

Appendix L-1

Indigenous Communities Record of Consultation Supporting Documents



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Pre-Notice of Commencement

Correspondence sent to the following

Indigenous Communities and Organizations:

- Eagle Lake (Migisi Sahgaigan) First Nation
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- Lac La Croix First Nation
- Lac Seul First Nation
- Seine River First Nation
- Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation
- Grand Council Treaty #3
- Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1
- Métis Nation of Ontario Region 2
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Derek Chum
Vice President, Indigenous Relations

November 1, 2018

Dear,

Northwest Bulk Transmission Project

I am writing to notify you that on October 24, 2018, Hydro One received a letter from the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) regarding the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, recommending that Hydro One begin development work on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project. The scope of development work is to include: preliminary design/engineering, cost estimation, public engagement/consultation, routing and siting, and Environmental Assessment.

The Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project is a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt line between Lakehead Transmission Station (TS) within the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS within the Township of Atikokan (Phase 1), and a new single-circuit 230 kilovolt line from Mackenzie TS within the Township of Atikokan to Dryden TS within the City of Dryden (Phase 2). This new transmission line is needed to ensure an adequate, safe, and reliable supply of power to enable future growth and development in Northwestern Ontario.

Subsequent to the letter from the IESO, on October 25, 2018, Hydro One received a letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, delegating procedural aspects of Consultation with Indigenous communities to Hydro One. We understand you have received a notification letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines regarding this project and its delegation of Consultation to Hydro One.

We look forward to discussing this project further with you and Hydro One's Indigenous Relations team will be following up with you shortly.

In the interim, I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Also, please also feel free to contact Christine Goulais, Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations, at 416-345-4390 or Tausha Esquega, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations, at 807-346-3830.

Sincerely,

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Derek Chum
Vice President, Indigenous Relations

October 24, 2018

Mr. Robert Reinmuller
Director, Transmission Planning
Hydro One Inc.
483 Bay Street, 13th Floor, North Tower
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Dear Robert,

Update on the Need and Scope for the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line

The Independent Electricity System Operator (the “IESO”) recently updated its electrical load forecast and completed an assessment of the need for additional capacity to supply the West of Thunder Bay and North of Dryden areas (together, the “Region”), shown in Figure 1. The purpose of this letter is to describe the supply needs for the Region and the IESO’s recommended next steps for meeting those needs.

Supply Needs in the Region

Figure 2 below shows an updated electrical load forecast for the Region. The updated forecast considers new loads from potential mining developments, the connection of remote communities and the removal of loads from the cancelled Energy East pipeline conversion project.

Based on the forecast the Region is adequately supplied today; however, a need for additional capacity will arise in the mid-2030s.

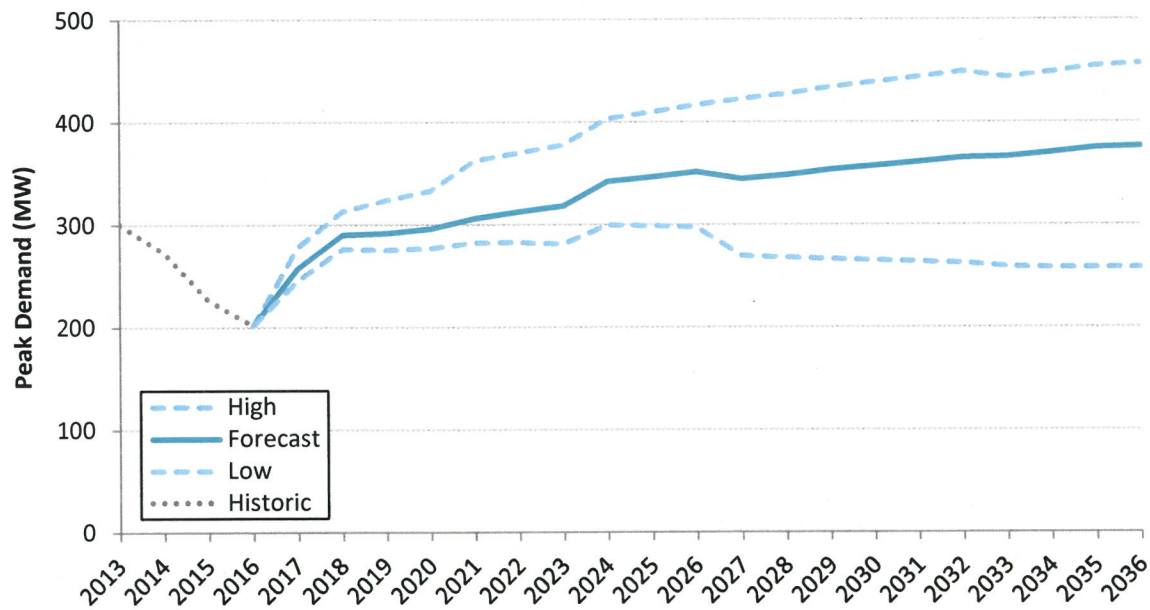
The IESO’s updated electrical load forecast also includes high and low growth scenarios to capture the uncertainty around industrial developments. Under the high growth scenario, which considers

Figure 1 – The Region



development of the Ring of Fire with electricity supplied by the Ontario transmission system, a capacity need could potentially arise in the early 2020s.

Figure 2 - Electrical Load Forecast – the Region



Addressing the Need

The Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) was identified as a priority project in the 2017 Long-Term Energy Plan (the “LTEP”) and can address the capacity needs described above. The LTEP divides the Project into three phases:

Phase 1 – a line from Thunder Bay to Atikokan;

Phase 2 – a line from Atikokan to Dryden; and

Phase 3 – a line from Dryden to the Manitoba border.

An Order in Council issued December 11, 2013 directed the Ontario Energy Board to amend the Hydro One Networks Inc. Electricity Transmission License to require Hydro One to develop and seek approvals for the Project in accordance with the scope and timing recommended by the IESO. The IESO’s recommended scope and timing is outlined in the following paragraphs.

Scope and Timing

Since the capacity need is not likely to materialize until the mid-2030s, a commitment for additional supply to the Region is not required at this time. However, the IESO recognizes the

risks associated with load forecast uncertainty and the potential for large industrial projects to add significant load to the Region utilizing the remaining capacity margin sooner than anticipated.

Therefore, to shorten the Project lead time if the need for additional capacity materializes earlier than expected, the IESO recommends that Hydro One begin development work on Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Project as soon as possible. The scope of development work is to include preliminary design/engineering, cost estimation, public engagement/consultation, routing and siting, and Environmental Assessment. At this time the IESO is not committing to a timeline for the construction of the line. The IESO will continue to monitor developments in the Region to determine when construction of the transmission line should begin.

To supply the Region under the high growth scenario, the Project must meet the following specifications:

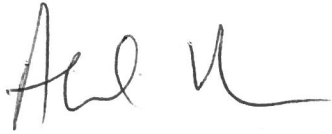
- a) Consist of a new double circuit 230 kV line between Lakehead TS and Mackenzie TS (Phase 1) with a thermal capacity that is equal to or greater than the existing double-circuit 230 kV transmission between Lakehead TS and Mackenzie TS. This would achieve the required westbound transfer of at least 350 MW into Mackenzie TS and Moose Lake TS.
- b) Consist of a new single circuit 230 kV line from Mackenzie TS to Dryden TS (Phase 2) with a thermal capacity that is equal to or greater than the existing single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS. This would achieve the required westbound transfer of at least 350 MW from MacKenzie and Moose Lake.
- c) Separate the necessary sections of F25A and D26A to ensure the circuits do not share a common structure over a distance that exceeds one mile.

Hydro One should consider various routing options as appropriate. Since requirements for switching and reactive facilities would depend on the configuration and line options, they are not specified at this time.

The 2014 letter from the Ontario Power Authority (the "OPA") to Hydro One indicated that the Project must be capable of 550 MW transfer west from the Thunder Bay area. At the time the letter was written, the OPA's electrical load forecast was significantly higher and included potential mining developments and the Energy East pipeline conversion project. If in the future additional transfer capability beyond 350 MW is needed, the solution would be to install dynamic reactive facilities in addition to the transmission lines indicated above.

The IESO will provide support to Hydro One as required, including discussion of possible routing alternatives. As well, the IESO will continue to monitor developments in the Region and confirm the best course of action to address supply needs, and will keep Hydro One apprised of this work.

Sincerely,

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Ahmed Maria
Director - Transmission Planning
Independent Electricity System Operator

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Christine Goulais
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

August 27, 2020

by Email:

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line – 2020 Field Work Plan

Dear,

As you are aware, Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is in the Terms of Reference (ToR) stage of its environmental assessment (EA) process for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Within the draft ToR, several preliminary route alternatives have been identified and will be confirmed in the proposed ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The alternative routes will be evaluated in the EA process to select a preferred route.

Hydro One has retained Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) to support on the EA and documentation of the EA process, which will be completed according to the scope defined in the ToR once it is approved by the MECP. To better understand the potential for wildlife habitat and surface water features along the alternative routes identified in the ToR, Golder is planning a four-day helicopter-based reconnaissance flyover and a two-day abandoned mine features survey to search for potential bat hibernacula. The above work is planned for this fall (October 2020) and is described in detail in the work plan attached.

Field Team Member Position: Golder is seeking applicants from the Indigenous communities being engaged as part of this EA process for a field team member to join the Golder team for the abandoned mine features survey. Please see the attached job description for further information, including how candidates can apply for the position.

We appreciate your support in helping us identify qualified and interested candidates for this work, particularly those who are familiar with the land along the alternative routes. Reflecting space limitations in the vehicle, and respecting safe work procedures during COVID-19, it is expected that a limited number of candidates will be hired to undertake the abandoned mine features survey, though back-up staff may be identified and trained to support this or future programs. More opportunities to participate in field work will be available in 2021 and 2022 when the ground based biophysical surveys are completed for the preferred route (e.g., wildlife, vegetation, surface water and aquatics surveys). Qualified candidates will be contacted between August 31, 2020 and September 14, 2020.

Preliminary Field Work Plan: Golder has attached its field work plan describing the goals and proposed activities for the flyover and abandoned mine features surveys, and requests your feedback. If you have any questions or comments regarding the planned scope, proposed timing, requested protocols for notification to your community in advance of or during the surveys, please share your comments to Tausha Esquega at (807) 346-3830 or Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com by September 14, 2020. The field workplan for the surveys will be finalized based on input from communities and applicable agencies.

Additional notification of the flyover, including specific dates, planned flight elevation, specific helicopter type and vendor, will be shared with you a few weeks prior to the planned survey. A summary of findings of the flyover and abandoned mine feature surveys will be provided later in 2020. As well, these findings will be included in engagement materials as part of the first round of engagement for the Draft EA, which is planned for early 2021, following ToR approval.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project, please feel free to contact Tausha Esquega at (807) 346-3830 or Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

CC: Sarah Cohanin, Environmental Planner, Waasigan Transmission Line Project, Hydro One
Tausha Esquega, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One

Attachments

Waasigan Transmission Line – 2020 Field Team Member Position – Job Description

Waasigan Transmission Line – 2020 Field Work Plan



Waasigan Transmission Line

2020 Field Team Member Position

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A Field Team Member is needed on a short-term contract basis to visit abandoned mine features to assess the presence of potential bat hibernacula for the Waasigan Transmission Line (the Project). This information is required to confirm certain current environmental conditions along route alternatives being assessed. The Field Team Member will be hired as a Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) employee, working to assist other staff from Golder in the collection of this information.

Location and Schedule

Work will require travelling by truck. The Field Team Member may be asked to meet the Golder biologists at a mutually agreed location (the location will be confirmed in advance) on the first day of the field visit and travel with the Golder biologists for the full duration of the study. Return flights and overnight accommodation for the field team, including the Field Team Member, will be arranged by Golder, as needed.

The abandoned mine feature survey is scheduled for two 12-hour days, starting in October 2020. Additional work may be identified at a later date. The minimum number of hours for the contract is 10 hours.

Duties

For the field program, the Field Team Member may be responsible for:

- Adhering to site-specific health and safety plans
- Making and recording observations, including those made by the Golder biologist, at study sites
- Recording GPS locations where observations are made at the study sites
- Working in rain/all weather

A day of online orientation/training will be required.

Desired Skills

The ideal person(s) for this job will:

- Be able to write and document observations
- Have an interest in wildlife and/or environmental effects assessment
- Have good communication skills
- Be able to stay with the team for the full duration of the field visit
- Be willing to work in potentially difficult terrain and/or during adverse weather conditions
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude; willingness to learn

Equipment

You will need:

- Clothing suitable for outdoor work in all weather conditions (including warm layers for cool fall weather and rain gear).

Salary and Hours

The field work will require up to 12-hour workdays, including travel, and up to two days of continuous work plus training time. Rate of pay will be \$20/hour. Time and expenses for travel to meet the team in Thunder Bay (or elsewhere), accommodation (if required) and food during the study will be provided.

Please provide your name, address, contact phone number and description of any applicable experience and/or your interest in the program or provide a resume to Brett Thompson at brett_thompson@golder.com



TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

DATE August 21, 2020

Reference No. GAL-011-20137728

TO Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner, Hydro One Networks Inc.

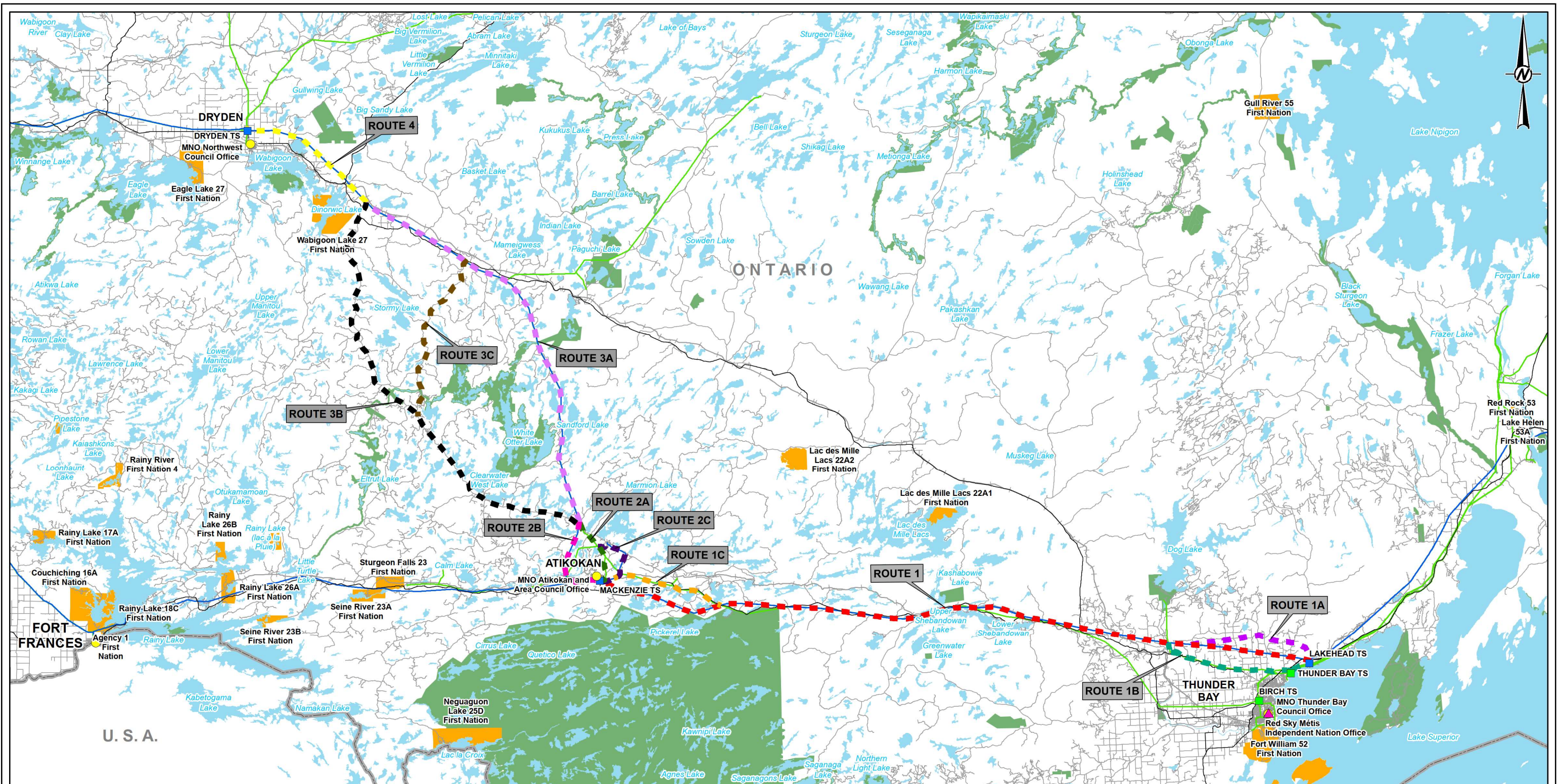
FROM Callum Squires, Environmental Specialist

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WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE – 2020 FIELD WORK PLAN

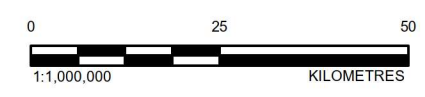
1.0 INTRODUCTION

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), is completing an environmental assessment (EA) for the Waasigan Transmission Line (the Project), a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and the Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between the Mackenzie TS and the Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. Depending on the preferred route selected through the EA process, the length of the transmission line will be approximately 350 kilometres (km). The location of the Project is shown on Figure 1-1.



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Alternative Route 1	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation Office	First Nation Reserve
Alternative Route 1A	MNO Council Office	Waterbody
Alternative Route 1B	115 kV Transformer Station (TS)	Provincial Park
Alternative Route 1C	230 kV Transformer Station (TS)	
Alternative Route 2A	Transmission Line (115 kV)	
Alternative Route 2B	Transmission Line (230 kV)	
Alternative Route 2C	Highway	
Alternative Route 3A	Local Road	
Alternative Route 3B	Railway	
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Alternative Route 4		



REFERENCE(S)

1. BASE DATA OBTAINED FROM THE MRNF JUNE 2020
2. ROUTE ALTERNATIVES PROVIDED BY HYDRO ONE, AUGUST 2020
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2.0 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

On June 29, 2020, Hydro One released a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for review and comment by Indigenous communities, government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The draft ToR identified that work plans will be developed to describe the 2020 and 2021-2022 field programs that will support the EA.

This field work plan outlines the 2020 field surveys that will support the alternative route evaluation to select a preferred route. The 2020 field surveys include an aerial reconnaissance survey and a mine site survey. The purpose of this work plan is to support consultation with applicable agencies and Indigenous communities by presenting the proposed type, location, timing and methodologies of field studies to be completed to inform the alternative route evaluation portion of the EA.

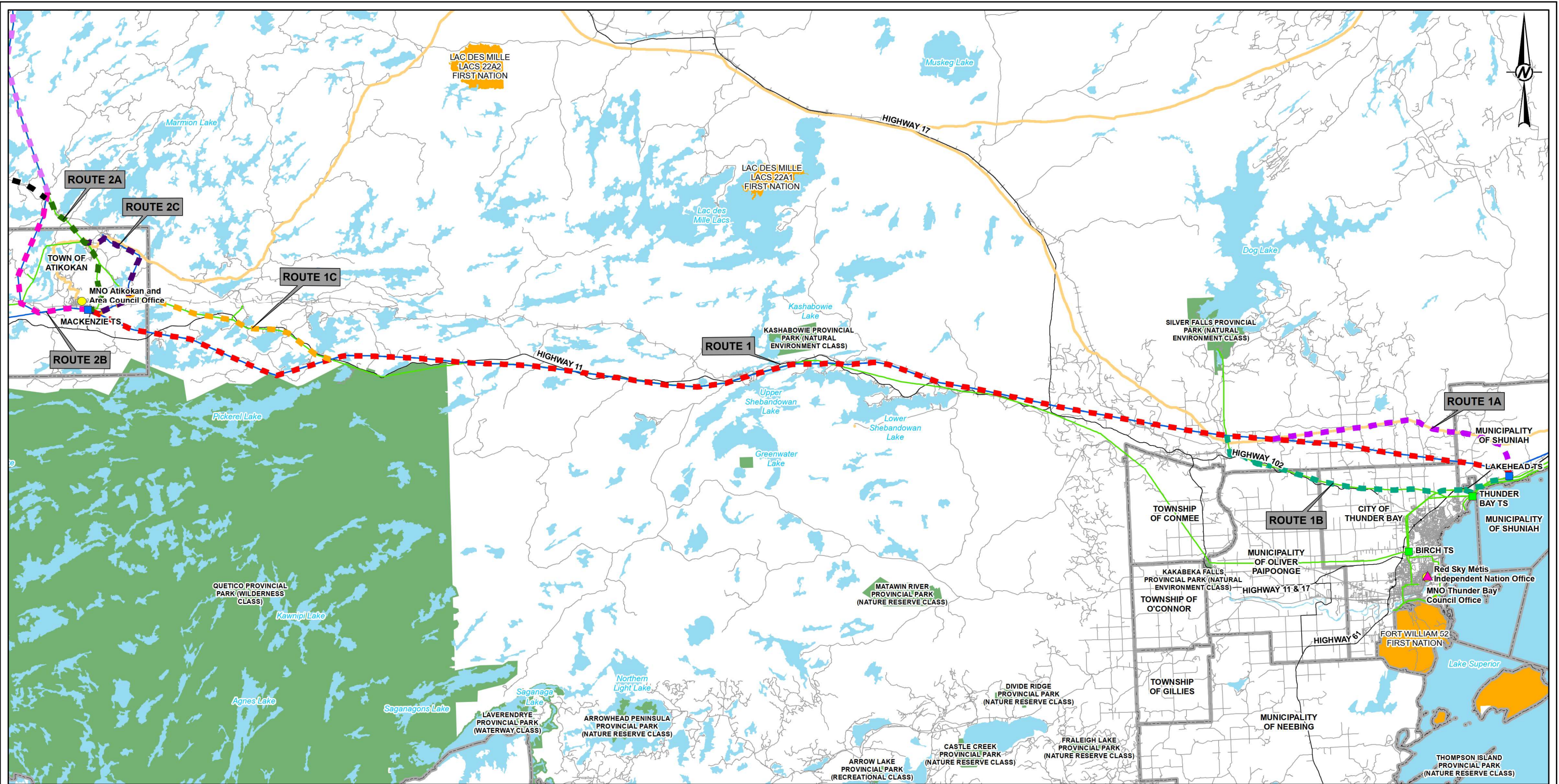
Site-specific field surveys will be completed in 2021-2022 once a preferred route is selected in 2021. A brief description of the planned 2021-2022 field surveys is included in this document; however, the work plan for the 2021-2022 surveys will be informed by the ToR review and initial consultations with applicable agencies and Indigenous communities. Thus, a detailed work plan for the 2021-2022 field surveys will be prepared for additional consultation with applicable agencies and Indigenous communities at a later date.

3.0 STUDY AREA

The 2020 field program will support the alternative route evaluation to determine the preferred route for the EA. Preliminary alternative routes have been identified as part of the draft ToR and it is anticipated that the alternative routes will be further refined as part of draft ToR review in the summer of 2020. The alternative routes will be confirmed in the fall of 2020 as part of the proposed ToR. The study areas for the 2020 field program will focus on the alternative routes that will be presented in the proposed ToR.

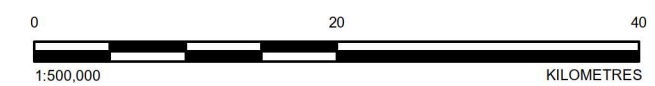
The draft study areas for this work plan have been developed based on the preliminary alternative routes, but it is not anticipated that the scope or approach outlined in this work plan will be affected by the confirmation of the alternative routes. The preliminary alternative routes are separated into four sections between the Lakehead TS and the Dryden TS:

- Section 1 (Figure 3-1) – City of Thunder Bay (Lakehead TS) to the Town of Atikokan (Mackenzie TS);
- Section 2 (Figure 3-2) – Town of Atikokan and surrounding area;
- Section 3 (Figure 3-3) – North Atikokan to Wabigoon Lake; and
- Section 4 (Figure 3-4) – Wabigoon Lake to the City of Dryden (Dryden TS).



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	Alternative Route 1		MNO Council Office
	Alternative Route 1A		Red Sky Métis Independent Nation Office
	Alternative Route 1B		115 kV Transformer Station (TS)
	Alternative Route 1C		230 kV Transformer Station (TS)
	Alternative Route 2A		Highway
	Alternative Route 2B		Local Road
	Alternative Route 2C		Railway
	Alternative Route 3A		Natural Gas Pipeline
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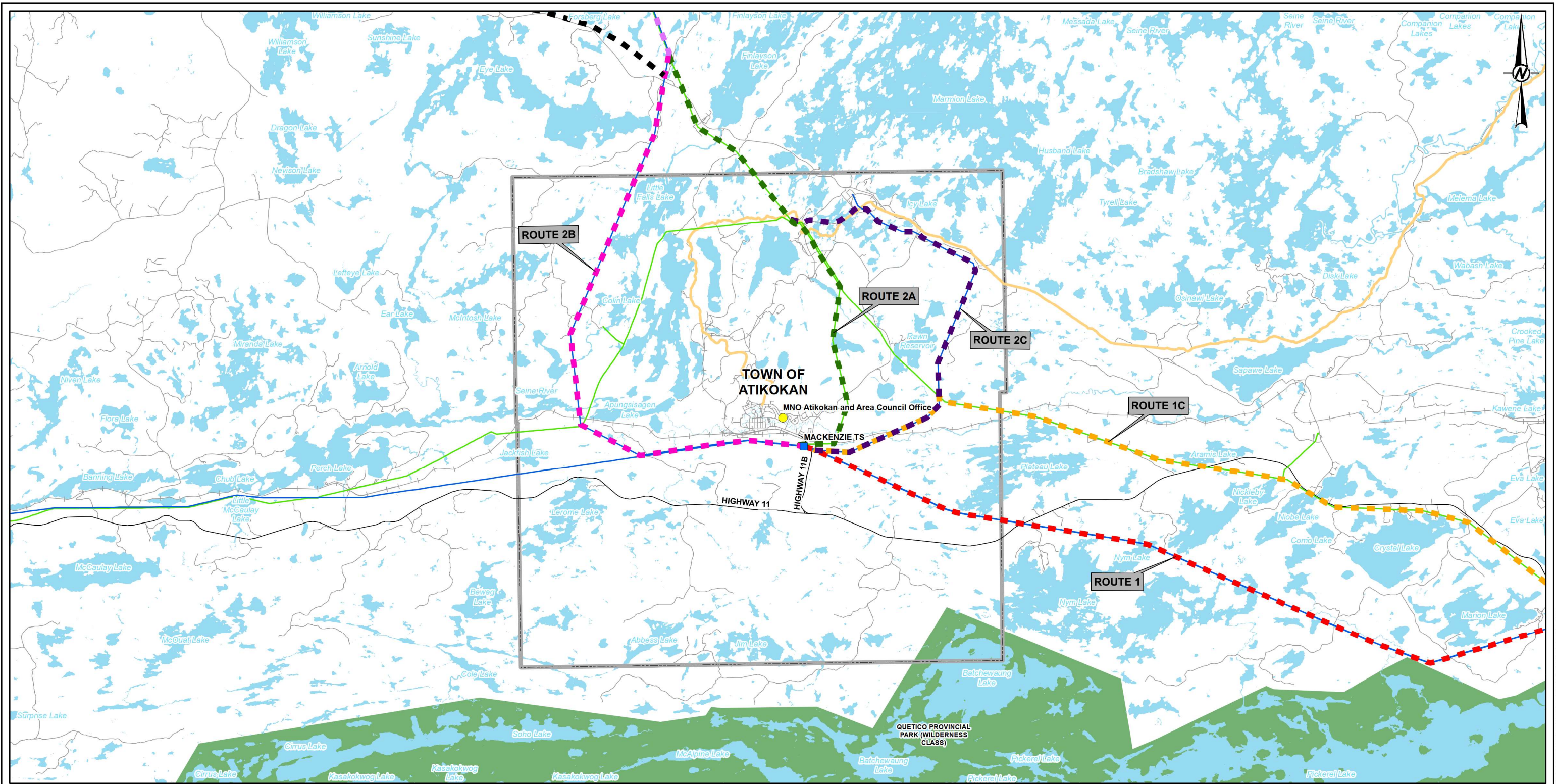
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Alternative Route 2B	Transmission Line (230 kV)
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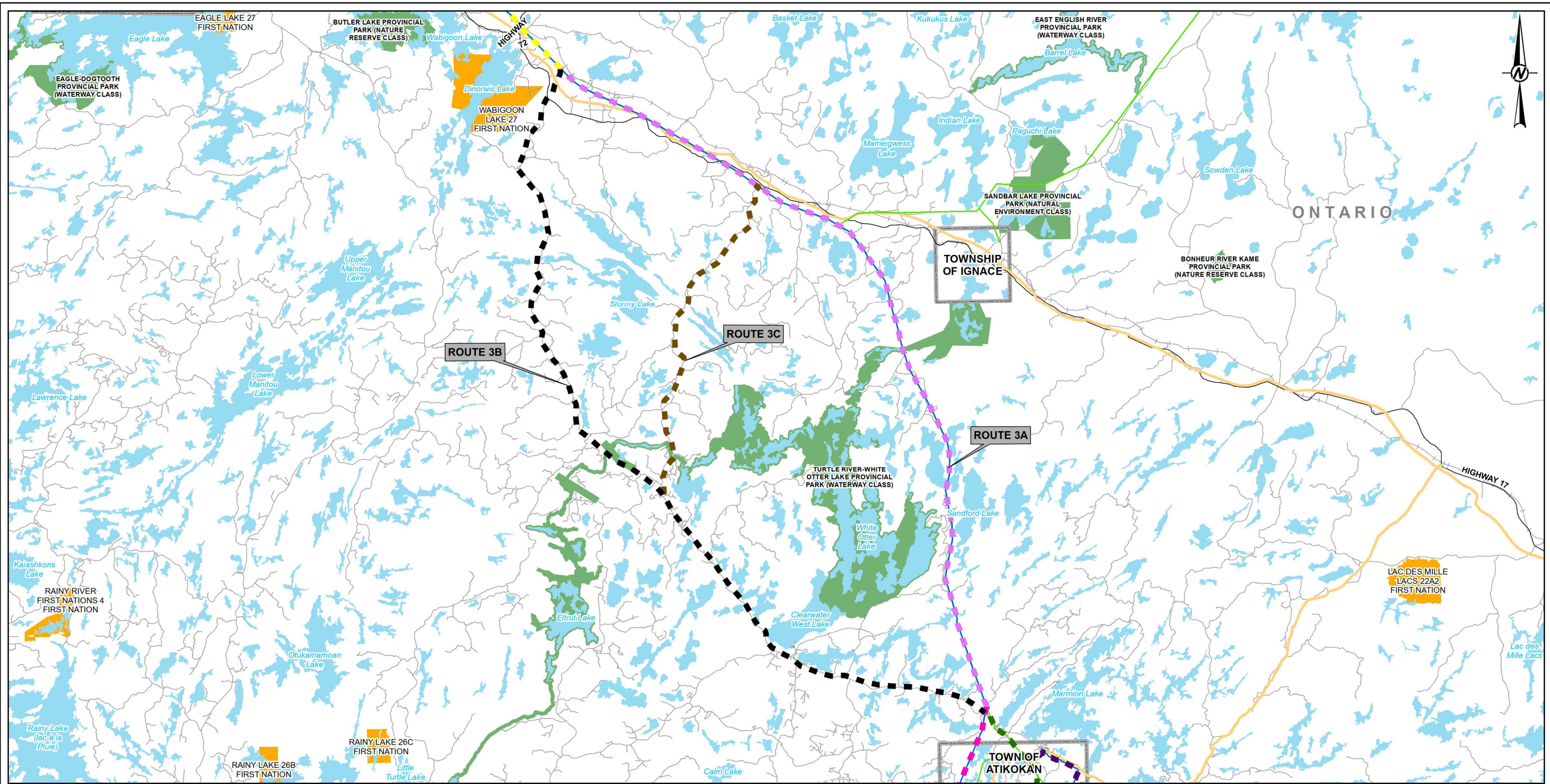
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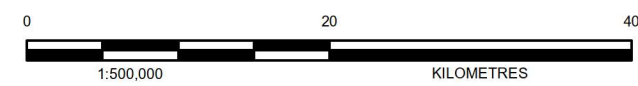
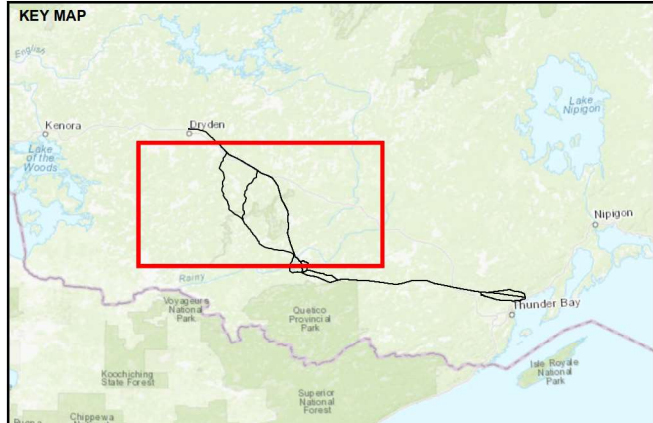
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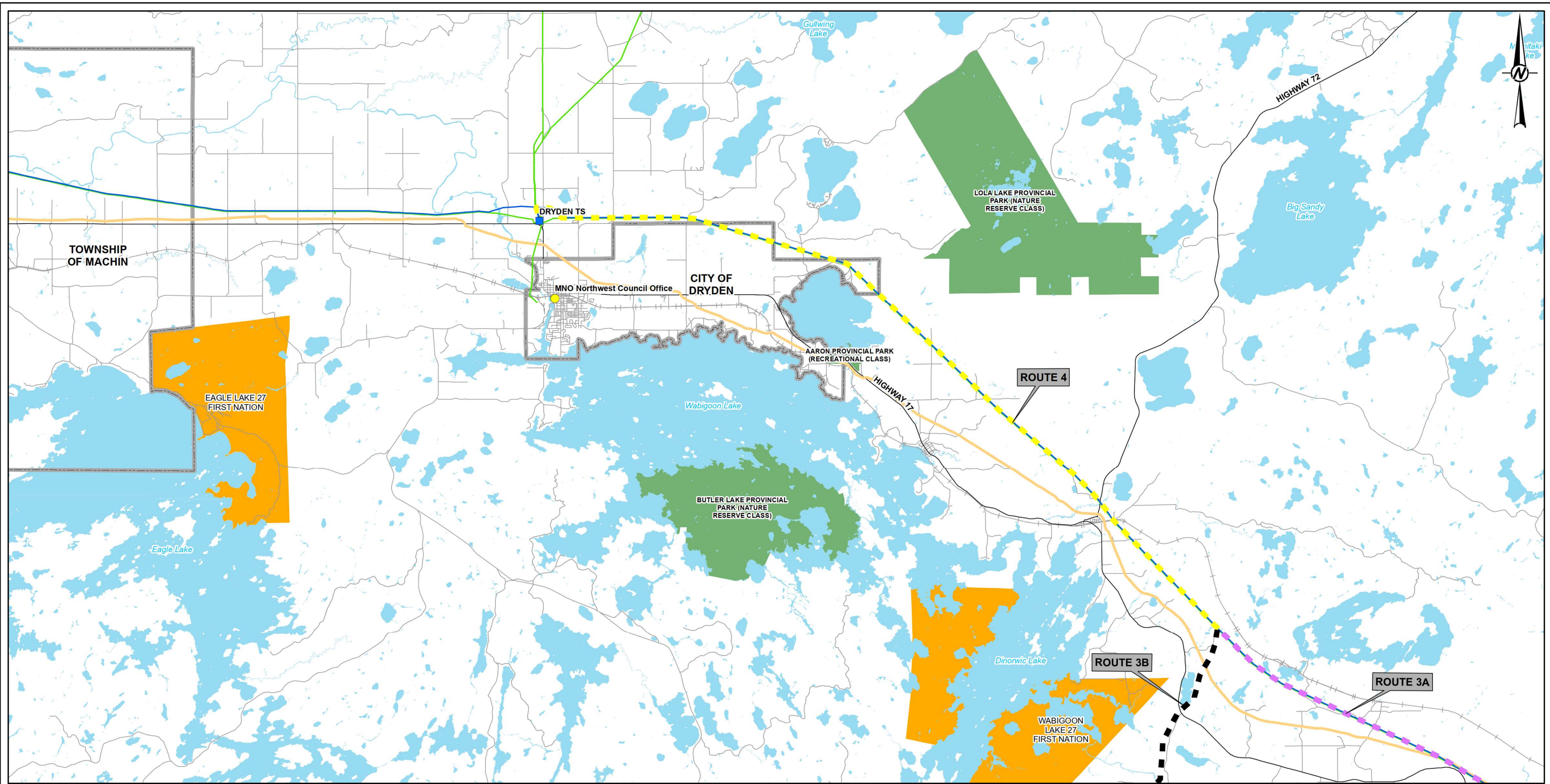
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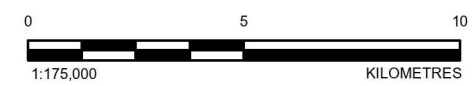
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4.0 2020 WORK PLAN

The 2020 work plan includes a desktop review to assemble datasets that are expected to be used in the alternative route evaluation and an aerial reconnaissance to confirm the accuracy of the datasets and fill in gaps where possible. A mine site survey to search for potential bat hibernaculum will also be completed. These activities are described below.

4.1 Desktop Review

A desktop review for surface water, fish and fish habitat, and the terrestrial environment (i.e., vegetation communities, wetlands and wildlife and wildlife habitat) will be completed by combining data provided by Hydro One from the ToR process with other available desktop information. This information may include the following:

- Indigenous knowledge sources (where possible);
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) for listed species occurrences;
- MECP Lake Partner Program;
- Land Information Ontario (LIO) spatial layers for Significant Wildlife Habitat features (e.g., moose aquatic feeding areas, waterfowl staging areas, raptor stick nests), Aquatic Resource Area Layer, base mapping of wetlands and waterbodies, Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) and other designated natural areas;
- Crown Land Use Planning Atlas (CLUPA);
- Species listed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) protected under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA);
- Species listed by Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) protected under the provincial *Endangered Species at Risk Act* (ESA);
- MNRF Restricted access datasets (fish nursery and spawning areas);
- MNRF Fish ON-Line database;
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) species at risk (SAR) mapping;
- DFO fish and mussel distribution data;
- Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) wildlife range mapping;
- Ontario Invasive Species Awareness Data; and
- Ontario Bathymetry maps.

Publicly accessible data will be updated if newer versions are available, or if regulations or the status of species have changed. Datasets will be screened to determine if sufficient coverage exists to allow a comparison of route alternatives. If gaps are identified, it will be determined if these gaps can be filled through the aerial reconnaissance (Section 4.2.1) or if another dataset could represent the indicator used to compare the alternative routes. Indicators with incomplete datasets may be considered in a qualitative manner as part of the alternative route evaluation if appropriate.

For wildlife and wildlife habitat, datasets will include available significant wildlife features (e.g., moose calving areas, reoccurring nesting observations). Forest resource inventory (FRI) data will be used to determine vegetation community ecosites along the route alternatives. Species-specific habitat modelling will not be

completed as part of the alternative route evaluation. These datasets will be developed for the preferred route and assessed as part of the net effects assessment of the preferred route in the EA. The species-specific datasets will also be supported by the species-specific field surveys planned for the preferred route (Section 5.0).

For surface water and fish and fish habitat, a detailed waterbody crossing list will be created using GIS, desktop information and available aerial imagery. A unique identifier will be assigned to each crossing to correlate with surface water and fish and fish habitat field data to allow for data tracking and site-specific assessment.

4.2 Field Surveys

4.2.1 Aerial Reconnaissance

An aerial reconnaissance of the alternative routes is planned for 2020 to collect data for surface water, fish and fish habitat and the terrestrial environment to support the alternative route evaluation. The aerial reconnaissance will be conducted by two qualified professionals, including one terrestrial ecologist/environmental technician and one aquatic biologist/environmental technician.

For vegetation and wetlands, the aerial reconnaissance will focus on confirming and updating vegetation community base mapping as applicable, filling gaps in the existing data and identifying unmapped vegetation and wetland resources. Similar for wildlife and wildlife habitat, the aerial reconnaissance will focus on verifying the mapped wildlife habitat features, including significant wildlife habitat and potential species at risk habitat, filling gaps in the existing wildlife data, and identifying unmapped wildlife habitat resources (e.g., stick nests, river banks with potential to support bank swallow [*Riparia riparia*] colonies, open woodlands that have the potential to support eastern whip-poor-will [*Antrostomus vociferous*] breeding/nesting, crack/crevices in bedrock features that have the potential to support bat hibernacula). The timing of the aerial reconnaissance in the fall during leaf-off conditions will also allow for the observation of large mammals, such as moose [*Alces alces*]. The aerial reconnaissance will also be used to plan the 2021-2022 site-specific field surveys and locations for future survey stations.

The aerial reconnaissance will be used to field verify waterbodies along the alternative routes to the extent possible. The survey will be scheduled during leaf-off conditions and prior to ice-on conditions. The aerial reconnaissance will help to confirm the presence of waterbodies. Based on recent experience, neither the aerial reconnaissance nor desktop review can be used to determine the absence of a waterbody on its own, therefore, data gathered from both the aerial reconnaissance and desktop review will be used together to determine the potential absence of waterbodies. There may be a few waterbodies/drainages where the data gathered from the aerial reconnaissance and desktop review will not be enough to confirm the absence of a waterbody. At these sites, the potential waterbody will be conservatively classified as a waterbody until additional data (e.g., higher quality air photo, LiDAR, field survey data) is available, particularly once the preferred route is selected.

Data regarding fish habitat features (e.g., presence of rapids that may be used as suitable spawning areas for Lake Sturgeon [*Acipenser fulvescens*], a species at risk) will be collected during the aerial reconnaissance for waterbodies that are clearly visible from the air (i.e., have limited vegetation cover). This data will be used to support the aquatic indicators developed for the alternative route evaluation, including limiting adverse effects to significant aquatic habitat features (e.g., nursery and spawning areas). The aerial reconnaissance will help fill in gaps from the desktop review.

Data collected during the aerial reconnaissance are also anticipated to provide value added information for the net effects assessment of the preferred route including:

- permanency of a waterbody (i.e., ephemeral, intermittent, permanent);
- general configuration of a waterbody (e.g., channel pattern/planform, wetted width);
- fish habitat features, where visible;
- evidence of instream barriers or hydraulic controls (e.g., beaver dams, bedrock outcrops) and general erosion-sedimentation patterns;
- changes from previously mapped conditions (i.e., such as the influence of beaver dams and activity on the landscape in creating new wetlands); and
- accessibility for the ground-based baseline characterization assessment, scheduled for 2021-2022.

Data collected for the fish and fish habitat component will be shared with the surface water team for incorporation into its desktop assessment, and similarly, data collected for the terrestrial ecology component will be incorporated into the fish and fish habitat assessment.

4.2.2 Mine Site Survey

The Abandoned Mine Information System (AMIS) spatial data layer was assessed in relation to the preliminary alternative routes. AMIS features are historic mine workings that have the potential to support bat hibernaculum. The presence of these features is considered potential SAR habitat, which is considered a constraint and can be used to evaluate one route alternative against another. The preliminary desktop screening determined that there are five AMIS features intersected by the preliminary alternative routes. A ground-based survey will occur in the fall of 2020 to evaluate the physical characteristics of these features to confirm whether they have the attributes needed to provide bat hibernacula habitat. Results of the survey will help determine if the historic mine workings are potentially functioning as hibernacula and may be a constraint to development.

If one or more of the five locations intersect the preferred route and is identified as potential hibernacula, acoustic monitoring will be deployed to the location(s) before the swarming season (August/September) as part of the 2021-2022 field survey program (Section 5.0).

5.0 2021-2022 FIELD SURVEYS

Field work is planned for 2021 and 2022 once a preferred route is determined and additional Project planning is underway. Field studies will generally consist of spring, summer and fall vegetation and wildlife investigations, as well as surveys at representative waterbody crossings along the preferred route. These field studies are expected to provide an appropriate level of detail for use in the EA (e.g., for the assessment of the preferred route). Similar to the 2020 field surveys, Indigenous field assistants will be included in the 2021 and 2022 field surveys, wherever possible. This will provide additional opportunities for Indigenous communities to participate in field activities if they are not able to participate during the 2020 field surveys. A work plan for the 2021 and 2022 field surveys will be prepared and will include more detailed information on the methodology and location for the proposed surveys.

A list of the planned 2021 and 2022 field surveys is provided below:

- Wildlife field surveys will be used to collect species-specific information along the preferred route. The locations of the surveys will be determined through the desktop review in combination with information collected during the aerial reconnaissance. The surveys will include:
 - bat maternity roost habitat assessment and acoustic monitoring;

- bat hibernacula swarming acoustic monitoring;
- barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) surveys;
- bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*) surveys;
- breeding songbird point count surveys;
- common nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*) surveys and/or acoustic monitoring;
- eastern whip-poor-will (*Antrostomus vociferus*) surveys and/or acoustic monitoring;
- anuran (frog and toad) acoustic monitoring;
- marsh bird surveys; and
- general wildlife surveys that will result in incidental observations (e.g., terrestrial wildlife, such as mammals, turtles and frogs, encountered while performing the other surveys).
- Vegetation:
 - Ecological Land Classification (ELC) plots to confirm the accuracy of Forest Resource Inventory (FRI) data in the Project study area; and
 - botanical surveys with a focus on relevant SAR species, rare species, invasive plants, and traditional use plants.
- Fish and fish habitat field surveys will be used to obtain site-specific field data at a subset of waterbody crossings to verify or augment the results and assumptions from the aerial reconnaissance and desktop review. Surveys will be completed at 75 waterbody crossings (approximately 25% of the total estimated number of waterbody crossings for the Project). The exact location of waterbody crossing locations to be visited will be determined using data from the aerial reconnaissance and desktop review and will be confirmed prior to the start date of the field survey. The surveys will include:
 - fish community sampling using a variety of capture techniques (e.g., electrofishing, seine nets, hoop nets, gill nets, minnow traps) determined by site conditions at each waterbody;
 - fish habitat assessment and mapping; and
 - collection of in-situ water quality parameters including dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, turbidity, and electrical conductivity.
- Surface water surveys will be completed concurrent with the fish and fish habitat surveys described above. The surface water component will focus on:
 - documentation of observed waterbody conditions;
 - completion of rapid geomorphic assessment (RGA);
 - measurements of observed channel geometry;
 - measurements of flow;
 - completion of basic topographic channel surveys; and
 - in-situ measurements of water quality.

6.0 2020 FIELD SCHEDULE

The aerial reconnaissance and the mine site survey are planned to be completed in the fall of 2020 during leaf-off conditions and prior to ice-on conditions. Timing of the field surveys will take into account feedback from Indigenous communities.

7.0 ENGAGEMENT

Section 4.2 of the draft ToR for the EA identifies the need for field studies to be undertaken to support the EA, first for the aerial reconnaissance of the alternative routes in 2020 and targeted to the preferred route planned in 2021 and 2022. This section also identifies that field work plans will be developed in consultation with applicable agencies, and through engagement with Indigenous communities. Accordingly, this draft work plan will be finalized following an opportunity for review and comment by agencies with a mandate to consider the baseline data proposed to be collected including, at minimum, MECP, MNRF, Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and DFO, as well as the Indigenous communities being engaged for the Project, as identified in Section 10.5.1 of the draft ToR.

A summary of the findings of the aerial reconnaissance and abandoned mine features surveys will be provided later in 2020. As well, these findings will be shared through Community Information Centres and community meetings planned to support the EA, as identified in Section 10.0 of the ToR, and will be included in documentation of the EA.

8.0 HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

All field programs will be completed with a minimum of two trained environmental specialists (e.g., biologists) as well as at least one Indigenous field technician, where possible. Hydro One and Golder understand the importance of preventing the spread of COVID-19 in northwestern Ontario and within Indigenous communities. Golder has developed a tip sheet with general mitigation that will be implemented for the field programs (Attachment 1), which can be shared with new crew members. In addition, the following mitigation is planned to be implemented specific to limiting the potential spread of COVID-19:

- Field programs will be staffed by crew members from Golder's Thunder Bay office. No staff from southern Ontario will travel to Thunder Bay for the 2020 field surveys.
- Field crews will not enter First Nation reserves during the 2020 field work.
- For Indigenous field technicians from an Indigenous community, Hydro One and Golder will work with the community to determine if additional mitigation is required for the crew member to return to its community (e.g., isolation period).
- Prior to the field crew meeting at the start of each day, each crew member will confirm to the crew lead that neither they, nor those they live with, have developed symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature, cough, sneezing, fever, sore throat, difficulty breathing). If a crew member has developed these symptoms during the course of the program, the Project Manager will be notified immediately, will then notify Hydro One, and the survey will be postponed until it is deemed safe for the field crew to return to work or until an alternate crew member is available.

- Crew members will maintain a minimum physical distance of 2 metres. If a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained (e.g., passenger vehicle), crew members will, at a minimum, wear cloth masks. Where other workers or members of the public may be present in the general work area, barricades and signage will be provided (e.g. "Please maintain a 2-metre separation distance") to physically separate the work area. In addition, staff will determine which tasks can be completed by a single person and divided rather than shared, prior to and during the work, as required.
- Field crews will wash their hands immediately after using public facilities (e.g., washrooms, garbage cans with lids, and surfaces at gas stations), prior to and following equipment use, and frequently over the course of each field day (i.e., after completion of each site, before and after taking breaks (i.e., lunch), and at the start and end of each shift).
- As part of the field/decontamination kit and procedures, crews will maintain an adequate supply of clean water, liquid soap, sanitizer gel, and sanitizing wipes (or equivalent, i.e., paper towel and disinfectant spray) for the full duration of the journey and field work period. Field crews will routinely (e.g., start/end of day, and during the course of the day) clean frequently touched surfaces in the field, such as shared field equipment, countertops, doorknobs and vehicle components. Used materials will be disposed of in garbage bags and waste will be disposed of daily.
- Crew members will drive in separate vehicles to and from the Thunder Bay airport. Crew members will wear nitrile gloves when refueling vehicles and/or gas cans at public gas stations.

9.0 CLOSURE

We trust the above meets your present requirements. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Golder COVID-19 Field Tip Sheet

COVID-19 in the Field



THIS TIP SHEET IS INTENDED AS A GENERAL GUIDELINE TO OUR PEOPLE IN THE FIELD. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR HAVE QUESTIONS, SPEAK TO YOUR SUPERVISOR.

As we continue our field work, remember to consider your COVID-19 risks and controls, as you would for potential exposure to other contaminants. How you implement these controls on site may vary, so it is important to PLAN AHEAD.

RISKS AND CONTROLS



Do not come to work sick.

In the field: Monitor your health in the morning and more frequently as necessary. If you have cold or flu-like symptoms stay home. COVID-19 symptoms can include fever, cough, shortness of breath.



Wash your hands frequently.

In the field: Verify you have restroom access with clean water and soap. If you do not, bring jugs of water to the field and a bottle of soap. Use a jug with a dispenser tap or ask a buddy to help pour the water to rinse your hands.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

In the field: Wear safety glasses to keep you from touching your eyes. Be diligent about reminding yourself and colleagues. If you see someone doing it, kindly remind them not to.



Avoid shaking hands when greeting people.

In the field: Just don't do it.



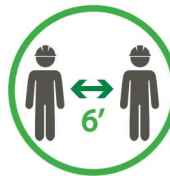
Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.

In the field: Include a box of tissues in your field supplies. Dispose of used tissue immediately and wash/sanitize hands.



Plan for additional PPE.

In the field: Additional PPE may be needed, depending on your tasks and risk of exposure. For example, wear gloves when pumping gas or when you need to touch common surfaces. Change gloves as needed to prevent cross-contamination with clean surfaces.



Practice social distancing.

In the field: Hold multiple JSEA tailgate meetings to keep the number of participants down, hold outside in a larger area and space people out. Use a megaphone (disinfect before and after use) or other means to project your voice so all can hear. Modify tasks to limit the number of people required at any one time. Use cell phones for communication. Avoid site common areas. If possible, avoid group meetings and offices where close proximity with others becomes unavoidable.



Perform routine environmental cleaning.

In the field: Ensure of an adequate supply of liquid soap, sanitizer gel, and sanitizing wipes for the full duration of the journey and field work period. Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in the field, such as shared field equipment, countertops, doorknobs, and vehicle components.



Plan for the unexpected.

In the field: Ensure an adequate supply of food and bottled water for the intended fieldwork duration **plus a buffer** in the event that circumstances delay your return. Many stores and restaurants are closing, so be prepared. Additionally, having your own supply will limit your interaction with other people in public by eliminating the need to go to the store or local restaurant.

BEFORE COMMENCING FIELD WORK, CHECK WITH YOUR CLIENT ON ANY ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

RISKS AND CONTROLS

Integrate your COVID controls into our HSSE risk tools.

JSEA: Fitness For Duty, as pertains to fatigue management and health, of all workers must be confirmed daily during the morning and post-lunch safety meetings. During your tailgate discussions, please ask if anyone is sick or just not feeling 100% today and remind staff of the importance of Stopping Work and letting someone know if they start to feel unwell. Additionally, during your meeting, discuss the appropriate COVID-19 controls that will be implemented during field activities.

Take 5 Discussions

Include confirmation that everyone is Fit for Duty in your Take 5 conversations. Pay attention to your co-workers and if you notice someone appears fatigued, Stop Work and re-assess the worker's fit for duty for that task.

Subcontractors

- Verify that they are provided with adequate training to recognize COVID-19 symptoms
- Request that they complete daily self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms (self-assessment tool) before reporting for work
- Request that they do not report for work if they are symptomatic
- Include them in your JSEA discussion, so they are informed of Golder's COVID-19 controls

Travel

ALL business travel requires the approval of a regional manager or business unit leader. Field personnel should avoid public transit and either use Golder vehicles, a rental vehicle, or their own personal vehicles as dictated by site, route conditions and client requirements.

- Discuss options for taking more than one vehicle, to limit the number of passengers.
- If sharing a vehicle, the passenger should sit in the opposite back seat to increase the distance.
- Discuss options where people can work alone (where appropriate e.g. ground water work).
- Disinfect vehicle components prior to and after use (handles, steering wheel, seats).
- If traveling by air, sit at least 2 seats apart in each direction, if possible and wipe down surfaces.

Overnight accommodations:

In the field:

- Consider the type of accommodation. Preference should be given to single occupancy, e.g., Airbnb, apartments, over shared accommodation spaces like hotels.
- Call ahead to confirm that there are controls in place that meet or exceed Golder's COVID-19 controls.
- On arrival, wipe down room surfaces with sanitizing wipes, particularly food preparation areas where applicable.
- If in a serviced accommodation, request limited room cleaning to limit contact with other people. Be prepared to clean your own room.
- In hotels, consider using room service instead of eating in shared areas, like hotel restaurants.
- Practice social distancing in communal areas such as reception.
- Avoid buffet meals (commonly breakfast) where multiple people may be handling the same serving utensils.
- Regardless of the type of accommodation, consider taking some personal food supplies (energy bars, camping meals, etc.) in case food areas get unexpectedly closed during your visit (e.g., a change to gov't advice or localized COVID-19 concerns).
- Ensure you have sufficient quantities of personal medicines, toiletries, etc. as these may be, or become, unavailable at the accommodation location.

WHEN IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT YOUR SAFETY OR THE SAFETY OF THOSE AROUND YOU, STOP WORKING, ISOLATE YOURSELF FROM THOSE AROUND YOU, AND CONTACT YOUR PROJECT MANAGER, HSSE LEAD, OR CLIENT CONTACT FOR GUIDANCE.

Proposed Checklist

When packing/prepping for work in the field, consider adding these items to your existing list:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> water to wash hands | <input type="checkbox"/> thermometer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> soap | <input type="checkbox"/> additional food and water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> clear sandwich bag to put your phone in to keep clean during use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hand sanitizer | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional PPE (e.g., respirator, tyvec) as needed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tissues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sanitizing wipes | |

Visit Golder's [Incident Management SharePoint page](#) for additional information.

Appendix L-1 Couchiching First Nation



Minutes of Meeting

Item #	Description	Action by	Date	Update
1.	DC provided opening remarks.			
2	CG provided an overview of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project.			
3	<p>CG explained that Hydro One will work in collaboration with Indigenous communities through a consultation process to ensure that communities understand the impacts of the project.</p> <p>CG discussed accommodation for Indigenous communities will include, but it not limited to, employment, training and contracting opportunities.</p>			
4	<p>SC provided an overview of the EA process and explained the broad Route Selection Study Area. The EA will need to study alternatives. Referencing the selection chart process flowchart, SC explained that they will be narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area to broad corridors, then to route alternatives to be assessed during the EA. A preferred route for the transmission line will be determined through the EA.</p> <p>Hydro One invited the impacted communities to participate in the broader stakeholder workshop sessions as participants or observers, and in addition, if the communities wish, Hydro One can provide them with their own session.</p>			
5.	<p>CG explained Hydro One will provide communities with capacity funding agreements, (CFA's) to be able to participate in the consultation process.</p> <p>CG explained Treaty 3 will be able to participate in their own corridor workshop in their communities.</p> <p>Q: Chief Windigo – Referencing the proposed Waasigan Transmission 230 kV line – Will there be hook-up points along the line for other opportunities like mining and forestry?</p> <p>SC clarified there is no plans right now to hook-up other resources but there might be an opportunity to do so. SC further explained the (mining and forestry sector) would require their own EA process for their projects.</p> <p>Chief Perreault spoke to Hydro One's history as a provincial company and he explained that the Manito Aki Inakonigaawin process has been ignored. Chief Perreault stated that proponents need to ask for their permission to do work in the territory. He further stated for too long</p>			

Minutes of Meeting

Item #	Description	Action by	Date	Update
	<p>they [First Nations communities] sat on the sidelines and watched as processes unfolded in their territory. Chief Perreault feels that Hydro One has not yet sought permission to do work in their territory.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh spoke in Anishinaabemowin to the assembly about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. He explained that Treaty 3 needs to be involved because it is their responsibility to be caretakers of Mother Earth. He further explained, in doing so, they become complicit in the vandalism of Mother Earth. They become party to that destruction. When talking about EA's and changing the landscape in the territory, Ogichidaa explained that they have their own means of changing the landscape and the way they entertain mitigation is through their ceremonies. Treaty 3 takes their responsibility of the land very seriously. He thanked the assembly for listening to what he had to say.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh explained they turn to ceremony for answers to the process. He explained Treaty 3 has ways to mitigate if they need to participate in the process.</p> <p>Chief Johnson – Thanked and acknowledged the sacred items, and Hydro One for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project presentation. TJ understands FK's statement and explained that Seine River FN is one of the impacted communities. He believes they are the caretakers of the land of the Seine River First Nation area. He explained there are nine First Nations communities on the list to be consulted. He feels there are other items that need to be addressed but does not feel Hydro one should be sitting at the table for this discussion with treaty 3 communities. Chief Johnson stated there are other activities that need to take place such as economic opportunities.</p> <p>CG responded that she respects the Chiefs needs to discuss their issues in private without having Hydro One present.</p> <p>CG explained there is a law firm who wants to bring the communities together to discuss the benefits of the WTLP. She explained they are completely separate from Hydro One and are not affiliated.</p> <p>Chief Perreault stated he does not know why a firm outside of their territory is discussing business in their territories, he only heard of Fort William First Nation. He says he has not been invited to any meetings.</p> <p>Chief Windigo wants to know why the radio station in Thunder Bay advertised the Waasigan Transmission Line Project consultation was</p>			

Minutes of Meeting

Item #	Description	Action by	Date	Update
	<p>finalized.</p> <p>CG explained Hydro One has not yet finalized the consultation. She explained it was a misrepresentation of information in the news article and radio advertisement and has since been clarified and fixed in the new article referenced. CG stated the Indigenous consultation has just begun and this is our first opportunity to present the project to the GCT3 as a whole.</p> <p>Chief Windigo says the community got fired up and he started receiving questions from his community members who have been following the project. He recommended Indigenous Relations do a better job at communicating with the public.</p> <p>CG thanked the assembly for their time. Meeting adjourned.</p>			

The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.



