-24	Email	Incoming	The Township of Selwyn emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on February 5, 2024.
Township of Selwyn	Angela Chittick Sherry Senis Township of Selwyn	2024-01-24	Email	Incoming	The Township of Selwyn emailed Hydro One to confirm their availability for a meeting on February 5, 2024 and provided the names of contacts to be included on the meeting invite.
Township of Selwyn	Angela Chittick Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-02-05	Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with the Township of Selwyn on February 5, 2024 to introduce the Project. Items discussed included: mandate for the Project, looking at existing Hydro One corridors being explored, proposed timelines for the Project, engagement approach, and more.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to provide an update on the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Hydro One shared an advanced copy of the Notice of Commencement which included details about the EA process, a map of the project area, and information on the upcoming community open houses that would be sent to community members in the study area the week of June 4, 2024, in addition to media ads. Hydro One welcomed an in-person briefing about the Project and requested preferred dates and times after June 5, 2024 to meet. The project was previously communicated in the early briefings as East GTA.
Township of Selwyn	Per Lundberg	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.

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Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to follow up on their email from May 30, 2024 and to request an in-person or virtual meeting ahead of the planned community open houses on June 25 to 27, 2024. Hydro One noted that the Notice of Commencement for the Project was made public on June 4, 2024 to community members in the study area. Hydro One requested the Township of Selwyn's meeting availability.
Selwyn Public Library Township of Selwyn	Sarah Hennessey Sherry Senis	2024-06-12	Email	Incoming	The Selwyn Public Library emailed Hydro One to inquire about their interest in supporting the Selwyn Public Library Golf Fundraiser and provided additional details.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to share an update on DKPL and community engagement. Hydro One shared a postcard to be sent broader community in the coming weeks to remind them about Project milestones and ways to stay involved. Hydro One noted that they would be hosting another series of open houses in spring 2025 to update the community on the preferred route selection, which they were working closely with impacted property owners to inform the evaluation process. Hydro One also requested availability for a meeting to discuss potential investment opportunities.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-07	Email	Incoming	The CAO of the Township of Selwyn emailed Hydro One back to provide their availability on November 14 and 15, 2024 for a meeting.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-07	Email	Incoming	The Mayor of the Township of Selwyn emailed Hydro One to inform them that they were no longer available on the afternoon of November 15, 2024 but that they could still meet in the morning that day.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-07	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to thank them for their availability and noted that they would set up a short virtual meeting on the morning of November 14, 2024.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-07	Invitation	Outgoing	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invitation to the Township of Selwyn for November 14, 2024.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-12	Email	Incoming	The CAO of the Township of Selwyn emailed the Mayor and Hydro One to inquire if they could move the time of their meeting on November 14, 2024 due to a conflict.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-12	Email	Incoming	The Mayor of the Township of Selwyn emailed the CAO and Hydro One to confirm their meeting time preference on November 14, 2024.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-13	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to confirm they would move the meeting time on November 14, 2024 to accommodate their request. Hydro One noted that they could discuss the types of initiatives to consider and how Hydro One could support.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-14	Meeting	Outgoing	A virtual meeting was held between Township of Selwyn officials and Hydro One representatives to discuss the DKPL Project and community investment opportunities. Hydro One plans to host community open houses in February to update on the project and the 3 km section outside Clarington Transformer Station. The importance of Hydro One's partnership in local communities was emphasized, and the Mayor and CAO were encouraged to reach out with community initiatives for potential support related to the project.

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Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-14	Meeting	Outgoing	The Community Relations team met with the Mayor and CAO of Selwyn Township to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line project, including updates and plans for community open houses in February and March 2025. They emphasized Hydro One's partnership in local communities and agreed to continue discussions on potential community initiatives or programs that Hydro One might consider supporting as part of the Durham Kawartha Power Line project.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2024-11-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to thank them for taking the time to meet on November 14, 2024 to discuss potential community investment opportunities. Hydro One provided an overview of community engagement with property owners along the proposed route including Hydro One's plan to host community open houses in February and March of 2025. As a takeaway from their meeting, Hydro One requested information on any community-focused initiatives or programs that they could consider supporting as part of the Project.
Township of Selwyn	Per Lundberg Robert Kelly Tara Jenkins	2024-12-18	Email	Incoming	The Township of Selwyn emailed AECOM to share the Project map with listed properties identified.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to provide a letter with advance notice of the selected route for the Project. Hydro One noted that Route B was selected as a result of the route evaluation. Hydro One noted that they would be sharing updates with the community through radio announcements, newspaper ads, and notice mailouts starting the week of March 3, 2025, and that their Real Estate team would continue to engage with directly affected property owners. Hydro One welcomed the opportunity to provide a briefing and invited them to attend one of the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2025-02-28	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to provide their availability on March 3, 5, and 6, 2025.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2025-02-28	Invitation	Incoming	Hydro One sent a Teams meeting invite to the Township of Selwyn for March 3, 2025.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2025-02-28	Email	Incoming	The Township of Selwyn emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on March 3, 2025 for a meeting.
Township of Selwyn	Per Lundberg	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Township of Selwyn	Janice Lavalley Sherry Senis	2025-10-21	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn to inform them that the DKPL draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be released for public review from October 29 to November 27, 2025 with copies available at specified library locations and online. Hydro One outlined the methods employed to notify the community including distributing notices, along with newspaper, radio ads, and social media outreach. Hydro One invited any further questions.

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Township of Selwyn	Per Lundberg	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the Township of Selwyn the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

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Capstone Infrastructure	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Capstone Infrastructure	Hydro One emailed Capstone Infrastructure to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Capstone Infrastructure	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Capstone Infrastructure	Hydro One emailed Capstone Infrastructure a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Capstone Infrastructure	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Capstone Infrastructure	Hydro One emailed Capstone Infrastructure the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Liz Beckstead	Hydro One emailed the DCDSB to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Durham District School Board (DDSB)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Dorothy Leaver	Hydro One emailed the DDSB to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Durham Region Field Naturalists	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Durham Region Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed Durham Region Field Naturalists to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Durham Region Field Naturalists	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Durham Region Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed Durham Region Field Naturalists a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Durham Region Field Naturalists	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Durham Region Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed Durham Region Field Naturalists the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

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Enbridge Gas Inc.	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Enbridge Pipelines - Eastern Region Crossing General Inbox	Hydro One emailed Enbridge Gas Inc. to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Enbridge Gas Inc.	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Enbridge Pipelines - Eastern Region Crossing General Inbox	Hydro One emailed Enbridge Gas Inc. a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Enbridge Gas Inc.	2025-06-27	Email	Outgoing	Notifications - Enbridge	Hydro One emailed Enbridge to inform them that they were in the final stages of the Class EA and that they expected to submit a Draft Environmental Study Report to stakeholders in October 2025 for a 30-day public comment period. Hydro One noted that they would soon be beginning their detailed design process for the Project and inquired if Enbridge had any feedback to consider for either the Class EA or the detailed design.
Enbridge Gas Inc.	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Enbridge Pipelines - Eastern Region Crossing General Inbox	Hydro One emailed the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) to members of the Project contact list. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR is available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarizes the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	Hydro One emailed Ganaraska Snowmobile Club a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Ganaraska Snowmobile Club	Hydro One emailed Ganaraska Snowmobile Club the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club	Hydro One emailed Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club	Hydro One emailed Heart of Ontario Snowmobile Club the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Kawartha Field Naturalists	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Kawartha Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Field Naturalists to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Kawartha Field Naturalists	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Kawartha Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Field Naturalists a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Kawartha Field Naturalists	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Kawartha Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Field Naturalists the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Rita Russo	Hydro One emailed the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Jenn Juszczynski	Hydro One emailed the KPRDSB to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Nature Conservancy of Canada	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Hydro One emailed Nature Conservancy of Canada to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Nature Conservancy of Canada	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Hydro One emailed Nature Conservancy of Canada a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.

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Nature Conservancy of Canada	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Hydro One emailed Nature Conservancy of Canada the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
North Durham Nature	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	North Durham Nature	Hydro One emailed North Durham Nature to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
North Durham Nature	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	North Durham Nature	Hydro One emailed North Durham Nature a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
North Durham Nature	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	North Durham Nature	Hydro One emailed North Durham Nature the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	Hydro One emailed Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	Hydro One emailed Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust	Hydro One emailed Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

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Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Michel Bourgon	Hydro One emailed OFA to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)	2024-06-04	Email	Incoming	Ian Nokes	OFA emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing information on DKPL.
Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Ian Nokes	Hydro One emailed OFA a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA)	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Ian Nokes	Hydro One emailed OFA the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs	Hydro One emailed Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs	Hydro One emailed Ontario Federation Of Snowmobile Clubs the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Ontario Nature	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Caroline Schultz	Hydro One emailed Ontario Nature to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Ontario Nature	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Caroline Schultz	Hydro One emailed Ontario Nature a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Ontario Nature	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Caroline Schultz	Hydro One emailed Ontario Nature the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

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Peterborough Airport	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Kyle Bruce	Hydro One emailed Peterborough Airport to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Stephen O'Sullivan	Hydro One emailed the PVNCCDSB to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Peterborough, Victoria, Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB)	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Michelle Kennedy	Hydro One emailed the PVNCCDSB to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Port Perry Snowmobile Club	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Port Perry Snowmobile Club	Hydro One emailed Port Perry Snowmobile Club a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Port Perry Snowmobile Club	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Port Perry Snowmobile Club	Hydro One emailed Port Perry Snowmobile Club the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Selwyn Public Library Township of Selwyn	2024-06-12	Email	Incoming	Sarah Hennessey Sherry Senis	The Selwyn Public Library emailed Hydro One to inquire about their interest in supporting the Selwyn Public Library Golf Fundraiser and provided additional details.
The Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club (OFSC District 2)	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	The Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club (OFSC District 2)	Hydro One emailed OFSC District 2 a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
The Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club (OFSC District 2)	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	The Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club (OFSC District 2)	Hydro One emailed The Kawartha Lakes Snowmobile Club (OFSC District 2) the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

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The Long Sault Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Admin Email	Hydro One emailed The Long Sault Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
The Long Sault Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Admin Email	Hydro One emailed The Long Sault Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
The Peterborough Field Naturalists	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	The Peterborough Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed PFN to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
The Peterborough Field Naturalists	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	The Peterborough Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed The Peterborough Field Naturalists a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
The Peterborough Field Naturalists	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	The Peterborough Field Naturalists	Hydro One emailed The Peterborough Field Naturalists the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Trans Canada Trail	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Trans Canada Trail	Hydro One emailed Trans Canada Trail to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Trans Canada Trail	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Trans Canada Trail	Hydro One emailed Trans Canada Trail a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Trans Canada Trail	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Trans Canada Trail	Hydro One emailed Trans Canada Trail the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.

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Trans Canada Trail	2025-11-07	Email	Incoming	Lillian Oneil-campbell	Trans Canada Trail emailed Hydro One to note that a part of the Project crosses over a section of registered trail before connecting to the Dobbin Transformer Station in Peterborough. Trans Canada Trail requested additional details on the construction timeline for this section of the Project and any expected disturbance to the trail, such as realignment or temporary closures, and timing. Trans Canada Trail also requested to be notified prior to any trail disturbances so that they could update their mapping accordingly.
Trans Canada Trail	2025-12-05	Email	Outgoing	Lillian Oneil-campbell	Hydro One emailed Trans Canada Trail in response to a comment received during the draft ESR comment period. Hydro One informed Trans Canada Trail that construction activities would be conducted sequentially along the transmission corridor starting in 2027 and that short-term, temporary impacts were anticipated along the corridor. Hydro One noted that, once detailed design was complete, they would have a better understanding of the impacts to the area identified by Trans Canada Trail and that they would be able to provide notice prior to construction or potential disturbance to the area.
Votorantim Cimentos	2024-06-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Ruben Plaza Kara Terpstra	Hydro One emailed Votorantim Cimentos to provide the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024.
Votorantim Cimentos	2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Kara Terpstra Ruben Plaza	Hydro One emailed Votorantim Cimentos a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
Votorantim Cimentos	2025-10-29	Smart email	Outgoing	Kara Terpstra Ruben Plaza	Hydro One emailed Votorantim Cimentos the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
Moccassin Trails	2024-06-27	Event (Attended)		Marsha Smoke	On June 27, 2024, Moccasin Trails attended a community open house in Bethany. Moccasin Trails spoke with Hydro One and discussed their business.
Moccassin Trails	2024-07-04	Email	Outgoing	Marsha Smoke	Hydro One emailed Moccasin Trails to follow up on their discussion during the community open house in Bethany on June 27, 2024 and committed to actioning their request with their supply chain team.

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Moccassin Trails	2024-07-18	Email	Outgoing	Marsha Smoke	Hydro One emailed Moccasin Trails to inform them that they reached out to their Indigenous procurement group to address their inquiry and offered to facilitate a brief meeting.
Moccassin Trails	2024-07-18	Email	Incoming	Marsha Smoke	Moccasin Trails emailed Hydro One to explain that their business had an existing relationship with Hydro One and requested to pre-qualify their business partner to do business on their behalf. Moccasin Trails requested clarification of Hydro One's request to their procurement group.
Moccassin Trails	2024-07-18	Email	Outgoing	Marsha Smoke	Hydro One emailed Moccasin Trails to thank them for the clarification and to note that they had not yet made a request to their procurement group and connected them with a contact to ensure discussion continues with respect to their business partner.
ConstructConnect	2025-10-30	Email	Incoming	Jennifer Burton	ConstructConnect emailed Hydro One to request confirmation as to whether the Project's detailed design would be completed in-house or if it was being done by an external firm. ConstructConnect inquired if Hydro One would be publicly tendering any of the work for the Project, or if a construction manager would be engaged for the procurement phase.
ConstructConnect	2025-11-05	Email	Outgoing	Jennifer Burton	Hydro One emailed ConstructConnect to thank them for reaching out to learn more about the Project and to inform them that Hydro One was in the process of retaining an engineering contractor for the work, including procurement and detailed design work. Hydro One noted that, once the contractor was selected, they would begin working with directly affected property owners for any property specific considerations.
ConstructConnect	2025-11-05	Email	Outgoing	Jennifer Burton	Hydro One emailed ConstructConnect to inform them that they were in the process of retaining an engineering contractor for the Project, including procurement and design work. Hydro One advised that, once the contractor was selected, they would be working with directly affected property owners for any property specific considerations.
ConstructConnect	2025-11-05	Email	Incoming	Jennifer Burton	ConstructConnect emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response.

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Kawartha Land Trust	2025-10-30	Email	Incoming	Thom Unrau	Kawartha Land Trust emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft ESR. Kawartha Land Trust noted that utilizing an existing transmission line was a great way to limit the Project's impact and applauded Hydro One's commitment to enhanced Community Benefit, mitigation measures, and biodiversity initiatives. Kawartha Land Trust expressed interest in how Hydro One planned to offset impacts and opportunities to improve the surrounding land and engage with communities. Kawartha Land Trust inquired if there were opportunities to support initiatives to offset loss of agricultural land, noting that there were existing initiatives in the community to this effort. Kawartha Land Trust offered additional suggestions for offsetting and mitigating impacts and offered to discuss their ideas further.
Kawartha Land Trust	2025-12-19	Email	Outgoing	Thom Unrau	Hydro One emailed Kawartha Land Trust to thank them for their comments and ideas. Hydro One expressed gratitude for their recognition of Hydro One's efforts to minimize impacts by using the existing transmission corridor and their support for the Enhanced Community Benefit, mitigation measures, and Biodiversity Initiatives. Hydro One provided responses to Kawartha Land Trust's comments regarding compatibility of agricultural land and transmission lines and effects management of loss, temporary loss and restoration of vegetation, wood fibre utilization and plant rescue, recreational assets and temporary disruption, and their approach and application of the Biodiversity Initiative. Hydro One offered to include Kawartha Land Trust on future outreach for the Biodiversity Initiative if they were interested.
Kawartha Land Trust	2026-01-05	Email	Incoming	Thom Unrau	Kawartha Land Trust emailed Hydro One to thank them for their thorough response to their comments on the draft ESR. Kawartha Land Trust shared that they were interested in opportunities to participate in development mitigation and saw the DKPL project as an opportunity to open discussion. Kawartha Land Trust informed Hydro One of their plant salvage program for mitigation and noted that they were looking for opportunities to trial their process. Kawartha Land Trust also offered potential solutions for improving quality of restoration efforts, and commented on the implementation of partnerships as a way of offsetting. Kawartha Land Trust acknowledged the minimal impact of the Project, and requested to be kept on the contact list for biodiversity initiatives and any future opportunities for participation in the process.

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Kawartha Land Trust	2026-01-22	Email	Outgoing	Thom Unrau	Hydro One responded to Kawartha Land Trust to thank them for sharing their ideas and to comment that the concepts they shared around plant salvage, access to local seed, and partnership-based approaches to restoration were all valuable and aligned with their broader goals of improving biodiversity. Hydro One offered to meet with Kawartha Land Trust during the detailed design phase of the project to discuss options and determine where collaboration might be appropriate. Hydro One also confirmed they would keep Kawartha Land Trust on the contact list for biodiversity initiatives and inform them as opportunities arose.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-09	Email	Outgoing	Heather Zurbrigg	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed Forest Gene Conservation Association to report a healthy Butternut tree. WSP provided pictures and additional information about the tree, and inquired if FGCA was interested in archiving this tree.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-09	Email	Incoming	Heather Zurbrigg Nina Hunt	Forest Gene Conservation Association emailed WSP to thank them for informing them of the Butternut tree and to note that the tree was worth consideration for their archiving program. FGCA inquired if they could arrange a site visit to see the tree during the 2026 field season. FGCA copied their colleague to continue the conversation.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-09	Email	Outgoing	Heather Zurbrigg Nina Hunt	WSP emailed Forest Gene Conservation Association to thank them for the quick response and were happy to hear that FGCA was interested in the tree. WSP noted that they had not yet submitted a BHA report to MECP, as it was not yet understood whether there would be impacts to any Butternuts on the property as a result of the Project, however Hydro One was interested in archiving this tree as a request of First Nations engaged on the Project. WSP copied their colleague to support with coordinating a site visit with Hydro One.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-09	Email	Incoming	Heather Zurbrigg Nina Hunt	Forest Gene Conservation Association emailed WSP to thank them for the details provided and confirmed they would include the information on their list to schedule a site visit for the coming field season. FGCA noted that, following a site visit in July or August 2026 they could discuss potential next steps regarding archiving.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-09	Email	Outgoing	Heather Zurbrigg Nina Hunt	WSP emailed Forest Gene Conservation Association to thank them for the information about timelines and next steps, and to confirm that they would follow up with Hydro One regarding a site visit in July or August 2026.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-12	Email	Incoming	Heather Zurbrigg Jenna Hildebrandt Nina Hunt	WSP emailed Forest Gene Conservation Association to introduce a contact at Hydro One for site visit coordination.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-13	Email	Outgoing	Heather Zurbrigg Nina Hunt	Hydro One emailed Forest Gene Conservation Association to introduce themselves and to request that they revisit the site visit coordination in the spring of 2026.
Forest Gene Conservation Association	2026-01-13	Email	Incoming	Heather Zurbrigg Nina Hunt	Forest Gene Conservation Association emailed Hydro One to agree to revisit site visit coordination in the spring of 2026 and noted that they would reach out at that time.

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2024-06-04	Letter	Outgoing	Hydro One mailed a notice to advise of the Notice of Commencement for the Class EA for the Project and an invitation to attend the first Community Open House via Canada Post Registered Mail. The notice was addressed to 162 addresses which included property owners whose land will be impacted by the proposed power line, including the Preferred Route, and Route Options A and B.
2024-06-04	Door-Knocking	Outgoing	Between June 4 and 10, 2024 Canacre hand delivered packages to property owners along the preferred route (impacted) and those along Route A and Route B (potentially impacted). The package included the Notice of Commencement for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA, including an invitation to upcoming Community Open House events planned for June 25-27, 2024. Canacre successfully hand delivered 130 notices, while the remaining 26 letters were sent by registered mail (public owners & addresses outside 30 km radius).
2024-06-05	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to inquire if Hydro One would be using the existing structures and lines for the Project or if they would need to replace or add to existing infrastructure.
2024-06-06	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to thank them for their email and to note that they would keep them up to date about any Project announcements. Hydro One recommended checking their Project website and attending a community open house on June 25, 26, or 27, 2024.
2024-06-06	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to inform them that they received a letter about the Project and had questions they wanted answered prior to the community open houses on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024. The property owner inquired about the meaning of a "double circuit" line, the towers, the location of the new proposed line, and requested a more detailed map of the Project within their immediate community to understand how they may ir may not be impacted.
2024-06-06	Email	Incoming	A member of the public contacted Hydro One seeking specific information about the Durham Kawartha Power Line.(1) Does " double circuit " mean two independent 3 phase runs? (2) Will the new tower run consist of a single run of towers supporting both circuits (six phases) , or will the new tower run consist of a new double run of towers supporting three phases each? (3) How far apart are a parallel run of towers? (4) Is the new proposed line to be installed South of the existing run , or north? (5) Is there a more detailed map of our immediate community that might provide a more granular understanding of the options being considered?
2024-06-07	Flyer/ Unaddressed Notice	Outgoing	Hydro One mailed a notice to advise of the Notice of Commencement of Class EA and an invitation to attend the first Community Open House for the Project via Canada Post admail. The notice was delivered to 6,331 addresses within 500 m of the proposed power line.
2024-06-07	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to inquire if Hydro One would be using the existing structures and lines for the Project or if they would need to replace or add to existing infrastructure.
2024-06-07	Email	Incoming	Hydro One received an email from a member of the public suggesting the construction of a biking/walking trail through the hydro corridor for public use. This email did not specify the project/area in question.
2024-06-07	Email	Incoming	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to confirm their feedback was in relation to the DKPL Project.

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2024-06-07	Phone		Hydro One had a phone call with a property owner to inform them of the upcoming open houses and to direct them to Hydro One's website for a more detailed map of the Project area.
2024-06-10	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to acknowledge their inquiry and to inform them that they would provide a response as soon as they knew more.
2024-06-10	Email	Incoming	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to follow up on their inquiry requesting clarification and additional details about the Project.
2024-06-10	Email	Incoming	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to request a detailed map of the Project.
2024-06-10	Email	Incoming	A member of the public called Community Relations to request a detailed map of the proposed Durham Kawartha Power Line.
2024-06-11	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to provide responses to their questions regarding the meaning of double circuit, use of the existing corridor, and proposed tower locations.
2024-06-11	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to recommend the interactive map on the Project website to examine the Project areas in greater detail.
2024-06-11	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to express their concerns regarding the electromagnetic field (EMF) from the new proposed transmission line. The property owner inquired about ways to mitigate the impact to their property.
2024-06-11	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One responded to an email from a member of the public seeking specific information about the Durham Kawartha Power Line.(1) Does " double circuit " mean two independent 3 phase runs? Answer: Double circuit is two independent 3 phase runs on the same tower structure. (2) Will the new tower run consist of a single run of towers supporting both circuits (six phases) , or will the new tower run consist of a new double run of towers supporting three phases each? Answer: Yes, the new tower run will consist of a single run of towers supporting both circuits (six phases). (3) How far apart are a parallel run of towers? Answer: Hydro One plans to use the same corridor utilized by the southernmost tower run at the back of your property. The new towers will be approximately 15 feet further north than the southern tower run and will have similar spacing as the current towers. The old tower run will be removed to make room for the new tower run. (4) Is the new proposed line to be installed South of the existing run, or north? Answer: As mentioned above. (5) Is there a more detailed map of our immediate community that might provide a more granular understanding of the options being considered? Answer: Hydro One provided a map of their specific property and recommend using the Interactive Map function listed under 'Project Details' on the project website to easily examine the project areas in greater detail.

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2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to respond to their recommendation for bike and walking pathways in the corridor. Hydro One noted that they aimed to balance the need for a safe and reliable system while accommodating requests for secondary use of the area through the Provincial Secondary Use Land Program (PSULP). Hydro One shared a link to more information on the PSLUP and the process for submitting a proposal. Hydro One noted that they hoped to see the member of the public at one of their open houses on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024.
2024-06-12	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a property owner to respond to their concerns about EMF. Hydro One requested additional time to connect with their team to provide a response.
2024-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to recommend coordinating a call to discuss any specific questions they may and requested confirmation on the phone number to reach them by. Hydro One also recommended using the interactive map on the Project website to examine the Project area in greater detail and attending one of the community open houses on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024.
2024-06-14	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a property owner to thank them for providing up to date contact information and to request additional clarification. Hydro One noted that they hoped to see the property owner at one of the open houses on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024.
2024-06-14	Email	Incoming	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to inquire about where they could find a detailed map of the proposed route.
2024-06-17	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to direct them to the interactive map on the Project website to examine the Project area in greater detail. Hydro One also welcomed the member of the public to attend one of the public open houses on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024.
2024-06-17	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to request details about the public open houses in June 2024.
2024-06-18	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a property owner to direct them to the interactive map on the Project website to examine the Project area in greater detail. Hydro One offered their regrets that the owner would not be able to attend the public open houses and confirmed that materials shared during the open houses would be posted on their project website.
2024-06-19	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to confirm they would add them to a list to provide regular project updates and recommended they visit the Project website for updates as well. Hydro One also welcomed the member of the public to attend one of the public open houses on June 25, 26, and 27, 2024.
2024-06-19	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to provide details about the upcoming public open houses, including date, time, and location. Hydro One recommended visiting the Project website as well.
2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to request to be put on their distribution list for Project updates.
2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to inquire if their feedback was in response to a specific project.

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2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	A property owner emailed Hydro One to provide updated contact information.
2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to inquire if the Project would impact them.
2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	A property owner emailed Hydro One to request a map of the Project and to note that they would be unable to attend the community open houses in June 2024.
2024-06-20	Email	Outgoing	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to request to be put on their distribution list for Project updates.
2024-06-20	Email	Incoming	A member of the public expressed gratitude for the information received about the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, stating he feels reassured that it won't negatively impact his street. He appreciates Hydro One's efforts to keep stakeholders informed and looks forward to future developments.
2024-06-25	Event (hosted)	Outgoing	Hydro One hosted a Community Open House in Solina, ON to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Topics of discussion included preferred route selection, construction timeline, EA process, project need, ecological considerations, and impact to property owners along the preferred route.
2024-06-26	Event (hosted)	Outgoing	Hydro One hosted a Community Open House in Peterborough, ON on June 26, 2024 to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Topics of discussion included preferred route selection, construction timeline, EA process, project need, ecological considerations, and impact to property owners along the preferred route.
2024-06-27	Event (hosted)	Outgoing	Hydro One hosted a Community Open House in Bethany, ON on June 27, 2024 to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Topics of discussion included preferred route selection, construction timeline, EA process, project need, ecological considerations, and impact to property owners along the preferred route.
2024-07-19	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to thank them for their attendance at the community open house in June 2024. Hydro One shared a link to the project website for open house materials and regular project updates.
2024-11-19	Smart email	Outgoing	Emailed general contact list and COH #1 attendee list about COH#2 in the spring of 2025, to share updates on the preferred route for the 3 km section extending from the Clarington Transformer Station and to provide information on the Environmental Assessment process. With the Postcard attached.
2025-03-04	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed members of the public a Notice of the Preferred Route Selection and Invitation to Community Open Houses happening on March 18 and 20, 2025.
2025-03-04	Flyer/ Unaddressed Notice	Outgoing	Hydro One mailed a notice to announce the selection of the Preferred Route for the Project and an invitation to attend the second Community Open House for the Project via admail. The notice was delivered to 6,179 addresses within 500 m of the proposed power line.

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2025-03-04	Letter	Outgoing	Hydro One mailed a notice via regular mail to announce the selection of the Preferred Route for the Project and to provide an invitation to attend the second Community Open House. The notice was delivered to four impacted property owners within the study area of the selected preferred route.
2025-03-04	Email	Incoming	A member of the public emailed Hydro One to inquire if a property address in Cavan Monaghan would be affected.
2025-03-05	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to inform them that the announcement they previously shared was in relation to a 3 km segment of the line near the Municipality of Clarington and that the impacts to their property would remain the same, regardless of the 3 km section of the route that was announced. Hydro One indicated the location of the 3 km segment in relation to their property on an image of a map provided. Hydro One recommended they view the interactive map on the Project website for a more detailed map of the proposed power line. Hydro One also reiterated information about the upcoming open houses on March 18 and 20, 2025, for more information.
2025-03-18	Event (hosted)	Outgoing	Hydro One hosted a Community Open House in Hampton, ON to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. The intent of the open house was to announce the selected preferred route for a 3 km section of the line, provide information on the route selection process, and to speak with members of the public about the Project and answer any questions they had. Topics of discussion included the First Nations Equity Partnership, project need, project design, natural environment field studies, and impacts to property owners located along the preferred route.
2025-03-20	Event (hosted)	Outgoing	Hydro One hosted a Community Open House in Bethany, ON to discuss the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. The intent of the open house was to announce the selected preferred route for a 3 km section of the line, provide information on the route selection process, and to speak with members of the public about the Project and answer any questions they had. Topics of discussion included EMF safety, project design, natural environment, landowner compensation, employment opportunities, and impacts to property owners located along the preferred route.
2025-04-03	Smart email	Outgoing	Hydro One reached out to thank everyone who attended the recent open houses on March 18 and 20 for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. This email encouraged those who missed the Open Houses to visit the project website for the most recent information and project updates.
2025-04-09	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One returned the call to confirm this request for a map had been addressed via email.
2025-05-27	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public to inform them that the tower locations had not been confirmed as they had yet to complete the planning phase of the Project. Hydro One noted that they anticipated locations to be determined later in 2025.

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2025-07-11	In-Person Meeting	Outgoing	Hydro One met with a property owner to discuss issues relating to the gravel pit operation and impacts to their airfields. Hydro One informed the property owner that the new transmission line towers would be approximately 20-30m taller than the current towers, depending on positioning. Hydro One and the property owner discussed accommodations for the tower location in relation to the gravel pit operations. The property owner expressed concern regarding the operation of their existing runway and the positioning of the transmission line. Hydro One confirmed that they were in contact with Transport Canada regarding transmission line structure heights. Hydro One committed to reviewing the information provided and requested additional details to be confirmed regarding the gravel operations so that they could design the line around those considerations. Once available, Hydro One offered to share the design layout with the property owner for further discussion. Hydro One also advised that the land representative assigned to the property owner was their principal point of contact.
2025-10-28	Flyer/ Unaddressed Notice	Outgoing	Members of the Project team delivered flyers with the Notice of Completion of the draft ESR to directly impacted property owners. The notice included information regarding viewing stations to review a copy of the report, access to the report through the Project website, and the 30-day public comment period and where to submit comments.
2025-10-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed the notice of completion of the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) to members of the Project contact list. Hydro One noted that the draft ESR was available for a public comment period from October 29, 2025 to November 27, 2025, and that the report summarized the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. Hydro One encouraged interested people to provide comments by November 27, 2025.
2025-10-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a property owner to thank them for the updated contact information and to confirm that it would be reflected in the Project contact list.
2025-10-29	Flyer/ Unaddressed Notice	Outgoing	On October 29, 2025, members of the Project team delivered flyers with the Notice of Commencement of the draft ESR to residential properties located in the PSA. The notice included information regarding viewing stations to review a copy of the report, access to the report through the Project website, and the 30-day public comment period and where to submit comments. Flyers were delivered to 114 properties within the PSA (excluding directly impacted properties within the ROW).
2025-10-29	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to provide updated contact information.
2025-10-29	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a property owner to thank them for the updated contact information and to confirm that it would be reflected in the Project contact list.
2025-11-03	Letter	Incoming	An impacted property owner wrote a letter to Hydro One expressing their concerns about electricity and health associated with larger towers and lines from the proposed Project. The property owner also expressed concern regarding the appearance of larger towers and potential for depreciated property value. The property owner requested that Hydro One confirm that their concerns had been received.
2025-11-07	Flyer/ Unaddressed Notice	Outgoing	Hydro One mailed a Notice of Commencement of the draft ESR to residential properties along the Project Study Area (PSA). The notice included information regarding viewing stations to review a copy of the report, access to the report through the Project website, and the 30-day public comment period and where to submit comments. Admail was delivered 6,230 addresses located within Canada Post delivery routes associated with the PSA (500 m of the proposed power line) between November 7 and 14, 2025.

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2025-11-13	Email	Incoming	A property owner emailed Hydro One to provide comments on the draft ESR. The property owner expressed their support for the Project and were pleased to see significant consulting with Indigenous communities and other affected residents.The property owner commented that the impact to jobs was diccidult to evaluate and provided suggestions for how to better quantify the impact. The property owner inquired if Hydro One planned to use eletric vehicles during construction to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and inquired about the expected lifetime of the project in terms of future loads and longevity of the infrastructure. The property owner also noted that they were experiencing certificate issues with the project website and offered potential reasons for the error they were receiving.
2025-11-20	Phone	Incoming	A property owner left a message on the Hydro One Community Relations voicemail inquiring about the location of the Project.
2025-11-20	Phone	Outgoing	Hydro One Community Relations returned a phone call left on their voicemail from a property owner. The property owner shared their address and Hydro One confirmed that their property was not impacted by the Project. The property owner was encouraged to use the interactive map on the website to view the Project route.
2025-11-20	Phone	Outgoing	Hydro One Community Relations returned a phone call left on their voicemail from a property owner. The property owner shared their address and Hydro One confirmed that their property was not impacted by the Project. The property owner was encouraged to use the interactive map on the website to view the Project route.
2025-11-25	Letter	Outgoing	On November 25, 2025, Hydro One mailed a letter to a property owner to respond to their comment received during the draft ESR comment period. Hydro One informed the property owner that Health Canada has concluded that Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF) do not cause or contribute to adverse health effects, and that Hydro One takes safety seriously and design and operate their equipment in accordance with all regulatory requirements to account for safety. Hydro One also informed the property owner that their dedicated real estate representative would continue to work with them regarding their property specific questions. Hydro One welcomed further input and provided contact information for outreach.
2025-12-05	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a property owner to clarify that the line they were inquiring about was a separate line to the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project, which would utilize mostly existing transmission corridors. Hydro One provided a link to the map of the Project for visibility. Hydro One further clarified that distribution line construction would take place in the existing road allowance and to ensure safe operation of overhead lines, some vegetation needed to be removed to maintain proper clearances for safety and reliability. Hydro One also noted that for any work on private property, their distribution team would speak directly with impacted property owners. Lastly Hydro One noted that distribution lines are not known to affect fresh water supplies and were relatively shallow in depth.
2025-12-18	Email	Outgoing	Hydro One emailed a member of the public in response to their comments on the draft ESR. Hydro One advised that the job creation estimate outlined was their best estimate for the two-year construction phase and that they would make every effort to hire locally. Hydro One noted that they were working to retain a contractor and were still working on the detailed design phase before they could identify what crews and equipment would be needed for the Project. Hydro One also shared their 2024 sustainability report for interest in initiatives like their fleet electrification goals. Hydro One noted that their current transmission lines were designed to last 100 years or more with regular maintenance and component replacement and that the IESO determine future growth needs in Ontario. Hydro One confirmed that the website team assured them of the encryption and security of the project website and that if the member of the public continued to experience issues and preferred to receive hardcopy materials related to the Project they could provide them via mail or through their land use agent. Lastly, Hydro One appreciated the member of the public's interest in implosive splicing and noted that the process does create noise but that Hydro One would take steps to ensure landowners would be aware of upcoming work in advance.

