

APPENDIX 8-A

Commitments

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1	Hydro One is committed to ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities, including Métis communities throughout the Project lifecycle. As permits, licenses, and approvals arise, Hydro One will continue to provide opportunities, as appropriate, for Indigenous communities to review and provide input on matters that may affect Section 35 rights, interests, and claims, and to discuss potential mitigation and/or accommodation measures, where required.	EA and post EA	Section 1.4.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
2	Ensure ongoing engagement to continue as a process of mutual learning and building trust between Garden River First Nation's leadership and Hydro One.	EA and post EA	Section 3.3.9/Table 3-11	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
3	Work with the Métis community to identify opportunities for field monitors. The Capacity Funding Agreement contains a section specific to field activities to support the Métis Community's participation in these activities.	EA	Section 3.3.17/ Table 3-19	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
4	Protect culturally significant areas, including Métis burial sites. Hydro One will follow requirements under provincial legislation for archaeological assessment and cultural heritage procedures.	EA	Section 3.3.17/ Table 3-19	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
5	Collaborate with the Huron Superior Regional Métis community and Métis citizens to identify any areas of concern and, where appropriate, adjust routing or implement protective measures to avoid disturbances.	EA	Section 3.3.17/ Table 3-19	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
6	Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance commitment and confirmation that mitigation and permitting requirements will be addressed.	EA	Section 3.6.14/ Table 3-23	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	N	Y	Y	N/A
7	Keeping the Ontario Fur Managers Federation informed as the Project progresses.	EA and post EA	Section 3.8.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	N/A
8	Complete Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for identified areas of archaeological potential along the Northern route as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities and invite Indigenous monitors to participate in field surveys and review of reports.	EA and post EA	Section 4.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	Y	Y	N/A
9	Incorporate Indigenous Cultural Landscapes identified through ongoing engagement and review.	EA and post EA	Section 4.3.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	Y	Y	N/A
10	Pursue ongoing engagement and consultation with Rights holders and stakeholders through the Project's design and construction.	EA and post EA	Section 4.4.1.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
11	Build meaningful relationships with all Indigenous peoples through cooperation, trust, and shared responsibility.	EA and post EA	Section 4.4.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
12	Incorporate additional Indigenous land use information into the environmental inventory as consultation progresses through project planning, design and implementation stages.	EA	Section 4.4.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	Y	Y	N/A
13	Provide support to Indigenous communities to identify and avoid, to the extent possible areas that support current or past traditional land uses and values.	EA and post EA	Section 4.4.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	Y	Y	N/A

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14	Prepare and implement a comprehensive, Project EMS that includes requirements for environmental compliance, erosion and sediment control, waste management, hazardous materials handling, noise and dust mitigation, spill prevention and response, and the decommissioning and restoration of temporary facilities. Mitigation measures will remain in place until final rehabilitation of temporary work areas is completed.	Post EA	Section 6.1.2.	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	N/A
15	If groundwater supply wells are used to service construction camps, the EPC Contractor will ensure compliance with R.R.O. Regulation 903: Wells, including requirements related to well construction, licensing, registration, and minimum setback distances.	Post EA	Section 6.1.2.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	N/A
16	EPC Contractor to undertake a detailed evaluation of the proposed construction camp locations and associated sewage servicing options, prior to the start of construction activities and the submission of applications for required MECP approvals.	Post EA	Section 6.1.2.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	N/A
17	Should groundwater servicing be selected, the EPC Contractor will investigate pre-construction site conditions at the proposed construction camp locations prior to the installation and operation of groundwater supply wells.	Post EA	Section 6.1.2.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	N/A
18	Implementing environmentally responsible and culturally sensitive practices throughout the lifecycle of its infrastructure.	EA and post EA	Section 6.1.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	N	N	Y	N/A
19	Vegetation management will involve appropriate methods depending on vegetation type and the surrounding landscape. Herbicide use will only occur where deemed necessary, beyond established buffers surrounding waterbodies, and considering soil type, slope and the presence of potential sensitive features prior to application.	Post EA	Section 6.1.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	O&M	Indigenous and non-Indigenous	N	Y	N/A
20	Evaluate herbicide use through ongoing consultation and engagement.	Post EA	Section 6.1.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	O&M	Indigenous and non-Indigenous	N	Y	N/A
21	Comply with all applicable regulatory approvals required at the time of retirement.	Post EA	Section 6.1.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Retirement	N	N	Y	N/A
22	Complete Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment for all identified areas of archaeological potential along the preferred route and access road in accordance with MCM requirements, prior to construction.	EA	Section 7.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	N/A
23	Continue engagement with Indigenous communities throughout Stage 2 AA and subsequent studies and provide report to Indigenous communities for review and feedback prior to submission to MCM.	EA	Section 7.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	N/A
24	An Archaeological Resources Management Plan will be included in the Project EMS.	Post EA	Section 7.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A