From: Brian Perrault [mailto:cfnchief@vianet.ca]
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 10:26 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Subject: Waasigan Project

Tausha,

As Chief of Couchiching First Nation, I am formally asserting my rights and interests with regards to Hydro One's proposed Waasigan transmission Project and have requested that Hydro One consult with my community.

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Brian Perrault
CFN Chief

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:38 PM
To: cfnchief@vianet.ca; dalemorrisseau@vianet.ca
Cc: Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone. I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

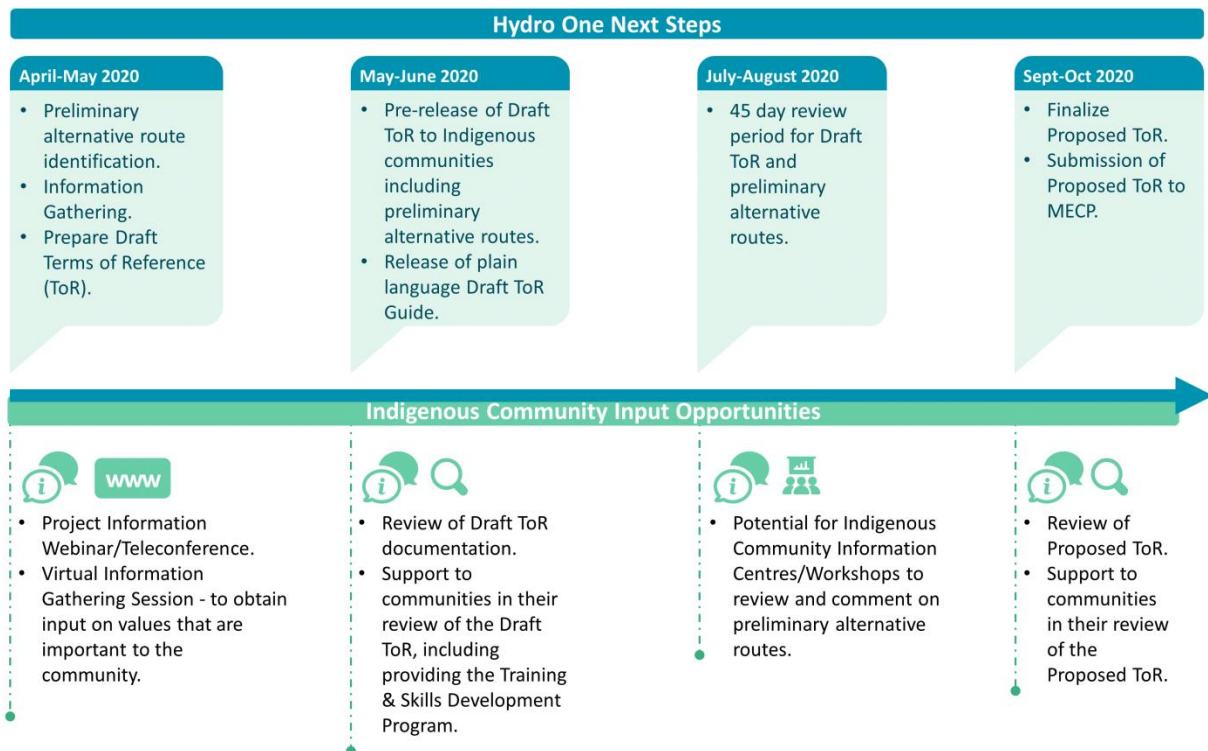


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 29, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Brian Perrault
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Re: Waasigan Transmission Line

Dear Chief Perrault:

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) on behalf of Ontario has amended its delegation of the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) for its proposed Waasigan Transmission Line in relation to the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to Construct approval process. Please note this is an amendment to the original delegation letter issued to Hydro One by ENDM on October 25, 2018.

This project consists of a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt line between Lakehead Transmission Station (TS) within the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS within the Township of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kilovolt line from Mackenzie TS within the Township of Atikokan to Dryden TS within the City of Dryden.

If it has not already done so, Hydro One will be contacting you about their current proposed project and any potential impacts of the proposed project on Aboriginal and treaty rights. The consultation process is an opportunity to provide your community's feedback to Hydro One and the Crown, including any suggestions or proposals your community might have for mitigating, avoiding or accommodating any potential impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Should you or any members of your community have questions regarding the material above, please contact Jason McCullough, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Energy Policy, ENDM, at Jason.McCullough@ontario.ca or 416-526-2963.

Sincerely,



Dan Delaquis
Manager, Indigenous Energy Policy

C: Christine Goulais, Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One
Francis Kavanaugh, Ogichidaa (Grand Chief), Grand Council Treaty 3

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: May 11, 2020 4:14 PM
To: cfnchief@vianet.ca
Cc: dalemorrisseau@vianet.ca; Jason.McCullough@ontario.ca;
Jessica.Maga@hydroone.com; Christine.goulais@hydroone.com;
Dan.Delaquis@ontario.ca
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Attachments: NotificationLetter_CFN_Waasigan.pdf

Good afternoon,

I would like to formally follow up on the letter you would have received from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines as Couchiching has officially been added to the delegation of consultation list of communities that we will be working with on the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We are committed to continuing working with your community throughout this process and want you to know that we are available to answer any questions that you may have regarding the project.

We look forward to working with you.

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 10:04 AM
To: cfchief@vianet.ca; dalemorrisseau@vianet.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Perrault,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on **June 29, 2020** for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to **Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanin, Environmental Planner,
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Telephone: 1-877-345-6799
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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To: cfnchief@vianet.ca
Cc: dalemorrisseau@vianet.ca
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Brian Perrault
Couchiching First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Perrault,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Dale Morrisseau, Couchiching First Nation

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 7, 2020 4:34 PM
To: allanyerxa@vianet.ca
Cc: dalemorrisseau@vianet.ca
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project

Good Afternoon Allan,

I know that there had been an inquiry with regards to consultation with the Metis on the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Hydro One received the letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines on October 25, 2018 delegating the procedural aspects of delegation to Hydro One. This letter outlined the communities that we would be working with on this project based on the Crown's assessment of First Nation and Metis community and project impacts on the basis that they have or may have constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights that may be adversely affected by the Project.

Please let me know if you have further questions.

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Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 12:49 PM
To: cfnchief@vianet.ca
Cc: allanyerxa@vianet.ca; dalemorrisseau@vianet.ca
Subject: Letter of Extension to Draft Terms of Reference Review
Attachments: Couchiching DTOR.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.
Let me know if you have any questions.

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Christine Goulais
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

August 14, 2020

sent via email

Chief Perrault
Couchiching

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Perrault,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we will be extending the draft Terms of Reference review period for your community until September 7, 2020. Hydro One understands the importance of working together and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension is being offered to provide additional time to coordinate your community's review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference.

We look forward to receiving your community's input on the draft Terms of Reference document and continued opportunities for community engagement. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to continue working with your community on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc. Allan Yerxa
Dale Morrisseau

Appendix L-1 Migisi Sahgaigan (Eagle Lake) First Nation



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Christine Goulais
Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

April 10, 2019

Chief Arnold Gardner
Eagle Lake First Nation
PO Box 1001
Migisi Sahgaigan, ON P0V 3H0

Dear Chief Gardner,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Christine Goulais

cc: Patrick Kavanaugh, Councilor
Lawrence Lefort, Lands and Resources
Jordan Gardner, Land and Resources

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Chief Gardner
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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Gardner,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

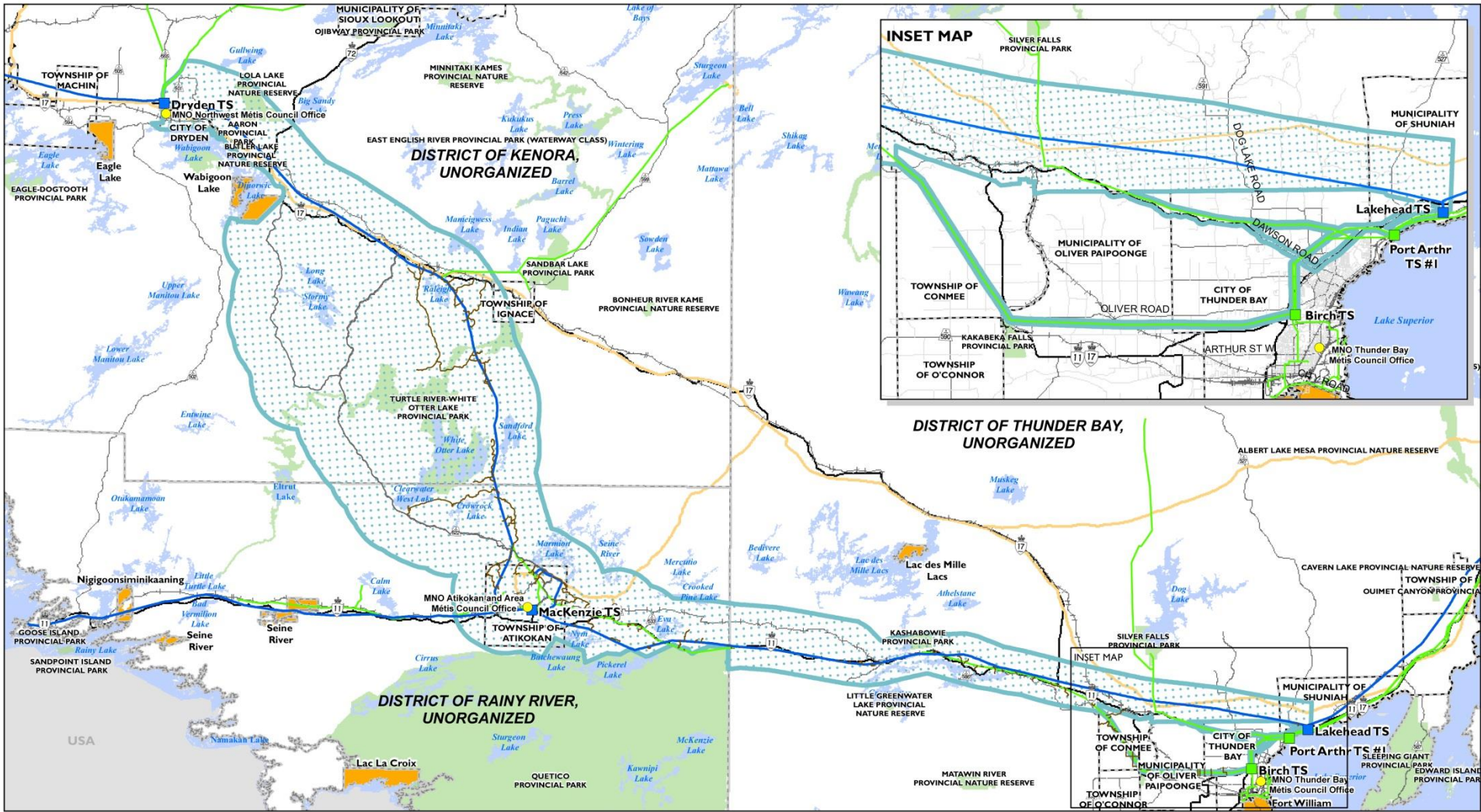
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Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
DATA PROVIDED BY: HNTB
MAP CREATED BY: 3FG
MAP CHECKED BY: J
MAP PROJECTION: LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC



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FILE LOCATION: C:\Users\14564 - HON\Mygen2019\Proposed Route Selection Study Area - Thunder Bay Key 032719.mxd
PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipooonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipooonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 11, 2019 3:10 PM
To: 'chief@migisi.ca'
Cc: 'economic.development@migisi.ca'
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Attachments: Eagle Lake.docx; Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf

Good Afternoon Chief Gardner,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Eagle Lake First Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Eagle Lake First Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Eagle Lake First Nation's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Community Information Centre (CIC) #1

We would like to host a Community Information Session in your Community to introduce ourselves and the Waasigan project to your members. The goal of this community meeting is to present an overview of the project, answer questions and address concerns with you and your community members.

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Eagle Lake First Nation to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

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Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation • Seine River First Nation • Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation

January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
7th Floor, South Tower,
483 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 2P5

Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

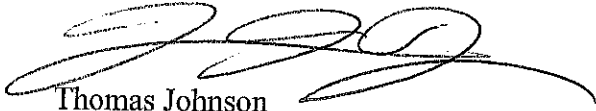
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: January 21, 2020 10:27 AM
To: economic.development@migisi.ca
Subject: Cancellation of Corridor Workshop

Good Morning Michelle,

I am just confirming that our corridor workshop is cancelled for next week as per the direction we received by way of letter from the Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership on January 17,2020.

I look forward for the opportunity to reschedule this corridor session and receiving input from the leadership and membership of Eagle Lake.

Miigwech

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OMacLaren@oktlaw.com; JLedoux@oktlaw.com; Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

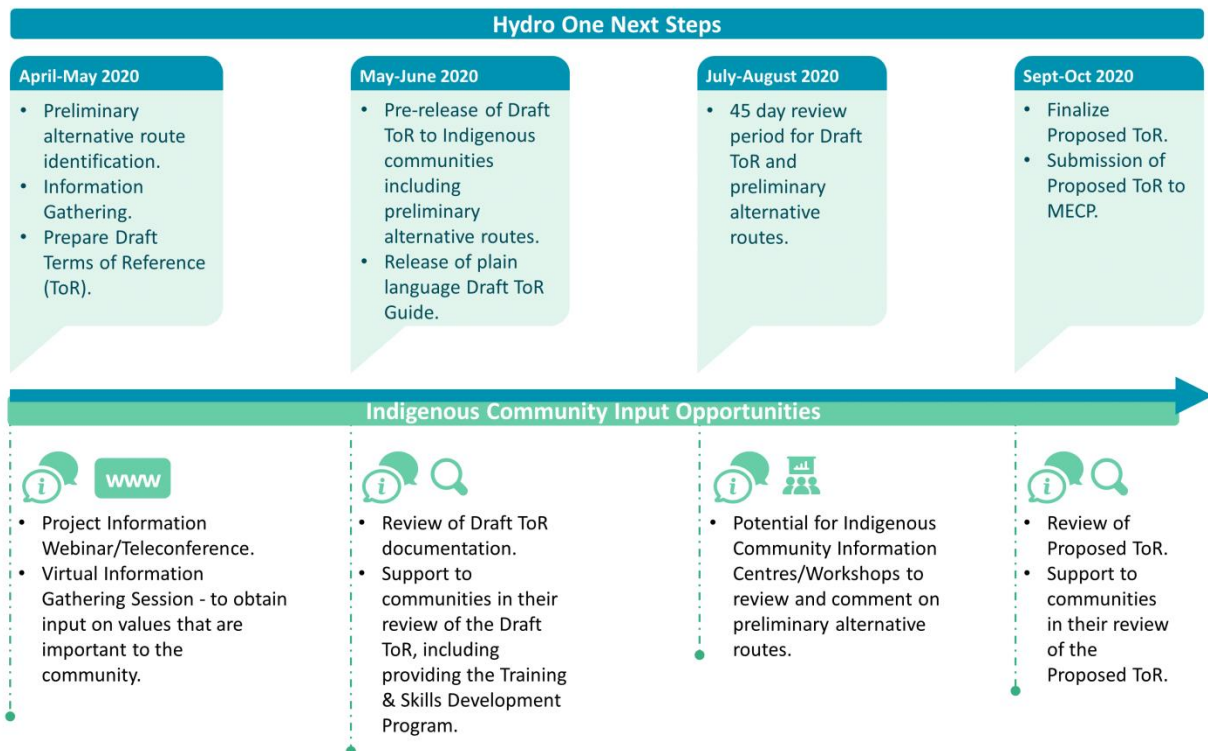


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 21, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

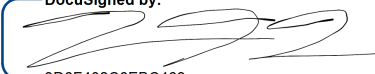
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Cc: pboileau@northvista.ca; Isalo@northvista.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Gardner,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on June 29, 2020 for a 45-day public review period. Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Telephone: 1-877-345-6799
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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Sent: June 11, 2020 1:51 PM
To: landsandresources2@migisi.ca
Subject: Greetings

Hi Daniel,

I just wanted to reach out to introduce myself as I understand that you are now in the role of community consultation coordinator for Eagle Lake working on the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Let me know if you have any questions about the project and I will do my best to assist you.

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June 15, 2020

Mr. Tom Johnson
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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

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Cc: landsandresources2@migisi.ca
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Arnold Gardner
Eagle Lake First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Gardner,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Daniel Morriseau, Eagle Lake First Nation

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August 6, 2020

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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

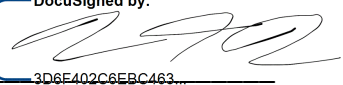
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

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President
Indigenous Transmission LP

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Subject: RE: Letter from Gwayakocchigewin (GLP) to Hydro One - EA ToR Comment Period Extension Request
Attachments: GLP Letter to Hydro One - ToR Extension Request - August 6 2020_FINAL.PDF; Waasigan_GLP Response letter_August 14 2020_FINAL.pdf

Good Morning Tom,
Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.
Miigwetch
Christine

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August 14, 2020

Mr. Tom Johnson
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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

C. Goulais

Christine Goulais

cc. Patrick Boileau, NorthVista
Bruce Hopper, Hydro One

Appendix L-1 Fort William First Nation



Meeting Minutes

Project: Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Date of Meeting: May 10, 2019	Location: Fort William First Nation
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Prepared by: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)	Dial-in: 1-877-385-4099 Access Code: 5584611#

Attendees

#	Name	Title
1	Peter Collins	Chief, Fort William First Nation
2	Tony Collins	Councillor, Fort William First Nation
3	Yvette Greenwald	Councillor, Fort William First Nation
4	Leo Bannon, Jr.	Councillor, Fort William First Nation
5	Ken Ogima	Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Fort William First Nation
6	Michael Pelletier, Sr.	Director of Economic Development, Fort William First Nation
7	Derek Chum	Vice-President, Indigenous Relation (HONI)
8	Christine Goulais	Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations, HONI (by phone)
9	Tausha Esquega	Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations
10	Sarah Cohanim	Environmental Planner, HONI (by phone)
11	Lynn Hall	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations. HONI (by phone)

#	Item Description	Action/Lead	Status
1.	<p>Introductions and Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks Chief Collins stated he does not deem this meeting as consultation. Until such time an agreement is signed between Hydro One and Fort William First Nation. Chief Collins was clear that he wants this statement captured in the meeting minutes. 		
2.	<p>Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained that the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, formerly known as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, is required to increase supply to northwestern Ontario. The preliminary scope of the project consists of a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Thunder Bay and Atikokan and a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Atikokan and Dryden. Additionally, the project includes the separation of two circuits (F25A and 		

	<p>D26A) out of Mackenzie Transmission Station in Atikokan. Currently these two circuits are on the same structures. They will need to be separated to ensure the circuits do not share a common structure over a distance that exceeds approximately 1.5 kilometres.</p>		
3.	<p>Project Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2014, Hydro One received a request from the Ontario Power Authority, now the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to start development work. • In 2016 and 2017, the Ministry of Energy and IESO reassessed the scope and schedule and recommended that the project proceed in multi-phases. • In October 2018, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) provided Hydro One with a letter delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One. 		
4.	<p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained that the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. • The first step is the preparation of a ToR which will set out the framework and work plan for the preparation of the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be carried out. • The goal of the ToR stage will be to narrow down the route selection study area to corridor or routing alternatives. • Fort William asked if Hydro One will provide dollars to help them understand the EA process. • Hydro One confirmed they will provide a capacity funding agreement (CFA) to Chief Collins for his review. 	Tausha Esquega	Complete
5.	<p>Project Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the project schedule outlining the Pre-Consultation 		

6.	<p>Indigenous Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained their commitment of meaningfully consult and substantially address Indigenous concerns raised during the consultation process including the following: • Thoroughness of the consultation process, starting as early as the feasibility stage and continuing into the project approval process; • Means and mechanisms to provide an organized and sustained system for consulting Indigenous peoples; • Sufficient funding to allow Indigenous peoples to meaningfully assemble and/or challenge evidence. • Accommodation measures to avoid or mitigate any loss, cost or damage from a proposed project to Indigenous interest and to provide compensation where avoidance or mitigation are no possible. 		
7.	<p>Hydro One's Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One stated the importance of engagement with Indigenous communities in connection with the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. • Hydro One's Indigenous engagement process is designed to provide relevant project information to Indigenous communities proximate to the Project in a timely manner. • The process enables affected Indigenous communities to review, consider and raise issues, concerns and questions they may have with the Project. The process also allows Hydro One to respond to any concerns or questions raised in clear and transparent manner throughout the EA review processes. • Hydro One explained it will explore and discuss various benefits, including, but not limited to, capacity funding to participate in the engagement process, procurement, contracting and employment opportunities. 		
8.	<p>Route Selection Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the broad route selection study area. The environmental assessment will need to study alternatives. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referencing the selection process flowchart, Hydro One explained assessing each corridor to help narrow down the route alternatives to be studied to determine the preferred route through the environmental assessment. Hydro One explained it is a well-known methodology used in EA processes. Hydro One named Dillon as the Environmental Consultant to help undertake the Terms of Reference stage of the EA process. 		
9.	<p>Corridor Workshop Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One described the corridor workshop process. Fort William identified Michael Pelletier Sr. as the point person to coordinate the workshops. Fort William stated they are uncertain how they will interact with other impacted Indigenous communities. They further stated, they might deal solely with Hydro One up until the end of their territorial boundaries. 		
10.	<p>Next Steps & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fort William asked if there will be more opportunity to discuss business opportunities pertaining to this project. Chief Collins stated that he is opening to having Community Information Centre in his community and Tausha will follow up with CEO Ken Ogima to move forward. 		

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April 10, 2019

Chief Peter Collins
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Dear Chief Collins,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Collins,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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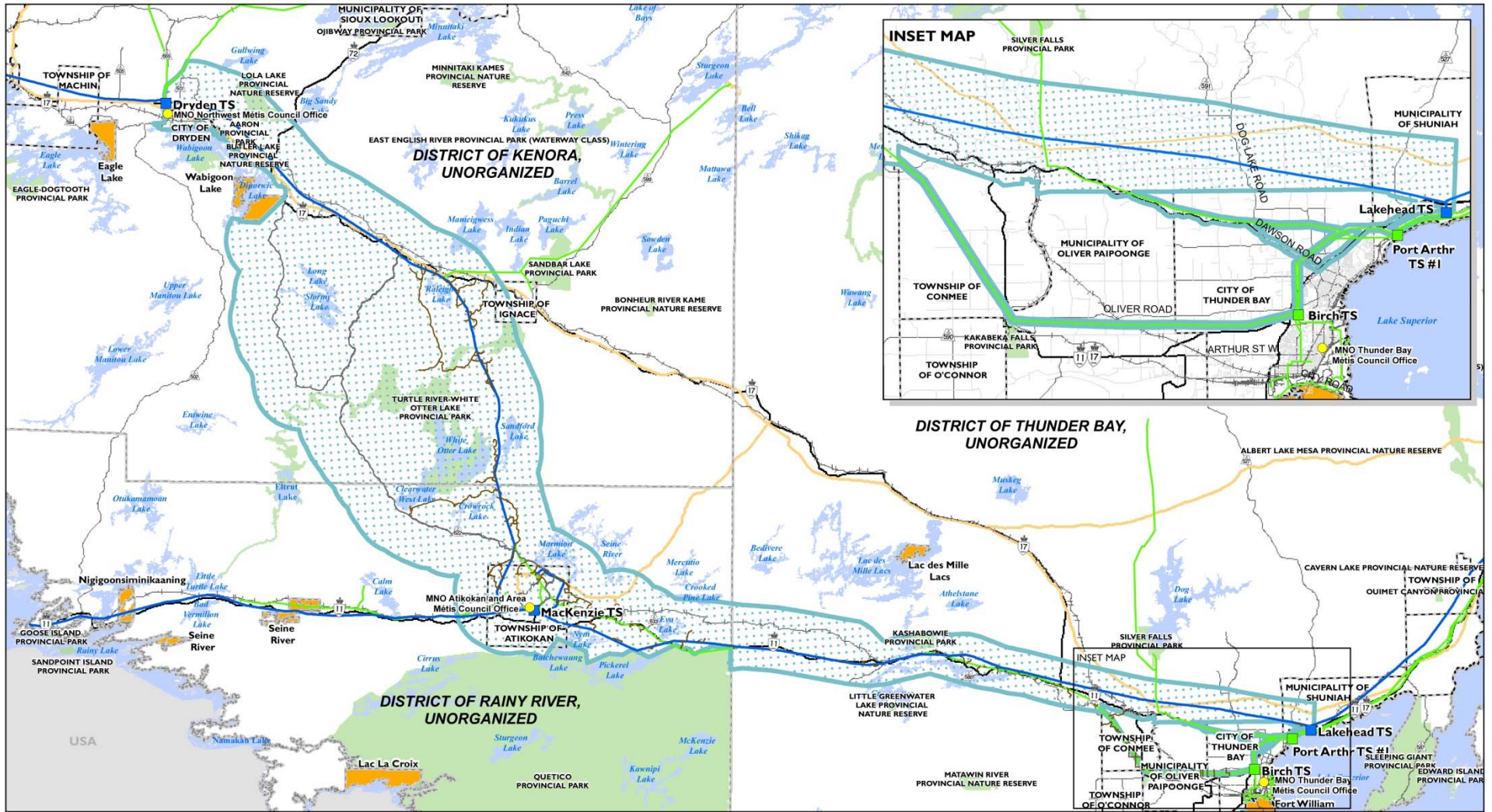


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Michael Pelletier Sr., Director of Economic Development
Ken Ogima, Chief Executive Officer



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 Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

115 kV Station or Junction	230 kV Transmission Line	Railway	Highway	Municipalities	Provincial Park
230 kV Station or Junction	Natural Gas Pipeline	Local Roads	MNO Métis Council Office	Proposed Route Selection Study Area	
115 kV Transmission Line	Access to Existing Transmission Lines	Arterial Roads	First Nation Reserves	District Boundaries	

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MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
 DATA PROVIDED BY HNTB

MAP CREATED BY: SFG
 MAP CHECKED BY: J
 MAP PROJECTION: LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC

0 5 10 20 km SCALE 1:275,000

FILE LOCATION:
 C:\Users\14454 - HNTB\Project2019\Proposed Route Selection Study Area - Thunder Bay Key 032719.mxd
 PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

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Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Fort William.docx

Good Afternoon Chief Collins,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Fort William First Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Fort William First Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Fort William First Nation's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Community Information Centre (CIC) #1

We would like to host a Community Information Session in your Community to introduce ourselves and the Waasigan project to your members. The goal of this community meeting is to present an overview of the project, answer questions and address concerns with you and your community members.

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Fort William First Nation to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

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January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
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Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

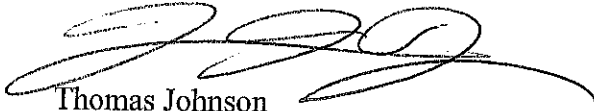
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
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To: RobertPierre@fwfn.com
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan CICs
Attachments: 457895728 Waasigan Ad_Thunder Bay Source_5.688x10.pdf

Good Afternoon Robert,

I wanted to inform you that Hydro One is hosting Waasigan Community Information Centres from March 30th to April 1st. Additional details can be found in the attached notice.

This is not to take away from the one scheduled in your community on March 16th but I wanted to let you know that we have scheduled sessions to take place in Thunder Bay and surrounding municipalities.

You are more than welcome to attend and feel free to let me know should you have any questions.

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Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

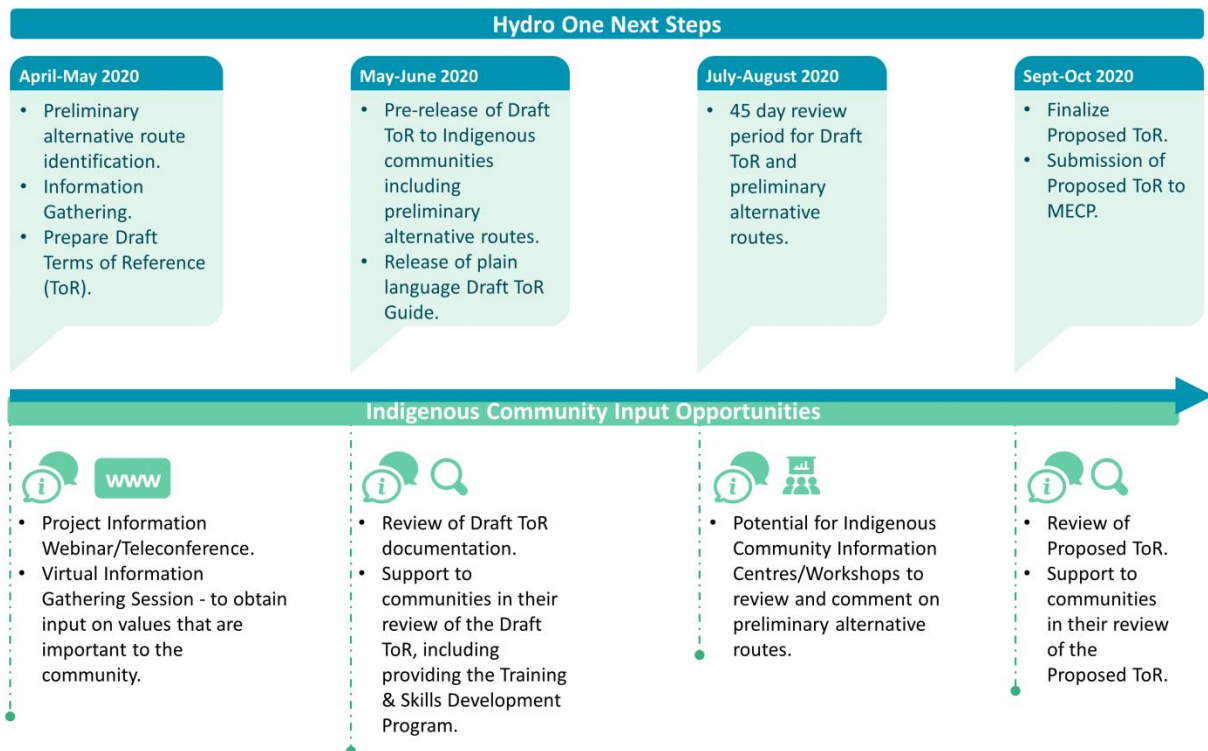


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 21, 2020

Tausha Esquega
Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations
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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

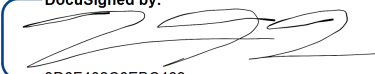
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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Tom Johnson
President
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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Cc: pboileau@northvista.ca; Isalo@northvista.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Collins,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on **June 29, 2020** for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to **Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanin, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Telephone: 1-877-345-6799

Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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June 15, 2020

Mr. Tom Johnson
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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

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Sent: June 29, 2020 3:42 PM
To: PCollins@fwfn.com
Cc: RobertPierre@fwfn.com
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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Cc: RobertPierre@fwfn.com
Subject: RE: Virtual CIC July 30 2020

No problem ! Let me know of your preference and if there is any opportunity to schedule something similar for Fort William 😊

From: Deanna Therriault [mailto:DeannaTherriault@fwfn.com]
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2020 3:24 PM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: Robert Pierre
Subject: Re: Virtual CIC July 30 2020

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Thanks Tosh

Deanna Therriault

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Peter Collins
Fort William First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Collins,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Robert Pierre, Fort William First Nation
Deanna Therriault, Fort William First Nation

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August 6, 2020

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Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations
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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

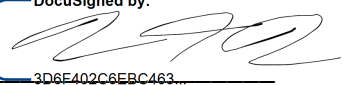
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

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Tom Johnson
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Attachments: GLP Letter to Hydro One - ToR Extension Request - August 6 2020_FINAL.PDF; Waasigan_GLP Response letter_August 14 2020_FINAL.pdf

Good Morning Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

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Christine

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August 14, 2020

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

C. Goulais

Christine Goulais

cc. Patrick Boileau, NorthVista
Bruce Hopper, Hydro One

Appendix L-1

Grand Council Treaty #3





Minutes of Meeting

Minutes No.:		Project #:	WTLP
Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project		
Prepared by:	Lynn Hall (LH)	Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
		Meeting Time:	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
		Location: Canad Inns, Regent Casino, 1445 Portage Ave. Winnipeg, MB	
Attendees:	Elder, Garry Kavanaugh (GK)	GCT3	Eagle Lake First Nation
	Elder, Ida Skead (IS)	GCT3	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation
	Elder, Terry Skead (TS)	GCT3	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation
	Ogichidaa, Francis Kavanaugh (FK)	GCT3	Grand Council Treaty 3
	Chief Will Windigo (WW)	GCT3	Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation
	Chief Tom Johnson (TJ)	GCT3	Seine River First Nation
	Chief Brian Perrault (BP)	GCT3	Couchiching First Nation
	Chief Lorraine Cobiness (LC)	GCT3	Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation
	Chief Robin McGinnis (RM)	GCT3	Rainy River First Nations
	Chief Judy Whitecloud (JW)	GCT3	Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation
	Chief Janice Henderson (JH)	GCT3	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation
	Chief Chris Skead (CS)	GCT3	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation
	Chief Clayton Ottetail (CO)	CGT3	Lac La Croix First Nation
	Chief Marilyn Sinclair (MS)	GCT3	Obashkaandagaang First Nation
	Chief Howard Kabestra (HK)	GCT3	Naotkamegwanning First Nation
	Chief Wes Big George (WBG)	GCT3	Naongashiing First Nation
	Chief Darlene Comegan (DC)	GCT3	Northwest Angle #33
	Chief Jim Major (JM)	GCT3	Animakee Wa Zhing #37
	Proxy Elvis Adams (EA)	GCT3	Big Grassy First Nation
	Proxy Curtis Thunder (CT)	GCT3	Buffalo Point First Nation
	Councillor, Trisha Kavanaugh (TK)	GCT3	Eagle Lake First Nation
	Gary Allen (GA)	GCT3	Executive Director
	Sjoerd Van Der Wielen (SVDW)	GCT3	Manager, Territorial Planning Unit
	Janine Seymour (JS)	GCT3	Political Advisor
	Kristine Reynard (KR)	GCT3	Executive Assistant
	Derek Chum (DC)	HONI	Vice-President, Indigenous Relations
	Christine Goulais (CG)	HONI	Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations
	Tausha Esquega (TE)	HONI	Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations
	Sarah Cohanim (SC)	HONI	Environmental Planner, EEPS
	Lynn Hall (LH)	HONI	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations
	George Kakeway (GK)	HONI	Contractor, Hydro One Networks Inc.

Minutes

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1.	DC provided opening remarks.			
2	CG provided an overview of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project.			
3	<p>CG explained that Hydro One will work in collaboration with Indigenous communities through a consultation process to ensure that communities understand the impacts of the project.</p> <p>CG discussed accommodation for Indigenous communities will include, but it not limited to, employment, training and contracting opportunities.</p>			
4	<p>SC provided an overview of the EA process and explained the broad Route Selection Study Area. The EA will need to study alternatives. Referencing the selection chart process flowchart, SC explained that they will be narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area to broad corridors, then to route alternatives to be assessed during the EA. A preferred route for the transmission line will be determined through the EA.</p> <p>Hydro One invited the impacted communities to participate in the broader stakeholder workshop sessions as participants or observers, and in addition, if the communities wish, Hydro One can provide them with their own session.</p>			
5.	<p>CG explained Hydro One will provide communities with capacity funding agreements, (CFA's) to be able to participate in the consultation process.</p> <p>CG explained Treaty 3 will be able to participate in their own corridor workshop in their communities.</p> <p>Q: Chief Windigo – Referencing the proposed Waasigan Transmission 230 kV line – Will there be hook-up points along the line for other opportunities like mining and forestry?</p> <p>SC clarified there is no plans right now to hook-up other resources but there might be an opportunity to do so. SC further explained the (mining and forestry sector) would require their own EA process for their projects.</p> <p>Chief Perreault spoke to Hydro One's history as a provincial company and he explained that the Manito Aki Inakonigaawin process has been ignored. Chief Perreault stated that proponents need to ask for their permission to do work in the territory. He further stated for too long</p>			

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	<p>they [First Nations communities] sat on the sidelines and watched as processes unfolded in their territory. Chief Perreault feels that Hydro One has not yet sought permission to do work in their territory.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh spoke in Anishinaabemowin to the assembly about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. He explained that Treaty 3 needs to be involved because it is their responsibility to be caretakers of Mother Earth. He further explained, in doing so, they become complicit in the vandalism of Mother Earth. They become party to that destruction. When talking about EA's and changing the landscape in the territory, Ogichidaa explained that they have their own means of changing the landscape and the way they entertain mitigation is through their ceremonies. Treaty 3 takes their responsibility of the land very seriously. He thanked the assembly for listening to what he had to say.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh explained they turn to ceremony for answers to the process. He explained Treaty 3 has ways to mitigate if they need to participate in the process.</p> <p>Chief Johnson – Thanked and acknowledged the sacred items, and Hydro One for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project presentation. TJ understands FK's statement and explained that Seine River FN is one of the impacted communities. He believes they are the caretakers of the land of the Seine River First Nation area. He explained there are nine First Nations communities on the list to be consulted. He feels there are other items that need to be addressed but does not feel Hydro one should be sitting at the table for this discussion with treaty 3 communities. Chief Johnson stated there are other activities that need to take place such as economic opportunities.</p> <p>CG responded that she respects the Chiefs needs to discuss their issues in private without having Hydro One present.</p> <p>CG explained there is a law firm who wants to bring the communities together to discuss the benefits of the WTLP. She explained they are completely separate from Hydro One and are not affiliated.</p> <p>Chief Perreault stated he does not know why a firm outside of their territory is discussing business in their territories, he only heard of Fort William First Nation. He says he has not been invited to any meetings.</p> <p>Chief Windigo wants to know why the radio station in Thunder Bay advertised the Waasigan Transmission Line Project consultation was</p>			

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	<p>finalized.</p> <p>CG explained Hydro One has not yet finalized the consultation. She explained it was a misrepresentation of information in the news article and radio advertisement and has since been clarified and fixed in the new article referenced. CG stated the Indigenous consultation has just begun and this is our first opportunity to present the project to the GCT3 as a whole.</p> <p>Chief Windigo says the community got fired up and he started receiving questions from his community members who have been following the project. He recommended Indigenous Relations do a better job at communicating with the public.</p> <p>CG thanked the assembly for their time. Meeting adjourned.</p>			

The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

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April 10, 2019

Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh
Grand Council Treaty #3
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Dear Ogichidaa Kavanaugh,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830.

Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Christine Goulais

cc: Gary Allen, Executive Director
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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Sjoerd Van Der Wielen
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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Sjoerd,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at: www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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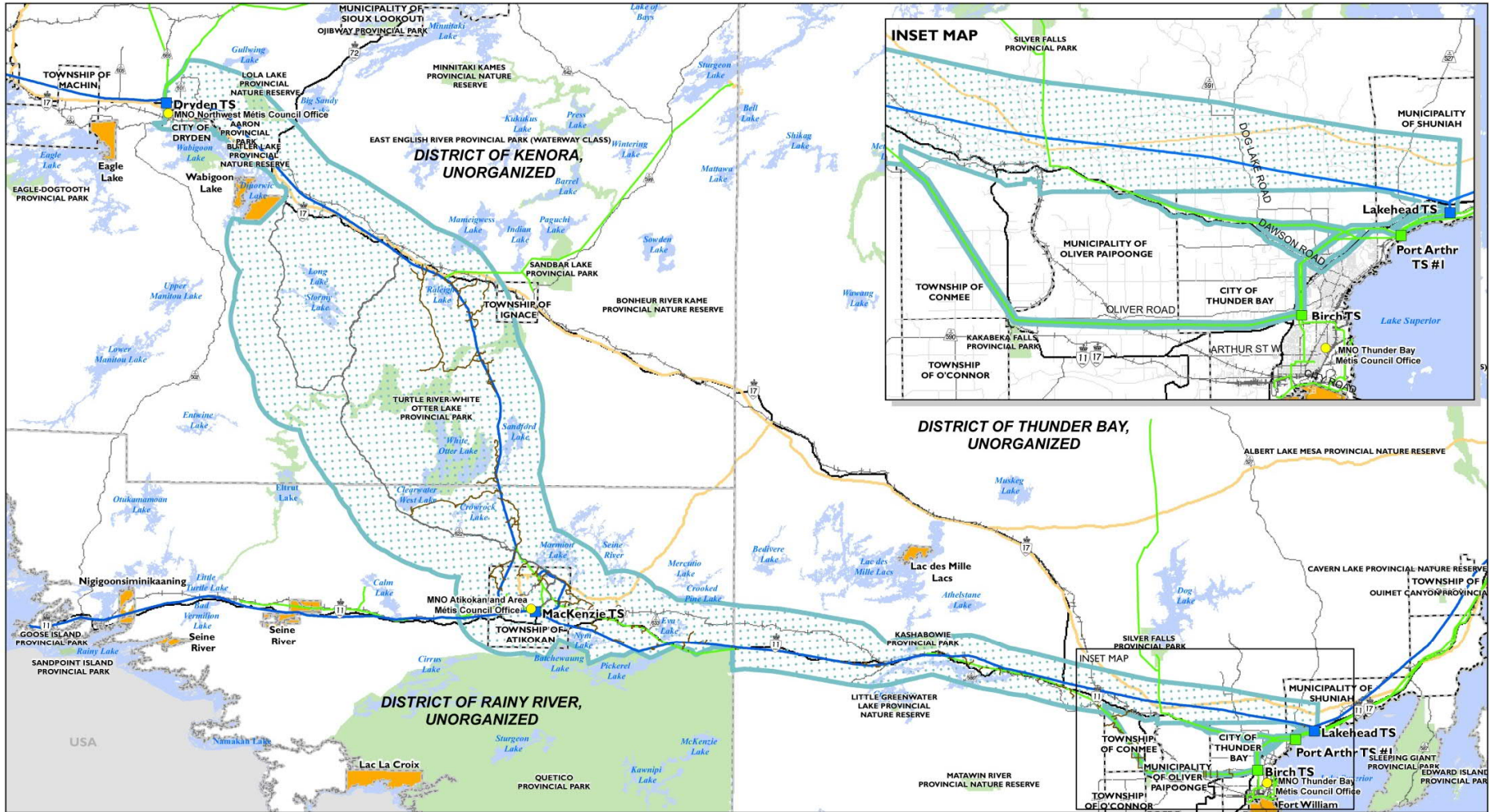


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Janine Seymour, Political Advisor



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 Waasigan Transmission Line
 Proposed Route Selection Study Area

115 KV Station or Junction	230 kV Transmission Line	Railway	Highway	Municipalities	Provincial Park
230 KV Station or Junction	Natural Gas Pipeline	Local Roads	MNO Metis Council Office	Proposed Route Selection Study Area	
115 kV Transmission Lines	Access to Existing Transmission Lines	Arterial Roads	First Nation Reserves	District Boundaries	

MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
 DATA PROVIDED BY MNRP
 MAP CREATED BY: SFG
 MAP CHECKED BY: JF
 MAP PROJECTION: LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC

0 5 10 20 km SCALE 1:275,000

FILE LOCATION:
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 PROJECT: 164564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: June 08, 2020 10:26 AM
To: Lucas King (water@treaty3.ca) <water@treaty3.ca>
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Lucas,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on **June 29, 2020** for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to **Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Telephone: 1-877-345-6799

Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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June 25, 2019

Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh
Grand Council Treaty #3
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Dear Ogichidaa Kavanaugh,

Miigwetch for inviting Hydro One to attend the special Chief's meeting in Winnipeg on June 19, 2019 and for providing us with the opportunity to present information regarding our proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Project.

I understand you discussed with Christine Goulais the idea of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between Hydro One and Grand Council Treaty # 3 to set out a process for us to work together on the Waasigan Transmission Project. As requested, Christine will be reaching out to your political advisor Janine Seymore and your Territorial Planning Unit Director Sjoerd Van Der Wielen, to arrange a meeting to discuss this process further.

I would like to reiterate Hydro One's commitment to working with you and all Treaty #3 and respecting your traditional protocols, specifically, Manito Aki Inakonigaawin.

I look forward to our continued work together.

Miigwetch

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Chum".

Derek Chum

cc: Janine Seymore, Grand Council Treaty #3, Political Advisor
Sjoerd Van Der Wielen, Grand Council Treaty #3, Director, Territorial Planning Unit

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: July 28, 2020 9:53 AM
To: michelle.shephard@treaty3.ca
Cc: water@treaty3.ca
Subject: RE: Update, Inquiries and Draft Poster
Attachments: 463535249 Waasigan TSDP Postcard_v3.pdf

Thanks for your email Michelle.

We have been working with the Treaty #3 communities identified by the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and they have all received the Draft Terms of Reference on June 8, 2020 electronically as well as a hard copy shortly after. We have been providing communities with all of the project-related materials directly on an ongoing basis. Each of the communities has either hired on their own Community Engagement Coordinator or is in the process of bringing one on to assist them with this project; however, given these times that we are currently living with, they have experienced some challenges for hiring staff. Hydro One has been working with communities through a virtual means during this time as we are currently have no plans to travel into communities at this time due to COVID-19.

As for your suggestion of visiting the 28 communities to provide presentations or corridor workshops, I am not sure if this is necessary as the corridor workshops are intended to assist Hydro One with identifying alternative routes by the affected communities.

My calendar is pretty open for the second week of August that would accommodate a virtual meeting with the Environmental Chiefs. Please provide some dates and I can work to coordinate internally with the project team.

With regards to your Training and Skills Development Program inquiry, this training has been offered to each of the communities we are engaging on the project. Please see the attached postcard with more information on the training. Module 1 is being offered to communities at this time. If there is interest in a separate session for Grand Council Treaty #3, please let me know.

Miigwech

Tausha

From: Michelle Shephard [mailto:michelle.shephard@treaty3.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:49 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: Lucas King
Subject: Update, Inquiries and Draft Poster

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Good morning Tausha,

Thank you for the time you took for a discussion last week. We are about to reach out to the communities to initiate relationship building, provide them an introduction to myself as Treaty #3's Liaison and offering our support with the work related to the Waasigan Transmission Line.

For that purpose, I am requesting the use of the Hydro One Networks Inc., Waasigan logo (artwork) so that Treaty #3 can notify our member communities about the Draft Terms of Reference. Please see the attached poster. We

include links to the Hydro One published material on the internet to assist member communities to access the direct source material. It is likely that we will be sending out future communiques to our member communities through our website, emails and posters, and would appreciate Hydro One's approval for the use of this logo in our media materials when referring to the Waasigan Transmission Line for proper identification.

In early August we would like to arrange a virtual meeting with our Environmental Chiefs and are inquiring about your availability. Lucas and I were also wondering if Hydro One was willing to visit any of the 28 communities that are interested in having a presentation and/or a corridor workshop in their community, should there be interest. In addition, or alternatively, we might schedule a presentation opportunity at one of our bi-annual Chiefs' Assemblies, once COVID-19 restrictions and timeframes allow. With COVID-19 still presenting limitations, to facilitate this meeting, it would be helpful to know Hydro One's meeting and travel protocols. Treaty #3's meeting and travel protocols are still restricted to virtual meetings with very little travel permitted.

I am also making an inquiry about the Waasigan Training and Skills Development Program. This training would facilitate meaningful participation throughout the EA process, coupled with a stronger understanding for myself, other members of the TPU staff and/or representatives of member communities. Is there a schedule for this training and pertinent details related to registration? With the Draft Terms of Reference already commenced, I'm assuming this training would need to be initiated at the earliest date possible to provide the greatest opportunity to benefit those attending.

We would ask for your consideration of these requests and inquiries, and because of the limited timeframe of the Terms of Reference, look forward to hearing back at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

... Michelle

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Christine Goulais
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July 30, 2020

Lucas King, A/Director, Territorial Planning Unit
Grand Council Treaty #3

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. King,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to Grand Council Treaty #3. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with Grand Council Treaty #3 on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Michelle Shephard, Grand Council Treaty #3



Grand Council Treaty #3

Office of the Ogichidaa

August 10, 2020

Sent via email to: Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com

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Re: Timeline extension for the Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference

Dear Ms Goulais,

On behalf of Grand Council Treaty #3 and the Territorial Planning Unit, I am writing to formally request the deadline for comments on the Waasigan Draft Terms of Reference be extended past its current date of August 14, 2020.

During the current global pandemic being experienced, we understand the importance of continuing to move forward. However, with that comes the understanding of working together and recognizing the situation at hand and ensuring all rights holders and parties have a fair opportunity to present their comments and partake in the engagement process. We are requesting this extension of the Draft Terms of Reference comment period in order for Treaty #3 and the subsequent 28 communities represented, to ensure inherent and treaty rights and the input from the Anishinaabe Nation of Treaty #3 is appropriately recognized in this process.

Grand Council Treaty #3 recently signed a Capacity Funding Agreement with Hydro One Networks Inc. on May 11, 2020. The intent of this Agreement is to develop and maintain collaborative working relationships while addressing the Terms of Reference work plan. While working through this process, we have a full time engagement liaison for Hydro One, hired in July 2020, and have started the process to work with communities now that the Ontario state of emergency has been lifted, as of July 24, 2020.

I am requesting that the 45 day review period be extended to a minimum of September 7, 2020, to begin the review period at the end of the state of emergency. This will allow Grand Council Treaty #3 to have the important conversations in the Nation to address the draft Terms of Reference on the Waasigan Transmission line.

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Please feel free to reach out and contact our TPU staff Lucas King (TPU Director, water@treaty3.ca) and/or Michelle Shephard (Regulatory Specialist, michelle.shephard@treaty3.ca) for any information required.

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Ogichidaa, Francis Kavanaugh

Grand Chief, Grand Council Treaty #3

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c.c. Lucas King, Director, Territorial Planning Unit, water@treaty3.ca
Michelle Shephard, Regulatory Specialist, Territorial Planning Unit, michelle.shephard@treaty3.ca

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 11, 2020 10:49 AM
To: water@treaty3.ca
Cc: michelle.shephard@treaty3.ca
Subject: RE: GCT3 Letter on Extending ToR timeline

Miigwech for this letter Lucas. Christine is off on holidays for the next couple of weeks so I will share this with my project team.

Tausha

From: Lucas King [mailto:water@treaty3.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:22 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: Michelle Shephard
Subject: GCT3 Letter on Extending ToR timeline

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Good Morning Tausha,

Please find attached the letter from Ogichidaa's office requesting the extension to the ToR process.

The letter has also been sent to Christine Goulais via email from the ogichidaa's office.

Thanks,

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August 14, 2020

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Ogichidaa Kavanaugh,

Thank you for the letter dated August 10, 2020, sent on behalf of Grand Council Treaty 3. We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from Grand Council Treaty 3 by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to continue working with Grand Council Treaty 3 on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc. Lucas King, Territorial Planning Unit Director
Michelle Shephard, Regulatory Specialist

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
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Subject: FW: Letter of Extension to Draft Terms of Reference Review.

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Received and forwarded to Ogichidaa.

Thanks Tausha,

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Sent: August 14, 2020 11:27 AM
To: Lucas King
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Subject: Letter of Extension to Draft Terms of Reference Review.

Good Day Lucas and Michelle,

Thank you for your letter dated August 10, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

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Meeting Notes

Meeting with Environmental Chiefs/ GCT#3 Territorial Planning Unit Staff

Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Meeting Date: August 17, 2020 **Time:** 5:00 pm EST

Purpose: Provide Project Update

Attendees: Bruce Hopper, Strategic Projects, Hydro One
 Tausha Esquega, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One
 Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Services, Hydro One
 Dayna Groom, Environmental Services, Hydro One
 Alex To, Strategic Projects, Hydro One
 Don McKinnon, Dillon
 Stephen Lindley, Strategic Advisor, SLC
 Lucas King, Grand Council Treaty #3
 Michelle Shephard, Grand Council Treaty #3
 Chief Will Windigo, Environmental Chiefs, Nigigoonsiminikaaning
 Chief Robin McGinnis, Environmental Chiefs, Rainy River

Prepared By: Tausha Esquega

Item	Description	Action
1.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Greetings and introductions by attendees</p>	n/a
2.	<p>Project Update</p> <p>Project updates provided by Sarah Cohanim and Don McKinnon.</p> <p>Q. Michele: Why is Hydro One proposing a double circuit line from Thunder Bay to Atikokan and only a single circuit line from Atikokan to Dryden?</p> <p>A: The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) established line capacity based on their load growth forecasts. Their forecasts can be reviewed in the Long Term Energy Plan (LTEP).</p> <p>Q. Michele: How wide is a typical right-of-way for a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line?</p>	<p>Powerpoint presentation emailed to Lucas King for distribution prior.</p>

Item	Description	Action
	<p>A. Between 40 m and 45 m.</p> <p>Michelle: How does Hydro One intend to manage vegetation during the operations and maintenance phase of the project?</p> <p>A: It is too early to make commitments on the operations and maintenance phase at this early stage in the project. However, it is recognized that vegetation management is an important issue for many, so it will be examined during the environmental assessment (EA) phase of the project.</p> <p>Michelle: How will Bill 197 affect the EA process?</p> <p>A: Hydro One has reviewed the implications of Bill 197 on the project and has not yet identified any significant effects to the project as a result. It is recognized there could be some changes to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) review timelines. Hydro One will continue to keep apprised of the changes to the EA process, and communicate any effects these changes might pose to the project.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Engagement with Communities</p> <p>Chief Windigo: How has Hydro One been getting information out and receiving input with COVID-19 restrictions in place?</p> <p>A: Hydro One has been using various methods of communication to engage during COVID-19 restrictions on in-person meetings, including virtual meetings, teleconferences, social media, etc. These methods will continue to be adjusted based on the public health situation. Hydro One will continue to respect community protocols as to the types of engagement methods that will be used going forward.</p> <p>Chief Windigo: It is hard for First Nations community members to participate with the bandwidth and technology challenges many communities face. Is Hydro One continuing with their schedule in spite of engagement challenges?</p> <p>A: Hydro One has been seeking guidance from community leadership for all ways that engagement can be conducted within COVID-19 protocols. Hydro One has been trying to maintain the project schedule despite the challenges, but has had to demonstrate some flexibility as a result of those challenges. For example, we have recently agreed to an extension to the review and comment period for the draft Terms of Reference in response to First Nations’ request for an extension due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	



Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Meeting with Environmental Chiefs/ GCT#3 Territorial Planning Unit Staff

Item	Description	Action
4.	Next Steps Hydro One made a commitment to provide ongoing project updates to the Territorial Planning Unit (TPU) and if needed, Environmental Chiefs committee.	Tausha to follow up with TPU to schedule regular project update meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

From: lucas.king@treaty3.ca
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2020 6:05 PM
To: GOULAIS Christine
Cc: ESQUEGA Tausha; Michelle Shephard
Subject: GCT3 Territorial Planning Unit Comments on Waasigan Draft ToR Sept 7, 2020
Attachments: GCT#3 Input - Draft Waasigan TOR-Sept 7 2020.pdf

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Good Evening Christine,

Please find attached the Grand Council Treaty #3, Territorial Planning Unit Comments on the Waasigan Draft Terms of Reference.

If you need any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to reach out to our Regulatory Specialist Michelle Shephard at michelle.shephard@treaty3.ca

Thanks,

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Re: Review and Initial Comments on Draft Terms of Reference, Waasigan Transmission Line

Dear Christine Goulais,

We submit our comments for the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line in this document. While reviewing and establishing our comments for the Draft Terms of Reference, a number of questions arose, which we incorporated into the document. As guided by our mandates, the questions and comments below are those put forth by the Territorial Planning Unit of Grand Council Treaty #3. Grand Council Treaty #3 (GCT#3) is the Traditional Government of the Anishinaabe Nation of Treaty #3, comprised of 28 communities, of which *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin* (the Great Earth Law) is foundational.

Our efforts to provide comments included engagement and discussions with community members, the Territorial Planning Unit Team and the Environmental Chiefs Committee. While we worked with the Code of Practice: Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario, we did not compose our comments in a systematic template. Instead, we structured the submission to four main themes that were reflective of the concerns, to complete our document.



MANDATE: GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3



At the direction of the leadership, for the benefit/protection of the Citizens, the administrative office of Grand Council Treaty #3 protects, preserves and enhances Treaty and Aboriginal Rights.

This is achieved by advancing the exercise of: Inherent Jurisdiction, Sovereignty, Nation-Building and Traditional Governance, with the aim to preserve and build the Anishinaabe Nation's goal of Self-Determination.



MANDATE: TERRITORIAL PLANNING UNIT – ZHAAGIMAA WAABO



Guided by *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin*, and recognizing the significance of Treaty #3's connection to the land, the Territorial Planning Unit (TPU) – Zhaagimaa Waabo works with Treaty #3 Leadership to protect the lands, waters and resources within the 55,000 square miles that make up the Treaty #3 Territory.

GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3's UNDERSTANDING OF THE PURPOSE OF WAASIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

- Confirm the preferred route and conceptual design of the Project
- Consideration and documentation of the impacts to the natural and socio-economic environment as a result of construction, operation, maintenance and retirement of the Project
- Consideration and documentation of the appropriate and necessary mitigation measures to eliminate, minimize or avoid potential adverse Project-related impacts
- Consultation

TERMS OF REFERENCE TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR FRAMEWORK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

STUDIES AND GROUND WORK:

Comments:

1. The studies undertaken to address the Natural, Socio-Economic, Indigenous Communities (Cultural) and Technical (Policy/Institutional), (Appendix B, Draft Terms of Reference), considerations are the very foundation of an Environmental Assessment. As such, they should be incorporated into the main body of the Draft Terms of Reference. The studies related to these factors must be subject to flexibility to adequately capture the necessary information, i.e. extending a timeline if required to complete a study, adjusting the criteria to ensure the environment is adequately studied, i.e. potential for an additional of scope of study to fully consider the impact of the Project. Where possible, we would like to see the impacts mapped for visual comprehension.
2. Access roads constructed for the studies, operation and maintenance of the line should be held to a minimum and a process put in place to review their schedule for decommissioning and restoration with the communities wherever they are no longer essential. Every effort should be made to reduce and restrict the footprint of the project, both in the studies, and in the work completed on the existing Right-of-Way land base to protect the existing habitat.
3. To mitigate environmental impacts to the ground and surface water and relevant watersheds, we request that there be a strong reliance on a "Spill Prevention and Response Plan", should a spill occur throughout the construction process.



4. The clearing and maintenance of the Right-of-ways of the transmission lines must be done without the use of herbicides (glyphosate, or other similar chemical agents). These chemicals compromise the life of animals and humans alike, as well as our vegetation (blueberries, medicines, etc.) which are a vital aspect of Treaty #3 culture.
5. A Human Health Risk Assessment must be conducted to address concerns related to pollutants, air quality and electromagnetic exposure.
6. We request that special care be given to Species at Risk in this Project, and that efforts be made above and beyond the requirements set out in Ontario's Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the federal Species At Risk Act (SARA). It is common knowledge that the Precautionary Principle is not practiced as intended and the legislators are not following their own guidelines to protect these vulnerable species.
7. We request that any Intellectual Property provided by the First Nations in digital and hard-copy format be protected by policy, especially as it relates to their cultural knowledge (Indigenous Knowledge) of the land.
8. We understand that the guidelines set out by the Ministry require, at minimum, a Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment for those locations along the transmission corridor that are determined to have archaeological potential, which in turn may progress to Stages 2, 3 and 4, should any additional assessment be required based on the findings. It is important that all Stages undertaken for Archaeological work not be given anything less than the full attention it deserves.
9. We request that any Archaeological work (research, fieldwork, field camps, reporting) more directly involve the communities; especially the youth, and that additional resources be provided for their involvement. This provides an opportunity for Hydro One to help the youth connect with their historical past and provide an educational element to the work. If any archaeological sites of significance (potential for developing to Stage 2, Stage 3 or Stage 4 are discovered while disrupting the ground, that the First Nation communities be provided with adequate financial resources to hire their own Archaeologist to conduct further study, as required for their direct involvement), (p.54).
10. We also request that the archaeologist chosen for this work be based in this region, and have significant experience in this geographical area, as they have a better understanding of where these potential locations are based and are familiar with working in the boreal forest. This is of particular importance to the outcome of the work undertaken.
11. On the basis that there has been very little engagement of communities for corridor workshops to contribute to the alternative route selection, we would expect the time and effort be made for in-person workshops and engagement opportunities to provide Project details for those



GCT#3 communities interested. In addition, we would expect that the training opportunities be extended to any GCT#3 community interested.

Questions:

1. Why is the route between Thunder Bay and Atikokan a double-circuit transmission line, while the line between Atikokan and Dryden, a single-circuit?
2. Does the choice between a single circuit and double circuit impact the 'footprint' and resulting potential environmental implications of the Project? (p.iii, paragraph 1)
3. Why was the Electric Power Research Institute-Georgia Transmission Corporation (EPRI-GTC), a USA-based company used to develop the Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology for the Corridor Workshops, as opposed to the Canadian Energy Research Institute, or another Canadian source of research capacity? (p.v, paragraph 2)
4. Why does Hydro One need a Research Institute to site a transmission line?
5. What technology gaps and/or broader needs were identified from this work done with EPRI-GTC besides the siting methodology (p.74)?
6. What procurement process was used that Canada didn't satisfy?
7. What preparations are being made for waste disposal from waste that accumulates as a result of this project?



TRANSPARENCY:

Comments:

1. Any processes developed for monitoring environmental impacts of the Project, including additions and adjustment should be shared with the all those GCT#3 First Nations and agencies interested.
2. Effects monitoring consisting of activities carried out by Hydro One after approval of the Environmental Assessment to determine the environmental impacts of the Project should also be shared with all those First Nations and agencies interested.
3. We request access to the preliminary baseline environmental studies that were accessed from available secondary sources in preparation of the draft Terms of Reference, (pp.21-22).
4. Engagement with community members revealed that they are eager to engage and they have a number of questions that the provided material did not answer. The Community Engagement sessions led to questions relating to Phase 3 and the opportunities that may be pursued in relation to renewables and connection to the grid. Concerns arose that Hydro One may have future plans that are not disclosed in the provided material, and that those future plans will alter the outcomes for the communities.
5. We request full disclosure of the Commitments that Hydro One will be making in relation to the Terms of Reference and the Environmental Assessment as they are developed.

Questions:

1. What is the full role of the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines in this Project, leading up to, throughout the Project and after completion?
2. What is the full role of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry in this Project?
3. What is the full role of the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines in this Project?
4. What is the full role of the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure in this Project?
5. What other Ministries and Agencies, provincial or federal, are involved in this Project, and what are their full roles in this Project?



CONSULTATION:

Comments:

1. The peoples of Grand Council Treaty #3, having a sacred connection to the land and the water and carrying an inherent role as *stewards of the land*, to protect and preserve the environment for future generations, collectively use the land that is being considered for the Project. As a result of this Project, their Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are impacted with reduced access to wildlife and land for hunting, fishing, trapping foraging and cultural and ceremonial purposes. As the Environmental Assessment progresses, Hydro One has a responsibility to ensure that their Rights are being protected to the greatest extent possible, and their access to the land and water in the Project area is accommodated throughout the life of the Project.
2. As a signatory to a Capacity Funding Agreement with Hydro One where Grand Council Treaty is the Traditional Government of 28 communities and traditional territories, are working under customary law, *'Manito Aki Inakonigaawin'*, where all our communities are impacted by the Project, and are working collaboratively to address the Draft Terms of Reference, we must ensure all our Rights holders have a fair opportunity to partake in the engagement process, and not just those identified by a provincial ministry, (p.46).
3. As a result of Treaty #3 member engagement, community member input gave very strong direction regarding the approach GCT#3 should take to address concerns. *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin* was identified as the "law of the people", due to the inherent connection the *Great Earth Law* has to the history, ideology and connection to the land. The engagement related to the Waasigan Transmission Line needs to be guided by *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin*. A strong example of a former infrastructure project that was guided by *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin* is the fibre optic line infrastructure (Bell FOTS), where GCT#3 gave their authorization for the project to pass through their territory after much consideration at the Chiefs' Assembly and in the communities. The Waasigan Transmission Line engagement must proceed with this same level of consideration (addendum #1). Considering that the Bell FOTS agreement is now being challenged by the original proponent, it is critical that this Project be given due consideration and follow processes guided by *Anishinaabe Law*. It was identified proponents do not respect the *Resource Law* and the Anishinaabe people, and it is important for Anishinaabe Law and protocols to guide the process for all projects. It was agreed that all processes going forward to address this Project, will follow the guide posts and principles as identified by *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin*.
4. We request that any trap line holders be fully informed of the Project and fully engaged in the Consultation process.
5. The consultation record identifies significant engagement with the Metis organizations. Grand Council Treaty #3 would like to register a statement of concern related to their (Metis) aggressive engagement strategy in relation to the Waasigan Project, as they do not have a land base in the Treaty #3 territory and their over-involvement erodes our Treaty Rights. At a Chiefs'



Assembly in the fall of 2017, a Resolution was passed related to concerns over Metis Consultation with the Province of Ontario (addendum #2), which in turn resulted in a meeting between Ogichidaa and the Premier of Ontario. Over-engagement of the Metis by government and proponents is perceived as a 'divide and conquer strategy'.

6. Interest of any First Nation in Treaty #3 related to the training provided for the Waasigan Transmission Line, should be accommodated, regardless of the location of their community.
7. The formal consultation record should acknowledge Grand Council Treaty #3 as a signatory to a Capacity Funding Agreement, rather than just receiving correspondence and information.

Questions:

1. Is it the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks or the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines that governs the consultation process?
2. In a COVID-19 lens, how will the Duty to Consult be met safely and effectively?



DECISION-MAKING PROCESS:

Comments:

1. We request the environmental assessment must give due consideration to the impacts to GCT#3 traditional territory as well as the 'Lands Taken Up' by this project in terms of the Project's contribution to the 'cumulative impact' on the natural and built up environment at this point and time, and that a written statement be made in relation to this consideration. This request is directly related to our Aboriginal and Treaty Rights under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.
2. In the interests of collective efforts to identify and resolve, to the greatest extent possible, any issues raised before the final environmental assessment is submitted, we request that a draft Environmental Assessment be presented for review to the Chiefs in Assembly for consideration before it is formalized, and that the timeline be adjusted to allow for this factor.
3. First Nation communities should be given first opportunity to contract for provision of workers, equipment, economic development opportunities and partnerships with Hydro One throughout the project.
4. Should Hydro One not be granted the approvals to proceed after completing the Environmental Assessment, and a 'Plan B' be required to execute this Project, we request that the communities be involved in the planning of a 'Plan B' in the very early stages of discussion.
5. A process must be put into place to address any past grievances between the communities and Hydro One before proceeding with the project.

Questions:

1. How is Northwestern Ontario's electricity forecast tied into the Market Renewal Program that is currently in development?
2. Hydro One provides good information related to the background of the project and purpose and rationale of the proposed undertaking. We do not see any reference to the potential or planned retailing of Hydro to the USA. Does this Project facilitate Hydro One's intentions for potential or planned retailing of electricity to the USA?
3. To what extent will the larger infrastructure support the development of new nuclear sources of power, whether they're a full nuclear reactor or a series of small modular reactors (SMRs)?
4. Has Hydro One given consideration to a 'Plan B' should the Permit to proceed, not be granted after completing the Environmental Assessment?



5. Hydro One provides good information in relation to Ontario’s Environmental Assessment Act, 1990, and the requirements at that time, (p.8). How does Ontario’s Bill 197 change the requirements related to environmental projections for this Project, and what considerations were given to determine if the Canadian Impact Assessment Act applies to this Project, especially with the recent changes made, both at a provincial and federal level.
6. Does Hydro One intend to reduce or change their efforts in any way, at any time in the future, due to the outcomes of the Omnibus Bill 197: COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020? The GCT#3 Territorial Planning Unit has developed comments for consideration (Addendum #3), by the Ontario government in relation to the impending Omnibus Bill 197-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020.

Assessment and Evaluation: Criteria, Indicators and Methodology

Using the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario, 2014, The TPU has identified criteria to consider as impacts, above and beyond the chart included in the Draft Terms of Reference. There is some possibility of overlap, in which case, we are preparing this document in the course of due diligence.

Criteria, Indicators and Data Sources for Consideration of Study in Environmental Assessment Related to Grand Council Treaty #3’s Concerns Due to Impact of Project			
Environment	Criterion	Indicator	Potential Data Sources
Natural	-full environmental study to assess the impact on significant wetlands, surface water quality, underground water, species habitat & migrations -increasing likelihood of flooding or fires due to impact of project -the habitat disturbance and interdependency of our animal population -cumulative impacts of land disturbance,	i.e. identification of sensitive land uses within the study area and the potential impacts to health, population and ability to thrive i.e. wolverines are a core indicator of prey abundances, i.e. moose population is seriously declining in the Treaty #3 area	i.e. MECP, MNRF, local Conservation Authority, Treaty #3 First Nations



	considering the industrial taking up of the land to this point, including this Project		
Social	<p>-social issues and risks faced by First Nation communities, including access to social services, medical care, sanitation and nutritious foods</p> <p>-physical issues and risks faced by First Nation communities, including access to housing, sufficient electricity, heating, and cooling</p> <p>-interests and developmental aspirations of First Nation communities and their attitudes toward sustainable natural resource management</p> <p>-existing or potential emerging negative impacts on First Nation communities that are relevant to the project</p> <p>-even though retirement of the project isn't anticipated, a fully developed closure plan or rehabilitation of sections, with adequate resources set aside in trust to ensure Hydro One's ability to follow through if required</p>	<p>i.e. increase in drug trafficking, safety of community members, economic opportunities and management, and life-cycle assessments</p>	<p>i.e. former industrial developments – impact analysis, local municipalities, First Nation communities</p>



Economic	<p>-effect on local businesses and First Nation businesses</p> <p>-relevant economic trends and prospects, including jobs and training</p> <p>-main economic activities and livelihood patterns</p>	<p>i.e. types of disruptions, displacements, and/or potential gains for local and First Nation businesses (closures, loss of business, expropriation, business contracts ,direct investment in business partnerships)</p>	<p>i.e. local business owners, First Nation business owners</p>
Cultural	<p>-traditional land use study</p> <p>-effect on built heritage resources and cultural landscapes</p> <p>-historical events relevant to the project and potential impacts</p>	<p>i.e. presence of cultural heritage resources and/or culturally sensitive sites in or adjacent to the study area, including grave sites, ceremonial grounds, cultural activities (hunting, fishing, trapping and foraging), archaeological sites</p>	<p>i.e. First Nation communities, Treaty organizations, heritage and environmental non-governmental organizations, heritage committees i.e. Save Farabout Peninsula Coalition</p>
Policy/Institutional	<p>-local and central government, including First Nations, private sector and civil society institutions relevant to the activities proposed by the project</p> <p>-policy and decision-making processes, leadership and rule of law, including those relevant to First Nations</p> <p>-policies and regulations on property rights/tenure regimes, natural resource management and conservation and current practice of enforcement (in</p>	<p>i.e. Aboriginal Law, Manito Aki Inakonigaawin</p>	<p>i.e. review of Official Plans, zoning by-laws and other local plans, including First Nation land-use planning documents, Aboriginal law, Municipal/regional officials</p>



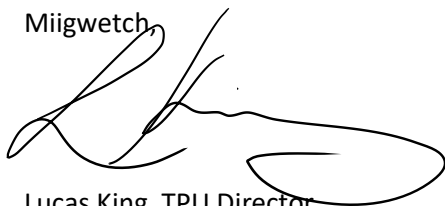
	<p>general, locally, and at project site)</p> <p>-issues and constraints within existing institutions and in their relationships with each other that might present barriers for the project and opportunities for overcoming these constraints</p>		
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We submit these statements and questions after due consideration of the material provided and learning more about the project and the potential outcomes. Overall, the documentation provided by Hydro One Networks Inc. related to the Waasigan Transmission Line Project is informative, even though many questions arise in the reading.

We would like it stated that while we are in full support of Gwayakochiigewin LP, and will make every effort to support them in their efforts to succeed, we are still mandated to support the 28 communities we represent, which is reflected in the comments and questions we submit. We would also like to make a statement about how COVID-19 has hampered the ability to proceed as originally planned. The most effective means of engaging communities is in person. Unfortunately, this has, and will continue to slow down the work to move forward. It is imperative, however that the engagement does take place. We will work cooperatively with everyone involved to move the process forward as expediently as circumstances allow.

In conclusion, the above statements and questions are intended to help us understand the process better, protect the interests of the member communities of Grand Council Treaty #3 and to work towards the best outcome possible for everyone concerned. We appreciate your consideration of our input. If any further information or questions are required please contact our Regulatory Specialist, Michelle Shephard at Michelle.Shephard@treaty3.ca.

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Grand Council Treaty #3 – Territorial Planning Unit
Waasigan Meeting – Community Input – Review of Draft Terms of Reference
Seven Generations Institute, Kenora, Ontario - Tuesday, September 1, 2020

The TPU Unit hosted a discussion for GCT#3 community members to provide input to the Waasigan Transmission Line, Draft Terms of Reference that will help frame the Environmental Assessment for the Project. Thirteen people were in attendance to provide input.

The agenda intended to introduce the project, and discuss topics related to:

- studies and ground work
- consultation and transparency
- decision-making process

While all three topics were thoroughly discussed, the community members primarily focused on *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin*, giving very strong direction for the TPU to ensure this *Great Earth Law* is the basis for all our engagement, due to the importance it has to our history, ideology and connection to the land. A strong example of another infrastructure project that was guided by *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin* is the fibre optic line infrastructure (Bell FOTS), where GCT#3 gave their authorization for the project to pass through their territory after much consideration at the Chiefs' Assembly and in the communities. The Waasigan Transmission Line must be processed with this same level of consideration. Considering that the Bell FOTS agreement is now being challenged by the original proponent, it is critical that this Project be given due consideration and vetted by *Anishinaabe Law*, while taking this into consideration.

Discussion was also focused on the benefits perceived as related to this Project, as well as additional needs or information required by the communities. The key factors identified included skill development, the opportunity to participate (corridor workshops, TKLU studies), and Hydro One engagement. TPU was perceived as a strong support for the communities to support their internal discussions.

Overall, participants saw this Project as having strong potential benefits for our Treaty area and that all communities should have the opportunity to participate to the degree identified by them, individually. Key concerns that were expressed related to the protection of the Land during the design and development of the Project, as well as the foundational importance of *Manito Aki Inakonigaawin* to guide the process at all levels. It was agreed that we must support those who are currently more directly engaged, because it will be other communities for future projects, who will need the support.

TPU acknowledged that today's discussion informed the role of the TPU work going forward. It is clear from the discussion that the work is all connected and that all of Treaty #3 is impacted.

Appendix L-1 Lac La Croix First Nation



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April 10, 2019

Chief Clay Ottertail
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Dear Chief Ottertail,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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cc: Jim Windego, Band Manager

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Sent Via Email

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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Ottertail,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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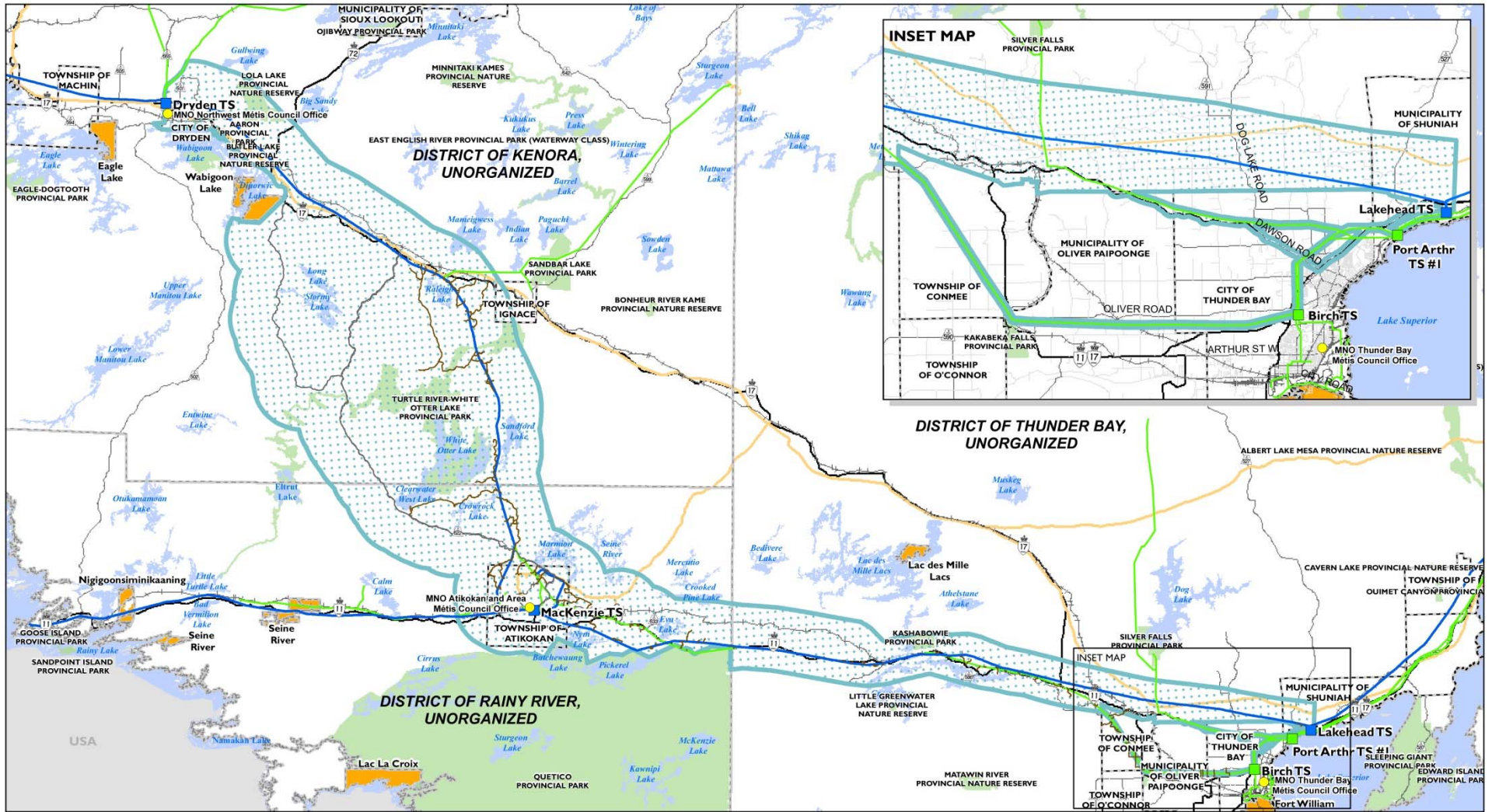


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Jim Windego, Band Manager



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
DATA PROVIDED BY HNTB
MAP CREATED BY: SFG
MAP CHECKED BY: J
MAP PROJECTION: LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC



SCALE 1:275,000
PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

MEMO

TO: Sarah Cohanim, Hydro One
FROM: Brandon Fox, MCIP, RPP, Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon)
 Braydi Rice, Dillon
cc: Bruce Hopper, Hydro One
 Don McKinnon, RPP, Dillon
 Tausha Esquega, Hydro One
 Ciaran Thompson, Hydro One
DATE: July 23, 2019
SUBJECT: Waasigan First Nations Community Meeting Lac La Croix, July 10, 2019
OUR FILE: 19-9676

This memo summarizes the Lac La Croix First Nation Community Meeting held for the Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line project on July 10, 2019 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: FIRST NATION MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Number of Attendees
July 10, 2019	Lac La Croix First Nation Zhingwaako Zaaga'Iganing Public School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	19

The First Nation Community Meeting is summarized below with an overall summary detailed in the conclusion of this memo.

General First Nations Community Meeting Overview

All the Community Meetings began with an informal dinner provided by the community, followed by a short presentation with time for questions, answers and conversation with the community. Display boards and table maps were set-up to introduce the proposed project and the study area for potential route alternatives. Further description was discussed by Hydro One during the presentation. The displays and presentation covered the following:

- Introduction to the Hydro One team and their roles
- Waasigan Transmission Line Overview
- History of the Waasigan Transmission Line
- Overview of the environmental assessment (EA) process
- Development work timelines
- Corridor and route selection
- Beginning the discussion of working with Indigenous Communities

Lac La Croix First Nation – July 12, 2019

In total, 19 people (not including those under the age of 18 – approximately four youth) signed the sign-in sheet. Seven attendees also included their email address to receive information on the project (**Appendix A**).

What Was Heard

During the Community Meeting, attendees asked general questions about the project and the location of the study area in relation to the community's reserve and traditional use areas. There was a general interest in learning more about the project and connecting with Hydro One on existing concerns, such as increased capacity to the community and improving the community's internet.

The following discussion topics were noted during conversations with attendees:

- Ongoing electricity capacity issues and lack of access to the internet in their community, and whether these concerns could be addressed through Hydro One;
- Interest in the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) process;
- Interest in benefits from the project - what will the share for Treaty 3 and Lac La Croix be specifically;
- Lac La Croix currently has land claims pending within the area and interested to know how the project may impact these claims;
- Interest in the training and internship opportunities with the project. Would like the youth in the community to be involved – could be part of the benefits of an agreement between the community and Hydro One;
- Interest in status of a Capacity Funding Agreement between the community and Hydro One;
- Community commented on the number of potential opportunities that could come from upgrades to being connected to the grid (e.g., renewable generation); and
- A community member noted that a Draft Consultation Protocol has been developed and requires the sign-off of council before implementation and use.

Comments Received and Follow-Up Actions

A summary of the comments heard and require further follow-up and are summarized in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR LAC LA CROIX FIRST NATION

Comment (<i>Name if available</i>)	Follow-Up Action Required
Provide comment cards and material package of presentation for community members to write-down their thoughts for those who may not want to speak up (<i>Jim</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To include comment cards and offer hard copy of the presentation for future Community Meetings
Community member raised how we communicate with community members who do not have email	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss what the possibilities may be for each community (e.g. social media, hard-copy hand-outs at Band Office)
Community interested in the possibility of increasing the electricity capacity for the grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tausha to look into the Lac La Croix generation project, and whether any

Community commented about the lack of access to internet	<p>upgrades are planned for Crilly Distribution Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One to look into whether they can help increase the community's access to reliable internet
<p>Interest in the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) process</p> <p>Draft Capacity Funding Agreement was provided to Lac La Croix</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro On to provide IESO contact Hydro One to send the Capacity Funding Agreement again for community to review
Draft Consultation Protocol for the community has been developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lac La Croix to send protocol to Hydro One once the plan has been approved by Chief and Council.

Overall Summary

Overall the Lac La Croix First Nation Community Meeting was well attended with 19 individuals attending from the community. Youth attended the Community Meeting and activities were provided at Lac La Croix. The hiring of a Youth worker would be beneficial for future Community Meetings. Small changes were made to the presentation for Lac La Croix to highlight valuable information and graphics – these changes will remain for future Indigenous Community Meetings.

Appendix A

Lac La Croix First Nation Sign-In Sheet

Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Community Information Centre
July 10 4:30-7:00pm
Lac La Croix

Name	Contact
[Redacted]	[Redacted]



Minutes of Meeting

Minutes No.:			Project #:	WTLP
Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project			
Prepared by:	Lynn Hall (LH)		Meeting Date:	June 19, 2019
			Meeting Time:	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
			Location: Canad Inns, Regent Casino, 1445 Portage Ave. Winnipeg, MB	
Attendees:	Elder, Garry Kavanaugh (GK)	GCT3	Eagle Lake First Nation	
	Elder, Ida Skead (IS)	GCT3	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation	
	Elder, Terry Skead (TS)	GCT3	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation	
	Ogichidaa, Francis Kavanaugh (FK)	GCT3	Grand Council Treaty 3	
	Chief Will Windigo (WW)	GCT3	Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation	
	Chief Tom Johnson (TJ)	GCT3	Seine River First Nation	
	Chief Brian Perrault (BP)	GCT3	Couchiching First Nation	
	Chief Lorraine Cobiness (LC)	GCT3	Niisaachewan Anishinaabe Nation	
	Chief Robin McGinnis (RM)	GCT3	Rainy River First Nations	
	Chief Judy Whitecloud (JW)	GCT3	Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation	
	Chief Janice Henderson (JH)	GCT3	Mitaanjigamiing First Nation	
	Chief Chris Skead (CS)	GCT3	Wauzhushk Onigum Nation	
	Chief Clayton Ottetail (CO)	CGT3	Lac La Croix First Nation	
	Chief Marilyn Sinclair (MS)	GCT3	Obashkaandagaang First Nation	
	Chief Howard Kabestra (HK)	GCT3	Naotkamegwaning First Nation	
	Chief Wes Big George (WBG)	GCT3	Naongashiing First Nation	
	Chief Darlene Comegan (DC)	GCT3	Northwest Angle #33	
	Chief Jim Major (JM)	GCT3	Animakee Wa Zhing #37	
	Proxy Elvis Adams (EA)	GCT3	Big Grassy First Nation	
	Proxy Curtis Thunder (CT)	GCT3	Buffalo Point First Nation	
	Councillor, Trisha Kavanaugh (TK)	GCT3	Eagle Lake First Nation	
	Gary Allen (GA)	GCT3	Executive Director	
	Sjoerd Van Der Wielen (SVDW)	GCT3	Manager, Territorial Planning Unit	
	Janine Seymour (JS)	GCT3	Political Advisor	
	Kristine Reynard (KR)	GCT3	Executive Assistant	
	Derek Chum (DC)	HONI	Vice-President, Indigenous Relations	
	Christine Goulais (CG)	HONI	Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations	
	Tausha Esquega (TE)	HONI	Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations	
	Sarah Cohanim (SC)	HONI	Environmental Planner, EEPS	
	Lynn Hall (LH)	HONI	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations	
	George Kakeway (GK)	HONI	Contractor, Hydro One Networks Inc.	

Minutes

Item #	Description	Action by	Date	Update

Minutes of Meeting

Item #	Description	Action by	Date	Update
1.	DC provided opening remarks.			
2	CG provided an overview of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project.			
3	<p>CG explained that Hydro One will work in collaboration with Indigenous communities through a consultation process to ensure that communities understand the impacts of the project.</p> <p>CG discussed accommodation for Indigenous communities will include, but it not limited to, employment, training and contracting opportunities.</p>			
4	<p>SC provided an overview of the EA process and explained the broad Route Selection Study Area. The EA will need to study alternatives. Referencing the selection chart process flowchart, SC explained that they will be narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area to broad corridors, then to route alternatives to be assessed during the EA. A preferred route for the transmission line will be determined through the EA.</p> <p>Hydro One invited the impacted communities to participate in the broader stakeholder workshop sessions as participants or observers, and in addition, if the communities wish, Hydro One can provide them with their own session.</p>			
5.	<p>CG explained Hydro One will provide communities with capacity funding agreements, (CFA's) to be able to participate in the consultation process.</p> <p>CG explained Treaty 3 will be able to participate in their own corridor workshop in their communities.</p> <p>Q: Chief Windigo – Referencing the proposed Waasigan Transmission 230 kV line – Will there be hook-up points along the line for other opportunities like mining and forestry?</p> <p>SC clarified there is no plans right now to hook-up other resources but there might be an opportunity to do so. SC further explained the (mining and forestry sector) would require their own EA process for their projects.</p> <p>Chief Perreault spoke to Hydro One's history as a provincial company and he explained that the Manito Aki Inakonigaawin process has been ignored. Chief Perreault stated that proponents need to ask for their permission to do work in the territory. He further stated for too long</p>			

Minutes of Meeting

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	<p>they [First Nations communities] sat on the sidelines and watched as processes unfolded in their territory. Chief Perreault feels that Hydro One has not yet sought permission to do work in their territory.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh spoke in Anishinaabemowin to the assembly about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. He explained that Treaty 3 needs to be involved because it is their responsibility to be caretakers of Mother Earth. He further explained, in doing so, they become complicit in the vandalism of Mother Earth. They become party to that destruction. When talking about EA's and changing the landscape in the territory, Ogichidaa explained that they have their own means of changing the landscape and the way they entertain mitigation is through their ceremonies. Treaty 3 takes their responsibility of the land very seriously. He thanked the assembly for listening to what he had to say.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh explained they turn to ceremony for answers to the process. He explained Treaty 3 has ways to mitigate if they need to participate in the process.</p> <p>Chief Johnson – Thanked and acknowledged the sacred items, and Hydro One for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project presentation. TJ understands FK's statement and explained that Seine River FN is one of the impacted communities. He believes they are the caretakers of the land of the Seine River First Nation area. He explained there are nine First Nations communities on the list to be consulted. He feels there are other items that need to be addressed but does not feel Hydro one should be sitting at the table for this discussion with treaty 3 communities. Chief Johnson stated there are other activities that need to take place such as economic opportunities.</p> <p>CG responded that she respects the Chiefs needs to discuss their issues in private without having Hydro One present.</p> <p>CG explained there is a law firm who wants to bring the communities together to discuss the benefits of the WTLP. She explained they are completely separate from Hydro One and are not affiliated.</p> <p>Chief Perreault stated he does not know why a firm outside of their territory is discussing business in their territories, he only heard of Fort William First Nation. He says he has not been invited to any meetings.</p> <p>Chief Windigo wants to know why the radio station in Thunder Bay advertised the Waasigan Transmission Line Project consultation was</p>			

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	<p>finalized.</p> <p>CG explained Hydro One has not yet finalized the consultation. She explained it was a misrepresentation of information in the news article and radio advertisement and has since been clarified and fixed in the new article referenced. CG stated the Indigenous consultation has just begun and this is our first opportunity to present the project to the GCT3 as a whole.</p> <p>Chief Windigo says the community got fired up and he started receiving questions from his community members who have been following the project. He recommended Indigenous Relations do a better job at communicating with the public.</p> <p>CG thanked the assembly for their time. Meeting adjourned.</p>			

The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
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Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Lac La Croix.docx

Good Afternoon Chief Ottertail,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

Miigwetch

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Hydro One engagement with Lac La Croix First Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Lac La Croix First Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Lac La Croix First Nation's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Lac La Croix First Nation to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

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January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
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Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

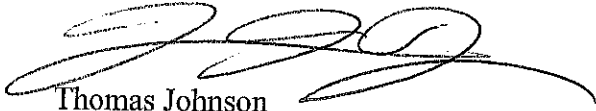
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

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Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:43 PM
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OMacLaren@oktlaw.com; JLedoux@oktlaw.com; Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

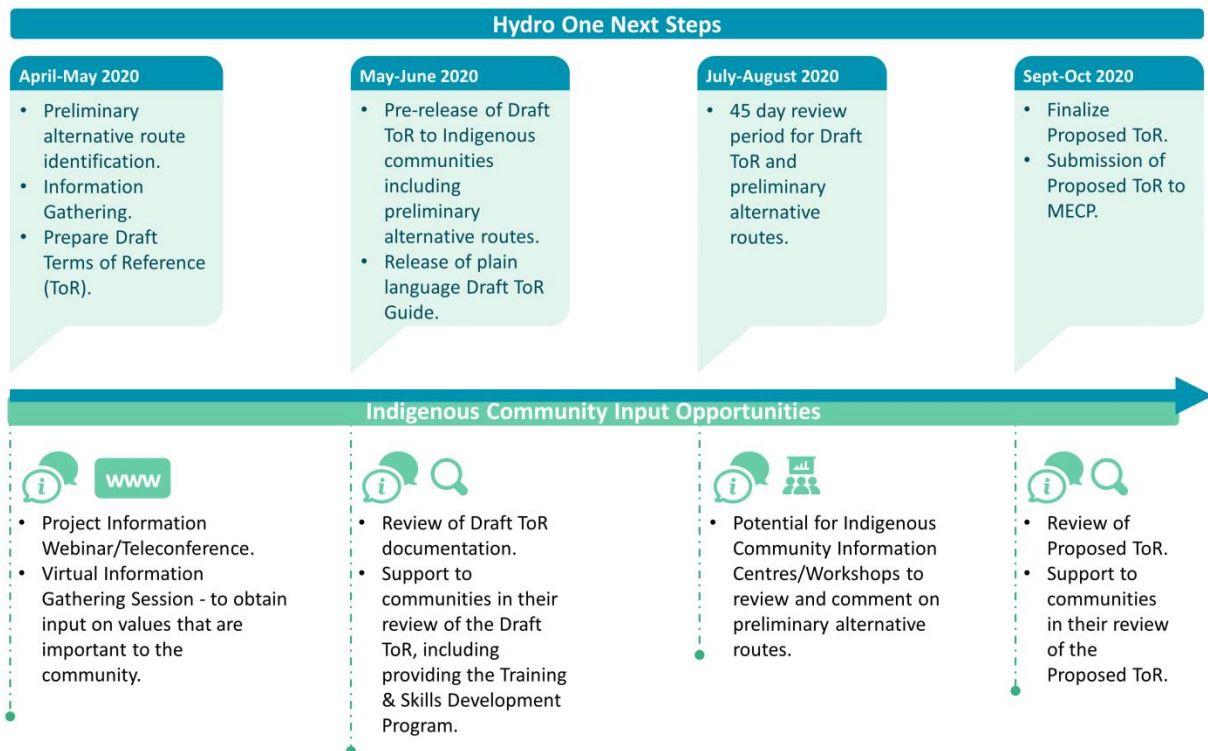


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 21, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

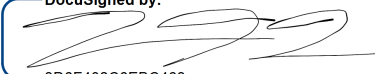
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Tom Johnson
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Cc: lsalo@northvista.ca; pboileau@northvista.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Ottertail,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on **June 29, 2020** for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to **Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanin, Environmental Planner,
Hydro One Networks Inc.
Telephone: 1-877-345-6799
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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June 15, 2020

Mr. Tom Johnson
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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

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Cc: directoroperations@lfcfn.com; carrie.an@lfcfn.com
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Michael Ottetail
Lac La Croix First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Ottetail,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Jim Windego, Lac La Croix

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August 6, 2020

Christine Goulais
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations
Hydro One Networks Inc.
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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

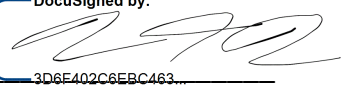
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

Miigwetch,

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

CC: Chief & Council - Eagle Lake First Nation
Chief & Council - Fort William First Nation
Chief & Council - Lac La Croix First Nation
Chief & Council - Lac Seul First Nation
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Attachments: GLP Letter to Hydro One - ToR Extension Request - August 6 2020_FINAL.PDF; Waasigan_GLP Response letter_August 14 2020_FINAL.pdf

Good Morning Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

Miigwetch

Christine

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August 14, 2020

Mr. Tom Johnson
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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

C. Goulais

Christine Goulais

cc. Patrick Boileau, NorthVista
Bruce Hopper, Hydro One

From: Carrie Atatise-Norwegian <carrie.an@llcfn.ca>
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Subject: RE: Waasigan Letter of Draft Terms of Reference Review Period Extension

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Hi Tausha,

Received. I will follow-up with you if additional information is required.

Miigwech for your help and in sharing this information with me.

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On Aug 21, 2020, at 7:30 AM, Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com wrote:

Hi Carrie,

Please see the attached letter from Hydro One. I thought to share with you as you had asked for more information.

Let me know if you have received this.

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Tausha,
I'm just wondering if you're available Friday am to discuss the Draft ToR for Waasigan, and to assist us with bringing us to speed with developments of this project that we should pay particular attention to.
Please advise of your availability for that day.
Meegwetch,
Robert Atatise, Community Engagement Coordinator

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Appendix L-1 Lac Seul First Nation



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April 10, 2019

Chief Derek Maud
Lac Seul First Nation
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Dear Chief Maud,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Chief Derek Maud
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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Maud,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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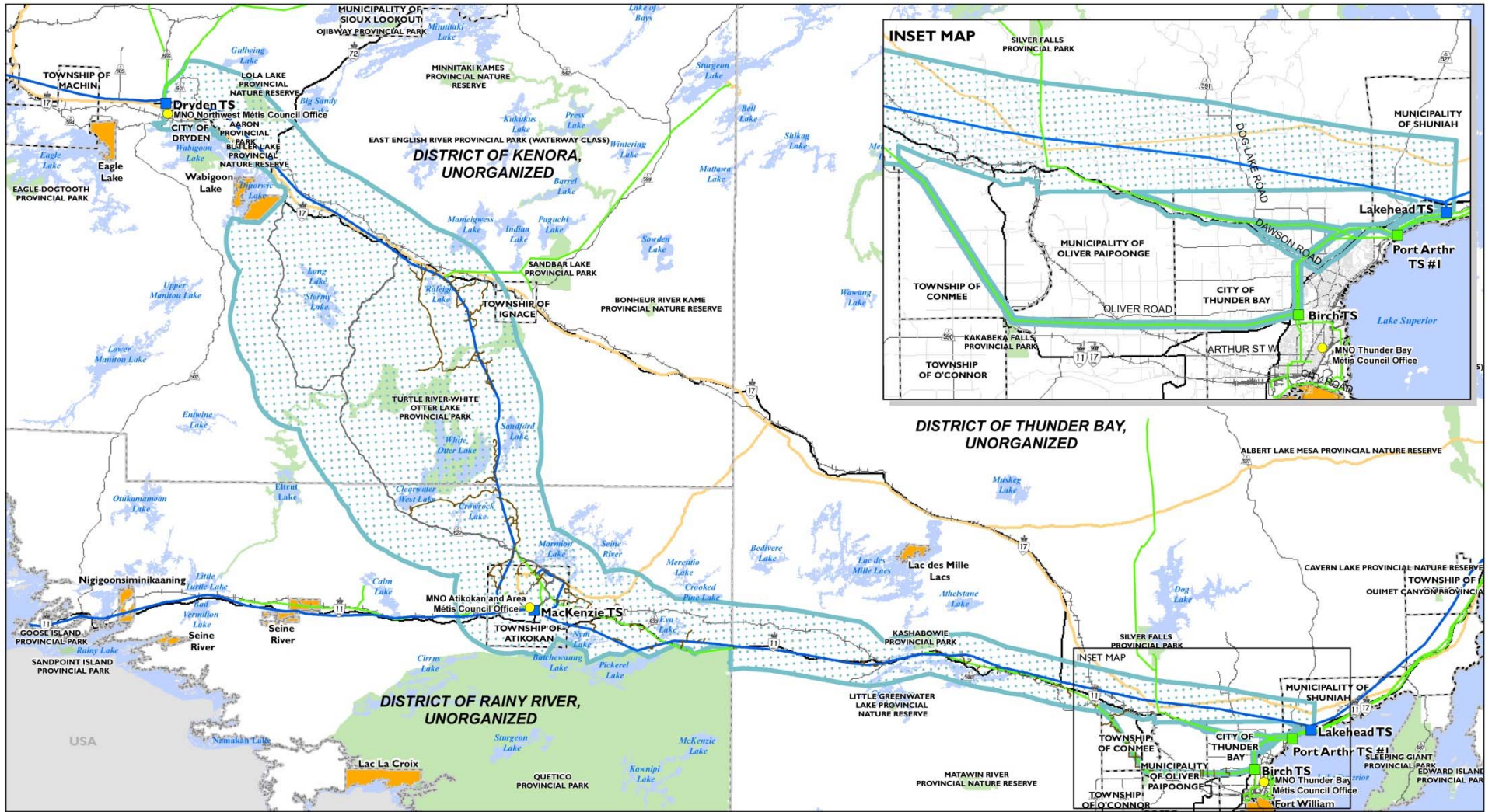


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Shera Wesley, Executive Assistant



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



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INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

COHANIM Sarah

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
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Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Lac Seul.docx; Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf

Good Afternoon Chief Maud,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Lac Seul First Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Lac Seul First Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Lac Seul First Nation's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Community Information Centre (CIC) #1

We would like to host a Community Information Session in your Community to introduce ourselves and the Waasigan project to your members. The goal of this community meeting is to present an overview of the project, answer questions and address concerns with you and your community members.

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Lac Seul First Nation to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

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January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
7th Floor, South Tower,
483 Bay Street
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Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

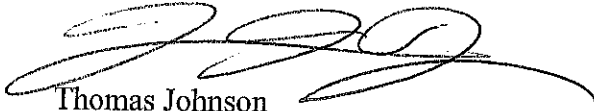
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

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Sent: January 21, 2020 10:28 AM
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Cc: derekmaud@lacseulfn.org
Subject: Cancellation of Corridor Workshop

Good Morning,

I am just confirming that our corridor workshop is cancelled for next week as per the direction we received by way of letter from the Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership on January 17,2020.

I look forward for the opportunity to reschedule this corridor session and receiving input from the leadership and membership of Lac Seul.

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Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

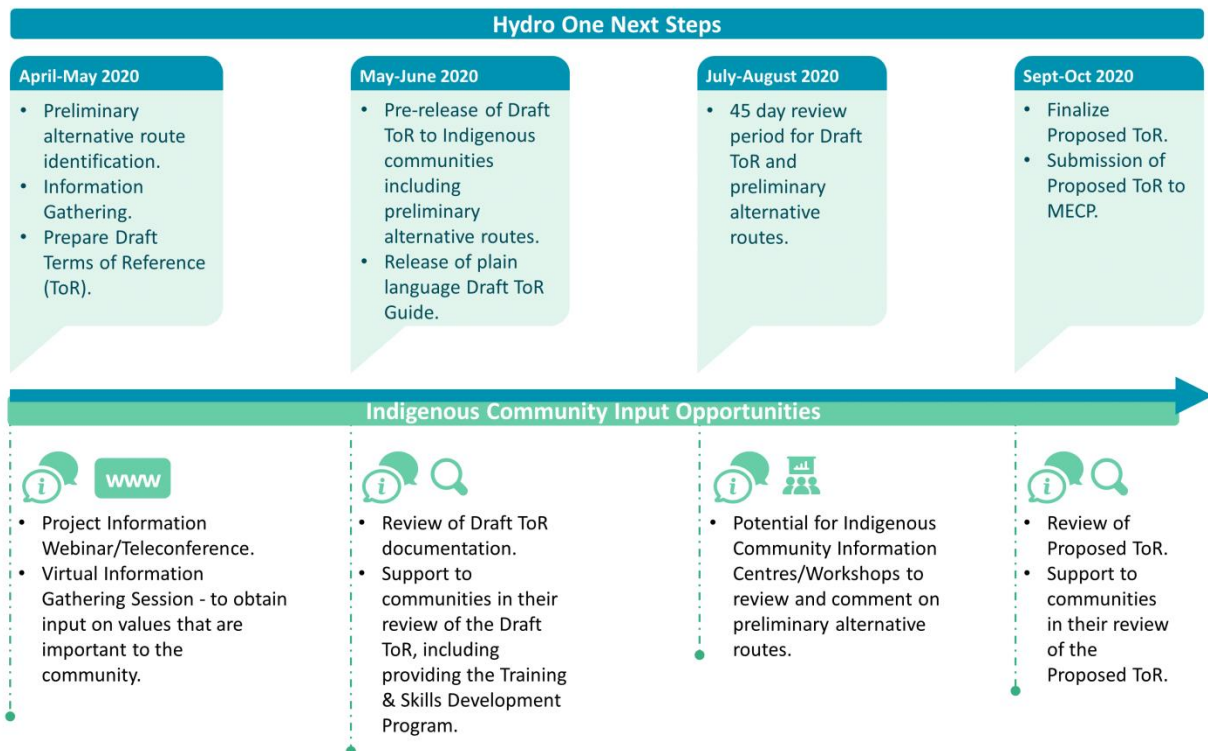


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 21, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

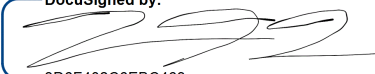
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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Tom Johnson
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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Maud,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on **June 29, 2020** for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to **Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020**. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

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Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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June 15, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

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Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Derek Maud
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Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Maud,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Gerald Kejick, Lac Seul First Nation

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August 6, 2020

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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

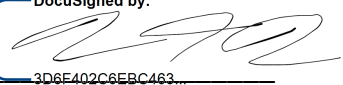
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

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DocuSigned by:

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Tom Johnson
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Good Morning Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

C. Goulais

Christine Goulais

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Dear Chief Whitecloud,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Christine Goulais
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Christine Goulais

cc: Quentin Snider, Band Manager

Meeting Notes

Project: Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Date of Meeting: April 12, 2019	Location: Lac des Milles Lac First Nation, 690 Mountain Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7J 1G8
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Prepared by: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)	Dial-in: 1-877-385-4099 Access Code: 5584611#

Attendees

#	Name	Title
1	Judith Whitecloud	Chief, Lac des Milles Lac First Nation
2	Tony Manaula	Project Development Coordinator, Lac des Milles Lac First Nation
3	Christine Goulais	Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations (by phone)
4	Tausha Esquega	Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations
5	Bruce Hopper	Sr. Environmental Specialist (by phone)
6	Sarah Cohanim	Sr. Environmental Planner (by phone)
7	Lynn Hall	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations (by phone)

#	Item Description	Action/Lead	Status
1.	Introductions and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and opening remarks 		
2.	Project Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One introduced the project and the Chief asked who vetted the project name. Tausha Esquega explained the name was vetted through Treaty 3 fluent speakers of the Anishinaabe language. Hydro One explained that the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, formerly known as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, is required to increase supply to northwestern Ontario. The preliminary scope of the project consists of a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Thunder Bay and Atikokan and a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Atikokan and Dryden. 		
3.	Project Background <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October 2014, Hydro One received a request 		

	<p>from the Ontario Power Authority, now the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to start development work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016 and 2017, the Ministry of Energy and IESO reassessed the scope and schedule and recommended that the project proceed in multi-phases. • In October 2018, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) provided Hydro One with a letter delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One. • Recently, Hydro One met with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to discuss the project plan. 		
4.	<p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained that the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. • The first step is the preparation of a ToR which will set out the framework and work plan for the preparation of the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be carried out. • The goal of the ToR stage will be to narrow down the route selection study area to corridor or routing alternatives. • The communities will be receiving a Notice of Commencement of ToR with additional information with regards to the project. • A second round of CIC's is set to occur in September 2019. 		
5.	<p>Project Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the project schedule outlining the Pre-Consultation 		
6.	<p>Indigenous Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained their commitment of meaningfully consult and substantially address Indigenous concerns raised during the consultation process including the following: • Thoroughness of the consultation process, starting as early as the feasibility stage and continuing into 		

	<p>the project approval process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Means and mechanisms to provide an organized and sustained system for consulting Indigenous peoples; • Sufficient funding to allow Indigenous peoples to meaningfully assemble and/or challenge evidence, and • Accommodation measures to avoid or mitigate any loss, cost or damage from a proposed project to Indigenous interest and to provide compensation where avoidance or mitigation are no possible. 		
7.	<p>Hydro One’s Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One stated the importance of engagement with Indigenous communities in connection with the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. • Hydro One’s Indigenous engagement process is designed to provide relevant project information to Indigenous communities proximate to the Project in a timely manner. • The process enables affected Indigenous communities to review, consider and raise issues, concerns and questions they may have with the Project. The process also allows Hydro One to respond to any concerns or questions raised in clear and transparent manner throughout the EA review processes. • Hydro One explained it will explore and discuss various benefits, including, but not limited to, capacity funding to participate in the engagement process, procurement, contracting and employment opportunities. 		
8.	<p>Route Selection Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the broad route selection study area. The environmental assessment will need to study alternatives. • Referencing the selection process flowchart, Hydro One explained assessing each corridor to help narrow down the route alternatives to be studied to determine the preferred route through the environmental assessment. • Hydro One explained it is a well-known 		

	<p>methodology used in EA processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One named Dillon as the Environmental Consultant as a reputable company to help undertake the EA process. 		
9.	<p>Corridor Workshop Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One described the workshop process. To respect Indigenous Communities consultation protocols, Hydro One is currently asking Indigenous Communities how they would like to be involved in the corridor workshop process. Communities can choose to attend the workshops with the other knowledge experts (e.g., government agencies) or they may choose to hold their own workshops. 		
10.	<p>Next Steps & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One is requesting community consultation protocol if available so that we can establish a consultation process. Chief Whitecloud agreed to draft a consultation protocol together. Lac des Milles Lac will be provided a draft Consultation Funding Agreement for review and comment The purpose of the CFA is to provide the First Nation with adequate financial capacity to effectively and meaningfully participate in the project consultation process. Hydro One explained that LDML is aware that a law firm is organizing impacted First Nations to form a consortium to discuss equity partnership. Hydro One explained the focus currently is to move through the EA process yet understands the desire for FN's to partner more meaningfully on this project. Hydro One suggested it is premature to discuss equity partnership at this time. HONI is open to explore contracting and other opportunities. LDML asked how FN's can be involved in working with DILLON in establishing the EA rather than just being consulted with. LDML is interested in capitalizing on other areas that will be outlined in an IBA post-EA and 	Christine Goulais	

	<p>subcontracting with Dillon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One wants to know what services LDML can offer and how we can explore working them into the EA assessment. • Hydro One requested the company names LDML has to offer. • Chief Whitecloud stated OKT law process has left a sour taste whereby it appears Hydro One has hired OKT law to organize the communities to form a consortium for equity partnership. Hydro One clarified that it is separate from OKT law and Hydro One’s focus is solely on the project and specifically the EA process right now • Hydro One asked who is the key point person to engage on the project with. • Chief Whitecloud stated the contact point person is Tony Maunula. • How does LDML want to participate in the workshops? • LDML is seeking feedback from Hydro One on how they will participate in the workshops. • Hydro One asked if hosting a separate Indigenous workshop works for the community. • For example, the Land Use Workshop can include inviting various agencies and the Indigenous community inviting their own biologist that can speak and represent a specific value. • To bring all agencies and Indigenous communities together might be a large task, it might be easier to hold an Indigenous specific workshop. • Chief Whitecloud thanked everyone for their time and providing information on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. 	<p>Tausha Esquega</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One to provide a draft CFA to Lac des Mille Lac First Nation. • Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation to provide names of companies who might assist with Environmental Assessment work. 	<p>Christine Goulais Tausha Esquesga</p>	

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Chief Judy Whitecloud
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Thunder Bay, ON P7B 4A3
Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Whitecloud,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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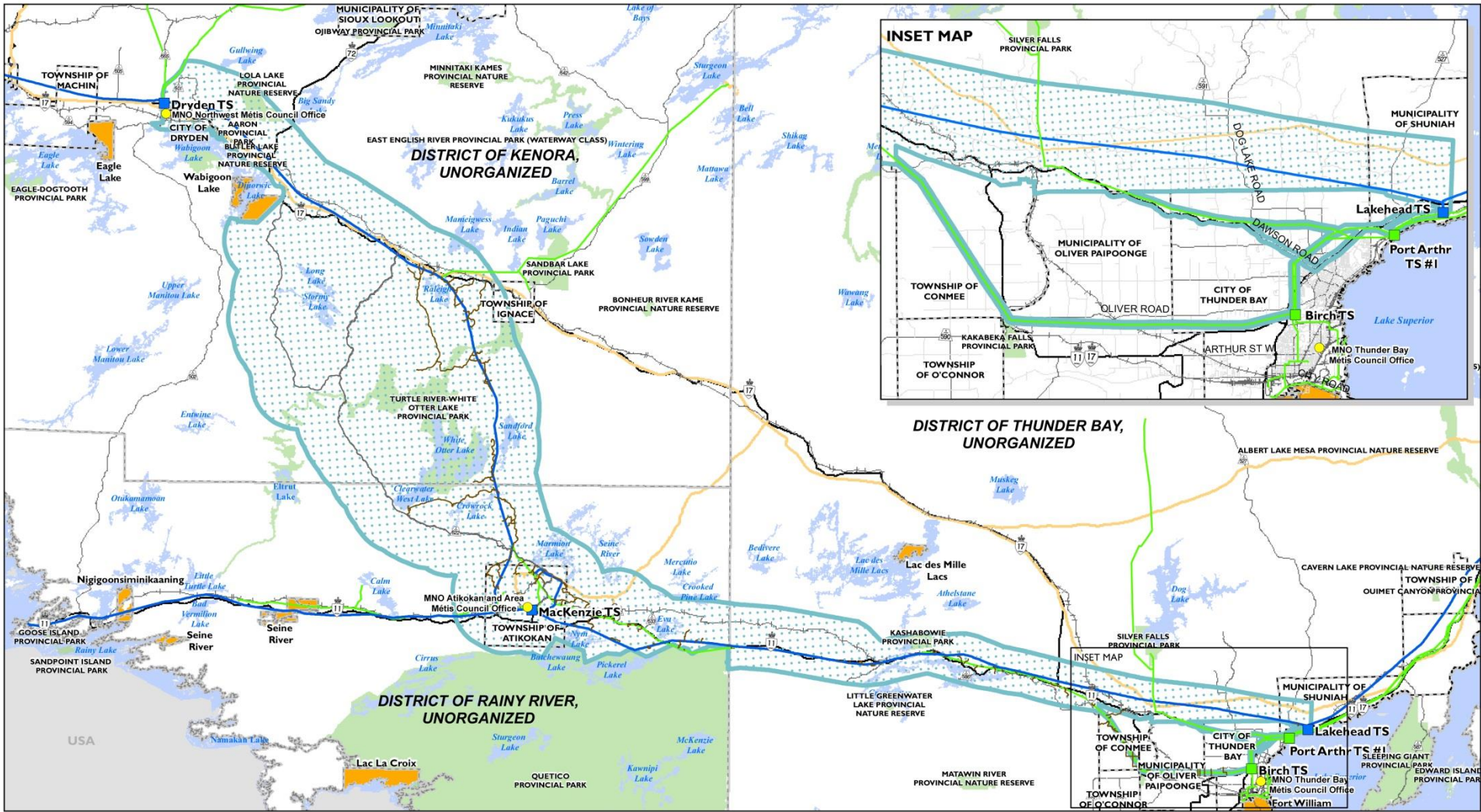
Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Quentin Snider, Band Manager

Anthony Maunula, Project Development Coordinator



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 Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Metis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- ▭ Municipalities
- ▭ Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- ▭ District Boundaries
- ▭ Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
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 MAP CREATED BY: 3FG
 MAP CHECKED BY: J
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INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
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To: ChiefWhitecloud@lacadesmillelacs.ca
Cc: QuentinSnider@lacadesmillelacs.ca
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; LDML.docx

Good Afternoon Chief Whitecloud,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

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January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
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Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

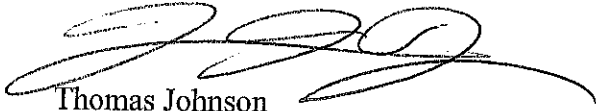
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
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dmackett@lacadesmillelacs.ca
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

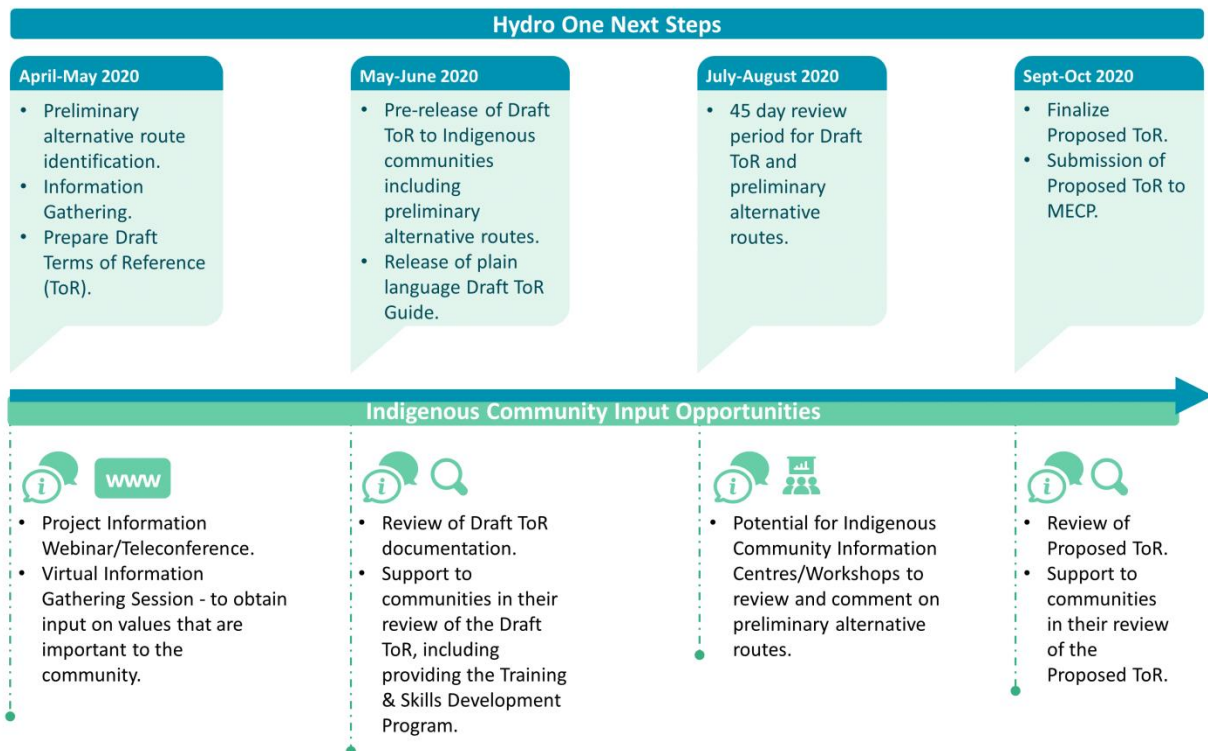


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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amaunula@lacdesmillelacs.ca; dmackett@lacdesmillelacs.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief WhiteCloud,

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2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

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Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

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amaunula@lacadesmillelacs.ca
Subject: Draft Terms of Reference

Good Morning,

I just wanted to follow up regarding our Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project and ensure that it was delivered to you for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Judy White Cloud
Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief White Cloud,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Quentin Snider, Lac des Mille Lacs
Anthony Maunula, Lac des Mille Lacs
David Mackett, Lac des Mille Lacs

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Sent: August 14, 2020 12:46 PM
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Cc: dmackett@lacadesmillelacs.ca; amaunula@lacadesmillelacs.ca;
QuentinSnider@lacadesmillelacs.ca
Subject: Letter of Extension to Draft Terms of Reference Review
Attachments: LDML DTOR extension.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.
Let me know if you have any questions.