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MSIFN Comments During the Draft ESR Comment Period

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November 4, 2025

Re: DKPL: Indigenous Community Review of Sections 7 and 8 of the ESR

Dear Jenna,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on Section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on Section 7 and 8 of the draft ESR.

Reference	Text from XXX	Comment
24 – Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*The term "significant woodland" is established through the Provincial Planning Statement and defined as follows: an area which is ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to its contribution to the broader landscape because of its location, size or due to the amount of forest cover in the planning area; or economically important due to site quality, species composition, or past management history. These are to be identified using criteria and procedures established by the Province. The provincial Natural Heritage Reference Manual identifies criteria for evaluating woodland significance. Some municipal official plans also identify criteria. The criteria used where clearing of trees is*	- We appreciate that HONI will incorporate the provided list of criteria for the evaluation of "culturally significant" woodlands within the ESR. We also accept the use of the term "culturally significant" woodlands within the ESR as a way to differentiate between our perspectives and provincial policy. We recommend that HONI also use the criteria provided and available baseline information (e.g., ELC and botanical survey results, general wildlife and habitat survey results, etc.) to evaluate which woodlands within the Project study areas may be "culturally significant". These findings should then be provided to MSIFN Consultation for review and confirmation prior to finalization. This should be included in the in the next version of Draft ESR Section 7.

	identified for the project will depend on location of the clearing (i.e., under which jurisdiction). *Hydro One respects the cultural importance of woodlands to Indigenous communities and appreciates that MSIFN provided a list of criteria for evaluation. To distinguish from provincial policy definitions, Hydro One will refer to "culturally significant" woodlands in the included text in the ESR.*	
26 – Section 7.7.6.2 Significant Woodlands	*Thank you for the added context. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this.* *It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to significant woodlots, these effects are expected to be greatly minimized. The project is situated within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), which limits the extent of new vegetative disturbance*	- We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential rights impacts pathways connected to woodland loss and look forward to reviewing this in the next version of the Draft ESR. In addition, we request that HONI provide additional information on woodlands that will be removed for the purposes of the Project, including the total area, % of affected woodlands within the study areas, and specific locations. While we appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize vegetation loss and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us

	and avoids large-scale transitions. This, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the Draft ESR, contributes to reducing potential environmental effects to significant woodlots. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.	identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the loss of woodlands and potential rights impacts pathways.
32 – Section 7.7.7.1 - Wetlands	*Thank you for the added context. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this.* *It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to wetlands, these effects are expected to be greatly minimized. The project is situated within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW),*	- We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential rights impacts pathways connected to wetland impacts or loss, and look forward to reviewing this in the next version of the Draft ESR. In addition, we request that HONI provide additional information on wetlands that will be altered or removed for the purposes of the Project, including the total area, % of affected wetlands within the study areas, and specific locations. While we appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to avoid siting permanent project components

	which limits the extent of new vegetative disturbance and avoids large-scale transitions. This, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the Draft ESR, contributes to reducing potential environmental effects to wetlands. *Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.*	within wetlands, and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the alteration or loss of wetlands and potential rights impacts pathways.
46 – Section 7.7.7.5 Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*The ESR will be updated to include additional discussion of other potential direct and indirect effects to wildlife from the project.* *Mitigation measures against impacts*	- We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential direct and indirect effects to wildlife and habitat and look forward to reviewing this in the next version of the Draft ESR. In addition, we request that HONI provide additional information on significant wildlife habitats that will be removed or altered for the

	to wildlife and wildlife habitat (including SWH) have been identified in the ESR and will be updated to include additional measures to address MSIFN comments received on the ESR and NER Rev2. *Project interaction with candidate/confirmed SWH and the need for additional field investigation to confirm interaction and/or SWH will be evaluated during detailed design and additional specific mitigation will be identified depending on the SWH type, in consultation with First Nations. The project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on wildlife survival, recruitment or movement given that the project is predominantly within an existing ROW that is subject to routine maintenance, and taking into account all the mitigation measures identified in the ESR, as well as the nature of construction, which consists of working*	purposes of the Project, including the total area, % of affected SWH (by type) within the study areas, and specific locations. While we appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize vegetation loss and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the loss of SWH and potential rights impacts pathways.

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	sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. A discussion of potential effects on wildlife survival, recruitment and movement, and why they are not anticipated to be measurable for the reasons above, will be added to the ESR.	

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: ESR Section 7 & 8 Comment Responses - MSIFN

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1	General Comment	*DKPL – Class EA Draft Environmental Report-Section 7 and 8* - Several plans are noted in the document including an Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) Plan, and a Construction Water Management Plan. MSIFN Consultation requests to review these documents when available.	The Engineering, Procurement and Construction Contractor (EPC) will be able to share the Project-specific Environmental Management Plan with First Nations prior to construction. This report will include the other mentioned reports.	[redacted]	[redacted]
2	Section 7 – General Comment	- It is challenging to complete a meaningful review of draft Section 7 of the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) Draft Environmental Study Report (draft ESR) without much transparency on HONI's effects assessment approach (e.g., indicators or effects pathways that were or weren't considered and why). We note that the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Line Facilities (Hydro One, 2024) also provides very little guidance on the standard to which proponents must complete "a description of the potential environmental effects (positive and negative)". Our general impression is that the draft Section 7 document lacks substantive discussion of potential environmental effects across many document sections, and in particular is not sufficient for us to fully assess potential adverse Rights-based impacts. - We request more detailed information from HONI on indicators or effects pathways that were or weren't considered for each environmental concern (i.e., document section) and why. - We also request that HONI revise Section 7 to include more detailed descriptions of potential environmental effects. More specific recommendations may be provided	As noted in the comment, the project is being assessed under the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2024). The Class EA process is designed for projects that occur frequently and have a predictable range of environmental effects. Hydro One has transmission infrastructure across the province, spanning a wide range of environments. The effects of transmission lines are primarily limited to the ROW. In this context, the Class EA for Transmission Facilities offers a streamlined and effective approach to environmental assessment, ensuring that projects are carried out efficiently while remaining environmentally responsible. As a result, indicators or effects pathways were not independently studied, however the general structure and level of analysis included in the Draft ESR for the DKPL Project is consistent with previous and recent Hydro One Class EAs, which were defined to align with the requirements of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities. All known potential effects and proposed mitigation measures for the DKPL Project are outlined in Table 7-1 of the ESR. Hydro One is committed to working with MSIFN and all First Nations to further understand and mitigate potential impacts to rights as a result of this project. Hydro One agrees with including additional detail to Section 7 of the Draft ESR to further characterize potential effects (and mitigation measures) as per Hydro One's responses to the comments below where identified by MSIFN.		

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		in the comments below.	Hydro One continues to welcome additional feedback on the potential effects and mitigation measures identified in the Draft ESR. .	[redacted]	[redacted]
3	Section 7 – General Question	- There is some quantification of direct ecosystem impacts throughout the draft ESR Section 7 (e.g., the project ROW crosses 16.04 ha of wetlands; approximately 11.12 ha of the preferred route is composed of wooded habitat, etc.). It is also our understanding that the project includes a "preferred route," an "underground section," plus route alternative B options. Do these calculations consider all of the above ROW segments, or only some?	The Project ROW and the preferred route both refer to the entire proposed transmission line ROW. The calculations included in Section 7.0 include the entire transmission line ROW.		
4	Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*Where soil stripping is required, topsoil and subsoils will be removed and stockpiled separately.* - Please provide details on restrictions around where materials will be stockpiled—i.e., distance from waterbodies.	All stockpiled materials will be placed at a safe distance from waterbodies, wetlands, and drainage courses. Typically, stockpiles will be located at least 30 m away from the high-water mark of any waterbody or wetland, unless site-specific conditions require a greater setback. The 30 m buffer will help to prevent sediment runoff and protect water quality during periods of heavy precipitation. Additionally, other erosion and sediment control measures (such as the use of silt fencing) will be installed around stockpiles, as needed, to minimize the risk of sediment entering nearby aquatic habitats. These requirements will be communicated to the contractor and monitored throughout the construction period. All efforts will be made to reuse soils onsite where practical and feasible. If soils are stockpiled, they will also be managed to prevent [redacted]nesting (e.g., maintaining slopes at 70° or less, and covering/seeding bare soils during the breeding season). Additionally, soil testing will be completed as required under O.Reg. 406/19 (On-Site Excess Soil Management) under the Ontario *Environmental Protection Act*, and any excess material that cannot be reused onsite will be tracked and transported to an approved facility or beneficial		

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			reuse site, in compliance with the appropriate regulatory requirements.	[redacted]	[redacted]
5	Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*Cleaning will be conducted using a risk-based approach, whereby vehicles and equipment that have come in contact with soils will be inspected and cleaned of dirt, debris, and seeds;* - Please provide details – who will do the inspection and how often?	Inspections and cleaning of vehicles and equipment that have come into contact with soils will be carried out by the contractor's personnel, under the supervision of the Project's Environmental Specialist. The Environmental Specialist will be responsible for overseeing environmental protection measures such as equipment cleaning protocols, which will be outlined within the Environmental Management Plan. Inspections will occur at key points of entry/exit from work areas. The frequency of inspections and cleaning will likely be determined utilizing a risk-based approach, where more frequent inspections may occur for high-risk activities (e.g., wet conditions, movement between properties, work in areas where/if invasive species may be identified). All cleaning activities will be done throughout the construction period to ensure vehicles and equipment are kept free of soils, debris, and seeds, to minimize the risk of spreading invasive species or contaminants.		
6	Section 7.7.1.2 – Spills	*An Emergency Response Plan, as well as spill cleanup equipment, will be maintained and readily accessible at all times during construction and operation activities.* *In the event that refuelling is required outside of designated areas, additional containment or other mitigation and spill prevention measures will be utilized.* *Equipment will be inspected regularly during construction and operation to ensure it is clean and free of leaks.* - When complete, please provide the ERP to us for review. Please detail, within the plan, what measures will be implemented when refuelling outside of designated areas. Please also provide details around equipment inspection frequency. - Will non-reportable spills be tracked?	The ERP will be developed by the EPC Contractor and provided for review by First Nations prior to construction and will incorporate details on what measures will be implemented when refuelling outside of the designated areas and details around equipment inspection frequency. All spills including non-reportable will be tracked.		
7	7.7.2.3 Noise and Vibration	*Noise emissions from construction stage activities could increase noise levels at PORs.* - Have the impacts of noise on First Nation use of the lands for harvesting and cultural activities been considered in the assessment	The findings of the noise effects assessment apply to points of reception that are within the Noise Local Study Area where human activity is expected to occur, including any identified Indigenous land uses that may be noise sensitive.		

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		of net effects? Specifically, in proximity to evaluated and non-evaluated wetlands, conservation authority lands, and significant waterways?			
8	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*During construction and certain operation and maintenance activities, the potential effects of the Project on surface water may include changes in surface water quantity or quality conditions in nearby municipal drains, watercourses, or waterbodies due to site preparation, earthworks, discharge of construction water, and operation of vehicles and equipment.* - Please confirm whether any municipal drains have been identified within the study area?	Municipal drains have been included within the water crossing list for the aquatic's investigations. For the municipal drains that were identified during preliminary desktop reconnaissance, the drains were assessed as watercourses throughout the Surface Water and Fish and Fish Habitat investigations.		
9	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Existing water crossings and constructed access roads will be used to the extent practical;* - The assessment discusses potential effects on surface water from vegetation removal and soil rutting in relation to existing water crossings. Could you please confirm whether existing crossings have been identified and mapped? - Additionally, is the current condition of these crossings known, specifically in terms of their suitability for use by construction vehicles? - Will all new access roads be temporary?	Existing crossings for site access have not yet been identified. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. The draft ESR includes general mitigation measures for potential water crossings such as refueling setbacks from waterbodies and the commitment to complete site-specific surveys to facilitate permitting at locations where sufficient information has not yet been collected. Once planned, details including the identification of existing crossings and access roads, including potential new temporary or permanent access crossing types, locations, methodology will be submitted to respective agencies and stakeholders for review.		
10	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where required, temporary crossing structures will be installed for construction access at watercourses, waterbodies and other low-lying areas and will be removed upon completion of construction;* - What is the width of the proposed access roads as they approach watercourse crossings through the riparian area?	The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor who will determine if potential impacts to waterbodies require permitting and if additional site-specific survey information is required as noted in response to comment 9.		
11	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*The use of constructed access (e.g., mats or geotextile/crushed stone) roads will be monitored to ensure there is no surface ponding to minimize rutting and pooling of water. If ponding of water due to the road does occur, this can be mitigated through the use of equalizing culverts or similar.* - The report notes that access roads will use mats or geotextile with	The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor.		

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		crushed stone. Are there any plans to use corduroy roads for this Project?			
12	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Vegetation removals will be minimized to the extent practical. Compatible vegetation will be retained within riparian areas adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies.* - Could you please clarify what is meant by compatible vegetation in this context, and what criteria are being used to determine compatibility within riparian areas?	In this context, the term compatible refers to vegetation species whose height does not interfere with the safe operation of overhead transmission lines. Vegetation compatibility can vary greatly from one span to the next and is determined based on anticipated height of vegetation at maturity, line configuration and topography at a given site. Any vegetation that may encroach on the applicable clearance standard must be controlled or removed. Typically, vegetation that reaches 3m or above, can cause a risk to the safety and reliability of the powerline and must be removed. Restoration within the existing ROW will include returning the area to the condition it was found. Where opportunity exists, in consultation with landowners and First Nation partners, Hydro One will prioritize planting native species. The final determination of species will be made in consultation with landowners and First Nations partners, as appropriate. That said, vegetation management planning for the DKPL project will be developed closer to construction and included in the Environmental Management Plan.	[redacted]	[redacted]
13	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Replant with compatible vegetation (e.g., shrubs and native seed mix) as required;* - Could you please clarify what criteria will be used to determine when replanting is required? - Please share a list of shrubs and native seed mixes being considered.	Replanting is anticipated in areas affected by construction that were previously vegetated. This will be carried out in consultation with the property owners to reinstate the land to its existing condition. The project has not advanced the design to the level of detail yet to know what shrubs and seed mixes will be used, these will be available in later versions of the Environmental Management Plan.		
14	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where erosion is a concern, exposed soils in previously vegetated areas will be re-vegetated as practical or have other erosion or sedimentation measures applied as necessary;* - Could you clarify under what circumstances such measures would not be implemented, given that erosion is identified as a concern?	While long-term erosion control will be achieved through the reestablishment of vegetation, more immediate measures—such as silt fences or erosion control blankets—may be implemented during construction to stabilize disturbed areas and prevent soil loss. These temporary controls are intended to minimize erosion until vegetation is successfully reestablished and can provide sustained protection. The ESR text will be revised to clarify that revegetation will occur in areas that were previously vegetated as a result of the Project.		
15	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water	*Vegetation buffers along water feature banks will be maintained to the extent*	Typically, a 30 m setback from the ordinary high-water mark is selected based on Ontario		

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	Resources	*practical, and restored* - Has a specific width been identified for riparian/vegetation buffers adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies? - If so, could you please clarify how this width was determined, and whether it varies depending on site-specific conditions such as slope, soil type, or sensitivity of adjacent aquatic habitat? - Or will riparian buffers be standard for all types of watercourses and waterbodies?	Provincial Standard Specification General Specification for Environmental Protection for Construction in and Around Waterbodies and on Waterbody Banks (OPSS, 2021), best management practices and the mitigation and enhancement measures that will be in place for the Project. The recommended riparian buffer to maintain aquatic resources and functions varies in literature; however, a 30 m riparian buffer is considered sufficient to reduce or avoid effects on bank stability, maintain benthic communities, and protect fish habitat (Environment Canada, 2013; The District of Muskoka Planning and Economic Development Department, 2003). During detailed design, the riparian buffer may be increased around certain waterbodies with a high slope if it is determined to be suitable or necessary to protect the waterbody from sediment mobilization. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor who will determine if potential impacts to waterbodies require permitting and if additional site-specific survey information is required as noted in response to comment 9. Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate.	[redacted]	[redacted]
16	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Temporary laydown areas, and conductor "pulling pads will be placed away from sensitive areas (e.g., municipal drains, watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands, woodlots) to the extent feasible.* - Has a specific setback distance been established for these features relative to sensitive areas? If so, could you please provide the details and the rationale behind the selected setback distances?	Similar to the above comment, typically a 30 m setback from the ordinary high-water mark of municipal drains, watercourses, waterbodies and wetlands is selected based on Ontario Provincial Standard Specification General Specification for Environmental Protection for Construction in and Around Waterbodies and on Waterbody Banks (OPSS, 2021), best management practices and the mitigation and enhancement measures that will be in place for the Project. The recommended riparian buffer to maintain aquatic resources and functions varies in literature; however, a 30 m riparian buffer is considered sufficient to reduce or avoid effects on bank stability, maintain benthic communities, and protect fish habitat (Environment Canada, 2013; The District of Muskoka Planning and Economic Development Department, 2003). During detailed design, the riparian buffer may be increased around certain drains/watercourses/waterbodies with a high slope if it is determined to be suitable or		

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			necessary to protect the waterbody from sediment mobilization. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. These details will be determined by the EPC Contractor who will determine if potential impacts to waterbodies require permitting and if additional site-specific survey information is required as noted in response to comment 9.Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate for municipal drains, watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands and woodlot features.	[redacted]	
17	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Cleared vegetation will be relocated to designated areas away from water features* - Does this include the removal of cut trees and woody debris from riparian areas? - Could you please clarify Hydro One's plan for managing this material, specifically, whether it will be fully removed or retained in place to function as ESC? - Has Hydro One developed an Invasive Species Management Plan to address handling and relocation?	No, this statement does not specifically refer to vegetation within the setback areas around the water features. The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team. Section 7.7.7.6 includes additional information for addressing invasive species, such as the identifying invasive plant species ahead of construction and properly handling, containing and disposing of invasive plant material, where required. As noted in Sections 6.2 and 7 of the Draft Environmental Study Report, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared following the completion of the Class EA process and before the start of construction. The Environmental Management Plan will have a site-specific plan to prevent the spread of invasive species.		
18	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Topsoil will be stockpiled in designated areas away from water features and will utilize containment measures such as erosion and sediment control as appropriate* - To ensure environmental protection, could you please confirm that ESC measures will always be	Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations. That said, topsoil that is stockpiled will be located to designated areas and contained with erosion and sediment perimeter control features.		

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		implemented around stockpiles without exception?		[redacted]	[redacted]
19	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Machine clearing and grubbing will be restricted near sensitive environmental areas; hand clearing will be required within watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas;* - The report states that equipment operation adjacent to watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands will be minimized where practical. Will specific machine-free zones be identified and clearly delineated to enforce this?	Throughout the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate for watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas. That said, vegetation will be largely removed by mechanical means, except within 10 m of a watercourse or wetland. In these areas, vegetation will be removed manually, using chain saws and other hand-held equipment, while leaving the under growth and duff layer undisturbed to prevent erosion.		
20	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Works adjacent or around water feature banks will be conducted during appropriate conditions and times of the year (e.g., dry or frozen conditions), to the extent practical.* - Could you provide an example of situations where this timing guideline might not be adhered to, and how potential impacts would be managed in such cases?	The timing guideline of works being conducted during appropriate conditions and times of the year is acknowledged as conditional (i.e., to the extent practical) which allows for flexibility when dry or frozen conditions cannot be guaranteed. For example, emergency repairs or unexpected outages may require immediate access to watercourse-adjacent areas. Additionally, tight construction schedules or seasonal delays (e.g., prolonged wet conditions) may force work outside ideal windows. Through the permitting stage of the Project, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be developed and implemented that will include site-specific mitigations where appropriate for watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas when timing forces work outside of ideal windows, such as additional erosion and sediment control plans and discharge controls with field verification.		
21	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Existing water crossings and constructed access roads will be utilized to the extent practical.* - Does Hydro One have an inventory of these existing crossings, including assessments of which ones are in suitable condition for construction vehicle access?	Existing crossing locations for site access have not yet been identified. The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet.		
22	Section 7.7.4 – Source Water Protection	*Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary* - Given the sensitivity of SWP areas, would it be more appropriate for this language to specify that such	Agreed, wording will be changed to *will* be.		

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		measures *will be* employed rather than *may* be?			
23	Section 7.7.5.2 – Groundwater Resources	*Construction is occurring predominantly within active agricultural lands. If there is a need to handle any construction waters, it is anticipated that discharge would be to nearby agricultural lands. There would be some runoff from this discharge and some infiltration.* - Could you please confirm that any discharge water will be treated through filter bags (if necessary) and directed to well-vegetated areas to minimize sediment transport into nearby watercourses and waterbodies? - Confirm that turbidity monitoring will be completed for any discharge to surface water features and compared against CCME guidelines.	Dewatering discharges will be subject to the mitigation measures detailed in Section 7.7.3. This includes use of filter bags in accordance with the construction water management plan and restricting discharge locations to at least 30 m away from sensitive receptors (e.g., watercourses, waterbodies, wetlands, etc.) where practical. Wording will be updated to also include that discharge shall not be on bare soil but rather well vegetated areas or laydown/work pads to minimize sediment transport. Dewatering discharges will also be subject to permits or approvals as required. Section 7.7.5.2 will be updated to refer to Section 7.7.3 regarding the discharge mitigation measures to be employed. If construction water is required to be discharged directly to waterbody, turbidity monitoring will be completed.	[redacted]	

24	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"Significance of woodlands within the ROW that are subject to clearing will be confirmed with future field investigations" (p.41)*
		
		- Please provide more information on what criteria will be used to confirm "significance" of a woodland, or a definition of "significant woodland" being used for the purposes of this project.
		- We note that we define a woodland as "significant" if it meets one or more of the following criteria:
		  ○ 1) It provides habitat for any culturally important or harvested animal species;
		  ○ 2) Is part of a movement or migratory corridor for any culturally important or harvested animal species;
		  ○ 3) It contains an abundance of culturally important trees or plants used for medicines and crafting purposes. We've already provided HONI with a preliminary list of bio-culturally important species which includes several plant species that may be found within woodlands, such as (but not
			The term "significant woodland" is established through the Provincial Planning Statement and defined as follows: *an area which is ecologically important in terms of features such as species composition, age of trees and stand history; functionally important due to its contribution to the broader landscape because of its location, size or due to the amount of forest cover in the planning area; or economically important due to site quality, species composition, or past management history. These are to be identified using criteria and procedures established by the Province.* The provincial Natural Heritage Reference Manual identifies criteria for evaluating woodland significance. Some municipal official plans also identify criteria. The criteria used where clearing of trees is identified for the project will depend on location of the clearing (i.e., under which jurisdiction).
			
			Hydro One respects the cultural importance of woodlands to Indigenous communities and appreciates that MSIFN provided a list of criteria for evaluation. To distinguish from provincial policy definitions, Hydro One will refer to "culturally significant" woodlands in the included text in the ESR.
				We appreciate that HONI will incorporate the provided list of criteria for the evaluation of "culturally significant" woodlands within the ESR. We also accept the use of the term "culturally significant" woodlands within the ESR as a way to differentiate between our perspectives and provincial policy. We recommend that HONI also use the criteria provided and available baseline information (e.g., ELC and botanical survey results, general wildlife and habitat survey results, etc.) to evaluate which woodlands within the Project study areas may be "culturally significant". These findings should then be provided to MSIFN Consultation for review and confirmation prior to finalization. This should be included in the in the next version of Draft ESR Section 7.	Given that MSIFN has defined a culturally significant woodland as meeting one or more of the stated criteria, and since several common tree and woodland wildlife species have been identified as important to MSIFN, Hydro One will precautionarily assume that all woodlands in the study areas are culturally significant and appropriate mitigation and offsetting will be developed for any woodlands subject to clearing, in consultation with First Nations. Through collaborative discussions on mitigations, Hydro One seeks to eliminate potential impacts to culturally significant sites for First Nations.
					
					It is important to note that the Project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on woodlands given that clearing will be confined to the existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), thereby avoiding new disturbances to woodlands (loss of wooded area or transition of mature woodlot to lower growing vegetation communities).
					
					These details will be added to the final ESR and NER.

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		limited to [redacted] and ○ 4) Is known to be used by members for the exercise of Treaty Rights. - The Draft ESR should be updated to reflect the above criteria for woodland "significance".			
25	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands […]: Minimize the extent of vegetation clearing required for the Project"* - We are aware that HONI utilizes (or has at least proposed utilize) a "wire zone-border zone" approach to vegetation management on other transmission line rights-of-way, in order to maximize vegetation retention during their operations phases - Does HONI intend to implement a wire zone-border zone approach to vegetation management for the DKPL project?	We are currently working through this response with our Forestry team and hope to have a response shortly.	[redacted]	
26	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*"Woodlands have important value for First Nations as they support elements required for continued practice of culture and rights […] Changes in woodland availability of composition have the potential to alter the ability of First Nations to practice their culture and rights."* - While we appreciate HONI's efforts to consider the intersection between biological impacts and impacts to First Nations' Rights and culture in the effects assessment, we note that the characterization of the linkages between changes in woodland availability or composition and the exercise of Treaty Rights could benefit from further depth and clarity. For example, changes to woodland availability or composition may result in changes in wildlife and plant harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per	Thank you for the added context. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this. It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to significant woodlots, these effects are expected to be greatly minimized. The project is situated within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), which limits the extent of new vegetative disturbance and avoids large-scale transitions. This, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the Draft ESR, contributes to reducing potential environmental effects to significant woodlots. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.	We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential rights impacts pathways connected to woodland loss and look forward to reviewing this in the next version of the Draft ESR. In addition, we request that HONI provide additional information on woodlands that will be removed for the purposes of the Project, including the total area, % of affected woodlands within the study areas, and specific locations. While we appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize vegetation loss and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the loss of woodlands and potential rights impacts pathways.	Thank you for your feedback and for acknowledging our efforts to minimize vegetation loss. We understand the importance of having clear information on woodland removal to support your review. It is important to note that the Project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on woodlands given that clearing will be confined to the existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), thereby avoiding new disturbances to woodlands (loss of wooded area or transition of mature woodlot to lower growing vegetation communities). At this stage, we do not yet have finalized details on the total area of woodlands to be removed, the percentage of affected woodlands within the study areas, or specific locations. These details will become clearer during the detailed design phase, when construction footprints and access routes are confirmed. We do not currently anticipate any removal of

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		trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, loss or alteration of important cultural sites, changes in changes in sense of place (e.g., thoughts, feelings memories evoked by a disturbed territory). - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to woodland availability or composition on the exercise of First Nations Rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.			woodlands due to construction outside of the ROW. If this changes, that will be communicated with MSIFN in our more specific construction plans. We remain committed to minimizing vegetation loss and will continue to share updated information as it becomes available through design refinement and environmental planning. We appreciate your understanding and will keep you informed as the Project progresses.
27	Section 7.7.6.2 – Significant Woodlands; Section 7.7.7.3 – Woodlands	*"Section 7.7.6.2 describes Project impacts on woodlands and associated mitigation measures that would be employed with respect to woodlands during construction"* - There is no difference between Section 7.7.7.3 (Woodlands) and 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands), including with respect to mitigation measures. While we recognize that standard avoidance measures (e.g., minimize the extent of vegetation clearing) will benefit both woodlands and significant woodlands, we believe that a higher standard of environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring measures should be applied for any significant woodlands that need to be removed or altered due to Project construction activities. For example, will HONI create Biodiversity Initiative activities to offset unavoidable impacts to significant woodlands, but not (non-significant) woodlands? Will HONI go to greater extents to ensure refuelling is avoided, snags are retained, etc. in significant vs. non-significant	Mitigation measures are generally the same between woodlands and significant woodlands, with the intention to avoid effects to the extent practical. However, Hydro One is open to discussing with MSIFN any additional measures that may be appropriate to further protect significant woodlots as identified by MSIFN. Hydro One applies higher standard mitigations and protections to all Woodland sites, as if all sites were Significant Woodland, to the extent practical.	[redacted]	[redacted]

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		woodlands? - Please clarify if all mitigation measures described in Section 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands) apply to Section 7.7.7.3 (Woodlands) and provide more information on how HONI will take extra measures to protect significant woodlands, particularly those deemed significant due to criteria provided by MSIFN Consultation.		[redacted]	[redacted]
28	Section 7.7.6.3 – Conservation Areas	*Lack of discussion on importance of Conservation Areas in supporting the exercise of land use rights by MSIFN members* - We note that three designated conservation areas overlap the ROW, including the Enfield Conservation Area, Durham East Cross Forest Conservation Area, and Cavan Swamp Wildlife Area. Due to the high proportion of private lands within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, members are particularly dependent on crown lands and conservation areas (especially the Durham East Cross Conservation Forest) for practicing their land use Rights. We are in the process of developing formal agreements with the appropriate conservation authorities to enable and protect the exercise of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. - Despite this, Section 7.7.6.3 contains no reference to the importance of conservation areas for the practice of MSIFN Rights, and how the proposed project may affect this. - We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.6.3 to highlight linkages between potential effects on Conservation Areas and the exercise of First Nations inherent Aboriginal and Treaty rights.	Thank you for this information. The last paragraph of Section 7.7.6.3 will be updated as follows to reflect this information: Project activities within areas managed by conservation authorities will require authorization from the responsible conservation authority. In addition, MSIFN identified that due to the high proportion of private lands within MSIFN's Treaty and Traditional Territory, members are particularly dependent on crown lands and conservation areas (especially the Durham East Cross Conservation Forest Conservation Area) for practicing their land use Rights. Hydro One acknowledges that MSIFN is in the process of developing formal agreements with the appropriate conservation authorities to enable and protect the exercising of inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights on Crown lands. Sections 7.7.6.2 and 7.7.7.1 describe potential Project impacts on woodlands and wetlands, including associated mitigation measures that would be employed during construction.		
29	Section 7.7.6.6. – Provincially Significant Wetlands	*"Section 7.7.6.6 describes the potential Project impacts on wetlands and associated mitigation measures that would be employed with respect to wetlands during construction."* *Lack of discussion on importance of Provincially Significant Wetlands to First Nations, including MSIFN.*	The section reference will be corrected to 7.7.7.1, where mitigation measures for all wetlands are described. Thank you for catching the error. Mitigation measures are generally the same between wetlands and significant wetlands, with the intention to avoid effects to the extent practical, regardless of significance.		