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25	Contact all Indigenous communities with an interest in the Project and/or location of discovery of archaeological materials during construction immediately.	Post EA	Section 7.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
26	Engage with Indigenous communities throughout construction, operation, and maintenance regarding built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes.	Post EA	Section 7.3.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
27	A Waste Management Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.3.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
28	Consult and coordinate with MNR, MTO, and MECP during the design phase to determine potential conflicts and appropriate site specific mitigation measures to avoid, coordinate or minimize effects within the PSA	EA	Section 7.4.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
29	A Site Restoration and Reclamation Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.4.1.1.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
30	Consult and engage with Agawa and Watco during the design phase to determine any necessary site-specific mitigation or coordination measures to minimize disruption to their operations.	EA	Section 7.4.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	N/A
31	Undertake additional consultation requirements with existing permit holders/licensees on Crown lands.	Post EA	Section 7.4.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction; O&M; Monitoring	N	Y	Y	N/A
32	A Noise and Vibration Control and Monitoring Plan as well as a Blasting Management Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.4.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
33	Consult and work with mining claim holders to avoid, minimize, and coordinate Project activities that may affect claim holders	Post EA	Section 7.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
34	Develop and implement contingency measures and management plans for the identification, handling, monitoring, and management of potentially contaminated groundwater encountered during Project activities, including in the vicinity of the Grand Portage and Mairs HJ abandoned mines.	Post EA	Section 7.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction; Monitoring	N	Y	Y	N/A
35	Ensure ongoing, open and meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities throughout the Project's lifecycle.	EA and post EA	Section 7.6	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
36	Erosion and Sediment Control plans will be included in the Project EMS including monitoring requirements, and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.1.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
37	An Excavated Material Management Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.1.4	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
38	An Imported Soil and Aggregate Management Plan will also be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.1.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
39	A Dust and Air Quality Control Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.2.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A

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40	A Water Management Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
41	Complete water quality monitoring and sampling, where required in accordance with applicable permit and approval requirements and implement additional mitigation measures and reporting, as applicable based on monitoring results	Post EA	Section 7.7.3.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction	N	N	Y	N/A
42	A Spill Prevention and Response Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.4	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
43	Where future design work identifies potential temporary effect to groundwater sources, the Project EMS will include measures to provide alternative water supplies to affected well owners, groundwater spring users, and Indigenous community groundwater users.	Post EA	Section 7.7.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
44	Restore or replace groundwater supplies adversely affected by Project activities and provide temporary alternative water supplies or compensation until a permanent solution is implemented	Post EA	Section 7.7.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
45	Identify registered and unregistered water wells, artesian wells, groundwater springs, and groundwater sources used by Indigenous communities prior to construction and obtaining MECP approvals.	Post EA	Section 7.7.5.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
46	Provide well owners, groundwater spring users, and affected Indigenous communities with at least 48 hours' advance notice where Project activities may affect groundwater resources	Post EA	Section 7.7.5.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
47	A Vegetation Management Plan, including a Burn Plan, as well as a Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject	Post EA	Section 7.7.7	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
48	A Working in and Near Water and Wetlands Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence;	Post EA	Section 7.7.7.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
49	Engage with Indigenous communities on restoration of wetlands disturbed during construction with compatible native species.	Post EA	Section 7.7.7.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
50	An Invasive Species Management Plan will be included in the Project EMS and will be subject to environmental due diligence.	Post EA	Section 7.7.7.5	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	N	Y	N/A
51	Undertake a biodiversity initiative specific to the Project to contribute to habitat creation, enhancement and restoration work by providing funding for select initiatives proposed by Indigenous communities, municipalities, Conservation Authorities, agencies, or other interested parties.	Post EA	Section 7.7.7.6	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	O&M; Monitoring	N	Y	Y	Funded proposals may include but not limited to wetland and wildlife habitat creation and enhancement, invasive species inventory or removal, and SAR habitat creation. As the Project heads into the construction phase, following completion of the Class and Ontario Energy Board (OEB) Leave to Construct processes, Hydro One will initiate this opportunity.

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52	Provide advance notice to Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs to ensure recreational snowmobilers are aware of potential restricted areas, and schedule of work	Post EA	Section 7.8.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	N	N	Y	N/A
53	Engage with Sault Ste. Marie KOA and Cedar Rail Ranch Outpost #2 directly.	EA	Section 7.8.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction	N	Y	Y	N/A
54	Build and maintain relationships of mutual respect with Indigenous communities, while recognizing that Indigenous communities and their lands are unique in Canada, with distinct legal, historical and cultural significance.	EA and post EA	Section 7.10	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
55	Ensuring engagement with Indigenous communities are maintained by providing regular Project updates, consulting with Indigenous communities to identify and avoid geographically defined areas which support current or past traditional use or sites of spiritual or cultural significance.	EA and post EA	Section 7.10	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring	Y	N	Y	N/A
56	Ensuring continued engagement and consultation with Indigenous communities throughout the Project to provide opportunities for communities to identify specific effects on their traditional lands, and to their use of land and resources for traditional purposes.	EA	Section 7.10	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	Y	Y	N/A
57	Working with Indigenous communities, municipalities, agencies and organizations in the area to identify opportunities that could enhance and contribute to the local communities recognizing that community benefits can be varied and diverse in nature.	EA	Section 7.10.1	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
58	Working collaboratively with Métis communities to identify, refine, and implement measures that address potential net effects on Métis communities' ability to exercise Section 35 rights.	EA	Section 7.10.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A
59	Continue engagement with Métis communities, consistent with Hydro One Indigenous Relations Policy throughout the life cycle of the Project including through adaptive management and monitoring.	EA	Section 7.10.3	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Pre-construction; Construction; O&M; Monitoring; Retirement	Y	N	Y	N/A
60	Ensure that all regulatory conditions of approval and compliance with any applicable environmental legislation are met.	Post EA	Section 8	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction; O&M; Monitoring; Retirement	N	N	Y	N/A
61	Ensure effective monitoring of the Project's environmental effects are undertaken in line with the Project's specific Environmental Management System (EMS).	Post EA	Section 8	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction; O&M; Monitoring	N	N	Y	N/A
62	Work with construction Contractor to properly train and incorporate Indigenous community staff in environmental monitoring work during construction.	Post EA	Section 8	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Construction	Y	N	Y	N/A

TBD = To be determined; N/A = Not applicable