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August 14, 2020

sent via email

Chief White Cloud
Lac des Mille Lacs

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief White Cloud,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we will be extending the draft Terms of Reference review period for your community until September 7, 2020. Hydro One understands the importance of working together and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension is being offered to provide additional time to coordinate your community's review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference.

We look forward to receiving your community's input on the draft Terms of Reference document and continued opportunities for community engagement. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to continue working with your community on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc. Quentin Snider
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David Mackett

Appendix L-1

Mitaanjigamiing First Nation



From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: October 18, 2019 11:15 AM
To: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca; 'Darlene Whitecrow';
mfncouncil2@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mgt@mitaanjigamiing.ca; 'Chris Matheson'
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line
Attachments: sharpdesk-cc@mitaanjigamiing.ca_20191018_105510.pdf; Manito Aki
Inaajimowin.pdf

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Hi Tausha,

Happy Friday, please find attached our initial consultation letter and copy of our consultation process for your consideration. Please email or call if you have any questions.

Thanks
Chris.



Chris Matheson

Consultation Coordinator
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Sent: November 1, 2019 8:32 PM
To: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: paul@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mgt@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: Re: map

Thanks Chris.

I still have a hold on December 9-12.

Just let me know

Tausha Esquega
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On Nov 1, 2019, at 11:23 AM, Chris Matheson <nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca> wrote:

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Hi Tausha,

Unfortunately, I do not have a higher resolution of the map. The map is from our Mapaki system and it's a live web based program. But if you have any questions or need further clarification in an area on the map, just let me know and I can review the Mapaki.

Also, with your request below, I've discussed with our Energy Liaison, Mr. Paul Henderson, and have included him in this email. We can attempt to set up a meeting before the end of the year, but it may be tough as the schedules are pretty booked, but you can discuss with Paul. The only days I have left open this month are Nov 25 to 27. Better in December.

Thanks
Chris.



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From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 1:52 PM

To: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: RE: map

Thanks for the response Chris, is there any way that we are able to have any opportunity to attend the community to meet with members and complete corridor workshops before years' end as we are looking to have input included in the ToR. Is there an opportunity to delegate people who may be best suited to share information for the corridor workshop ?

Let me know either way.

Tausha

From: Chris Matheson [<mailto:nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 10:03 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Subject: Re: map

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Morning tausha,

Sorry I'm in training again today but sitting beside Janice. It appears the chiefs are pretty well booked for December, so we were thinking of something in the new year. What's your January like?

I'll get the map once back at Mitaanjigamiing on Friday.

Thanks
Chris.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 28, 2019, at 12:09 PM, <Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com>
<Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com> wrote:

Good Day Chris,

Just checking in to see if you had the chance to find out about dates for a Community Information Centre and Corridor workshop. I believe Chief Henderson and Chief Perrault had suggested collaborating on a corridor workshop. Nonetheless, we are still open on our end for the dates in December, let me know.

Miigwetch

From: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca [<mailto:nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 11:35 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Subject: RE: map

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Yep I believe Dec 9 to the 12 will work too. I'll confirm with C&C and let you know.

Thanks Tausha,
Chris.

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Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 8:33 AM
To: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: RE: map

I am on vacation from the 19-26. I am available the 2nd week of December ☺ if that helps

From: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca [<mailto:nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 11:31 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Subject: RE: map

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Morning Tausha,

No worries, I can help set up the community information sessions. I believe our calendars are still open for Nov 25 to 28 but I'll need to confirm with C&C. Do any of these dates work for you?

Also I'm out of the office until Monday, in Winnipeg for CAPA training this weekend. I'll see if I can find the map on the old CPU at the office and send it over. My laptop only has the one that I already sent.

Thanks
Chris.

Chris Matheson
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Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 6:21 AM
To: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: map

Good morning Chris,

I am wondering if you have a higher-resolution version of the traditional territory map on page 15 of the consultation protocol? The legend is not clear.

Also, I wanted to inquire of dates of availability for a community information session. I met with Chief Henderson and she had asked me to check in with you.

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To: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

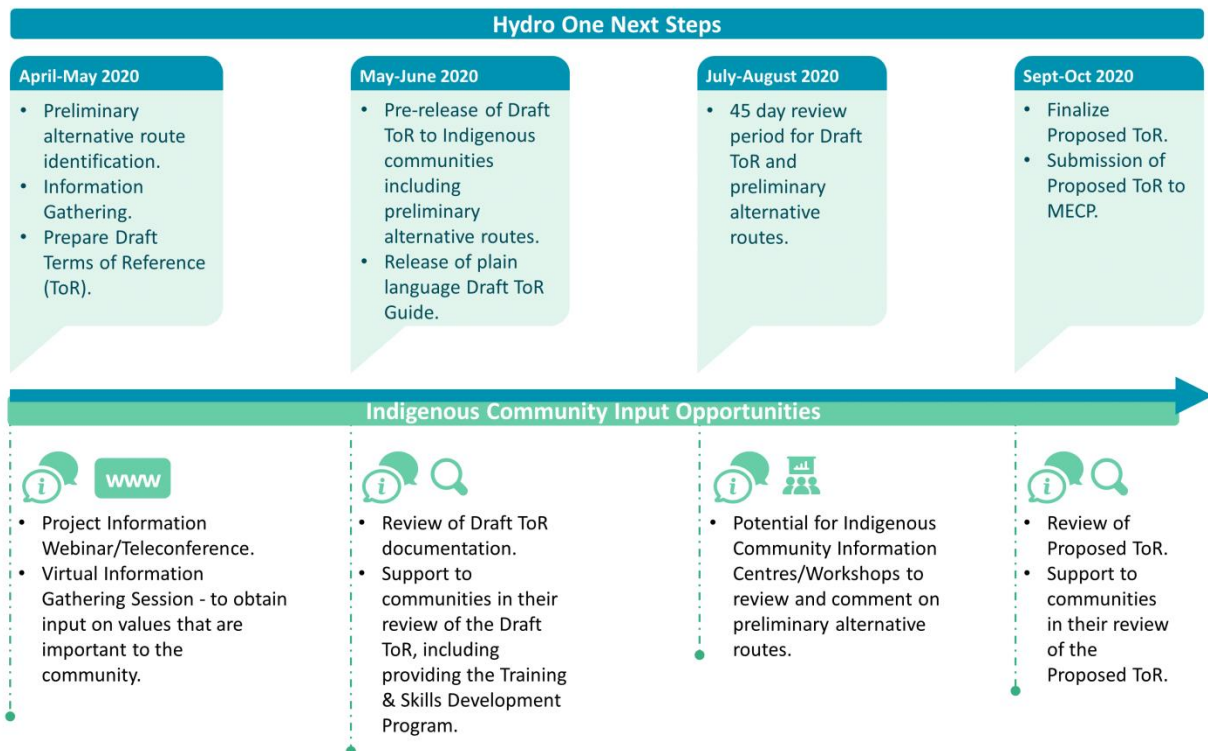


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:15 PM
To: mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca; nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: Jessica.Maga@hydroone.com; Jason.McCullough@ontario.ca;
Dan.Delaquis@ontario.ca; Christine.goulais@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line
Attachments: NotificationLetter_MFN_Waasigan.pdf

Good afternoon,

I would like to formally follow up on the letter you would have received from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines as Mitaanjigamiing has officially been added to the delegation of consultation list of communities that we will be working with on the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We are committed to continuing working with your community throughout this process and want you to know that we are available to answer any questions that you may have regarding the project.

We look forward to working with you.

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April 29, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Janice Henderson
Mitaanjigamiing First Nation
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Fort Frances, Ontario P9A 3M9

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line

Dear Chief Henderson:

This letter is to notify you that the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) on behalf of Ontario has amended its delegation of the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) for its proposed Waasigan Transmission Line in relation to the Ontario Energy Board's Leave to Construct approval process. Please note this is an amendment to the original delegation letter issued to Hydro One by ENDM on October 25, 2018.

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If it has not already done so, Hydro One will be contacting you about their current proposed project and any potential impacts of the proposed project on Aboriginal and treaty rights. The consultation process is an opportunity to provide your community's feedback to Hydro One and the Crown, including any suggestions or proposals your community might have for mitigating, avoiding or accommodating any potential impacts to Aboriginal or treaty rights.

Should you or any members of your community have questions regarding the material above, please contact Jason McCullough, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Energy Policy, ENDM, at Jason.McCullough@ontario.ca or 416-526-2963.

Sincerely,



Dan Delaquis
Manager, Indigenous Energy Policy

C: Christine Goulais, Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One
Francis Kavanaugh, Ogichidaa (Grand Chief), Grand Council Treaty 3

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: June 8, 2020 10:05 AM
To: mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca; trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

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Miigwech for letting me know. Please feel free to reach out for any questions.

Tausha

-----Original Message-----

From: mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca [mailto:mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca]
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Subject: RE: Draft Terms of Reference

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Tausha

Yes, I picked it up on Monday. Thank you!

Janice Henderson
Chief
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June, 2020 9:01am
To: mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca, nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: Draft Terms of Reference

Good Morning,

I just wanted to follow up regarding our Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project and ensure that it was delivered to you for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Tausha Esquega

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:41 PM
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Cc: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca; trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Janice Henderson
Mitaanjiigamiing First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Henderson,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Chris Matheson, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation
Trevor Boshey, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation

From: COMMUNITY Relations
Sent: July 31, 2020 3:02 PM
To: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca' <trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca>; COMMUNITY Relations
Cc: ESQUEGA Tausha <Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com>
Subject: RE: Information session Waasigan tx line project
Attachments: 20200730-HydroOne-VTH-WaasiganVirtualInformationSession-EventRecording.mp3; Waasigan Virtual Info Session PPT_FINAL_29july20.pdf

Hi Trevor,

Thank you for contacting Hydro One. We are pleased to provide you with a copy of the audio recording from the Waasigan Transmission Line virtual information session, held last night July 30, 2020. I have also attached a copy of the accompanying presentation. Both these documents will be posted publically on the project website soon, at www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

Should you have any more questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Thanks,

Emily Spitzer
Hydro One Community Relations
Phone: 1-877-345-6799
Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

From: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca <trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca>
Sent: Friday, July 31, 2020 11:35 AM
To: COMMUNITY Relations <community.relations@HydroOne.com>
Cc: ESQUEGA Tausha <Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com>
Subject: RE: Information session Waasigan tx line project

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Good Morning,

i tuned into the live stream last night but some technical difficulties set in losing video and sound half way through the session, I also spoke with Roy Morrison one of our council members said he had the problems. I was wondering if there is a recording or pdf. file of the presentation from last night?

Also, I am having a committee meeting Tuesday August 4, 2020 to go over the ToR for the Waasigan TX line project and the council member i talked to this morning asked if there was a

recording of the live stream from last night, that it would be good if would be able to present that for my meeting next week if available.

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Trevor Boshey

Assistant Consultaion Coordinator

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 6, 2020 11:49 AM
To: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Cc: community.relations@hydroone.com
Subject: Re: Draft ToR Indigenous engagement plan sec.10.5.

Thanks for your email Trevor. I will look into this for you.

Tausha Esquega
Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations TB-2
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On Aug 6, 2020, at 11:29 AM, "trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca" <trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca> wrote:

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Good Day Tausha.

We are reviewing this draft ToR and noted a code of practices and MOU of the MECP and ENDM, can we get a copy of these documents?

Thanks

Trevor Boshey
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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 12, 2020 3:35 PM
To: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: RE: Waasigan TX line information session

Hi Trevor,

Also, I wanted to let you know that the audio recording is now available on our project website at <https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/waasigan/public-consultation>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca [mailto:trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:43 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfnCouncil1@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfnCouncil2@mitaanjigamiing.ca; haley@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: RE: Waasigan TX line information session

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Hi Tausha,

As to the questions you have asked,

1. The meeting would take place at our Multi-use building, which is big enough to conduct the meeting and be a safe place for social distancing.
2. Asked C&C about this and told me that they would like one taken by you and your team prior to coming out to the community, but if you and your team has had negative's tests before and are recent that would be fine.
3. Yes we have a COVID-19 screening process in place in the community, also have a policy in place which I can send if you needed and it would be done by our COVID-19 worker Haley Councillor.

I will also bring this forward in our committee meeting this morning to give more details in my answers if you needed more details from my response to your questions.

if any concerns or questions let me know,

Thank you

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Christine Goulais
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

August 14, 2020

sent via email

Chief Henderson
Mitaanjigamiing

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Henderson,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we will be extending the draft Terms of Reference review period for your community until September 7, 2020. Hydro One understands the importance of working together and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension is being offered to provide additional time to coordinate your community's review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference.

We look forward to receiving your community's input on the draft Terms of Reference document and continued opportunities for community engagement. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to continue working with your community on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc. Chris Matheson
Trevor Boshey

From: ESQUEGA Tausha <Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com>
Sent: September 08, 2020 8:48 AM
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Cc: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca;
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paul@mitaanjigamiing.ca; chris@mitaanjigamiing.ca
Subject: RE: Draft Terms of Reference

Hi Trevor

We are unable to share the MOU but below is the link for the code of practice.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/preparing-and-reviewing-terms-reference-environmental-assessments-ontario>

Please let me know if you are able to access the link

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From: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca [<mailto:trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca>]
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 12:11 PM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: nrf@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfnchief@mitaanjigamiing.ca; mfncouncil1@mitaanjigamiing.ca;
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Subject: RE: Draft Terms of Reference

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Good Morning Tausha,

I will get in touch with C&C also our consultation committee to see if they have any comments about the ToR from our last meeting.

Also were you able to get a copy of the Code of Practices and MOU of the MECP and ENDM for the Indigenous engagement plan sec.10.5. as a couple committee members wanted at those documents?

Thank You
Trevor Boshey

Trevor Boshey
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com

Sent: Friday, 4 September, 2020 10:29am

To: trevor@mitaanjigamiing.ca

Subject: Draft Terms of Reference

Good morning Trevor,

I just wanted to reach out again regarding the Draft Terms of Reference as the extension period is over on Monday. Would we be receiving comments from Mitaanjigamiing ?

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Tausha Esquega

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Appendix L-1 Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation



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Christine Goulais
Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

April 10, 2019

Chief Will Windigo
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Dear Chief Windigo,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Christine Goulais
Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc: Clayton Windigo, Councilor

Meeting Minutes

Project: Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Date of Meeting: April 16, 2019	Location: Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Prepared by: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)	Time: 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Attendees

#	Name	Title
1	Will Windigo	Chief, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
2	Clayton Windigo	Councillor, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
3	Garry Windego	Councillor, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
4	Ron Allen	Consultation Coordinator, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
5	Stephanie Wrolstad	CEO, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation
6	Christine Goulais	Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations,
7	Tausha Esquega	Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations
8	Bruce Hopper	Senior Environmental Specialist
9	Sarah Cohanim	Environmental Planner
10	Lynn Hall	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations

#	Item Description	Action/Lead	Status
1.	Introductions and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and opening remarks 		
2.	Project Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained that the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, formerly known as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, is required to increase supply to northwestern Ontario. The preliminary scope of the project consists of a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Thunder Bay and Atikokan and a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Atikokan and Dryden. Additionally, the project includes the separation of two circuits (F25A and D26A) out of Mackenzie 		

	<p>Transmission Station in Atikokan. Currently these two circuits are on the same structures. They will need to be separated to ensure the circuits do not share a common structure over a distance that exceeds approximately 1.5 kilometres.</p> <p>Project Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2014, Hydro One received a request from the Ontario Power Authority, now the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to start development work. • In 2016 and 2017, the Ministry of Energy and IESO reassessed the scope and schedule and recommended that the project proceed in multi-phases. • In October 2018, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) provided Hydro One with a letter delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One. • Recently, Hydro One met with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to discuss the project plan. 		
3.	<p>Route Selection Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the broad route selection study area. Hydro One has hired Dillon Consulting Ltd. (Dillon) as an environmental consultant during the Terms of Reference (ToR) process. Hydro One with support from Dillon will be holding corridor workshops to assist in identifying corridor and routing alternatives. Route alternatives will then be studied during the environmental assessment process to determine a preferred route. 		

4.	<p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained that the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. The first step is the preparation of a ToR which will set out the framework and work plan for the preparation of the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be carried out. The goal of the ToR stage will be to narrow down the route selection study area to corridor or routing alternatives. The communities will be receiving a Notice of Commencement of ToR with additional information with regards to the project. 		
5.	<p>Project Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained the preliminary project schedule: Pre-Consultation is underway, the Notice of Commencement of ToR will be advertised publicly starting April 24, 2019, and Community Information Centers (Round 1) will be held the week of May 13th in Thunder Bay, Kakabeka Falls, Atikokan, Dryden and Ignace. 		
6.	<p>Indigenous Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained their commitment of meaningful consultation and addressing Indigenous concerns raised during the consultation process. Consultation will include: A thorough consultation process, starting as early as the feasibility stage and continuing into the project approval process; Means and mechanisms to provide an organized and sustained system for 		

	<p>consulting Indigenous peoples;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient funding to allow Indigenous peoples to meaningfully assemble and/or challenge evidence; and • Accommodation measures to avoid or mitigate any loss, cost or damage from a proposed project to Indigenous interest and to provide compensation where avoidance or mitigation are not possible. 		
6.	<p>Hydro One’s Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One stated the importance of engagement with Indigenous communities in connection with the Waasigan Transmission Line project. • Hydro One’s Indigenous engagement process is designed to provide relevant project information to Indigenous communities proximate to the Project in a timely manner. • The process enables affected Indigenous communities to review, consider and raise issues, concerns and questions they may have with the Project. The process also allows Hydro One to respond to any concerns or questions raised in clear and transparent manner throughout the EA review processes. • Hydro One explained it will explore and discuss various benefits, including, but not limited to, capacity funding to participate in the engagement process, procurement, contracting and employment opportunities. 		
7.	<p>Corridor Workshop Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One described the workshop process. • To respect Indigenous Communities consultation protocols, Hydro One is currently asking Indigenous Communities how they would like to 		

	<p>be involved in the corridor workshop process. Communities can choose to attend the workshops with the other knowledge experts (e.g., government agencies) or they may choose to hold their own workshops.</p>		
8.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One is proposing a methodology to include Indigenous inclusion in the corridor workshops. In order to move ahead, the first step is to sign the Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA) that will include funds for each community to hire a Consultation Coordinator. The role of the community Consultation Coordinator will be to serve as liaison between Hydro One and the community. • Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation stated they have a written Consultation Protocol based on Free, Prior and Informed Consent. The protocol involves the Elders, Youth, Women and community citizens. • Hydro One is interested in working with Indigenous communities on their own consultation protocol. • Hydro One explained the CFA's will be staged with the first stage being the duration of the preparation of a ToR. The intent is to amend the schedules of the capacity funding agreements as the project moves through the various project stages. 		
9	<p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief stated the CFA will not be the final agreement in how Hydro One and the community will work together. In the Chief's experience, he has learned other proponents do not provide the community with enough information with regards to corridor routes. The Chief stated the proposed 		

	<p>corridor route is where he used to hunt for moose since he was a teenage and is where some community members hunt today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community has cleared 23 acres of land and need 3-phase power to attract larger businesses. The Chief explained his community lacks the capacity to build on business opportunities due to single-phase power. • Q (Chief Windigo): “What phase is the project at?” • A (Hydro One): “The IESO provided us direction with Phase 1 and 2 in the development phase of the Waasigan project. Phase 3 will be from Dryden to the Manitoba border. It is only a development phase to provide a dollar amount to the IESO and the Crown.” • The Chief pointed out that Hydro One is not at the stage to discuss business opportunities yet. • Hydro One stated they are open to discuss equity partnership in the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. • The Chief said the migration routes of the moose will be impacted by the corridor routes and he said the older generation in his community will see this as a problem. • The Chief stated that he does not want his community left out of the final process. • Hydro One asked the community to share the traditional knowledge on the location of medicinal plants when the information becomes available. • Q (Chief) “Where does the data come from on where to build a new transmission line?” <p>A (Hydro One) “The IESO’s technical people determine this to identify the</p>		
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	<p>need for more power.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chief said the community wants to be ahead of the game when it comes time to compete for business opportunities. • Hydro One stated it will require time to train citizens to work on the project. • Hydro One stated it plans to bring 3-phase power to 1 km outside of Nigigoonsiminikaaning starting at Burleigh transmission station. • Hydro One requested the CEO, Stephanie Wrolstad share the community’s business plan to add supporting documentation to the business case to help build it into Hydro One’s 3-phase power plan. • The CEO stated the community is not utilizing all their power supply but explained the community will need power for future housing and proposed business opportunities. • Hydro One asked to share the name of any environmental joint ventures. The Chief indicated there is an environmental joint venture in negotiations but could not share any further information at this time. • The Consultation Coordinator stated the community possesses a Consultation Protocol and that their consultation protocol involves offering tobacco prior to entering discussions. 		
11.	<p>Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hydro One to provide a draft a CFA and share with Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation. 2. CEO, NFN to share community business plan with Christine Goulais. 	<p>Christine Goulais</p> <p>Christine Goulais</p>	

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Christine Goulais
Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Chief Will Windigo
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Fort Frances, ON P9A 3M5

Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Windigo,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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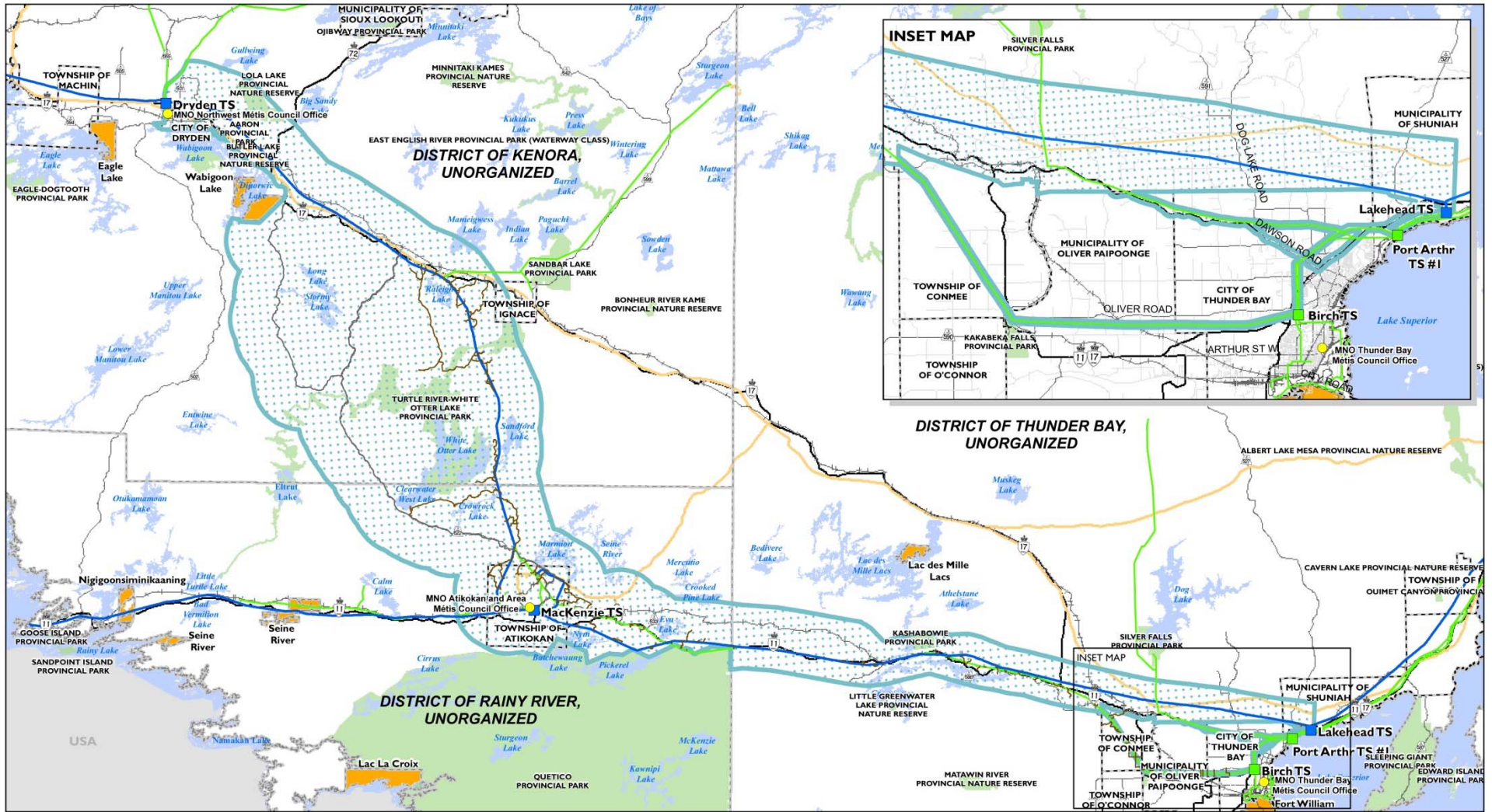


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Clayton Windigo, Councillor



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
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PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

MEMO

TO: Sarah Cohanim, Hydro One
FROM: Brandon Fox, MCIP, RPP, Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon)
 Braydi Rice, Dillon
cc: Bruce Hopper, Hydro One
 Don McKinnon, RPP, Dillon
 Tausha Esquega, Hydro One
 Ciaran Thompson, Hydro One
DATE: July 23, 2019
SUBJECT: Waasigan First Nations Community Meetings Nigigoosiminikaaning, July 8-9, 2019
OUR FILE: 19-9676

This memo summarizes the Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation Community Meeting and additional meeting with the Chief of Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation, held for the Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line project on July 8 and July 9, 2019 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: FIRST NATION MEETING LOCATIONS

Date	Location	Number of Attendees
July 8, 2019	Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation Roundhouse 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	25
July 9, 2019	Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation Band Office 10:00 a.m.	2
Total Attendees		27

The Nigigoosiminikaaning First Nation Community Meeting and meeting with the Chief is summarized below with an overall summary detailed in the conclusion of this memo.

General First Nations Community Meeting Overview

All the Community Meetings began with an informal dinner provided by the community, followed by a short presentation with time for questions, answers and conversation with the community. Display boards and table maps were set-up to introduce the proposed project and the study area for potential route alternatives. Further description was discussed by Hydro One during the presentation. The displays and presentation covered the following:

- Introduction to the Hydro One team and their roles
- Waasigan Transmission Line Overview
- History of the Waasigan Transmission Line
- Overview of the environmental assessment (EA) process
- Development work timelines
- Corridor and route selection

- Beginning the discussion of working with Indigenous Communities

Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation – July 8, 2019

In total, 25 people (not including those under the age of 18 – approximately six youth) attended the meeting. Not everyone who attended the meeting wrote down their name on the sign-in sheet; however, those who did write down their names expressed interest in receiving updates on the project (Appendix A).

What Was Heard

During the Community Meeting, the majority of attendees were neutral on the project and generally interested in learning more about the next steps regarding the EA.

The following discussion topics were noted during conversations with attendees:

- There is interest in what opportunities there are for contracts, funding, and employment – Hydro One discussed the potential for creating a Training Program that leads up to certain project timeline needs, currently identifying capacity and areas to develop capacity;
- What opportunities are there are for procurement from the community;
- It was mentioned that there is an Economic Development Corporation for the community;
- Community members expressed concern for how the Métis fit into this project and that First Nations have Treaty Rights – there was further discussion on the process and the list given by the Crown; and
- One community member expressed the importance of water and shared concerns about impacts – Hydro One further discussed with them that the transmission line would generally not be located in water.
- One community member asked what stage the project is in and shared their concerns about decisions already being made regarding the project without consultation with the community. The Hydro One team explained that the project is in the terms of reference stage for the EA and that no route alternatives have been selected yet. Through consultation and engagement with the community, Hydro One will start to identify route alternatives to be assessed during the EA process.

Comments Received and Follow-Up Actions

A total of three comments were heard that require follow-up action are summarized in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR NIGIGOONSIMINIKAANING FIRST NATION

Comment (Name if available)	Follow-Up Action Required
Send out information materials to community members one week ahead of time, this allows community members the time to come with questions and comments (<i>Don</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send out high-level informational materials one week ahead of time for future First Nation community meetings
Translate main informational pieces in presentation and hand-out materials into Ojibwe (<i>Don</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find an Ojibwe translator within the area • Identify main materials to translate (one-page informational hand-out and titles in presentation)

Train a community member – ideally an Ojibwe translator – on how to review an EA (*Don*)

- Continue to pursue opportunities to train the community to review an EA.
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Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation – July 9, 2019

The Chief, Will Wendigo, was unable to attend the Community Meeting the night previous and therefore arranged a time to meet the following morning. A community member that also was unable to attend the Community Meeting was present at the office and engaged in discussion with Hydro One on the project.

What Was Heard

During conversation with Charlie Wendigo and the member of Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, the following was discussed:

- More focus should be put on the importance of language, include translated project material, and also encouraged Hydro One staff working on the project to learn some of the Ojibwe language.
 - **Follow-Up Action:**
 - See **Table 2** on addressing material language
 - Discuss possibility of Hydro One staff learning phrases, words, or small introduction in Ojibwe

During the meeting with the Chief, the following was discussed:

- Expressed the need to not only discuss the employment opportunities moving forward, but more importantly addressing opportunities to address social concerns in the community.
 - **Follow-Up Action:**
 - Discuss possibility of developing a Training Program that begins with Life Skills Training leading into specific job training programs that directly relate to the project needs in different stages.

Overall Summary

Overall the Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nations Community Meeting was well attended with 25 individuals attending from the community. Youth attended the Community Meeting and activities will be provided for future Indigenous Community Meetings. The hiring of a Youth worker would be beneficial for future Community Meetings. Small changes were made to the presentation after this Community Meeting to highlight valuable information and graphics – these changes will remain for future Indigenous Community Meetings.

Appendix A

Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation Sign-In Sheet

Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Community Information Centre
July 8 5:00-7:00pm
Nigigoonsminikaaning

Name	Contact
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 11, 2019 2:52 PM
To: chiefwindigo@nigig.ca
Cc: nrf@nigig.ca
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Nigigoonsminikaaning.docx

Hello Chief Windigo,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

Miigwetch

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Hydro One engagement with Nigigoonsminikaaning

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Nigigoonsminikaaning based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Nigigoonsminikaaning's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Nigigoonsminikaaning to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: December 10, 2019 2:27 PM
To: chiefwindigo@nigig.ca
Subject: Corridor Workshop

Good Afternoon,

Just to follow up from our meeting in Thunder Bay on November 28th, we have availability from January 22-31 to look at having a corridor workshop in your community.
Is there a date that would work best for you ?

Miigwetch

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January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
7th Floor, South Tower,
483 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 2P5

Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

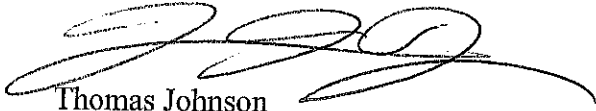
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: April 6, 2020 12:37 PM
To: chiefwindigo@nigig.ca; ecdev@nigig.ca
Cc: pboileau@northvista.ca; lsalo@northvista.ca; KKempton@oktlaw.com;
OMacLaren@oktlaw.com; JLedoux@oktlaw.com; Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

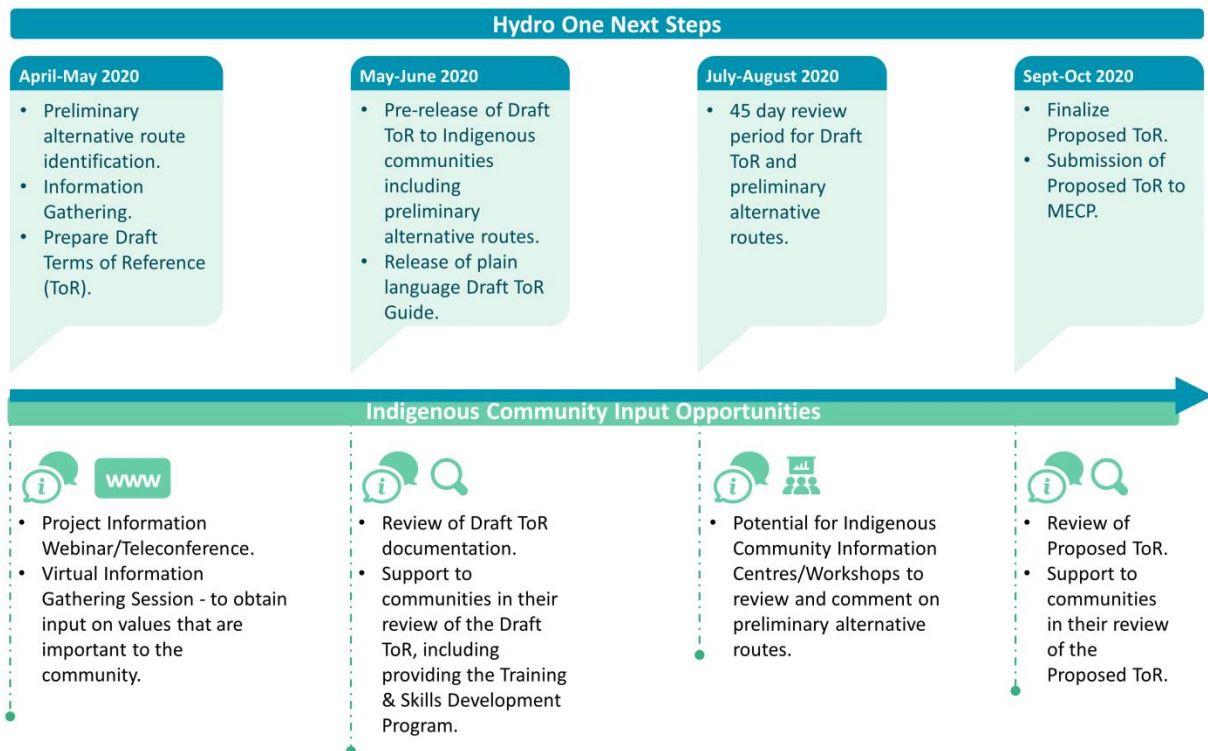


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 21, 2020

Tausha Esquega
Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations
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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

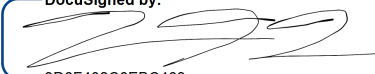
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

CC: Chief & Council - Eagle Lake First Nation
Chief & Council - Fort William First Nation
Chief & Council - Lac La Croix First Nation
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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

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Christine Goulais
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

June 15, 2020

Mr. Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership
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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Chief & Council - Eagle Lake First Nation
Chief & Council - Fort William First Nation
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Cc: ecdev@nigig.ca
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Will Windigo
Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Windigo,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Ron Allen, Nigigoonsiminikaaning

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August 6, 2020

Christine Goulais
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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

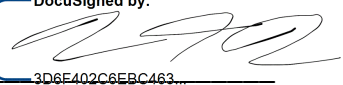
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

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Attachments: GLP Letter to Hydro One - ToR Extension Request - August 6 2020_FINAL.PDF; Waasigan_GLP Response letter_August 14 2020_FINAL.pdf

Good Morning Tom,
Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.
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Christine

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August 14, 2020

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

C. Goulais

Christine Goulais

cc. Patrick Boileau, NorthVista
Bruce Hopper, Hydro One



Meeting Notes

Meeting with Environmental Chiefs/ GCT#3 Territorial Planning Unit Staff

Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Meeting Date: August 17, 2020 **Time:** 5:00 pm EST

Purpose: Provide Project Update

Attendees: Bruce Hopper, Strategic Projects, Hydro One
 Tausha Esquega, Indigenous Relations, Hydro One
 Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Services, Hydro One
 Dayna Groom, Environmental Services, Hydro One
 Alex To, Strategic Projects, Hydro One
 Don McKinnon, Dillon
 Stephen Lindley, Strategic Advisor, SLC
 Lucas King, Grand Council Treaty #3
 Michelle Shephard, Grand Council Treaty #3
 Chief Will Windigo, Environmental Chiefs, Nigigoonsiminikaaning
 Chief Robin McGinnis, Environmental Chiefs, Rainy River

Prepared By: Tausha Esquega

Item	Description	Action
1.	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Greetings and introductions by attendees</p>	n/a
2.	<p>Project Update</p> <p>Project updates provided by Sarah Cohanim and Don McKinnon.</p> <p>Q. Michele: Why is Hydro One proposing a double circuit line from Thunder Bay to Atikokan and only a single circuit line from Atikokan to Dryden?</p> <p>A: The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) established line capacity based on their load growth forecasts. Their forecasts can be reviewed in the Long Term Energy Plan (LTEP).</p> <p>Q. Michele: How wide is a typical right-of-way for a 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line?</p>	<p>Powerpoint presentation emailed to Lucas King for distribution prior.</p>

Item	Description	Action
	<p>A. Between 40 m and 45 m.</p> <p>Michelle: How does Hydro One intend to manage vegetation during the operations and maintenance phase of the project?</p> <p>A: It is too early to make commitments on the operations and maintenance phase at this early stage in the project. However, it is recognized that vegetation management is an important issue for many, so it will be examined during the environmental assessment (EA) phase of the project.</p> <p>Michelle: How will Bill 197 affect the EA process?</p> <p>A: Hydro One has reviewed the implications of Bill 197 on the project and has not yet identified any significant effects to the project as a result. It is recognized there could be some changes to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) review timelines. Hydro One will continue to keep apprised of the changes to the EA process, and communicate any effects these changes might pose to the project.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Engagement with Communities</p> <p>Chief Windigo: How has Hydro One been getting information out and receiving input with COVID-19 restrictions in place?</p> <p>A: Hydro One has been using various methods of communication to engage during COVID-19 restrictions on in-person meetings, including virtual meetings, teleconferences, social media, etc. These methods will continue to be adjusted based on the public health situation. Hydro One will continue to respect community protocols as to the types of engagement methods that will be used going forward.</p> <p>Chief Windigo: It is hard for First Nations community members to participate with the bandwidth and technology challenges many communities face. Is Hydro One continuing with their schedule in spite of engagement challenges?</p> <p>A: Hydro One has been seeking guidance from community leadership for all ways that engagement can be conducted within COVID-19 protocols. Hydro One has been trying to maintain the project schedule despite the challenges, but has had to demonstrate some flexibility as a result of those challenges. For example, we have recently agreed to an extension to the review and comment period for the draft Terms of Reference in response to First Nations' request for an extension due to COVID-19 restrictions.</p>	

Waasigan Transmission Line Project
Meeting with Environmental Chiefs/ GCT#3 Territorial Planning Unit Staff

Item	Description	Action
4.	Next Steps Hydro One made a commitment to provide ongoing project updates to the Territorial Planning Unit (TPU) and if needed, Environmental Chiefs committee.	Tausha to follow up with TPU to schedule regular project update meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Appendix L-1 Ojibway Nation of the Saugeen



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April 10, 2019

Chief Edward Machimity
Ojibway Nation of the Saugeen
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Dear Chief Machimity,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc: Violet Machimity, Band Manager

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Machimity,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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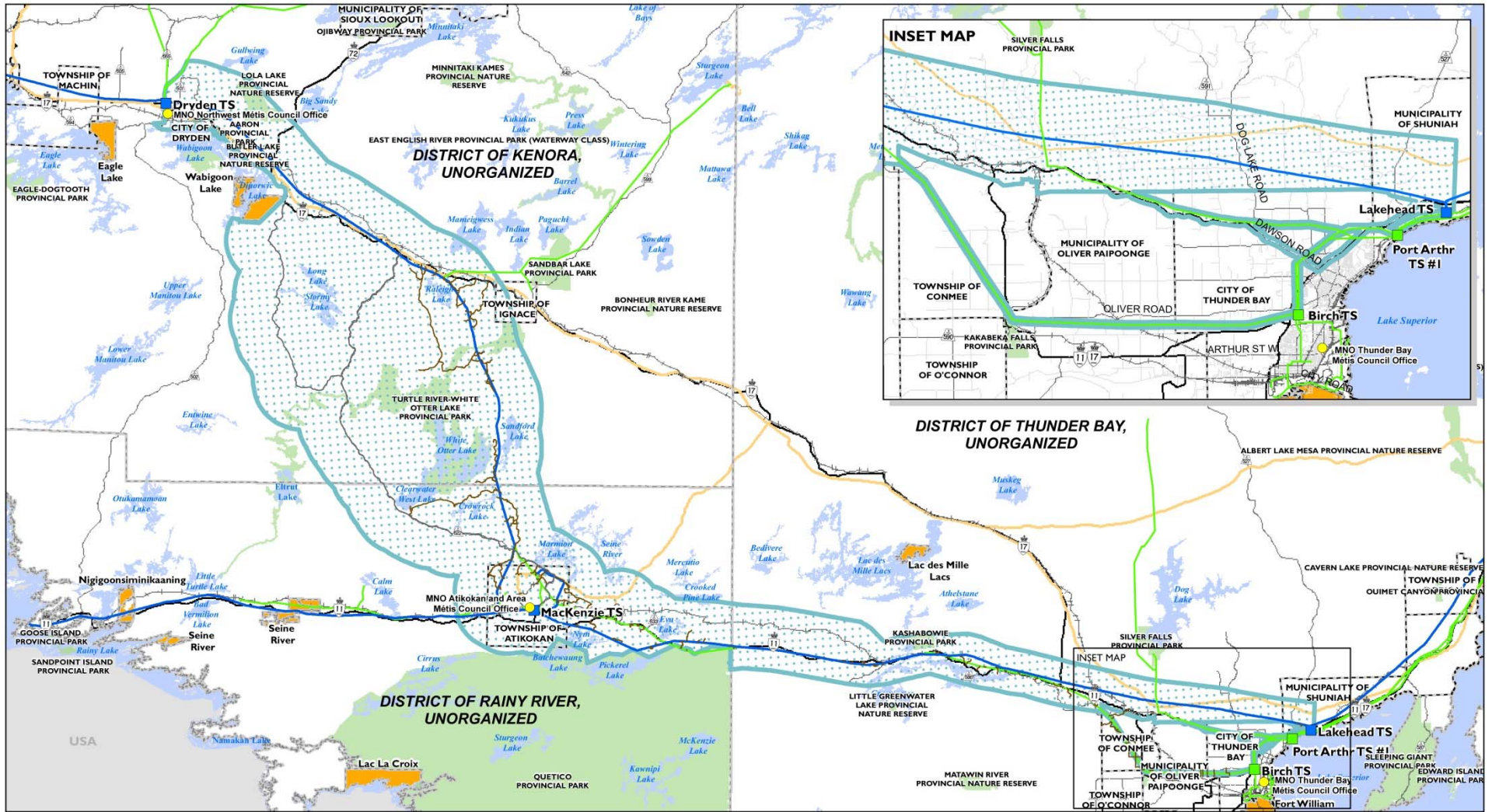


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Violet Machimity, Band Manager



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
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INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 11, 2019 3:38 PM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Saugeen.docx

Good Afternoon Violet,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Ojibway Nation of Saugeen

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Ojibway Nation of Saugeen based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned Ojibway Nation of Saugeen's with values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Community Information Centre (CIC) #1

We would like to host a Community Information Session in your Community to introduce ourselves and the Waasigan project to your members. The goal of this community meeting is to present an overview of the project, answer questions and address concerns with you and your community members.

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Ojibway Nation of Saugeen to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

From: Emily.Spitzer@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 17, 2019 8:47 AM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Cc: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Subject: Hydro One -Waasigan Propose Route Study Area
Attachments: Proposed Route Selection Study Area - Thunder Bay Key 072219.pdf

Morning Violet,

As discussed yesterday, here is a map of the proposed study area for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project for showing Chief and Council. If you want to meet this upcoming Monday Sept 23 in Thunder Bay with myself and Tausha, could you please let me know by Friday? I'll have to book a flight up to meet you.

Happy Tuesday...

Thanks,
Emily M. Spitzer

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From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 17, 2019 2:18 PM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Cc: Emily.Spitzer@HydroOne.com; Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com
Subject: Re: Waasigan Transmission Line project

Hi Violet,

At this time, we are currently working on the terms of reference for the environmental assessment. We have met with a few of the identified communities to date and we are looking forward to meeting with Chief and Council to further discuss the project.

Please let me know if you have more questions.

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On Sep 16, 2019, at 8:21 PM, violet machimity <v.mach101@gmail.com> wrote:

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Good Evening, Tausha

I did call Emily to day to have a discussion regrading this I printed all the information you have sent to us
When did this project started ?
Will inform the Chief & Council

Thank you,

Violet /Saugeen

On Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 2:37 PM <Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon Violet,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: April 6, 2020 12:41 PM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Cc: Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

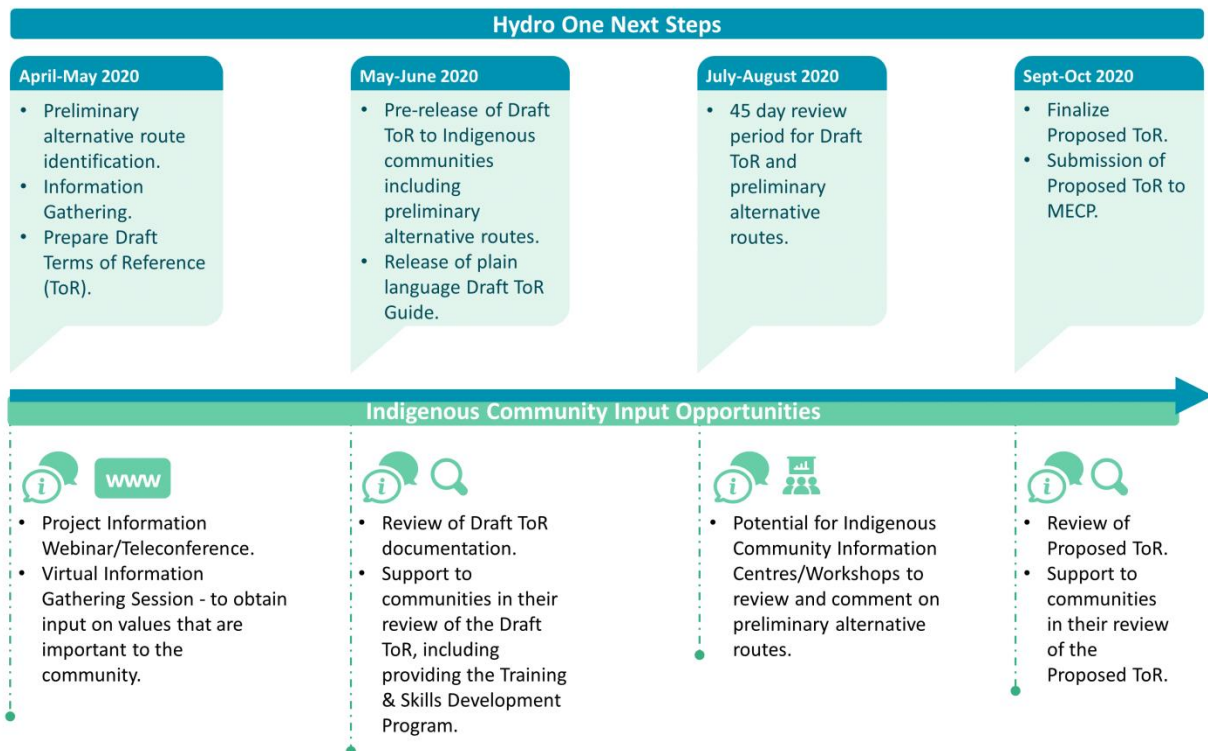


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: June 8, 2020 10:05 AM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Violet,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on June 29, 2020 for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Telephone: 1-877-345-6799

Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2020 3:41 PM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: July 6, 2020 3:33 PM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Subject: Virtual CIC July 30 2020
Attachments: Waasigan Community Notice for virtual info session.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the invite and information regarding the virtual information session for Waasigan being held on July 30, 2020. Details are located in the attached. We are also open to scheduling an information session to take place for your community at a time that would work best for you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Christine Goulais
Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Violet Machimity
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Violet,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 14, 2020 12:53 PM
To: v.mach101@gmail.com
Subject: Letter of Extension to Draft Terms of Reference Review
Attachments: Saugeen DTOR.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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August 14, 2020

sent via email

Chief Machimity
Ojibway Nation of Saugeen

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Machimity,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we will be extending the draft Terms of Reference review period for your community until September 7, 2020. Hydro One understands the importance of working together and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension is being offered to provide additional time to coordinate your community's review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference.

We look forward to receiving your community's input on the draft Terms of Reference document and continued opportunities for community engagement. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to continue working with your community on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc. Violet Machimity

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: September 1, 2020 11:25 AM
To: 'violet machimity'
Subject: Draft Terms of Reference review period.

Good Morning Violet,

I know that the extension period for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference is coming to an end on September 7 and I just wanted to check in to see how things were going with that. Also, if you needed anything from me during this time.

Please let me know.

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Appendix L-1

Red Sky Métis Independent Nation



Meeting Notes

Project: Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Date of Meeting: April 8, 2019	Location: Red Sky Métis Independent Nation, 406 East Victoria Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1A5
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Prepared by: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)	

Attendees

#	Name	Title
1	Donelda DeLaRonde	Executive Director, Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
2	Dean Whellan	Community Consultant, Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
3	Tausha Esquega	Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations, HONI
4	Bruce Hopper	Environmental Planner (by phone)
5	Sarah Cohanim	Sr. Environmental Specialist (by phone)
6	Lynn Hall	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations (by phone)

#	Item Description
1.	<p>Introductions and Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks •
2.	<p>Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the Waasigan Transmission Line Project formerly known as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project is to increase supply to northwestern Ontario. • The preliminary scope of the project consists of a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Thunder Bay and Atikokan and a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Atikokan and Dryden. Additionally, a separation of two circuits (F25A and D26A) out of Mackenzie Transmission Station to ensure the circuits do not share a common structure over a distance that exceeds approximately 1.5 kilometres. The Mackenzie TS is located in Atikokan. <p>Project Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2014, Hydro One received a request from the Ontario Power Authority, now the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to start development work. • In 2016 and 2017, the Ministry of Energy and IESO reassessed the scope and schedule and recommended that the project proceed in multi-phases. • In October 2018, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (EMNDM) provided Hydro One with a letter delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recently, Hydro One met with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to discuss the project plan.
3.	<p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The first step is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR) which will set out the framework and work plan for the preparation of the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be carried out. The goal is to narrow down the route selection study area to routing alternatives. The communities will be receiving a Notice of Commencement with additional information with regards to the project.
4.	<p>Project Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained the project schedule outlining the Pre-Consultation is underway, the Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference, and the Community Information Centres (Round 1) is holding for the week of May 13th at the following locations: Thunder Bay, Kakabeka, Atikokan, Dryden and Ignace.
5.	<p>Indigenous Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained their commitment of meaningfully consult and address Indigenous concerns raised during the consultation process including the following: Thoroughness of the consultation process, starting as early as the feasibility stage and continuing into the project approval process; Means and mechanisms to provide an organized and sustained system for consulting Indigenous peoples; Sufficient funding to allow Indigenous peoples to meaningfully assemble and/or challenge evidence, and Accommodation measures to avoid or mitigate any loss, cost or damage from a proposed project to Indigenous interest and to provide compensation where avoidance or mitigation are no possible.
6.	<p>Hydro One's Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One stated the importance of engagement with Indigenous communities in connection with the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. Hydro One's Indigenous engagement process is designed to provide relevant project information to Indigenous communities proximate to the Project in a timely manner. The process enables affected Indigenous communities to review, consider and raise issues, concerns and questions they may have with the Project. The process also allows Hydro One to respond to any concerns or questions raised in clear and transparent manner throughout the EA review processes. Hydro One explained it will explore and discuss various benefits, including, but not limited to, capacity funding to participate in the engagement process, procurement, contracting and employment opportunities.
7.	<p>Route Selection Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained the broad route selection study area. The environmental

	<p>consultant, Dillon will be offering corridor workshops to assist defining the corridor alternatives. Through this assessment it will help narrow down the route alternatives to be studied to determine the preferred route through the environmental assessment.</p>
8.	<p>Corridor Workshop Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the ways of thinking of the land base and study area will focus on the following values: Land Use, Natural Environment, Traditional Knowledge and Values, and Engineering and Infrastructure Constraints • Hydro One will be inviting the knowledge experts in each of the values; the values will then be weighted to help identify corridor alternatives resulting with 4 corridors with the least impacts of each value, and a 5th corridor will be a blend of the 4 values to help identify the least impacted of each of the values. • The Red Sky Métis is encouraged to attend all 4 workshops once they review the community values. Hydro One explained they will be sending out the preliminary list of values and further explained the Red Sky Métis are welcome to attend as an Observer in the other corridor workshops. • The Red Sky Métis expressed the desire to hire a specialist in the other areas. • Hydro One asked Red Sky how long it will take them to hire a Community Consultation Coordinator. The Red Sky Métis suggested at least 2 months to hire a Consultation Coordinator and Hydro One responded that Red Sky Métis may want to attend the initial workshops while they undertake a talent search.
9.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One is proposing a methodology to include Indigenous inclusion. In order to move ahead is to first sign the capacity funding agreements and this will include funds for each community to fund a Consultation Coordinator. This will be the key person to hire this coordinator and get them involved in the workshops. • Hydro One is interested in working with Indigenous communities on their own consultation protocol. • Hydro One explained the capacity funding agreements will be for a term of 12-18 months. The role of the Community Consultation Coordinator will be to serve as liaison between Hydro One and the community.

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April 10, 2019

Director Donelda DeLaRonde
Red Sky Metis Independant Nation
406 East Victoria Avenue
Thunder Bay, ON P7C 1A5

Dear Director DeLaRonde,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Christine Goulais

Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christine Goulais".

Christine Goulais

cc: Dean Whellan

Meeting Minutes

Project: Hydro One / Métis Free Trader Meeting	Date of Meeting: April 24, 2019	Location: Hydro One Office, 483 Bay St., South Tower, 6 th Floor, Conference Room: 6-B
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss Métis Free Trader Joint Ventures & Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Prepared by: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)	Dial-in: 1-877-385-4099 Access Code: 5584611#

Attendees

#	Name	Title
1	Julius Brinkman	CEO, Métis Free Trader LP
2	Dean Whellan	Red Sky Métis Independent Nation
3	Wayne Ingman	Director, Strategic Business Development
4	David Hopper	Blu Metric
5	Elizabeth Sherlock	Blu Metric
6	Wade Pluchinske	Sigfusson Northern
7	Mike Wise	Voltage Power
8	Christine Goulais	Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations
9	Tausha Esquega	Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations
10	Renée Pettigrew	Sr. Manager, Environmental Services & Approvals
11	Sarah Cohanim	Environmental Planner
12	Kyla Thistle	Sr. Accounting & Financial Analyst/Indigenous Procurement Lead
13	Lynn Hall	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations

#	Item Description	Action/Lead	Status
1.	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks 		
2.	Métis Free Trader Indigenous Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julius Brinkman provided an overview of the Métis Free Trader Limited Partnership. 		
3.	Blu Metric <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Sherlock provided an overview of Blu Metric Environmental joint venture. • Experience in working in remote northern territories. • Building an office in Thunder Bay with project management capabilities. • Ability to provide risk-based approach measures 		

	<p>to reduce the potential risk to project schedule and feasibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to facilitate engagement and consultation activities with Indigenous groups and including the Red Sky Métis. • Kyla Thistle (Q) – Is each of the companies represented Indigenous owned? • Julius Brinkman (A): Métis Free Trader will be bidding on projects on behalf of the joint ventures. 		
4.	<p>Sigfusson Northern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wade Pluchinske provided an overview of Sigfusson Northern Joint Venture. • Sigfusson indicated Indigenous-hiring is provided first-preference on employment. 		
5.	<p>Voltage Power</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Wise provided an overview of Voltage Power joint venture. • The Voltage Power company is 5 years old. • Some of their past experience includes working with Manitoba Power. • Currently, bidding on other projects in northern British Columbia. • Christine Goulais (Q) How will the Red Sky Métis citizens benefit from the joint ventures? • Julius Brinkman (A): Explained Métis citizens will be provided first preference in hiring and they are exploring solutions to provide long-term employment for Métis, for example, new graduates and other skilled citizens, northern citizens and First Nations. 		
6.	<p>Indigenous Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyla Thistle provided an overview of Indigenous Procurement at Hydro One and an overview of Indigenous participation including an email address for technical support with the Ariba process. • Julius Brinkman requested to be added to the Hydro One email distribution list when RFP's are announced. 	Lynn Hall	Complete
7.	<p>Waasigan Transmission Line Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Cohanin provided an overview of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Goulais stated Hydro One is provided direction from the IESO to conduct development phase work only for the Wassigan Transmission Line Project. Hydro One to provide a copy of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project map to Métis Free Trader. 	Lynn Hall	Complete
8.	<p>Next steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Métis Free Trader will register their joint ventures in Ariba and monitor as RFP's become available. 		