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		- We note that there is no information on mitigation measures for wetlands (or enhanced measures for those that have been assessed as provincially significant) to follow this statement. We assume this is a section reference error. - Please provide a description of mitigation measures that will be used to avoid and minimize adverse effects in provincially significant wetlands. By contrast to our perspective on significant vs. "non-significant" woodlands, the same high standard for environmental protection, mitigation, and monitoring measures that is applied to PSWs, must also be applied to compared to unevaluated and evaluated wetlands deemed "non-significant".		[redacted]	
30	Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Prior to construction, a detailed construction plan will be developed and CLOCA, KC and ORCA will be consulted for work in regulated areas.* - Please ensure that we are also provided the opportunity to review and provide input on the construction plan.	Acknowledged. These will be detailed in the Environmental Management Plan that will be provided to First Nations for review.		
31	Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Cutting trees that require removal adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands such that their root systems remain intact to maintain soil stability;* - Regarding the cutting of trees adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands, where trees are felled but root systems are left intact to maintain soil stability, could you please clarify what the plan is for the felled trees? Will they be removed from the site, or left in place?	The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team.		
32	Section 7.7.7.1 - Wetlands	*"Wetlands have an important value for First Nations as they support elements required for continued practice of culture and rights. […]"* - While we appreciate HONI's efforts to consider the intersection between biological impacts and impacts to First Nations' Rights and culture in the effects assessment, we note that the characterization of the linkages between wetland changes and the exercise of Treaty Rights	Thank you for the added context. The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this. It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to wetlands, these effects are expected to be greatly minimized. The project is situated within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), which limits the extent of new vegetative disturbance and avoids large-scale transitions. This, combined with the mitigation measures outlined in the Draft ESR, contributes to reducing potential environmental effects to	We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential rights impacts pathways connected to wetland impacts or loss, and look forward to reviewing this in the next version of the Draft ESR. In addition, we request that HONI provide additional information on wetlands that will be altered or removed for the purposes of the Project, including the total area, % of affected wetlands within the study areas, and specific locations. While we appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to avoid siting permanent project components within wetlands, and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential	Thank you for your feedback and for recognizing our efforts to minimize wetland impacts. We understand the importance of providing clear information on potential wetland alteration or loss to support your review. It is important to note that the Project is not anticipated to have measurable long-term effects on wetlands. The work will occur within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), which avoids new disturbances to woodlands and minimizes changes to vegetation structure. Where wetlands are

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		could benefit from further depth and clarity. Notably, wetlands (marshes in particular) are commonly considered medicine baskets by First Nations communities as they support a community of plants used for medicinal purposes (e.g., [redacted] etc.), making it particularly important to consider and characterize health impact pathways. For example, changes in wetland quantity and condition may result in changes to plant harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to wetlands), changes in level of effort required to harvest wetland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in the ability to treat ailments and conditions with traditional medicines, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered or access is restricted), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices using harvested medicines, loss or alteration of important cultural sites, changes in changes in sense of place (e.g., thoughts, feelings memories evoked by a disturbed territory). - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to wetland quantity and condition on the exercise of First Nations rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.	wetlands. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.	red flags or concerns regarding the alteration or loss of wetlands and potential rights impacts pathways.	present, even the installation of new transmission structures will not alter the overall hydrologic function of these features—they will continue to function as wetlands. Temporary construction-related disruptions will be minimized through established best practices, including: Foundation Installation: Use of helical piles wherever feasible to avoid excavation and dewatering. Where augered footings are required, any dewatering will be short-term and mitigated by measures such as timing concrete pours immediately after augering, preventing cavities from filling with water, and discharging pumped water through filter bags to adjacent areas. Access Management: Constructed access routes will be used to prevent rutting and channelization, reducing soil disturbance and maintaining wetland integrity. Restoration: Post-construction restoration will include wetland seed mixes and other measures to promote recovery of native vegetation. When combined with these practices and our commitment to avoid permanent project components within wetlands wherever possible, potential effects are expected to be short-term and temporary. This approach aligns with the impact pathways assessment and demonstrates that long-term hydrologic and ecological functions will remain intact.
33	Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*Project specific ESC and Spill Management Plans will be developed to mitigate the most common effects.* - Could you please confirm when these plans will be available for review?	Yes, these plans will be available for review. They will be included with the Environmental Management Plan, which will be provided prior to Construction.	[redacted]	
34	Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and	*An ESC plan will be developed to include mitigation measures such as constructing*	The project has not advanced the design to this level of detail yet. Once planned details of the		

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	Aquatic Habitat	*watercourse crossings during low flow conditions, retaining compatible stream bank vegetation, use of ESC during construction and restoration, and storing materials away from sensitive receptors (e.g., watercourses, drains, wetlands).* - Has it been determined whether watercourse crossings will be completed using culverts, clear span bridges, or other methods? - If so, could you please provide details on the selected crossing types and the criteria used to determine their suitability?	crossing types, locations, methodology will be submitted to DFO for regulatory approval for fish bearing water crossings.	[redacted]	[redacted]
35	Section 7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*If permanent or temporary works are required below the high-water mark of a water feature, a Request for Review will be prepared and submitted to the DFO in support of a Letter of Advance and/or approvals under the Fisheries Act.* - The term "Letter of Advance" appears to be a typographical error. It should be corrected to "Letter of Advice," which is the appropriate term used by DFO.	Acknowledged and thank you for the correction. This has been corrected to "Letter of Advice"		
36	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*No mention of potential adverse effects to [redacted], or mitigation measures* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that a [redacted] was observed basking in a wetland near survey site BB40. Based on the information provided, it is not entirely clear where this occurrence is relative to the PSA and ROW though we note that the Jackson Creek Complex PSW overlaps the PSA. However, draft Section 7.7.7.4 does not contain any information on potential adverse effects to [redacted] (listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act), or proposed mitigation measures. Please update Section 7.7.7.4 to include the missing information related to [redacted]. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to	The draft ESR was prepared ahead of the June 2025 observation of [redacted]. Updates will be made to include this SAR. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome		

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		[redacted]. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we request to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed its own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for [redacted]) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance.	continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. However, as noted, Hydro One is committed to transparency in the Species at Risk (SAR) permitting process and will share project permit application information submitted to the Ministry Hydro One is committed to keeping MSFIN updated on the permitting progress, including awareness of commitments, mitigation measures and beneficial actions as applicable. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry Thank you for sharing the developments of your own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions once available. Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for [redacted], if available.	[redacted]	[redacted]
37	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Butternut observed within 25m of the ROW require a formal Butternut Health Assessment (BHA) completed by a qualified professional […] As deemed necessary by the results of the BHA, mitigation measures [will be applied"* - We note from our team's participation in BHA work completed at the [redacted] during the 2025 field program that all of the Butternut trees assessed were infected with canker and categorized as Category 1. It is our	A total of 40 Butternuts were identified at the [redacted]. Of these, 25 were assessed as Category 1 trees, 14 as Category 2 trees and 1 as a Category 3 tree. Hydro One plans to proceed with genetic testing of all Category 2 and Category 3 trees. Category 1 trees are in advanced stages of disease as a result of Butternut Canker and do not receive protections under the provincial ESA. This applies to both pure Butternuts and hybrids. Further, neither Category 1 trees nor hybrid trees (regardless of category) are used by the Forest Gene Conservation Association		

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		understanding that a number of these trees have hybridized, but considering the limitations of confirming these via visual inspection approaches, we request that genetic testing is completed for all leaf samples that were collected. - During this work, we also noted that mature Butternut trees were producing healthy nuts and the crown did not show excessive dieback. On this basis, it is our position that measures to avoid, mitigate, or offset these trees (as appropriate) should be undertaken. Please revise Section 7.7.7.4 to reflect these requirements. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to Butternut. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed our own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for Butternut) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA	(FGCA) for genetic preservation of the species. Therefore, can MSIFN please clarify how the results of genetic testing of Category 1 trees will be applied so Hydro One can have a better understanding of this request? Regardless of ESA protections, Hydro One welcomes further discussion with MSIFN regarding avoidance, mitigation and offsetting for Category 1 hybrid trees producing healthy nuts [redacted] The ESR text will be expanded to reflect this. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. Hydro One is committed to full transparency in the Species at Risk (SAR) permitting process and will share all project information submitted to the Ministry as part of	[redacted]	[redacted]

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		authorizations advance.	this process. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for Butternut if available.	[redacted]	
38	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Black Ash was observed in several locations during the 2024 field program; however, none of these observations were located within the ROW"* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that black ash trees were found at survey station ELC14, which occurs in the PSA (though we are unclear if this overlaps the ROW). Further notes from the terrestrial field team indicate that no signs of EAB infestation were observed for these trees, though there were larger dead / dying ash trees nearby. Please confirm if these newly observed black ash trees overlap the ROW (or other area subject to vegetation removal). If so, please enhance Section 7.7.7.4 to characterize follow-up black ash assessments that will be completed, potential adverse effects, and proposed mitigation and compensation measures, as required. - In addition, from what we've reviewed so far, it is our understanding that HONI has not ruled out that the project will result in Section 9 and/or 10 contraventions in relation to Black ash. However, with changes to the ESA now in effect, including government discretionary power to add or remove species to the SARO list, changes to the definition of	The ESR will be updated to include 2025 observations and mitigation and effects will be revised if needed to reflect these additions. Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's concerns regarding amendments to provincial species at risk (SAR) legislation. Hydro One remains committed to continually engaging with communities throughout the project, which includes reviewing project information such as the Environmental Management Plan and specific mitigation strategies relating to Species at Risk. Hydro One will commit to using the habitat characterization conducted on the project to date, under the framework of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* and its regulations, for construction planning purposes (e.g., delineation of habitats/areas where species may be encountered during construction, and using that information to inform mitigation plans), in recognition of the Nations' concern regarding the amendments. Hydro One will adhere to all legal requirements and will seek approvals under existing legislation, as required by law. We remain committed to ensuring that responsibilities for environmental stewardship and Indigenous rights are upheld. Moving forward, we welcome continued dialogue and collaboration with MSIFN. It is critical that all parties work together in good faith to maintain clear and consistent protections for species at risk and their habitats while advancing the Durham-Kawartha Power Line. Regarding MSIFN's request to be involved in all correspondence and discussions with the		

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		habitat, and the wind-down of the Species at Risk Conservation Fund, there is a lack of clarity and predictability surrounding triggers, processes, and standards for ESA authorizations, including in relation to the DKPL project. Considering this, we requests to be involved in all of HONI's correspondence and discussions with the MECP regarding the ESA permit process. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with HONI and MECP to ensure that our standard for SAR protection, mitigation, compensation and monitoring continues to be met. - We have also developed our own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions (including for Black ash) which may rise above and beyond the standards typically required by the MECP. More information on these measures can be provided to HONI as we develop a more fulsome understanding of potential projects impacts and as discussions regarding ESA authorizations advance..	MECP, Hydro One cannot make this commitment. Hydro One is committed to full transparency in the Species at Risk (SAR) permitting process and will share all project information submitted to the Ministry as part of this process. All efforts undertaken will aim to: • Meet the operational and scheduling requirements of the project and its in-service date • Address the expectations of our partners • Fulfill all relevant policy and regulatory requirements set by the Ministry Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for Black Ash if available.	[redacted]	[redacted]
39	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*"Sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will be performed ahead of construction"* - Please clarify when pre-construction sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will take place (e.g., each morning immediately prior to the onset of activities, a week in advance of activities, etc.)	The need, timing and location of sweeps will be dependent on the surrounding site conditions, the activities planned and the SAR of concern for that area. As noted in Sections 6.2 and 7 of the Draft Environmental Study Report, a Project-specific Environmental Management Plan will be prepared following the completion of the Class EA process and before the start of construction and will describe the environmental monitoring process and frequency to be undertaken during construction.		
40	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA* - Please specify which of the listed SWH types were: a) candidate or confirmed, and b) found in the ROW and/or PSA.	These details will be included in the updated ESR.		
41	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA:* *• Animal movement corridors*	The text will be updated to specify animal movement corridors refers to deer and amphibian movement corridors, which are the two forms specified in the SWH criteria schedules for Ecoregion 6E where the project is		

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		No mitigation related to preventing barriers to wildlife movement / migration during the project construction phase. - Please specify which types of animal movement corridors (i.e., amphibian movement corridors, deer movement corridors, or other) have been identified within the ROW and/or PSA. - We note that because our lands are situated within the highly altered and fragmented southern Ontario landscape, it is especially important to avoid disturbance to animal movement corridors to ensure there is continued habitat connectivity. Not only is this important for allowing species to continue to access their seasonal habitats, but to also minimize disruptions to animal harvesting practices by our members (e.g., increased scouting and harvesting effort required if animals are using different habitats). - Despite acknowledgement that animal movement corridors overlap the ROW / PSA (and presumably may be adversely affected by project activities), we see no proposed measures to avoid or minimize disruptions to animal movement and migration. Please add mitigation measures that address this potential impact, such as prohibiting the stockpiling of slash, creation of brush piles, storage of project equipment or materials, etc. within or near animal movement corridors (e.g., those mapped as SWH, or other major wildlife trails discovered during construction / pre-construction surveying.	located. Additional mitigation will be added to the ESR relating to potential animal movement corridors as requested. However, the project is not anticipated to create measurable animal movement barriers given the nature of construction, which consists of working sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. Further, there is very little new clearing planned for the DKPL project. Considering this limited clearing and the presence of an existing ROW, as well as mitigation measures such as avoiding wetlands and watercourses to the extent practical, the project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on animal movement corridors that may be present in the LSA.	[redacted]	[redacted]
42	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*[…] the following confirmed and candidate SWH types were identified within the ROW and/or PSA:* - We note that several types of (confirmed or candidate) winter SWH were identified within the ROW and/or PSA, such as: Raptor Wintering Areas, Turtle Wintering Areas, Deer Yarding Areas, and Deer Winter Congregation Areas. However, we are aware that	Hydro One has committed to funding a First Nation-led study of animal movement in public access areas where there is new potential disturbance to incompatible vegetation. Hydro One is in the process of finalizing the details of this study with the First Nations.		

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		baseline field work has not been conducted in late fall / winter seasons that would support confirmation of these (e.g., pellet count deer density surveys, deer track surveys, late fall turtle basking surveys, etc.). - As we have previously expressed to HONI, we have interest in conducting winter field surveys in order to obtain a complete, multi-season baseline. We recommend that HONI conduct these studies with support from MSIFN Consultation and updated the effects assessment accordingly when results become available.		[redacted]	
43	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*"Boundaries of important wildlife habitat will be identified and the ROW boundaries flagged prior to clearing"* - Please clarify which types of "important wildlife habitats" will be identified. Does this apply to species at risk habitats protected under the Endangered Species Act? Does it include Significant Wildlife Habitats (confirmed, or candidate)? We require more specific information to understand the extent to which HONI plans to avoid wildlife habitats. - Also, does being "identified" mean that they will also be marked and identified as project no-go zones?	The text will be clarified to state that important wildlife habitats will be mapped and incorporated into the environmental management plan (EMP) with details on the associated mitigation, which will depend on the habitat type (e.g., timing). The term "important wildlife habitat" will be clarified to include savannah communities, candidate/confirmed SWH, raptor stick nests, and nests of species listed on Schedule 1 of the Migratory Birds Regulations ([redacted], herons). A similar statement regarding mapping and incorporation into the EMP will be added to Section 7.7.7.4 for SAR, which applies to species listed under the ESA.		
44	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No mitigation for [redacted] or [redacted] (or other Schedule 1 species) nest protection* - We note from terrestrial daily field reports received from WSP throughout June 2025 that possible [redacted] nest cavities have been observed near the proposed ROW corridor. In addition, we recall from review of the Draft Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (draft NCEER) that five [redacted] were observed in the Jackson Creek Complex PSW (though nests were not specifically mentioned). However, we do not see measures to protect the nests of Migratory Bird Regulation Schedule 1 species reflected in this section (or others).	The ESR will be updated to include 2025 observations of these species and mitigation and effects will be revised if needed to reflect these additions.		

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		While it is our understanding that these nests may not be confirmed, and may be situated outside the ROW, these mitigation measures should be captured in Section 7.7.7.5, as a conservative approach.		[redacted]	[redacted]
45	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*No mitigation for turtle nesting or injury/mortality prevention* - We note from a variety of sources (e.g., the list of candidate/confirmed SWH at the beginning of Section 7.7.7.5, the Draft NCER, 2025 field program terrestrial daily field reports, etc.) that several species of turtle have been documented in the project study areas, including [redacted] and their sensitive habitats overlap the study areas. Specifically, this includes documentation of turtle nesting areas and turtle wintering areas, observations of dead-on-road (DOR) [redacted] and the occurrence of [redacted] which is known to move extensively in terrestrial environments. Thus, we are concerned about adverse effects on safe turtle movement and nesting throughout the project study areas, which will see an increase in vehicle activity and traffic during construction of the DKPL. Despite this, there is no substantive discussion of the potential effects of construction activities on turtle nesting or injury/mortality in either Sections 7.7.7.4 (applicable to [redacted]) or 7.7.7.5 (applicable to [redacted] and [redacted]), nor are there mitigation measures to address this. - We recommend that HONI revise Sections 7.7.7.4 and 7.7.7.5 to include discussion of the potential impacts of the project on turtle injury/mortality when migrating through terrestrial environments, or on turtle nesting activity. In addition, HONI should add mitigation measures to these sections to address these concerns, including (but not limited to): implementing and enforcing vehicle speed limits, requiring project vehicles to brake	The following mitigation measures specific to turtles are identified in the draft ESR: • Potential SAR turtle habitat will be screened prior to installing ESC measures. If required, sediment fencing for turtle exclusion will be installed per provincial guidelines. • In-water works within candidate turtle wintering areas, if required, will be conducted outside the turtle wintering season. Other mitigation measures identified in the draft ESR that do not specifically reference turtles but are applicable to turtles (including SAR) include: • Existing access roads and water crossings will be used to the extent practical. • Equipment operation adjacent to aquatic features will be minimized where practical. • Vehicles will not exceed posted speed limits. • Sweeps of work areas for SAR and other wildlife will be performed ahead of construction. • Construction personnel will be aware of the potential presence of, and will be able to identify, SAR with the potential to occur within the general work areas. • If a suspected SAR is observed during construction, a qualified biologist will be contacted for assistance immediately and the MECP will be informed if deemed necessary. • Should SAR be encountered during construction activities, activities will be stopped until it has been determined that harm will not occur. The required activities will be assessed to determine whether the work/schedule can be modified, or mitigation measures employed, to avoid potential effects on SAR and their habitat. The ESR will be updated to include greater		

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		for / give right of way to migrating turtles (and other wildlife) when it is safe to do so, conducting ongoing monitoring for turtle movement and nesting during the turtle active seasons (especially during the nesting period and during ideal conditions), installing exclusion fencing in areas where turtle may migrate overland and across the project study areas between wetland or aquatic habitats, etc.	discussion on potential impacts and mitigation specific to turtles.	[redacted]	[redacted]
46	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*Lack of sufficient consideration of project effects pathways other than wildlife habitat loss* - Commentary on potential project impact pathways for Section 7.7.7.5 focuses only on direct habitat loss, alteration and fragmentation. This is only done at a very high-level, and despite reference to several types of SWH overlapping the ROW or PSA just above, there is no substantive discussion on which types may be most (directly or indirectly) impacted by the project. We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.7.5 to include a more substantive discussion of the SWH types that will be permanently lost, altered or fragmented due to the project, as well as more commentary on potential indirect effects. - In addition to this, there is no discussion of other pathways potentially affecting wildlife, such as change in survival and recruitment or change in wildlife migration or movement patterns during construction. We recommend that HONI enhance Section 7.7.7.5 to include a meaningful discussion of these additional effects pathways.	The ESR will be updated to include additional discussion of other potential direct and indirect effects to wildlife from the project. Mitigation measures against impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat (including SWH) have been identified in the ESR and will be updated to include additional measures to address MSIFN comments received on the ESR and NER Rev2. Project interaction with candidate/confirmed SWH and the need for additional field investigation to confirm interaction and/or SWH will be evaluated during detailed design and additional specific mitigation will be identified depending on the SWH type, in consultation with First Nations. The project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on wildlife survival, recruitment or movement given that the project is predominantly within an existing ROW that is subject to routine maintenance, and taking into account all the mitigation measures identified in the ESR, as well as the nature of construction, which consists of working sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. A discussion of potential effects on wildlife survival, recruitment and movement, and why they are not anticipated to be measurable for the reasons above, will be added to the ESR.	We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential direct and indirect effects to wildlife and habitat and look forward to reviewing this in the next version of the Draft ESR. In addition, we request that HONI provide additional information on significant wildlife habitats that will be removed or altered for the purposes of the Project, including the total area, % of affected SWH (by type) within the study areas, and specific locations. While we appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize vegetation loss and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the loss of SWH and potential rights impacts pathways.	Thank you for your feedback and for recognizing our efforts to minimize potential effects on wildlife and habitat. We understand the importance of having clear information on significant wildlife habitats (SWH) that may be altered or removed to support your review. It is important to note that the Project is not anticipated to have measurable effects long term impacts on SWH given that clearing will be confined to the existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), thereby avoiding new disturbances to woodlands (loss of wooded area or transition of mature woodlot to lower growing vegetation communities). There may be temporary impacts to habitats within the ROW. At this stage, we do not yet have finalized details on the total area of SWH that may be affected, the percentage by habitat type within the study areas, or specific locations. These details will become clearer during the detailed design phase, when construction footprints and access routes are confirmed. We remain committed to minimizing vegetation loss and avoiding impacts to SWH wherever possible. There may be temporary impacts to habitats within the ROW, at this stage, we do not yet have finalized details on the total area of SWH that may be affected, the percentage by habitat type within the study areas, or specific locations. These details will become clearer during the detailed design phase, when construction footprints and access routes are confirmed. We remain committed to minimizing vegetation loss and avoiding impacts to Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) wherever possible. The Project design leverages the existing transmission corridor, which significantly reduces the

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					potential for long-term habitat change compared to creating new ROWs. This approach helps maintain the overall structure and function of adjacent natural communities. At this stage, the primary unknowns relate to temporary construction access requirements, which will be finalized during detailed design. While temporary access may result in short-term disturbance to vegetation and soils, these effects will be carefully managed through mitigation measures such as: Use of constructed access routes and matting to prevent rutting, soil compaction, and channelization in sensitive areas. Timing and sequencing of work to minimize disruption during critical periods for wildlife and vegetation. Erosion and sediment controls to protect wetland and riparian areas during construction. Importantly, these effects are temporary. Following construction, disturbed areas will be restored using native seed mixes, including wetland and meadow species where appropriate, to promote recovery of vegetation and habitat functions. Combined with our commitment to avoid permanent project components in sensitive areas (where practical), these measures ensure that long-term ecological integrity is maintained. We will continue to share updated information as design refinement progresses and provide opportunities for review and input. .
47	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No acknowledgement of linkages between effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat, and potential effects on the exercise of First Nations rights.* - Unlike Sections 7.7.6.2 (Significant Woodlands) and 7.7.7.1 (Wetlands), there is no discussion on the linkages between potential effects on wildlife and wildlife habitat and the exercise of First Nations inherent Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within Section 7.7.7.5 (Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat). - For example, changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability may	Thank you for this important context. The ESR text will be updated to reflect this information. It is worth noting that while the Draft ESR acknowledged the potential for impacts to woodlands and wetlands, long-term habitat changes will be avoided on the DKPL project through the use of existing transmission line corridors, and the remaining effects are generally short-term disturbance that is associated with construction activities which can generally be mitigated and restored. . The project is also not anticipated to create measurable animal movement barriers given the nature of construction, which consists of working	[redacted]	

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		result in changes to wildlife harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, etc. DKPL HONI ESR Section 7 & 8 - With consideration for the potential effects pathways above, please enhance the characterization of potential impacts of changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability on the exercise of First Nations Rights. More discussion evaluating significance of net effects would also be useful, including consideration for magnitude, duration/reversibility, frequency, and likelihood of occurrence.	sequentially down the transmission corridor such that activity in any given segment of the corridor is temporary. Section 3.4.1 of the Class EA for Transmission Facilities notes the draft ESR should include a description of potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and predicted net effects. The Class EA for Transmission Facilities does not require a determination of significance using net effects classification such as magnitude and frequency.	[redacted]	[redacted]
48	Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*Section 7.7.7.6 notes the importance of properly handling, containing, and disposing of invasive plant material, where required.* - This principle should also apply to electrofishing surveys in the event that invasive fish species are encountered. In such cases, please ensure that all handling and disposal procedures adhere to permit conditions provided by the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).	Fish are handled and collected according to the approved MNR Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes, which contains conditions for the handling and disposal of invasive species and actions to guard against the spread of fish disease. WSP's protocols involve decontamination of our equipment to prevent spread of invasive species and disease between waterbodies.		
49	Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*Additional mitigation measures […] to reduce the spread of invasive species include: Inspecting and cleaning equipment and vehicles as necessary to reduce potential for spreading invasive species propagules* - While not explicitly stated, we assume that HONI will implement this mitigation measure according to the Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Halloran et al., 2013). Please confirm that this is the case, or provide more information on the best practice guidelines that will be	Confirmed, the contractor will follow the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Halloran et al., 2013) which was updated in 2016. This detail will be added to the ESR.		

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		followed with respect to equipment cleaning and preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species.		[redacted]	[redacted]
50	Section 7.7.7.6 – Invasive Species	*No definition of "invasive species" causing lack of clarity around which species may trigger mitigation.* - We note that this section does not include a clear definition of "invasive species", making it hard to determine how comprehensive this mitigation plan will be. Does this include noxious weeds (as defined in the Weed Control Act)? Prohibited and restricted invasive species (as defined in the Invasive Species Act)? Other common non-native invasive plants, such as garlic mustard, that don't fit the above criteria?	Details will be added to the ESR that indicate which species will be targeted for management. The contractor will be required to abide by the Invasive Species Act. The EMP will identify and map invasive species identified through the ELC and botanical surveys (e.g., Phragmites, Dog-strangling Vine, Garlic Mustard) and any other observation of invasive species not previously documented... Species listed under the Weed Control Act (noxious weeds) will be considered for management under certain conditions, such as where there are large concentrations or high human interaction risk (for toxic species). Poison ivy has been identified in the Project area. Although it is a native plant to Ontario and beneficial to the local ecosystem, it is also classified as a noxious weed under the *Ontario Weed Control Act* due to its ability to cause painful skin rashes from contact.		
51	Section 7.7.7.7 – Biodiversity Initiative	*Lack of information on parameters of the Biodiversity Initiative. "Following completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct processes, Hydro One will engage with interested parties to discuss the implementation of the biodiversity initiative for the Project"* - There is no information on the parameters of the Biodiversity Initiative, such as funding or in-kind resources available, timelines, eligible activities, eligible recipients or partners, project geographic limitations, differences between standard environmental requirements and Biodiversity Initiative projects, methods for calculating unavoidable project impacts and ensuring they are proportionate to the Biodiversity Initiative scope, etc. - Please provide the above information so we can better understand the Biodiversity Initiative. - Importantly, we must come to a mutual and legally-binding agreement on the DKPL Project Biodiversity Initiative activities and scope prior to the completion of the	Recognizing the questions raised by First Nations regarding the biodiversity initiative, HONI provided additional information to MSIFN during the meeting held on September 9, 2025. As noted, specific details on the biodiversity initiative have not been included in the ESR for several reasons. The project has not advanced to a stage where the design sufficiently detailed to assess residual effects that would warrant compensation, and these effects are anticipated to be minimal on the DKPL project given its use of existing transmission corridors to avoid new long-term change to habitats. The project will continue to first prioritize avoidance, mitigation/minimization, and restoration to the extent possible. The scope of the biodiversity initiative has not yet been fully determined but typically such initiatives involve the funding of third-party projects or proposals (opportunities), such as wetland and wildlife habitat creation and enhancement; aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement activities; and invasive species inventory or removal. Following completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construction processes, Hydro One will engage with interested		

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		Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct process.	parties to discuss the implementation of the biodiversity initiative for the Project.	[redacted]	
52	Section 7.11 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects	*Table 7-1 – Natural Environment Resources – Physical Environment: Spills* *- The table notes that "if refuelling must occur outside of designated areas, additional containment or other mitigation and spill prevention measures will be utilized."* - Could you please clarify under what scenarios refuelling would be outside of designated areas, and what specific additional mitigation and spill prevention measures would be implemented in such cases?	Less mobile (i.e., tracked) and stationary (e.g., generators, pumps, light towers, etc.) equipment may need to be refuelled outside of designated areas. In addition to the use of spill trays, fuelling supervision requirements, equipment inspections, and use of approved storage containers, refuelling outside of designated areas could require stationary equipment to be installed within secondary containment and precautionary deployment of absorbent booms/spill pads.		
53	Section 7 – General Comment	*No discussion of potential effects of herbicide spraying on vegetation communities, wildlife, and First Nations health.* - There is no discussion on the potential impacts of herbicide spraying (for integrated vegetation management) on vegetation communities, wildlife, and First Nations health during the project operations phase in draft Section 7. The application of herbicide is only discussed in the context of potential impacts to adjacent agriculture lands and landowners, and to not include consideration of how this may influence the health of MSIFN harvesters using lands within the project study areas is a critical omission. - Is this an oversight? Or has this effect pathway been omitted because HONI is proposing to build the DKPL in an existing ROW corridor that is already subject to herbicide application (therefore its part of the baseline environment)? If so, we require more information on HONI's existing integrated vegetation management practices and protocols, and how current practices may change when the DKPL project reaches the operations phase. - HONI must also revise the draft ESR Section 7 to include adequate	Thank you for this important context. The following mitigation will be added **Section 7.7.7 Natural Heritage Features will be updated to include the following mitigation measures:** • Follow established vegetation management procedures regarding herbicide use to ensure protection of wildlife and adjacent vegetation, including consultation with Landowners *and notification of First Nations*. Integrated pest management *principles will be used to determine appropriate work methods.* Herbicides will be applied by forestry professionals who are properly licensed, certified, and supervised in accordance with provincial rules, regulations, and internal standards. Ongoing vegetation management involves the removal of incompatible vegetation species whose height could interfere with the safe operation of overhead transmission lines. Vegetation compatibility can vary greatly from one span to the next and is determined based on anticipated height of vegetation at maturity, line configuration and topography at a given site. Any vegetation that may encroach on the applicable clearance standard must be controlled or removed. Typically, vegetation that reaches 3m or above, can cause a risk to the safety and reliability of the powerline and		

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		consideration of the potential effects of herbicide spraying on vegetation communities, wildlife, and most importantly First Nations traditional food consumption and health.	must be removed. This work is accomplished through regular inspections and associated field work as dictated by field conditions, which includes tree and brush removal and/or herbicide application. Herbicide application techniques used by Hydro One greatly limit the potential for any overspray or impact to non-target vegetation.		

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Thank you Ceara, and the AFN team. I will circle back to let you know when we expect the final version.

Have a great rest of your week!
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Hi Amanda,
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Thanks for reaching out,

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Re: Draft Environmental Study Report – Durham Kawartha Power Line Project

Dear Rhona,

The Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) Consultation is pleased to provide comments on the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. Comments on behalf of MSIFN Consultation are below:

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Table 1. Comments on the draft ESR.

Reference	Text from ESR	Comment
Section 3.5 First Nation Communities	*Hydro One stresses the importance of open and interest-based engagement with First Nation communities to determine each individual community's interests by sharing information early and often.*	- The response provided to MSIFN Consultation on April 7, 2025 (Comment #34 in our submission on the draft NECR) should be included in the ESR. Specifically: - *"It remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as "Free Prior and Informed Consent", of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario."*
Section 4 – Environmental Inventory	Environmental DNA Surveys *Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) samples were collected to aid in determining the fish and freshwater invertebrate community assemblages.*	- The Final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (October 2025) does not include a description of the primers used for eDNA sampling. As there was uncertainty regarding whether a primer for invertebrates (e.g., molluscs, crustaceans, worms) was used, this information should be included in the methodology section. - Please notify MSIFN Consultation where species specific surveys for mussels will be conducted and the timing for these surveys.
ESR – Chapters 7 and 8	*N/A*	- It has been stated that several project components (i.e., watercourse crossings, access roads, laydown areas etc.) will be finalized during the detailed design phase. MSIFN

		Consultation requests the opportunity to review this information, once available. If additional fieldwork/surveys are required during detailed design, we request the opportunity to participate and review results.
	N/A	- We understand that some of the concerns raised by MSIFN Consultation will be addressed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). We would like to review the EMP, and associated sub-plans, to provide input, helping to ensure that our rights, values and interests are protected in the management and mitigation of potential project impacts.
Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	*N/A*	- The response provided to MSIFN Consultation on October 1, 2025 (Comment #4 in our submission on preliminary review of Sections 7 and 8) should be included in the ESR and/or the EMP.
Section 7.7.1.2 – Spills	*In addition to the above noted regulators and municipalities, Hydro One will continue to work with First Nation communities to discuss mitigation measures for implementation during construction.*	- MSIFN Consultation requests notification of spills and details on clean-up, including any analytical results from confirmatory sampling, figures, and photos, where applicable.
Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*A Construction Water Management Plan will be developed prior to construction and implemented appropriately…*	- MSIFN Consultation requests to review and provide input to the Construction Water Management Plan.

	Where applicable and possible, vegetative buffers will be;	- It appears that this sentence is incomplete. Could you please confirm and provide the full wording? - It is important that buffers and setbacks are identified at this stage of the project to help inform the development of the EMP.
	Vegetation removals will be minimized to the extent practical. Compatible vegetation will be retained within riparian areas adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies.	- Thank you for the additional information. MSIFN Consultation will review, and provide comments on, the vegetation management plan as part of the Environmental Management Plan review. We request that HONI document (i.e. photographs and description) site conditions prior to clearing to help inform the vegetation management plan.
	Cleared vegetation will be relocated to designated areas away from water features	- We understand that an Invasive Species Program will be developed as part of EMP. We request the opportunity to review the EMP once it becomes available and provide input to help ensure appropriate measures are in place for invasive species management.
	Machine clearing and grubbing will be restricted near sensitive environmental areas; hand clearing will be required within watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas;	- HONI has indicated in previous responses to MSIFN Consultation's comments that "vegetation will be largely removed by mechanical means, except within 10 m of a watercourse or wetland. In these areas, vegetation will be removed manually, using chain saws and other hand-held equipment, while leaving the under growth and duff layer undisturbed to prevent erosion."

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		- Will HONI provide further information in the EMP? Will this include specific buffers? - MSIFN Consultation looks forward to reviewing the document when it becomes available.
Section 7.7.4 – Source Water Protection	*Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary*	- Given the sensitivity of SWP areas, would it be more appropriate for this language to specify that such measures will be employed rather than may be? o *"Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary."* - HONI indicated on October 1, 2025, that the wording would be changed to "will be." However, this update was not reflected in the October 27, 2025, version of the ESR. Please revise the report to incorporate the agreed upon wording.
7.7.5.2 Potential Effects on Groundwater Quantity	*Adequate dewatering and discharge plans would be developed prior to construction, and collected water would be contained and tested prior to disposal, if required.*	- MSIFN Consultation requests to review and provide input to dewatering and discharge plans even if dewatering is < 50,000 L/day. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying appropriate discharge locations. - Collected water shall be tested before disposal. Additionally, HONI shall document and report discharge volumes, quality results, and monitoring frequency with Rights-holding First Nations.

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Section 7.6.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*Woodlands are culturally significant for First Nations as they support elements required for the continued practice of culture and rights (p.337)*	- We appreciate HONI's addition of MSIFN Consultation's definition of culturally significant woodlands (including criteria) and further characterization of the connections between impacts to significant woodlands and the practice of First Nations' culture and rights. - In addition, we recommend that HONI also use the criteria provided and available baseline information (e.g., ELC and botanical survey results, general wildlife and habitat survey results, etc.) to evaluate which woodlands within the Project study areas may be considered "culturally significant" per our definition above. These findings should then be provided to MSIFN Consultation for review and confirmation prior to finalization. We do not see this information captured in the full draft ESR. Will this be provided following the completion of detailed design? - We note that there may be some questions HONI cannot definitively answer until the detailed design phase. However, we believe that it is useful to undertake this exercise at this stage of the environmental assessment, so HONI and MSIFN Consultation can both gain a greater understanding of how woodlands that are "culturally significant" may be affected by the project, relative to the local conditions. In other words, this would strengthen the ESR's characterization of linkages between impacts to

		woodlands and the assertion of our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.
	Approximately 17.23 ha of the preferred route ROW is composed of wooded habitat (i.e., forest, swamp, plantation, woodland) and some of this likely constitutes woodlands. However, much of this estimated area likely results from mapping imprecision as the existing ROW that will be used for most (~94%) of the Project route is subject to regular vegetation maintenance. Based on 2024 and 2025 field investigations, wooded habitat does occur occasionally as small incursions into the existing ROW. *[…]* *Although effects of the Project on woodlands will be minimal and the majority of effects will be temporary disturbance during construction, Hydro One will undertake a Biodiversity Initiative to address*	- We acknowledge the limitations HONI has described in relation to quantifying the total area of wooded habitat that will be lost due to the project. At what point in the planning process will HONI be able to provide an accurate estimate of the total area of woodland lost due to the project? - We note HONI has provided a conservative estimate of total area of wooded habitat within the full Draft ESR (which, in the spirit of conservative impact assessment, we support) but we have previously requested additional information including the % of affected woodlands within the study areas and specific locations and do not see this included in the full Draft ESR. While we acknowledge and appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize vegetation loss and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the loss of woodlands, potential rights impacts pathways, and potential offsetting measures as necessary and as HONI has committed to.

	concerns raised by First Nations[..] (p.337)	
	There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands. These measures include the following: […] (p. 337 -338)	- We agree with the mitigation measures proposed by HONI on p. 338 and recommend the following additions to ensure measures align with our responsibilities: - Define and sign no go zones (NGZs) – prohibit storage, grading, stockpiles, and vehicle traffic inside fenced areas. Provide pre-construction arboricultural assessment and monitoring. - Avoid fragmenting the woodlot, and retain interior large trees, snags, and coarse woody debris. - Clean equipment before entering site; avoid bringing fill/stone from infested sources and have a rapid treatment/control plan (manual removal and targeted herbicide) with monitoring for at least 3-5 years post-work. - Maintain natural drainage patterns into/through the woodlot and design outfall energy dissipation to prevent scour. - Prevent compaction in NGZs, and where disturbance occurs, de-compact, replace topsoil and seed/plant with native understorey species. - Pre-works SAR and habitat surveys timed to species life cycles.