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Donelda DeLaRonde,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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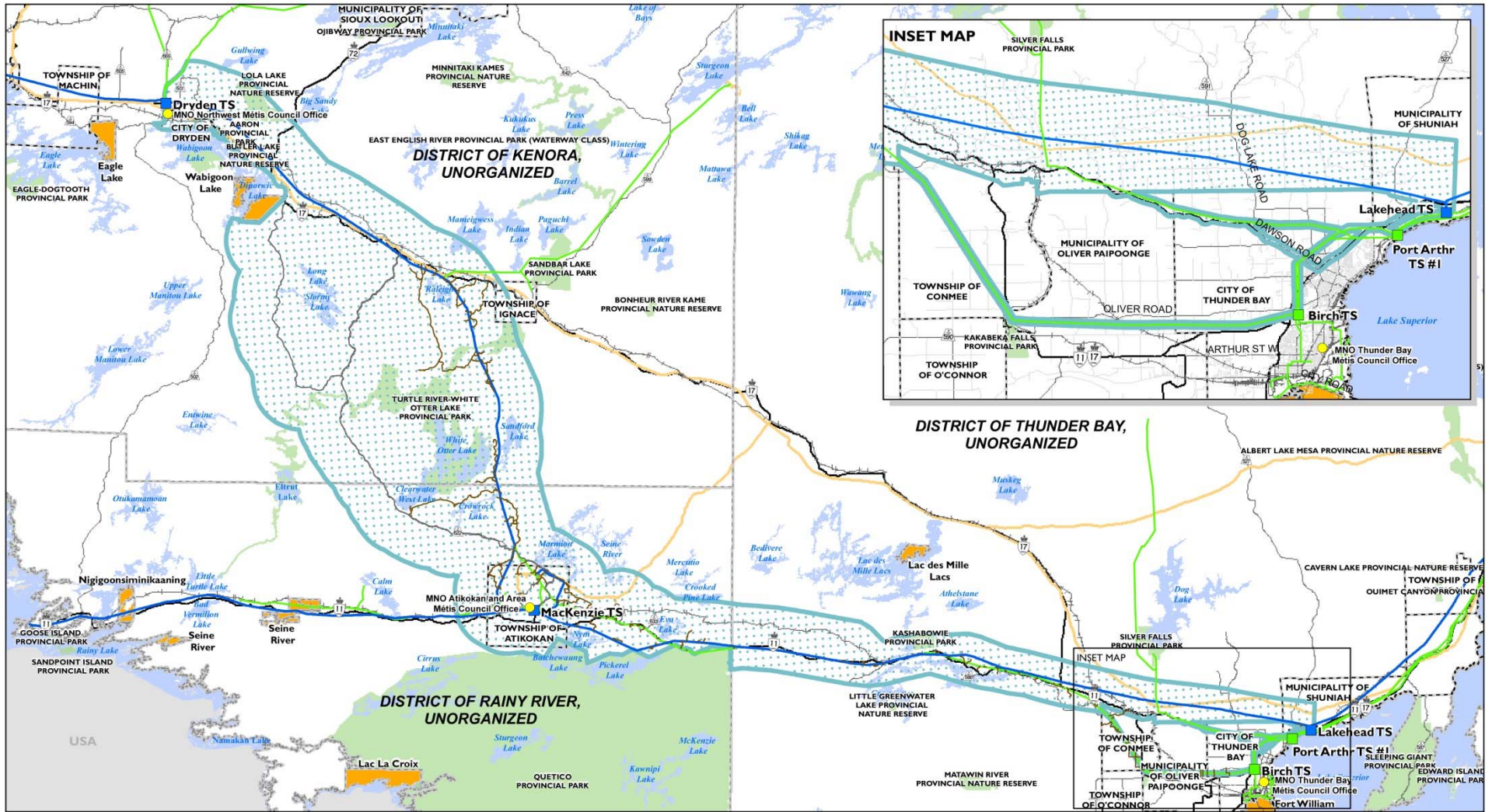


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Dean Whellan, Community Consultant



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
DATA PROVIDED BY HNTB
MAP CREATED BY: 3FG
MAP CHECKED BY: J
MAP PROJECTION: LAMBERT CONFORMAL CONIC



SCALE 1:275,000
FILE LOCATION: C:\Users\14564 - HNTB\Project20\Proposed Route Selection Study Area - Thunder Bay Key 032718.mxd
PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:39 PM
To: donelda@rsmin.ca
Cc: deanwhellan@rsmin.ca
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Red Sky.docx

Good afternoon Donelda and Dean,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Red Sky Metis Independent Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Red Sky Metis Independent Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Red Sky Metis Independent Nation's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Community Information Centre (CIC) #1

We would like to host a Community Information Session in your Community to introduce ourselves and the Waasigan project to your members. The goal of this community meeting is to present an overview of the project, answer questions and address concerns with you and your community members.

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: October 18, 2019 11:45 AM
To: deanwhellan@rsmin.ca
Subject: Update

Morning Dean,

Please see the link for the update project information inclusive of Red Sky on the map ☺
https://www.hydroone.com/about/corporate-information/major-projects/waasigan?utm_source=NEWSPAPER&utm_medium=AD&utm_campaign=WAASIGAN_PROJECT

Let me know if you have more questions.

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Meeting Notes

Meeting with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)

Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Meeting Date:	March 11, 2020	Time:	9:15 a.m.
Location:	RSMIN Office, Thunder Bay, ON		
Project No. (AR):	50163246		
Purpose:	Provide Project Update for RSMIN		
Attendees:	Donelda DeLaRonde (DD)	Executive Director, RSMIN	
	Dean Whellan (DW)	Community Consultation, RSMIN	
	Julian Greer (JG)	Forest Management/Environment Liaison, RSMIN	
	Tausha Esquega (TE)	Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations, HONI	
	Dayna Groom (DG)	Environmental Planner, HONI	
Prepared By:	Dayna Groom		
Distribution:	All attendees		

Note: Please advise if additional items are required to complete the discussion within five business days of issuance.

Item	Description	Action
1.	Introductions Greetings and introductions by RSMIN and HONI.	n/a
2.	Project Update TE (HONI): Offered to give project presentation as Julian had not seen it yet. Collectively agreed that Tausha would email the presentation to Julian for review. TE (HONI): Provided a project update and overview of where we are at in the Terms of Reference (ToR) process. There will be an opportunity for review and comment when ToR are released (June 2020).	TE to email JG a copy of the presentation slides given by HONI in April 2019.
3.	Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) TE (HONI): Distributed TSDP postcards and discussed intent of the program as a way for building knowledge and developing skills within Indigenous	DW to provide TSDP information and consultant summaries at next

Waasigan Transmission Line Project
 Meeting with Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN)

Item	Description	Action
	<p>communities that we are working with on Waasigan. The TSDP encourages participation throughout the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. Training for Module 1 will begin in May.</p> <p>DG (HONI): Provided overview of training content for Module 1 (ToR) and Module 2 (EA/Field Studies). Module 1 is a classroom session intended for those individuals likely to be reviewing the ToR, such as those in leadership or management roles. Module 2 is more interactive and includes both classroom and field exercises. It is also intended for staff or anyone who might be interested in participating during EA field studies as environmental monitors. Depending on how the ToR review/approval process goes, Module 2 could begin as early as late summer in anticipation of fall field studies.</p> <p>TE (HONI): Blue Heron, NorthWinds and DST/Englobe are the three consultants available to provide the training.</p> <p>DW (RSMIN): Confirmed receipt of the TSDP letter and consultant summaries. RSMIN has a council meeting on Thursday and will review/discuss the program and consultants.</p> <p>TE (HONI): Discussed relevance and importance of the TSDP for project success and the opportunities for Indigenous communities.</p> <p>DG (HONI): Although this program was designed for Waasigan, we hope that participants will be able to take what they have learned and use that knowledge and skills on other projects as well.</p> <p>DD (RSMIN): Can anyone participate in the training?</p> <p>DG (HONI): Yes, the training is available to anyone interested; however, Module 1 in particular may not necessarily be of value or interest to everyone, unless they might play a role in the ToR review process. The TSDP is intended to be knowledge and capacity building program for participation to support the project. We hope that the benefits extend beyond that (e.g. future projects, could spark interest in furthering education/career choices, etc.).</p> <p>DD (RSMIN): Observed that Traditional Knowledge is a topic covered. Should elders attend the training?</p> <p>TE (HONI): Elders are welcome to participate and their presence would be encouraged; opportunity to compare western science versus traditional.</p> <p>DG (HONI): Point of clarification, TK is listed as a training topic to discuss the importance of TK and how it is used in the EA, and not necessarily</p>	<p>Council meeting (Thursday).</p>

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Item	Description	Action
	<p>intended to be a TK gathering process, although any information provided by elders during the TSDP would be welcomed. Agree that elder participation would be great. As Module 2 is intended more for individuals who are interested in participating in the EA as field monitors and involves field work, it may not necessarily be suitable for elders. That being said, their input is valuable and they could still attend as observers if they choose not to actively participate in field exercises.</p> <p>DW (RSMIN): BluMetric bid on TSDP, looking for clarification as to why they were not selected.</p> <p>TE (RSMIN): All consultants that submitted were evaluated based on certain criteria and weightings (price, experience, team, etc.). The consultants were selected based on an evaluation of their submission and the score they achieved.</p>	
4.	<p>Corridor Workshop</p> <p>TE (HONI): We are currently holding corridor workshops with Indigenous communities to gather input on the study area and routing alternatives for the ToR. We will need to have corridor workshops completed by April 10 to ensure feedback can be included in the ToR.</p> <p>DW (RSMIN): What happens after April 10?</p> <p>DG (HONI): Your comments and feedback will still be received but we cannot guarantee it will be in the ToR.</p> <p>DW (RSMIN): It is important to schedule the workshop to see input from RSMIN in the ToR.</p> <p>TE (HONI): Offered March 23, 24, 26 and April 2 as available dates to hold a corridor workshop. Noted that these dates were also offered to other communities and may not be available for long.</p> <p>DW (RSMIN): Hold March 24 for RSMIN corridor workshop. Will discuss logistics at Council meeting and follow up with Tausha on Friday.</p> <p>DD (RSMIN): Why not twin the existing hydro line? It is already a cleared/disturbed corridor.*</p> <p>TE (HONI): Corridor workshops are important because we need to hear that's what is important to you. May very well twin the lines, but that needs to come through processes like the corridor workshops. We would also</p>	<p>DW to discuss corridor workshop logistics at Thursday's Council meeting and follow up with Tausha on Friday.</p>

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Item	Description	Action
	<p>need to complete studies on the existing corridor to confirm that it is suitable.</p> <p><i>*Post-meeting clarification – If co-locating lines is a preferred route, it would still require clearing of a corridor that generally follows the existing line (i.e. it is a new transmission line and this project would not be adding capacity to the existing line).</i></p>	
5.	<p>Community Information Centres (CICs)</p> <p>TE (HONI): We can hold a CIC at the same time as the corridor workshop so that the CIC and project overview rolls into the workshop session. This has been the approach by many communities and it has been positive.</p> <p>DD (RSMIN): Have there been any project meetings in Kakabeka?</p> <p>DG (HONI): A round of public CICs will be held over three days from March 30 to April 1, including one in Kakabeka. The last round of public CICs were held in April 2019.</p> <p>TE (HONI): Public CICs are held in Thunder Bay, Kakabeka, Atikokan, Ignace and Dryden.</p> <p>DW (RSMIN): Can we have the information for those meetings if members are interested in attending?</p> <p>TE (HONI): Yes, will email a copy of the notices which include location, venue, date and time for each.</p>	TE to email DW copy of public CIC advertisements
6.	<p>Next Steps</p> <p>Reviewed next steps and follow up/action items for RSMIN and HONI.</p>	

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: May 7, 2020 11:36 AM
To: forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca
Cc: Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: RE: Good morning

Thank you so much for letting me know.

In terms of the corridor workshops that we discussed the last time that we met, would RSMIN be interested in participating if we were to be able to offer those via web delivery ?

Let me know what your thoughts are on this.

Tausha

From: Forest Management Liaison [mailto:forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca]
Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2020 11:30 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: HALL Lynn
Subject: Re: Good morning

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Good Morning,

Yes I will be the main contact for the project moving forward. Please let me know if there is anything I can help you with!

Best,

Julian Greer

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 9:58 AM <Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com> wrote:

Good Morning

I was wondering now with Dean no longer at RSMIN, would you be acting as our contact for the Waasigan project ?

Please advise

Tausha

Tausha Esquega

Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations TB-2

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: June 8, 2020 10:06 AM
To: donelda@rsmin.ca; forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Donelda,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

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Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Telephone: 1-877-345-6799

Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: June 8, 2020 10:40 AM
To: forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca
Subject: RE: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review

Thanks for your quick response.

Let me know if you need anything from my end.

Tausha

From: Forest Management Liaison [mailto:forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 10:37 AM
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Subject: Re: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review

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Hello Tashua,

Thanks for sending this along. I'll let you know if I have any questions or comments on it soon.

Best,

JG

On Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 10:07 AM <Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com> wrote:

Good Morning Donelda,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

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From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: June 29, 2020 3:42 PM
To: donelda@rsmin.ca; forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Donelda De La Ronde
Red Sky Metis Independent Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Donelda,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Julian Greer, Red Sky Metis Independent Nation

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 14, 2020 12:55 PM
To: donelda@rsmin.ca; forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca
Subject: Letter of Extension to Draft Terms of Reference Review
Attachments: RSMIN DTOR.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations

August 14, 2020

sent via email

Donelda De La Ronde
Red Sky Metis Independent Nation

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Donelda,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that we will be extending the draft Terms of Reference review period for your community until September 7, 2020. Hydro One understands the importance of working together and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This extension is being offered to provide additional time to coordinate your community's review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference.

We look forward to receiving your community's input on the draft Terms of Reference document and continued opportunities for community engagement. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to continue working with your community on this project.

Sincerely,

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Christine Goulais

cc. Julian Greer

From: Forest Management Liaison [mailto:forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:35
To: ESQUEGA Tausha
Subject: Summary of Corridor Workshop

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Morning Tausha,

Looks accurate to me. Thanks for checking.

Best,

JG

On Thu, Aug 13, 2020 at 2:54 PM <Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached report for the corridor workshop – please let me know of any edits before the document is finalized. If you can let me know by the end of next week, that would be greatly appreciated.

Miigwetch

Tausha Esquega

Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations TB-2

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Email: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com

From: Forest Management Liaison <forestmanagementliaison@rsmin.ca>
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2020 6:01 PM ESQUEGA Tausha
To: <Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com>
Subject: RE: Draft Terms of Reference review period

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Hello Tausha,

There are no comments from either of us at this time. We look forward to seeing the results of the EA and will certainly have questions then.

Best,

Julian Greer

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 11:00 AM <Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

I know that the extension period for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference is coming to an end on September 7 and I just wanted to check in to see how things were going with that.

Also, if you needed anything from me during this time.

Please let me know.

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Tausha Esquega

Appendix L-1 Seine River First Nation



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Christine Goulais
Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

April 10, 2019

Chief Tom Johnson
Seine River First Nation
PO Box 124
Mine Centre, ON P0W 1H0

Dear Chief Johnson,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Christine Goulais

Minutes of Meeting

Minutes No.:		Project #:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project	
Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project			
Prepared by:	Lynn Hall (LH)	Meeting Date:	June 3, 2019	
		Meeting Time:	11:30 am – 2:30 pm	
		Location: Fireside Conference Room, Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, ON		
Attendees:	Tom Johnson (TJ) Norman Girard (NG) John Kabatay (JB) Roger Spencer (RG) Shane Whitecrow (SW) Tania Boshkaykin (TB) Gerald Johnson (GJ) Christine Goulais (CG) Tausha Esquega (TE) Sarah Cohanin (SC) Lynn Hall (LH)	Chief, SRFN Councillor, SRFN Councillor, SRFN Councillor, SRFN Councillor, SRFN Councillor, SRFN Councillor, SRFN HONI HONI HONI HONI		

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1.	NG provided a opening remarks.			
2.	TE provided an overview of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, formerly known as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project.			
3.	TE provided an overview of the Project background.			

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4.	<p>SC reviewed the Environmental Assessment process flowchart, process and approach.</p>			
5.	<p>TJ requested to see the list of impacted communities on the Waasigan project. CG provided a copy of the letter from the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines outlining the delegation of procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One. TJ stated concerns with the Métis and believes their inclusion should fall under the stakeholder category and not as rights-holders. CG stated if Seine River has concerns with the list of communities in the delegation letter that he needs to address this directly with the Ministry of Energy.</p> <p>TJ explained it is their responsibility to look beyond the year 2024 and 100 years from now to protect the future generations. A councillor stated there is consultation and meaningful consultation, When Hydro One visits the community to present the Waasigan project to the people, it is the citizens who will then provide further direction to the Chief and Council on the project. CG stated that Hydro One is willing to visit the community as many times as needed to answer their questions.</p> <p>Seine River explained that Traditional Knowledge is an important component of the EA. Hydro One agreed and confirmed that Traditional Knowledge will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment for the Waasigan Transmission Line. Seine River asked how much the Waasigan project will cost. Hydro One stated that one of the elements of the development phase is to estimate the cost of the project and construction.</p> <p>TJ asked if the new Waasigan Transmission Line Project will help to address the high cost of electricity in the community.</p> <p>CG stated it is unknown at this time if the Waasigan project will impact the community's reliability. CG stated if the community has reliability issues that they can work together to try to address the concerns now.</p> <p>TJ stated he does not see any economic opportunities stemming from the Waasigan Project. He is interested in what types of jobs the community can help prepare their citizens, and further stated he does not see many First Nations people working at Hydro One. TJ wants to help to prepare the youth for employment and training opportunities.</p> <p>CG stated that HONI does not yet know what the potential training, employment and contracting opportunities are but that HONI is</p>			

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	<p>committed to maximizing those benefits for Indigenous communities on this project.</p> <p>The Chief stated that this meeting is considered the first consultation with Chief and Council.</p>			
6.	TE provided an overview of consultation and engagement on the project.			
7.	TE provided a high-level description of Indigenous consultation on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project.			
8.	SC explained the broad Route Selection Study Area. The EA will need to study alternatives. Referencing the selection chart process flowchart, SC explained that they will be narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area to broad corridors, then to route alternatives to be assessed during the EA. A preferred route for the transmission line will be determined through the EA.			
9.	<p>SC explained that the methodology used to identify corridor alternatives is a well-known methodology used to site transmission lines.</p> <p>The model will take this input and produce corridor alternatives which will help guide the development of route alternatives.</p>			
	<p>Hydro One invited Seine River to participate in the broader stakeholder workshop sessions as participants or observers and in addition, if Seine River wishes, Hydro One can provide them with their own session. Hydro One will send a letter to Chief with all the details for corridor workshop invitation.</p> <p>Seine River First Nation described a research and education program they are leading on the plants in the Turtle River watershed system, and offered the provide Hydro One with additional details on the initiative.</p>	TE	4-Jun-19	Completed
10.	<p>As the next steps, TJ identified July 9, 2019 for Hydro One to attend Seine River First Nation to deliver the Waasigan Transmission Line Project to its community members from 5 pm – 7 pm. Dinner to be provided at 4 pm.</p> <p>TJ identified Roger Spencer as the point of contact to coordinate the community meeting.</p>			

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1.	DC provided opening remarks.			
2	CG provided an overview of the Waasigan Transmission Line Project.			
3	<p>CG explained that Hydro One will work in collaboration with Indigenous communities through a consultation process to ensure that communities understand the impacts of the project.</p> <p>CG discussed accommodation for Indigenous communities will include, but it not limited to, employment, training and contracting opportunities.</p>			
4	<p>SC provided an overview of the EA process and explained the broad Route Selection Study Area. The EA will need to study alternatives. Referencing the selection chart process flowchart, SC explained that they will be narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area to broad corridors, then to route alternatives to be assessed during the EA. A preferred route for the transmission line will be determined through the EA.</p> <p>Hydro One invited the impacted communities to participate in the broader stakeholder workshop sessions as participants or observers, and in addition, if the communities wish, Hydro One can provide them with their own session.</p>			
5.	<p>CG explained Hydro One will provide communities with capacity funding agreements, (CFA's) to be able to participate in the consultation process.</p> <p>CG explained Treaty 3 will be able to participate in their own corridor workshop in their communities.</p> <p>Q: Chief Windigo – Referencing the proposed Waasigan Transmission 230 kV line – Will there be hook-up points along the line for other opportunities like mining and forestry?</p> <p>SC clarified there is no plans right now to hook-up other resources but there might be an opportunity to do so. SC further explained the (mining and forestry sector) would require their own EA process for their projects.</p> <p>Chief Perreault spoke to Hydro One's history as a provincial company and he explained that the Manito Aki Inakonigaawin process has been ignored. Chief Perreault stated that proponents need to ask for their permission to do work in the territory. He further stated for too long</p>			

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	<p>they [First Nations communities] sat on the sidelines and watched as processes unfolded in their territory. Chief Perreault feels that Hydro One has not yet sought permission to do work in their territory.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh spoke in Anishinaabemowin to the assembly about the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. He explained that Treaty 3 needs to be involved because it is their responsibility to be caretakers of Mother Earth. He further explained, in doing so, they become complicit in the vandalism of Mother Earth. They become party to that destruction. When talking about EA's and changing the landscape in the territory, Ogichidaa explained that they have their own means of changing the landscape and the way they entertain mitigation is through their ceremonies. Treaty 3 takes their responsibility of the land very seriously. He thanked the assembly for listening to what he had to say.</p> <p>Ogichidaa Kavanaugh explained they turn to ceremony for answers to the process. He explained Treaty 3 has ways to mitigate if they need to participate in the process.</p> <p>Chief Johnson – Thanked and acknowledged the sacred items, and Hydro One for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project presentation. TJ understands FK's statement and explained that Seine River FN is one of the impacted communities. He believes they are the caretakers of the land of the Seine River First Nation area. He explained there are nine First Nations communities on the list to be consulted. He feels there are other items that need to be addressed but does not feel Hydro one should be sitting at the table for this discussion with treaty 3 communities. Chief Johnson stated there are other activities that need to take place such as economic opportunities.</p> <p>CG responded that she respects the Chiefs needs to discuss their issues in private without having Hydro One present.</p> <p>CG explained there is a law firm who wants to bring the communities together to discuss the benefits of the WTLP. She explained they are completely separate from Hydro One and are not affiliated.</p> <p>Chief Perreault stated he does not know why a firm outside of their territory is discussing business in their territories, he only heard of Fort William First Nation. He says he has not been invited to any meetings.</p> <p>Chief Windigo wants to know why the radio station in Thunder Bay advertised the Waasigan Transmission Line Project consultation was</p>			

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	<p>finalized.</p> <p>CG explained Hydro One has not yet finalized the consultation. She explained it was a misrepresentation of information in the news article and radio advertisement and has since been clarified and fixed in the new article referenced. CG stated the Indigenous consultation has just begun and this is our first opportunity to present the project to the GCT3 as a whole.</p> <p>Chief Windigo says the community got fired up and he started receiving questions from his community members who have been following the project. He recommended Indigenous Relations do a better job at communicating with the public.</p> <p>CG thanked the assembly for their time. Meeting adjourned.</p>			

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June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Chief Tom Johnson
Seine River First Nation
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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Johnson,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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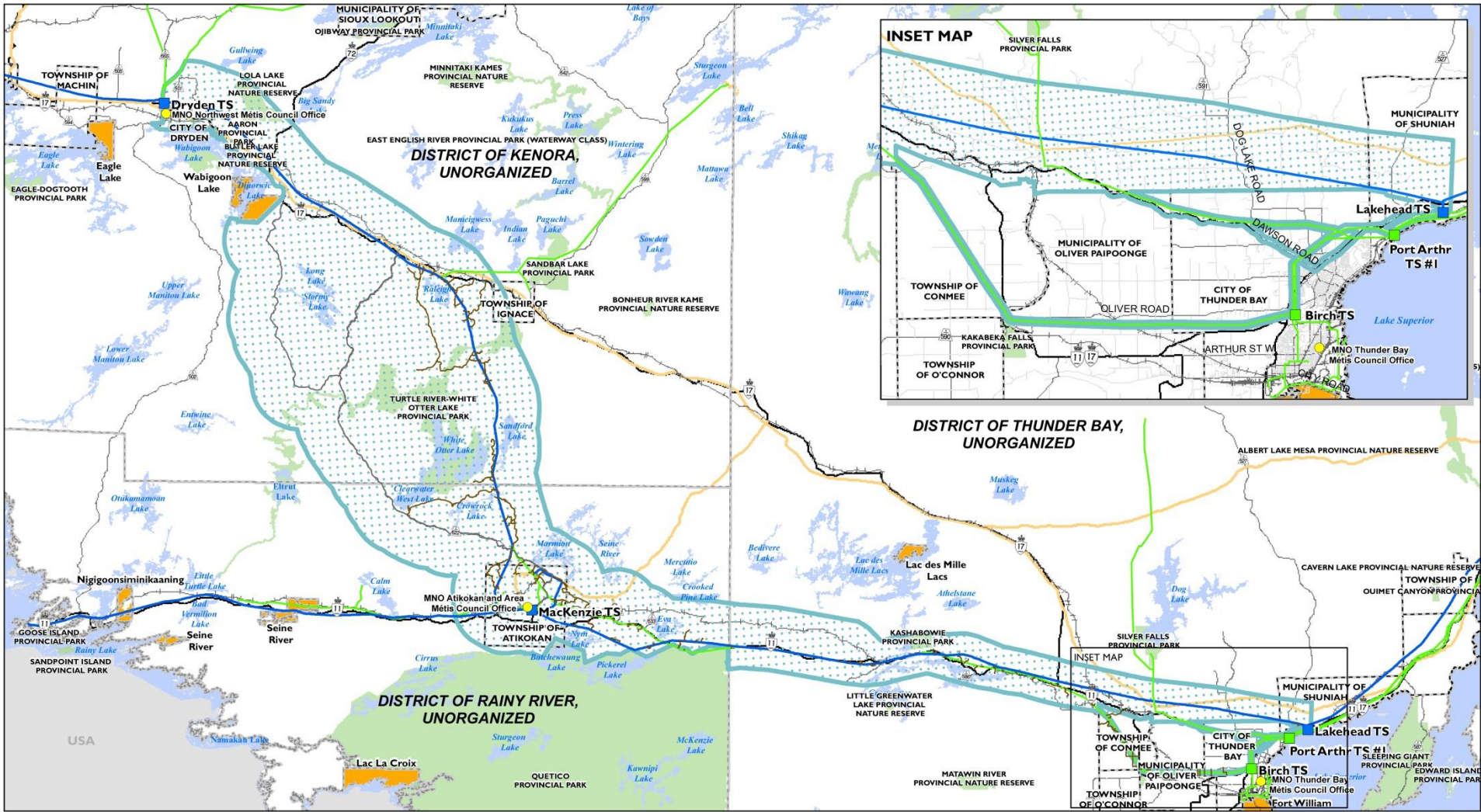


Christine Goulais

Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Norm Girard, Councillor
Roger Spencer, Councillor
Gerald Johnson, Councillor
John Kabatay, Councillor
Tania Boshkaykin, Councillor
Shane Whitecrow, Councillor



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Metis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



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INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
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	Municipally Owned Lands	
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	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	



MEMO

TO: Sarah Cohanim, Hydro One

FROM: Brandon Fox, MCIP, RPP, Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon)
Braydi Rice, Dillon

cc: Bruce Hopper, Hydro One
Don McKinnon, RPP, Dillon
Tausha Esquega, Hydro One
Ciaran Thompson, Hydro One

DATE: July 31, 2019

SUBJECT: Waasigan Seine River First Nations Community Meeting July 10, 2019

OUR FILE: 19-9676

This memo summarizes the Seine River First Nation Community Meeting held for the Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line project on July 29, 2019 (**Table 1**).

TABLE 1: FIRST NATION MEETING LOCATION

Date	Location	Number of Attendees
July 29, 2019	Seine River First Nation Gymnasium 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	35

The First Nation Community Meeting is summarized below with an overall summary detailed in the conclusion of this memo.

General First Nations Community Meeting Overview

The Community Meeting began with an informal dinner provided by the community, followed by a short presentation with time for questions, answers and conversation with the community. Display boards and table maps were set-up to introduce the proposed project and the study area for potential route alternatives. Further description was discussed by Hydro One during the presentation. The displays and presentation covered the following:

- Introduction to the Hydro One team and their roles
- Waasigan Transmission Line Overview
- History of the Waasigan Transmission Line
- Overview of the environmental assessment (EA) process
- Development work timelines
- Corridor and route selection process and workshops
- Beginning the discussion of working with Indigenous Communities

Comment forms were available for all attendees.

Seine River First Nation – July 29, 2019

In total, 35 people signed the sign-in sheet, with an additional seven youth in attendance. Ten attendees also included their email address to receive information on the project (**Appendix A**). Three comment forms were received (**Appendix B**).

What Was Heard

During the Community Meeting, attendees asked general questions about the project and the location of the study area in relation to the community's reserve and traditional use areas, such as existing traplines. There was a general interest in learning more about the project and connecting with Hydro One on existing concerns, such as connecting with customer care with the community to help address costs associated with electricity and holding information sessions on procurement opportunities associated with the project.

The following discussion topics were noted during conversations with attendees:

- Ongoing electricity capacity issues and loss of electricity from storms. Community members asked if these concerns be addressed through Hydro One;
- Interest in what the final right-of-way of the Waasigan Transmission Line will look like and if it will be similar to the existing line or different;
- Interest in the consultation and compensation process for trapline owners within the study area of the project – there are a number of traplines near Seine River;
- In addition to the traplines near Seine River, there are also medicines and berries that continue to be harvested in this area;
- Interest in benefits and impacts from the project (see **Appendix B** for additional comment) – what will the share for Treaty 3 and Seine River be specifically;
- Interest in the training and internship opportunities with the project. Community would like to get started on these opportunities as soon as possible;
- Questions about the Terms of Reference development process and how the engagement works - is it only individual community input or can multiple communities work together;
- Would like to understand how community members that own forestry blocks in the study area will be consulted with – will they be treated as individual stakeholders;
- Commented on previous annual compensation agreements made with other projects, interest as to whether this is possible for this project;
- Interest in status of a Capacity Funding Agreement between the community and Hydro One;
- The Chief requested that corridor workshops be held in the community soon to ensure feedback regarding the development of alternate routes and potential impacts to members' use of the areas is considered;
- The Chief asked Hydro One to work with Peter Klyne, Seine River's Community Energy Champion to schedule potential meetings and workshops.
- Interest in how the project may impact the existing cost of electricity bills; and
- Observed difference in vegetation under existing transmission lines – interest in discussing alternative ways for vegetation management as well as potential contracting opportunities to maintain the length of grass in the corridors.

Comments Received and Follow-Up Actions

A summary of the comments heard and require further follow-up and are summarized in **Table 2**.

TABLE 2: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR SEINE RIVER FIRST NATION

Comment (Name if available)	Follow-Up Action Required
When using Facebook advertisement service for upcoming events, use Mine Centre as the target area as Seine River First Nation is not recognized as a community and Mine Centre is the closest one (Peter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For future events planned at Seine River First Nation, ensure Mine Centre is used as the target area for the advertisement on Facebook
Seine River needs greater electricity capacity and noticed that the study area for the project is not close – would like to discuss what options there are to include them in the expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore what options there are to increase the electricity capacity for Seine River
Electricity bills change each month and community is interested in a meeting and presentation from customer care (see Appendix B for additional comment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule customer care to come to Seine River for a presentation and discussion, and look into “Get Local” options
Storms and beavers have knocked out electricity and have seen berries and medicine removed - would like to discuss how the vegetation management can change to offer better alternatives that work for the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue discussion with Seine River regarding alternative methods for vegetation management, may want to include Hydro One’s Forestry group in this discussion.
Was not aware of what the difference was between all the involved organizations for the project and who was responsible for what	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add a slide to the CIC presentation that includes brief descriptions of the organizations involved in the project (e.g. OEB, Hydro One, IESO) and what they are each responsible for
Draft Capacity Funding Agreement was provided to Seine River First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seine River to send the Capacity Funding Agreement to Hydro One once signed
Comment forms indicated that 2/3 of those that filled out forms had heard about this event through word of mouth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and discuss with community whether there are better ways to advertise the event

Overall Summary

Overall the Seine River First Nation Community Meeting was well attended with 35 individuals attending from the community. Youth attended the Community Meeting and colouring activities were provided. The hiring of a Youth worker would be beneficial for future Community Meetings. It would be beneficial to add to the presentation a brief description of the different organizations (e.g. OEB, Hydro One, IESO) involved with the project. The Chief expressed an interest in having a corridor workshop in the community as soon as possible to ensure members are aware of the project and their feedback is considered in the development of alternate routes.

Appendix A

Seine River First Nation Sign-In Sheet

Sign-in Sheet

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Appendix B

Seine River First Nation Comment Forms



COMMENT FORM
Waasigan Transmission Project
Community Information Centre
July 29 – Seine River

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1. Did you find tonight's CIC helpful in understanding the proposed project in your community?
 Yes / No
2. Did you have an adequate opportunity to express your views/ask questions to Hydro One's project team?
 Yes / No
3. How did you hear about tonight's CIC?
 Social media (Facebook) Word of Mouth Posted ad in community Other
4. Do you have any comments, questions, or concerns to share regarding tonight's CIC and/or or this project? (Additional space on reverse)

who's this going to benefit the most?

Please provide your contact information so that we can respond to your comment or questions, and add you to our project contact list for future communication.

Name & affiliation (if any): _____

Mailing address & postal code: _____

Tel: _____ Email: *6065ky007@gmail.com*

Please leave your comment form in the comment folder at this meeting or send it to:

Melissa Fast

Community Relations, Hydro One

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

Tel. 1-877-345-6799; Fax: 416-345-6984; Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Please be advised that any of your personal information contained on this comment form will become part of the public record files for this project, and may be released, if requested, to any person, unless you state on this form that you do not consent to your personal information becoming part of the public record files and disclosed to any person upon request.



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Name & affiliation (if any): Renata Meekis

Mailing address & postal code: P.O. Box 77 mine centre, Pow. lto

Tel: Ø Email: renata.meekis@knet.ca

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Mailing address & postal code: _____

Tel: _____ Email: *No email*

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From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 3:46 PM
To: tom.johnson@bellnet.ca
Cc: roger.spencer22@gmail.com
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Seine River.docx

Boozhoo Chief Johnson,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.
Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Tausha Esquega
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Hydro One engagement with Seine River

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Seine River based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned with Seine River's values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Seine River to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

From: Christine.goulais@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 25, 2019 4:30 PM
To: jrkabatay316@icloud.com
Cc: Bruce.Hopper@HydroOne.com; Sarah.Cohananim@HydroOne.com;
Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com; Lynn.Hall@HydroOne.com;
tom.johnson@bellnet.ca
Subject: RE: Plant Inventory Proposal Hydro.docx
Attachments: Plant Inventory Proposal Hydro.docx

Good Afternoon John,

Thank you for the proposal and for discussing it further with Bruce Hopper and myself in Thunder Bay on September 18th.
We are reviewing and considering the proposal and will reach out to you shortly to discuss further.

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Christine

Christine Goulais
Senior Manager
Indigenous Relations

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-----Original Message-----

From: HALL Lynn
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 9:42 AM
To: GOULAIS Christine; ESQUEGA Tausha
Cc: HOPPER Bruce; COHANIM Sarah
Subject: FW: Plant Inventory Proposal Hydro.docx

Hi All,

For your review, see attached Plant Inventory proposal from Seine River.

Thanks,

Lynn Hall
Indigenous Relations Coordinator

Phone: (807) 346-3838
Email: Lynn.Hall@HydroOne.com

-----Original Message-----

From: john kabatay [mailto:jrkabatay316@icloud.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 8:54 AM

To: HALL Lynn

Subject: Plant Inventory Proposal Hydro.docx

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Good morning Lynn! Enclosed is the proposal for your consideration. This proposal and associated work would compliment the work that will be carried out during the EA. Enjoy the read and share with the necessary personnel. Thanks John!

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January 16, 2020

Hydro One Networks Inc. (“**HONI**”)
7th Floor, South Tower,
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Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

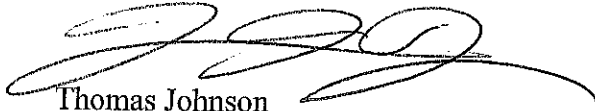
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:40 PM
To: tom.johnson@bellnet.ca; srfnchief@bellnet.ca
Cc: pboileau@northvista.ca; lsalo@northvista.ca; KKempton@oktlaw.com;
OMacLaren@oktlaw.com; JLedoux@oktlaw.com; Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

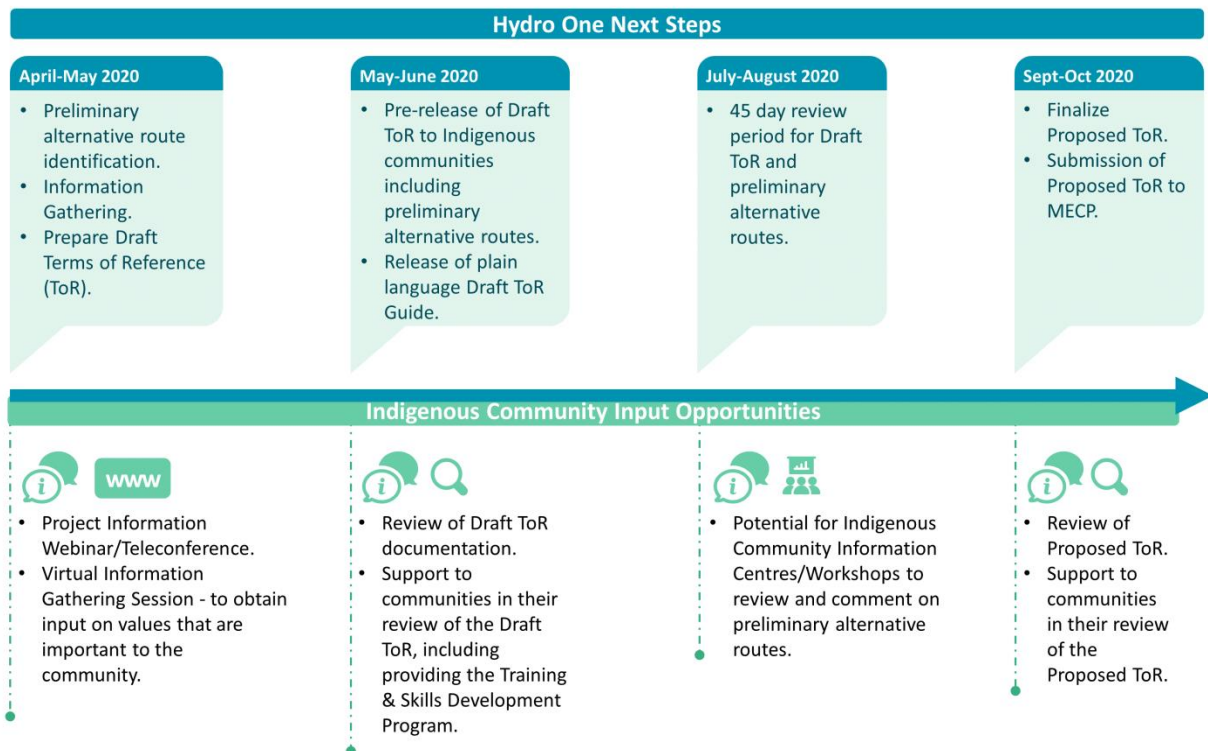


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

INDIGENOUS TRANSMISSION LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (ITLP)

Eagle Lake First Nation • Fort William First Nation • Lac La Croix First Nation • Lac Seul First Nation •
Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation • Seine River First Nation • Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation

April 21, 2020

Tausha Esquega
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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

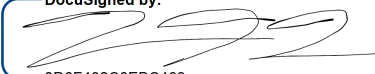
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Sent: June 8, 2020 9:57 AM
To: srfnchief@bellnet.ca; tom@vianet.ca
Cc: lsalo@northvista.ca; pboileau@northvista.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Boshkaykin,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

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Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on June 29, 2020 for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

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Email: Community.Relations@HydroOne.com

Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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Tausha Esquega

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Miigwech for responding so quickly.

Stay safe and have a wonderful day,

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Good Morning and Thank you! Have a good day

Chief Carrie L. Boshkaykin
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June 15, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

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Cc: tom@vianet.ca
Subject: Waasigan Terms of Reference
Attachments: Hydro One Waasigan Draft ToR Release_EN.PDF

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Carrie Boshkaykin
Seine River First Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Boshkaykin,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Tom Johnson, Seine River

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August 6, 2020

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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

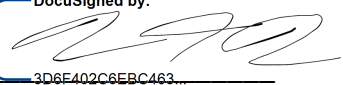
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

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Attachments: GLP Letter to Hydro One - ToR Extension Request - August 6 2020_FINAL.PDF; Waasigan_GLP Response letter_August 14 2020_FINAL.pdf

Good Morning Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

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April 10, 2019

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Dear Chief Pitchenese,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is starting development work for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line. The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning to support growth and maintain a reliable supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario. Please see the attached notice for additional information about the project.

Through the attached Notice of Commencement, Hydro One is initiating the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and when complete will become the framework for how the EA will be prepared. The attached Notice of Commencement will be posted in local newspapers beginning April 24th, 2019. Please note that you will also be receiving a hardcopy of this material in the mail.

Hydro One will provide your community with various opportunities throughout the ToR and EA processes to provide meaningful input into the development of the project and to share your knowledge of the land and region. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to provide further information, respond to questions and address any concerns you may have. The attached Notice of Commencement includes a schedule of Community Information Centres (CICs) that Hydro One will be hosting in May 2019 to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and answer questions on the project goals and the EA process. We invite you to attend these sessions and in addition, would be happy to coordinate a CIC in your community at your request.

We look forward to working with you and your community and will be following up with you to schedule a meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions, please contact Tausha Esquega via email at Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com or by phone at (807) 346-3830. Alternatively, you can contact me at (416) 345-4390 or via email at Christine.Goulais@hydroone.com.

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Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations

June 4, 2019

Sent Via Email

Chief Esther Pitchenese
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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line - Workshop Invitation

Dear Chief Pitchenese,

Hydro One is inviting you to take part in a workshop to provide input into the development of corridor alternatives that will be used by the project team to identify alternative routes for a new transmission line. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Through the EA process, a preferred route will be identified for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden. The need for the project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long-term electricity planning.

Identification of Corridor and Route Alternatives

At this stage, a large Route Selection Study Area (see attached map) has been identified based on the required connection points and the character of the lands including land use, infrastructure and sensitive features. The next stage involves identifying corridors which will be used as a guide for the identification of more defined alternative routes.

To assist with narrowing down the Route Selection Study Area, we will be using a consensus-based model called the EPRI-GTC Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology.

The model is organized to represent three separate perspectives: technical, socio-economic (including cultural) and natural environment. Through a multi-session workshop, a facilitated discussion with internal and external parties will identify and consider the suitability of specific values when siting a transmission line within the Route Selection Study Area with a focus on these perspectives. The resulting model will be used to identify route alternatives that will be further assessed as we move through the EA Process.

Corridor Workshop Process

The multi-session workshop will be held on separate days inviting representatives from agencies, organizations, and Indigenous Communities to participate. In addition, workshop sessions will be offered to Indigenous Communities in a manner that best respects Indigenous consultation protocols.

The workshop sessions are scheduled over several days, as outlined on the invitee list appended to this letter.

You will be invited to attend sessions that best pertain to your mandates or interests. Invitees for each session have been identified based on the attached values list. If you would like to attend an additional session other than what you have been invited to, please let us know. Please note you may be invited to multiple sessions, as indicated on the invitees list. If someone else at your organization is better suited to speak to these values, please let us know. It is important to note attendees are requested to bring a web browser enabled phone or laptop computer to the workshop for you to provide electronic input throughout the day.

The workshop benefits are maximized with in-person discussion and input. However, we understand travel to the venue may be inconvenient for some participants, and as such, we ask you to contact us if travel is not possible.

Please let us know by June 13, 2019 whether you will be attending. Follow-up phone calls will be made to confirm that this invite was received and if you have any questions.

Additional project information including mapping can be found on our website at:
www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (416) 345-4390 or Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner at (416) 345-4385.

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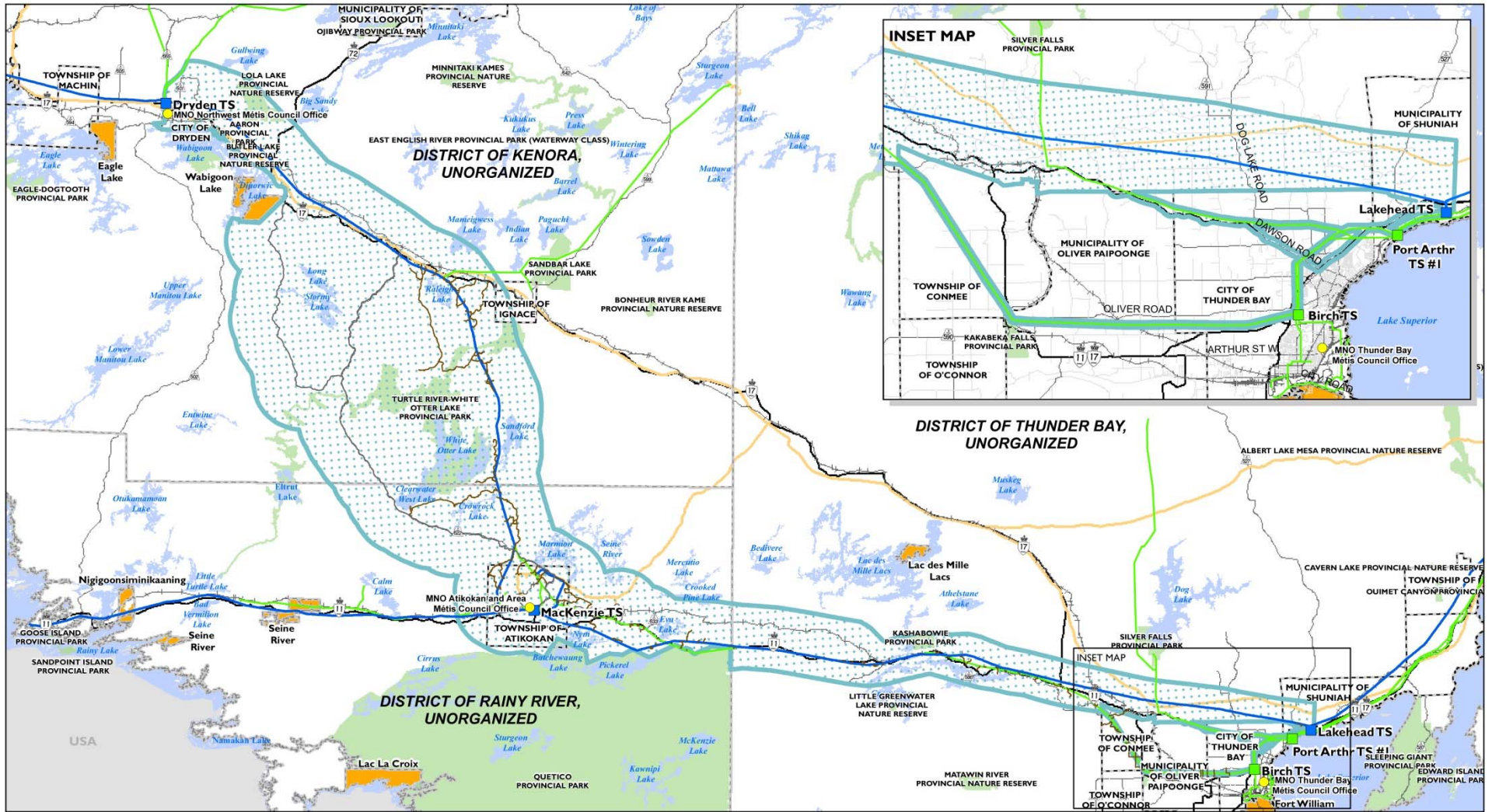


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Attachments (3):

- Route Selection Study Area Map
- Corridor Workshop Invitee List
- Corridor Workshop Values List

cc: Ron Williams, Councillor



Waasigan Transmission Line

Proposed Route Selection Study Area

- 115 kV Station or Junction
- 230 kV Transmission Line
- Natural Gas Pipeline
- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
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PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

From: Tausha.Esquega@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 11, 2019 3:48 PM
To: chiefesther@wlon.ca
Cc: chief-council@wlon.ca
Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line project
Attachments: Waasigan Corridor Workshop.pdf; Wabigoon Lake.docx

Good afternoon Chief Pitchenese,

Please see the attached for some information about the next steps that we are hoping to undertake with your community for the remainder of 2019.

Feel free to reach out to me for any questions that you may have.

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Hydro One engagement with Wabigoon Lake First Nation

Hydro One is working with Indigenous Communities in Northwestern Ontario to develop a new transmission project called the Waasigan Transmission Line. We are in the early stages of the Environmental Assessment for this new transmission line, which will run between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified the need for the project to provide additional electrical capacity to northwestern Ontario.

Objectives for fall 2019

Hydro One is committed to build a relationship with Wabigoon Lake First Nation based on understanding, respect and mutual trust throughout the project. Hydro One acknowledges the importance of conducting consultation through a process that is aligned Wabigoon Lake First Nation's with values, culture and protocols.

At this early stage we would like engage with your community through the following:

Community Information Centre (CIC) #1

We would like to host a Community Information Session in your Community to introduce ourselves and the Waasigan project to your members. The goal of this community meeting is to present an overview of the project, answer questions and address concerns with you and your community members.

Corridor Workshop

We are looking to identify potential alternative routes for the location of the new transmission line as part of the Environmental Assessment process. Engagement with your Community is a crucial aspect of this process. Following the first Community Information Session, we would like to have a workshop with some of your Community members to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance to your Community. More information about the workshops is provided in the attached document.

Waasigan Community Round Table

Another way Hydro One is ensuring continuous and proactive engagement with Communities throughout this project is through the formation of a committee called the Waasigan Community Round Table. The Round Table will provide a continuous feedback loop between Hydro One, Indigenous communities, municipalities, stakeholders and the public. We would like to discuss this idea more with your Community to identify possible members for the Round Table.

Capacity Funding Agreement

Hydro One is prepared to provide financial resources to assist Wabigoon Lake First Nation to engage in consultation and engagement for the Waasigan project. The Capacity Funding Agreement is not intended to limit or contradict any Crown direction or decisions relating to the approval of the project.

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January 16, 2020

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Attention: Derek Chum, Vice President Indigenous Relations

Re: Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the “Project”) Corridor Workshops

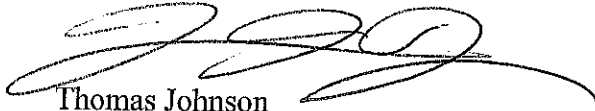
I write this letter on behalf of Indigenous Transmission LP (“**ITLP**”), the entity formed to represent the First Nation communities impacted by the Project. ITLP had its inaugural board of directors meeting yesterday in Thunder Bay, wherein the timeline for engagement with your company was discussed.

We wish to advise you that the Board has decided to run an RFP process to select an environmental consultant to render advice and input regarding HONI’s development timeline, responses to technical applications throughout the environmental assessment process, and environmental considerations of the Project common to all of our member communities. Responses to this RFP will be required January 31, with a selection of the successful candidate occurring at the next meeting of the Board. This meeting will occur on February 7, in Seine River.

Until such environmental consultant is selected, please be advised that no corridor workshops (previously proposed for late January) may occur on our lands. While we recognize HONI has an internal development timeline for the Project, this timeline cannot be at the expense of the internal processes required by each of our own communities to ensure that our responses to HONI’s engagement efforts are sufficiently robust and precise. As you can imagine, we take very seriously efforts to identify preferable areas for a new transmission line and areas of significant importance or sensitivity across our territories. The Project crosses our lands, and we will only be able to build consensus about it proceeding if we are satisfied that our engagements with HONI respect these processes.

Accordingly, by this letter we hereby provide notice of the cancellation of all proposed corridor workshops for the end of January. Once our environmental consultant is selected February 7, we will provide an update of acceptable dates and times for this important engagement.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Johnson
President

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:30 PM
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Cc: pboileau@northvista.ca; lsalo@northvista.ca; Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Subject: Waasigan Update
Attachments: Waasigan Update.pdf

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with a update as to how we are planning to continue our engagement with you regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line project while keeping safety a top priority for everyone.

I understand that these are challenging times for everyone, please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Tausha Esquega**

Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Dear Chief,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with Indigenous community members to better understand the values that are important to each community and should be considered when identifying alternative routes for the new transmission line. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities your community will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. Preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line will be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. The evaluation of the alternatives routes will occur during the Environmental Assessment and will involve more opportunities for Indigenous community involvement prior to deciding on a preferred route. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

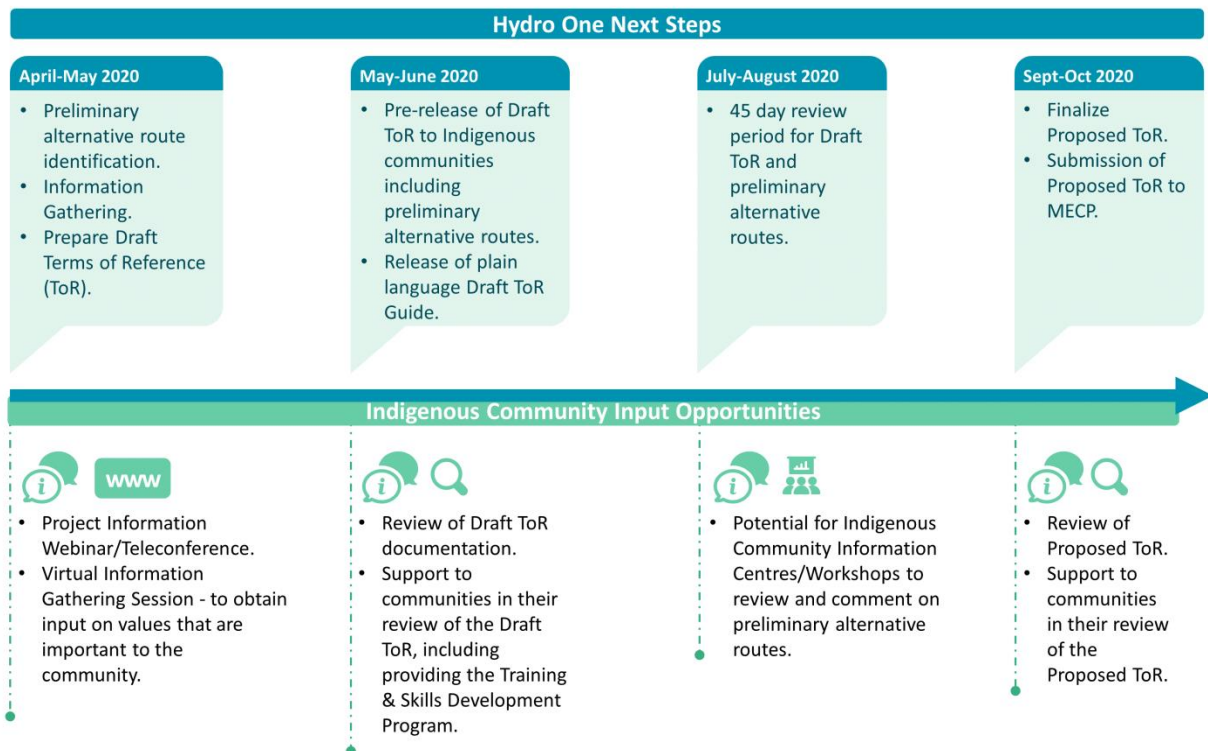


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from your community, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that your community selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,

Tausha Esquega

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April 21, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement on Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

As you know, ITLP is a partnership of seven First Nations, which has entered into an Initial Engagement Agreement (IEA) with Hydro One in order to facilitate discussions around our First Nations engagement and participation related to the Waasigan Transmission Project. We are in receipt of your April 6 2020 letter to our seven First Nations whereby Hydro One outlines its proposed plans for community engagement on the Waasigan Transmission Project given the current circumstances from COVID-19.

At this time, our First Nations do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace in-person meetings and Community Information Centres. The First Nations are not currently in a position to engage on the environmental assessment process in ways that require or would benefit from involvement of community members including elders and land users, any meetings or discussions requiring indigenous knowledge, or any on-the-ground studies or work. The virtual media are not accessible or appropriate for this. We are happy to discuss the specifics of these concerns.

We recommend a pause on the EA-related engagement activities until the end of May, after which we can re-assess Hydro One's engagement plans and hopefully work out something that enables proper consultation and negotiation as anticipated in the IEA and Canadian law.

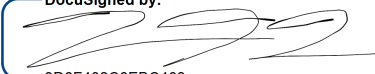
In the meantime, our First Nations will be hiring the Community Engagement Coordinators, who will play a vital role assisting with engagement on the Project. These coordinators, as well as our EA advisors (Pinchin/Maawandoon) will be available to provide preliminary desktop information / studies to support your planning until community engagement can take place.

And in the meantime, we also intend to proceed with Steering Committee work that is appropriate for computer and teleconference media.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

CC: Chief & Council - Eagle Lake First Nation
Chief & Council - Fort William First Nation
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June 7, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Project

Tausha,

ITLP is in receipt of your May 27, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's proposed plans for the Waasigan Project draft Terms of Reference (ToR) release and related community engagement.

To date, Hydro One has not been able to complete the planned engagement sessions with our communities and given the ongoing COVID-19 restriction, we continue to believe meaningful engagement will be challenging during the proposed timeline.

ITLP acknowledges that the release of the draft ToR on June 8 will provide opportunities for early feedback and desktop analysis, however, our First Nations still do not support the proposed engagement plans that would replace or supplement in-person meetings and Community Information Centers. Virtual approaches would likely not be effective in capturing knowledge from our communities nor facilitate adequate review of Project information presented in the draft Terms or Reference documents.

At this time, we propose that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information/comments to Hydro One. If meaningful engagement cannot be completed during the 45-day review period, Hydro One should extend the timeline before finalizing the ToR.


Our First Nations understand Hydro One's desire to move the Project forward and ITLP is taking steps to assist with the engagement process. However, to ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges during the Environmental Assessment stage, Hydro One must continue to consider the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in your timelines. We suggest

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ongoing dialogue with our team prior to moving forward with keys stages of the environmental assessment process.

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Cc: lsalo@northvista.ca; pboileau@northvista.ca
Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review
Attachments: Waasigan - Draft Terms of Reference Checklist - May 28 2020.docx; Waasigan Transmission Line_Draft Terms of Reference Guide.pdf

Good Morning Chief Pitchenese,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment. The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

I am also including the following documents for your reference:

1. Plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference, and
2. A checklist to help prepare for the review of the Draft Terms of Reference document.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to you as well.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on June 29, 2020 for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner,

Hydro One Networks Inc.