		- Commit to multi-year monitoring (vegetation, invasive presence, hydrology, wildlife use), trigger thresholds for remediation. - We request that these measures be applied to all woodlands directly impacted by the Project, regardless of whether they meet provincial criteria for significance.
	There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands. These measures include the following: […] The extent of vegetation clearing required for the Project will be minimized by using existing transmission corridors and access to the extent practical (p. 337 -338)	- We note that HONI has committed to measures to minimize the extent of vegetation clearing by using existing transmission corridors – which is a measure to be implemented during the project design and construction phase. - What measures will HONI take to minimize the extent of vegetation clearing during the operations phase of the Project? We are aware that HONI utilizes (or at least has proposed to utilize) a "wire zone-border zone" approach to vegetation management on other transmission line rights-of-way, in order to maximize vegetation retention during the operations phase. - Does HONI intend to implement a wire zone-border zone approach to vegetation management for the DKPL project? We have previously asked about this, but do not see information on this in the full Draft ESR.
Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Cutting trees that require removal adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands such that their root*	- HONI stated, "The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological

	systems remain intact to maintain soil stability; *Regarding the cutting of trees adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands, where trees are felled but root systems are left intact to maintain soil stability, could you please clarify what the plan is for the felled trees? Will they be removed from the site, or left in place?*	function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team." - Please confirm if these details will be provided in the EMP.
Section 7.7.7.1 - Wetlands	*The Project ROW crosses approximately 16.04 ha of wetlands in the form of shallow and meadow marsh […] and thicket, deciduous, coniferous and mixed swamp (p.342)* *[…] Wetlands are culturally significant for First Nations as they support elements required for the continued practice of culture and rights […] However, impacts to wetlands will largely be avoided through the use of the existing transmission line corridor for the*	- We appreciate HONI's efforts to enhance the characterization of potential rights impacts pathways connected to wetlands loss or impacts in the full Draft ESR. - We note that HONI has provided data on the total area of wetlands crossed by the Project ROW (16.04 ha). Does this include the Provincially Significant Wetlands listed in Section 7.7.6.6? - At what point in the planning process will HONI be able to provide an accurate estimate of the total area of wetlands directly affected by the project (e.g., overlapping by temporary access matting, towers sited within them, etc.)? - We note HONI has provided a conservative estimate of total area of wetland overlapping the Project ROW within the full Draft ESR (which, in the spirit of conservative

	Project ROW and strategic siting of towers and construction access/laydown areas away from wetlands to the extent practical (p.343) *[…] Although the effects of the Project on wetlands will be minimal and the majority of effects will be temporary disturbance during construction, Hydro One will undertake a Biodiversity Initiative to address concerns raised by First Nations…(p.344)*	impact assessment, we support) but we have previously requested additional information including the % of affected wetlands within the study areas and specific locations and do not see this included in the full Draft ESR. - While we acknowledge and appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize impacts to wetlands and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding impacts to wetlands (including those that are temporary in nature), potential rights impacts pathways, and potential offsetting measures as necessary and as HONI has committed to.
7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	*N/A*	- There is no mention of applying in-water work timing windows for construction activities. This should be included as a mitigation measure to protect fish during sensitive life stages.
Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*Absence of discussion on potential impacts to SAR bat maternity roosting habitat in the effects assessment.*	- We note that Section 7.7.7.4 (Environmental Effects and Mitigation for SAR) does not include precautionary discussion around potential loss of bat maternity roosting habitat. Does this mean that HONI has ruled out the possibility that bat maternity roosting trees will need to be removed due to the Project? Or is HONI aware of changes to habitat protections for SAR bats stemming from the

		recently amended ESA that would preclude protection, that MSIFN Consultation is not? - We note that HONI did not conduct any targeted bat surveys during the 2024 or 2025 field programs, but identified high or moderate probability of the following SAR bats occurring in the Study: [redacted](high), [redacted](moderate), [redacted](high), [redacted](high), [redacted](high), [redacted](high). - In addition, HONI has identified in Table 7-1 that candidate bat maternity colonies (SWH) overlap the ROW. Based on this information and in the spirit of a precautionary approach to impact assessment, we feel it's insufficient to exclude discussion on SAR (or habitat) that have not yet been confirmed absent from impacted areas, including the ROW, or confirmed that habitat will not be lost. - We recognize that 1) woodland habitat loss is expected to be minimal and the mapped direct losses are likely overstated, 2) that HONI has committed to completing the appropriate studies if detailed design reveals possible impacts to SAR habitat, and 3) that mitigation measures designed to protect bats and their habitat (e.g., avoid tree clearing in bat window, retain snags, etc.). However, we feel that Section 7.7.7.4 should include discussion of potential impacts to SAR listed as endangered or

		threatened under the ESA and/or SARA if they have not yet been ruled absent from areas directly impacted by the Project.
	Hydro One is committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning purposes (e.g., to delineate habitat and determine suitable mitigation measures and offsetting for SAR that may be impacted by the Project) to address First Nation concerns regarding the changes under the amended ESA.	- We appreciate the inclusion of HONI's commitment related to SAR habitat assessment, mitigation, and offsetting in Appendix B, Section 6.7, in light of the strong concerns we have expressed related to the amended ESA. But, we note this is missing from Section 7.7.7.4 of the main body Draft ESR. - We recommend that this is also added to the main body Draft ESR, Section 7.7.7.4 for full transparency, emphasis and ease of reference, as this is an important HONI commitment to MSIFN Consultation.
	One [redacted] was observed within the PSA outside of the ROW basking in a wetland southwest of the Dobbin TS. […] *Through detailed design and construction planning, wetlands and waterbodies where construction disturbance is planned will be evaluated against the specific habitat requirements of [redacted], and targeted surveys will be*	- We appreciate that HONI has committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning (e.g., delineating habitat impacts, mitigation, and offsetting). It is our understanding that Category 2 and 3 habitat is triggered by an occurrence (e.g., observation of basking individual) and extends to an entire wetland complex plus a 30m (Category 2) up to 250m buffer (Category 3) around the complex. - We note that the [redacted] was observed in the PSA (not ROW), but it's not clear if the wetland complex it was observed within overlaps the ROW (i.e., there is an overlap between the ROW and Category 2 and/or 3 habitat). Please

	conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified to confirm use of the impacted areas by this species. Authorization will be obtained ahead of any disturbance to [redacted] *habitat […] (p.349)*	clarify if Category 2 or 3 [redacted] habitat overlaps the ROW, so we have a better idea of what to anticipate in terms of next steps for SAR impacted habitat delineation, mitigation, and offsetting discussions. - We also note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for [redacted] authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify us of the initiation of SAR habitat assessment process, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations. - Despite turtles being both culturally significant and SAR, and observed, no aquatic turtle surveys were conducted during the 2024 and 2025 field season for this Project. Additionally, candidate turtle wintering areas were noted in the draft ESR, but not incorporated into the study design. Please confirm if emergent and nesting surveys for turtles are scheduled to occur next year to confirm turtle wintering areas.
	An active [redacted] *nesting colony was observed in the PSA outside the ROW, in a quarry on the east side of Bowmanville Avenue […]* *No impacts to known nesting colonies are anticipated [...]*	- We appreciate that HONI has committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning (e.g., delineating habitat impacts, mitigation, and offsetting). It is our understanding that Category 3 habitat includes the area of suitable foraging within 500m of the outer edge of the breeding colony.

		- We note that an active [redacted] colony was observed in the PSA (not ROW), but it's not clear if the corresponding Category 3 habitat (e.g., area of suitable foraging habitat within 500m of the outer edge of the breeding colony) overlaps the ROW. Please clarify if any Category 3 (or 2) habitat overlaps the ROW, so we can have a better idea of what to anticipate in terms of next steps for SAR impacted habitat delineation, mitigation, and offsetting discussions. - We also note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for [redacted] authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify MSIFN Consultation of the initiation of SAR habitat assessment process, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations.
	Thirty-one Black Ash trees were observed during field surveys in 10 locations […] Four of these trees occur within the ROW. (p.347) *[…] If impacts to potential Black Ash habitat are identified during detailed design, additional surveys will be conducted for presence of this species and a Black Ash Health*	- We appreciate additional information regarding Black Ash trees found within the ROW and next steps to determine if an ESA authorization is required. - We note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for Black ash authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify MSIFN Consultation if the detailed design determines that the Project will impact Black ash and require authorization, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations.

	Assessment (BAHA) will be conducted […] to confirm ESA authorization requirements.	
	[...], as well as their 21 m critical root zone (per current guidance from MECP regarding habitat protection for this species). *Where impacts to Butternut are anticipated, removal of Butternut is eligible for conditional exemption under the ESA through activity registration under Part V of O.Reg. 830/21 so long as the conditions on the regulation are adhered to.*	- Butternut habitat means the Critical Root zone for each Butternut tree as well as the area between twenty to fifty metres of the tree trunk. Please share the guidance HONI received from the MECP. - We reaffirm the importance of timely data sharing, including any proposed management or removal plans for Butternut trees. This will ensure that we can align offsetting and monitoring activities with HONI's commitments, including collaborative offsetting measures developed in partnership with Rights-holding First Nations, the Forest Gene Conservation Authority, and HONI. - We also note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for Butternut authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify MSIFN Consultation if the detailed design determines that the Project will impact Butternut and require authorization, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations.
Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No characterization of linkages between potential disruptions to deer movement corridors and the*	- MSIFN Consultation previously shared, with HONI, concerns regarding potential impacts to deer movement corridors (and wildlife habitat connectivity in general) and

	practice of First Nations culture and rights.	the exercise of Rights, but don't see this reflected in the full Draft ESR. Specifically, we noted that because our lands are situated within the highly altered and fragmented southern Ontario landscape, it is especially important to avoid disturbance to animal (deer) movement corridors to ensure there is continued habitat connectivity. Not only is this important for allowing species to continue to access their seasonal habitats, but also to minimize disruptions to animal harvesting practices by our members (e.g., increased scouting and harvesting effort required if animals are using different habitats). We note HONI's position that the Project is not likely to cause measurable animal movement barriers, and acknowledge that mitigation measures are proposed to ensure this, but regardless recommend HONI add this characterization of potential impact pathways to the final version of the ESR.
	No acknowledgement of 2025-2026 winter surveys requested by MSIFN, and how these results may inform assessment of potential impacts, project planning and mitigation/monitoring/offsetting as needed.	- We note that MSIFN Consultation has previously raised concern about the lack of winter season studies conducted as part of the baseline field program, and has received funding from HONI to conduct a series of winter studies in 2025-2026 focused on deer, raptor nesting and other winter wildlife uses. We don't see any acknowledgement of this future work in Section 7.7.7.5, specifically in the context of how the results may inform assessment of

		potential impacts, project planning and mitigation as needed. - If not being incorporated into the environmental assessment process, please clarify how HONI intends to incorporate the results of these winter studies in the assessment of potential impacts, project planning and mitigation scoping.
	Table 7-1: Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Identified in the Study Areas	- The addition of Table 7-1, indicating the types of SWH (candidate and confirmed) and which study areas they overlap is helpful, but we note that there isn't much added (qualitative) discussion on potential impacts to the various SWH types. However, we acknowledge that mitigation measures will help minimize impacts. - Is it possible for HONI to also provide data on the total area of each SWH overlapping the study areas? This would be useful to know for all study areas, but information on only the ROW overlap would be acceptable. This will help fill gaps in knowledge we have due to the absence of more substantive discussion on potential impacts to each of the various SWH types.
	First Nations will be consulted in mitigation measures to address wildlife and their habitats, as effects to wildlife and their habitats have the potential to alter the ability of	- This section could benefit from further characterization of potential effects on wildlife and habitat, and Rights impact pathways. We recommend adding the following wording: - *"For example, changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability may result in changes to wildlife harvesting*

	First Nations to practice their culture and rights, such as through potential changes to harvesting or traditional food sources.	*success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, etc."*
	First Nations will be consulted in mitigation measures to address wildlife and their habitats, as effects to wildlife and their habitats have the potential to alter the ability of First Nations to practice their culture and rights, such as through potential changes to harvesting or traditional food sources.	- MSIFN Consultation has previously raised concerns regarding impacts to vegetation communities (e.g., cultural meadows, agricultural fields, thickets that flood during spring melt and run-off) and significant wildlife habitats (e.g., waterfowl stopover and staging areas) and how this may affect our members' spring duck hunting activities – in terms of access to hunting sites (particularly those that are public., accessible, or near/on conservation lands) and availability of waterfowl. We note HONI has made a general commitment to address concerns around potential impacts on the assertion of our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, but this specific concern hasn't been explicitly addressed in the full Draft ESR. - We recommend further discussions between HONI and MSIFN Consultation to determine what can be done to minimize the impact of the project on spring waterfowl hunting while maintaining health and safety considerations during Project constructions. For example, this could

		include avoiding disruptive construction activities near certain vegetation communities or waterfowl SWH (i.e., good candidate hunting areas) during ideal hunting windows, installing bird diverters along the transmission line near waterfowl habitats to prevent any line collisions, etc.
	Table 7-1: Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Identified in the Study Areas	- Table 7-1 indicates that two confirmed deer yarding areas (west of Bethany, west of Highway 7) overlap the ROW. We understand from previous correspondence that both of these overlap the existing ROW, which is already subject to routine maintenance and, therefore, there will be no new fragmentation of these habitats. However, it's not clear if there will be further permanent loss of this habitat, or if these areas overlap with the portion of mapped woodland potentially subject to inaccuracy (i.e., there is no wooded habitat overlapping the ROW because its maintained). - Please clarify if HONI will have to conduct further vegetation removal during the construction stage (i.e., permanent loss) in these deer yarding areas. - If this is the case, MSIFN Consultation may wish to consider offsetting for deer yarding through the Biodiversity Initiative, to account for the loss of sensitive and culturally significant habitat that may be limited in the local area. - In addition, we understand that vegetation clearing will be conducted during winter because this timing avoids

		disturbance to the greatest number of sensitive natural heritage features and agree with this approach. However, we would like to see additional measures implemented to minimize impacts to deer in these overlap areas during this sensitive period. For example, this could include a pre-clearing sweep to confirm deer have egressed the area prior to vegetation removal, strategically scheduling clearing in these overlap areas in early winter or periods when snow cover is low (e.g., < 20cm), or other measures determined to be appropriate by HONI's qualified professionals.
	Turtle mitigation measures previously referenced not in the Draft ESR, Sect 7.7.7.4 to 7.7.7.5	- MSIFN Consultation has previously raised concerns regarding sand and gravel shoulders in proximity to wetlands and waterbodies as potential turtle nesting habitat. We agree with HONI's assessment that these should not be considered SWH, but that appropriate mitigation should be in place to protect turtles and their nests in the event they nest in these areas (not just within turtle nesting habitat meeting SWH criteria). We appreciate HONI's agreement and efforts to mitigate this concern. We note that some of HONI's previously proposed mitigation measures appear to be missing from the full Draft ESR, Sections 7.7.7.4 and 7.7.7.5. These include: - Contractor Awareness and Encounter protocols will be implemented within the Contract documents to identify

		the potential for turtles to be encountered during construction and the procedures to be followed in the event of an encounter. - The Contractor will regularly examine the construction areas (including road shoulders, staging areas) to ensure no turtles (or other wildlife) have entered the construction zone. - Any turtles incidentally encountered will be protected from harm and harassment. If a turtle is encountered, all activities within 30 m of the individual will cease immediately and the turtle will be provided a reasonable amount of time to leave the construction area on its own accord. If an injured turtle is encountered an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildliferehabilitator) to collect and rehabilitate the turtle. - Nesting turtles will not be disturbed. If a nesting turtle is encountered, activities within 30 m will cease until the turtle has left the area. Any turtle nests laid within the construction zone should be protected with a 10m buffer and an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator) to relocate the nest to a suitable location outside the construction zone or collect the nest for ex situ incubation under an approved permit.

		- Please update the full Draft ESR to include these mitigation measures.
Section 7.10 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Table 7-2	*Inspecting and cleaning equipment and vehicles as necessary to reduce potential for spreading invasive species propagules, in accordance with the Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry.*	- Prior to site mobilization, the EPC contractor shall develop and submit a Clean Equipment Protocol consistent with Halloran et al., 2013, updated 2016. The plan shall identify: o Cleaning locations and methods. o Responsible personnel and a checklist to verify completion before entering and leaving the site. o Inspection and documentation procedures, including logs or photos of equipment before entry. o Wastewater and debris containment measures to prevent spread of plant material or contaminated soil. - During construction: o All vehicles, machinery, and construction materials entering the site shall be free of visible soil, seeds, or plant material. o The Contractor shall inspect and document each piece of equipment prior to entry and maintaining a Cleaning Log available for review upon request. o If equipment is found contaminated on-site, it shall be cleaned in a designated area before proceeding. o Spot audits may be conducted by the Contract Administrator or Environmental Inspector to confirm compliance.

		- Post construction: ○ A summary of cleaning activities and logs shall be provided as part of the Environmental Completion Report.
	If necessary, a Permit for Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alternation to Shorelines and Watercourses will be obtained through the applicable Conservation Authority (CLOCA, KC, and ORCA) prior to construction.	- The permit referenced—*"Permit for Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses"*—aligns with the former Section 28 regulations under Ontario Regulation 97/04 and individual CA regulations (e.g. 155/06 or 176/06). However, effective April 1, 2024, the province introduced Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, replacing those earlier regulations.
	Construction: Potential for erosion, sedimentation and soil loss during site preparation and construction activities.	- Please include the following mitigation measures: - ESC inspections shall be inspected after significant precipitation events (>15mm within 24 hrs and/or >5mm/hr which >=10mm have fallen) and extreme weather conditions, even during weekends and holidays. - A turbidity-total suspended solids relationship shall be established prior to any work on the site. The plan shall outline a turbidity target in which work is halted and methods/materials are upgraded to prevent exceedances. - In the event that turbidity water quality has been exceeded downstream of the work area, the work should be stopped and the work site and methods reviewed with Rights-holding First Nations to determine appropriate mitigation

		measures to reduce total suspended solids. Once the mitigations are implemented, work can resume. - Contingency plans will be developed for erosion and sediment control. - Exclusion fencing shall be placed around stockpiled materials to prevent mammals, reptiles and amphibians from entering the work area. This shall be inspected daily. Any sightings of turtles shall result in temporary halt in work until the turtle has moved away from the site. Turtles should be observed from a distance by a qualified environmental professional for the duration they occur within the work area. Qualified professionals should only intervene if turtles are in immediate danger (e.g., from moving vehicles) or observed nesting or attempting to nest within the work area. In these cases, turtles should be removed from the work area, according to the measures outlined in the Ontario Species at Risk Handling Manual: For Endangered Species Act Authorization Holders. Any injured turtles from construction shall halt work and await direction from the MECP. - Synthetic plastic erosion control blankets/mats should not be utilized, particularly during the nesting season, as they pose an entrapment hazard to turtles. Fibre-based biodegradable materials are only to be used.

	Natural Environment Resources – Physical Environment: Spills	- Please confirm that the additional details provided by HONI in their October 1, 2025, response will be included in the EMP for MSIFN Consultation's review.
Table 7-3: Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Concerns and Mitigation Measures	*All water features that were not assessed or lacked information on permanence and thermal regime were assumed to be the most sensitive (i.e., cold water), detailed design will aim to avoid sensitive features (i.e., water features/fish habitats) to the extent practical and limit in-water works (i.e., water crossings) and impacts to the riparian areas. Where not practical, site-specific surveys will be completed to facilitate permitting. Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of any impacts.*	- We appreciate the commitment to protecting fish and fish habitat and a commitment to completing site-specific surveys where required. MSIFN Consultation looks forward to continuing collaboration to safeguard fish, fish habitat, and all aquatic features within the project area. - Additional eDNA testing and/or minnow trapping and/or electrofishing is recommended for sites where at least three cold-water, cultural, and/or conservation priority species have been historically recorded. This includes sites: WC-1001, WC-1008, WC-1014, WC-1015, WC-1019, WC-1020, WC-1033, WC-1034, WC-1036, etc.
Appendix B – Environmental Inventory, Section 6.8.2	*Savannah and prairie communities have been identified as features of cultural significance by First Nations engaged on the Project […]*	- MSIFN Consultation requests additional time to work with HONI to address potential construction-related concerns affecting savannah communities, following receipt of the initial dataset on November 25, 2025.

	Within the LSA, 16 areas of savannah communities were originally identified during desktop review. In 2024 and 2025, 11 of these areas were ground-truthed, and six areas were confirmed as savannah communities: two Cultural Savannah (CUS), one Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1), one Mixed Savannah (SVM), and two Coniferous Savannahs (SVC). An additional Coniferous Savannah (SVC) community, that was not previously identified during desktop review was identified during field surveys in 2025. (p. 60)	- Unfortunately, survey results cannot be spatially compared on a map. This is vital to Rights-holding First Nations communities to fully understand species assemblages and significant ecosystems and their functionality.
		- Please provide the following information:
		  ○ Project geodatabase with all data sources documented (e.g., desktop ELC categorizations and ELC surveys), including all species-level observations tied to ELC categorization and ELC stations.
		  ▪ Clip data to the Location Study Area (LSA) to facilitate manageable sharing.
		- Please contact MSIFN Consultation and the Alderville Black Oak Savannah for further clarification, if required.

N/A	*N/A*	- Clarification is required on what is meant by "Deciduous Forest" and "Dry-fresh maple Deciduous Forest," specifically the corresponding ELC classifications for FOD and FOD-5. - Species observations from terrestrial windshield surveys and ELC surveys in FOD and FOD-5 were not shared spatially, particularly species of cultural significance to MSIFN, including but not limited to Butternut, Black Ash, and [redacted].

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		- Please provide these species observations to MSIFN Consultation, including applicable data sources that could be uploaded into ArcGIS. - Please confirm whether additional surveys will be conducted in 2026 on FOD and FOD-5 lands, including the preparation of arborist reports for vegetation located within the PSA. - MSIFN Consultation remains concerned that culturally significant trees may be removed from the landscape without proper documentation, notification, or compensation.

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1	Section 3.5 First Nation Communities	*Hydro One stresses the importance of open and interest-based engagement with First Nation communities to determine each individual community's interests by sharing information early and often.* - The response provided to MSIFN Consultation on April 7, 2025 (Comment #34 in our submission on the draft NECR) should be included in the ESR. Specifically: "*It remains Hydro One's goal to achieve the agreement and support, articulated in UNDRIP as "Free Prior and Informed Consent", of Indigenous peoples. We will use FPIC as a goal and a guide in every engagement. We understand that UNDRIP and FPIC are an important lens to view our relationship with Indigenous people, along with the evolving law, practices, and the guidance of Indigenous communities in Ontario."*	Thank you for your input. Section 3.5 of the final ESR will be updated to incorporate the statement previously made to MSIFN. Hydro One stresses the importance of open and interest-based engagement with First Nation communities to determine each individual community's unique interests by sharing information early and often. It remains Hydro One's goal to achieve Free Prior and Informed Consent as articulated in UNDRIP.
2	Section 4 – Environmental Inventory	*Environmental DNA Surveys* *Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) samples were collected to aid in determining the fish and freshwater invertebrate community assemblages.* - The Final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (October 2025) does not include a description of the primers used for eDNA sampling. As there was uncertainty regarding whether a primer for invertebrates (e.g., molluscs, crustaceans, worms) was used, this information should be included in the methodology section. - Please notify MSIFN Consultation where species specific surveys for mussels will be conducted and the timing for these surveys.	As confirmed in the October 20th response, the invertebrate primer was not selected for the 2024 or 2025 sampling. The 2025 eDNA sampling focused on the freshwater fish and freshwater vertebrate bioassay primers. The report was subsequently updated with the following changes to reflect this statement. *Methodology:* "Environmental deoxyribonucleic acid (eDNA) samples were collected to aid in determining the freshwater fish and freshwater vertebrate community assemblages". *Field Survey Results:* "… submitted to NatureMetrics for analysis against the freshwater fish and freshwater vertebrate primers." And "The primers used for testing did not target freshwater mussels (Unionid); therefore, none were detected through eDNA analysis." As captured in the October 20th responses, species-specific surveys may be required for project interactions that affect the footprint or habitat below the highwater mark, such as culvert water crossings or fording locations. Surveys may also be necessary for impacts to riparian areas within protective buffer zones, like towers placed less than 30 meters from the high-water mark or where permitting and notifications are required. Throughout these surveys, particular consideration will be given to any mussel specimens observed. As described in the ESR, overhead transmission lines are able to span over watercourses, thus generally avoiding the need for any construction activities within aquatic substrates. During construction planning, we will prioritize the use of existing watercourse crossings where practical.
3	ESR – Chapters 7 and 8	It has been stated that several project components (i.e., watercourse crossings, access roads, laydown areas etc.) will be finalized during the detailed design phase. MSIFN Consultation requests the opportunity to review this information, once available. If additional fieldwork/surveys are required during detailed design, we request the opportunity to participate and review results.	Thank you for your comment and for sharing your request. Yes, the EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review information on project components finalized during the detailed design phase, such as watercourse crossings, access roads, and laydown areas, which will be included in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for construction and associated supporting documentation. If additional fieldwork or surveys are required during detailed design, our EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to participate and review the results. We value your input and look forward to continuing collaboration as the project progresses.

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4	ESR – Chapters 7 and 8	We understand that some of the concerns raised by MSIFN Consultation will be addressed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP). We would like to review the EMP, and associated sub-plans, to provide input, helping to ensure that our rights, values and interests are protected in the management and mitigation of potential project impacts.	Thank you for your comment and for sharing your request. Yes, the EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and associated sub-plans once they are available. We value your input and agree that your participation will help ensure rights, values, and interests are considered in the management and mitigation of potential project impacts. We look forward to working together on this as the project progresses.
5	Section 7.1.3 – Soil Mixing	The response provided to MSIFN Consultation on October 1, 2025 (Comment #4 in our submission on preliminary review of Sections 7 and 8) should be included in the ESR and/or the EMP.	Thank you for your input. Section 7.1.3 of the final ESR will be updated to incorporate the response provided to MSIFN Consultation on October 1, 2025.
6	Section 7.7.1.2 – Spills	*In addition to the above noted regulators and municipalities, Hydro One will continue to work with First Nation communities to discuss mitigation measures for implementation during construction.* - MSIFN Consultation requests notification of spills and details on clean-up, including any analytical results from confirmatory sampling, figures, and photos, where applicable.	Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's request for notification of spills and provision of clean-up details. Hydro One will implement the following measures during construction: • MSIFN will be notified of any significant spills (i.e., those requiring a report to the MECP Spills Action Centre) that may pose a risk to the environment or require formal remediation. • For spills where confirmatory sampling is deemed to be necessary by Hydro One or the regulator, analytical results will be shared along with supporting figures and photographic documentation, where applicable. • Minor spills that are promptly contained and cleaned up in accordance with standard procedures, and that do not trigger regulatory reporting requirements, will not typically involve confirmatory sampling or detailed reporting to external agencies. Due to the minor and contained nature of these spills, we would suggest that these spills not be subject to notification to MSIFN.
7	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*A Construction Water Management Plan will be developed prior to construction and implemented appropriately…* - MSIFN Consultation requests to review and provide input to the Construction Water Management Plan.	Thank you for your comment and for sharing your request. Yes, the EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and associated sub-plans once they are available.
8	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Where applicable and possible, vegetative buffers will be;* - It appears that this sentence is incomplete. Could you please confirm and provide the full wording? - It is important that buffers and setbacks are identified at this stage of the project to help inform the development of the EMP.	Thank-you for identifying this typo. The wording will be updated to state the following: *Where applicable and possible, vegetative buffers will be **maintained**.* In addition, the ESR has been updated to clarify that machine clearing and grubbing will be restricted within **10 m** of watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas (and only hand clearing will be permitted within this setback).
9	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Vegetation removals will be minimized to the extent practical. Compatible vegetation will be retained within riparian areas adjacent to watercourses and waterbodies.*	Thank you for your comment and for sharing your request. Yes, the EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and associated sub-plans once they have been drafted, and prior to commencement of construction. Site conditions have been extensively documented throughout the Environmental Assessment process, including photographs, detailed descriptions, and other supporting information. This documentation has been shared with communities through the draft Environmental Study

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		- Thank you for the additional information. MSIFN Consultation will review, and provide comments on, the vegetation management plan as part of the Environmental Management Plan review. We request that HONI document (i.e. photographs and description) site conditions prior to clearing to help inform the vegetation management plan.	Report (ESR), the Draft Natural Environment Report (DNER), and during field surveys where attendance opportunities were provided. Additional documentation, such as environmental surveys conducted by the EPC during implementation, will similarly include site condition information. Hydro One appreciates MSIFN's continued engagement and remains committed to transparent communication and collaboration throughout the project.
10	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Cleared vegetation will be relocated to designated areas away from water features* - We understand that an Invasive Species Program will be developed as part of EMP. We request the opportunity to review the EMP once it becomes available and provide input to help ensure appropriate measures are in place for invasive species management.	Thank you for your comment and for sharing your request. Yes, the EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and associated sub-plans once they are available.
11	Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources	*Machine clearing and grubbing will be restricted near sensitive environmental areas; hand clearing will be required within watercourse and waterbody banks/riparian areas;* - HONI has indicated in previous responses to MSIFN Consultation's comments that "vegetation will be largely removed by mechanical means, except within 10 m of a watercourse or wetland. In these areas, vegetation will be removed manually, using chain saws and other hand-held equipment, while leaving the under growth and duff layer undisturbed to prevent erosion." - Will HONI provide further information in the EMP? Will this include specific buffers? - MSIFN Consultation looks forward to reviewing the document when it becomes available.	Thank you for your comment and for referencing our previous response. Yes, we will amend the wording in Section 7.7.3 – Surface Water Resources to reflect what was stated earlier: "Vegetation will be largely removed by mechanical means, except within 10 m of a watercourse or wetland. In these areas, vegetation will be removed manually, using chain saws and other hand-held equipment, while leaving the undergrowth and duff layer undisturbed to prevent erosion." Per our responses above and as previously communicated, the EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) and associated sub-plans once they are available and prior to the commencement of construction.
12	Section 7.7.4 – Source Water Protection	*Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary* - Given the sensitivity of SWP areas, would it be more appropriate for this language to specify that such measures will be employed rather than may be?	Thank you for your comment and for noting the discrepancy. Yes, we will revise the wording in Section 7.7.3 to reflect the agreed-upon language: "Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) will be employed." We appreciate your attention to detail and will ensure this update is incorporated into the final ESR.

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		○ "Refuelling areas will be located outside of Source Water Protection (SWP) areas to the extent practical. If refuelling must occur within SWP areas, additional protective measures (emergency spill trays, etc.) may be employed as necessary." - HONI indicated on October 1, 2025, that the wording would be changed to "will be." However, this update was not reflected in the October 27, 2025, version of the ESR. Please revise the report to incorporate the agreed upon wording.	
13	7.7.5.2 Potential Effects on Groundwater Quantity	*Adequate dewatering and discharge plans would be developed prior to construction, and collected water would be contained and tested prior to disposal, if required.* - MSIFN Consultation requests to review and provide input to dewatering and discharge plans even if dewatering is < 50,000 L/day. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying appropriate discharge locations. - Collected water shall be tested before disposal. Additionally, HONI shall document and report discharge volumes, quality results, and monitoring frequency with Rights-holding First Nations.	Thank you for your comment and for outlining your requests regarding dewatering and discharge plans. Yes, our EPC contractor will provide MSIFN with the opportunity to review and provide input on these plans, even if dewatering volumes are less than 50,000 L/day. Plans for construction management of water will be included in the EMP and will generally cover these plans and will include discharge locations if known ahead of time. We also confirm that collected water will be tested prior to disposal. In addition, Hydro One will document and share discharge volumes, water quality results, and monitoring frequency with Rights-holding First Nations as part of our commitment to transparency and environmental protection. We appreciate your input and look forward to working together on these important aspects during the detailed design and construction phases.
14	Section 7.6.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*Woodlands are culturally significant for First Nations as they support elements required for the continued practice of culture and rights (p.337)* - We appreciate HONI's addition of MSIFN Consultation's definition of culturally significant woodlands (including criteria) and further characterization of the connections between impacts to significant woodlands and the practice of First Nations' culture and rights. - In addition, we recommend that HONI also use the criteria provided and available baseline information (e.g., ELC and botanical survey results, general wildlife and habitat survey results, etc.) to evaluate which woodlands within the Project study areas may be considered "culturally significant" per our definition above. These findings should then be provided to MSIFN Consultation for review	Given that MSIFN has defined a culturally significant woodland as meeting one or more of the stated criteria, and since several common tree and woodland wildlife species have been identified as important to MSIFN, Hydro One will precautionarily assume that all woodlands in the study areas are culturally significant and appropriate mitigation and offsetting will be developed for any woodlands subject to clearing, in consultation with First Nations. Through collaborative discussions on mitigations, Hydro One seeks to eliminate potential impacts to culturally significant sites for First Nations. It is important to note that the Project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on woodlands given that clearing will be confined to the existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW), thereby avoiding new disturbances to woodlands (loss of wooded area or transition of mature woodlot to lower growing vegetation communities). These details will be added to the final ESR and NER.

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		and confirmation prior to finalization. We do not see this information captured in the full draft ESR. Will this be provided following the completion of detailed design? - We note that there may be some questions HONI cannot definitively answer until the detailed design phase. However, we believe that it is useful to undertake this exercise at this stage of the environmental assessment, so HONI and MSIFN Consultation can both gain a greater understanding of how woodlands that are "culturally significant" may be affected by the project, relative to the local conditions. In other words, this would strengthen the ESR's characterization of linkages between impacts to woodlands and the assertion of our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.	
15	Section 7.6.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*Approximately 17.23 ha of the preferred route ROW is composed of wooded habitat (i.e., forest, swamp, plantation, woodland) and some of this likely constitutes woodlands. However, much of this estimated area likely results from mapping imprecision as the existing ROW that will be used for most (~94%) of the Project route is subject to regular vegetation maintenance. Based on 2024 and 2025 field investigations, wooded habitat does occur occasionally as small incursions into the existing ROW.* *[…]* *Although effects of the Project on woodlands will be minimal and the majority of effects will be temporary disturbance during construction, Hydro One will undertake a Biodiversity Initiative to address concerns raised by First Nations[..] (p.337)* - We acknowledge the limitations HONI has described in relation to quantifying the total area of wooded habitat that will be lost due to the project. At what point in the planning process will HONI be able to provide an accurate estimate of the total area of woodland lost due to the project? - We note HONI has provided a conservative estimate of total area of wooded habitat within the full Draft ESR (which, in the spirit of conservative impact assessment, we support) but we have previously requested additional	17.23 ha of woodlands intersect with the Project ROW. This represents 8% of the ROW. This percentage detail will be added to Section 7.6.6.2 of the final ESR,however, much of this estimated area likely results from mapping imprecision as the existing ROW that will be used for most (~94%) of the Project route is subject to regular vegetation maintenance. Based on 2024 and 2025 field investigations, wooded habitat does occur occasionally as small incursions into the existing ROW. Locations of woodlands that are intersected by the Project ROW are shown on Figures 4 and 5 of the NER (see Appendix B of the final ESR). Hydro One has also recently sent MSIFN shapefiles for all ELC communities in the study areas (November 24, 2025). A breakdown of areas (ha) and percentages of ELC communities that intersect with the Project ROW are provided in Appendix C of the NER (see Appendix B of the final ESR). It is important to note that the amount of woodland intersection with the Project ROW does not represent the amount of woodlands that will be directly affected by the Project, as mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize Project interactions with woodlands. Given that woodlands have been identified as important to MSIFN, Hydro One will precautionarily assume that all woodlands in the study areas are culturally significant and appropriate mitigation and offsetting will be developed for any woodlands subject to clearing, in consultation with First Nations.

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		information including the % of affected woodlands within the study areas and specific locations and do not see this included in the full Draft ESR. While we acknowledge and appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize vegetation loss and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding the loss of woodlands, potential rights impacts pathways, and potential offsetting measures as necessary and as HONI has committed to.	
16	Section 7.6.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands. These measures include the following: […] (p. 337 -338)* - We agree with the mitigation measures proposed by HONI on p. 338 and recommend the following additions to ensure measures align with our responsibilities: - Define and sign no go zones (NGZs) – prohibit storage, grading, stockpiles, and vehicle traffic inside fenced areas. Provide pre-construction arboricultural assessment and monitoring. - Avoid fragmenting the woodlot, and retain interior large trees, snags, and coarse woody debris. - Clean equipment before entering site; avoid bringing fill/stone from infested sources and have a rapid treatment/control plan (manual removal and targeted herbicide) with monitoring for at least 3-5 years post-work. - Maintain natural drainage patterns into/through the woodlot and design outfall energy dissipation to prevent scour. - Prevent compaction in NGZs, and where disturbance occurs, de-compact, replace topsoil and seed/plant with native understorey species. - Pre-works SAR and habitat surveys timed to species life cycles.	The following mitigation measures will be added to Section 7.6.6.2 of the final ESR to avoid/minimize impacts to woodlands: • Woodland fragmentation will be avoided to the extent practical by using existing transmission corridors and access routes • Snags, cavity trees, large interior trees and coarse woody debris that do not pose a risk to the construction or operation of the transmission line will be identified and retained, to the extent practical, provided it is not within the ROW • Woodlands that will not be subject to clearing will be identified as no-go zones and communicated to construction crews prior to construction. The boundaries will also be mapped and incorporated into the EMP with details on the associated mitigation • Mitigation measures identified in Section 7.1.6 will be implemented to control the introduction and spread of invasive species. • Once detailed design is confirmed, areas where disturbance is planned will be evaluated against specific habitat requirements, and targeted surveys for SAR, SCS, and SWH will be conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified. Compaction will not occur in no-go zones as access will be restricted. The Project is not expected to alter drainage patterns. The Project will utilize existing access routes wherever practical. In the event new access roads are required, the construction of new access roads may disrupt sheet flow of surface waters over agricultural lands if not mitigated. To avoid and mitigate the potential impacts, existing, natural drainage patterns and flows will be identified and maintained to the extent practical. Equalization culverts or similar methods are proposed to maintain cross drainage. Remedial measures to prevent accretion, erosion and sediment transport are also proposed to protect the environment. In addition, a Construction Water Management Plan will be developed prior to construction and implemented appropriately to capture sediment and slow down the water velocity before discharge to the environment, where required. For details, refer to section 7.7.3. Mitigation monitoring requirements will be determined in consultation with First Nations once the anticipated impacts of the Project on woodlands are better understood at detailed design.

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		- Commit to multi-year monitoring (vegetation, invasive presence, hydrology, wildlife use), trigger thresholds for remediation. - We request that these measures be applied to all woodlands directly impacted by the Project, regardless of whether they meet provincial criteria for significance.	
17	Section 7.6.6.2 – Significant Woodlands	*There are a number of mitigation measures to reduce the proposed Project's impact on significant woodlands. These measures include the following: […] The extent of vegetation clearing required for the Project will be minimized by using existing transmission corridors and access to the extent practical (p. 337 -338)* - We note that HONI has committed to measures to minimize the extent of vegetation clearing by using existing transmission corridors – which is a measure to be implemented during the project design and construction phase. - What measures will HONI take to minimize the extent of vegetation clearing during the operations phase of the Project? We are aware that HONI utilizes (or at least has proposed to utilize) a "wire zone-border zone" approach to vegetation management on other transmission line rights-of-way, in order to maximize vegetation retention during the operations phase. - Does HONI intend to implement a wire zone-border zone approach to vegetation management for the DKPL project? We have previously asked about this, but do not see information on this in the full Draft ESR.	Hydro One uses an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) approach to manage vegetation near powerlines. This approach aims to evaluate a given site and utilize tools and techniques that are appropriate for that location to achieve the management objectives. Site characteristics considered include (but are not limited to) safety, existing vegetation, topography, adjacent land uses, accessibility, biodiversity and landowner feedback, with the ultimate goal of establishing a healthy cover of compatible vegetation (vegetation that, during its expected lifetime, will not interfere with the safe operation of the electrical infrastructure). The ability to maintain vegetation on the right-of-way (ROW) depends heavily on the management tools and techniques that are available for use at a given site. Techniques that enable targeted management of incompatible species and help control regrowth not only encourage retention of compatible species, but often require fewer interventions and promote healthier, more diverse plant communities.
18	Section 7.7.7 – Natural Heritage Features	*Cutting trees that require removal adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands such that their root systems remain intact to maintain soil stability;* *Regarding the cutting of trees adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands, where trees are felled but root systems are left intact to maintain soil stability, could you please clarify what the plan is for the felled trees? Will they be removed from the site, or left in place?*	Thank you for your question regarding the management of felled trees adjacent to watercourses and within wetlands. HONI has indicated that the approach to managing felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including factors such as topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, safety considerations and coordination with private landowners, as applicable. As most of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to landowners and will either be retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team. Additional information on the approaches that will be taken for managing felled vegetation will be outlined in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP), including guidance on site-specific decision-making and coordination with landowners.

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		- HONI stated, “The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team.” - Please confirm if these details will be provided in the EMP.	
19	Section 7.7.7.1 - Wetlands	*The Project ROW crosses approximately 16.04 ha of wetlands in the form of shallow and meadow marsh […] and thicket, deciduous, coniferous and mixed swamp (p.342)* *[…] Wetlands are culturally significant for First Nations as they support elements required for the continued practice of culture and rights […] However, impacts to wetlands will largely be avoided through the use of the existing transmission line corridor for the Project ROW and strategic siting of towers and construction access/laydown areas away from wetlands to the extent practical (p.343)* *[…] Although the effects of the Project on wetlands will be minimal and the majority of effects will be temporary disturbance during construction, Hydro One will undertake a Biodiversity Initiative to address concerns raised by First Nations…(p.344)* - We appreciate HONI’s efforts to enhance the characterization of potential rights impacts pathways connected to wetlands loss or impacts in the full Draft ESR. - We note that HONI has provided data on the total area of wetlands crossed by the Project ROW (16.04 ha). Does this include the Provincially Significant Wetlands listed in Section 7.7.6.6? - At what point in the planning process will HONI be able to provide an accurate estimate of the total area of wetlands directly affected by the project (e.g., overlapping by temporary	The 16.04 ha estimate of total wetland area crossed by the Project ROW includes PSWs. This amount represents 7.63% of the ROW. These details will be added to Section 7.7.7.1 of the ESR. Locations of wetlands that are intersected by the Project ROW are shown on Figures 4 and 5 of the NER (see Appendix B of the ESR). Hydro One has also recently sent MSIFN shapefiles for ELC communities in the study areas (November 24, 2025). In addition, a breakdown of areas (ha) and percentages of ELC communities that intersect with the Project ROW are provided in Appendix C of the NER (see Appendix B of the ESR). It is important to note that the amount of wetland intersection with the Project ROW does not represent the amount of wetlands that will be directly affected by the Project, as mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize Project interactions with wetlands. The total area of wetlands that will be directly affected by the Project (e.g., along temporary access or work areas) will be determined during detailed design. Given that wetlands have been identified as important to MSIFN, Hydro One will precautionarily assume that all wetlands in the study areas are culturally significant and will continue to further refine and specify how the mitigation measures presented in this ESR will be utilized during construction (e.g., through the EMP, which will be made available for review by First Nations prior to construction). Hydro One notes that as the DKPL project is largely contained within an existing transmission corridor, effects to wetlands will be generally temporary and transient in nature, and do not reflect a long-term change from the conditions at the outset of the Project, as vegetation was previously maintained for compatibility with overhead transmission lines. Additionally, installation of transmission tower at typical span-length intervals does not introduce long-term changes to hydrology of wetlands. Lastly, Hydro One and the EPC contractor will consult with First Nations on the post-construction restoration plans for any wetland areas subject to temporary disturbance from construction activities.

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		access matting, towers sited within them, etc.)? - We note HONI has provided a conservative estimate of total area of wetland overlapping the Project ROW within the full Draft ESR (which, in the spirit of conservative impact assessment, we support) but we have previously requested additional information including the % of affected wetlands within the study areas and specific locations and do not see this included in the full Draft ESR. - While we acknowledge and appreciate HONI's project design and efforts to minimize impacts to wetlands and acknowledge that this may not be substantive, more concrete information will help us identify any potential red flags or concerns regarding impacts to wetlands (including those that are temporary in nature), potential rights impacts pathways, and potential offsetting measures as necessary and as HONI has committed to.	
20	7.7.7.2 – Fish and Aquatic Habitat	- There is no mention of applying in-water work timing windows for construction activities. This should be included as a mitigation measure to protect fish during sensitive life stages.	In the Natural Environment Report the application of timing windows is mentioned in Section 6.9 Aquatic and Fish Habitat: "Based on the presence of fish and fish habitat within the PSA and centreline, applicable restricted activity in-water work timing windows and regulatory permitting will be required for any near and in water works." The timing windows will be confirmed as a part of the DFO review process. As a result, in-water timing windows are included within the following identified mitigation measures of the Environmental Study Report: "The Project will apply all the measures to protect fish and fish habitat (DFO, 2025) and incorporate the use of DFO's Standards and Codes of Practice (DFO, 2024) for routine works where applicable, including the submission of a DFO Project Notification Form;" And, "If permanent or temporary works are required below the high-water mark of a water feature, a Request for Review will be prepared and submitted to the DFO in support of a Letter of Advice and/or approvals under the *Fisheries Act*;". To ensure clarity regarding the timing windows, the following has been added to the ESR within the mitigations section. Carry out the project in accordance with the Ontario restricted activity timing windows for the protection of fish and fish habitat (DFO 2013) and ensure that the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) provides site-specific or project-specific timing windows to address local conditions and species requirements.
21	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*Absence of discussion on potential impacts to SAR bat maternity roosting habitat in the effects assessment.* - We note that Section 7.7.7.4 (Environmental Effects and Mitigation for SAR) does not include precautionary discussion around potential loss of bat maternity roosting habitat. Does this mean that HONI has ruled out the	Section 7.7.7.4 of the final ESR will be updated to include discussion of SAR that have not been confirmed in the LSA but have moderate to high probability to occur.

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		possibility that bat maternity roosting trees will need to be removed due to the Project? Or is HONI aware of changes to habitat protections for SAR bats stemming from the recently amended ESA that would preclude protection, that MSIFN Consultation is not? - We note that HONI did not conduct any targeted bat surveys during the 2024 or 2025 field programs, but identified high or moderate probability of the following SAR bats occurring in the Study: [redacted](high), [redacted](moderate), [redacted](high), [redacted](high), [redacted](high), [redacted]high). - In addition, HONI has identified in Table 7-1 that candidate bat maternity colonies (SWH) overlap the ROW. Based on this information and in the spirit of a precautionary approach to impact assessment, we feel it's insufficient to exclude discussion on SAR (or habitat) that have not yet been confirmed absent from impacted areas, including the ROW, or confirmed that habitat will not be lost. - We recognize that 1) woodland habitat loss is expected to be minimal and the mapped direct losses are likely overstated, 2) that HONI has committed to completing the appropriate studies if detailed design reveals possible impacts to SAR habitat, and 3) that mitigation measures designed to protect bats and their habitat (e.g., avoid tree clearing in bat window, retain snags, etc.). However, we feel that Section 7.7.7.4 should include discussion of potential impacts to SAR listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA and/or SARA if they have not yet been ruled absent from areas directly impacted by the Project.	
22	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*Hydro One is committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning purposes (e.g., to delineate habitat and determine suitable mitigation measures and offsetting for SAR that may be impacted by the Project) to address First Nation concerns regarding the changes under the amended ESA.* - We appreciate the inclusion of HONI's commitment related to SAR habitat assessment, mitigation, and offsetting in	This commitment will be carried forward to Section 7.7.7.4 of the final ESR.

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		Appendix B, Section 6.7, in light of the strong concerns we have expressed related to the amended ESA. But, we note this is missing from Section 7.7.7.4 of the main body Draft ESR. - We recommend that this is also added to the main body Draft ESR, Section 7.7.7.4 for full transparency, emphasis and ease of reference, as this is an important HONI commitment to MSIFN Consultation.	
23	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*One [redacted] was observed within the PSA outside of the ROW basking in a wetland southwest of the Dobbin TS. […]* *Through detailed design and construction planning, wetlands and waterbodies where construction disturbance is planned will be evaluated against the specific habitat requirements of [redacted] and targeted surveys will be conducted if suitable habitat conditions are identified to confirm use of the impacted areas by this species. Authorization will be obtained ahead of any disturbance to [redacted] habitat […] (p.349)* - We appreciate that HONI has committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning (e.g., delineating habitat impacts, mitigation, and offsetting). It is our understanding that Category 2 and 3 habitat is triggered by an occurrence (e.g., observation of basking individual) and extends to an entire wetland complex plus a 30m (Category 2) up to 250m buffer (Category 3) around the complex. - We note that the [redacted] was observed in the PSA (not ROW), but it's not clear if the wetland complex it was observed within overlaps the ROW (i.e., there is an overlap between the ROW and Category 2 and/or 3 habitat). Please clarify if Category 2 or 3 [redacted] habitat overlaps the ROW, so we have a better idea of what to anticipate in terms of next steps for SAR impacted habitat delineation, mitigation, and offsetting discussions.	All wetlands and waterbodies within 2km of the [redacted] observation (i.e. wetlands/waterbodies east of Highway 7, as shown on Figures 4.19 and 4.20 of the NER) likely provide suitable habitat for [redacted]. Where wetlands/waterbodies are close to the PSA boundary, there will likely be some overlap of Category 3 habitat (i.e. the area between 30m and 250m surrounding suitable wetlands) with the ROW. Where wetlands/waterbodies are close to the ROW boundary, there will be likely be some overlap of Category 2 habitat (i.e. the area within 30m around suitable wetlands) with the ROW. The wetland where the [redacted] was observed, and the watercourse feature to the west of it, provide Category 2 habitat that overlaps with the ROW (see screenshot below): Turtles were recorded incidentally during all field surveys and were also captured in eDNA surveys completed in 2024 and 2025. All turtle species

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		- We also note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for Blanding's turtle authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify us of the initiation of SAR habitat assessment process, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations. - Despite turtles being both culturally significant and SAR, and observed, no aquatic turtle surveys were conducted during the 2024 and 2025 field season for this Project. Additionally, candidate turtle wintering areas were noted in the draft ESR, but not incorporated into the study design. Please confirm if emergent and nesting surveys for turtles are scheduled to occur next year to confirm turtle wintering areas.	anticipated to occur in the LSA were confirmed as present via these surveys. Per Section 6.8.1 of the ESR, it is conservatively assumed that all permanent wetlands/waterbodies in the LSA may support turtle wintering habitat. Per Section 6.8.3 of the ESR, all open ecosites (i.e. woodland, meadow, field and savannah) with soil, sand, and/or gravel substrates within 100m of suitable wetlands/waterbodies are conservatively assumed to support turtle nesting habitat. The need for additional field surveys where there is Project interaction with candidate/confirmed turtle habitat will be evaluated during detailed design and in consultation with First Nations, and additional specific mitigation will be identified. Thank you for sharing the developments of your own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions. Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for [redacted] if available.
24	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*An active* [redacted] *nesting colony was observed in the PSA outside the ROW, in a quarry on the east side of Bowmanville Avenue […]* *No impacts to known nesting colonies are anticipated [...]* - We appreciate that HONI has committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning (e.g., delineating habitat impacts, mitigation, and offsetting). It is our understanding that Category 3 habitat includes the area of suitable foraging within 500m of the outer edge of the breeding colony. - We note that an active [redacted] colony was observed in the PSA (not ROW), but it's not clear if the corresponding Category 3 habitat (e.g., area of suitable foraging habitat within 500m of the outer edge of the breeding colony) overlaps the ROW. Please clarify if any Category 3 (or 2) habitat overlaps the ROW, so we can have a better idea of what to anticipate in terms of next steps for SAR impacted habitat delineation, mitigation, and offsetting discussions.	Category 3 habitat for [redacted] (i.e. 500m area surrounding the outer edge of the breeding colony) overlaps with the ROW; however, there is no Category 2 habitat for [redacted] (i.e. 50m area in front of the breeding colony bank face) that overlaps with the ROW (see screenshot below):

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			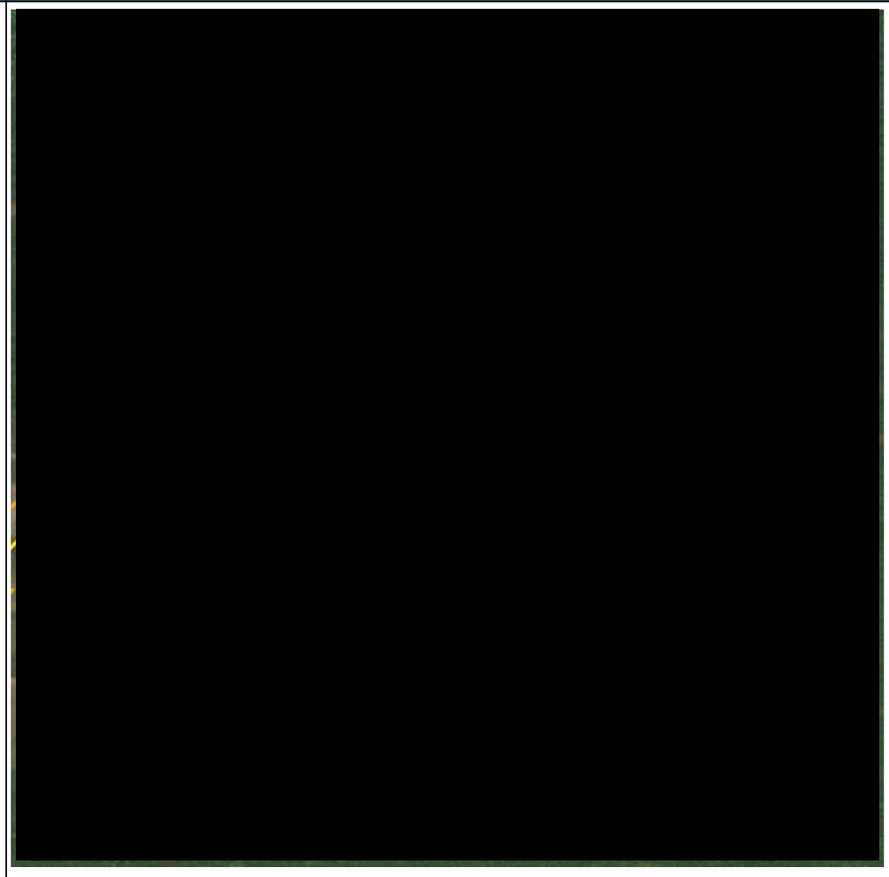
25	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*Thirty-one Black Ash trees were observed during field surveys in 10 locations […] Four of these trees occur within the ROW. (p.347)* *[…] If impacts to potential Black Ash habitat are identified during detailed design, additional surveys will be conducted for presence of this species and a Black Ash Health Assessment (BAHA) will be conducted […] to confirm ESA authorization requirements.* - We appreciate additional information regarding Black Ash trees found within the ROW and next steps to determine if an ESA authorization is required. - We note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for Black	Thank you for sharing the developments of your own species-specific standards for ESA permit conditions. Hydro One would appreciate receipt of MSIFN's standards for ESA permit conditions for Black Ash if available.

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		ash authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify MSIFN Consultation if the detailed design determines that the Project will impact Black ash and require authorization, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations.	
26	Section 7.7.7.4 – Species at Risk	*[...], as well as their 21 m critical root zone (per current guidance from MECP regarding habitat protection for this species).* *Where impacts to Butternut are anticipated, removal of Butternut is eligible for conditional exemption under the ESA through activity registration under Part V of O.Reg. 830/21 so long as the conditions on the regulation are adhered to.* - Butternut habitat means the Critical Root zone for each Butternut tree as well as the area between twenty to fifty metres of the tree trunk. Please share the guidance HONI received from the MECP. - We reaffirm the importance of timely data sharing, including any proposed management or removal plans for Butternut trees. This will ensure that we can align offsetting and monitoring activities with HONI's commitments, including collaborative offsetting measures developed in partnership with Rights-holding First Nations, the Forest Gene Conservation Authority, and HONI. - We also note that MSIFN Consultation has developed its own set of expectations for Butternut authorization conditions, which may go above and beyond past MECP precedents. Please notify MSIFN Consultation if the detailed design determines that the Project will impact Butternut and require authorization, and at this time we will provide more detailed information about these expectations.	Under the amended ESA (June 5, 2025), habitat for vascular plants is now defined as the critical root zone surrounding individuals. Per email correspondence received from MECP to WSP (September 9, 2025) for another project, the critical root zone for trees and shrubs is the "*Radial distance from the stem equal to 18 times the species' reported maximum diameter at breast height (DBH) in Ontario or a jurisdiction with comparable growing conditions, rounded up to the nearest metre…Based on a maximum reported DBH of 116 cm, an area of 21 m around each Butternut stem would be considered habitat*." However, Hydro One is committed to using the previous SAR habitat definitions for construction planning purposes (e.g. to delineate habitat and determine suitable mitigation measures and offsetting for SAR that may be impacted by the Project) to address MSIFN's concerns regarding the changes under the amended ESA. Previously, the 25 m area surrounding a retained Butternut was protected under the ESA Exemption for Butternut (O. Reg. 830/21 EXEMPTIONS - SPECIES SUBJECT TO SPECIES CONSERVATION CHARGES | ontario.ca). Therefore, Section 7.7.7.4 of the final ESR will be updated to use the 25 m setback. Hydro One will contact the FGCA (prior to the submission of the BHA report to MECP) to confirm their interest in archiving the one Category 3 Butternut at the Clarington TS. If FGCA is interested, Hydro One will facilitate the archiving process for this tree (regardless of whether it will be impacted by Project activities or not) in order to support local recovery of Butternut. Hydro One will notify MSIFN Consultation if the detailed design determines that the Project will impact Butternut and require authorization. Hydro One would appreciate MSIFN Consultation's input at that time regarding more detailed information about expectations.

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27	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No characterization of linkages between potential disruptions to deer movement corridors and the practice of First Nations culture and rights.* - MSIFN Consultation previously shared, with HONI, concerns regarding potential impacts to deer movement corridors (and wildlife habitat connectivity in general) and the exercise of Rights, but don't see this reflected in the full Draft ESR. Specifically, we noted that because our lands are situated within the highly altered and fragmented southern Ontario landscape, it is especially important to avoid disturbance to animal (deer) movement corridors to ensure there is continued habitat connectivity. Not only is this important for allowing species to continue to access their seasonal habitats, but also to minimize disruptions to animal harvesting practices by our members (e.g., increased scouting and harvesting effort required if animals are using different habitats). We note HONI's position that the Project is not likely to cause measurable animal movement barriers, and acknowledge that mitigation measures are proposed to ensure this, but regardless recommend HONI add this characterization of potential impact pathways to the final version of the ESR.	Thank you for your important feedback. It remains Hydro One's priority to avoid impacting Indigenous or Treaty Rights wherever feasible and to work collaboratively to mitigate impacts where they may be unavoidable. In engagement with First Nations on the DKPL project to date, no specific locations or impacts of Indigenous or Treaty Rights related to deer movement or corridors have been identified. We will continue to work collaboratively in the development of mitigation measures to address wildlife and their habitats, as effects to wildlife and their habitats have the potential to alter the ability of First Nations to practice their culture and rights, such as through potential changes to harvesting or traditional food sources. Through collaborative discussions on mitigations, Hydro One seeks to eliminate potential disruptions to traditional practices for First Nations. We would also like to reiterate that for the DKPL project in particular, that the use of the existing transmission corridor for the majority of the project serves to minimize any long-term Environmental effects (by way of additional clearing that would otherwise be required for a new greenfield corridor through natural areas) and that effects from this project are largely anticipated to be transient and temporary in nature as they relate primarily to construction activities.
28	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*No acknowledgement of 2025-2026 winter surveys requested by MSIFN, and how these results may inform assessment of potential impacts, project planning and mitigation/monitoring/offsetting as needed.* - We note that MSIFN Consultation has previously raised concern about the lack of winter season studies conducted as part of the baseline field program, and has received funding from HONI to conduct a series of winter studies in 2025-2026 focused on deer, raptor nesting and other winter wildlife uses. We don't see any acknowledgement of this future work in Section 7.7.7.5, specifically in the context of how the results may inform assessment of potential impacts, project planning and mitigation as needed. - If not being incorporated into the environmental assessment process, please clarify how HONI intends to incorporate the results of these winter studies in the	In the spirit of partnership and meaningful inclusion, Hydro One has agreed to a one-time study beyond technical requirements for the class Environmental Assessment at the request of the First Nations. Hydro One has agreed to fund a study conducted by First Nations focused on deer, raptor nesting and other wildlife uses in the corridor on publicly accessible lands utilized by First Nations. The intent is to supplement the data already collected, such as the deer wintering habitat already mapped by the MNRF. Should anything arise from the studies that would help to better inform the project mitigations we are open to discussing how this information may be applied to construction planning, noting that conducting potentially disruptive activities during the winter (dormant) season is often prioritized as a means of minimizing the overall environmental effects of construction activities. With the permission of the First Nations, Hydro One will share the relevant results with the selected Contractor for additional consideration in project execution and environmental protection.

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		assessment of potential impacts, project planning and mitigation scoping	
29	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*Table 7-1: Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Identified in the Study Areas* - The addition of Table 7-1, indicating the types of SWH (candidate and confirmed) and which study areas they overlap is helpful, but we note that there isn't much added (qualitative) discussion on potential impacts to the various SWH types. However, we acknowledge that mitigation measures will help minimize impacts. - Is it possible for HONI to also provide data on the total area of each SWH overlapping the study areas? This would be useful to know for all study areas, but information on only the ROW overlap would be acceptable. This will help fill gaps in knowledge we have due to the absence of more substantive discussion on potential impacts to each of the various SWH types.	A statement will be added to Section 7.7.7.5 of the final ESR to refer the reader to Figures 5.1 to 5.20 of the NER for areas where the various SWH types intersect with the ROW. The total area of each SWH type that will be directly affected by the Project will be determined during detailed design; this is largely because even within the ROW, the majority of SWH may not be affected directly by construction activities (i.e., if not along access routes or intersecting with work areas/tower locations). It is also important to note that within the existing transmission corridor, these effects would generally be limited to temporary disturbance during construction activities As such, once these detailed construction plans are developed, site-specific mitigation measures will be developed following the general principles as laid out in the ESR. This will also aid in the determination of whether additional delineation may be required (e.g., some SWH features have been mapped as points, while others are currently conservatively represented by the ELC polygon boundaries that they fall within, though actual habitat features driving SWH are often much more specific). Hydro One and our EPC contractor will consult with MSIFN during detailed design to share the construction plans and site specific mitigation measures (via the EMP) and if necessary, to determine the need for additional targeted surveys for SWH and appropriate mitigation requirements.
30	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*First Nations will be consulted in mitigation measures to address wildlife and their habitats, as effects to wildlife and their habitats have the potential to alter the ability of First Nations to practice their culture and rights, such as through potential changes to harvesting or traditional food sources.* - This section could benefit from further characterization of potential effects on wildlife and habitat, and Rights impact pathways. We recommend adding the following wording: - *"For example, changes to wildlife and wildlife habitat availability may result in changes to wildlife harvesting success (e.g., quantity of resources harvested per trip to the bush), changes in level of effort required to harvest woodland resources (e.g., time, money, resources required, etc.), changes in contribution of traditional food sources to livelihoods, changes in ability to transmit knowledge and culture (e.g., if important harvesting sites are altered), change in ability to engage in ceremonial practices, etc."* - MSIFN Consultation has previously raised concerns regarding impacts to vegetation communities (e.g., cultural meadows, agricultural fields, thickets that flood during	Thank-you for providing this additional context. To adequately assess impacts to Aboriginal and Treaty rights, we would welcome you to share site specific information and locations of where harvesting activities are taking place, so that these can be compared to project-specific plans to determine any interactions and net adverse effects. In engagement with First Nations to date, no specific information on the location and description of activities relating to the exercise of rights related to wildlife harvesting has been identified. Hydro One reiterates our commitment to working with First Nations on this and the importance of working collaboratively to avoid or minimize impacts. Through collaborative discussions on mitigations, Hydro One seeks to eliminate potential disruptions to traditional practices for First Nations. We would also like to reiterate that for the DKPL project in particular, that the use of the existing transmission corridor for the majority of the project serves to minimize any long-term Environmental effects (by way of additional clearing that would otherwise be required for a new greenfield corridor through natural areas) and that effects from this project are largely anticipated to be transient and temporary in nature as they relate primarily to construction activities.

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		spring melt and run-off) and significant wildlife habitats (e.g., waterfowl stopover and staging areas) and how this may affect our members' spring duck hunting activities – in terms of access to hunting sites (particularly those that are public., accessible, or near/on conservation lands) and availability of waterfowl. We note HONI has made a general commitment to address concerns around potential impacts on the assertion of our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, but this specific concern hasn't been explicitly addressed in the full Draft ESR. - We recommend further discussions between HONI and MSIFN Consultation to determine what can be done to minimize the impact of the project on spring waterfowl hunting while maintaining health and safety considerations during Project constructions. For example, this could include avoiding disruptive construction activities near certain vegetation communities or waterfowl SWH (i.e., good candidate hunting areas) during ideal hunting windows, installing bird diverters along the transmission line near waterfowl habitats to prevent any line collisions, etc.	
31	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*Table 7-1: Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH) Identified in the Study Areas* - Table 7-1 indicates that two confirmed deer yarding areas (west of Bethany, west of Highway 7) overlap the ROW. We understand from previous correspondence that both of these overlap the existing ROW, which is already subject to routine maintenance and, therefore, there will be no new fragmentation of these habitats. However, it's not clear if there will be further permanent loss of this habitat, or if these areas overlap with the portion of mapped woodland potentially subject to inaccuracy (i.e., there is no wooded habitat overlapping the ROW because its maintained). - Please clarify if HONI will have to conduct further vegetation removal during the construction stage (i.e., permanent loss) in these deer yarding areas. - If this is the case, MSIFN Consultation may wish to consider offsetting for deer yarding	A very small portion of the deer yarding area west of Bethany overlaps the ROW (0.05 ha representing 0.01% of the yard). This area of overlap is at the extreme outer edge of the yard (see Figure 2.6 of the NER) and occurs within the existing ROW that is already subject to routine maintenance. This area is comprised of a small wetland (see Figure 4.11 of the NER; MAS2-1 east of Pit Road) and will not result in new fragmentation of woodlands. See screenshots of the deer yarding area west of Bethany below (the yard is shaded in purple in the first image, and the area of overlap is outlined in red in the second image).

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		through the Biodiversity Initiative, to account for the loss of sensitive and culturally significant habitat that may be limited in the local area. - In addition, we understand that vegetation clearing will be conducted during winter because this timing avoids disturbance to the greatest number of sensitive natural heritage features and agree with this approach. However, we would like to see additional measures implemented to minimize impacts to deer in these overlap areas during this sensitive period. For example, this could include a pre-clearing sweep to confirm deer have egressed the area prior to vegetation removal, strategically scheduling clearing in these overlap areas in early winter or periods when snow cover is low (e.g., < 20cm), or other measures determined to be appropriate by HONI's qualified professionals.	 Regarding the second deer yarding area that occurs west of Highway 7, although there is a direct overlap with the ROW (see Figure 2.9 of the NER and screenshot below), this area of overlap occurs within the existing ROW that is already subject to routine maintenance. This area is comprised of open wetland habitat (see Figure 4.18 of the NER) and will not result in new fragmentation of woodlands (see screenshots below).