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Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general. We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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June 15, 2020

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Re: Community Engagement and Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for your letter dated June 7, 2020, in which you raise a number of important concerns with respect to consultation and engagement on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. We appreciate your continued communication and cooperation with Hydro One as we progress through the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

It is understood that together, we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One respects the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times. We have agreed to postpone all in-person engagement until such time as communities and Hydro One feel safe to hold these types of activities. Project engagement has been ongoing for nearly 18 months and Hydro One has been in agreement throughout the process to continue to act in good faith and continually improve the engagement process. To date, Hydro One has set a high standard of engagement through many innovative activities. This includes offering workshops geared to bring early participation by communities into the EA process, meetings with leadership, community-wide meetings, information packages and ongoing communication using a variety of methods. In addition to engagement activities, the successful development and implementation of the Training and Skills Development Program, that has the objective to build capacity and encourage participation in the EA, continues to be delivered to communities through a virtual and accommodating setting. It is Hydro One's hope that communities continue to take advantage of these opportunities and future opportunities as they arise.

Hydro One is of the understanding that we have agreed to seek opportunities to continue to work together throughout these challenging times. This is in an attempt to maintain a reasonable project schedule and to fulfill our goal of meaningful community engagement throughout the entirety of the project. We agreed that engagement should exclude in-person meetings for a period of time; however, as health and safety restrictions are lifted, Hydro One will be happy to work with communities to schedule in person meetings in accordance with amended health and safety protocols and respecting social distancing. With that said, it is our understanding that a number of aspects of engagement could proceed without in-person contact. This includes ongoing regular meetings between ITLP representatives (Maawandoon/Pinchin/NorthVista) and Hydro One to continue advancing the administrative processes of finalizing Capacity Funding Agreements, securing advance funding for communities, issuing Purchase Orders and nominating community representatives to fulfill the role of Community Consultation Coordinator.

It is also understood that review of the Draft Terms of Reference would proceed as best it could without in-person engagement, in large part through your consultant representatives. Hydro One is aware that the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic might result in the need for additional time to review and provide comment on the Draft Terms of Reference and we are prepared to support and accommodate communities throughout the review and comment period. Hydro One will continue to offer alternative engagement activities and we anticipate that ITLP will take direction from their member communities as to their willingness to participate. We hope that you continue to support our collaborative efforts and encourage communities to explore opportunities for keeping the engagement process as active as possible until restrictions are lifted.

We look forward to continuing to work in good faith and in full cooperation with ITLP and your member communities to achieve a successful project that, as partners, we can all be proud of.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

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Good Afternoon,

I wanted to provide you with notice that Hydro One is releasing the Draft Terms of Reference to the public and this will be posted on our website. The notice attached also mentions the planning of a public virtual CIC (Community Information Centre) and I will share details of this when it becomes available to me.

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Good afternoon,

Attached is the invite and information regarding the virtual information session for Waasigan being held on July 30, 2020. Details are located in the attached. We are also open to scheduling an information session to take place for your community at a time that would work best for you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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July 30, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chief Esther Pitchenese
Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation

Re: Ongoing Community Engagement for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Chief Pitchenese,

Together we are developing the Waasigan Transmission Line project during unusual times with unique community circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Hydro One continues to respect the measures that communities have been taking to keep the health and safety of their membership a top priority and we continue to support communities during these challenging times.

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees is always a top priority. During this pandemic, we have implemented significant measures to ensure the health and safety of our Waasigan project team. Team members have been working from home, practicing physical distancing and holding meetings and engagement activities virtually and through teleconferences in order to minimize potential exposure.

On July 17, 2020, the province of Ontario initiated their Stage 3 re-opening plan (<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-3-en-2020-07-13.pdf>) for many health units, including the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units. Stage 3 permits the re-start of many activities so long as public health advice and workplace safety guidance is followed. Gathering limits, for example, have increased to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors with physical distancing of at least two metres.

We have heard, and agree that in-person engagement on the Waasigan project is important and cannot be replaced. Now that Stage 3 has been initiated, Hydro One would like to explore new opportunities to re-engage with Indigenous Communities in-person. Hydro One has a significant local presence in northwestern Ontario, including members of the Waasigan team, and we would like to explore opportunities for our local team to engage with communities.

Following appropriate health and safety protocols, the local Hydro One Waasigan team can:

- Provide in-person one-on-one or small group meetings between community leadership, staff and/or community members to provide project information and to answer questions;
- Meet with project Community Engagement Coordinators to provide project support and guidance on key tasks and activities; and
- Host indoor or outdoor meetings either within the community or outside the community (i.e., at a Hydro One facility or other mutually acceptable space).

Hydro One will:

- Restrict all engagement to local (i.e., Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units' residents) project team members;
- Respect and institute physical distancing measures, as recommended by the Thunder Bay and Northwestern District Health Units; and
- Wear and provide to participants personal protective equipment, such as masks and hand sanitizer during any engagement activity.

We understand that you and your community are working through what Stage 3 means and how you wish to proceed with engagement activities related to this project. If you are interested, we would be pleased to discuss any options for engagement that are considered safe and viable to your community. We recognize that selecting the most effective engagement is important to all of the Indigenous communities participating in the Project, as well as the Hydro One team. Topics for the engagement could include: follow-up on the draft Terms of Reference review period, Indigenous knowledge collection agreements/protocols, engagement processes during the environmental assessment, environmental studies and/or employment and procurement opportunities during the environmental assessment.

As you are aware, the 45-day review period on the Draft Terms of Reference will be expiring on August 14, 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions, comments, or to request a meeting to discuss the Draft Terms of Reference during that time. We very much look forward to receiving your input on the Draft Terms of Reference document.

We look forward to receiving your guidance as we navigate these new and challenging times. I would be happy to discuss further over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with your community on this project.

Sincerely,



Christine Goulais

cc. Glen Wetelainen, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation

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August 6, 2020

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Sent by email to: Christine.Goulais@HydroOne.com

Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Christine,

GLP is in receipt of your July 30th, 2020 letter outlining Hydro One's potential engagement options in light of the northwestern Ontario region moving into Ontario's Stage 3 re-opening under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We are also aware of the Hydro One's proposed August 14th deadline for comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference.

In my June 7th letter to Hydro One, we acknowledged the early release of the draft Terms of Reference to our First Nations but cautioned of the engagement challenges related to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. We proposed that the 45-day review period for the Draft Terms of Reference should not start until the Ontario state of emergency has ceased, our First Nations communities are no longer under restrictions and each community is prepared to commence engagement activities.

We have been working with Hydro One and our communities to facilitate engagement, however, meaningful engagement has not been possible to date. As such we recommend Hydro One change the 45-day comment period to start on July 24th, 2020 (the date which the Ontario state of emergency ended), making the new deadline September 7th, 2020. This additional review time will allow for coordination of tasks by our community engagement coordinators, which will play a vital role facilitating the review of the documents and providing information / comments to Hydro One. Please keep in mind that each First Nation is managing COVID-19 pandemic restrictions differently, which will need to be considered when planning engagement. We can commit to providing you a list by August 14th indicating the status of COVID restrictions and engagement options for each GLP First Nation.

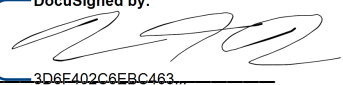
As agreed under the Initial Engagement Agreement, GLP is taking steps to facilitate the engagement process, Terms of Reference document review, and TK/TLRU scoping. The other key activity you agreed to under the IEA workplan is negotiation and adoption of the Term Sheet. We

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are concerned with the lack of progress to date on the Term Sheet and expect it to be completed prior to Hydro One submitting the Terms of Reference to the Crown.

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Tom Johnson
President
Indigenous Transmission LP

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Good Morning Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated August 6, 2020. Please find attached Hydro One's response indicating we will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

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August 14, 2020

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Re: Draft Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Thank you for the letter dated August 6, 2020, sent on behalf of the Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP). We acknowledge the recommendation for the draft Terms of Reference review period to be extended to September 7, 2020. As expressed, this additional time would allow the GLP member communities to coordinate their review and provide comments on the draft Terms of Reference. Hydro One understands the importance of working collaboratively and recognizes the unprecedented challenges that Indigenous communities have faced as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and, therefore, will accept comments on the draft Terms of Reference until 4:30 p.m. on September 7, 2020.

As noted in the letter, we look forward to receiving information on the status of COVID-19-related restrictions and engagement options for each GLP community by August 14, 2020 in order for us to collectively identify opportunities for community engagement during the Terms of Reference period.

We look forward to receiving input on the draft Terms of Reference document from GLP communities by September 7, 2020. I would be happy to discuss any comments or questions you may have over the phone and ask that you please call me anytime at 647-549-4982.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with the GLP on this project.

Sincerely,

C. Goulais

Christine Goulais

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Bruce Hopper, Hydro One

From: Tausha.Esquega@hydroone.com
Sent: August 17, 2020 11:03 AM
To: bertcantin@wlon.ca
Subject: Boozhoo

Boozhoo Bert,

I just wanted to reach out to welcome you in your new role as Community Engagement Coordinator for Wabigoon and let you know if you have any questions about the Waasigan Transmission Line project, I am always available to help. I am the Sr Advisor for Indigenous Relations at Hydro One working on the engagement and consultation for this project.

Have a wonderful day

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Appendix L-1

Gwayakocchigewin LP (GLP)

Comments on Draft Terms of Reference



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Hello Christine – attached are the GLP comments on the Waasigan Project Draft EA Terms of Reference. Through the Protection Committee meetings, advisor feedback and peer review, Pinchin/Maawandoon have compiled these comments in the attached summary letter and detailed memo.

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August 31, 2020

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Attention: Protection Committee Members
Gwayakocchigewin LP

Re: Waasigan Project Terms of Reference Recommendations
Thunder Bay to Dryden, Northwestern Ontario
Pinchin File: 270769

Gwayakocchigewin LP (GLP) (Client) retained Pinchin Ltd. in partnership with Maawandoon (Pinchin/Maawandoon) to support the GLP in their review of Hydro One's draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line (the Project) Environmental Assessment (EA).

Based on Pinchin/Maawandoon review of the draft ToR along with feedback from the GLP Protection Committee, board members and associated community technical consultants, the following recommendations and considerations are provided to Hydro One for the Project. In addition, recommendations from Shared Value Solutions (SVS), whom was retained by Eagle Lake First Nation to support the community in their review of the draft ToR, are provided. SVS recommendations and considerations are supplementary to those provided by Pinchin/Maawandoon and are identified separately.

It is recommended that the GLP provide these recommendations and considerations to Hydro One on behalf of member endorsements and that technical consultant documents (Pinchin/Maawandoon *Peer Review Report of the Waasigan Project Draft Terms of Reference – Final* dated August 2020; Shared Valued Solutions Memo *Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference Supplementary Comments* Memo dated August 2020) be provided as an appendices for reference and context.

1.0 RECOMMENDATION OR CONSIDERATION SOURCE: PINCHIN/MAAWANDOON

Chapter 3.0, Section 3.4 – Providing Flexibility to Accommodate New Circumstances

Preamble: The draft ToR indicates that additional consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities and others will be undertaken during the EA process, specifically with respect to facility routing, as well as the approach used to evaluate alternative routes for the Project.



Comment: This is an important commitment for Indigenous communities. The GLP would like to have the commitment upheld and executed throughout the life of the Project. Advance notification of proposed changes as a result of new circumstances must be provided to ensure adequate time to review and engage within each community. Further, the review time and the engagement approach as it relates the Project in general, must acknowledge and respect each community's stance regarding the current health pandemic of COVID-19.

Chapter 4, Section 4.2 – Description of Existing Environment and Data Collection Methodology

Preamble: This section outlines the existing sources of desktop information and baseline environmental conditions that are to be used characterizing the alternative route options in the EA evaluation. An aerial reconnaissance and ground-based survey is planned in Fall 2020 to evaluate historic mine workings identified in the Abandoned Mine Information System and determine the potential of bat hibernaculum habitat. Further field studies are planned to occur in 2021 and 2022 once a preferred route is determined. Consultation with agencies and engagement with Indigenous communities are to occur during the development of the field work program.

Comment: It is recommended that during the aerial reconnaissance the following baseline information be gathered, to the extent feasible, to support the evaluation of the preferred route. These baseline environment factors and features do directly and indirectly contribute to both Natural and Social-economical Environment values of Indigenous communities:

- Wetland complexes – bog/fens, wild rice stands, seeps and springs;
- Wildlife features – raptor stick nest, waterbird colonies, mineral licks;
- Wildlife corridors and concentration areas for ungulates and waterbirds;
- Geology – outcrops, cliffs;
- Forest composition– areas of potential old growth, specifically pine in super-canopy; and
- Existing linear disturbance to facilitate access that may be commercial or privately owned.

Chapter 4, Section 4.2.2 – Natural Environment

Preamble: The section provides an overview of the desktop review and describes the collection methodology that will occur during field studies for each natural environment factor in support of the EA.



Comment: The draft ToR should clearly define and commit to the type of baseline field studies that will be conducted for the Project. Surveys for environmental features, such as wildlife and wildlife habitat or Species at Risk that have the potential to occur in the vicinity of the Project, will not significantly differ among the alternative routes. As written in sub-section 4.2.2.2, 4.2.2.5, to 4.2.2.7, statements relating to conducting field study “as necessary”, “as applicable” or “as required” do not provide Indigenous communities with confidence that the appropriate field studies will be undertaken. We would require a commitment to collect baseline data on sensitive species as well as species used for Indigenous traditional purposes, such as medicines. Within the Vegetation and Wetland natural environment factor in sub-section 4.2.2.6, field data should be collected for hemlock, sweet grass, sage and cedar and other medicine plant species as identified through Indigenous community engagement and studies. All baseline field studies should be conducted within the Project right-of-way (ROW) and the existing ROW where the Project is co-locating or paralleling. We would request that when the Project’s field program is developed, that Hydro One shares it with Indigenous communities for review. Indigenous communities want to have clear information regarding what baseline field surveys will be conducted for the Project in advance and would like to participate in gathering this information. Indigenous communities should be advised directly when Project activities are planned to commence to ensure opportunity for participation and avoid potential disturbance to those members that are active on the land in the vicinity of the Project.

Chapter 4, Section 4.2.3. – Socio-Economic Environment

Preamble: In the draft ToR, baseline environmental conditions were organized into the Natural Environment and the Socio-economic Environment. There are three areas under the Socio-economic Environment category that are of concern to Indigenous peoples: 1) Community Well-Being; 2) Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes; and 3) Cultural Heritage Resources

Comment: The draft ToR should include clear and appropriate definition of criteria and indicators to be used for the evaluation. In sub-section 4.2.3.2, Community Well-Being is not defined, nor is it listed in the list of preliminary evaluation criteria and indicators in Appendix B. Community Well-Being is used in relation to communities such as Dryden and Atikokan. We would like to see it defined in terms of Indigenous communities as well and developed into one of the evaluation criteria. Information as it relates Indigenous community’s well-being should be provided in Section 4.2.3.2. The Canadian Index of Wellbeing’s Profile of northern Ontario is listed as a source for this factor however, it may not be relevant regarding Indigenous communities in the Study Area. Further, many of the Key Records Reviewed are at a regional scale, which may work for the requirements of the draft ToR but are not appropriate at the Local level for baseline data.



In sub-section 4.2.3.3, there are commitments for collecting additional data in the EA for non-Indigenous communities but is silent when it comes to Indigenous communities specifically. A description of economic activities undertaken in the area is provided, however there is little said about how Indigenous communities contribute to the economy. Indigenous communities are attempting to become more integrated into the overall economic activities of the region through provision of goods and services and have a history of becoming involved in various stages of project development.

In extracting desktop information from sources for the Study Area, it is requested that this information is shared with Indigenous communities. Specifically sharing a comprehensive list of all known harvesting activities and locations, such as traplines and bait licence sites, from desktop review sources would be a valuable cross-referencing exercise with Indigenous communities.

In sub-section 4.2.3.6, review of any land claims against Canada, Ontario or a past grievance on the existing ROW where the Project is co-locating or paralleling should be included in the assessment. Within the draft ToR, Hydro One repeatedly states that IK (Indigenous knowledge) will be integrated in the EA and encourages the Indigenous communities to participate in the IK engagement. Hydro One recognizes the sensitivity of this information and indicates flexibility on mode of engagement on a per-community basis, if needed. This commitment should be upheld throughout all Project phases, respected for each Indigenous community and must be considerate of the COVID-19 public health crisis and how it affects each of the Indigenous communities.

In sub-section 4.2.3.7, with respect to the archaeological program, Indigenous communities should be involved in all stages and studies of the program. Hydro One's archaeologist should contact GLP to ask if community members have knowledge and skills that could contribute to the study. Several communities do have members trained to conduct and participate in such programs. As the Project will likely co-locate or parallel an existing ROWs, the program should include the existing ROW in the scope of work. It is highly probable that IK information or archaeological studies has not been gathered for existing ROW the Study Area given their dates of construction. Therefore, undocumented areas or features of value may be present on the existing ROW that should be considered in the Project's EA evaluation.

Indigenous Traditional Land Use studies for the Project will require assessment of the Project Study Area. Fort William First Nation has specifically identified that the western portion of their traditional territory, where the Project is proposed, has not been fully assessed in order to provide traditional land use and IK for inclusion in the EA evaluation.



Chapter 4, Section 4.3 – Potential Project Effects

Preamble: Preliminary Potential Project effects are summarized in Table 4-5 and Table 4-6 of this subsection and it is anticipated that the Project will have a net benefit on the socio-economy of northwestern Ontario and the province as a whole.

Comment: With respect to the Natural Environment, Indigenous peoples would be concerned to see any loss of fish, wildlife or species at risk populations and their habitat or anything that would change the availability of these populations for use by the community. With respect to the Socio-economic Environment, Indigenous peoples would be concerned to see any negative changes to their communities. This would include more than just nuisance effects such as noise and visual changes. We prefer the approach taken in the new *Impact Assessment Act*, where the impact of a large construction workforce on local and Indigenous communities are considered. The draft ToR doesn't specifically address the requirements for temporary accommodation, food, transportation and other services for the construction workforce of this Project and the impact of these people on local customs and traditions.

Additional preliminary potential effects that should also be considered to the Project undertaking and route selection are:

- Soil and Surface Water - Potential for contamination due to accidental release;
- Acoustic Environment – Temporary disruption to wildlife movement and habitat use; and
- Community Well-Being – Changes to community well-being from influx of worker population in rural locations.

Chapter 5 – Project Construction

Preamble: An overview of the Project description including design components and anticipated activities during construction, operation and maintenance is provided. The description of the Project and all phases are preliminary in the draft ToR and are subject to change based on further detailed designs, detailed surveys and engagement and consultation activities.

Comment: Indigenous communities should be provided a list of possible employment/procurement opportunities and discussions regarding employment on the Project should be conducted in advance of planned Project activities. Hydro One should conduct a skills assessment of each community to present opportunities, identify individuals with existing skills and develop access to advance training and employment opportunities for the life of the Project. Several communities have members that are trained and skilled to conduct and support baseline studies and various construction, operation and maintenance activities associated with such a Project.



Indigenous communities should be advised directly when any Project activities (surveying, ROW preparation and construction activities) are planned. A list of possible employment/procurement opportunities are provided in this section and Indigenous communities welcome early discussions with Hydro One regarding opportunities for employment.

To reduce strain on local services and community well-being during the construction phase, consideration to develop temporary work camps in the vicinity of the preferred route may be warranted. This is currently not discussed in the draft ToR. Any station footprint expansions that require new lands should be included in the EA process; it is not clear if additional land will be required for the proposed activities outlined in the draft ToR regarding line separation or station changes. Co-locating the new transmission lines adjacent to existing, already disturbed ROWs is supported. It is requested that were possible, the ROW width is reduced to the maximum extent feasible, leveraging currently disturbed land and existing ROW.

Chapter 6, Section 6.2. – Alternative Methods Identification

Preamble: One of the objectives of the draft ToR, is to identify the preliminary alternative routes for the Project. A detailed review of the alternative routes and the selection of the preferred route will be conducted during the EA. Hydro One conducted a number of external information gathering sessions called Corridor Workshops to consider specific indicators and criteria for the Project.

Comment: While it is mentioned that workshops were held with Indigenous communities (Mitaanjigamiing First Nation and Metis Nation of Ontario), most Indigenous communities have not had a local workshop conducted to-date. While Indigenous communities welcome the opportunity to participate in the Corridor Workshops, it is not possible given the current public health situation. While three “rules” stated for Indigenous factors in Table 6-4 are agreeable, most Indigenous communities did not contribute to alternative route selection in terms of providing IK. Additional time and effort to hold in-person workshops and engagement activities regarding Project details and activities are required for Indigenous communities understand how this knowledge will contribute to route evaluation and selection of a preferred route.

Chapter 6, Section 6.3 – Alternative Route Evaluation in the EA

Preamble: The section discusses the evaluation of alternative methods (routes) by the general routing principals, criteria and indicators for the natural and socio-economic environment.



Comment: *Appendix B* should be directly included in the body of the draft ToR for submission verses as an appendix. Criteria and indicators will be the foundation of the EA and when presented as an appendix, their importance is easy overlooked and under-valued. During the course of the EA, additional criteria through IK maybe identified from engagement activities and/or community studies. Indigenous communities and interested person should have the opportunity to suggest a level of significance that should be attributed to the criteria.

Chapter 7, Section 7.1 – Potential Effects Assessment

Preamble: The section provides a generalized overview of the assessment and how the evaluation will assess all major project components and both positive and negative effects. There is no clear methodology provided on how net and cumulative effects will be quantified and at what spatial scales.

Comment: Given the undertaking of the Project to support growth and future energy demands of the region, the assessment of cumulative effect should take account past, present and reasonably foreseeable future effects to the Regional Study Area of the Project and this should be expressed within the draft ToR.

Chapter 7, Section 7.2 – Mitigation Measures

Preamble: Few mitigation measures are presented in the draft ToR and the section suggests that both standard and site-specific measures based on industry best practices will be implemented to avoid or minimize potential adverse Project effects. Mitigation measure will be developed in consultation with Indigenous communities and others, as necessary.

Comment: Indigenous communities should be informed if it is not possible to suspend construction during sensitive periods (such as breeding bird period, fisheries windows, etc.) and what mitigation measures might be taken in lieu of avoidance. Specific mitigation should be listed in the draft ToR that will be included in the Project's Environmental Management Protection Plan. The following mitigation and monitoring activities should be included for the Project:

- A commitment to use Indigenous Monitoring for all planning phases – baseline studies, preparation, construction, operation and maintenance;
- A requirement to have Indigenous Monitors On-Site during any excavation activities;
- Prohibit the use pesticide or herbicide application for maintenance activities and use mechanical maintenance activities instead;
- Training of Indigenous Monitors for the Project should be conducted by local Indigenous Trainers; and
- Cultural sensitivity training should be mandatory for all Project personnel.



Chapter 8, Section 8.1 – Environmental Commitments

Preamble: Hydro One aims to integrate Indigenous community feedback and concerns to strengthen Project monitoring efforts. Hydro One has committed in the draft ToR to Indigenous community consultation, however, has not defined what is meant by this.

Comment: It is recommended that in the fifth bullet point following “Indigenous” be inserted when discussing “work cooperatively with governments, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders...”

Chapter 10, Section 10.5 – Indigenous Engagement Plan

Preamble: Chapter 10 is a discussion on the consultation plan for the EA. Hydro One acknowledges that there may be a need to update the consultation plan to meet the needs of individual Indigenous communities with respect to how they want to be engaged. This is especially true now with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comment: Relative to the Indigenous community’s engagement plan for the Project, the below should be incorporated into the draft ToR to ensure successful engagement practices.

- In supporting and facilitating participation with community members, it is recommended that Community Consultation Coordinators positions be renamed to Community Engagement Coordinators moving forward.
- It may also be necessary to produce more frequent newsletters and information sheets for the Consultation Engagement Coordinators to distribute within the communities. The Consultation Engagement Coordinator should be well educated in the EA process so that he can act as a liaison between Hydro One and the community during the time when face to face meetings are not possible.
- Indigenous communities prefer personal engagement over such techniques as virtual or digital Zoom meetings so there is much to consider in order to effectively engage them. Current and future engagement with Indigenous communities should remain as in-person and face-to-face activities to meaningful and successful participation. Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health situation, engagement activities will be dependent on when restrictions for communities are lifted and communities are prepared to commence in-person engagement activities. To ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges in the EA, ongoing dialogue with Indigenous communities is required prior to moving forward with key stages of the Project.

In addition, Hydro One has referred to guiding principals for engaging Indigenous Communities of which is a commitment to Hydro One’s Indigenous Policy. It is requested that Hydro One should share this “Indigenous Policy” with the GLP and Indigenous communities in the early stages of Project planning.



2.0 RECOMMENDATION OR CONSIDERATION SOURCE: SHARED VALUE SOLUTION

Please note that the following comments and recommendations were provided by Shared Value Solution on behalf of Eagle Lake First Nation for the Project. Comments were presented and discussed with the GLP Protection Committee members. The below Shared Value Solution comments and recommendations are presented in this letter to allow a direct and single source of review submission regarding the Projects draft ToR.

Purpose and Rationale of the Proposed Undertaking and EA Study (Section 1.4)

Preamble: The draft ToR provides conflicting and unclear definition of the “Project”. The ToR must provide a clear definition of the Project, and the scope of the Proponent’s involvement in the Project. A clear definition of the Project will then enable a clear definition of the purpose of the study, and the scope of the Project related to undertaking an EA “to select and confirm the preferred route and conceptual design for the Project and to identify potential environmental effects that could result from the construction, operation, maintenance, and retirement of the Project.” A clear definition of the Project will also enable a clear definition of the scope of HONI’s role as a proponent limited only to this specific phase of environmental assessment work, and make it clear that other proponents, including Indigenous proponents, may emerge for subsequent phases of the Northwest Bulk Transmission line identified in the 2017 LTEP.

Comment: The ToR should include a precise and unambiguous definition of the “Project”, it is not clear if the “Project” is:

- to ensure an adequate, safe, reliable and affordable supply of power to enable future growth in northwestern Ontario – OR -
- the Northwest Bulk Transmission line identified in the 2017 LTEP which includes: “Phase Three, a line from Dryden to the Manitoba border, could be needed after 2035 (or earlier if recommended by the IESO) to enable the better integration of provincial electricity grids” – OR-
- limited to the Ministry of Energy’s and IESO’s recommendation to construct a new double-circuit and a new single-circuit 230 kV overhead transmission line from Thunder Bay to Dryden – in other words the Project is restricted to the planning and project approval work required in advance of implementing the Ministry of Energy’s and IESO’s recommendation to construct a new double-circuit and a new single-circuit 230 kV overhead transmission line from Thunder Bay to Dryden.



Proponent (Section 1.5)

Preamble: The ToR should be clear on the scope and duration of the HONI's role as a proponent. We understand that HONI is the proponent ONLY for work with the IESO to establish the scope and timing of the Project, and to develop and seek approvals for Phases One and Two of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line identified in the 2017 LTEP. HONI is not putting itself forward in the draft ToR as the proponent for the construction and operation of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, or the entity to develop and seek approvals for Phase Three of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line. The ToR does not make this scope and duration of HONI's role clear. It is possible that another proponent may emerge for construction of one or more phases of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line identified in the 2017 LTEP. The OEB and ENDM have not designated HONI as the proponent for the entire undertaking of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line. HONI has only been designated as the proponent to work with the IESO to establish the scope and timing of the Project, and to develop and seek approvals. Should the EA be approved, alternative proponents, including Indigenous proponents, may emerge to undertake the project under the approved EA for Phases One and Two of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, or advance Phase Three of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project.

Comment: The ToR should include a precise and unambiguous determination of the scope and duration of HONI's role as a proponent in relation to a precise and unambiguous definition of the Project, including a statement that the Project may be constructed and operated by a proponent other than HONI.

Environmental Assessment Approach (Section 3)

Preamble: If the "Project" is to ensure an adequate, safe, reliable and affordable supply of power to enable future growth in northwestern Ontario as stated in Section 1.4, then a "focused" EA in accordance with subsections 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act is not appropriate. Instead, the EA should be conducted under subsections 6(2)(a) and 6.1(2) of the EA Act to include an assessment of both "alternatives to" and "alternative methods" for carrying out the undertaking.

Comment: A precise definition of the "Project" is required to determine if the EA can be "focused" EA in accordance with subsections 6(2)(c) and 6.1(3) of the EA Act, or should be conducted under subsections 6(2)(a) and 6.1(2) of the EA Act to include an assessment of both "alternatives to" and "alternative methods" for carrying out the undertaking.



Existing Environment and Potential Effects (Section 4)

Preamble: In Section 4.1, Hydro One indicates that the determination of appropriate Study Area boundaries was based on the need to capture areas most likely to be directly, or indirectly, affected by the Project, avoiding areas with known significant natural and/or socio-economic constraints. Given that a proponent other than HONI may emerge, it is entirely possible that another proponent may determine different geographic locations for supporting infrastructure (e.g. laydown areas or sources of aggregate supply and related haul routes and access roads).

Comment: The Project Footprint and Local Study Area should be expanded to include the City of Dryden, Eagle Lake First Nation, all of Wabigoon Lake and adjacent shoreline areas – these areas may include Project supporting infrastructure (e.g. laydown areas or sources of aggregate supply and related haul routes and access roads) that the ultimate construction and operations proponent may choose, including locations at First Nations in the case that the construction and operations proponent is wholly or in part an Indigenous entity.

Furthermore, the Regional Study Area should be expanded to include all potentially impacted First Nations for the same reasons.

Description of Existing Environment and Data Collection Methodologies / Potential Effects Assessment (Section 6 / Section 7.1)

Preamble: The ToR has a traditional Western science scoping of the natural and socio-economic environments that relegates Indigenous interests to only the Traditional Knowledge section of the ToR. Section 6 and Section 7.1 of the ToR should be inclusive of Indigenous interests in scoping the natural and socio-economic environments as integral to the description of the existing environment and the determination of data collection methodologies.

Comment: Natural environment should include:

- Indigenous cultural landscapes;
- Indigenous harvesting, cultural and spiritual sites; and
- Indigenous determinations of species at risk for harvesting, cultural and spiritual purposes.

Socio-economic environment: should include:

- First Nation government policies for potentially impacted First Nation communities;
- Indigenous community well-being;
- Indigenous community economy, land and resources; and
- Indigenous infrastructure and community services.



Alternative Route Evaluation in the EA (Section 6.3)

Preamble: The ToR states that the evaluation of alternative methods (routes) will take into account the general routing principles as described in Section 6.2.2, as well as the preliminary evaluation criteria and indicators as provided in Appendix B. First Nations have not yet been adequately consulted on evaluation criteria, indicators and routing principles for evaluating alternative methods (routes), and the ToR is not the appropriate vehicle for this consultation.

Comment: The evaluation criteria, indicators and routing principles for evaluating alternative methods (routes) must be subject to detailed consultation with potentially impacted First Nations, during the EA.

Alternative Route Evaluation in the EA (Section 6.3)

Preamble: The ToR states that in “regards to the approach to the alternatives evaluation, it is reasonable to assume that the type and effectiveness of mitigation that can be applied to avoid or minimize effects will be the same for all the alternative routes being evaluated; however, the need for site-specific mitigation measures will be evaluated and applied to the Project, as required.” This approach does not provide clarity on the role of potentially impacted First Nations in providing detailed inputs on the type and effectiveness of mitigation, or on site-specific mitigation. Section 7.2 references that mitigation measures will be developed in consultation with Indigenous communities, but this is not explicit in Section 6.3.

Comment: Section 6.3 should be revised to include specific reference to detailed consultation with potentially impacted First Nations in providing detailed inputs on the type and effectiveness of mitigation, or on site-specific mitigation.

Project Effects and Compliance Monitoring (Section 8.2)

Preamble: Section 8.2 does not make reference to the now common approach for inclusion of Indigenous Environmental Monitors or Guardians on linear corridor projects. Furthermore, it is not enough to simply include Indigenous community “feedback” in developing monitoring of Project-related effects and compliance monitoring.

Comment: Section 8.2 should make explicit reference to the need for, and approaches for full inclusion, of Indigenous Environmental Monitors or Guardians during the Environmental Assessment process, and during construction and operation/maintenance phases of the Project. Furthermore, the ToR should provide explicit commitment to comprehensive collaboration with potentially impacted Indigenous communities in developing and implementing monitoring of Project-related effects and compliance monitoring for all project phases.



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In closing, the GLP, Protection Committee and Indigenous community members look forward to these commitments and encourage open and transparent engagement throughout the Project. Fulfilling and maintaining engagement with all Indigenous communities will strength the Project's EA process.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please contact the undersigned.

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PLAIN LANGUAGE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gwayakocchigewin LP (GLP) (Client) retained Pinchin Ltd. in partnership with Maawandoon (Pinchin/Maawandoon) to assist the GLP in their review of Hydro One's Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line (the Project). The Waasigan Transmission Line is a high voltage electrical connection between Hydro One transformer stations located east of Thunder Bay and in Atikokan and Dryden in the northwestern region of Ontario. The need for the Project has been approved by the Ontario Government. The ToR is a document that provides the scope of what is to be undertaken in the Environmental Assessment (EA) which follows Ontario's Individual EA process. After the ToR receives approval by the government then the EA can begin.

The role of Pinchin in the review is to ensure that GLP's interests are identified and addressed and that the ToR follows the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' *Code of Practice*. Special emphasis in the review was paid to the aspects of the ToR which have the potential to affect Indigenous communities both positively and negatively and make recommendations.

The role of Maawandoon in the review is to identify how much Indigenous knowledge (IK) exists in the communities comprising the GLP, identify any data gaps and to provide recommendations to the GLP in terms of what additional studies are required during the EA. Maawandoon will also review the aspects of the ToR which have the potential to affect Indigenous communities.

The draft ToR Guide (the Guide) provides a generalized overview of the Project location, engineering and technical factors and rationale for the undertaking. Because of the high-level overview intent of the Guide, not all information can be provided. One key aspect that we believe that should be included in this Guide is the introduction of criteria and indicators used for evaluation in the EA process. Consider adding *Appendix B* to the Guide as this list of criteria and indicators for evaluation is most important. Other minor consideration for Guide enhancement include: stating within the planning phases where the major activities associated with the ToR and EA occur; connecting IK with Social-economical Environment and identifying how it will be considered in the process as well as highlighting the commercial and employment opportunities the Project will bring; providing more information and detail as to why review and feedback from communities are encouraged for the Project specifically as it relates to baseline data. If using EA evaluation terminology within the Guide, include definition.



Chapter 1 of the ToR provides the regulatory context, the framework of the electricity sector in Ontario, background on the Project, background on Hydro One and an outline of the ToR document. The ToR is intended to satisfy regulatory requirements by providing the approvals framework for the Project, an indication of how the EA process will be undertaken, a description of the Natural and Socio-economic Environment, preliminary potential effects and mitigation measures, a description of the undertaking, identification and evaluation of alternatives, commitments and monitoring and an on-going consultation record. Chapter 1 is, in our opinion, consistent with the general practice for ToR documents.

Chapter 2 provides an overview of the EA process and why this undertaking was selected as a Category C project which requires an Individual EA. These types of projects have the potential for causing significant environmental effects and/or significant public concern.

Chapter 3 provides Hydro One's approach to the EA for the Project. Hydro One intends to conduct a "focused EA." This means that Hydro One doesn't have to establish the need and rationale for the Project or include an assessment of alternative approaches to the Project (although the "do nothing" alternative will be considered in the EA process). The chapter goes on to list the same type of information as found in Chapter 1. This chapter does identify that a draft EA will be prepared and made available for review by Indigenous communities, among others. The draft EA will include a list of all relevant commitments made during the preparation of the ToR and the EA to guide future environmental work, engagement and consultation, effects and compliance monitoring. Chapter 3 also identifies that the ToR was developed based on preliminary design, preliminary baseline data and early input. Additional consultation and engagement with Indigenous communities and others will be undertaken during the EA process, specifically with respect to facility routing, as well as the approach used to evaluate alternative routes for the Project. This is an important commitment for Indigenous communities.



Chapter 4 describes the existing environment and potential effects. Hydro One determined the preliminary area where the Project is proposed to take place (Study Area) using accepted transmission line planning criteria, internal and external workshops with several provincial ministries and agencies and interested persons. Indigenous communities were also asked to comment on the preliminary Study Area. Once the preliminary Study Area went through the consultation phase it was renamed the Route Selection Study area and formed the area within which alternative routes were identified. Hydro One also defined the Project footprint as the area covered by the transmission line right-of-way (ROW) and associated infrastructure such as access roads and laydown (tower assembly and equipment storage) areas. The Local Study Area was defined as about 500 metres (m) on each side of the Project footprint while the Regional Study Area was defined as lands 5 kilometres (km) or more from the Project footprint. These three spatial areas will help define the type and level of data to be collected during the EA process. Baseline environmental conditions were organized into the Natural Environment and the Socio-economic Environment. There are three areas under the Socio-economic Environment category that are of concern to Indigenous peoples: 1) Community Well-being; 2) Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes; and 3) Cultural Heritage Resources.

Community Well-being is not defined, nor is it listed in the list of preliminary evaluation criteria and indicators (*Appendix B*). Later in the document it is used in relation to communities such as Dryden and Atikokan. We would like to see it defined in terms of Indigenous communities as well and developed into one of the evaluation criteria.

Chapter 4 also provides a desktop description of the Natural and Socio-economic Environment of the Study Area. *Table 4-1* of the draft ToR lists “Key Records Reviewed.” During the EA process, Hydro One has committed to engaging Indigenous communities and incorporating their IK into decisions on evaluating alternative routes and selecting a preferred route. Many of the key records reviewed are at a regional scale which may work for the requirements of the ToR but are not appropriate at the local level. For example, Chapter 4 cites the Canadian Index of Wellbeing’s Profile of northern Ontario as a source. We are unsure that this will be relevant for Indigenous communities in the Study Area. One area of significant concern to us is the level of data that will be used to make decisions. Statements related to conducting field study “as necessary” “as applicable” or “as required” does not provide Indigenous communities with confidence that the appropriate field studies will be undertaken. This is especially true for Species at Risk. Statements that “Consultation with the MECP will be undertaken to determine the need for SAR field studies to be completed in support of the EA” provide us with some degree of confidence that field studies will be required. We would request that, after discussions with the MNR and MECP, when Hydro One has their field program developed that they share it with us for review. For example, identification of traditional medicines, such as hemlock, sweet grass, sage and cedar, within the Project ROW and the existing ROW parallel should be completed. We suggest the following features be confirmed during aerial overflight reconnaissance including wetland complexes; wildlife features and area; geology features; certain forest characteristics and existing linear disturbances.

Section 4.2.3.2 of Chapter 4 is titled Community Well-being yet provides no information on Indigenous communities in the area. This section also makes commitments for collecting additional data in the EA for non-Indigenous communities but is silent when it comes to Indigenous communities.

Chapter 4 also provides a description of economic activities undertaken in the area, however there is little said about how Indigenous communities contribute to the economy. This is not meant to take away from section 4.2.3.6 which provides a reasonably good overview of Indigenous use of the land and resources for traditional purposes, however Indigenous communities are attempting to become more integrated into the overall economic activities of the region through provision of goods and services and have a history of becoming involved in various stages of project development. This section also provides a more detailed methodology for identifying and incorporating Indigenous knowledge into the EA. Until more detailed communication between Indigenous communities and Hydro One can occur, we can say that the section is well thought out and will form the basis of discussions going forward.



With respect to the archaeological program, we would require being involved with review of the initial results of the Stage 1 study as well as, being actively involved with any stage 2, 3 or 4 work Hydro One's archaeologist should contact GLP to ask if member communities have knowledge that could contribute to the study. Existing rights-of-way were co-located will occur likely did not have IK information completed at the time, therefore these areas may have been impacted and remains relocated to area where the new right-of-way is proposed. Indigenous Traditional Land Use studies for the Project will require assessment of the Study Area of the Project area.

Section 4.3 of Chapter 4 describes potential effects from the Project with respect to the Natural and Socio-economic Environment. With respect to the Natural Environment, Indigenous peoples would be concerned to see any loss of fish and wildlife populations and their habitat or anything that would change the availability of these populations for use by the communities. It is suggested that a comprehensive list of all known harvesting activities, such as Traps and Bait Licence Sites, from desktop review sources be generated and reviewed by the communities. With respect to the Socio-economic Environment, Indigenous peoples would be concerned to see any negative changes to their communities. This would include more than just nuisance effects such as noise and visual changes. A review of any land claims against Canada, Ontario or a past grievance on the existing linear disturbance paralleled is expected to be included in the assessment. We prefer the approach taken in the new *Impact Assessment Act*, where the impact of a large construction workforce on local communities is considered. The draft ToR doesn't specifically address the requirements for temporary accommodation, food, transportation and other services for the construction workforce and the impact of these people on local customs and traditions. Additional preliminary potential effects that should also be considered are: Soil and Surface Water - Potential for contamination due to accidental release; Acoustic Environment – Temporary disruption to wildlife movement and habitat use; and Community Well-being – Changes to community well-being from influx of worker population in rural locations.



Chapter 5 provides a description of the Project. The transmission line starts at the Lakehead Transformer Station, just east of Thunder Bay and proceeds west to Mackenzie Transformer Station in the Town of Atikokan and to Dryden Transformer Station in the City of Dryden. The new line will be about 350 km long. The 230 kV line will be similar to existing steel-lattice transmission lines in northwestern Ontario. From Thunder Bay to Atikokan it will be double circuit while the Atikokan to Dryden section will be single circuit. Towers are expected to be 30 m high for the single-circuit line and 40 m high for the double-circuit line. The width of the ROW required to be cleared is between 40 m to 76 m in width. Spacing between towers ranges from 270 m to 300 m. Hydro One prefers to keep access roads used for construction and maintenance of the line on the ROW where possible and the same is true for equipment storage, tower assembly and other temporary uses. Construction offices will be located in the major communities. Some upgrades will be required at the existing transformer stations and a short section of line at Mackenzie Transformer Station will need to be separated with the lines on individual (vs shared) towers.

Section 5.2.1 of Chapter 5 states that It will take about three years to complete the Project and will be suspended during certain periods to minimize potential effects on sensitive areas or wildlife breeding cycles...where possible. We would like to be informed if it is not possible to suspend construction during these periods and what mitigation measures might be taken. Indigenous communities should be advised directly when Project activities (baseline field collection, surveying, right-of-way preparation and construction activities) are planned.

A list of possible employment/procurement opportunities are provided in this section and we welcome early discussions with Hydro One regarding opportunities for Indigenous employment. In addition, we recommend that Hydro One conduct a skills assessment of each community to present opportunities, identify individuals with existing skills and develop access to advance training and employment opportunities for the life of the Project. Several communities have members that are trained and skill to conduct and support baseline studies and various Project activities. To reduce strain on local services and community well-being during the construction phase, consideration to develop temporary work camps in the vicinity of the preferred route may be warranted. Any station footprint expansions that require new lands should be included in the EA process.

Chapter 6 discusses the identification and evaluation of alternatives. As was mentioned previously, the provincial government established the need and justification for the Project, so the EA is focused on the preliminary alternative routes that have been identified through the ToR process. The preliminary alternative routes were identified within alternative corridors that identified a Study Area within which it would be possible to identify a reasonable number of alternatives. Hydro One used the Electric Power Research Institute-Georgia Transmission Corporation Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology as a framework for identification and selection of alternative routes. Hydro One conducted a number of external information gathering sessions called Corridor Workshops to consider specific factors for transmission line siting. While it is mentioned that workshops were held with Indigenous communities, most communities did not have a workshop due to a number of factors, not the least is the current health pandemic. While Indigenous communities welcome the opportunity to participate in the Corridor Workshops, it is not possible given the current public health situation and we will focus our review on the results of the workshops which is the location of the draft alternative routes identified.

We support co-locating the new transmission lines adjacent to existing, already disturbed ROWs. We especially support paralleling existing electric transmission lines since there could be some overlap with the existing ROW, potentially reducing width. As well, there would be the ability to use existing access roads and water crossings, limit new access to undisturbed areas, not increase the forest edge effect and reduce disturbance through line maintenance and operations. A wider ROW may have a greater visual impact and this would have to be carefully considered.

Table 6-4 in Chapter 6 lists general routing selection considerations. There are three “rules” or considerations stated in this table for Indigenous factors. While we tend to agree with these, since most Indigenous communities did not contribute to alternative route selection in terms of providing IK, we feel that a much better job is required to determine how this knowledge will contribute to route evaluation and selection of a preferred route. The remainder of Chapter 6 provides locational detail regarding the alternative routes. The alternative route evaluation criteria and indicators identified in *Appendix B* will be confirmed during the course of the EA.

Appendix B is a list of primary evaluation criteria and indicators for the Natural and Socio-economic Environment that are outlined by factors. This list should be directly included in the body of the ToR for submission verses as an appendix. Our focus is on the factor titled Indigenous Communities. Two criteria have been identified: 1) Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes; and 2) Cultural and Spiritual Areas and Sites. During the course of the EA, additional criteria through IK will be identified from engagement activities and/or community studies and we will suggest a level of significance that should be attributed to the criteria.

Chapter 7 describes the identification of Project Effects. Hydro One will conduct a net effects assessment of all major Project components and will propose mitigation measures to avoid or minimize negative effects. Given the undertaking of the Project to support growth and future energy demands of the region, the assessment of cumulative effect should take account past, present and reasonably foreseeable future effects to the Regional Study Area of the Project and this should be expressed within the draft ToR.

Table 7-1 provides a preliminary list of the Natural and Socio-economic factors that will be used in the net effect assessment. Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional purposes is on the list in *Table 7-1*. We will work with Hydro One on this aspect of the EA, as well as reviewing proposed mitigation measures. Specific mitigation should be listed for consideration. We request the following mitigation and monitoring activities be included for the Project: A commitment to use Indigenous monitoring for all planning phases – baseline studies, preparation, construction, operation and maintenance; A requirement to have Indigenous monitors on-Site during any excavation activities; Prohibit the use pesticide or herbicide application for maintenance activities and use mechanical maintenance activities; Training of Indigenous Monitors for the Project should be conducted by local Indigenous Trainers; and Cultural sensitivity training should be mandatory for all Project personnel.

Chapter 8 identifies environmental commitments and monitoring proposed by Hydro One. Hydro One has committed in the ToR to Indigenous community consultation, however, has not defined what is meant by this. We would recommend that in the fifth bullet point following “Indigenous” be inserted when discussing “work cooperatively with governments, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders...”

Hydro One states that they will be using environmental monitors during construction of the transmission line. Proponents of other transmission projects have trained and employed Indigenous monitors as part of the monitoring team. In addition to the Training Modules available to the Indigenous communities, we would like to see a commitment to using Indigenous monitors for all planning phases of this Project.

Chapter 9 identifies that Indigenous communities, government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations were engaged to provide input to the ToR. The consultation record for the ToR will be updated after the review period to reflect the comments that have been received.

Chapter 10 is a discussion on the consultation plan for the EA. Hydro One acknowledges that there may be a need to update the consultation plan to meet the needs of individual Indigenous communities with respect to how they want to be engaged. This is especially true now with the COVID-19 pandemic not yet over. Indigenous communities prefer personal engagement over such techniques as virtual or digital Zoom meetings so there is much to consider in order to effectively engage them.



Hydro One has identified guiding principals for engaging Indigenous Communities, on of which is a commitment to Hydro One's Indigenous Policy. It is requested that Hydro One shares their "Indigenous Policy" with the GLP and Indigenous communities. A detailed outline of the steps that Hydro One will take to engage non-Indigenous peoples and organizations is outlined in the first sections of Chapter 10. It should be mentioned that the Community Information Centres are also open to Indigenous peoples. *Section 10.5* identifies Hydro One's Indigenous Engagement Plan, including their principles for engagement, communities to be engaged and the proposed approach. The level of engagement is dependent upon proximity to the Project, Rights Claims of Indigenous communities, expressed interest of the community and work completed during the EA by the Indigenous communities. Hydro One is willing to develop a community-specific engagement plan for each community. In *section 10.5.1*, reference is made to the Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership (ITLP). The ITLP has recently been re-named Gwayakocchigewin LP (GLP).

We acknowledge Hydro One's commitments towards providing funding for Community Consultation Coordinators for each Indigenous community, conducting training activities related to the EA, and making arrangements for Indigenous community involvement in EA studies, among others. It is recommended that Community Consultation Coordinators positions be renamed to Community Engagement Coordinators moving forward. The consultation program offered by Hydro One and outlined in *Table 10-2* appears more comprehensive than programs for similar transmission line EAs recently undertaken in northwestern Ontario and we look forward to the engagement. The only potential issues relate to face to face meetings during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Alternatives to face to face meetings may be required. Hydro One's commitment to capacity funding agreements for Indigenous communities is welcomed in order to at least partially overcome the limitations placed upon the communities by the COVID-19 pandemic. It may also be necessary to produce more frequent newsletters and information sheets for the Consultation Coordinators to distribute within the communities. The Consultation Coordinator should be well educated in the EA process so that he can act as a liaison between Hydro One and the community during the time when face to face meetings are not possible.

Chapter 11 provides a summary of other permits, approvals and authorizations that are required once the EA has been approved. These approvals allow for the use of the land, protection of the natural Environment as well as social and cultural resources. Many of these approvals are issued by the provincial government while a few are issued by federal and municipal authorities.



The Record of Consultation: June 2020 document provides an overview of the approach consultation and engagement activities conducted to-date and what is planned throughout the EA process. The intent of the Record of Consultation is to record communications and track issues and outstanding concerns. Current and future engagement with Indigenous communities should remain as in-person and face-to-face activities to meaningful and successful participation. Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health situation, engagement activities will be dependent on when restrictions for communities are lifted and communities are prepared to commence in-person engagement activities. To ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges in the EA, ongoing dialogue with Indigenous communities is required prior to moving forward with key stages of the Project.



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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

Gwayakocchigewin LP (GLP) (Client) retained Pinchin Ltd. in partnership with Maawandoon (Pinchin/Maawandoon) to conduct a technical peer review of the Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) Draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project (the Project). The technical peer review will leverage previous experience in conducting and collaborating on Environmental Assessments (EA) in Ontario and guiding government documents including *Code of Practice on Preparing and Reviewing Terms of Reference for Environmental Assessments in Ontario* (MECP 2014a), *Code of Practice on Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario* (MECP 2014b) and *Code of Practice for Consultation in Ontario's Environmental Assessment Process* (MECP 2014c) in conducting the review.

The role of Pinchin in the review is to ensure that the ToR follows the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' *Code of Practice*. Special emphasis in the review was paid to the aspects of the ToR which have the potential to affect Indigenous communities both positively and negatively and make recommendations.

The role of Maawandoon in the review is to identify how much Indigenous knowledge (IK) exists in the communities comprising the GLP, identify any data gaps and to provide recommendations to the GLP in terms of what additional studies are required during the EA. Maawandoon will also review the aspects of the ToR which have the potential to affect Indigenous communities.

The intent of the pre-release of the draft ToR is to allow communities more time to review the Project documents and proposed process, engage technical advisors and consult with members. Hydro One hopes to build relationships and conduct engagement activities in a respectful, transparent manner to facilitate meaningful input to the Project. By providing this pre-release draft ToR to Indigenous communities in advance of the official 45-day comment period, Hydro One is taking steps to offer and encourage feedback while balancing Project and regulatory deliverables and timelines.

Pinchin's review will be organized to parallel the Chapters presented in the draft ToR and supporting documents pre-released to communities on June 8, 2020 to the extent practical. A high-level overview of key aspects relevant to the Chapter that have the potential to affect Indigenous communities will be identified and elaborated for context.



Indigenous Community Feedback and Integration Approach

The peer review report was issued as draft for GLP Protection Committee review and encompasses recommendation and comments were anticipated to be endorsed by all communities. During the June 30, 2020 Protection Committee, a presentation and discussion of the draft peer review report was held with technical advisor and members. Additional comments and feedback were obtained from members, specifically Fort William first nation and Eagle River. Comments and feedback provided were documented and incorporated to the final report. Following Protection Committee meetings were held throughout the month of July to discuss and obtain any additional feedback to be incorporated. To facilitate feedback from each community, the Protection Committee representatives were provided with Hydro One Project website links for project documents, feedback forms, engagement and consultation material. Based on each communities' unique approaches to communication, links were either posted to community websites, illustrated in community newsletters or provided to members by email. Protection Community members then relayed comments and feedbacks to technical advisor for discussion and incorporation to the peer review report and recommendations. Where applicable, specific communities were identified in the recommendations as it would be specific to that community.

Technical advisors also attended the monthly GLP board meeting on July 9, 2020 to provide overview of the draft ToR and key recommendations. Board members provided comment and discussion. Feedback was documented and further incorporated in the report.

An extension to the draft ToR period was requested by the GLP on August 6, 2020. Hydro One granted the extension indicating that comments regarding the draft ToR would be accepted until September 7, 2020. To align with the revised Hydro One review schedule, feedback provided to technical advisors up to August 31, 2020 was communicated and incorporated into the report. Recommendations for Hydro One within the peer report are compiled into the recommendation specific letter to which this final peer review letter is a supporting document. The recommendation letter was prepared by the technical advisors, review and approved by the Protection Committee followed by the GLP board members. Recommendations outline in the letter are those of the communities that comprise the GLP partnership.



2.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE GUIDE

The EA process can be complex and challenging to distinguish the milestones and considerations taken throughout. The draft ToR Guide (Guide) is intended to provide better understanding of the proposed EA approach in plain language by breaking out key milestones of the Project and providing a very general description of what is considered at that time. The Guide provides a generalized overview of the Project location, engineering and technical factors and rationale for the undertaking.

Because of the high-level overview intent of the Guide, not all information can be provided. Some aspects not included or clearly outlined in the Guide can be found in the ToR document. One key aspect that we believe that should be included in this Guide is the introduction of criteria and indicators used for evaluation in the EA process. This information, found in *Appendix B* of the draft ToR, is the foundation of the EA as it captures baseline data and sets the evaluation for the Natural and Socio-economical Environment. When feedback from interested persons, including Indigenous communities, are to be considered and integrated into the EA, these indicators and criteria are the first step.

For Indigenous communities, existing IK or that to be gathered to fill in the “gaps”, will be incorporated within the indicators and criteria. The list of criteria and indicators is important to present as it shows interested persons the different avenues to which a Natural or Socio-economic concern may be assessed in the EA process (i.e., indicator: animal harvesting, criteria: Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes; indicator: number and type of species, mapped significant wildlife habitat, criteria: Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat). IK feedback on the list of indicators and criteria are encouraged as it will help enhance and strengthen data gathering for both Natural and Socio-economic Environment in the EA process.

Additional recommendations for Guide enhancement include the following:

- Consider stating within the Project planning phases where the major activities associated with the ToR and EA occurs and where the criteria and indicators for the Natural and Socio-economic Environment will be most crucial in the Project;
- Missing from the description is connecting the Indigenous Knowledge collect to the Social-economical Environment and how it will be considered in the process. Acknowledgement of existing and baseline environment information and engagement activities should also be referred to in this section as it relates to the alternative routes (which are not mentioned here), the potential effects and mitigation measures for the Project;



- In describing the ToR as the roadmap for the Project, it implies that the studies that will be conducted for the Project are identified in the document. In review of the draft ToR, few studies are identified and are mentioned to be preliminary. This indicates that all studies to be conducted are not finalized nor have been identified at this time. Consider providing more information and detail as to why review and feedback is encouraged for the Project and how that feedback will be integrated in Project planning and study design. It is important to emphasize why engagement feedback is needed and how it will be used to ensure a successful consultation and engagement plan for the Project that meets provincial *Code of Practice* expectations;
- Consider defining and providing context on how criteria and indicators will be used to evaluate route selection. Stating that the criteria: Existing ROW; indicator: Distance of route located parallel to existing ROWs has been the most influential value to-date in determining the Project location and options. Consider adding *Appendix B* to the Guide as this list of criteria and indicators for evaluation is most important;
- In describing the potential effects of the Transmission Line, reference to Natural and Socio-economic Environment should be stated to provide clarity and reassurance that those factors will be considered in the EA. Rationale as to why most of the effects will be short-term during construction will be warranted; loss of wildlife habitat, changes in wildlife movement and mortality rate, loss of vegetation and forest as a result of new areas cleared for the Project is not a short-term effect; and
- Consider highlighting the commercial and employment opportunities that the Project will bring to Indigenous communities.



3.0 DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Chapter 1: Project Background

The Project was identified as a need by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to meet future electricity demands supporting growth in areas west of Atikokan and north of Dryden, and northwestern Ontario in general. Based on a series of provincial energy analysis, plans and policy documents outlining energy needs for Ontario, and the anticipated significant increase for electricity need in the northwestern Ontario region, a recommendation to Hydro One was made to proceed to the development work for the Project with the purpose to ensure an adequate, safe, reliable and affordable supply of power to enable future growth. Undertaking of the Project's EA is to select and confirm the preferred route and conceptual design, identify potential environmental effects that could result in from the construction, operation, maintenance and retirement of the activities. The draft ToR is to provide the guiding framework to the undertaking which will be used through the Project's EA. The rationale and need for the Project undertaking is sound and required by the province to support the anticipate energy demands of the region and consistent with the general practice for ToR documents.

Chapter 2 and 3: Overview and Approach of Environment Assessment

In Ontario, the *Environmental Assessment Act* mandates the protection, conservation and wise management of Ontario's environment and ensures that interested persons have the opportunity to comment on Project rationale, activities and approaches. An EA is a planning process used to promote environmentally responsible decision-making as defined and governed by the *Act*. Factors of the environment are typically broadly defined to be Natural, Social (Economic and Built) environments and this categorization is used throughout to EA process and will contain sub-categories for more detailed discussion and assessment.

Given the technical scope for the Project, the undertaking was selected as a Category C project and required an Individual EA. These types of Projects have the potential for causing significant environmental effects and/or significant public concerns. Hydro One intends to conduct a "focused EA" in that establishing the need and rational for the Project and inclusion of assessment alternatives are not required (with the exception of the "do nothing" alternative).



To accompany and guide the EA process, a ToR is developed based on preliminary design, preliminary baseline data and early input. Comment and feedback are encouraged by all interested persons, including Indigenous communities, with respect to facility routing, as well as the approach used to evaluate alternative route options. This is an important commitment for Indigenous communities. Feedback from engagement and consultation activities will be integrated into the final ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for an approval decision by the Minister. If approved, information in the ToR will be the guiding roadmap and framework for the Project EA.

The presented EA approach (process of preparation and submission, principals for evaluation, consultation and engagement) follows traditional planning steps as outlined in governing standards and regulations set forth by the province.

Chapter 4: Existing Environment and Potential Effects

Study Area

Initially the area where the Project is proposed to take place (Study Area) encompassed a large area between the pre-identified start and end points at existing transformer stations. Further refinement to the Route Selection Study Areas is based on anticipated and known design and operational constraints, baseline environmental information available by desktop exercises, existing disturbances associated with residences, transportation and utility services and feedback from early input from stakeholders and Indigenous communities. The approach to identify the Project Route Selection Study Area was phased and approached logically and technically.