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			[redacted] [redacted] For area of the project within the existing transmission corridor, permanent vegetation removals will generally be limited to the tower locations. For areas where vegetation is temporarily disturbed during construction activities, or areas where additional clearing is required (e.g. incompatible vegetation within the transmission corridor must be removed), post-construction restoration with compatible native seed mix or shrub stock will be conducted. Hydro One and its EPC partner will work with MSIFN to review detailed construction plans (EMP) when available, and to discuss post-construction restoration plans. Hydro One has also committed to conducting a Biodiversity Initiative for the DKPL project and will involve the Nations in this initiative as well.

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32	Section 7.7.7.5 – Wildlife and Significant Habitat	*Turtle mitigation measures previously referenced not in the Draft ESR, Sect 7.7.7.4 to 7.7.7.5* - MSIFN Consultation has previously raised concerns regarding sand and gravel shoulders in proximity to wetlands and waterbodies as potential turtle nesting habitat. We agree with HONI's assessment that these should not be considered SWH, but that appropriate mitigation should be in place to protect turtles and their nests in the event they nest in these areas (not just within turtle nesting habitat meeting SWH criteria). We appreciate HONI's agreement and efforts to mitigate this concern. We note that some of HONI's previously proposed mitigation measures appear to be missing from the full Draft ESR, Sections 7.7.7.4 and 7.7.7.5. These include: - Contractor Awareness and Encounter protocols will be implemented within the Contract documents to identify the potential for turtles to be encountered during construction and the procedures to be followed in the event of an encounter. - The Contractor will regularly examine the construction areas (including road shoulders, staging areas) to ensure no turtles (or other wildlife) have entered the construction zone. - Any turtles incidentally encountered will be protected from harm and harassment. If a turtle is encountered, all activities within 30 m of the individual will cease immediately and the turtle will be provided a reasonable amount of time to leave the construction area on its own accord. If an injured turtle is encountered an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildliferehabilitator) to collect and rehabilitate the turtle. - Nesting turtles will not be disturbed. If a nesting turtle is encountered, activities within 30 m will cease until the turtle has left the area. Any turtle nests laid within the construction zone should be protected with a 10m buffer and an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted	These mitigation measures were previously included in Section 7.7.7.5, but the wording for some measures was modified to apply more broadly to all wildlife, not just turtles. Please see mitigation bullets 4, 5, 11 and 20.

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		(https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator) to relocate the nest to a suitable location outside the construction zone or collect the nest for ex situ incubation under an approved permit. - Please update the full Draft ESR to include these mitigation measures.	
33	Section 7.10 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Table 7-2	*Inspecting and cleaning equipment and vehicles as necessary to reduce potential for spreading invasive species propagules, in accordance with the Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry.* - Prior to site mobilization, the EPC contractor shall develop and submit a Clean Equipment Protocol consistent with Halloran et al., 2013, updated 2016. The plan shall identify: ○ Cleaning locations and methods. ○ Responsible personnel and a checklist to verify completion before entering and leaving the site. ○ Inspection and documentation procedures, including logs or photos of equipment before entry. ○ Wastewater and debris containment measures to prevent spread of plant material or contaminated soil. - During construction: ○ All vehicles, machinery, and construction materials entering the site shall be free of visible soil, seeds, or plant material. ○ The Contractor shall inspect and document each piece of equipment prior to entry and maintaining a Cleaning Log available for review upon request. ○ If equipment is found contaminated on-site, it shall be cleaned in a designated area before proceeding. ○ Spot audits may be conducted by the Contract Administrator or Environmental Inspector to confirm compliance. - Post construction: ○ A summary of cleaning activities and logs shall be provided as part of the Environmental Completion Report.	Hydro One acknowledges the requirement for inspecting and cleaning equipment and vehicles to prevent the spread of invasive species, in accordance with the Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Halloran et al., 2013; updated 2016). Hydro One confirms that the EPC contractor will include their specific plans to follow the Clean Equipment Protocol as part of the EMP for construction, which will be shared with First Nations for review prior to construction. As noted by MSIFN, records of equipment inspection will be kept by the EPC contractor during construction and cleaning (as needed) will follow the guidelines presented in the Clean Equipment Protocol. It should be noted that the Clean Equipment Protocol is a risk-based approach to mitigate the inadvertent spread of invasive species via construction equipment, and largely relies upon the risk of interaction with propagules and subsequent inspections, to inform the needs for equipment cleaning. The use of constructed access within sensitive habitats and natural areas such as wetlands, for example, provides a barrier between construction equipment and soils/plant propagules, such that once installed, equipment remaining on the constructed access and work pads are generally at low risk of such interactions. Similarly, equipment inspected and deemed to be free of propagules or debris arriving at or leaving site, may not require additional cleaning.

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34	Section 7.10 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Table 7-2	*If necessary, a Permit for Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alternation to Shorelines and Watercourses will be obtained through the applicable Conservation Authority (CLOCA, KC, and ORCA) prior to construction.* - The permit referenced—*"Permit for Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses"*—aligns with the former Section 28 regulations under Ontario Regulation 97/04 and individual CA regulations (e.g. 155/06 or 176/06). However, effective April 1, 2024, the province introduced Ontario Regulation 41/24: Prohibited Activities, Exemptions and Permits, replacing those earlier regulations.	Thank-you for catching this error. Sections 1.4.2, 7.7.3 and 7.10 of the final ESR will be updated accordingly.
35	Section 7.10 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Table 7-2	*Construction: Potential for erosion, sedimentation and soil loss during site preparation and construction activities.* - Please include the following mitigation measures: - ESC inspections shall be inspected after significant precipitation events (>15mm within 24 hrs and/or >5mm/hr which >=10mm have fallen) and extreme weather conditions, even during weekends and holidays. - A turbidity-total suspended solids relationship shall be established prior to any work on the site. The plan shall outline a turbidity target in which work is halted and methods/materials are upgraded to prevent exceedances. - In the event that turbidity water quality has been exceeded downstream of the work area, the work should be stopped and the work site and methods reviewed with Rights-holding First Nations to determine appropriate mitigation measures to reduce total suspended solids. Once the mitigations are implemented, work can resume. - Contingency plans will be developed for erosion and sediment control. - Exclusion fencing shall be placed around stockpiled materials to prevent mammals, reptiles and amphibians from entering the work area. This shall be inspected daily. Any sightings of turtles shall result in temporary	Development and implementation of an ESC plan for construction (as a component of the EMP) have been proposed in the final ESR and the plan will incorporate contingency measures for erosion and sediment control following the general principles as described in the ESR. Similar to the suggestion in this comment about ESC inspection, inspection of ESC measures has already been proposed after each significant event [>10mm in 12 hour period] (last bullet point). Site-specific ESC plan and construction water management (dewatering/discharge) plan, as required, will be prepared at detailed design stage. For more information about the general guiding principles that these plans will follow, please refer to Section 7.7.3 of the ESR. The ESC plans will include measures such as increased inspection/monitoring frequency during significant/extreme events as described above. Similarly, the construction water management plan will include measures to address the turbidity of any discharge waters, such as the use of filter bags or other sediment controls at the discharge point, placement of discharge locations on vegetated areas or on temporary gravel work pads and away from waterbodies, or if deemed necessary, site-specific turbidity-TSS relationship and site-specific turbidity thresholds for discharge of construction water to natural environment, depending on the downstream receiver and other aforementioned mitigation measures or specifics of the particular discharge location. Regarding the requested mitigation measures for turtle encounters, several of these are already covered by the following mitigations included in Section 7.7.7.5: ○ If a SAR or suspected SAR is encountered during construction, all activities within 500 m will be stopped until it has been determined that harm will not occur. The required activities will be assessed to determine whether the work/schedule can be modified, or mitigation measures employed, to avoid potential effects on SAR and their habitat; ○ If a SAR or suspected SAR is encountered during construction, a qualified biologist will be contacted for assistance immediately and the responsible government agency (MECP SAR Branch and/or ECCC CWS) will be informed if deemed necessary; ○ Any wildlife incidentally encountered will be protected from harm and harassment, all activities within 30 m of the individual will cease immediately and the individual will be provided a reasonable amount of time to leave the construction area on its own accord. If an injured animal is encountered an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator) to collect and rehabilitate the animal; ○ Potential SAR turtle habitat will be reviewed prior to installing ESC measures. If required, exclusion fencing will be installed per provincial guidelines; ○ Nesting turtles will not be disturbed. If a nesting turtle is encountered, activities within 30 m will cease until the turtle has left the area. Any turtle nests laid within the construction zone will be protected with a 10 m buffer and an MNR authorized local wildlife rehabilitator will be contacted (https://www.ontario.ca/page/find-wildlife-rehabilitator) to relocate the nest to a suitable location outside the construction zone or collect the nest for ex situ incubation under an approved permit.

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		halt in work until the turtle has moved away from the site. Turtles should be observed from a distance by a qualified environmental professional for the duration they occur within the work area. Qualified professionals should only intervene if turtles are in immediate danger (e.g., from moving vehicles) or observed nesting or attempting to nest within the work area. In these cases, turtles should be removed from the work area, according to the measures outlined in the Ontario Species at Risk Handling Manual: For Endangered Species Act Authorization Holders. Any injured turtles from construction shall halt work and await direction from the MECP. - Synthetic plastic erosion control blankets/mats should not be utilized, particularly during the nesting season, as they pose an entrapment hazard to turtles. Fibre-based biodegradable materials are only to be used.	The following additional mitigation measures will be added to Section 7.7.7.5 of the final ESR: ○ The Contractor will examine exclusion fencing periodically or following significant weather events to ensure it is in working condition and that any necessary repairs / maintenance is completed. ○ The use of mesh or netting type stabilization material shall not be used for erosion control measures in order to prevent entanglement of wildlife. If reinforced sediment fencing is required, it will be paige-wire backed and any erosion control materials that are laid on the ground will consist of non-mesh backed geotextile fabric (or alternative products such as Curlex Net-free blanket or similar products/methods that are free of plastic or metal mesh/netting).
36	Section 7.10 – Summary of Potential Environmental Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Table 7-2	*Natural Environment Resources – Physical Environment: Spills* - Please confirm that the additional details provided by HONI in their October 1, 2025, response will be included in the EMP for MSIFN Consultation's review.	Hydro One confirms that the additional details provided in our October 1, 2025 response will be incorporated into the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for MSIFN Consultation's review.
37	Table 7-3: Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Concerns and Mitigation Measures	*All water features that were not assessed or lacked information on permanence and thermal regime were assumed to be the most sensitive (i.e., cold water), detailed design will aim to avoid sensitive features (i.e., water features/fish habitats) to the extent practical and limit in-water works (i.e., water crossings) and impacts to the riparian areas. Where not practical, site-specific surveys will be completed to facilitate permitting. Hydro One confirms all appropriate studies will be completed and authorizations received ahead of any impacts.* - We appreciate the commitment to protecting fish and fish habitat and a commitment to completing site-specific surveys where required. MSIFN Consultation looks forward to	Hydro One will pass this comment to our EPC contractor, should construction plans involve encroachment into the areas identified here by MSIFN, additional surveys may be required to support permitting.

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		continuing collaboration to safeguard fish, fish habitat, and all aquatic features within the project area. - Additional eDNA testing and/or minnow trapping and/or electrofishing is recommended for sites where at least three cold-water, cultural, and/or conservation priority species have been historically recorded. This includes sites: WC-1001, WC-1008, WC-1014, WC-1015, WC-1019, WC-1020, WC-1033, WC-1034, WC-1036, etc.	
38	Appendix B – Environmental Inventory, Section 6.8.2	*Savannah and prairie communities have been identified as features of cultural significance by First Nations engaged on the Project […]* - MSIFN Consultation requests additional time to work with HONI to address potential construction-related concerns affecting savannah communities, following receipt of the initial dataset on November 25, 2025.	Hydro One acknowledges MSIFN's request for additional time to address potential construction-related concerns affecting savannah communities following receipt of the initial dataset on November 25, 2025. Hydro One is committed to working collaboratively with MSIFN to review the dataset and discuss any concerns or mitigation measures prior to construction. We will remain available to provide clarification, additional information, and participate in follow-up discussions as needed to ensure these matters are appropriately addressed. This commitment will be added to Table 7-3 Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Concerns and Mitigation Measures under landscapes of importance.
39	Appendix B – Environmental Inventory, Section 6.8.2	*Within the LSA, 16 areas of savannah communities were originally identified during desktop review. In 2024 and 2025, 11 of these areas were ground-truthed, and six areas were confirmed as savannah communities: two Cultural Savannah (CUS), one Mineral Cultural Savannah (CUS1), one Mixed Savannah (SVM), and two Coniferous Savannahs (SVC). An additional Coniferous Savannah (SVC) community, that was not previously identified during desktop review was identified during field surveys in 2025. (p. 60)* - Unfortunately, survey results cannot be spatially compared on a map. This is vital to Rights-holding First Nations communities to fully understand species assemblages and significant ecosystems and their functionality. - Please provide the following information: ○ Project geodatabase with all data sources documented (e.g., desktop ELC categorizations and ELC surveys), including all species-level observations tied to ELC categorization and ELC stations. ▪ Clip data to the Location Study Area (LSA) to facilitate manageable sharing.	Hydro One understands that savannah communities are culturally significant to MSIFN and is committed to working collaboratively to identify and protect these culturally significant ecosystems. Hydro One has provided the following information to MSIFN on November 24, 2025 to facilitate their review: • Shapefiles for all study areas (ROW, PSA, LSA) and ELC communities • A summary table of savannah communities mapped in the PSA and LSA (including desktop assessment and field-verified results); as per Table 7-1 of the ESR, savannah habitat was not identified with the ROW for the new transmission line. • ELC data and photos for field verified cultural savannah communities Breeding bird data for stations that overlapped savannah communities

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<tr><td>40</td><td>N/A</td><td>- Clarification is required on what is meant by “Deciduous Forest” and “Dry-fresh maple Deciduous Forest,” specifically the corresponding ELC classifications for FOD and FOD-5.

- Species observations from terrestrial windshield surveys and ELC surveys in FOD and FOD-5 were not shared spatially, particularly species of cultural significance to MSIFN, including but not limited to Butternut, Black Ash, and Sugar Maple.

- Please provide these species observations to MSIFN Consultation, including applicable data sources that could be uploaded into ArcGIS.

- Please confirm whether additional surveys will be conducted in 2026 on FOD and FOD-5 lands, including the preparation of arborist reports for vegetation located within the PSA.

- MSIFN Consultation remains concerned that culturally significant trees may be removed from the landscape without proper documentation, notification, or compensation.</td><td>The various codes are based on the Ecological Land Classification for Southern Ontario: First Approximation and Its Application. The ELC System uses different organizational levels to classify communities. The highest level is the ‘Community Class’, followed by the ‘Community Series’, then the ‘Ecosite’ and finally the ‘Vegetation Type’ (which is the finest level of resolution in the ELC).

‘FOD’ is an ELC Community Series. Community Series are units that are normally visible and consistently recognizable on air-photos and are the lowest level in the ELC classification system that can be identified without a site visit. For the most part, Community Series are identified based on whether the community has open, shrub or treed vegetation cover, as well as whether the plant form is deciduous, coniferous or mixed. FOD5 is an Ecosite. An Ecosite is a mappable, landscape unit integrating a consistent set of environmental factors and vegetation characteristics. See screenshot below for characteristics for FOD and FOD5 communities.

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<tr><td>Dry – Fresh Sugar Maple Deciduous Forest Ecosite</td><td>FOD5</td><td></td><td></td><td>- Sugar Maple with Beech, Red Oak, White Oak, Ironwood, Basswood, Black Cherry, Bitternut Hickory, Shagbark Hickory, White Ash, Red Maple, White Birch, Trembling Aspen and Largetooth Aspen; dominant species may vary
- heavily managed, grazed or disturbed sites tend to be relatively lacking in shrub and understorey vegetation
- Alternate-leaved Dogwood, Raspberry and Red Elderberry
- Trillium spp., Wild Sarsaparilla, Blue Cohosh, Jack-in-the-pulpit and Wild Leek</td><td>- moderately dry (0) to fresh (1,2,3) soil moisture regimes
- shallow soils over bedrock, rock, sands and loams
- rapid (2) to well (3) drained sites
- typically on upper to middle slopes (1,2,3) or tablelands (7) with suitable drainage</td></tr>
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The DKPL desktop ELC assessment was completed at a high level (to the ELC Community Series). Field verification included both detailed surveys (to the ELC Ecosite) and high level surveys (to the ELC Community Series). The Community Series classification was used where detailed site information was not available from field verification (e.g. for communities where there was limited access or that occurred beyond ELC station locations).

Locations of all SCS were provided to MSIFN in the summary tables submitted with comment responses for DNER Rev2 on October 20, 2025. Tables 1 and 4 provided with that submission specify which ELC Unit each tree/plant SCS was confirmed in. In addition, shapefiles for all the ELC communities were provided to MSIFN on November 24, 2025. Locations (geopoints) for Black Ash and Butternut are provided in Tables 1 and 2 of this submission. GPS co-ordinates for the Butternuts at Clarington Station have also been provided to MSIFN previously. Note that the GPS co-ordinates are anticipated to be more accurate than the geopoints and will be what is provided to MECP in the BHA report if it is determined that an ESA authorization is required for impacts to Butternuts.

The need for additional field surveys where there is Project interaction with woodlands and SCS will be evaluated during detailed design and in consultation with First Nations. Given that several common tree and woodland wildlife species have been identified as important to MSIFN, Hydro One will precautionarily assume that all woodlands in the study areas are culturally significant and appropriate mitigation and offsetting will be developed for any woodlands subject to clearing, in consultation with First Nations.

It is important to note that the Project is not anticipated to have measurable effects on woodlands given the use of the existing transmission line corridor, thereby avoiding new disturbances to woodlands or large-scale transitions. This clarification will be added to the final ESR.</td></tr>
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Table 1: Butternut Locations

X	Y	Study Area
[redacted]		

These geopoints represent 47 Butternuts across 3 general locations (as Figures 4.1, 4.15, 4.16 of the NER)

Table 2: Black Ash Locations

X	Y	Study Area
[redacted]		

These 16 geopoints represent 31 Black Ash Trees across 10 general locations
(as depicted on Figures 4.2, 4.7 to 4.9, 4.12, 4.13, 4.15, 4.18 to 4.20 of the NER)

Agency Comments and Responses

Ministry of Natural Resources Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR

From: Rigney, Christa (MNR) <Christa.Rigney@ontario.ca>
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Subject: Hydro One Durham Kawartha Power Line Project - Draft ESR Comments

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Hi Hydro One
Thank you for circulating the Ministry of Natural Resources on the Draft Environmental Report (ESR) for Hydro One's Durham Kawartha Power Line Project. We have no concerns with the project generally, however there still appears to be a discrepancy in the assessment of overlap with Enfield Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW) Complex along the preferred alternative (Alternative 2). In the ESR, page 287, Table 5-10 it is estimated that alternative B traverses 0.62ha of ANSI and 0.38ha of PSW. I would expect the area of PSW to be equal or larger to the area of ANSI given:

- that the eastern area of ANSI and PSW boundaries where the preferred alternative intersects are very similar boundaries, and
- there is an additional crossing of a separate polygon of PSW alone (no ANSI) southwest of the intersection with Columbus Road East/Langmaid Road.

Figure 2.1 of the Existing Conditions Report (Appendix B of ESR) does show the Enfield PSW polygon delineated southwest of the intersection with Columbus Road East/Langmaid Road. However, the calculations of PSW impact area do not seem to jive relative to those for the ANSI. As you may recall, we previously identified concerns that this southern polygon of PSW was not appearing in Hydro One mapping. We suggest you reconfirm your calculations and reporting of impacts upon PSWs.

Also, please note that there are still a few refences to "MNRF" and "Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry" in the ESR and suggest it be updated to remove the "Forestry" reference as it is no longer our Ministry name.
Kind Regards,
Christa

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Hi Christa,

Thank you for your detailed review and comments on the Draft Environmental Study Report (ESR). We appreciate your continued engagement and the opportunity to clarify the points you raised.

Regarding the discrepancy noted in Table 5-10, please note that this table provides a comparative evaluation of Route Alternatives A and B only. It does not include other route sections that are common to both alternatives. Route Alternative B begins northeast of the Columbus Road East/Langmaid Road intersection; therefore, the section of the Enfield PSW located southwest of this intersection is not included in the calculation shown in Table 5-10.
Further, while Figure 2.1 in Appendix B shows the Enfield PSW polygon, the scale makes it difficult to see the subtle differences between the PSW and ANSI boundaries northeast of the intersection. Please see the attached figure for clarification showing the Right of Way intersection we are referring to at this location. The calculations provided in the attached figure are correct:

PSW = 0.38 ha (black and white hatched area)
ANSI = 0.62 ha (pink outlined area)

Additional calculations will be added to Sections 7.7.6.4 and 7.7.7.1 of the ESR to specify the amount (ha) and percentage of ANSIs and PSWs intersecting the **full** Preferred Route ROW. It is important to note that intersection with the ROW does not necessarily equate to impacts, as mitigation measures (e.g., slinging wires over wetlands) will be implemented to avoid interactions.

Thank you also for noting the references to “MNRF.” The reference in Table 1-1 (Potentially Required Permits, Licenses and Approvals) will be updated in the final ESR to reflect the current ministry name. References in the ESR and NER to publications dated prior to the name change will retain “MNRF” in citations in accordance with our style guide.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or require additional information.

Hope you have an enjoyable holiday season.

Kind Regards,

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Preferred Route PSW and ANSI Right-of-Way Intersect

Preferred Route Right-of-Way

Preferred Route Centerline

ANSI

Provincially Significant Wetlands

ANSI Right-of-Way Intersect = 0.62 ha

PSW Right-of-Way Intersect = 0.38 ha

1:2,257

0 0.02 0.04 0.08 mi

0 0.03 0.06 0.12 km

Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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Re: **Durham Kawartha Power Line project**
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities
Draft Environmental Study Report

Dear Rhona Scott:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the above noted project. Ministry staff have reviewed the draft ESR and relevant appendices, and the following comments are shared with your team for consideration:

Air Quality

The ministry recommends clarifying the items noted below in the final ESR submission or through a disposition comments table submission. Based on our review of the preliminary impacts assessment, it appears that there are no significant local air pollution sources other than those associated with the construction phase of the project, and these construction off-site impacts can typically be mitigated.

The ministry's comments and additional clarification required with respect to the local and regional air quality impacts from the proposed Durham Kawartha Transmission line and Transfer stations are summarized below:

1. Details for the Clarington and Dobbin Transformer stations should be included for public transparency purposes. Hence, a general statement to this would show

readers that the assessment has considered all phases of the proposed undertaking and its impacts.

2. Please discuss if there are any air emission sources from the transfer stations, such as an emergency and or standby generator that will operate for more than 500 hours as per the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) guidelines.

3. The ministry recommends clarifying if Guideline A-9 for Boilers and Heaters is applicable to the proposed transfer stations and or auxiliary components. Further, it would be beneficial if the proponent could clarify the *North American Industry Classification System* (NAICS) codes and whether an *Environmental Activity Sector Registry* (EASR) air submission is applicable to the transfer stations.

   If Guideline A-9 for Boilers and Heaters and or an EASR air submission are not applicable, a discussion noting this in the final ESR is also recommended for public information purposes.

4. Additional clarification is required with respect to other different Environmental Assessments that may be indirectly associated with the proposed undertaking. That is, a qualitative air quality impacts discussion on the incremental differences is warranted between the base case scenario (power output) versus the proposed future scenario (power output – proposed 400 MW to service the study area).

5. As noted in the draft ESR, the Project's construction and operation will result in the temporary release of greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions and combustion by-products because of increased machinery. It would be beneficial if the proponent could clarify the incremental differences with respect to GHG emissions between the existing and proposed future scenario.

6. As per CCME guidelines, Guideline A-9 recommends emission NOx limits for heaters and boilers. For instance, Guideline A-9 stipulates different NOx emission limits for different ranges, such as between 10 - 100 MMBtu/h versus >100 MMBtu/h. Furthermore, the ministry recommends including a discussion if an EASR air submission applies to the proposed undertaking.

7. A brief qualitative discussion in the Draft ESR on total suspended particulate (coarser PM10 versus finer particulates PM2.5) emissions sources with respect to the temporary construction impacts may be warranted.

8. Further to the dust mitigation measures discussed in section 7.7.2.2 "Air Quality" of the draft ESR, the proponent should consider the following recommendations, to minimize off-site dust impacts, particularly at critical sensitive receptors:

a) The ministry recommends the proponent to include in the commitments section of the ESR a dust best management plan to be in place during the construction phase. The following additional items should be considered:

   - Since mitigation measures will be applied to address the potential effects of air quality from the project, especially during the construction phase, the detailed emission sources associated with the Project during the construction and operation phases should be specified in the report. This information can be used to develop the comprehensive mitigation measures for the proposed project.

   - There should be trained personnel on-site to monitor the status of dust and air emissions and check the operation/implementation of the mitigation measures. Wherever possible, the proponent may want to consider using an alternative to chemical dust suppressants if feasible, particularly during dry and hot conditions.

   - A dust complaint protocol including tracking the complaints and implementation of the corrective actions and ambient monitoring if needed should be developed.

   - Further, it may be beneficial for the proponent to consider conducting ambient monitoring near the worst impacted receptors for the 3km transmission underground stretch in Clarington so that it will minimize off-site dust impacts and by-products of incomplete combustion at the nearest sensitive receptors.

   - As stipulated in the Draft ESR, disturbed areas will be restored as soon as practical to minimize duration of soil exposure. The proponent may want to consider a revegetation plan to reduce suspended particulate after construction is complete where it is feasible.

     For further guidance, please refer to Appendix E: “Examples of Typical Mitigation Measures” of Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission lines (Hydro One, February 2024) and Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects.

9. Lastly, the ministry also recommends additional consultation with residents and businesses adjacent to the transmission line and stations be held in advance of construction commencement to address any questions and concerns related to air quality.

Noise and Vibration

The submitted draft ESR and its appendices includes very limited reference to environmental noise and vibration emissions from the proposed undertaking. The review comments are summarized below:

1) **Construction Noise and Vibration**: Reference should be made to Ministry Publications NPC-115 “Construction Equipment”, NPC-118 “Motorized Conveyances”, NPC-119 “Blasting” and NPC-207 “Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings”. Reference should also be made to local municipal noise and vibration by-laws, where applicable.

2) **Operational Noise**: Publication NPC-360 dated March 31, 2011 should be used to assess the noise emissions from high voltage (HV) transmission lines similar to the one under consideration. Publication NPC-300 is applicable for stationary sources such as transformer substations. The noise assessment for this HV transmission line should be prepared in accordance with Publication NPC-360, while the assessment of transformer substations should be prepared in accordance with Publication NPC-300. It is recommended that all efforts should be made at this stage of the project to identify the predictable worst-case noise impact of the project and if required, investigate noise mitigation measures due to the potential complexities and costs related to post-design or post-construction of the transmission line and transformer substations.

3) **Ministry Documents:** attached (Guideline and supporting documentation) are two Ministry guidelines for the assessment of high voltage transmission line projects. Please ensure that the noise report is prepared in accordance with these two Ministry documents.

   A) Publication NPC-360, (Protocol for Predicting Audible Noise from HV Transmission Lines), of the document titled “Protocol for the Measurement and Prediction of Audible Noise from HV Transmission Lines (Final Draft)” - Publication NPC-360 dated March 31, 2011 (Ver. 2); and

   B) The example acoustic assessment report for high voltage transmission lines titled “Acoustic Assessment Report, ACME Power Generation, Proposed Green Valley High Voltage Transmission Line, Main Road to Secondary Road Anytown, Ontario” dated April 6, 2011.

4) **Points of Reception:** list all points of reception on both sides of the proposed transmission line. It should be noted that an assessment of predicted audible noise (i.e., operational audible noise) is not required for transmission lines of 600 kV or less where the location of a point of reception exceeds 200 metres from the closest edge of the right-of-way (Part A of Publication NPC-360).

5) **Vacant lots:** noise sensitive vacant lots and approved (future) developments should be considered in the noise and vibration report.

6) **Vibration:** identify buildings / receptors that are sensitive to vibration due to construction blasting and piling.

7) **Assessment:** the noise and vibration impact assessments of all the project components should be included in the noise report. The noise assessment

should follow the guidance in item 3A and 3B above. The vibration assessment should follow the guidelines in Publication NPC-119 for Blasting and Publication NPC-207 “Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings” for piling (impulse vibration).

8) **UTM coordinates of the PORs**: considering the extensive length of this transmission line (approximately 53 km), the UTM coordinates of all selected points of reception should be listed in the noise report and provided in an Excel file.

9) **Air Emission Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (AE EASR):** Hydro One should confirm whether the Clarington TS and Dobbin TS require Air Emission Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) approval from MECP.

Climate Change

Appendix L provides a brief qualitative acknowledgment of climate change but does not reference climate data or future projections. Climate change adaptation is deferred to the detailed design stage, but future design decisions should still be informed by credible climate information and an understanding of what system components are at risk.

The ministry recommends that the proponent base future climate adaptation commitments on climatic projections and data rather than general statements. Future design work should consider projected changes in extreme precipitation, temperature, and related system stresses.

To assist the project team with addressing this matter, the ministry suggests the following resources:

- Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment (PCCIA) Technical Report, 2023, a regional and sector-based climate change impact assessment to support informed decisions that address regional and sector-specific impacts of climate change.

Other resources and data sources include:

- Ontario Climate Change Data Portal
- Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Climate Atlas of Canada and
- Canadian Climate Data and Scenarios.

Indigenous Consultation

Appendix A provides consultation records including contact list of indigenous communities, class environmental assessment consultation materials. The review comments are offered below:

- Missing Records- all emails, meeting minutes, phone logs, etc must be provided as part of the final application.
- Ensure the records are updated with the Notice of Completion sent and there are outstanding responses that were still to come from Hydro One to the communities. Given that the project is still open for public consultation, and therefore communities can still submit feedback.
- Any feedback received from the communities shall be appropriately captured in the updated records as part of the documentation.

***Endangered Species Act,* 2007**

Please be advised that on June 5, 2025, the Province of Ontario passed *Protecting Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025* which included amendments to the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* (ESA) that are now in force, and the creation of the *Species Conservation Act, 2025* which is not yet in effect. For more information on the amended ESA and guidance to help you determine next steps in the authorization process, please review the attached *Applying for a New Permit Under the Amended Endangered Species Act, 2007*. These changes are intended to streamline permit applications and approvals and help projects proceed faster while continuing to provide important protections for species at risk and their habitats.

The ministry has completed a preliminary review to assess the potential impacts of the proposal on species at risk protected under the *Endangered Species Act*, 2007. The following preliminary comments are shared to assist the project team moving forward:

1. MECP notes that the Class EA Consultation and the Final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report have some of the Species at Risk information redacted from the sections listed below. So MECP can conduct a full review of the activities for impacts to species at risk and their habitat, please provide the unredacted documents:
    - Appendix B: Section 6 - Evaluation of Natural Heritage Features in the Study Area
    - Appendix B: Place holder for Figure 4: Terrestrial Survey Results - Ecological Land Classification and SAR/SOCC/SCS – which appears should contain the maps for Black Ash, Bank Swallow, Blanding's Turtle etc.

2. When the public consultation process for the Class Environmental Assessment is complete, MECP asks that the client please submit an Information Gathering Form (IGF), which summarizes the proposed activities, the potential impacts to species at risk and their habitat and the proposed mitigations. The Species at Risk Branch technical staff will review the IGF and provide guidance on the most appropriate type of *Endangered Species Act, 2007* (ESA) permit or agreement for the activity.

Seeking an *Endangered Species Act, 2007* (ESA) authorization or exemption is an applicant-led process. Undertaking the necessary due diligence to assess whether an activity qualifies for an exemption, requires a permit, or is outside the scope of the Act, is the responsibility of the person or organization planning to undertake an activity.

Water Resources

It is recommended the following be completed:

1) Desktop hydrogeological study - This study can be used later to support an application for either a Permit to Take Water or Construction Dewatering EASR should one or the other be required. This study can be completed during the geotechnical investigation for the project.
2) Include a desk top study on Source Water Protection and whether the corridor extends over or is adjacent to any Wellhead Protection Zones or Intake Protection Zones.
3) Determine whether any contaminated sites are within or adjacent to the corridor.
4) Include a discussion of the handling of excess soil (O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management).
5) Completed a wells survey and determine whether any domestic or municipal wells could be impacted (Ontario Regulation 903, Wells).

Conclusion

It is recommended that the above noted review comments are addressed when the draft ESR and relevant appendices gets updated.

Should you or any members of your project team have any questions regarding the comments shared, please contact me at chunmei.liu@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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Durham Kawartha Power Line: MECP Draft ESR Comment Responses

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1	Air Quality	Based on our review of the preliminary impacts assessment, it appears that there are no significant local air pollution sources other than those associated with the construction phase of the project, and these construction off-site impacts can typically be mitigated. The ministry's comments and additional clarification required with respect to the local and regional air quality impacts from the proposed Durham Kawartha Transmission line and Transfer stations are summarized below: Details for the Clarington and Dobbin Transformer stations should be included for public transparency purposes. Hence, a general statement to this would show readers that the assessment has considered all phases of the proposed undertaking and its impacts.	Thank you for your comments regarding local and regional air quality impacts. Details of the work at Clarington and Dobbin Transformer Stations are described in Section 6 of the Environmental Study Report (ESR), and the potential effects of this work are considered in Chapter 7. Both stations are existing facilities and, in their current form, are part of the baseline environment for the project. Their primary function will remain unchanged—the work associated with the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) project is limited to facilitating the connection of new 230 kV circuits. With respect to air and noise considerations, these stations currently operate under Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) or Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) registrations, which have been submitted to and are registered with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). For example, Clarington previously held a noise ECA prior to the introduction of EASRs. It is important to note that transformer stations do not generate air emissions; they are not generating stations but rather facilities that transform voltage of electricity that has already been generated and supplied to the provincial electricity grid. The existing ECA/EASR requirements relate solely to noise produced by transformers, and no new transformers will be added as part of this project. Table 1-1 Other Permits, Licenses and Approvals will be updated to reflect this. The only situation where a transformer station would require air emissions modeling as a component of the ECA/EASR is if additional equipment, such as a permanent standby generator, is required to be installed at the station, which is not the case for the work being conducted through the DKPL project. To your final point, the ESR does consider and include the station expansion work and its associated effects (as described in Chapter 6, with the effects and associated mitigation measures listed in Chapter 7 also pertaining to those relevant aspects of the station work). For public transparency, we will ensure that this is reiterated clearly in the final ESR. Specifically, we will incorporate additional detail in Chapters 6 and 7 as well as the introduction and conclusion chapters to reinforce that the assessment has considered all phases of the proposed undertaking and their potential impacts.
2	Air Quality	Please discuss if there are any air emission sources from the transfer stations, such as an emergency and or standby generator that will operate for more than 500 hours as per the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) guidelines.	Thank you for your comment. Hydro One will not be adding any new emergency or standby generators as a result of the Project. This will be clarified in the final ESR. Any existing generators at transformer stations are accounted for in existing approvals.
3	Air Quality	The ministry recommends clarifying if Guideline A-9 for Boilers and Heaters is applicable to the proposed transfer stations and or auxiliary components. Further, it would be beneficial if the proponent could clarify the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes and whether an Environmental Activity Sector Registry (EASR) air submission is applicable to the transfer stations. If Guideline A-9 for Boilers and Heaters and or an EASR air submission are not applicable, a discussion noting this in the final ESR is also recommended for public information purposes.	Thank you for your comment. Hydro One will not be adding any new boilers or heaters as a result of the Project, therefore Guidelines A-9 for Boilers and Heaters are not applicable. Any existing boilers or heaters at transformer stations are registered in the EASR. Hydro One will incorporate discussion of this in the final ESR.
4	Air Quality	Additional clarification is required with respect to other different Environmental Assessments that may be indirectly associated with the proposed undertaking. That is, a qualitative air quality impacts discussion on the incremental differences is warranted between the base case scenario (power output) versus the proposed future scenario (power output – proposed 400 MW to service the study area).	We would like to note that this request is outside the scope of the requirements under the Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (Class EA for TF, 2024). The Class EA for TF clearly states in Section 6.4 that, "the assessment will include the proposed project and any other proposed projects in the immediate project area where documentation is available (e.g., other environmental assessments)." Hydro One has completed the Environmental Study Report (ESR) in accordance with these requirements. Further, Hydro One is not able to adequately assess the effects of other undertakings for which it is not the proponent, and therefore the assessment contained in the DKPL ESR must focus on only those projects where effects assessments/impacts statements/ESRs have already been published, or projects where Hydro

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			One is also the proponent and can make informed judgements using our expertise as the largest transmitter and distributor of electricity in Ontario. Regional planning for electricity infrastructure, including considerations of future demand and system needs, is undertaken by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) based on long-term forecasts. Hydro One does not control or assess speculative induced developments or future generation projects, as these are subject to separate planning and regulatory processes and Hydro One is not the proponent of these undertakings. This approach is consistent with the principles we have communicated regarding cumulative effects—Hydro One cannot reasonably predict or evaluate impacts from developments beyond the scope of the immediate vicinity and timing of the undertaking. Section 7.12 of the ESR includes a cumulative effects assessment that describes how the net effects of the Project may combine with effects from other proposed undertakings in the local study area for which the environmental effects are known (have been published by the proponent) or can reasonably be inferred (e.g., Hydro One undertakings in the vicinity) and therefore can be compared directly to DKPL by way of reviewing the overlap of the two in both space and time. Future developments that may be indirectly associated with the Project would be subject to their own applicable environmental assessment processes and regulatory approvals. For these reasons, a qualitative discussion comparing "base case" versus "future scenario" power output is not warranted within the scope of this Class EA. The ESR appropriately addresses the project's direct and cumulative effects in accordance with the approved methodology.
5	Air Quality	As noted in the draft ESR, the Project's construction and operation will result in the temporary release of greenhouse gases (GHG) emissions and combustion by-products because of increased machinery. It would be beneficial if the proponent could clarify the incremental differences with respect to GHG emissions between the existing and proposed future scenario.	As noted in the draft ESR, GHG emissions associated with the Project will be limited to the construction phase and will primarily result from the use of typical vehicles and construction equipment, with the potential for a temporary generator at a construction yard if required. The anticipated duration of construction is approximately two years. Given the nature of the work, any incremental increase in GHG emissions relative to existing conditions will be negligible. In the context of current vehicle and equipment use within the eastern GTA–Kawartha region, emissions from DKTL construction activities represent a very small and temporary contribution. No additional emissions sources are anticipated during operation, as the Project involves the construction of transmission infrastructure only. For these reasons, we do not feel that any further detailed comparison between "existing" and "future" scenarios is warranted. The ESR appropriately addresses GHG emissions in accordance with the requirements of the Class EA in Section 7.7.2.1.
6	Air Quality	As per CCME guidelines, Guideline A-9 recommends emission NOx limits for heaters and boilers. For instance, Guideline A-9 stipulates different NOx emission limits for different ranges, such as between 10 - 100 MMBtu/h versus >100 MMBtu/h. Furthermore, the ministry recommends including a discussion if an EASR air submission applies to the proposed undertaking.	Thank you for your comment. Hydro One will not be adding any new boilers or heaters as a result of the Project, therefore Guidelines A-9 for Boilers and Heaters are not applicable. Any existing boilers or heaters at transformer stations are registered in the EASR.
7	Air Quality	A brief qualitative discussion in the Draft ESR on total suspended particulate (coarser PM10 versus finer particulates PM2.5) emissions sources with respect to the temporary construction impacts may be warranted.	Thank you for your comment. We will include a brief qualitative discussion under Section 7.7.2.2 in the final ESR for total suspended particulate emissions sources with respect to temporary construction impacts. In general, particle sizes can be divided into the following categories: - Particulate matter with a diameter of less than 44 microns (µm) or total suspended particulate - Particles with a diameter of 10 µm or less or PM10 - Particles with a diameter of less than 2.5 µm or PM2.5

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			Particles with a diameter of 10 µm or less are typically generated during common construction activities such as material handling, stockpiling, fuel combustion and vehicles travelling on paved or unpaved surfaces. Particles with a diameter of 2.5 µm or less are typically generated through fuel combustion processes. Mitigation measures were included in the draft ESR to limit adverse effects from fugitive dust and combustion projects.
8	Air Quality	Further to the dust mitigation measures discussed in section 7.7.2.2 "Air Quality" of the draft ESR, the proponent should consider the following recommendations, to minimize off-site dust impacts, particularly at critical sensitive receptors: a) The ministry recommends the proponent to include in the commitments section of the ESR a dust best management plan to be in place during the construction phase. The following additional items should be considered: - Since mitigation measures will be applied to address the potential effects of air quality from the project, especially during the construction phase, the detailed emission sources associated with the Project during the construction and operation phases should be specified in the report. This information can be used to develop the comprehensive mitigation measures for the proposed project. - There should be trained personnel on-site to monitor the status of dust and air emissions and check the operation/implementation of the mitigation measures. Wherever possible, the proponent may want to consider using an alternative to chemical dust suppressants if feasible, particularly during dry and hot conditions. - A dust complaint protocol including tracking the complaints and implementation of the corrective actions and ambient monitoring if needed should be developed. - Further, it may be beneficial for the proponent to consider conducting ambient monitoring near the worst impacted receptors for the 3km transmission underground stretch in Clarington so that it will minimize off-site dust impacts and by-products of incomplete combustion at the nearest sensitive receptors. - As stipulated in the Draft ESR, disturbed areas will be restored as soon as practical to minimize duration of soil exposure. The proponent may want to consider a revegetation plan to reduce suspended particulate after construction is complete where it is feasible. For further guidance, please refer to Appendix E: "Examples of Typical Mitigation Measures" of Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission lines (Hydro One, February 2024) and Guide to Environmental Assessment Requirements for Electricity Projects.	Section 7.7.2.2 of the ESR already describes the anticipated sources of emissions and the mitigation measures that will be implemented during construction. Emissions will be limited to typical construction equipment and vehicles, with the potential use of a temporary generator at a construction yard if required. All equipment will be properly maintained to minimize emissions. Construction activities are expected to occur over approximately two years. Crews will monitor dust conditions during construction and apply dust suppression measures as necessary. Based on experience, water application is the most common and effective method, and Hydro One is prepared to commit to the use of non-chemical dust suppression where feasible. We will confirm the specifics of this approach during detailed design and construction planning. Additional details that may arise during detailed design will be incorporated into the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) post-EA; however, these are not expected to differ significantly from what is already described in the ESR. Complaints and any necessary follow-up actions will be documented by the EPC contractor in accordance with Hydro One's standard protocols. At this time, Hydro One does not intend to commit to ambient monitoring, as the measures outlined above are considered sufficient to minimize off-site dust impacts and are typical of all previous Hydro One transmission construction projects. Disturbed areas will be restored as soon as practical following construction, and revegetation will be considered where feasible to further reduce particulate matter, with additional interim measures being employed if required.
9	Air Quality	Lastly, the ministry also recommends additional consultation with residents and businesses adjacent to the transmission line and stations be held in advance of construction commencement to address any questions and concerns related to air quality.	Hydro One commits to continuing consultation with residents and businesses adjacent to the Project in advance of construction commencement to address any questions and concerns related to air quality. Directly impacted property owners within the Right-of-Way have a dedicated Real Estate representative to address concerns regarding project impacts. Hydro One will distribute notices in advance of construction commencement to nearby properties informing them of the planned commencement of construction and inviting any questions or concerns.
10	Noise and Vibration	**Construction Noise and Vibration:** Reference should be made to Ministry Publications NPC-115 "Construction Equipment", NPC-118 "Motorized Conveyances", NPC-119 "Blasting" and NPC-207 "Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings". Reference should also be made to local municipal noise and vibration by-laws, where applicable.	"All work is expected to be completed using common construction methods and in general accordance with the MECP's Publication NPC-115 "Construction Equipment", Publication NPC-118 "Motorized Conveyances" and Publication NPC-119 "Blasting"." Construction activities will also conform to local noise control by-laws or exemptions will be sought from the appropriate Municipality, if needed.
11	Noise and Vibration	**Operational Noise:** Publication NPC-360 dated March 31, 2011 should be used to assess the noise emissions from high voltage (HV) transmission lines similar to the one under consideration. Publication NPC-300 is applicable for stationary sources such as transformer substations. The noise assessment for this HV transmission line should be prepared in	The project will not involve installation of new transformers or any other additional significant noise sources at the Transformer Stations (TS). There are existing Environmental Compliance Approvals for the terminal stations.

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		accordance with Publication NPC-360, while the assessment of transformer substations should be prepared in accordance with Publication NPC-300. It is recommended that all efforts should be made at this stage of the project to identify the predictable worst-case noise impact of the project and if required, investigate noise mitigation measures due to the potential complexities and costs related to post-design or post-construction of the transmission line and transformer substations.	Hydro One notes that NPC-360 is marked as "final draft" and does not appear to be published publicly anywhere on the Ministry's website (in contrast to other established guidance such as NPC-300). The noise assessment (predictive modeling) methodology presented in NPC-360 requires an advanced level of detailed design that we have not yet reached for the DKPL project, as our EPC contractor responsible for completing detailed design has not yet been formally awarded the work. While we will not have the required engineering information required to complete this assessment in time to include in the final ESR, we will commit to continue investigating the application of the noise modeling approach described in NPC-360 as we continue to advance detailed design and engineering work, and will keep the Ministry apprised of our progress and preliminary results.
12	Noise and Vibration	**Ministry Documents:** attached (Guideline and supporting documentation) are two Ministry guidelines for the assessment of high voltage transmission line projects. Please ensure that the noise report is prepared in accordance with these two Ministry documents. A) Publication NPC-360, (Protocol for Predicting Audible Noise from HV Transmission Lines), of the document titled "Protocol for the Measurement and Prediction of Audible Noise from HV Transmission Lines (Final Draft)" - Publication NPC-360 dated March 31, 2011 (Ver. 2); and B) The example acoustic assessment report for high voltage transmission lines titled "Acoustic Assessment Report, ACME Power Generation, Proposed Green Valley High Voltage Transmission Line, Main Road to Secondary Road Anytown, Ontario" dated April 6, 2011.	The Project will conduct the noise modeling approach described in NPC-360 when the required detailed design and engineering information is available, and will share the results with the MECP when this has been completed.
13	Noise and Vibration	**Points of Reception:** list all points of reception on both sides of the proposed transmission line. It should be noted that an assessment of predicted audible noise (i.e., operational audible noise) is not required for transmission lines of 600 kV or less where the location of a point of reception exceeds 200 metres from the closest edge of the right-of-way (Part A of Publication NPC-360).	The Project will conduct the noise modeling approach described in NPC-360 when the required detailed design and engineering information is available, and will share the results with the MECP when this has been completed. This will include mention of nearby PORs as requested, though we would like to reiterate that the majority (of the DKPL project (approximately 94% of the new transmission line) is located within an existing transmission corridor, where existing lines would be generating comparable levels of operational noise as a baseline condition of the environment for this Project.
14	Noise and Vibration	**Vacant lots:** noise sensitive vacant lots and approved (future) developments should be considered in the noise and vibration report.	We will consider noise sensitive vacant lots and approved future developments in the upcoming assessment of predicted audible noise, noting that we are not currently aware of any approved future developments in proximity (i.e., within 200 m) of the proposed Project. Line ROW. We would like to reiterate that the majority (of the DKPL project (approximately 94% of the new transmission line) is located within an existing transmission corridor, where existing lines would be generating comparable levels of operational noise as a baseline condition of the environment for this Project.
15	Noise and Vibration	**Vibration:** identify buildings / receptors that are sensitive to vibration due to construction blasting and piling.	Sensitive receptors will be identified in the project-specific EMP, for consideration when planning work such as implosive splicing locations. As detailed in Section 7.7.2.3 *(Environmental Effects and Mitigation Measures – Noise and Vibration)*of the Draft ESR It should be noted that while implosive conductor splicing locations have not yet been determined, that implosive splicing locations will maintain safe distance from sensitive receptors such as homes. While implosive splicing is the most reliable and commonly used method to splice sections of transmission-voltage conductor, in situations where splicing must

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			occur in close proximity to sensitive receptors (e.g., at heavy angle locations where there may be houses abutting the ROW), non-implosive methods such as compression sleeves will be used. Helical pile foundations are a low-vibration technique and are not anticipated to have any significant risk to structures outside of the ROW. Helical pile foundations were selected for use in part because of the low level of vibration associated with their installation. In some instances where the soil is not conducive to helical pile foundations, the EPC may choose to use augured, cast in place concrete foundations, an approach which Hydro One has historically employed on its transmission structure foundations (e.g., the majority of existing structures within the transmission corridor that is being used for the DKPL project). No hammer driven piles will be used on the project
16	Noise and Vibration	**Assessment:** the noise and vibration impact assessments of all the project components should be included in the noise report. The noise assessment should follow the guidance in item 3A and 3B above. The vibration assessment should follow the guidelines in Publication NPC-119 for Blasting and Publication NPC-207 “Impulse Vibration in Residential Buildings” for piling (impulse vibration).	As noted above, we will prepare a noise modelling assessment once sufficient detailed design work has been completed. Regarding sources of vibration, it should be noted that while implosive conductor splicing locations have not yet been determined, that implosive splicing locations will maintain safe distance from sensitive receptors such as homes. While implosive splicing is the most reliable and commonly used method to splice sections of transmission-voltage conductor, in situations where splicing must occur in close proximity to sensitive receptors (e.g., at heavy angle locations where there may be houses abutting the ROW), non-implosive methods such as compression sleeves will be used. If it becomes apparent that implosive conductor splicing is required in close proximity to sensitive receptors, then we will follow the guidance referenced by the MECP in this comment. Helical pile foundations are a low-vibration technique and are not anticipated to have any significant risk to structures outside of the ROW. Helical pile foundations were selected for use in part because of the low level of vibration associated with their installation. In some instances where the soil is not conducive to helical pile foundations, the EPC may choose to use augured, cast in place concrete foundations, an approach which Hydro One has historically employed on its transmission structure foundations (e.g., the majority of existing structures within the transmission corridor that is being used for the DKPL project). No hammer driven piles will be used on the project. .
17	Noise and Vibration	**UTM coordinates of the PORs:** considering the extensive length of this transmission line (approximately 53 km), the UTM coordinates of all selected points of reception should be listed in the noise report and provided in an Excel file.	The upcoming noise modelling assessment will contain an excel spreadsheet listing the Points of Receptors and vacant lots and their UTM with coordinates.
18	Noise and Vibration	**Air Emission Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (AE EASR):** Hydro One should confirm whether the Clarington TS and Dobbin TS require Air Emission Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) approval from MECP.	No new emission emitting equipment (e.g. permanent emergency diesel generator) will be installed for this project. Therefore, no station specific air emission mitigation and/or approvals are required. This will be clarified in the final ESR. Any existing generators at transformer stations are accounted for in existing approvals.
19	Climate Change	Appendix L provides a brief qualitative acknowledgment of climate change but does not reference climate data or future projections. Climate change adaptation is deferred to the detailed design stage, but future design decisions should still be informed by credible climate information and an understanding of what system components are at risk. The ministry recommends that the proponent base future climate adaptation commitments on climatic projections and data rather than general statements. Future design work should consider projected changes in extreme precipitation, temperature, and related system stresses. To assist the project team with addressing this matter, the ministry suggests the following resources: • Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment (PCCIA) Technical Report, 2023, a regional and sector-based climate	Section 7.7.2.1 will be updated to include a high-level summary of climate projections for the region using publicly available sources (such as ClimateData.ca and a literature review) to inform the suggested adaptation measures. As applicable, information from the PCCIA will be incorporated into the assessment.

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		change impact assessment to support informed decisions that address regional and sector-specific impacts of climate change. Other resources and data sources include: • Ontario Climate Change Data Portal • Environment and Climate Change Canada's Climate Atlas of Canada and • Canadian Climate Data and Scenarios.	
20	Indigenous Consultation	Appendix A provides consultation records including contact list of indigenous communities, class environmental assessment consultation materials. The review comments are offered below: • Missing Records- all emails, meeting minutes, phone logs, etc must be provided as part of the final application. • Ensure the records are updated with the Notice of Completion sent and there are outstanding responses that were still to come from Hydro One to the communities. Given that the project is still open for public consultation, and therefore communities can still submit feedback. • Any feedback received from the communities shall be appropriately captured in the updated records as part of the documentation.	Following MECP's review of the Record of Consultation, Hydro One will provide any specific records (emails, meeting minutes, phone logs, etc.) upon MECP's request. To ensure confidentiality and provide a timely response, we plan to submit the requested documentation directly to MECP rather than include it in the public Final ESR. The Notice of Completion sent to First Nation communities on October 29, 2025 will be captured in the record of consultation in the final ESR, including outstanding comment responses at the time of the Notice of Completion and comments received from First Nation communities during the draft ESR comment period.
21	Endangered Species Act, 2007	Please be advised that on June 5, 2025, the Province of Ontario passed Protecting Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 which included amendments to the Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) that are now in force, and the creation of the Species Conservation Act, 2025 which is not yet in effect. For more information on the amended ESA and guidance to help you determine next steps in the authorization process, please review the attached Applying for a New Permit Under the Amended Endangered Species Act, 2007. These changes are intended to streamline permit applications and approvals and help projects proceed faster while continuing to provide important protections for species at risk and their habitats.	Acknowledged. Thank you for the additional information and guidance documents. Hydro One will continue to monitor updates to the Species Conservation Act and its supporting regulations through the ERO and other provincial communications. The Project will follow the applicable legislative and regulatory requirements at the time of construction.
22	Endangered Species Act, 2007	The ministry has completed a preliminary review to assess the potential impacts of the proposal on species at risk protected under the Endangered Species Act, 2007. The following preliminary comments are shared to assist the project team moving forward: MECP notes that the Class EA Consultation and the Final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report have some of the Species at Risk information redacted from the sections listed below. So MECP can conduct a full review of the activities for impacts to species at risk and their habitat, please provide the unredacted documents: o Appendix B: Section 6 - Evaluation of Natural Heritage Features in the Study Area o Appendix B: Place holder for Figure 4: Terrestrial Survey Results - Ecological Land Classification and SAR/SOCC/SCS – which appears should contain the maps for Black Ash, Bank Swallow, Blanding's Turtle etc.	The unredacted version of the Final Natural Environment Existing Conditions Report (Appendix B of the ESR) will be provided to MECP for their review. Please note that revisions to Section 6 regarding cultural significance and impact to woodlands and BHA genetic testing results will be included in Appendix B of the final ESR as a result of comments received from an Indigenous community during the ESR Comment Period.
23	Endangered Species Act, 2007	When the public consultation process for the Class Environmental Assessment is complete, MECP asks that the client please submit an Information Gathering Form (IGF), which summarizes the proposed activities, the potential impacts to species at risk and their habitat and the proposed mitigations. The Species at Risk Branch technical staff will review the IGF and provide guidance on the most appropriate type of Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) permit or agreement for the activity. Seeking an Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) authorization or exemption is an applicant-led process. Undertaking the necessary due diligence to assess whether an activity qualifies for an exemption, requires a permit, or is outside the scope of the Act, is the responsibility of the person or organization planning to undertake an activity.	Our EPC contractor will submit an IGF after the EA is complete and the detailed design is understood, so that the proposed activities, potential impacts to SAR and their habitat, and the proposed mitigations can be accurately described.
24	Endangered Species Act, 2007	It is recommended the following be completed: 1) Desktop hydrogeological study - This study can be used later to support an application for either a Permit to Take Water or Construction Dewatering EASR should one or the other be required. This study can be completed during the geotechnical investigation for the project.	Thank you for your recommendations. 1) Hydro One has conducted a geotechnical investigation for the Project, our EPC contractor will evaluate the dewatering requirements during detailed design. 2) Please note that a desktop study was done for Source Water Protection and is incorporated

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		2) Include a desk top study on Source Water Protection and whether the corridor extends over or is adjacent to any Wellhead Protection Zones or Intake Protection Zones. 3) Determine whether any contaminated sites are within or adjacent to the corridor. 4) Include a discussion of the handling of excess soil (O. Reg. 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management). 5) Completed a wells survey and determine whether any domestic or municipal wells could be impacted (Ontario Regulation 903, Wells).	into the draft ESR Section 4.6.5 Source Water Protection. We will include a section in the ESR to discuss Intake Protection Zones. 3) As part of the detailed design, Hydro One will conduct a review of the available contaminated sites databases and information to determine whether any contaminated sites are within or adjacent to the corridor to help support construction planning. 4) Please note that discussion of the handling of excess soil is included in the Draft ESR under section 7.7.1.4. 5) Please note in section 7.7.4 wells are not anticipated to be significantly affected as a result of dewatering activities associated with transmission line tower foundations, and that Hydro One will commit to conducting a hydrogeological assessment where necessary. We will also incorporate a wells survey as a commitment in the ESR.

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Thank you for providing your responses to MECP comments dated November 28, 2025. MECP reviewers have reviewed the attached response table, and have following additional comments to share with the project team for consideration:

MECP staff are satisfied with majority of the responses except the response to noise and vibration. MECP staff do not support deferring the noise and vibration assessment to the detailed design stage. The ESR is the appropriate stage to evaluate potential noise and vibration impacts and identify mitigation measures, particularly for a transmission project of this scale and complexity.

Deferring these assessments risks missing key opportunities for early mitigation planning and meaningful public consultation. Predictable worst-case scenarios should be assessed now, in accordance with MECP guidelines (NPC-300 and NPC-360 for operational noise, NPC-115/118/119/207 for construction noise and vibration). This ensures transparency and allows stakeholders to understand potential impacts before the project advances.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact us for further discussion. Our staff are still reviewing your response to our comments on indigenous consultation, and I will share their feedback and confirmation with your team when available.

Warm regards,

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Hi Chunmei,

MECP staff concerns are acknowledged. Hydro One agrees that noise and vibration are important considerations for a project of this scale; however, Hydro One maintains that a fully compliant predictive noise assessment in accordance with NPC 360 is not feasible at the ESR stage given the current level of project design.

The predictive modelling methodology outlined in NPC 360 requires detailed engineering inputs, including conductor type, structure design, phase configuration, clearances, final alignment, and construction methodologies. At this time, the DKPL project has not advanced to detailed design, and the EPC contractor responsible for completing detailed engineering has not yet been awarded. As a result, the engineering information required to undertake a meaningful and technically defensible operational and construction noise and vibration assessment is not available.

Notwithstanding this limitation, Hydro One notes that based on extensive experience with similar transmission projects, including prior modelling undertaken for comparable facilities, operational noise levels associated with transmission lines are consistently predicted to be compliant with applicable MECP thresholds at the edge of the right of way. This project is being developed within an existing transmission corridor, where transmission related operational noise effects are already present and understood. For these projects, safety, electrical clearance, and induced voltage setbacks generally exceed the distances required to achieve compliance with a conservative operational noise criterion (typically 55 dBA). Transmission line noise exceedances at receptors beyond the right of way have not been observed.

Opportunities for mitigation are inherently limited, aside from certain detailed design choices intended to minimize corona noise. Hydro One inherently designs transmission facilities to minimize corona discharge as part of good utility practice, as corona represents a measurable form of line energy loss and reduced system efficiency. Consequently, conductor selection, bundle configuration, surface condition, and other design parameters are routinely optimized to limit corona effects. These same design considerations directly contribute to minimizing corona related audible noise.

Audible noise from transmission lines has not proven to be a major concern during engagement activities conducted as part of Hydro One environmental assessments, including engagement with stakeholders, Indigenous rights holders, and the public. Furthermore, audible transmission line noise

occurs primarily during inclement weather conditions (e.g., rain, wind, or periods of elevated humidity), when ambient background noise levels are also higher and potential receptors are typically indoors, thereby reducing the likelihood of perceptible effects.

Hydro One also notes that the approach of deferring detailed predictive noise and vibration modelling until the detailed design phase has been accepted by the Ministry on several other Hydro One transmission projects across Ontario, including projects of higher voltage class and greater overall length than the DKPL Project.

Accordingly, while a full predictive assessment cannot be completed at this stage, Hydro One considers that deferring detailed noise and vibration modelling to the detailed design phase does not result in a meaningful loss of mitigation opportunity. Rather, completing the assessment at detailed design ensures that predictions are accurate, defensible, and based on finalized engineering parameters, consistent with MECP guidance and good engineering practice.
Hydro One commits to:

- Continuing to evaluate the applicability of NPC 360 and related MECP noise and vibration guidance as detailed design advances;
- Completing predictive operational and construction noise and vibration assessments once sufficient engineering detail is available;
- Incorporating appropriate design-based measures, where practicable, to minimize corona related noise; and
- Keeping the Ministry apprised of progress, including any preliminary findings as they become available.

This approach balances the intent of early impact identification with the practical need for sufficient design certainty, while still ensuring regulatory compliance, transparency, and protection of nearby receptors prior to construction.

The Project has been identified as a provincial priority initiative and must advance to the detailed design stage in order to achieve the mandated in service date.

If it would be helpful, we would be happy to schedule a call to discuss this approach in more detail.

Thanks,

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Thanks for your patience, Rhona.

Our review team are still working the file and have looked at the questions in your email below. Could your team please provide some more details about the nature and extent of the confidentiality concerns? For example, have communities themselves raised concerns? Are the concerns about specific pieces of the record or generally about the record? Was the information that the community is concerned about initially shared in confidence with Hydro One? Or was the information shared and then flagged later as a concern? If it is just pieces of the record, they are concerned about what is the nature of the information – is it related to finances, hunting, fishing, harvesting, traditional practices, important locations etc.

Upon receive your clarification, we will respond your team as soon as possible.

Warm regards,
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Subject	**:**	**Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities - Notice of Completion of draft Environmental Study Report**
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Dear Rhona Scott:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) with the notice of completion of draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the above-referenced project.

MCM's interest in this project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage.

Project Summary
Hydro One has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Durham Kawartha Power Line project. The proposed project is a new double-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Clarington Transformer Station (TS) in Clarington and Dobbin TS in Peterborough County, with station upgrades to support the connection. This new transmission line will help add more than 400 megawatts (MW) to the region's electricity network, helping meet growing energy needs and strengthening system reliability in Peterborough and surrounding areas.

As part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project Hydro One evaluated route alternatives for a three-kilometre section of the line, selected a preferred route, assessed the

potential environmental effects of the project and identified mitigation measures to address these effects.

The draft ESR summarizes the process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (2024 under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act).*

Comments

We have reviewed the *Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment Draft Environmental Study Report* (dated October 29, 2025, prepared by Hydro One Networks Inc.) and have the following comments and recommendations:

Archaeological Resources

Section 4.3.1 (Archaeology, pg. 227) indicates that a Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA, under Project Information Form (PIF) number P324-0967-2024, included as Appendix C) has been completed for the proposed undertaking. Our records indicate that the Stage 1 AA report has been submitted to MCM and is under review. MCM recommends that, given Hydro One's proposed timelines, the licensed archaeologist submit an expedited review request.

Section 3.5.2 (First Nation Community Participation in Field Surveys, pg. 32) indicates that a Stage 2 AA (under PIF P392-0264-2025) was completed in July 2025, this AA Report has yet to be submitted to MCM for review.

Please note that archaeological concerns have not been fully addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports ('the Register') where those reports recommend that:

1. the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and
2. all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the Ontario Heritage Act) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy.

Approval authorities and/or proponents should wait to receive the MCM's written confirmation that the archaeological assessment report(s) has been entered into the Register before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities. The letter will also indicate either that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate any concerns.

Proponents must follow the recommendations of the archaeological assessment report(s). MCM recommends that further stages of archaeological assessment (if recommended) be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities.

At this time, the recommendations of the AA reports should be considered preliminary until the report is entered into the Register. Proponents must follow the recommendations of the archaeological assessment report(s). MCM recommends that further stages of archaeological assessment (e.g., Stage 2) be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities.

Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

On June 6, 2025, MCM provided comments on the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report (prepared by AECOM Canada Ltd, dated March 2025). MCM has reviewed the revised *Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions, Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA* (CHEC, dated

September 2025, prepared by AECOM Canada Ltd, included as Appendix D) and find that our comments have been addressed in the revised report.

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The ESR should incorporate the recommendations of all the technical cultural heritage studies prepared to date and include specific commitments and timelines for further studies. Please submit the revised ESR for MCM's review once it has been finalized.

We have attached tables with detailed comments to assist with the documentation of cultural heritage due diligence and alignment with the legislative framework, including Hydro One's responsibilities under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and *Environmental Assessment Act.*

Thank you for consulting MCM on this project. If you have any questions or any of these comments require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Table 3: MCM Comment on Preliminary Impact Assessment Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA (AECOM, September 2025)			
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7.	4.3.2 – Cultural Resources Page 228	MCM recommends that the subsection title be revised to align with current legislative framework, including terminology. See comment 2. Please also note that the ESR misattributes the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report to appendix E, instead of appendix D.	Please revise the subsection title and references to appendix as follows: 4.3.2 ~~Cultural~~ **Built Heritage** Resources **and Cultural Heritage Landscapes** […] A copy of the CHEC report is provided in APPENDIX **D** ~~E~~	This language has been revised accordingly in the ESR.

8.	5.3.3 - Socio-Economic Environment Page 280	MCM is not aware of a "Cultural Heritage Preliminary Constraints Route Evaluation Memo" that this section refers to. MCM recommends that the reference to the memo be revised to refer to the CHEC Report and the PIA. Please also note the Stage 1 AA should not be considered "completed" until entry into the Register. Please refer to the cover letter.	Please revise as follows: The following data was used to evaluate Socio-Economic Environment criteria: • […] • Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment ~~completed~~ **undertaken** for the Project; • Cultural Heritage **Existing Conditions Report and**	Hydro One has removed mentions of the Preliminary Constraints Route Evaluation Memo from the ESR, which was prepared in advance of the CHEC to include Cultural Heritage inputs to the route evaluation. It is noted that the
			Preliminary **Impact Assessment** ~~Constraints Route Evaluation Memo~~ completed for the Project; and	Preliminary Impact Assessment Report is not developed until the preferred route is determined and therefore was completed after the stage of the EA described in this section of text. As such this change was not made to the ESR.

Table 1: Durham Kawartha Power Line Class Environmental Assessment Draft Environmental Study Report				
Item	**Document Section**	**Comments & Rationale**	**Proposed Action/Solution**	**Response from HONI December 22, 2025**
9.	Table 5-3: Socio-Economic Environment Criteria and Indicators, page 280 Table 5-5: Indigenous Culture, Values and Land Use Theme Criteria Weighting, page 282 Table 5-7: Socio-Economic Environment Theme Criteria Weighting, page 284 Table 5-11: Socio-Economic Environment Theme Comparative Evaluation Results, page 288	Tables 5-3, 5-5, 5-7, and 5-11 refer to Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes as "Cultural Resources." MCM recommends that the criteria titles in these tables be changed to "built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes" to align with the current legislative framework, including terminology. Please refer to comment #1 above.	Please revise the criterion "cultural resources" to "built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes." The indicator should be revised as follows: "Number of **known and potential** Built Heritage Resources (BHRs) and Cultural Heritage Landscapes (CHLs) within PSA." The indicator for archaeological resources should be revised as follows: Number of ~~features~~ **areas** of archaeological potential within the ROW. Number of registered archaeological sites within the ROW. Number of registered archaeological sites within 300 m of ROW. Area (ha) that requires Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment within ROW.	Changes will be made to Table 5-3, 5-7 and 5-11. There was no instance of Cultural Heritage Resources in Table 5-5 and therefore the change cannot be made.
10.	7.3 – Archaeological Resources Page. 309	MCM recommend that section 7.3 be revised to align with the requirements under Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act and the Funeral, Burial and	Please revise section 7.3 as follows: […] A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is required for the preferred route, for all lands exhibiting archaeological potential that have not	Hydro One will include the following wording in Section 7.3: A Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment is required for the

		Cremation Services Act, 2002, c. 33.	been previously assessed. Prior to construction in these areas, a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment will be completed within the identified areas of archaeological potential along the transmission line ROW and access roads in accordance with MCM requirements. If the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment identifies the need for further assessment, a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment or Stage 4 Archaeological Assessment will occur as required and as outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MCM, 2011). ~~Copies of all Archaeological Assessment reports will be submitted to MCM before construction work begins on the areas covered by those reports.~~ Approval authorities and/or proponents should wait to receive the MCM's written confirmation that the archaeological assessment report(s) has been entered into the Register before issuing a decision or proceeding with any ground disturbing activities. The letter will also indicate either that there are no further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources or articulate next steps to mitigate any concerns. At this time, the recommendations of the AA reports should be considered preliminary until the report is entered into the Register. Proponents must follow the recommendations of the archaeological assessment report(s). MCM recommends that further stages of archaeological assessment (if recommended) be **undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities.** **[…]**	preferred route, for all lands exhibiting archaeological potential that have not been previously assessed. Prior to construction in these areas, a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment will be completed within the identified areas of archaeological potential along the transmission line ROW and access roads in accordance with MCM requirements. If the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment identifies the need for further assessment, a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment or Stage 4 Archaeological Assessment will occur as required and as outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MCM, 2011). Copies of all Archaeological Assessment reports will be submitted to MCM before construction work begins on the areas covered by those reports. Further stages of archaeological assessment (if recommended) be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities in the immediate vicinity of the areas (sites) requiring these additional stages of archaeological assessment.