Hydro One has defined the Project footprint as the area covered by the transmission line right-of-way (ROW) and associated infrastructure such as access roads and laydown (tower assembly and equipment storage) areas. The Local Study Area was defined as about 500 metres (m) on each side of the Project footprint while the Regional Study Area was defined as lands 5 kilometres (km) or more from the Project footprint. These three spatial areas will help define the type and level of data to be collected during the EA process. There is, however, the much broader area of northwestern Ontario that should be considered in terms of potential economic impacts. This would include the City of Thunder Bay with its port facilities and other communities such as Ignace that could provide goods and services to the Project.



Data Collection for Baseline Studies

During the EA, Hydro One intends on requesting input on the Study Area Route Alternatives and baseline studies that are to be completed. Hydro One is interested in discussing an approach to meaningful integration of Indigenous Knowledge (IK) information to the EA, harmonizing with the Western Science for assessment and evaluation. At this step, providing information on key IK factors, resources and species of importance as they relate to the indicator criteria selected, field data gathered and ultimately, the selection of the preferred route is paramount. Community Information Centers are to be held to identify community-specific interests, concerns and input on treaty rights that are potentially affected or to be considered and integrated in the evaluation. The approach presented does offer several opportunities for Indigenous community participation and integration of feedback into the assessment directly.

In Fall 2020, an aerial reconnaissance of the alternative routes is planned to collect data for surface water, fish and fish habitat and the terrestrial environment (e.g., vegetation and wildlife) to support the alternative route evaluation. Additionally, a ground-based survey is planned for Fall 2020 to evaluate the physical characteristics of historic mine workings identified in the Abandoned Mine Information System spatial data layer to determine if they have potential to support bat hibernaculum and may be a constraint to development. Several bat species are Species at Risk under provincial and federal legislation resulting in protection of their habitats. Critical Habitat for bats has been identified in the vicinity of the Project.

Based on the planned Fall 2020 aerial reconnaissance and bat survey, the draft ToR suggests that this information along with information obtain from desktop exercises, will be used to support indicator criteria and determine a preferred route. Conducting these aerial overflights will provide insight to the magnitude of environmental features not able to be effectively captured on footprint in a remote, forested environment with the intent of identifying environmental and engineering constraints in advance. Since these flights will be paralleling existing linear severances (i.e., transmission lines and roads) it should be easier to capture environmental features not already identified by desktop sources.

It is recommended that the aerial overflight complete the reconnaissance to confirm the following baseline information to the extent feasible, to support the evaluation of the preferred route, as factors do directly and indirectly contribute to both Natural and Social-economical Environment values of Indigenous communities:

- Wetland complexes – bog/fens, wild rice stands, seeps and springs;
- Wildlife features – raptor stick nest, waterbird colonies, mineral licks;
- Wildlife corridors and concentration areas for ungulates and waterbirds;
- Geology – outcrops, cliffs;



- Forest composition– areas of potential old growth, specifically pine in super-canopy; and
- Existing linear disturbance to facilitate access that may be commercial or privately owned.

Additional field work, as necessary, is planned for 2021 and 2022 once the preferred route is selected. All specific studies and approaches have not been identified and those identified in the draft ToR are subject to change. One area of significant concern to us is the level of data that will be used to make decisions. Statements related to conducting field study “as necessary” does not provide Indigenous communities with confidence that the appropriate field studies will be undertaken. For example, identification of traditional medicines, such as hemlock, sweet grass, sage and cedar, within the Project ROW and the existing ROW parallel should be completed; this can be complete through both community TK studies and proponent lead vegetation surveys. This is especially true for Species at Risk. Statements that “Consultation with the MECP will be undertaken to determine the need for SAR field studies to be completed in support of the EA” provide us with some degree of confidence that field studies will be required. We would request that, after discussions with the MNRF and MECP, when Hydro One has their field program developed that they share it with us for review.

Natural and Socio-economic Environment Factors

Baseline environmental conditions were organized into the Natural Environment and the Socio-economic Environment, which is typical planning and assessment for such Projects. There are three areas under the Socio-economic Environment that are of concern to Indigenous peoples [see *ToR Chapter 4, Table 1 for full list*]: 1) Community Well-being; 2) Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes; and 3) Cultural Heritage Resources.

To develop a description of these factors, published data was used including provincial information requests from various databases, interactive digital mapping tools, published summaries, profiles, policy documents and plans. *Table 4-1* lists “Key Records Reviewed” and represents traditional planning desktop exercises sources and records to consider. Some environmental factors have extensive desktop information available while other generally have less, for example baseline conditions for Physiography, Geology, Surficial Geology and Soils are less dynamic and subject to change in comparison to Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat, therefore are able to be more thoroughly presented in the draft ToR. The same comparison is true between Natural and Social-economic Environment factors. It is suggested that a comprehensive list of all known harvesting activities, such as Traplins and Bait Licence Sites, from desktop sources should be generated and reviewed by the communities.



Many of the Key Records Reviewed are at a regional scale, which may work for the requirements of the ToR but are not appropriate at the Local level for baseline data. For example, Canadian Index of Wellbeing's Profile of northern Ontario as a source. We are unsure that this will be relevant for Indigenous communities in the Study Area. Further to this, Section 4.2.3.2 of Chapter Four is titled Community Well-being yet provides no information on Indigenous communities in the area. Community Well-being is not defined, nor is it listed in the list of preliminary evaluation criteria and indicators (*Appendix B*). Later in the document it is used in relation to communities such as Dryden and Atikokan. We would like to see it defined in terms of Indigenous communities as well and developed into one of the evaluation criteria. Within this chapter, a description of economic activities undertaken in the area is provided, however there is little context or discussion about how Indigenous communities contribute to the economy. This is not meant to take away from aspects outlined in section 4.2.3.6, which provides a reasonably good overview of Indigenous use of the land and resources for traditional purposes, however Indigenous communities are attempting to become more integrated into the overall economic activities of the region through provision of goods and services and have a history of becoming involved in various stages of project development.

With respect to Cultural Heritage Resources, an archeological program is planned that will draw upon assessments, studies and IK gathered from engagement and consultation. As these efforts will include information gathered by various interested persons and data sources, we would require being informed and involved with review of the initial results of the Stage 1 study. In addition, being actively involved with any stage 2, 3 or 4 archaeological assessment work would be highly collaborative resulting in enhancement and strengthening of the baseline data for the EA. Hydro One's archaeologist should contact GLP to ask if member communities have knowledge that could contribute to the study. Existing rights-of-way were co-located will occur likely did not have IK information completed at the time, therefore these areas may have been impacted and remains relocated to area where the new right-of-way is proposed. Indigenous Traditional Land Use studies for the Project will require assessment of the Project's Study Area.



Specific to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources, Hydro One depends on information obtained through current and ongoing engagement to truly capture and incorporate IK into the Project EA. A review of any land claims against Canada, Ontario or a past grievance on the existing linear disturbance paralleled is expected to be included in the assessment. Indigenous factors and indicators that have the potential to interact with the Project, such as harvesting area, transportation pathways and features, are anticipated however detailed information relating to locations and use by which Indigenous communities is not publicly known. This information is important to be integrated not only has its valued by Indigenous communities but also because it does lend connection to other Natural Environment factors, criteria and indicators that would be otherwise evaluated purely on Western science approaches. Within the draft ToR, Hydro One repeatedly states that IK will be integrated in the EA and encourages the Indigenous communities to participate in the IK engagement. Hydro One recognizes the sensitivity of this information and indicates flexibility on mode of engagement on a per-community basis, if needed. There is support (funding) available for communities to conduct their own IK for the Project under sharing agreements. In theory, the support and opportunities outlined in the draft ToR adhere to the MECP codes of practices. Until more detailed communication between Indigenous communities and Hydro One can occur, we can say that the section is well thought out and will form the basis of discussions going forward.

Potential Project Effects

The Project has the potential to have both positive and negative effects on the Natural and Socio-economic Environment throughout the Project phases – construction, operation and retirement. Regarding effects to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes, Hydro One acknowledges that potential effects to wildlife, vegetation and water could affect Aboriginal and treaty rights of the communities. As such, the Hydro One has specifically outlined the following preliminary potential effects to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes and Aboriginal and treaty rights understanding that IK and engagement for the Project is important for assessment and routing decisions:

- Changes in the ability to access and use of land and resources for traditional purposes;
- Changes to community social and economic attributes resulting from changes to access to resources;
- Changes to access to resource harvesting and cultural sites within and beyond the area of the Project from effects on features, such as trails and waterways and camps/cabins;
- Changes to subsistence hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering as protected under Aboriginal and treaty rights;



- Changes to Indigenous landscape features, such as Place Names, Boundary Markers and Orientation Points, through disturbances to the land within the area of the Project;
- Changes to the environmental conditions, such as vegetation, wildlife, fish and water resources, that may influence traditional activities within the area of the Project; and
- Change to spiritual and cultural sites, such as ceremonial, grave, sacred, gathering and worship areas, that may occur in the area of the Project.

With respect to the Natural Environment, Indigenous peoples would be concerned to see any loss of fish and wildlife populations and their habitat or anything that would change the availability of these populations for use by the community. With respect to the Socio-economic Environment, Indigenous peoples would be concerned to see any negative changes to their communities. This would include more than just nuisance effects such as noise and visual changes. We prefer the approach taken in the new *Impact Assessment Act*, where the impact of a large construction workforce on local communities is considered. The draft ToR doesn't specifically address the requirements for temporary accommodation, food, transportation and other services for the construction workforce and the impact of these people on local customs and traditions.

Additional preliminary potential effects that should also be considered, as applicable, to the Project undertaking and route selection:

- Soil and Surface Water - Potential for contamination due to accidental release;
- Acoustic Environment – Temporary disruption to wildlife movement and habitat use; and
- Community Well-being – Changes to community well-being from influx of worker population in rural locations.

Chapter 5: Description of the Undertaking

Hydro One is proposing to construct a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden that will be approximately 350 kilometres in length. The total length of the Project, or the undertaking, will be dependent on the selected preferred route as identified in the EA process. In addition, approximately 1 km of double-circuit section of existing 230 kV transmission line outside Atikokan will require separation to two single-circuit lines and upgrades; this may include expansion of existing ROW, new towers structures and associated components. The connection locations and technical specifications of the Project are determined by the IESO and will comply with standards outlined by the IESO and American Electric Reliability Corporation.



The new 230 kV line will be similar to existing steel-lattice transmission lines in northwestern Ontario. From Thunder Bay to Atikokan it will be double circuit while the Atikokan to Dryden section will be single circuit. Towers are expected to be 30 m high for the single-circuit line and 40 m high for the double-circuit line. The tower structures will be fashioned with conductors, insulators overhead shield wire/optical ground wires and grounding. Concrete foundations are anticipated for each tower, pending site-specific conditions. The width of the ROW required to be cleared is between 40 m to 76 m in width, pending terrain, distance among towers and existing disturbances. Spacing between towers ranges from 270 m to 300 m.

Temporary and permanent access roads are required for the construction (i.e., ROW clearing and site preparation, equipment hauling and tower assembly) and operation (i.e., inspections and vegetation management) phases of the Project. Watercourse crossing may be required. Hydro One prefers to keep access roads used for construction and maintenance of the line on the ROW where possible and the same is true for equipment storage, tower assembly and other temporary uses. If no existing roads or trails are present to connect to the ROW, new access roads may be required and will be included in the Project footprint in the EA process. Hydro One states Indigenous communities will be engaged with regards to access roads to be used for the Project. Construction offices will be located in the major communities or in the vicinity of laydown areas, storage yards or temporary facilities. Construction offices will be located within the Project footprint for the assessment in the EA however are temporary and will be decommissioned once construction is complete. The description of the Project and all phases are preliminary in the ToR and is subject to change is detailed design, detailed surveys and further engagement and consultation activities.

Towns and cities within the Project area are rural and small in size and may not have the capacity to support accommodations for the influx of workers, specifically in the area between Atikokan and Dryden. To reduce strain on local services and community well-being during the construction phase, consideration to develop temporary work camps in the vicinity of the preferred route may be warranted.

Upgrades to Existing Transformer Stations will be required for the Project at the Lakehead, Mackenzie and Dryden Transformer stations. The type and extent of the upgrades are to be determine however may include footprint expansion at the station and installation of new facility circuit operational components as required by the IESO. No new transformers are required for the Project at this time. Any station footprint expansions that requires new lands should be included in the EA process.



Section 5.2.1 of Chapter 5 states that It will take about three years to complete the Project and will be suspended during certain periods to minimize potential effects on sensitive areas or wildlife breeding cycles...where possible. We require to be informed if it is not possible to suspend construction during these periods and what mitigation measures might be taken. Indigenous communities should be advised directly when Project activates (baseline field collection, surveying, right-of-way preparation and construction activities) are planned.

A list of possible employment/procurement opportunities are provided in this section and we welcome early discussions with Hydro One regarding opportunities for Indigenous employment. In addition, we recommend that Hydro One conduct a skills assessment of each community to present opportunities, identify individuals with existing skills and develop access to advance training and employment opportunities for the life of the Project. Several communities have members that are trained and skill to conduct and support baseline studies and various Project activities.

Chapter 6: Identification and Evaluation of Alternative

As mentioned previously, the provincial government established the need and justification for the Project, so the EA is focused on the preliminary alternative routes that have been identified through the ToR. One of the objectives of the ToR, is to identify the preliminary alternative routes for the Project. A detailed review of the alternative routes and the selection of the preferred route will be conducted during the EA.



During the early stages of the Project planning, a Project Corridor was identified. Through consultation and engagement at a Corridor Workshop, feedback from interested persons were incorporated to develop criteria for the siting. Hydro One used the Electric Power Research Institute-Georgia Transmission Corporation Overhead Electric Transmission Line Siting Methodology as a framework for identification and selection of alternative routes. Siting criteria includes factors of Natural and Socio-economical Environment along with technical engineering considerations. The methodology used for the siting exercise offers a structured decision-making process, transparency and inclusion of interest persons input to produce spatial suitability models for corridor and route identification. Hydro One conducted a number of external information gathering sessions called Corridor Workshops to consider specific indicators in the siting exercise. While it is mentioned that workshops were held with Indigenous communities (Mitaanjiigamiing First Nation and Metis Nation of Ontario), most communities have not had a local workshop conducted to-date. While Indigenous communities welcome the opportunity to participate in the Corridor Workshops, it is not possible given the current public health situation and we will focus our review on the results of the workshops (the location of the draft alternative routes identified). Details on Natural and Socio-economic Environment factors, criteria and indicators discussed and relative metrics of each used in the siting evaluation are presented in the Record of Consultation document pertaining to the Corridor Workshop activities.

Paralleling or co-locating with existing linear disturbances was the most influential criteria in siting for all factors followed by geotechnical considerations, designated natural areas and land use. Paralleling or co-locating with existing linear disturbances is industry good practice and is routinely implemented in large scale energy development projects. We support co-locating the new transmission lines adjacent to existing, already disturbed ROWs. We especially support paralleling existing electric transmission lines since there could be some overlap with the existing ROW, potentially reducing width. As well, there would be the ability to use existing access roads and water crossings, limit new access to undisturbed areas, not increase the forest edge effect and reduce disturbance through line maintenance and operations. A wider ROW may have a greater visual impact, and this would have to be carefully considered.

IK information gathered from the workshops to-date have identified the following factors and indicators recommended for inclusion to the exercise: trapping lines; spawning areas; natural features/habitat; waterbodies; areas used for harvesting purpose; and areas of cultural interest. Hydro One accepts further feedback during the review draft ToR on the criteria and indicators is welcomed to assist with calibrating the corridor and routes.



Project Alternative Routes Options

In general, routing selection criteria is aimed to minimize potential disturbance and effects to factors and maximize disturbances from valued resources, where feasible. There are three “rules” or considerations stated in *Table 6-4* for Indigenous factors relating to the Socio-economic Environment. While we tend to agree with these “rules”, since most Indigenous communities did not contribute to alternative route selection in terms of providing IK, we feel that a much better job is required to determine how this knowledge will contribute to route evaluation and selection of a preferred route.

The current or preliminary alternative route options have been developed on input received to date, evaluation of criteria and indicators for the Natural and Socio-economic Environment based on the preliminary baseline data gathered and known constraints associated with parallel some industry related existing linear disturbances (that is, pipelines and transportation corridors). Given the size of the Project, and areas where alternative route options are identified, the Project Study Area is separated into sections for the assessment for this portion of the assessment and includes:

- Section 1 – City of Thunder Bay (Lakehead TS) to the Town of Atikokan (Mackenzie TS)
 - Alternative route 1, existing 230 kV Transmission Line
 - Alternative route 1A, existing TC Energy Pipeline
 - Alternative route 1B, existing 115 kV Transmission Line
 - Alternative route 1C, existing 115 kV (and 230kV) Transmission Line
- Section 2 – Town of Atikokan
 - Alternative route 2A, existing 115/230 kV Transmission Line
 - Alternative route 2B, existing highway 622/230 kV Transmission Line
 - Alternative route 2C, existing highway 622/Snake Bay Road
- Section 3 – North Atikokan to Wabigoon Lake
 - Alternative route 3A, existing 230 kV Transmission Line
 - Alternative route 3B, existing 230 kV Transmission Line
 - Alternative route 3C, existing 230 kV Transmission Line
- Section 4 – Wabigoon Lake to the City of Dryden (Dryden TS)
 - Alternative route 4, existing 115/230 kV Transmission Line
- Separation of Circuits F25A and D26A



The evaluation of alternative methods (routes) will take into account the general routing principles used to identify the Project Corridor, as well as the preliminary evaluation criteria and indicators as provided in *Appendix B* of the draft ToR. Potential effects for the route alternatives will be reviewed in the evaluation to select the preferred route. The preferred route will then be carried forth in the EA of the Project. Existing transmission line disturbances where developed prior to the designation of some features in the area; co-locating the Project with existing linear disturbances in these areas will be considered in the evaluation.

Criteria and Indicators for Route Evaluation

In review of the criteria and indicators provided in *Appendix B* for the evaluation exercise, numerous Natural and Socio-economic Environment factors that are both distinct and all encompassing are considered. The diversity, along with the detail and units for the evaluation are robust and appropriate for the Study Area to adequately support the assessment exercise for route selection. Criteria and indicators outlined reflect valued factors that should be considered in industry and best management practices.

Specific to the factor titled Indigenous Communities, there are two criteria that have been identified: 1) Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes; and 2) Cultural and Spiritual Areas and Sites. Currently within the draft ToR, the following preliminary indicators relating the Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purpose criteria include:

- Number and area (ha) of animal harvesting sites in the ROW;
- Number and area (ha) of plant harvesting sites in the ROW;
- Number and area (ha) of waterbody features used to harvest fish in the ROW;
- Number and area (ha) of habitation sites (cabins/camps/village/trading posts) in the ROW;
- Number and area (ha) of trapline crossings in the ROW; and
- Number and area (ha) of travel routes (trail/canoe/walking) in the ROW;

Currently within the draft ToR, the following preliminary indicators relating the Cultural and Spiritual Areas and Sites of Indigenous Communities criteria include:

- Number and area (ha) of culturally sensitive sites and areas in the ROW including:
 - Ceremonial Sites;
 - Graves;
 - Sacred Sites;



- Gathering Areas;
- Spiritual Sites;
- Points of Interest; and,
- Worship Areas.

We would recommend that the information presented in *Appendix B* regarding criteria and indicators used in the evaluation be directly included in the body of the ToR for submission verses as an appendix. The current location of this information is easily overlooked and can be construed as less important when in fact, it is of utmost importance in decision-making exercises through the EA.

During the course of the EA, additional criteria through IK will be identified from engagement activities and/or community studies and we will suggest a level of significance that should be attributed to the criteria. Information relating to preliminary criteria and indicators will be identified to strengthen the EA process.

Chapter 7 and 8: Approach to Preferred Route, Project Effects, Commitments and Monitoring

Once the preferred route is selected, the EA will proceed assessing the construction, operation and maintenance phases of the Project at this time, it is not anticipated that retirement or decommissioning of the Project will be required within a timeframe that can easily be discussed. Using a similar set of preliminary Natural and Socio-economic Environment factors as outlined for the collection of existing and baseline information (*see Table 7-1*), the EA will identify positive and negative effects, and offer mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize adverse effects. The approach outlined in the draft ToR follows the traditional steps involved in an EA from baseline data collection of the existing environment, net effects followed by cumulative effects. Within the draft ToR, mention of the cumulative assessment seldom occur and with very little context. Given the undertaking of the Project to support growth and future energy demands of the region, the assessment of cumulative effect should take account past, present and reasonably foreseeable future effects to the Regional Study Area of the Project and this should be expressed within the draft ToR.

Mitigation measures will be highly dependent of the effects of the Project, where some measures will be standard and implemented along the route where others will be Site-specific due the characteristics of a feature. It is agreeable that standard and Site-specific mitigation measures that are implemented on development projects are of best management and industry practices. It is valuable to consult and engage on the measures as some factors that would generally receive standard measures should in-fact receive Site-specific measure due to the value to Indigenous communities. We will work with Hydro One on aspects of potential effects in the EA, as well as reviewing proposed mitigation measures.



Hydro One states that they will be using environmental monitors during construction of the transmission line. Proponents of other transmission projects have trained and employed Indigenous monitors as part of the monitoring team. In addition to the Training Modules available to the Indigenous communities, we would like to see a commitment to using Indigenous monitors for all planning phases of this Project.

Specific mitigation should be listed for consideration. We request the following mitigation and monitoring activities be included for the Project:

- A commitment to use Indigenous monitoring for all planning phases – baseline studies, preparation, construction, operation and maintenance;
- A requirement to have Indigenous monitors on-Site during any excavation activities;
- Prohibit the use pesticide or herbicide application for maintenance activities and use mechanical maintenance activities;
- Training of Indigenous Monitors for the Project should be conducted by local Indigenous Trainers; and
- Cultural sensitivity training should be mandatory for all Project personnel.

Outlined environmental commitments and monitoring in the draft ToR indicate that a list will be developed through the EA. Hydro One will take into account factors including significant environmental risks, feedback from Indigenous community consultation, responsibilities of Project personnel, potential improvements to monitoring performance, cooperative working interaction those interested and affected by the Project and new and potential advancements in environmental protection to achieve business objectives.

Hydro One aims to integrate Indigenous community feedback and concerns to strengthen Project monitoring efforts. Hydro One has committed in the ToR to Indigenous community consultation, however, has not defined what is meant by this. We would recommend that in the fifth bullet point following “Indigenous” be inserted when discussing “work cooperatively with governments, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders.”



Chapter 9 and 10: Environmental Assessment Consultation Plan

The consultation plan (Plan) was developed in consideration of the MECP documents regarding the *Code of Practice* for preparing Environment Assessments and Consultation plans. The Plan considers information gathered to date from communities, government agencies and interested persons. A framework on the approach is considered a 'live document' allowing for change throughout the process based on feedback received, and specifically highlights that individual communities may require community-specific engagement plans based on their preferred mode of communication. Feedback and comment on this draft Plan is encouraged as it will be incorporated for submission of the ToR.

Under the *EA Act*, consultation is required as part of an EA. The purpose of consultation, as noted in the MECP's *Code of Practice* (MECP, 2014c), is to:

- Provide information to the public;
- Identify persons and Indigenous communities who may be affected by, or have an interest in, the undertaking;
- Ensure that government agencies and ministries are notified and consulted early in the EA process;
- Identify concerns that might arise from the undertaking;
- Create an opportunity to develop proponent commitments in response to local input;
- Focus on and address real public concerns rather than regulatory procedures and administration;
- Provide appropriate information to the ministry to enable a fair and balanced decision; and
- Expedite decision-making.

Main consultation tools and activities as part of the Plan include Statutory Project Notices, Project Website, Project Email, Community Relations Project Phone Line, Information Sheets and Newsletter, Presentations and Meetings, Land Agents, Community Information Centers, report review (ToR and EA and associated Record of Consultation documents).

Hydro One acknowledges that there may be a need to update the Plan to meet the needs of individual Indigenous communities with respect to how they want to be engaged. This is especially true now with the COVID-19 pandemic not yet over. Indigenous communities prefer personal engagement, face to face meetings, over such techniques as virtual or digital Zoom meetings so there is much to consider in order to effectively engage them.



Indigenous Engagement

Hydro One has identified guiding principals for engaging Indigenous Communities, one of which is a commitment to Hydro One's Indigenous Policy. It is requested that Hydro One shares their "Indigenous Policy" with the GLP and Indigenous communities. Hydro One has presented a robust Plan that outlines the approach, tools and anticipated milestones where consultation and engagement opportunities will occur. Hydro One states that the Plan will be updated as necessary throughout the EA process based on new available information and input from interested persons and Indigenous communities. Below is a summary of the engagement plan objectives and modes of engagement presented in the draft ToR. Hydro One encourages feedback and comment on the plan to better tailor it for interested persons and communities.

To fulfill the requirements of the provincial EA process, Hydro One states that they will adhere to the MECP's expectations for Indigenous community consultation as described in the *Code of Practice* (MECP, 2014a). Hydro One intends to carry out its consultation responsibilities as described in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and as required by Hydro One's Indigenous Relations Policy.

Objectives of the Hydro One engagement process with Indigenous communities are:

- To provide opportunities for information sharing between Hydro One and potentially affected Indigenous communities as identified by the Crown, or others that have asserted their rights, including information about the Project and associated review and regulatory processes;
- To identify the potential adverse effects of the Project upon Section 35 rights;
- To identify the potential adverse effects of the Project upon other interests, including social, environmental, economic, health and culture; and
- To work with potentially affected Indigenous communities as identified by the Crown, or other that have asserted their rights, to identify measures to mitigate or avoid those potential adverse effects.



Activities will include relationship-building activities in a respectful, transparent manner to facilitate meaningful input and documentation of concerns and/or issues raised by any of the communities. Indigenous community-specific engagement plans may be required to follow community internal protocols and procedures to share information. Hydro One's approach to engagement and consultation during the EA will be flexible and adaptable as the Project is expected to evolve and some communities may wish to be consulted in specific ways. A tailored engagement plan for an individual Indigenous community may include, but is not limited to, the following elements:

- How Indigenous communities will be notified and engaged; this includes a description of the engagement activities planned (e.g., notifications, information sharing opportunities, open houses, individual meetings with the Indigenous community, etc.);
- Milestones during the EA process when rounds of engagement with Indigenous communities will occur;
- How Hydro One will provide opportunities for Indigenous participants to communicate with Hydro One about any issues or concerns about the Project during the period of engagement;
- Methods that will be used to engage with Indigenous communities;
- Identify the decisions that Indigenous communities can provide input to (e.g., routing, potential effects assessment, mitigation measures, etc.) and what role Indigenous communities play when the proponent makes decisions; and
- Activities undertaken to support the Project's community engagement include the following:
 - Hiring of Community Consultation Coordinators for each interested Indigenous community to assist in the organization, facilitation and documentation of engagement activities, events and inputs;
 - Conduct training activities related to the EA;
 - Work with the Community Consultation Coordinators in the making of arrangements for engagement activities that encourage the participation of youth, elders, and other interested Indigenous community members, including the IK collection program;
 - Schedule meetings outside of traditional cultural windows/period;
 - Use local vendors and caterers when meeting on Indigenous lands;



- Facilitate and make arrangements for Indigenous community involvement in any EA studies (e.g., fieldwork, archaeology, etc.); and
- Translate consultation materials into a form acceptable to Indigenous communities (e.g., reports, meeting materials, letters, notices, etc.).

In supporting and facilitating participation with community members, it is recommended that Community Consultation Coordinators positions be renamed to Community Engagement Coordinators moving forward. The outlined approach and statement of flexibility for the Plan is agreeable. It is recommended that engagement plan continues to be focused on conducting in-person activities and additional time be considered, particularly during and after the current public health risks. It may also be necessary to produce more frequent newsletters and information sheets for the Engagement Coordinators to distribute within the communities. The Engagement Coordinator should be well educated in the EA process so that he can act as a liaison between Hydro One and the community during the time when face to face meetings are not possible.

Meetings

Hydro One is open to hold targeted meetings with Indigenous community members to discuss specific issues or concern and facilitate understanding as the Project effects them and information shared and gathered will be incorporated in the Project planning and assessment. Measures related to information/data sensitivity will be taken, as appropriate. Meetings will be documented and included in the Record of Consultation, with the exception of any sensitive information or data.

It is recommended that meetings be conducted through in-person attendance as virtual execution of engagement is not acceptable for many communities and inclusion of all interested members in the engagement program is not possible remotely.

Community Information Centers

Community Information Centers and Routing Workshops will continue throughout the EA process and Indigenous communities will be invited. These public and/or community-based events allow for any questions or comments to be made, request additional information or express concerns. Community Information Centers within communities can be tailored to each community needs to provide information on the following:

- Introduction to Hydro One and its consultants;
- Overview of the Project, including study area, criteria and indicators and alternatives;
- Alternatives assessment and evaluation;



- Outline of the EA regulatory process;
- Outline of the transmission development process, including the Leave to Construct process;
- Effects assessment, mitigation, monitoring;
- Next steps; and
- How to provide input, such as a question or a comment.

It is recommended that Community Information Centers be conducted through in-person attendance as virtual execution of engagement is not acceptable for many communities and inclusion of all interested members in the engagement program is not possible remotely.

Training and Skills Development Program

Hydro One has created and will make available a training and skills development program during the EA for use by communities and it includes the following:

Module 1: Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review

- Information on the EA process; and
- Comprehensive training on the EA and ToR processes, tools for meaningful participation, permitting requirements and planned studies.

Module 2: General Natural Environment, Field Studies and Monitoring

- Train individuals who are interested in participating in field studies during the EA, as well as a knowledge-building exercise for Indigenous participants; and
- Technical overview of the Natural Environmental factors being considered for the Project, including hands-on practical field exercises.

This training program offers added value to participants from an educational and financial perspective as this program discusses opportunities of involvement and potential employment in the Project phases. We support this program.

Capacity Funding Agreements

Funding is provided to communities for their engagement with the following objectives:

- Provide capacity funding to Indigenous communities to facilitate effective consultation by Hydro One, including consultation and engagement on the EA;



- Outline an agreed-upon method of consultation and engagement, taking into account community protocols and practices;
- Outline a jointly agreed-upon work plan and budget for each Indigenous community to be meaningfully consulted, including adequate capacity and resourcing to participate;
- Identify a Community Consultation Coordinator or similar position; and
- Outline a process for the sharing of information regarding the Project and associated studies and regulatory processes.

Though GLP does receive this funding, individual communities may request Capacity Funding Agreements individually.

Record of Consultation

All modes and details of communication and engagement will be traced outlining issues, action-items and follow up for Hydro One. The database will be used to fulfill the delegated Duty to Consult requirements and will include:

- Document Indigenous concerns and follow-up actions and responses;
- Document and track mitigation measures developed by Hydro One to prevent, mitigate or otherwise address potential effects of the Project upon Section 35 rights;
- Maintain a current record of staff and community representatives; and
- Maintain a record of all communications (including phone calls and emails) and information provided to each Indigenous community as well as consultation events/activities with each community.

Hydro One will develop an issue resolution strategy for the EA. Engagement with Indigenous communities are expected to be ongoing throughout the EA and into the Project implementation phase. Community Consultation Coordinators are anticipated to play a pivot role, specifically if current public health concerns persist. Further review of the Record of Consultation document is provided in Section 11.0 of this peer review.



Chapter 11: Other Permits, Approvals and Authorizations

The list of permits, approvals and authorizations provided in the draft ToR is comprehensive and complete at this time. Require acquisition will be dependent on preferred route, constraints and technical aspects anticipated and encountered during the construction phase. As the EA process continues, further baseline information is collected for Natural and Socio-economic factors, and additional consultation with agencies occur, applicable permits, approvals and authorizations will be identified.

4.0 RECORD OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

The Waasigan Transmission Line: Draft Terms of Reference: Record of Consultation: June 2020 document provides an overview of the approach consultation and engagement activities conducted to-date and what is planned throughout the EA process. In addition, the document provides records of all consultation and engagement outlining date, mode of communication and purpose with the identified audience followed by the input received. The intent of the Record of Consultation is to record communications and track issues and outstanding concerns by using consultation tracking software. All Project material provided and developed to-date in support of the consultation and engagement activities are included as Appendices to the document.

The Crown's Duty to Consult was delegated to Hydro One for the Project and a list of Indigenous communities that should be consulted were provided.

Hydro One's Project consultation and engagement activities are planned to continue during the draft ToR review period and the input received from these activities will be incorporated into the proposed ToR that will be submitted to the MECP for review and decision. Consultation and engagement activities are planned to continue through the EA process, to the Project in-service date and beyond. Two separate consultation and engagement programs are in place, one tailored for Indigenous communities and organizations and the other for stakeholders. Information provided regarding the Project are the same or very similar and the approach relating to communication is tailored and adapted to preferred modes of Indigenous community's communication. Details relating to the Plan are provided in Chapter 9.0 of this peer review.

Indigenous Engagement

Hydro One has outlined steps to-date in the Project's engagement activities with Indigenous communities as part of draft ToR preparation, which includes:

- Informing communities of the Project, the EA, and how they can be involved with the Project;



- Identifying the methods and means by which Indigenous communities and organizations may choose to participate and be consulted;
- Working with individual communities to establish Capacity Funding Agreements;
- Inviting communities to Corridor Workshop sessions held in June 2019;
- Offering community-specific Corridor Workshop sessions and Community Information Centers;
- Holding calls and/or meetings with the communities and/or their consultants to confirm their interests and how they would like to be involved; and
- Providing communities with notices and information shared with the public, such as advanced notice of and invitations to public CICs.

Hydro One acknowledges the entity organized among the seven communities, Indigenous Transmission Limited Partnership (recently renamed to Gwayakocchigewin LP) to facilitate discussion around engagement and participation related to the Project. It is stated that monthly meetings are held with GLP through a variety of committees to review administrative, engagement and procedural matters pertaining to the Project. Hydro One anticipates that the GLP will coordinate and provide comments from member communities on this draft ToR. It is also anticipated that the GLP, to a significant extent, will coordinate members' participation in the EA.

To-date, some feedback, comments and questions have been gathered from engagement activities with Indigenous communities and members (*Table 3-2 of the Record of Consultation document*) that consists of:

- Traditional Land and Resource Use – the presence trap lines, medicines and berries harvested in the Study Area;
- Natural Environment – importance of water and concerns about impacts;
- Socio-Economic – current electricity capacity issues and reliability;
- Community Impacts and Benefits – interest in training, internship, contracts and employment, procurement from their community, annual compensation agreements, cost of electricity, opportunities with or from the Project; how member-owned forestry blocks in the Study Area will be consulted upon;
- Project Routing – design and appearance of the new transmission line;
- Future Opportunities – comments regarding the potential opportunities with new line; and, upgrades; and



- Community Engagement – how the engagement process works, who can be engaged, if communities can collaborate, how other groups rights are considered and if information material can be provided in local language.

As a result of the COVID-19 public health situation, the schedule for in-person engagement activities for spring 2020 was deferred and Hydro One has offered opportunities for Indigenous communities through virtual formats. Virtual formats are not received as effective engagement with Indigenous communities due to technological challenges some communities and their members face. Gathering of members in a centralized location to participate in virtual session is not practical during the current public health situation. In-person engagement is the preferred method for Indigenous communities. At this time, primarily due to the public health situation, no in-person engagement activities have commenced within the GLP communities to facilitate community member participation.

Hydro One is committed to engaging and consulting with these identified Indigenous communities and to developing collaborative working relationships with each of these groups through the EA process, to the Project in-service date and beyond. Current and future engagement with Indigenous communities should remain as in-person and face-to-face activities to meaningful and successful participation. Given the ongoing COVID-19 public health situation, engagement activities will be dependent on when restrictions for communities are lifted and communities are prepared to commence in-person engagement activities. To ensure an inclusive process, and mitigate future challenges in the EA, ongoing dialogue with Indigenous communities is required prior to moving forward with key stages of the Project. Additional review time will be required for draft ToR specific if the public health situation and restrictions for Indigenous communities persist.

5.0 CONCLUSION

Through this review, it is determined that the draft ToR follows traditional planning approaches and assessment criteria for transmission line projects. Chapters within the draft ToR and content presented do reflect the expectations and criteria found in the provincial *Code of Practices* (MECP 2014 a,b,c) to the extent applicable for the undertaking scope, rationale and regulatory approaches stated. Specifically, the Project's consultation and engagement program proposed is robust, offering many avenues and opportunities for comment and feedback throughout the EA process. To-date, the draft ToR states that several opportunities for engagement and consultation have been made available to both stakeholder and Indigenous communities. Unfortunately, unprecedented times have occurred relating to COVID-19, hindering interested persons to readily and/or effectively contribute to the program. The draft ToR recognizes these hurdles and will continue to offer opportunities of involvement and feedback, if interested persons do choose to participate.



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7.0 TERMS AND LIMITATIONS

Specific limitations related to the legal and financial and limitations to the scope of the current work are outlined in our proposal, the attached Methodology and the Authorization to Proceed, Limitation of Liability and Terms of Engagement contract form which accompanied the proposal. Information provided by Pinchin is intended for Client use only. Pinchin will not provide results or information to any party unless directed to by the Client or disclosure by Pinchin is required by law. Any use by a third party of reports or documents authored by Pinchin or any reliance by a third party on or decisions made by a third party based on the findings described in said documents, is the sole responsibility of such third parties. Pinchin accepts no responsibility for damages suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made or actions conducted. No other warranties are implied or expressed.

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Appendix L-1 Métis Nation of Ontario





Minutes of Meeting

Minutes For.:	Hydro One Meeting with MNO R2CC	Project #:		
Project Name:	Northwest Transmission Line Expansion			
Prepared by:	Emily Spitzer, HONI	Meeting Date:	06-Feb-2019	
		Meeting Time:	11:00AM – 1:00PM	
		Location: Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay		
Attendees:	Daniel Charbonneau	HONI	Paul Turpin	MNO Citizen
	Devi Shantilal	HONI	Carry McLaughlin	MNO Citizen
	Tausha Esquega	HONI	Bonnie Bartlett	MNO R2CC
	Emily Spitzer	HONI	Cam Burgess	MNO R2CC
	Jacqueline Barry	MNO R2CC	Phil McGuire	MNO R2CC
			William Gordon	MNO R2CC

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1	Key points from meeting		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Prayer Roundtable introductions Hydro One provides an overview presentation of the developmental work they will be undertaking for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Expansion (the Project). Councillor Cam Burgess asked if the proposed line will tie into an existing line. Hydro One notes the line will be connected to the grid- whether the route is same as existing Tx lines. The new line connection 		

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	<p>will be determined at the TOR stage when route alternatives are being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Captain of the Hunt Phil McGuire asked about the flow of electricity and type of load. Hydro One confirmed within the electricity grid, the flow of energy could be in either direction to ensure customer needs are being met. Hydro One indicated that as per IESO's regional planning study the need for increased capacity could arise due to new mining loads as early as mid-2020s. • Carry McLaughlin inquired if the power will supply Minnesota. Hydro One does not know at this time and will inquire further. • Councillor Cam Burgess asks why there was a complete bidding process for the Lake Superior Link project, but not the Northwest bulk. Hydro One explains for the Project at hand, the IESO directed Hydro One specifically to undertake the developmental work for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the line since it is a requirement of Hydro One's Transmission License. • Carry McLaughlin asks if the Project support mining besides Ring of Fire and other activities in northern Ontario. Hydro One states that there is a possibility that the Project support such activities. The Project is born out of the IESO's anticipation for increased capacity needed in northwest Ontario, which could include new loads from mining activities. Hydro One explains IESO's role of forecasting power requirements both short-term and long-term and that future regional planning studies and Long Term Energy Plans would highlight anticipated additional loads that need additional Energy Infrastructure. • Councillor Cam Burgess asks how much the Project will cost. Hydro One does not have a cost estimate at this point in time because the project is still in early days. The purpose of the development phase is to develop an accurate cost estimate. • Bonnie Bartlett asks if the line will be built on existing Right of Way (RoW), or if new RoW will need to be acquired. Hydro One states there are existing routes, including the original 115kV line from Thunder Bay to Atikokan, Dryden, Kenora to the Manitoba border as well as a 230kV line from Thunder Bay to Atikokan to Fort Frances to Kenora to Dryden. However, Hydro One has not yet determined a preferred route for the proposed Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project at this point in time. Hydro One will evaluate routes, engage communities to seek feedback and incorporate the same. It is still very early days to determine whether there will be a need to acquire new RoW. • Carry McLaughlin asks if profits from harvested timber will be shared with First Nations and Metis. He suggests a possible Joint Venture with 		

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	<p>interested First Nations communities and to re-invest the money into their youth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One affirms their commitment to explore economic benefits. • Councillor Burgess inquired whether Hydro One even knows the quantity of trees to be removed at this stage. Hydro One commits to take this back for consideration and states a re-planting program may also be an option to explore further. • Bonnie Bartlett asks if the environmental assessment is for Phase 1 and 2 only. Hydro One confirms, yes, the environmental assessment is only for Phase 1 and Phase 2. • Captain of the Hunt Phil McGuire asks where their power currently comes from. Hydro One says once power feeds into the grid, it's difficult to determine exactly what type of generation feeds what communities. Ontario has a mix of power supply including hydro, wind, solar and nuclear. Hydro One can send the types and percentages of power used in Ontario. • Carry McLaughlin asks if it's possible for Hydro One to create an aerial view map of the project area. It would help communities and Elders visualize the project. Hydro One will take this back for consideration. • Councillor Cam Burgess requests an MNO Citizen act as a liaison for Region 2 and believes Region 1 will request the same. Hydro One notes they will be able to appoint a liaison through a capacity funding agreement (CFA) and Hydro One will send a draft CFA for their consideration in the near future. • Hydro One is committed to economic participation opportunities for Indigenous communities via employment and procurement opportunities. Hydro One asks if there are Metis businesses in the area. If so, Hydro One encourages them to register on Ariba and participate in RFPs. Cam Burgess is aware of a few businesses. • Hydro One thanks everyone for taking the time to attend the pre-consultation meeting. • Councillor Cam Burgess states they appreciate the early engagement on the Project. • Carry McLaughlin shares a personal story from an Elder and considers this meeting a reflection of that. He sees a sense of unity and togetherness and is glad we're starting this in the right way. • Hydro One thanks the MNO R2CC for their time • Lunch 		

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The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.



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Minutes For.:	Hydro One Meeting with MNO	Project #:	
Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line		
Prepared by:	Devi Shantilal, HONI	Meeting Date:	April 08 2019
		Meeting Time:	2:00pm- 3:00pm
		Location: MNO Toronto Offices	
Attendees:	Christine Goulais Devi Shantilal	HONI HONI	Joanne Meyer Bonnie Bartlett MNO COO MNO LRC

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1	Key points from meeting		
	<p>Waasigan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HONI informed MNO of the project name change MNO indicated their leadership may express concern about the Ojibwe name of the project HONI provided project overview and noted project notification letters may be sent by end of week HONI requested to establish a Consultation Protocol with MNO to help guide HONI's consultation efforts on the project MNO indicated HONI should follow the MNO Regional Consultation Protocols MNO would prefer HONI to only contact MNO LRC and not send correspondence to each Council President and nor call them individually since it is confusing for them 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HONI indicated it respects MNO’s governance but reached out to leadership to ensure it meets its Consultation obligations as a proponent since for a past project there have been instances when MNO leadership indicated they did not receive correspondence even though it was sent to MNO LRC • HONI sought feedback on how MNO would like to be involved for the corridor workshops. • MNO expressed data ownership and confidentiality concerns and requested for additional information about the corridor workshops • MNO indicated it may potentially want a separate MNO workshop and that an information sharing agreement may need to be executed • HONI is open to entering into an information sharing agreement • It was briefly discussed that HONI-MNO R1CC meeting in Fort Frances, ON for April 16th may start at 6 or 6:30pm and would likely be held at the Copper River Inn. Bonnie will call-in for the meeting. <p>Waasigan Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HONI is to send MNO a draft Capacity funding agreement for consideration • HONI is to share additional information about corridor workshops • Thereafter, MNO is to confirm how MNO wants to be engaged for the corridor workshop • HONI to meet with Region 1 Consultation Committee on April 16th in Fort Frances, ON <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall HONI, MNO relationship was discussed. • It was noted that MNO is not planning to conduct pre-AGA activities so HONI will not have any speaking opportunity at that time • MNO expressed interest in a meeting similar the HONI-MNO engagement session undertaken on May 13, 2017 • The HONI session could potentially be undertaken alongside an MNO – IESO session • HONI offered to explore the opportunity to bring the Electricity Discovery Centre to MNO AGA when MNO AGA is in HONI service territory • MNO would like to bring Métis businesses together for a HONI procurement workshop in 2019- potentially in Region 1 (future sessions could be held in Regions 3 &2) 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MNO infinity investments would be invited to the procurement workshop (Scott Richardson for other areas and Joel Henley for Region 1)• MNO will share draft general relationship agreement (GRA) template with HONI <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MNO is to share draft GRA template• HONI to work with MNO for a regional procurement session and a larger MNO-HONI engagement session		

The above is considered to be a true and accurate record of discussions at the meeting. Please advise the writer of any discrepancy noted within 3 business days of issue so that any suggested corrections may be addressed prior to approval of minutes at the next scheduled meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

Project: Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Date of Meeting: April 16, 2019	Location: Birchwood Room, Copper River Inn, 700 Steward St., Fort Frances, ON
Purpose of Meeting: To discuss Waasigan Transmission Line Project	Prepared by: Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)	Time: 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

Attendees

#	Name	Title
1	Theresa Stenlund	Regional Councillor
2	Marlene Davidson	President, MNO, Atikokan Métis Council
3	Brady Hupet	President, MNO Sunset Country Métis Council
4	Liz Boucha	Interim President, MNO Kenora Métis Council
5	Sandy Triskle	Captain of the Hunt, Region 1
6	Aniela-Jane Hannaford	Coordinator
7	Bonnie Bartlett	Manager
8	Christine Goulais	Senior Manager, Indigenous Relations
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10	Bruce Hopper	Senior Environmental Specialist
11	Sarah Cohanim	Environmental Planner
12	Lynn Hall	Coordinator, Indigenous Relations

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1.	Introductions and Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and opening remarks 		
2.	Project Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained that the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, formerly known as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line Project, is required to increase supply to northwestern Ontario. The preliminary scope of the project consists of a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Thunder Bay and Atikokan and a single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Atikokan and Dryden. Additionally, the project includes the separation of two circuits (F25A and D26A) out of Mackenzie 		

	<p>Transmission Station in Atikokan. Currently these two circuits are on the same structures. They will need to be separated to ensure the circuits do not share a common structure over a distance that exceeds approximately 1.5 kilometres.</p> <p>Project Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2014, Hydro One received a request from the Ontario Power Authority, now the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) to start development work. • In 2016 and 2017, the Ministry of Energy and IESO reassessed the scope and schedule and recommended that the project proceed in multi-phases. • In October 2018, the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (ENDM) provided Hydro One with a letter delegating the procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One. • Recently, Hydro One met with Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to discuss the project plan. 		
3.	<p>Route Selection Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the broad route selection study area. Hydro One has hired Dillon Consulting Ltd. (Dillon) as an environmental consultant during the Terms of Reference (ToR) process. Hydro One with support from Dillon will be holding corridor workshops to assist in identifying corridor and routing alternatives. Route alternatives will then be studied during the environmental assessment process to determine a preferred route. 		
4.	<p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained that the Environmental Assessment (EA) will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. • The first step is the preparation of a ToR which will set out the framework and work 		

	<p>plan for the preparation of the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be carried out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal of the ToR stage will be to narrow down the route selection study area to corridor or routing alternatives. • The communities will be receiving a Notice of Commencement of ToR with additional information with regards to the project. 		
5.	<p>Project Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained the preliminary project schedule: Pre-Consultation is underway, the Notice of Commencement of ToR will be advertised publicly starting April 24, 2019, and Community Information Centers (Round 1) will be held the week of May 13th in Thunder Bay, Kakabeka Falls, Atikokan, Dryden and Ignace. 		
6.	<p>Indigenous Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One explained their commitment of meaningful consultation and addressing Indigenous concerns raised during the consultation process. Consultation will include: • A thorough consultation process, starting as early as the feasibility stage and continuing into the project approval process; • Means and mechanisms to provide an organized and sustained system for consulting Indigenous peoples; • Sufficient funding to allow Indigenous peoples to meaningfully assemble and/or challenge evidence; and • Accommodation measures to avoid or mitigate any loss, cost or damage from a proposed project to Indigenous interest and to provide compensation where avoidance or mitigation are not possible. 		
6.	<p>Hydro One's Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One stated the importance of engagement with Indigenous communities in connection with the Waasigan Transmission 		

	<p>Line project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One’s Indigenous engagement process is designed to provide relevant project information to Indigenous communities proximate to the Project in a timely manner. • The process enables affected Indigenous communities to review, consider and raise issues, concerns and questions they may have with the Project. The process also allows Hydro One to respond to any concerns or questions raised in clear and transparent manner throughout the EA review processes. • Hydro One explained it will explore and discuss various benefits, including, but not limited to, capacity funding to participate in the engagement process, procurement, contracting and employment opportunities. 		
7.	<p>Corridor Workshop Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One described the workshop process. • To respect Indigenous Communities consultation protocols, Hydro One is currently asking Indigenous Communities how they would like to be involved in the corridor workshop process. Communities can choose to attend the workshops with the other knowledge experts (e.g., government agencies) or they may choose to hold their own workshops. 		
8.	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One is proposing a methodology to include Indigenous inclusion in the corridor workshops. In order to move ahead, the first step is to sign the Capacity Funding Agreement (CFA) that will include funds for each community to hire a Consultation Coordinator. The role of the community Consultation Coordinator will be to serve as liaison between Hydro One and the community. • Hydro One is interested would like to establish a consultation protocol with the appropriate representative for the region 1 area 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One explained the CFA’s will be staged with the first stage being the duration of the preparation of a ToR. The intent is to amend the schedules of the capacity funding agreements as the project moves through the various project stages. 		
9	<p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President, Marlene Davidson asked why Hydro One would not build a transmission line through Ignace, Ontario if the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) plans to build a billion dollar project there. HONI Response: Direction regarding the need for the Waasigan project comes from the IESO. Hydro One has been in contact with the NWMO and is aware of the possibility of locating a nuclear waste facility in Ignace. Hydro One will continue to work with the NWMO as we progress through the EA. Theresa Stenlund raised her concerns with the renaming of the Waasigan project name. She stated the Métis were not consulted on the naming of the project. The Métis explained by naming the project with an Anishinaabe word over their own Indigenous language (Michif) excludes them and starts the project on the wrong foot. HONI Response: There was no formal consultation in the naming of the project. Hydro One internally decided to name the project Waasigan and confirmed appropriate language and spelling with fluent speakers in Treaty 3. The Métis explained they possess their own language (Michif) and they are an adhesion to Treaty 3 and they want to be treated as so. The Métis stated they feel left out and stated that Hydro one does not have a good name with the Métis communities in the Treaty 3 area. The Métis raised engagement on the Lake Superior Link project where Hydro One lost 		

	<p>the bid to build the transmission line; they explained they want to start the new project on the right foot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 1 has Métis specific businesses that might be capable of doing some of the work but Hydro One's, Arriba business requirements deter some of the community businesses from competing. • HONI Response: Encouraged the Métis businesses to register with Hydro One. That is the first step in the process for viewing work opportunities. • The Métis explained the companies who can perform the work in the Fort Frances area are often overlooked by Hydro One and is often awarded to companies based in Thunder Bay. • Marlene Davidson explained that once Métis businesses are registered with Hydro One, it's what comes next is where the break down occurs. • The Métis identified holding workshops in May is a tight timeline and they want to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hydro One to undertake this work. • Hydro One Response: the workshops in May are a starting point and that Indigenous communities might want a separate workshop from non-Indigenous communities. • Bonnie Barlett stated she thinks the Métis need their own Métis-specific workshop to discuss Traditional Knowledge. HONI agreed with this approach. • Hydro One explained for example, they would not undertake archaeological studies for such a large study area until such time where the study area has been narrowed down. • Hydro One asked how the Métis want to hold the workshops. • Theresa stated that Region 1 is taking the lead on the Waasigan project and Region 2 will be taking a lesser role. Theresa Stenlund stated they need to review a draft CFA for their 		
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	consideration and to have their legal department review it.		
11.	<p>Action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christine Goulais to send information to Bonnie Bartlett on the steps to register Métis businesses with Hydro One's Arriba system. 2. Hydro One to provide a draft CFA to the MNO within the next couple of weeks. 3. Hydro One to send all letters need to be sent through the Consultation inbox through Bonnie Bartlett and cc'd to Theresa Stenlund and the regions. 4. Send electronic copy of the Waasigan presentation, Arriba package and letter from Ministry of Energy delegating procedural aspects of consultation to Hydro One. 	<p>Devi Shantilal</p> <p>Christine Goulais</p> <p>Devi Shantilal</p> <p>Devi Shantilal</p>	

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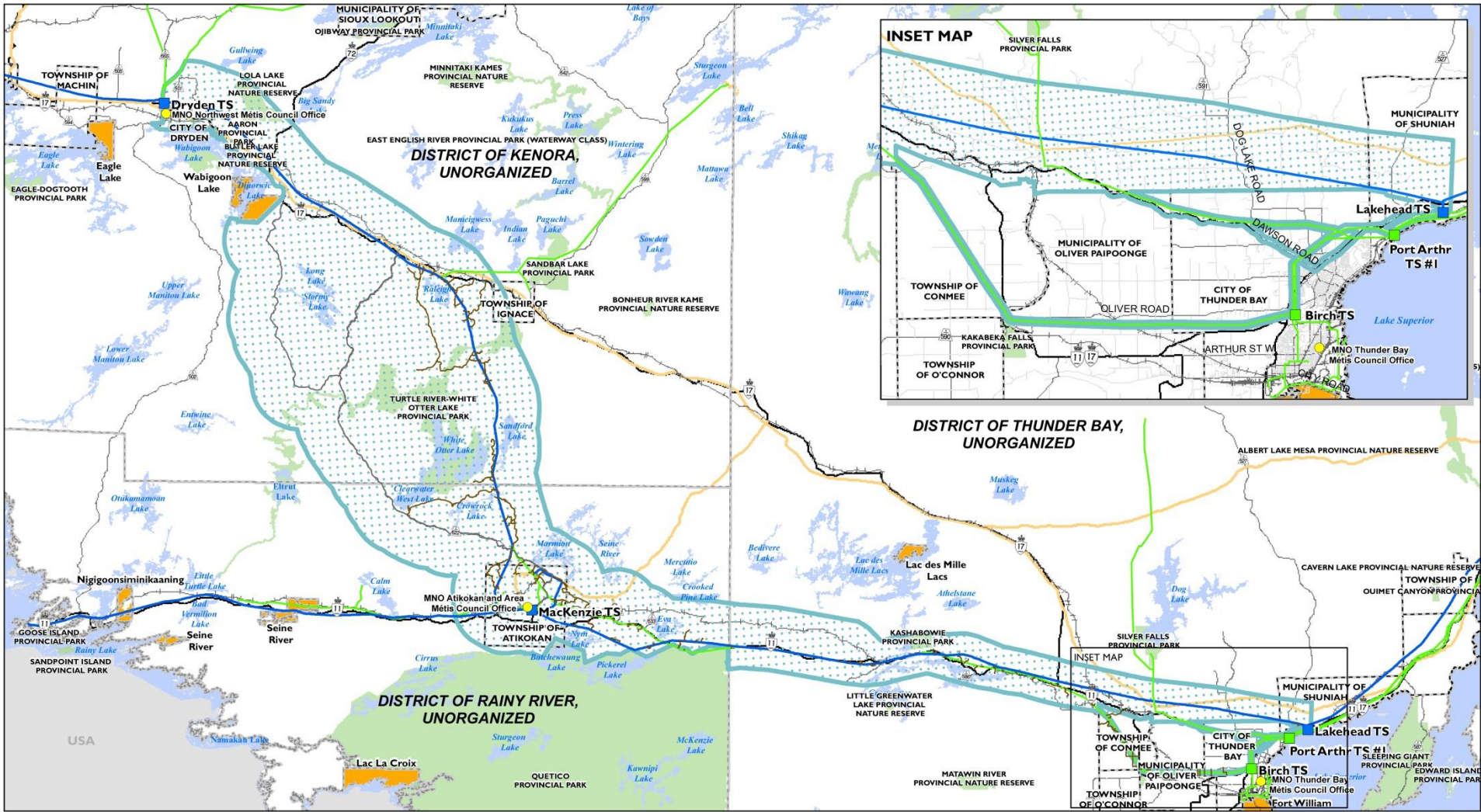


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- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
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- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



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VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
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Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
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Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
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Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
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Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
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Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
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Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
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	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
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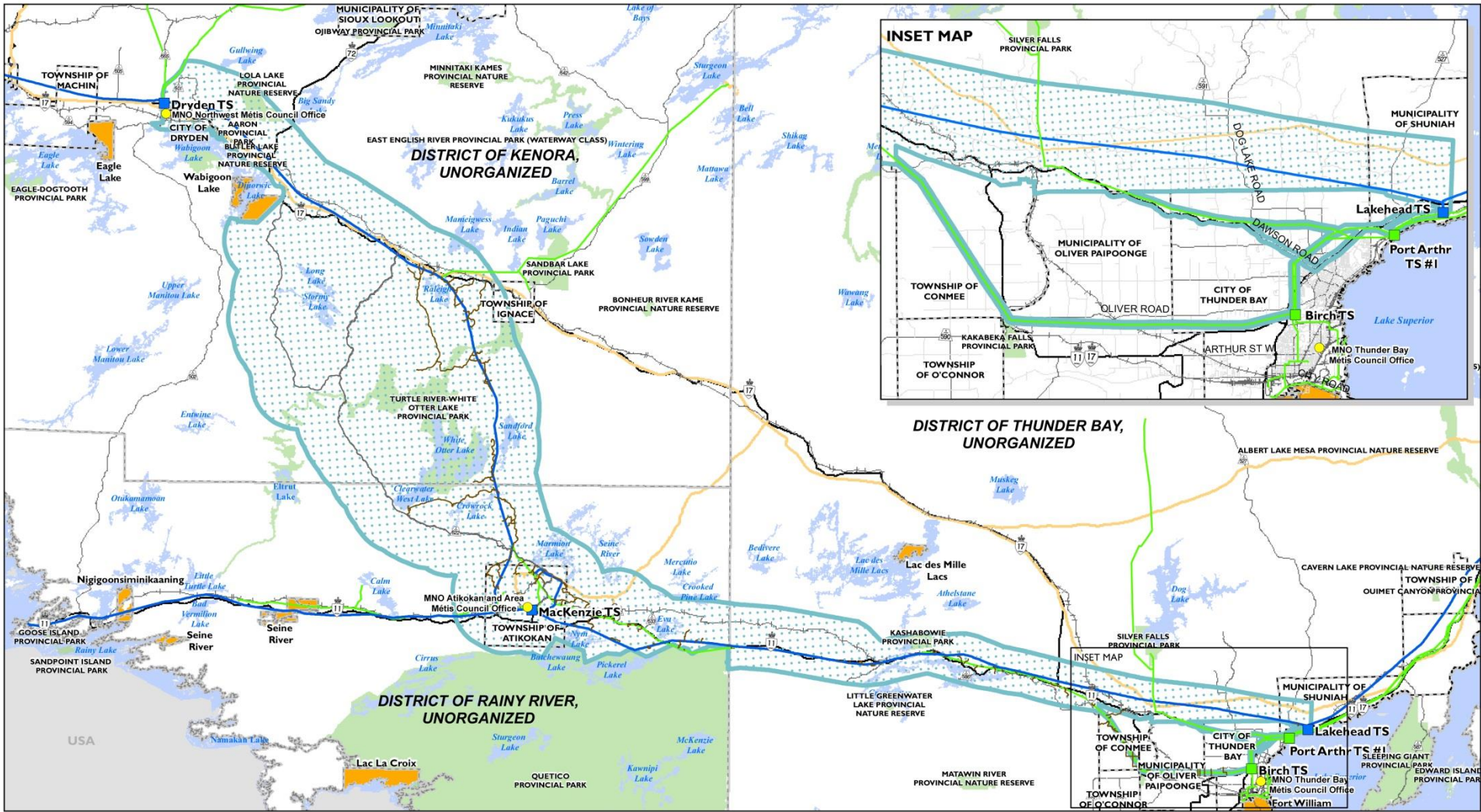
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- 115 kV Transmission Line
- 230 kV Station or Junction
- Access to Existing Transmission Lines
- Railway
- Local Roads
- Arterial Roads
- Highway
- MNO Métis Council Office
- First Nation Reserves
- Municipalities
- Proposed Route Selection Study Area
- District Boundaries
- Provincial Park