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<tr><td>11.</td><td>Table 7-2: Summary of Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects

Page 367</td><td>MCM recommends that Table 7-2 be revised to reflect the recommendations mentioned in the cover letter and above. Also, MCM recommends that the table be further revised to refer to the PIA and its recommendations prepared as apart of this project. Please note that the PIA recommended that no further technical heritage study (i.e. CHER, HIA) be completed.</td><td>Please see the row below for MCM's proposed edits.</td><td>Hydro One will include the following wording in Table 7-2:
<u>Archaeological Resources</u>
The "Project Phase & Potential Effects" column has been changed to: Construction: Disturbance or destruction of archaeological resources.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td colspan="2">Please revise the "Archaeological Resources" and "Cultural Heritage" rows of Table 7-2 as follows:
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<tr><td>Archaeological Resources</td><td>Detailed Design & Construction: Disturbance or destruction of <s>to lands with potential to contain</s> archaeological resources.</td><td>Prior to construction, a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment will be completed within the identified areas of archaeological potential along the transmission line ROW and access roads in accordance with Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) requirements. Hydro One has made commitments to First Nations that Stage 2 Archaeological Assessments will use enhanced pedestrian survey methodology and some areas that were previously assessed will be revisited. If the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment</td><td><u>[please replace with the following …]</u>
• Net effects are predicted not to be significant</td></tr>
</table></td><td>Hydro One does not accept the changes to the "Mitigation Measures" or the "Net Effects" columns and will be retaining the original wording in the final ESR.

<u>Built Heritage Resources & Cultural Heritage Landscapes</u>
Changes to the "Environmental Concerns, Project Phase & Potential Effects" and "Net Effects" columns have been accepted. Changes to "Mitigation Measures" will follow the completed PIA Executive Summary as requested and follows: The PIA determined the following mitigation measures:
• One CHL is anticipated to be directly impacted. While the proposed work will result in changes to the landscape/natural features, this has not been identified as an adverse impact to the property's cultural heritage value or interest. As such, not direct adverse impacts to cultural heritage value or interest are anticipated and no further cultural heritage studies are recommended for the CHL;</td></tr>
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				identifies the need for further assessment, a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment, or Stage 4 Archaeological Assessment (and any additional archaeological work required) will occur as required and as outlined in the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MCM, 2011). ~~Copies of all Archaeological Assessment reports will be submitted to MCM before construction work begins on the areas covered by those reports.~~ **All associated archaeological assessment reports shall be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports prior to any ground disturbing activities.** In the event potential archaeological resources are encountered during construction, […]		• Potential indirect impacts are anticipated to four CHLs in the form of construction vibration. If a final tower location confirms that buildings on these properties are within 60 m of a tower, a qualified vibration specialist should be consulted to advise on appropriate vibration monitoring program to avoid or reduce impacts to these properties; • Potential indirect impacts to three BHRs and CHLs are anticipated in the form of isolation. The Project should be planned to avoid both the heritage properties and their laneways, ensuring they remain connected to roadways; • Construction activities (e.g. access) to thirty-eight BHRs and CHLs will constitute potential impacts. Post-construction restoration, including the removal of all construction-related features, will return the land to pre-construction agricultural or natural conditions. • No impacts are anticipated to three BHRs and CHLs and no further cultural heritage assessments or mitigation measures are recommended; and Any changes to the proposed ROW, including the alignment or if additional staging or laydown areas are added beyond the existing Project Study Area, then
		Built Heritage Resources & Cultural Heritage **Landscapes** ~~Resources~~	Construction: Based on the ~~baseline~~ findings of the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions (CHEC) **and Preliminary Impact Assessment Reports**, there is the potential for project-related works to ~~adversely~~ **impact** ~~affect~~ known or potential built heritage	[Please revise based on the PIA's Summary Statement (pg.53-54),	Following effective implementation of mitigation measures, ~~including the completion of CHERs and/or Heritage Impact Assessment prior to construction,~~ net effects from direct and impacts to known and potential **built** heritage resources **and cultural heritage landscapes** are expected to be minimized.	

			resources (BHRs) or cultural heritage landscapes (CHLs) within the Study Area of the preferred route.			the proposed work must be reviewed by a qualified Cultural Heritage Specialist to confirm the anticipated impacts and confirm any new preliminary impacts. Where possible, laydown areas should be located within previously disturbed or developed areas to minimize the potential for heritage impacts and will be restored to pre-construction conditions following completion of the Project.
12.	7.4 Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Page 310	There appears to be discrepancies between the findings of the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report as discussed in section 4.3.2, the report itself, and those discussed in section 7.3. MCM recommends that this section be revised based on the findings of the Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions Report. Please consult 'Executive Summary' section. MCM recommends that section 7.3 be revised for clarity and consistency. Please also refer to our comments in the cover letter above and Table 3 below.		Please revise section 7.4 as follows: Following the completion of the CHEC, Hydro One retained AECOM to complete a Preliminary Impact Assessment (PIA) (APPENDIX D) for the preferred route, including all properties within the 120 m buffer on either side of the proposed centreline of the preferred route. The Study Area was determined to include 5~~5~~6 ~~-~~known and potential BHRs and~~/or~~ CHLs ~~including 46 with potential cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) and 10 cultural heritage resources listed on municipal heritage registers~~ (AECOM, 2025b).	Thank you for bringing this error to our attention, Hydro One will update Section 7.4 as requested.

Table 2: MCM Comments on Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions (CHEC) Report				
Item	**Document Section**	**June 6, 2025: MCM Comment on Draft CHEC Report (AECOM, March 2025)**	**December 10, 2025: MCM Comment on CHEC Report (AECOM, September 2025)**	**Response from HONI December 22, 2025**
1.		MCM recommends that a new historical overview section be included in the report. The section should include a summary of historical development within the study area, including Indigenous land-use and Euro-Canadian land use and settlement to contextualize the existing conditions discussed later in the report. This research can be conducted using primary and secondary sources of information, review of existing heritage inventories, heritage reporting, historical mapping, etc.	Addressed: CHEC report is updated to include historical context of study area (Section 4.0 – *Historical Context*).	Thank you.
2.	Appendix A, Mapping.	MCM understands the report makes provisions for forthcoming study area maps (Appendix A: Mapping). Maps should depict the study area, project Right-Of-Way, transformer stations, along with the cultural heritage resources documented in Table 2, and the two potential route options discussed in section 1.2.	Addressed: CHEC report now includes map depicting study area, corridor ROW, route options, as well as the existing and potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes.	Thank you.
3.	3.1.1 Community Involvement (pg. 17)	MCM recommend that the section title be revised to remove the term 'Community' (e.g. Consultation, Information Gathering, Stakeholder Engagement). Note that MCM is not considered a community member, but a member of the Government Review Team under an environmental assessment process and the administrator of the Ontario Heritage Act.	Addressed: The section has been retitled 'Stakeholder Engagement.'	Thank you.

Table 3: MCM Comment on Preliminary Impact Assessment Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Class EA (AECOM, September 2025)				
Item	**Document Section**	**MCM Comment**	**Proposed Revision**	**Response from HONI December 22, 2025**
1	Throughout the report, Including: • *Executive summary*, i. • 1.1 - *Study Purpose and Objectives*, (pg.1); • 2 - *Scope and method* (pg. 3); • 4.4 *Results and Recommendations*, (pg. 11); • and, Table 1 – *Preliminary Impact Assessment of the known and Potential BHRs and CHLs within the PSA*	As is noted in table 1, comment 13, there is discrepancies within the PIA. For reference, Section 5.2 – *Summary of the Results- Preferred Route Analysis* of the CHEC concludes with the following: Based on the findings of Table 2, the CHEC has found the following number of potential and known BHRs and CHLs: **Route Option A:** • One (1) potential BHR • Three (3) potential CHLs **Route Option B:** • Two (2) potential CHLs **Existing Corridor:** • One (1) known BHR • Five (5) potential BHRs • Nine (9) known CHLs • Thirty-eight (38) potential CHLs The executive summary of the PIA indicates that route option B has prevailed as the preliminarily preferred route. Thus, fifty-five (55) known and potential BHRs and CHLs are situated within the preferred route. Table 1 aligns with this, tabulating forty-nine (49) CHLs and six (6) BHRs, despite that there is no 'BHR 1' listed in the Table; the enumeration of BHRs begins with 'BHR 2'. Despite the above, the PIA consistently refers to a total of fifty-six (56) CHLs and BHRs as being situated in the study area. MCM recommends that the project team review the findings of the CHEC and PIA for accuracy. MCM understands that the 'BHR 1' included in the CHEC and omitted from the PIA is situated solely in Option A's study area, and thus not apart of the preferred route.	Revise based on findings.	Thank you for your comment, Revisions were made to the draft PIA, including updates to the introduction and summary statement, and the addition of a footnote in Table 1 under CHL 1 to provide clarification.

Interest Groups Comments and Responses

ConstructConnect
Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR

From: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@hydroone.com>
Sent: November 5, 2025 9:20 AM
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Subject: RE: Durham Kawartha Power Line Project (DKPL)

Hi Jennifer,

Thank you for reaching out to learn more about the Durham Kawartha Powerline project's next steps. I appreciate your patience for this response as I was away.

We are in the process of retaining an engineering contractor for the DKPL work, including procurement and detailed design work. Once the contractor is selected, we will be working with directly affected property owners for any property specific considerations.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Best,
Alana

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Good morning,

Can you please confirm if the detailed design will be completed in house or is an external firm engaged for this phase?
Will Hydro One be publicly tendering any of the work for this project, or will a construction manager be engaged for the procurement phase?

Thank you, Jennifer

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Kawartha Land Trust
Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR

From: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@hydroone.com>
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Subject: RE: Durham Kawartha Power Line Project Comment

Good afternoon Thom,

Thank you for taking the time to review the Environmental Study Report (ESR) and for sharing your thoughtful comments and ideas. We truly appreciate your recognition of Hydro One's efforts to minimize impacts by using the existing transmission corridor, and your support for our Enhanced Community Benefit, mitigation measures, and Biodiversity Initiatives.

You've raised excellent points about turning unavoidable, short-term project effects into opportunities that deliver lasting value for surrounding lands and communities. Below I've provided direct responses to the specific items you highlighted, along with a summary of how Hydro One typically advances biodiversity and community benefit initiatives.

Agricultural land (Table 5-11: 11.7 ha within Right of Way [ROW])

- Compatibility of agriculture with transmission corridors: Agricultural uses are generally compatible with transmission corridors. The 11.7 ha noted in Table 5-11 represents the area of ROW intersecting mapped agricultural land, not the area that would be permanently removed from production.
- Permanent 'loss' is essentially limited to the tower footings (and small immediate safety clearances), which are a much smaller figure than 11.7 ha and not yet known as the project is only beginning detailed design now. Farming can continue around and between structures, subject to standard safety and access considerations. In addition, since this project involves the removal of existing structures, the overall loss is net neutral.
- How effects are managed: Any compensation for site-specific effects are addressed through Hydro One's Land Access and Compensation Program (LACP) (via our Real Estate team), which focuses on landowner agreements and compensation for construction-related effects. These are not offset through biodiversity or land-securement programs (i.e., we do not purchase/create new farmland as a project "offset").

Vegetation (Table 5-11: 12.1 ha affected)

- Temporary, not permanent: The 12.1 ha of vegetation 'affected' is all or mostly within the existing transmission corridor, reflecting temporary disturbance during construction and maintenance—not long-term habitat conversion.
- Minimal tree removal: Because we are within an established ROW, removal of mature trees is minimal (if any). Vegetation management focuses on maintaining safe clearances while avoiding unnecessary clearing.
- Restoration: Disturbed areas within the project footprint will be restored following construction (e.g., grading, soil stabilization, reseeding as appropriate), consistent with Chapter 7 Environmental Effects and Mitigation measures in our ESR which will be further refined through detailed design of the DKPL project.

Wood fibre utilization / plant 'rescue'

- Merchantable timber: We do not expect significant merchantable timber on this project due to the use of existing corridors and avoidance of large mature trees.
- The management of felled material will be determined based on site-specific conditions, including topography, existing land use, vegetation type, ecological function, and safety considerations. As the majority of the right-of-way (ROW) is located on private property, merchantable timber may be of interest to the landowner and will be either retained or removed at their discretion, in consultation with the project team.

- Transplanting commitments: We generally avoid committing to transplanting programs, except where Indigenous communities have expressed interest in salvaging culturally important species and it can be accommodated safely and appropriately.

Recreational assets and temporary disruption

- Nature of the impact: Any effect to trails or recreational assets is temporary and limited to the construction phase for safety (e.g., short-term closures, detours). There should be no long-term change to compatible uses once construction and restoration are complete.
- How we manage disruption: We coordinate notifications (work windows, closures), safety fencing/gating, and site access controls to minimize inconvenience.
- Community benefits (not "offsets"): In recognition of temporary disruption, Hydro One's Community Relations team explores targeted investments or improvements with municipalities and partners (e.g., trail wayfinding, small infrastructure upgrades) after construction. We avoid framing these as "offsets"; rather, they are community benefit investments tied to construction-related inconvenience.

Biodiversity Initiative

- Hierarchy first: Hydro One's approach to building the DKPL project prioritizes avoidance, mitigation, minimization, and restoration. Given we are reusing an existing corridor, residual effects requiring compensation are expected to be minimal.
- How the Biodiversity Initiative is applied: The Biodiversity Initiative is an additional measure to deliver regional habitat benefits after regulatory requirements and restoration obligations are met. It is not restricted to the project footprint but is typically prioritized within the project's region or watershed.
- Project proposals: In past projects, Hydro One has invited proposals for habitat creation and enhancement (e.g., wetland restoration, wildlife habitat improvements, invasive species management). We anticipate a similar process after completion of the Class EA and OEB Leave-to-Construct approvals.

We value your ideas, particularly around grassland bird protection, enhancement of permanently protected natural areas, and support for new farmers. Generally speaking, grassland bird habitat is compatible with overhead transmission lines.

As the project advances into detailed design, we will refine our construction plans and restoration measures. If you're interested, I can include you in future reach-outs for the Biodiversity Initiative.

Thank you again for your engagement and for sharing these important perspectives.

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Please bring this message to the attention of:

Rhona Scott Environmental Planner 483 Bay St., 14th Floor Toronto, ON M5G 2P5

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Environmental Study Report for the Durham Kawartha Power Line Project.

It appears that the choice to use an existing transmission line is a great way to limit impact :)

In particular I applaud Hydro ones commitment to Enhanced Community Benefit, mitigation measures and Biodiversity Initiatives.

While it does appear from the report that the impact from this work will not be significant there will still be impact. I am particularly interested in knowing how offsetting this impact can be an opportunity to improve the surrounding land and communities.

For example:

Table 5-11 indicates that alternative route B will affect 11.7ha of ag land within ROW. While compensation to the landowner effected is good, if this is the amount of land effected by the immediate footprint of the new towers, that land is now permanently out of production. Is there an opportunity to support initiative's that offset this loss? There are existing initiatives in the community to permanently protect and make accessible agricultural lands to new farmers.

Table 5-11 indicates that 12.1 ha of vegetation will be affected. Is this an opportunity to contribute to the enhancement of permanently protected natural communities in the surrounding area?

It's stated that minimal vegetation and trees will be removed. Within this minimal area are there ways to utilize wood fiber or rescue plants? There are several initiatives in the region which could improve their capacity to deliver this type of mitigation service at a low cost, if given the opportunity.

While the impact to recreational assets in the area is expected to be temporary, temporary impact remains an impact. Can this impact be mitigated through investments in infrastructure improvements after the temporary construction period is complete?

The impact to SAR (in particular grassland birds) could be offset via contribution to local grassland bird protection projects that yield permanent results, rather than simply allowing the transient ecosystem that these birds require to be temporarily recovered under the transmission line.

The above are simply ideas. I would be happy to discuss further if there is any interest.

In summary, I suppose I am asking - How will your *enhancing community benefit* and *biodiversity initiatives* be as well planned as this EIS is? I expect that starting these conversations early, with those undertaking work in the surrounding area would yield high quality results that Hydro One could be proud of.

Happy to discuss

Thank you

Thom

KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

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Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) is grateful to live and work in beautiful Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg territory, within lands subject to Treaty 20. We recognize that these lands and waters, and how we interact with them, are shaped by Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, as well as diverse perspectives and worldviews, governance structures, and communities. As an organization and as individuals, we are committed to strengthening our understanding of our treaty responsibilities and finding opportunities to collaborate with Williams Treaties First Nations in the spirit of reciprocity.

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Thank you Rhona,

I appreciate the thorough response.

I suppose the theme of my message was around the idea of early collaboration. Sometimes opportunities for mutually beneficial results are missed when local organizations are asked to react to a static opportunity (such as calls for proposals), rather than participate in a process. More generally, I'm looking for opportunities in the development mitigation space to create new pathways that work for everyone and saw this initiative in our 'backyard' so thought commenting might open a discussion. Maybe some examples might flesh out what I mean.

For example regarding commitments for plant salvage, I absolutely understand why this isn't standard policy. As it currently exists, salvage is expensive and not many people can do it effectively! We are however looking for participants in a program where salvage costs are 100% covered, and where a portion of salvaged plants can be provided at no cost to the proponent, giving them access to plant material for their restoration projects that isn't commercially available. The ultimate goal is to make this difficult mitigation activity feasible at scale and improve restoration; but we need early opportunities to trial this process.

Another example might be the quality of restoration in areas that require it. Availability of native seeds often limits the quality of restoration efforts, especially in grasslands. On our protected lands near the transmission corridor, we have genetically local seed from native tallgrass species that isn't available commercially from bulk seed producers. With adequate notice and a portion of the budget assigned for this activity, we could provide better quality seed for any on-site restoration projects that may not have had these species present originally, but would benefit from their addition.

Regarding offsetting, I can appreciate why offsetting isn't how this work is framed. It's a tricky subject. There has been times where I've seen that land has been restored, and it could have better net benefits if the land was actually converted to another use (such as agriculture), and that the expense of restoring land was put towards a contribution to a land protection project already happening in that community. More of a partnership then an offset.

Again, the report was excellent and its clear to me from your response that the expected impacts of this project are very very minor. It's possible that because the impacts are so minor, this is a bad example of

a project to explore the ideas I'm looking at. I suppose, I'm reacting to having participated in EIA processes before and looking for a new way. One where we are commenting not from the perspective of accountability, but rather from the perspective of abundance. Not so much "what *are you* going to do to mitigate impact?' but rather 'what are the *opportunities* to work together for better results?' I can see that wasn't terribly clear from my initial email!

In short, please keep me on the list for biodiversity initiatives, and if you see a separate opportunity for participation in the process please let me know.

Thom

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Good afternoon Thom,

Thank you for sharing these ideas. The concepts around plant salvage, access to local seed, and partnership-based approaches to restoration are all valuable and align with the broader goals of improving biodiversity. While this project has minor anticipated impacts, we agree that these discussions are important and worth exploring in the right context. We'd be happy to connect with you during the detailed design phase to talk through some of these options and see where collaboration might fit? We'll also make sure to keep you on the list for biodiversity initiatives and let you know if other opportunities arise.

Thanks again for your input and look forward to continuing the conversation.

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Trans Canada Trail
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Hi Lillian,

Thank you for reaching out to learn more about the Durham Kawartha Powerline Project. Construction activities will generally be conducted sequentially along the transmission corridor starting in early 2027. We anticipate that construction activities along the corridor will result in short-term, temporary impacts. Once detailed design is complete we will have a better understanding of the impacts to the area you have identified and will be able to provide notice prior to construction or potential disturbance to the area.

Thank you,
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Subject: Hydro One Durham Kawartha Power Line Project - Trans Canada Trail

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Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well. I'm reaching out on behalf of Trans Canada Trail (TCT) with regards to how the Hydro One Durham Kawartha Power Line Project relates to TCT. Based on your project map, it appears as though the new powerlines would cross over a section of the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail just before connecting to the Dobbin Transformer Station in Peterborough. I've included a screenshot of where the Kawartha Trans Canada Trail runs just south of Dobbin TS below for your reference:

Given the project's intersection with one of our registered trails, I would greatly appreciate if you could provide further details on the construction timeline for this section and outline any expected disturbance to the trail, such as whether it will need to be realigned or temporarily closed, and for approximately how long.

I would also appreciate being continued as an interest holder and notified prior to any trail disturbances so that we can update our map appropriately.

Thank you kindly in advance!

Warm Regards,
Lillian

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General Public Comments and Responses

General Public
Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR #1

From: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@hydroone.com>
Sent: October 29, 2025 3:43 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: FW: Address

Hi [redacted]

Thank you for reaching out, we will update your email on the DKPL project contact list.

All the best,
Alana

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 29, 2025 3:02 PM
To: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@HydroOne.com>
Subject: Address

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I live at [redacted]

Please change my old email address to this one.
Old email address was
[redacted]

New email address is
[redacted]

Thank you,
[redacted]

General Public
Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR #2

I am concerned about the electricity that comes of the larger towers and lines. I understand that it can cause health problems.

Also this problem and the appearance of these larger towers can depreciate the property value.

Please confirm that you have received my concerns.

[redacted]

Nov. 27/25

Hydro One Networks Inc.

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November 24, 2025

Dear [redacted],

We are writing in response to your letter regarding the Durham Kawartha Powerline project. We appreciate your interest and wanted to follow up on a few questions you asked.

With regards to health concerns regarding Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF), Hydro One looks to health experts such as Health Canada who for more than 30 years have concluded scientific research does not demonstrate EMFs cause or contribute to adverse health effects. Hydro One takes safety seriously and we design and operate our equipment in accordance with all regulatory requirements to account for safety.

Regarding impact on property value, we are working directly with impacted property owners about property specific questions and concerns. John McNichol your dedicated real estate representative will continue to work with you regarding your property specific questions. John can be reached by phone at [redacted] Regarding towers outside your property, we understand property value consists of many factors, this project has leveraged the opportunity to use existing transmission line corridors to minimize the impacts of the line.

We welcome your input during this planning stage of the project to take into consideration regarding the design. Please reach out to us at any time at Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or toll-free at 1-877-345-6799.

Thank you for your continued engagement you have any further questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best Regards,

Rhona Scott
Environmental Planner

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General Public
Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR #3

From: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@hydroone.com>
Sent: December 18, 2025 4:02 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Proposed Durham – Kawartha 230 kV Transmission line Project from Dobbin Transformer Station (T.S.) to Clarington Transformer Station (T.S.)

Good afternoon [redacted],

Thank you for your interest in the Durham Kawartha Power Line project and for taking the time to read through our draft Environmental Study Report highlights. Please find below responses to the questions you've noted in your email.

Estimated Job Creation

Regarding the job creation estimate outlined, this is our best estimate of the amount of skilled individuals needed to complete the nearly two-year construction phase of this project. We are in the process of retaining a contractor and we make every effort to hire locally.

Vehicles Used for Construction

About the equipment that will be used for the construction of the new line, again we are currently working to retain a contractor. We are still completing the detailed design phase before we identify exactly what crews and equipment will be necessary for execution. Hydro One is committed to transmitting and distributing electricity in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. Feel free to check out our 2024 Sustainability Report, you might be interested in initiatives like our fleet electrification goals.

Lifetime of the Upgrade

Hydro One's current Transmission lines are designed to last 100 years or more with regular maintenance and component replacements throughout that period.

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is responsible for the long-term planning of Ontario's electricity needs. They regularly conduct analysis to determine future load growth needs. Hydro One is responsible for building DKPL to meet the future needs identified by the IESO as the region is expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years.

The Project Website

I have shared your concerns about our project website with our website team for their input and they assure me that our website uses an SSL encryption certificate and uses HTTPS. If you are continuing to experience issues accessing our website and would like to receive a hard copy of our materials, please let us know and we will be happy to provide those by mail or through your land use agent.

Implosive Splicing

We appreciate your interest in the implosive splicing method, it is interesting! As outlined in the highlights document, while this process does create noise, it will happen at predetermined times and is not expected to last very long. We will take steps to ensure landowners are aware of upcoming work in advance.

Thank you for your interest in this project. Please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: November 13, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Rob Thomson <Rob.Thomson@hydroone.com>
Subject: Re: Proposed Durham – Kawartha 230 kV Transmission line Project from Dobbin Transformer Station (T.S.) to Clarington Transformer Station (T.S.)

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Hi Rob,

I am reading the draft report, highlights first. Here are some comments.

On the whole, I am in favour of this project. We are in urgent need of better electrical transmission networks because getting off fossil fuels is an urgent mission and the replacement of such fuels is largely dependent on electricity generated by alternate means. I am not in favour of new nuclear plants because the problem of waste disposal has not been solved in spite of decades of research, but as an interim measure, use of existing reactors is acceptable. Who knows, maybe fusion will become possible in my lifetime, and thorium promises less waste.

I am also pleased to see significant consulting with Indigenous communities and other affected residents.

Some smaller points:

"Over the lifecycle of the project, we expect to create approximately 100 jobs." This is hard to evaluate. It could mean jobs for a day. It could mean work done elsewhere in manufacturing. If you want to claim a

positive benefit to the community, you could say, for example, "x person-hours of local work for skilled trades". Otherwise it's just marketing fluff.

"Minimize vehicle and equipment idling and maintain equipment *to reduce fossil fuel emissions*". Does HydroOne expect to begin to use EVs during the project? I recognise that electric-powered heavy construction equipment is difficult or impossible to source at this time, but smaller vehicles? This would help send an important message to manufacturers.

"Implosive splicing is a process to join pieces of wire." 50 years ago, I worked in a wire rope and cable factory. I had to splice by hand and weld wires with a torch. This sounds interesting. (Just a personal remark, not meant for action. 🙄)

I will read the full report shortly, perhaps it answers this question which I didn't read in the highlights:

What is the expected lifetime of this upgrade, in terms of anticipated future loads and longevity of the installed infrastructure? I know the first is hard to anticipate given the uncertain nature of our transition to renewables, but I assume you have a planning estimate, together with the factors affecting variances.

Certificate Issue

On the certificate issue I mentioned to you, I still get the same error message today. As I said before, it doesn't affect me because I am aware of it, but it concerns the online safety of customers who may use the URL without the "www." prefix, and I note that the *Draft Report Highlights* uses the address without the prefix "View the full draft report and provide your input today. *HydroOne.com/DKPL*" What happens for you if you open that link while not accessing via Hydro One's network? Do you get "https:" in your address bar or other indication that it's secure? My browser shows a lock icon when it's secure and hovering over it shows the certificate issuer, which it does when using the www. prefix. If you can reproduce this yourself while not accessing via Hydro One's network, you can test yourself in future. I'm using the Firefox browser, with alerts on. Note the red line through the lock in the image of the address bar, below.

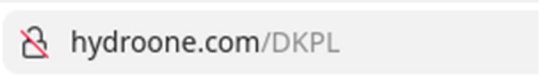
Yes, Firefox says "**What could be causing this?**

- Most likely, the web site simply does not support HTTPS.
- It’s also possible that an attacker is involved. If you decide to visit the web site, you should not enter any sensitive information like passwords, emails, or credit card details."

but having a web site not supporting HTTPS in 2025 is unprofessional at best and leaves customers vulnerable to the second point, especially if they then turn off the alerts in their browser. Bad actors are everywhere and very smart and not all customers know how to protect themselves. Electrical grids are prime targets for bad actors; surely your engineers are aware of attacks by both Russia and China on infrastructure providers? I would expect anything remotely to do with energy infrastructure to be far *more* secure than others.

I've had my say, I won't look at this again.

Browser address bar:



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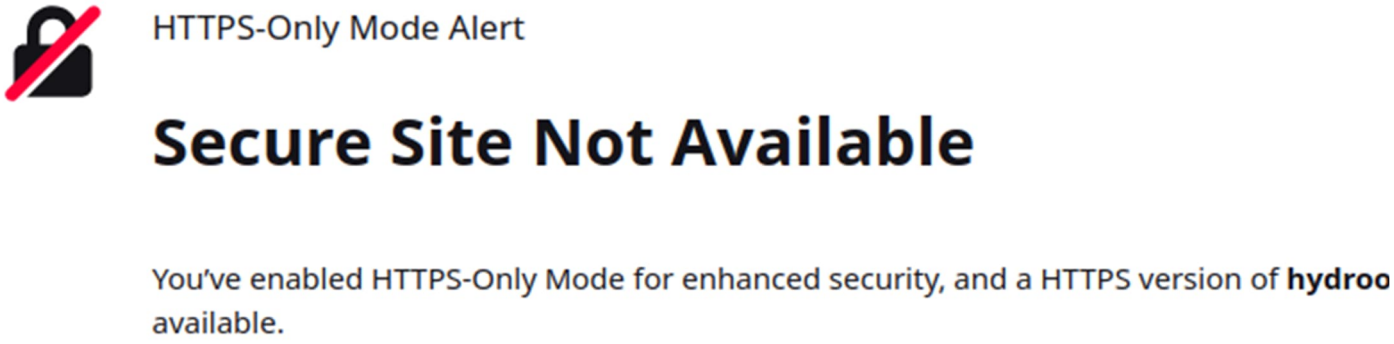


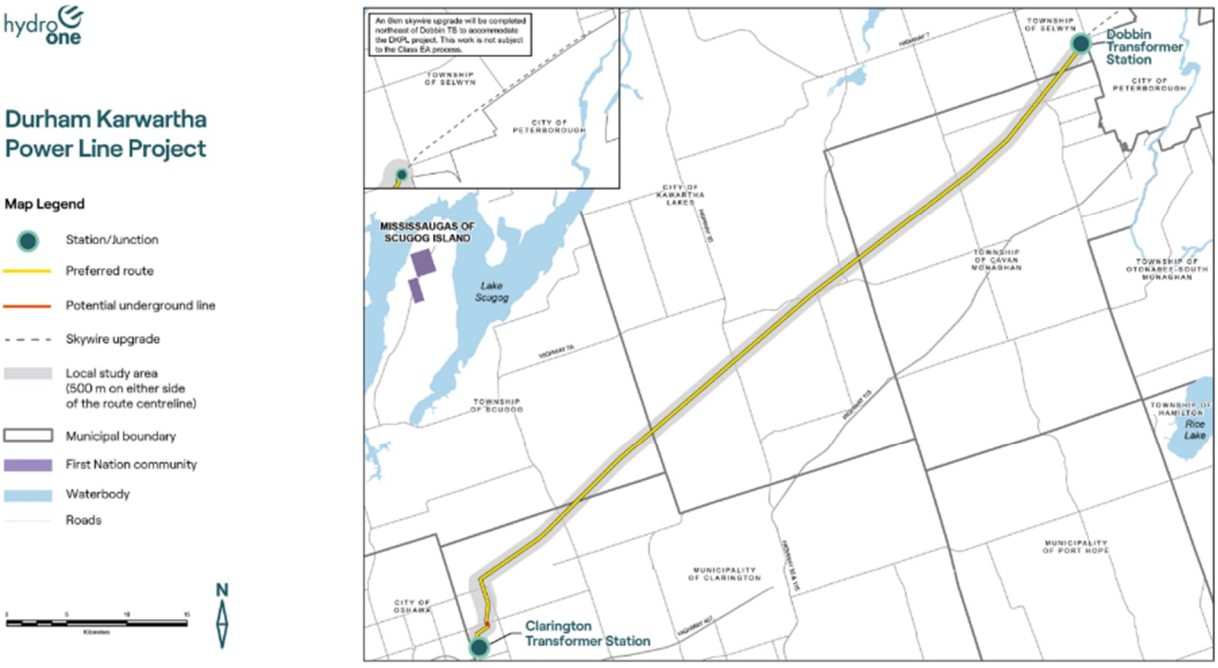
General Public
Response to Notice of Completion of the Draft ESR #4

From: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@hydroone.com>
Sent: December 5, 2025 2:22 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Attention Rhona Scott RE Durham Kawartha Power Line project

Hi [redacted]

Thank you for reaching out to learn more about the work Hydro One is doing in your area.

The work you're referring to is part of our distribution line relocation, which is separate from the Durham Kawartha Power Line (DKPL) project. The DKPL project is a new 230-kilovolt line that will use mostly existing transmission corridors. You can view the map below or visit our project website at HydroOne.com/DKPL for more information.



Regarding the distribution line construction, this work is taking place within the road allowance including along Bowmanville Ave in coordination with the Municipality of Clarington. To ensure the safe operation of the overhead lines, some vegetation will need to be removed to maintain proper clearances for safety and reliability.

For any work on private property, our distribution team will speak directly with impacted property owners. In terms of your concerns about potential impacts to fresh water sources, distribution poles are relatively shallow in depth and are not known to affect fresh water supplies.

Please let us know if you have any further questions. Thank you again for contacting us to learn more.

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 11:07 AM
To: RELATIONS Community <Community.Relations@HydroOne.com>
Subject: Attention Rhona Scott RE Durham Kawartha Power Line project

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Hello

Does the new power lines being installed north along Bowmanville ave which runs directly in front of my house have anything to do with the DKPower line project? If so how will my property be impacted.

They've already cut plenty of trees down in the road allowance along the front of my house and it appears a large hydro pole will be installed dead centre of my front lawn to run the new lines.

We have two fresh water sources located in our valley which we do not want contaminated nor disturbed in any way.

What further impacts can we expect?

[redacted]

[redacted]