MAP DRAWING INFORMATION:
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PROJECT: 144564 STATUS: DRAFT DATE: 2019-03-27

INVITEE LIST:

Technical Perspective	Socio-economic Perspective	Natural Environment Perspective	Indigenous Communities
<p>Monday, June 24 2019 12:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Transportation Ontario ○ Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ○ Lakehead Local Roads Board ○ CN ○ Canadian Pacific Railway ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ TransCanada ○ Union Gas ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Tuesday, June 25 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One Networks Inc. ○ City of Thunder Bay ○ Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge ○ Township of O'Connor ○ Township of Conmee ○ Municipality of Shuniah ○ Township of Atikokan ○ Township of Ignace ○ City of Dryden ○ Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ○ Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines ○ Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing ○ Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ○ Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport ○ Infrastructure Ontario ○ Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ○ Nuclear Waste Management Organization ○ Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs ○ Ontario Power Generation ○ Ontario Mining Association ○ Indigenous Communities 	<p>Wednesday, June 26 2019 9:00 to 4:00 Victoria Inn, 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay, Ontario</p> <p>Invitees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One Networks Inc. ● Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs ● Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks ● Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry ● Ontario Parks ● Lakehead Region Conservation Authority ● Fisheries and Oceans Canada ● Indigenous Communities 	<p>Location(s) and date(s) to be determined.</p>

VALUES LIST:

<i>Natural Environment</i>	<i>Socio-Economic</i>	<i>Technical</i>
Wildlife Habitat	Proximity to Buildings	Linear Infrastructure
No Identified Wildlife Habitat	>1 km	No Linear Infrastructure
Deer Wintering areas	500m - 1km	Parallel Existing Transmission Lines
Moose Calving Areas	100 - 500m	Parallel Roads ROW
Other Significant Wildlife Habitat	<100 m	Parallel Provincial Highway ROW
Threatened Species	Building Density	Parallel Pipeline
Endangered Species	Low Building Density	Parallel Railway ROW
Designated Natural Areas	High Building Density	Within Future MTO Expansion (Designated ROW)
No Special Land Designations	Future Development	Within Road, Railroad, or Utility ROW
Provincially Significant Wetland	No Approved / Potential Future Development	Geotechnical Considerations
Locally Significant Wetland	Approved Industrial Development	No Special Geotechnical Considerations
Provincial Park	Approved Commercial Development	Surface Bedrock
Provincial Nature Reserve	Approved Residential Development	Within regulated floodplain
Conservation Area	Approved Resource Extraction (mine/pit/quarry)	Organic Soils (wetland/peatland)
Conservation Reserve	Identified Aggregate Resource Area(s)	No Waterbody
Wilderness Area	Mining Claim Area(s)	Slope
Enhanced Management Area	Resource Use	Slope 0 - 15%
Forest Reserve	No Resource Use Area(s)	Slope 15 - 30%
Land Cover	Hunting / Trapping Lines / Locations	Slope > 30%
Open Land/Agricultural	Forest Operation Area - Natural Regeneration	Spanable Waterbodies
Forest	Forest Operation Area - Planting	No Spanable Waterbodies
Waterbodies	Forest Operation Area - Harvesting	Spannable Waterbody (Standard Structure)
Settlement Areas	Forest Operation Area - Tending	Spannable Waterbody (Speciality Structure)
Unevaluated Wetland	Active Mine / Aggregate Pit Site	
Aquatic Habitat	Existing Land Use	
No Aquatic Feature	Existing & Planned Trails	
Unknown Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Forage)	
Cold Thermal Regime	Agricultural (Crops)	
Cool Thermal Regime	Settlement Area/City	
Warm Thermal Regime	Rural	
Lakes/ponds (waterbody)	Land Ownership	
	Provincial Crown Land	
	Municipally Owned Lands	
	Private Land	
	Provincially Owned Private Land (IO)	
	Cultural Resources (known)	
	No Cultural or Archaeological Resources	
	< 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	> 300 m away from Cultural and/or archaeological sites	
	< 300 m of Designated Historic Sites (National, Provincial, &/or Municipal)	
	< 300 m of Identified Cultural/Built Heritage Sites/Landscapes	

Meeting Agenda

Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project		
Prepared by:	Devi Shantilal	Meeting Date:	June 20, 2019
		Meeting Time:	12pm lunch 1pm – 3pm meeting
		Location:	Valhalla Inn , Thunder Bay
Invited:	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territory (Region 2) Consultation Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Councillor Cameron Burgess Trent Desaulniers, President, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council William Gordon, President, MNO Greenstone Métis Council Robert Graham, President, MNO Thunder Bay Métis Council Phil McGuire, Captain of the Hunt, Region 2 <p>MNO Lands, Resources and Consultation Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacqueline Barry, Coordinator Bonnie Bartlett, Manager LRC (via phone) 	Dial-in: Called Bonnie on her cellphone	
		Hydro One Networks Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Goulais, Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations Emily Spitzer, Coordinator, Indigenous Relations Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner Tausha Esquega, Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations Devi Shantilal, Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Item #	Description	Presenter
1	Opening Prayer	Phil McGuire
2	Introductions & Opening Statements	Christine Goulais
3	<p>Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One provided an overview and background information about the Waasigan Transmission Line project Hydro One provided an overview of the Route Selection Study Area Map and offers to leave a copy of the map for the MNO R2CC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phil McGuire took 3 copies of the map 	Devi Shantilal
4	<p>Environmental Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydro One provided an overview of the Environmental Assessment Process. Hydro One is currently at the beginning of the process, “preparing the Terms of Reference” document 	Sarah Cohanim

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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cam Burgess asked if Hydro One will hire a consultant to review the environmental assessment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Hydro One is currently working with Dillon Consulting Ltd. for the Terms of Reference phase and will be hiring a consultant for the Environmental Assessment Phase in the future. <p>Preliminary Project Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One provided an overview of the project schedule. • Cam Burgess asked if the MNO will be able to complete their own Traditional Knowledge study. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Yes there is funding for Traditional Ecological Knowledge/Land Use Study (TKLUS) in the Capacity Funding Agreement that is currently with MNO for consideration. 	Sarah Cohanim
6	<p>Indigenous Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and Engagement on the Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One respects and is committed to working with the MNO's consultation protocols • Hydro One is interested in MNO businesses so to better engage with the MNO on this project and others to provide more value to communities. Hydro One is committed to increase Indigenous spend. • Cam Burgess asked if Hydro One be responsible for business partnerships or the contractor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Hydro One has capacity to mandate the contractor to sub-contract to Indigenous businesses. Hydro One wants to understand what capacity exists within Indigenous communities and businesses so as to be able to set realistic targets/goals around Indigenous Participation for the project related Request for Proposals • Cam Burgess asked if there are Métis businesses in the Thunder Bay area, will there be a set aside for MNO businesses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Hydro One is considering an Indigenous set-aside. • Robert Graham asked if Hydro One has an Indigenous employment benchmarks for Waasigan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Hydro One is committed to employment and training opportunities for Indigenous peoples to support this project. There is still further discussion required to determine what this will look like. • Bonnie Bartlett asked what do businesses need to do to get ready for contracting opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: The first step it to register on Hydro One's e-sourcing tool called Ariba. There are additional requirements when bidding on a proposal, like health and safety requirements. Hydro One will provide a package about the Ariba registration process via email. • Corridor Workshops 	Devi Shantilal

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One provided an overview of the corridor workshop process ○ MNO asked if Hydro One already has a preferred route. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hydro One does not have a preferred route. Hydro One currently has a Route Selection Study Area. ▪ The development work during the Terms of Reference phase will determine feasible route alternatives within this Route Selection Study Area through evaluating relevant environmental and engineering attributes and stakeholder and Indigenous community engagement. ▪ Hydro One wants to ensure it is incorporating different knowledge systems, such as Traditional Knowledge and technical requirements, to better identify route alternatives. Through the Environmental Assessment process, these alternative routes will be assessed to determine route alternative. The public, Indigenous community, government agency and stakeholder input will be crucial, along with technical and engineering considerations, in determining the preferred route for the new line. ▪ Hydro One explained that TKLUS studies would be completed when we have narrowed down the study area. 	
7	<p>Hydro One's Commitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trent Desaulniers asked whether Hydro One has the leave to construct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Hydro One has direction from the Ontario Energy Board to undertake development work for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Once Hydro One has completed the development work, the company is required to seek the Leave to Construct from the Ontario Energy Board. 	Devi Shantilal
8	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro One and the MNO are currently working towards a Capacity Funding Agreement • The Capacity Funding Agreement includes funding to hire a Community Consultation Coordinator • The MNO are welcome to attend the Corridor Workshop sessions next week June 24 to observe and gain a better understanding of how the sessions run. Hydro One understands the MNO would like their own workshop and we are offering such to the MNO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hydro One to re-send the Corridor Workshop invite to MNO R2CC members • The MNO R2CC would like a Community Information Centre for the MNO citizens. Hydro One is open to host community information sessions for MNO citizens. • Trent Desaulniers asked who made the name "Waasigan". <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A: Hydro One wanted a name that was representative of the area and spoke with fluent speakers in the area to create it. The name means 	Devi Shantilal

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9	"bringing power" in Ojibwe. ○ MNO R2CC stated that they liked the name chosen for the project. Closing Prayer	Phil McGuire



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Sent: September 09, 2019 8:51 AM
To: SHANTILAL Devi; Theresa Stenlund; Cameron Burgesshydroone
Cc: Aniela-Jane Hannaford; Jacqueline Barry
Subject: RE: Feedback Request - Waasigan Transmission Info Sheet & Postcard

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Hi Devi,

Thank you for this suggestion and for thinking of the Michif language. We'll discuss this and get back to you.

Bonnie

From: Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com [<mailto:Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com>]
Sent: September-03-19 3:40 PM
To: Theresa Stenlund; Cameron Burgess
Cc: Aniela-Jane Hannaford; Jacqueline Barry; Bonnie Bartlett
Subject: Feedback Request - Waasigan Transmission Info Sheet & Postcard

Good afternoon Regional Councillors,

Attached are two documents – one provides an overview of the Waasigan Project and the other has information about the Environmental Assessment Process and Terms of Reference for the Waasigan Project.

I am seeking your feedback on whether it would be helpful to have the documents translated into Michif.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks and regards,
Devi

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From: Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com
Sent: September 23, 2019 12:01 PM
To: TheresaS2@metisnation.org; cameronb@metisnation.org
Cc: BonnieB@metisnation.org; anielajaneh@metisnation.org;
JacquelineB@metisnation.org
Subject: MNO Engagement for Waasigan
Attachments: Indigenous Engagement Overview Fall 2019-MNO_final.docx

Good morning Councilors,

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From: Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com
Sent: October 4, 2019 9:22 AM
To: BonnieB@metisnation.org
Subject: Re: Sept 30 Follow up Re: Additional MNO Councils interested in Waasigan

Good morning Bonnie,

If it's not too much work, can you please send me the letter of assertions?

Thanks and regards,
Devi

Devi Shantilal
Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations
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Cell: 416-518-0691

From: Bonnie Bartlett
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:56 PM
To: SHANTILAL Devi
Subject: RE: Sept 30 Follow up Re: Additional MNO Councils interested in Waasigan

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Hi Devi,

The MNO asserts rights on a Regional basis. The Waasigan Project has the potential to negatively impact Metis rights in both Region 1 and Region 2; as a result, all MNO Councils in both Regions (including those you've listed below) need to be engaged in the consultation process.

The MNO can provide you with a rights assertion letter for the project if needed.

Thank you,

Bonnie

From: Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com [mailto:Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com]
Sent: October-03-19 3:47 PM
To: Bonnie Bartlett
Subject: Sept 30 Follow up Re: Additional MNO Councils interested in Waasigan

Hi Bonnie,

When we met on Sept 30th I inquired whether the additional MNO R1 and R2 councils listed below are asserting Aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the Waasigan Project and you confirmed the same.

1. MNO Sunset Country Métis Council
2. MNO Kenora Métis Council
3. MNO Greenstone Métis Council

4. MNO North Superior Métis Council

Can you please reconfirm by replying to this email so I can follow up on my end?

Thanks,

Devi

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To: hydroone+PJ-00016@mh.boreal-is.com; hydroone+PJ-00026@mh.boreal-is.com; waasigan@dillon.ca
Subject: FW: Waasigan Round Table
Attachments: Indigenous Engagement Overview Fall 2019-MNO_final.docx

From: Bonnie Bartlett [mailto:BonnieB@metisnation.org]
Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 9:19 AM
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Cc: Theresa Stenlund; Cameron Burgess
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Hi Devi,

I wanted to let you know that the MNO would prefer to hold Waasigan specific consultations in accordance with the MNO's consultation protocols. The MNO will not be participating in the roundtable at this time. If I hear from Regional Councillor Stenlund or Regional Councillor Burgess in the future that there is interest in sitting at that table, the MNO may revisit this offer.

Thank you,

Bonnie

From: SHANTILAL Devi
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Theresa Stenlund; 'cameronb@metisnation.org'
Cc: 'BonnieB@metisnation.org'; Aniela-Jane Hannaford (aniela-janeh@metisnation.org); 'JacquelineB@metisnation.org'
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From: Sarah.Cohanim@hydroone.com
Sent: February 5, 2020 10:25 AM
To: BonnieB@metisnation.org
Cc: Devi.Shantilal@hydroone.com
Subject: RE: Teleconference call with MNO re VC Report - Draft MOM
Attachments: Waasigan Transmission Line - MNO Corridor Reports - Dillon Comments.docx;
WTL_MNO_MOM_013120_Draft.docx

Good morning Bonnie,

Thank you for organizing the call with yourself and MNP last Friday. Please find attached draft meeting minutes for your review and edit.

As discussed on our call, we have some questions of clarification resulting from the criteria included in the Corridor Workshop reports that we have outlined in the attached. If you or MNP could please address the attached questions, it would be greatly appreciated. For any datasets which we are unable to acquire during the corridor/alternative route development process during the Terms of Reference, we can consider them during the EA once the alternative routes have been determined.

Please let me know if you would like to set up another call to discuss the points of clarification attached.

Kind regards,

Sarah Cohanim
Environmental Planner
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-----Original Appointment-----

From: SHANTILAL Devi <Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:37 PM
To: SHANTILAL Devi; 'BonnieB@metisnation.org'; COHANIM Sarah
Subject: Teleconference call with MNO re VC Report
When: Friday, January 31, 2020 3:00 PM-3:40 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Dial-in Phone Numbers 1-877-385-4099 Participant Access code: 4615216#/Room 6F

Hi Bonnie and Sarah,

Please forward the meeting invitation as appropriate

<< File: 2020_01_10 MNO Preliminary VC Document_Waasigan.pdf >>

Thanks,
Devi

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Environmental Programs and Approvals

Meeting Minutes			
PROJECT:	Waasigan Transmission Line		
DATE OF MEETING:	January 31, 2020, 3:00 PM to 3:40 PM	LOCATION:	Conference Call
PURPOSE:	Discuss the preliminary criteria (valued component) report prepared by the Métis Nation of Ontario.	PREPARED BY:	Joseph Carnevale

Attendees:

#	Name	Department	Email
Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) & MNP LLP			
1	Bonnie Bartlett	MNO, Manager, Lands, Resources and Consultations	Bonnieb@metisnation.org
2	Adena Vanderjagt	MNP LLP	Adena.Vanderjagt@mnp.ca
3	Germaine Conacher	MNP LLP	Germaine.Conacher@mnp.ca
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4	Devi Shantilal	Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations	Devi.Shantilal@HydroOne.com
5	Sarah Cohanim	Environmental Planner, Environmental Services	Sarah.Cohanim@HydroOne.com
Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon)			
6	Don McKinnon	Project Manager	Dpmckinnon@Dillon.ca
7	Joseph Carnevale	Project Coordinator	Jcarnevale@Dillon.ca

#	Minutes	Action
1	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dillon provided an overview of the Terms of Reference (ToR), subsequent Environmental Assessment (EA), and the status of the project. It was discussed that the ToR will lay out the process for how the EA will be completed. As part of the ToR phase, the project team is currently reviewing the results of the workshops held to date so that this information can be used to help generate corridors within the larger study area. The corridors will be used to further narrow down to specific routes that will be further reviewed and evaluated during the EA. Workshops have been held with various stakeholders, including government agencies, and Indigenous communities. Dillon indicated that corridor and alternative route identification is being based on “desktop” information and that information is being collected for several different “perspectives” (e.g., Natural, Technical, Socio-economic, Indigenous). This process relies on having access to “mappable” data. Primary data is not being collected for corridor/route identification but may be used in the EA for alternative route assessment and evaluation. Dillon mentioned that they have reviewed both the MNO provided workshop summary and criteria reports and further discussion is documented below. 	
2	<p>Workshop Summary Reports and Corridor Identification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MNO provided criteria/values in the summary reports that will be incorporated 	

#	Minutes	Action
3	<p>into the model where data exists. Dillon indicated that it is important to have values that are mappable so that they can be inputted into the model. For example, “cultural sites” was identified as a value to be used. Dillon would need the MNO to provide the dataset for it to be included in the corridor/route identification process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MNO indicated that they would look into this and get back to Hydro One. Dillon mentioned that any spatial data would be treated as confidential and sensitive. • There are also some additional values that require further clarification and it was noted that an additional call might be required to review these. It may also be determined to use these datasets in the future once alternative routes are identified. • Dillon indicated that it would be good to have more information on the map that was appended to one of the reports that shows “no-go” areas in the study area. No commentary is provided on the map within the report. It was indicated that these areas may be related to specific types of habitat or water features. MNP/MNO indicated that they would take a further look at this. <p>Criteria Identification Report and Criteria/Indicators for Use in the EA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dillon mentioned that the criteria and indicators to be used to evaluate routes during the EA will be presented as draft in the ToR. • The MNP report identifies several potential criteria that are important to the MNO, and identifies and describes those that are most applicable to this project and study area. Dillon mentioned that the criteria provided in the report include: Loss of Land/Change in Priority Rights; Harvesting/Sites, and Cultural Identity; all of which are understood. Some of the measurable parameters associated with them, however, are not as clear and may require clarification, as many are not measurable but more related to potential effects. • Hydro One and MNO to have future discussions regarding how MNO values would be considered in the effects assessment work completed during the EA. • Dillon mentioned that many of the indicators are more suited to informing the effects assessment that will be completed on the preferred route, rather than being used for the comparative route evaluation; however, they can be modified, using some of the values identified to serve a suitable comparative criteria and indicators. • Dillon also mentioned that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in the past have required that all criteria and indicators presented in the ToR include a rationale for their selection as well as data sources that will be drawn upon during the EA to support them. • An example is “Harvesting” - indicators would be, for example, ‘types and location of harvesting activities in the study area’ and ‘identification and location of key cultural species harvested.’ Along with these indicators, the rationale for their selection (e.g., identification and protection of areas used for Métis harvesting), and data sources that will be used to support them (e.g., traditional knowledge study, fieldwork, etc.) would be included. Potential effects may include, for example, ‘reduced access to preferred locations of harvest,’ ‘loss or alternation of key cultural species harvested,’ and ‘change to known harvesting conditions required for continued harvest.’ • Dillon mentioned that the MECP may focus on understanding how the data 	<p>MNP/MNO to advise as to whether suggested criteria are mappable (have datasets that can be shared).</p> <p>MNP/MNO to provide additional insight into “no-go” areas.</p> <p>Dillon to provide comment on criteria and measurable parameters table.</p>

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	<p>associated with criteria and indicators will be collected during the EA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dillon offered to provide some commentary on the table provided in Section 5 of the report that identifies the measurable parameters in terms of what can be measured as well as an example of what has been provided in the past. 	
4	<p>Data Availability, Schedule and Archaeology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNP asked if Dillon has data that can be used for the ToR and EA. Dillon mentioned that they have some data, such as Crown land and private land, as well as other data provided by various agencies and Land Information Ontario. MNP asked when the ToR would be available for review. Hydro One indicated the Draft ToR review period is planned for the spring following the Community Information Centres (CICs) and community meetings. Hydro One also mentioned that they will be hiring consultants to support the EA phase and that this process is ongoing. MNO mentioned that there may be archaeologists that specialize in studying Métis values; however, they did not know their names off hand. MNO said they would look into this and provide to Hydro One. 	MNO to advise on Métis-specific archaeology specialists.
5	<p>Follow-Up Calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There may be a need for follow-up calls once Dillon provides some comments to MNP/MNO and for additional clarification. 	



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April 06, 2020

Sent via email

Regional Councillor Theresa Stenlund,
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Re: Proposed Waasigan Transmission Line – Next Steps

Dear Councilor Stenlund,

At Hydro One, the health and safety of our employees and the communities we serve is top priority. In consideration of recent public health developments, Hydro One is cancelling all upcoming in-person meetings and Community Information Centres for the Waasigan Transmission Line project.

Hydro One is currently working to identify route alternatives for the new transmission line as part of the Terms of Reference. The route alternatives will be carried forward for evaluation in the Environmental Assessment. As Hydro One continues to advance this work, there are still many opportunities for your community to be involved. Recognizing that the health and safety of your community is paramount, our team has revised our original engagement plan. Instead of in-person meetings and Community Information Centres, we are offering the following engagement opportunities to your community:

- Project Information Webinar/Teleconference – this will be a web-based interactive webinar or teleconference where Hydro One staff will present project information and be available to answer any questions your community members may have; and
- Virtual Information Gathering Session – the Project Information Webinar/Teleconference will be followed by a virtual information-gathering session to gain input into the transmission line routing process.

We plan to hold these web/telephone-based sessions in April and May of this year. In advance of these sessions, Hydro One will continue to circulate information pertaining to the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment process, including information that would be presented if your community elects to participate in one of the virtual events.

Hydro One recognizes the need to continue our engagement with the Métis Nation of Ontario community members to better understand the values that are important to Métis Nation of Ontario communities and should be considered in transmission routing decisions. These initial sessions, while valuable, are not the only opportunities the Métis Nation of Ontario will have to review and contribute to the routing for the new transmission line. The preliminary alternative routes will also be presented in the Draft Terms of Reference document which will be released to Indigenous communities in May/June ahead of the 45-day public review and comment period.

Recognizing the duration of COVID-19-related health and safety restrictions is uncertain at this time, we are hopeful that we can hold in-community engagement sessions as soon as it is safe to do so which would provide another opportunity for your community to provide input into the preliminary alternatives routes. A further opportunity for input will be during the Proposed Terms of Reference review as part of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' review and approval decision. Please see the illustration below which provides an outline of the revised engagement program and schedule.

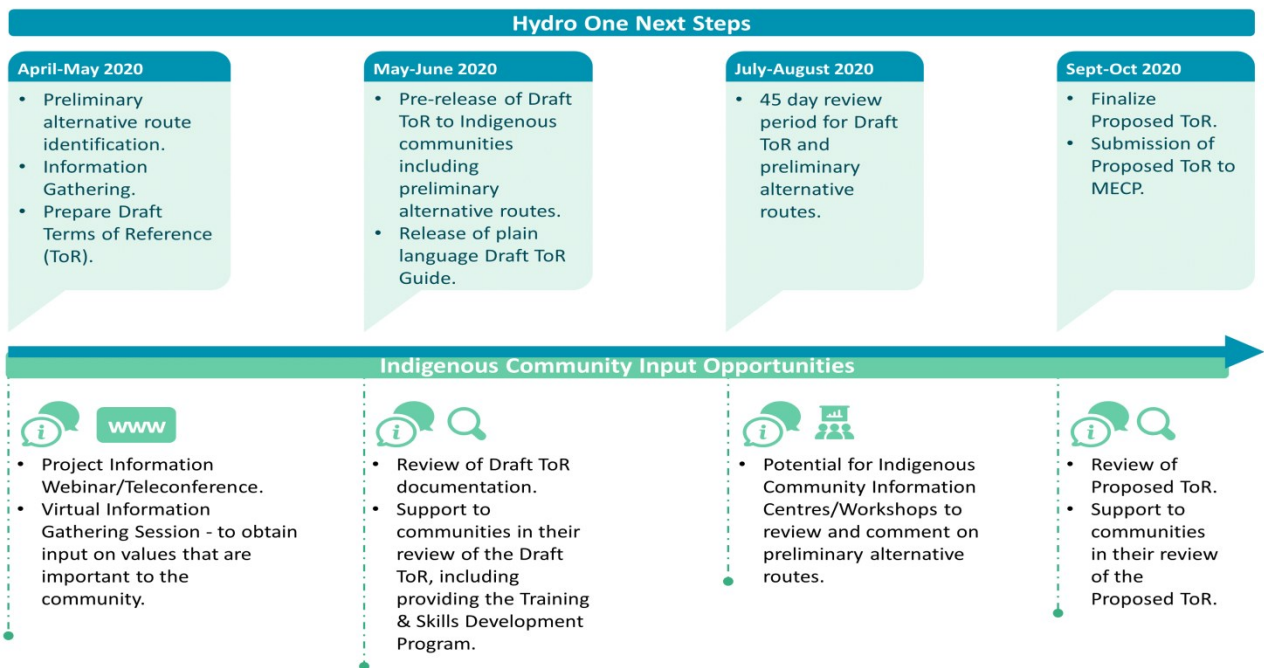


Figure 1 - Outline of the Proposed Engagement Program and Schedule

Hydro One will continue to keep you updated on the Terms of Reference and Environmental Assessment processes for this project, and will respectfully be seeking information from the Métis Nation of Ontario, including Indigenous Traditional Knowledge.

In addition, Module 1 of the Training and Skills Development Program (TSDP) which will provide training on the Environmental Assessment Preparation and Review Process is being adapted as web-based training. The goal of this training is to prepare communities to meaningfully participate in the Terms of Reference process, and will be offered starting in May. One of our three delivery consultants - Blue Heron, DST/Englobe or Northwinds – that Métis Nation of Ontario selects, will work with you to coordinate the training. If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

We will be following up in the coming weeks to discuss with you the proposed engagement program, and how your community would like to proceed.

Sincerely,
Devi Shantilal

Cc: Bonnie Bartlett, Manager, Lands, Resources and Consultation, MNO
MNO Consultation Unit



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Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project		
Prepared by:	Devi Shantilal	Meeting Date:	April 15, 2020
		Meeting Time:	5pm EST- 7pm EST
		Location: Zoom Video Conferencing	
Attendees	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Treaty # 3, Rainy Lake/ Rainy River & Lake of the Woods/ Lac Seul (Region 1) Consultation Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Councillor Theresa Stenlund Marlene Davidson, President, MNO Atikokan Métis Council Brady Hupet, President, MNO Sunset Country Métis Council Liz Boucha, Interim-President, MNO Kenora Métis Council Ron Robinson, President, MNO Dryden Métis Council Sandy Triskle, Captain of the Hunt, Region 1 <p>MNO Lands, Resources and Consultation Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aniela-Jane Hannaford, Coordinator Bonnie Bartlett, Manager 	<p>Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Goulais, Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations Stephen Lindley, Indigenous Relations Strategist Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner Don McKinnon, Dillon, EA-TOR Consultant Devi Shantilal, Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations 	

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11.	<p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In order to make corridor selection, the project team has to be familiar with the land. It's important for HONI's team to spend time on the land. How much advance time will RCC 1 have to review the Draft ToR before it goes to the 45-day public review period? RCC 1 would like as much advance time for review as possible. What is "Leave to Construct"? How is IESO involved? 	<p>Answers</p> <p>The HONI team has spent time in the region and will be spending lots of time on the land during the fieldwork phase of the EA.</p> <p>HONI will try to provide as much time as possible – minimum of two weeks.</p> <p>Leave to Construct (LTC) is the Ontario Energy Board approval to proceed to construction of the transmission line.</p> <p>The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) manages the electricity system and determines when and where additional electricity is needed. The IESO has to confirm project need prior to proceeding to Leave to Construct.</p> <p>It will depend on growth (electricity demand) and project need. This is an</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there potential for delay in receiving the LTC? • In a previous meeting it was stated that two transmission lines cannot be constructed side-by-side. Please clarify. • It is important not to impact the Trans-Canada trail and canoe pathways located near the westerly corridor option between Atikokan and Dryden. • It's difficult to assess the manner in which RCC 1 input was incorporated into the corridor identification model. • RCC 1 was under the impression that TKLU information is typically provided prior to identifying/selecting corridors to ensure that important cultural information is included in the analysis. • The map showing the corridors should include Treaty boundaries. 	<p>IESO determination. At this time, there is no anticipation of delay.</p> <p>The IESO has directed HONI to begin development work on a new transmission line, i.e., not adding additional capacity to an existing transmission line. In order to ensure redundancy and prevent significant outages if one transmission line fails, it is necessary to have the new line on separate structures than any existing line. However, it is possible for the new transmission line to parallel an existing transmission line right-of-way.</p> <p>This is good input and will be considered in the TOR/EA.</p> <p>HONI will be providing a short report for RCC 1 and their consultants to review that will explain the model and how input was incorporated into the analysis.</p> <p>The HONI routing analysis is not at that level of detail yet. Traditional Knowledge and Land Use (TKLU) information will be an important input into the route refinement and evaluation process that will be conducted during the EA process. It is also important to finalize the CFA in order to release funding for MNO to undertake the TKLU Study.</p> <p>Action: Treaty boundaries will be added to future project maps.</p> <p>All Indigenous communities within or near to the study area are shown on the map. The map is only indicating the office location of the RSMIN. HONI is committed to working with all Indigenous communities with interest in the project</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is Red Sky Métis Independent Nation (RSMIN) shown on the map? • Can HONI provide examples of the types of information that RCC 1 can expect to see in the process? RCC 1 would like some idea of what is ahead of them. • Can HONI provide documents from the East- West Tie Line project? • How far apart will the structures be from each other? What is the expected width (footprint) of the right-of-way? Will the area impacted during construction be larger than the operating right-of-way? RCC 1 would like some idea of the extent of clearing and potential impact to traditional land uses, such as harvesting. • When will the construction contract be tendered for bid? 	<p>including First Nation and Métis. RSMIN has interest in the project.</p> <p>HONI would be pleased to provide background information on any aspect of the process. Often study participants like to know more about the design of the structure, and permits and approvals that are required. HONI could also provide more information about the IESO and OEB.</p> <p>Nextbridge followed a similar EA process to develop the East-West Tie line (an Individual EA). The Terms of Reference and other publicly available EA documents are available online on their website.</p> <p>Width of the right-of-way, separation distance between the towers and buffer, is regulated and can be different for different types of structures and in different environments. It is too early in the process to know the exact design of the new infrastructure, as well as construction impacts. Action: HONI will provide MNO with a range of typical distances between transmission towers and right-of-way widths. Specific design information and extent of construction effects will be determined as we move through the EA process.</p> <p>It's too early in the process to be definitive. Construction cannot begin until the development work (e.g., EA and Leave to Construct approval) is completed; however, the construction tendering could happen in advance of this time since it can be a long process.</p> <p>Comment noted.</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is positive that the IESO is finally listening to Northwestern Ontario communities about the need for additional power in the region. It is also encouraging (from the schedule), that the process is moving so quickly. • What is the purpose of the TSDP and who will get the training? RCC 1 would like to get information out to it's citizens about the training. RCC 1 will discuss this internally. 	<p>The TSDP is aimed at building capacity in Indigenous communities interested in the Waasigan Project by provision of training related to the Environmental Assessment Process. Module 1 training will likely be for RCC 1 staff who will be involved in the EA process. It is up to RCC 1 as to who participates. The purpose is for the trainees to learn about the EA process. The training is expected to be undertaken in May-June 2020. Training materials are being finalized right now. Module 2 training will be for individuals that are interested in participating in field studies that will be conducted during the EA process. Similar to other proponents who may be hiring field staff, HONI Consultants conducting the field studies may hire person(s) who have received the training as part of the study team. It was discussed that the firm that is developing the training modules (Blue Heron) will be in touch with RCC 1 (via Aniela-Jane) and can discuss the best approach to getting information out to RCC 1 citizens. Action: HONI will share outline of Module 1 training when it becomes available.</p>	
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Prepared by:	Devi Shantilal	Meeting Date:	April 16, 2020
		Meeting Time:	7pm – 8pm EST
		Location: Zoom Video Conferencing	
Attendees:	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten Traditional Territory (Region 2) Consultation Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Councillor Cameron Burgess Trent Desaulniers, President, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council William Gordon, President, MNO Greenstone Métis Council Trudy Bellamy, Acting President,, MNO Thunder Bay Métis Council Phil McGuire, Captain of the Hunt, Region 2 <p>MNO Lands, Resources and Consultation Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacqueline Barry, Coordinator Bonnie Bartlett, Manager LRC 	<p>Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Goulais, Sr. Manager, Indigenous Relations Stephen Lindley, Indigenous Relations Strategist Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner Don McKinnon, Dillon, EA-TOR Consultant Devi Shantilal, Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations 	

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9	<p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has project study map changed from the one presented in August 2019? What is the difference between double circuit and single circuit? How will community engagement be undertaken with MNO membership? 	<p>Answers</p> <p>Yes, project study area has been refined based on input received from corridor workshop sessions held to date.</p> <p>The basic difference is in the number of conductors. In a single circuit transmission line there will be three conductors for three phases and in a double circuit line there will be two set of parallel lines each having three conductors.</p> <p>HONI is looking for advice from the RCCs. HONI has been advised that MNO RCCs would not like to undertake online community engagement sessions at this time. HONI encourages RCC to consider other alternatives while physical</p>	

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Subject: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Terms of Reference Available for Review- R1

Dear Regional Councillor,

Hydro One is pleased to be providing the Draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment for your review and comment.

The Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

The link also includes a plain language guide document that summarizes key aspects of the Draft Terms of Reference.

To access the Draft Terms of Reference, please follow the link below and enter the login information under Standard Authentication:

[Link to Waasigan Transmission Line Draft Terms of Reference](#)

Username: 203087-wtl-ro

Password: i22f7pxD

If you have any technical issues while attempting to download the Draft Terms of Reference document, please contact me via email or phone, my contact information is included in my signature block at the end of this email. A hardcopy of these documents has been couriered to the members of the regional consultation committee to the addresses provided by MNO LRC branch staff.

Please note that the Draft Terms of Reference document will be accessible via the Hydro One Project website, www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan, on June 29, 2020 for a 45-day public review period.

Comments on the Draft Terms of Reference are requested to be submitted to Hydro One by 4:30 p.m. (EST) on August 14, 2020. Comments should be sent to:

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Within the next few days, a Hydro One representative will be in touch with you to confirm receipt of the information and answer any questions you might have about the Draft Terms of Reference review, the EA process, or the Project in general.

We would also welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the document, the EA process, or the Project in general.

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RE: Comments on the Hydro One Inc. Waasigan Transmission Line draft Terms of Reference on behalf of Métis Nation of Ontario, Region 1 and 2

Dear Ms. Bartlett,

As per our Scope of Work, we have reviewed the Hydro One Inc. (“Hydro One”) Waasigan Transmission Line (“Waasigan” or the “Project”) draft Terms of Reference (“dTOR”). Please find below an overview of the comments as well as a detailed table.

Overall, the dTOR does include opportunities for Métis Nation of Ontario (“MNO”), Region 1 and 2 involvement throughout, however, there are some key issues which must be considered, including:

Métis Specific Criteria

In November 2019, the Métis Nation of Ontario, Regions 1 and 2, undertook a scoping process for the selection of Métis-specific Criteria related to the Hydro One Project. Following the production of this document, the MNO Regions 1 and 2 submitted a report to Hydro One titled: Métis Nation of Ontario Preliminary Criteria Report – Waasigan Transmission Line – Region 1 and Region 2. It was anticipated that the information set out in the Preliminary Criteria Report (2019) would be considered by Hydro One in the development of the dTOR and in the execution of the Environmental Assessment (“EA”) including reference to the three identified Criteria of Loss of Land/Change in Priority Rights, Harvesting/Sites and Cultural Identity and the suggested measurable parameters/units of measurement within the dTOR.

Once approved, the dTOR acts as an outline for the EA. This presented an opportunity for Hydro One to highlight Métis-specific Criteria and ensure that the Criteria could be assessed and evaluated as part of the EA.

There are examples where Métis-specific Criteria could have been included for assessment in the dTOR: within 4.2.2 Natural Environment, 4.2.3 Socio-Economic Environment as a stand alone assessment or where there is overlap (e.g., Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas and the Harvesting [change in physical attribute] Criteria). Additionally, the dTOR lacks mention that this information was being collected and would be entered at a later date (Appendix B – List of Preliminary

Evaluation Criteria and Indicators) beyond a generic placeholder in a table for Indigenous information.

It is important to note, that if the Criteria are included in the dTOR, Hydro One will be required to assess that Criteria within the EA; therefore, the MNO Regions 1 and 2 must be comfortable with providing the required baseline information either to Hydro One and their consultants or through a MNO Regions 1 and 2 specific data collection process. The proposed Métis-specific Criteria: Harvesting and Cultural Identity require the collection of additional information from MNO Regions 1 and 2 citizens such as: their perceptions related to air, noise and visual quality; identification of culturally critical species; harvesting timing windows; teaching / transmittal protocols; perception of the harvesting experience; perception of Métis sites; conditions required for territorial connection; and identification of cultural practices.

At minimum, the Métis-specific Criteria which could be assessed without additional information collected from the MNO Regions 1 and 2 should be included (Loss of Land/Change in Priority Rights or Harvesting [specifically - change in physical attributes]).

Indigenous Knowledge and Rights

The dTOR also appears to refer to Indigenous Knowledge interchangeably with Indigenous Rights. For example, in Section 4.3.2 Preliminary Potential Effects to the Socio-Economic Environment the sub-section is called Preliminary Potential Effects to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes. Within that section there is an acknowledgement that potential effects to the natural environment may affect Aboriginal and treaty rights of communities (nations); but throughout the natural environment description of the existing environment and data collection methodology, there is no reference to collection or assessment of rights related to natural environment components, rather it states that desktop studies will be supplemented by Indigenous Knowledge gathered through engagement with Indigenous communities.

An understanding, description and acknowledgement of Indigenous rights and interests is needed to accurately capture what information must be collected for the EA; and what must be assessed by Hydro One in order to provide the Crown the information it needs.

The information required includes: the nature of rights being exercised within the vicinity of the Project, and how the Project may impact those rights. Indigenous Knowledge is also important – as it is holistic and can inform social, economic, cultural, spiritual and historical aspects of importance to a nation - this information can be woven throughout the assessment to enhance the western science lens that EAs are typically viewed through; however, natural environment components or Indigenous Knowledge cannot be used as a proxy for an assessment on Section 35 rights and interests.

Based on our review, there is a strong commitment to engagement throughout the dTOR and Hydro One acknowledges the procedural delegation of the Duty to Consult. We feel that, provided the MNO Regions 1 and 2 has the capacity and confidence to provide the required baseline information, the Final Terms-of-Reference can be updated to include the Métis-specific Criteria and rights and ensure assessment of the same.

It is our recommendation that the issues contained in this letter and table be submitted to Hydro One to ensure the MNO Regions 1 and 2 and Hydro One can continue to work towards a mutually acceptable consultation process and increased collaboration.

Sincerely,



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APPENDIX A

#	Draft Terms of Reference Section	dTOR Details	MNO Region 1 and 2 Comment
1.	Executive Summary Page iii	<p>“The first step of the EA process is the preparation of a ToR for review by Indigenous communities, government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. Ultimately, approval is required by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (the Minister) for the Project to proceed.”</p>	<p>The terminology used to refer to the MNO Regions is diverse and varied. This should be reflected in the dTOR and subsequent EA.</p> <p>Region 2 prefers the use of the term Nation rather than community as the Metis peoples, as Indigenous peoples of Canada, have the right to self determination. While some aspects of this governance have been impaired through imposition of colonial structures, the Métis Nation of Ontario has a democratic, province-wide governance structure and has embarked on a path to self-government.</p> <p>Region 1 prefers the use of the term Community as it is representative of the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community; descriptive of the outstanding claims of the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community, including any Métis collective claims relating to the Treaty 3 Adhesion of 1875.</p>
2.	3.2 Environmental Assessment Preparation and Submission Page 13	<p>“The EA will include the following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of the purpose of and need for the Project (reference to the applicable section in the approved ToR where this is described); • Description and statement of the rationale for the undertaking; • Description of alternative methods of completing the Project; • Identification of the advantages and disadvantages of the Project; • Description of the environment that will be affected, or might reasonably be expected to be affected, directly or indirectly by the Project and the alternative methods of carrying out the undertaking; • Identification and assessment of potential positive and negative environmental Project effects (including net effects) on existing conditions and the development of mitigation measures to eliminate or minimize adverse effects; 	<p>The EA must also include an assessment of potential positive and negative effects on the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2’s Section 35 rights and interests.</p> <p>The requirement for this information is on the ‘Preparing environmental assessments’ website for the government of Ontario which indicates the Crown may delegate certain aspects of consultation such as gathering information about the impact of a proposed project on the potential or established Aboriginal or treaty rights.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description and documentation of the results from the EA consultation and engagement program; • Monitoring, follow-up programs and commitments; and, • Supporting documentation that includes technical reports completed to support the Project.” 	
3.	4.1 Study Area Page 16	“The Study Area was presented and made available for comment to Indigenous communities, municipalities, and government agencies during the pre-consultation period (see Record of Consultation for more information related to specific activities).”	Please include a bulleted listing of Indigenous nations that were presented the Study Area during the pre-consultation period to allow for quick reference.
4.	4.1 Study Area Page 17	Map	Please update this map to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include the Métis Nation of Ontario Councils in the legend. • update the language to state “First Nation and Métis Treaty Boundaries” rather than “First Nation Treaty Boundaries” as the Métis are signatories to Treaty No. 3. • Update Atikokan and Area Métis Council to be ‘Atikokan Métis Council’.
5.	4.2 Description of Existing Environment and Data Collection Methodology Page 19 and 20	“Baseline environmental conditions are described in Sections 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 and are organized based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural environment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physiography, geology, surficial geology and soils; ○ Surface water; ○ Groundwater; ○ Provincial parks, conservation reserves, and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI); ○ Fish and fish habitat; ○ Vegetation and wetlands; ○ Terrestrial wildlife and wildlife habitat; ○ Species at risk; ○ Air quality and greenhouse gases; and, ○ Acoustic environment. • Socio-economic environment: 	The baseline conditions do not include a description of Métis rights and interests or Indigenous rights more broadly. Without an understanding of the baseline conditions that exist for rights and interests, there is no way for Hydro One to assess change or impact to those rights and interests. Use of land and resources for traditional purposes is a component of rights, specifically the exercise of harvesting rights and does not encompass the entirety of rights that may be impacted by this project. Rights and interests must be added as a component of the socio-economic environment and baseline information must be described.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provincial and municipal policy; ○ Community well-being; ○ Economy, land and resource use; ○ Aesthetics; ○ Infrastructure and community services; ○ Indigenous community use of land and resources for traditional purposes; and, ○ Cultural heritage resources.” 	
6.	4.2 Description of Existing Environment and Data Collection Methodology Page 20	“IK received from Indigenous communities will be incorporated into aspects of the EA, in consultation with Indigenous communities.”	Information on Section 35 rights and interests must also be incorporated into aspects of the EA, in consultation with Indigenous nations. Incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge cannot be assumed to be a substitute for the assessment of effects to Indigenous rights – both concepts are important, yet distinct and should be included within an EA.
7.	4.2 Description of Existing Environment and Data Collection Methodology Page 20	“An aerial reconnaissance of the alternative routes is planned for 2020 to collect data for surface water, fish and fish habitat and the terrestrial environment (e.g., vegetation and wildlife) to support the alternative route evaluation. Further, a ground-based survey is planned for fall 2020 to evaluate the physical characteristics of historic mine workings identified in the Abandoned Mine Information System spatial data layer to determine if they have potential to support bat hibernaculum and may be a constraint to development.”	Some field work, either aerial reconnaissance or ground-based survey, should be completed to collect specific data related to Métis rights and interests for, at minimum, the preferred route. This should be discussed with the Métis Nation of Ontario through the Regional Consultation Committees and Lands, Resource and Consultation Branch to identify the preferred method of data collection and discuss aspects of rights to be considered (e.g., Métis-specific Criteria supportive information).
8.	4.2.1 Records Reviewed as Part of the Terms of Reference Page 21	“Table 4-1 outlines some of the key secondary source information used in preparation of this draft ToR (references are included at the end of this document). These sources, as well as any new sources identified during the EA, will be included in the EA Report, as appropriate.”	The MNO Regions 1 and 2 should be engaged to discuss the potential of secondary source information related to the MNO Regions 1 and 2 and Métis rights, where the information is available.
9.	4.2.2.6 Vegetation and Wetlands Page 31 and 32	“Anticipated field studies to be completed during the EA include Ecological Land Classification (ELC) and botanical surveys and are subject to consultation with regulatory agencies and Indigenous communities.”	The wording within this section is appropriate and should be applied to other identified sections (throughout table) to supplement the incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge. Both concepts are important, yet distinct, and should be included within an EA.

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10.	4.2.2.6 Vegetation and Wetlands Page 32	“The EA will identify and document wetlands potentially affected by the Project using desktop studies (including GIS mapping) supplemented with field studies, as necessary. Desktop and field studies will be supplemented by information from stakeholders and IK gathered through engagement with Indigenous communities.”	This section should be updated to reflect the wording identified as appropriate in comment #9. Wetland desktop and field studies should be subject to consultation with Indigenous nations, specifically, the Métis Nation of Ontario.
11.	4.2.2.7 Terrestrial Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Page 33	“A preliminary desktop review of aerial photography, information provided by the MNRF (and other secondary sources), and review of the draft Significant Wildlife Habitat Criteria Schedules for Ecoregion 3W (MNRF, 2017), was undertaken to determine the potential for Significant Wildlife Habitat to occur within the Study Area. Some of these potential habitats include, but are not limited to, bat maternity colonies, amphibian breeding habitat, turtle wintering areas, snake hibernaculum, bald eagle and osprey nesting habitat, woodland raptor nesting habitat, turtle nesting areas, and mineral licks.”	Consultation must be undertaken with the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 to identify Significant Wildlife Habitat to Métis Harvesters. This may differ from the habitats identified through the typical EA methods. For example, significant habitat to Métis harvesters may be habitat that supports abundant, returning populations of wildlife rather than maternity colonies or nesting areas, which Métis harvesters may avoid.
12.	4.2.2.8 Species at Risk Page 37	“Consultation with the MECP will be undertaken to determine the need for SAR field studies to be completed in support of the EA. Desktop and field studies will be supplemented by information from stakeholders and IK gathered through engagement with Indigenous communities.”	This section should be updated to reflect the wording identified as appropriate in comment #9. Species at Risk desktop and field studies should be subject to consultation with Indigenous nations, specifically the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2.
13.	4.2.2.9 Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases Page 38	“Given the nature of this Project, only temporary construction-related air emissions are anticipated. A quantitative assessment of air quality emissions is not anticipated to be required for the EA.”	Air quality emissions from construction-related activities has the potential to displace Métis harvesters due to disruption of sense-of-place or through increased negative perceptions and a quantitative assessment of these potential effects should be undertaken for the EA as identified in the Métis-specific Criteria.
14.	4.2.2.9 Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases Page 38	“Desktop studies will be supplemented by information from stakeholders and IK gathered through engagement with Indigenous communities.”	This section should be updated to reflect the wording identified as appropriate in comment #9. Air quality desktop and field studies should be subject to consultation with Indigenous nations, specifically the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2.
15.	4.2.2.10 Acoustic Environment Page 38	“The Study Area includes several communities, recreational areas and other potentially sensitive receptors.”	This section should explicitly identify Métis harvesters as types of potentially sensitive receptors which will be assessed in the EA.

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16.	4.2.2.10 Acoustic Environment Page 38 and 39	“however, specific acoustic/noise studies are not anticipated to be required as potential effects are likely to be confined primarily to the construction period (e.g., vibration) and to be temporary and transitory in nature. If long-term noise effects are identified from the addition of station equipment, noise emission levels will be determined through modelling and evaluated against regulatory guidelines.”	<p>Acoustic/noise studies must be required as the potential noise of construction from the operation of machinery could result in the displacement of Métis harvesters due to disruption of sense-of-place or through increased negative perceptions.</p> <p>Further, it is unclear from the dTOR whether implosive sleeves will be used during conductor stringing; or whether general line hum during operation or corona discharges will be assessed in the EA. Noise can also be a deterrent to Métis harvesters during maintenance activities and can also result in the displacement of wildlife during ongoing maintenance activities (e.g., helicopter overflights or mechanical vegetation management).</p> <p>The EA must consider noise effects based on the above noted potential effects.</p>
17.	4.2.2.10 Acoustic Environment Page 39	“Desktop studies will be supplemented by information from stakeholders and IK gathered through engagement with Indigenous communities.”	This section should be updated to reflect the wording identified as appropriate in comment #9. Acoustic Environment desktop and field studies (should they be assessed) should be subject to consultation with Indigenous nations, specifically the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2.
18.	4.2.3.1 Provincial and Municipal Policy Page 40	“CLUPA will be used to understand the applicable land use designations for the portions of the alternative routes that are located on Crown land. Additional consideration of activities on Crown land will include forest management plans and other Crown land users, such as mining claim holders, trapline holders and other tenure holders.”	Crown land is high priority to Métis harvesters as it is land available for the Métis to exercise their rights and interests. The project footprint will include various approvals which convey priority rights to Hydro One. Therefore, considerations of activities on Crown land must include use by Métis harvesters.
19.	4.2.3.2 Community Wellbeing Page 41	“This assessment will include a characterization of existing municipalities and communities in the area using primary and secondary sources, including Statistics Canada census data, government publications and reports, and input received from stakeholder consultation.”	This assessment should include the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 as specific sources for community wellbeing as the indicators described in general within this section are not reflective of Métis-specific wellbeing such as Métis-owned business investment, Métis employment, youth engagement, trust, community programming, perception of the environment, stewardship and environmental enhancement. In order to identify Métis specific indicators and Métis specific data sources, input should be gathered from the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2.
20.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes	“Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized under Section 35 of Canada’s Constitution Act, 1982 (also referred to as Section 35 rights), which includes recognition of existing Aboriginal and treaty rights to hunt, trap, fish, gather and manage the lands for all	<p>This section is specifically titled “Indigenous Community Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes” but includes reference to Section 35 rights.</p> <p>The section then narrows the consideration of rights to the exercise of harvesting rights including hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering. In order to better clarify</p>

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	Page 46	First Nation, Inuit and Métis people of Canada. As part of these rights, the Government of Canada has the Duty to Consult Indigenous communities for this Project. Hydro One is currently engaging with Indigenous communities to better understand the communities' interests and to begin to identify potential Project effects."	this section, it is recommended that the title be amended to: 'Indigenous nation Section 35 rights" and that Hydro One continue to engage with the MNO Regions 1 and 2 to fully understand Metis rights and interests. Some additionally asserted rights of the Métis Nation of Ontario include the right to continue to exist as a distinct Métis community within their traditional territories; the right to the protection of Métis culture, language, traditions and way of life within their territories; the right to continue to rely on the sustenance, cultural, social and economic resources within their traditional territories; and the right to share in the benefits flowing from the development and use of Métis traditional territories.
21.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 46	<p>"Potentially affected First Nation communities include Couchiching First Nation, Eagle Lake First Nation, Fort William First Nation, Mitaanjigamiing First Nation, Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation, Ojibway Nation of Saugeen, Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation, Lac La Croix First Nation, Lac Seul First Nation, Seine River First Nation, and, Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation (Figure 4-1)."</p> <p>"Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) communities that may be potentially affected by the Project include Atikokan and Area Métis Council, MNO Northwest Métis Council, and MNO Thunder Bay Métis Council. Four additional MNO communities have expressed an interest in this Project – MNO Kenora Métis Council, MNO Sunset Country Métis Council, MNO Superior North Shore Métis Council and MNO Greenstone Métis Council."</p>	<p>The tiering of consultation by designating 'potentially affected' and 'may be potentially affected' is an outdated mode of narrowing the scope of consultation by limiting involvement of groups deemed lesser affected. This was largely done based on proximity or by type of Nation. The Métis Nation of Ontario holds constitutionally protected rights within the Project area and is owed the same duty as the above listed First Nations.</p>
22.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 46	<p>"Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) communities that may be potentially affected by the Project include Atikokan and Area Métis Council, MNO Northwest Métis Council, and MNO Thunder Bay Métis Council."</p>	<p>The characterization of the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 does not include sufficient detail. The Métis people of Ontario joined together to form the MNO, a representative body promoting a common cultural, social, political and economic well-being. The Métis Nation of Ontario, as the representative government of the Métis people and rights-bearing Métis communities in Ontario, negotiate and enter into Community Charter Agreements with Community Councils to represent MNO citizens.</p> <p>As part of these Community Charter Agreements, the MNO asserts that the Crown's constitutional duties are owed to the entire regional rights-bearing Métis community, which is not defined, limited or constrained by the geographic areas</p>

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			<p>identified within MNO Community Council Charter Agreements or by the MNO Regions.</p> <p>Therefore, while the geographic location of the identified Councils may be in proximity to the Project, the Lakehead/Nipigon/Michipicoten traditional territory (Region 2) and Treaty #3, Lake of the Woods/Lac Seul and Rainy Lake/Rainy River (Region 1) traditional territories have the potential to be affected by the Project. This is why the Métis Nation of Ontario is engaged through the Regional Consultation Committees, so that the entire territory is represented and the RCC can work to ensure that all potentially affected MNO citizens are engaged and communicated with in a fair, transparent and open manner.</p> <p>Please update the description to be more reflective of the operations of the Métis Nation of Ontario as per above and within consultation protocols available on the Métis Nation of Ontario website.</p> <p>We recommend using the following text: “Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) communities that may be potentially affected by the Project include the Northwestern Métis Community (also referred to as MNO Region 1) and the Métis community in MNO Region 2. These Regional communities are made up of local community councils. In the Northwestern Métis Community, this includes the Northwest Métis Council, Atikokan Métis Council, Kenora Métis Council and Sunset Country Métis Council. In MNO Region 2, it includes the Thunder Bay Métis Council, Superior North Shore Métis Council, and Greenstone Métis Council.”</p>
23.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 47	“IK will be used, as applicable and available, to identify cultural or heritage uses and will assist in determining health, abundance and distribution of species and their habitats, including seasonal variations and historical fluctuation”	Please identify how Hydro One will identify what IK is ‘applicable’ for use in the assessment.
24.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 47	“IK will be used, as applicable and available, to identify cultural or heritage uses and will assist in determining health, abundance and distribution of species and their habitats, including seasonal variations and historical fluctuation”	IK availability is often directly proportional to the availability of capacity funding for nations to gather and disseminate that information to Hydro One. The Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 will require sufficient capacity to gather and provide IK to Hydro One, if the MNO Regions 1 and 2 determines it is comfortable providing this information.

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25.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 47	“IK will also help to establish the current use of land and resources for traditional purposes by Indigenous communities. IK will be particularly valuable as it will help to supplement and inform the data gathered through Western scientific means.”	See Comment #6 While Indigenous Knowledge is valuable, there must also be assessment of potential project impacts on Section 35 rights and interests to provide adequate information to the Crown for consideration in the duty to consult.
26.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 47	“Hydro One will continue to engage Indigenous communities to determine their interest in participating in the IK Program. Project timelines will proactively be communicated with Indigenous communities so that IK information can be received in a timely manner for proper consideration in the EA.”	A similar engagement must be undertaken to determine the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2’s interest in providing specific information about their Section 35 rights and interests. Project timelines must be proactively communicated so that information on rights can be received in a timely manner for fulsome integration into the EA.
27.	4.2.3.6 Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 47 and 48	“The EA will document identified features and traditional land use activities in proximity to the alternatives routes, to the extent possible. This will include a consideration of traditional use, current uses and other relevant socio-economic aspects of the community. Hydro One supports each interested Indigenous community conducting their own IK Study or utilizing Project consultants to assist them in this undertaking.”	This section highlights the concerns raised in Comment #6 as it uses IK and traditional land use interchangeably. IK and traditional land use are not representative proxies for an assessment of effects to Section 35 rights and interests. Both concepts are important, yet distinct, and should be included within an EA.
28.	Table 4-4: Study to be Completed during the Environmental Assessment Page 55	All	The bullets related to IK gathered through Indigenous engagement should be updated to reflect the appropriate language in Comment #9 integrated with the information related to Indigenous Knowledge. All instances of ‘if warranted’ should be removed.
29.	Table 4-4: Study to be Completed during the Environmental Assessment Indigenous Community use of Land and resources for Traditional Purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Document based on additional desktop study through traditional land and resource use studies by or with Indigenous communities. • Secondary sources may be used to supplement these studies, particularly concerning socio-economic aspects of these communities.” 	This section title should be updated, and a bullet added to reference an assessment of Section 35 rights and interests.

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30.	4.3.1 Preliminary Potential Effects to the Natural Environment Page 59	“Project activities throughout the lifecycle of the Project (e.g., construction, operation and maintenance, and retirement) have the potential to affect the natural environment. Potential effects to the natural environment features described in Section 4.2.2 (e.g., soils, surface and groundwater, wetlands, terrestrial wildlife and wildlife habitat, fish and fish habitat, SAR, etc.) resulting from Project activities will be identified and evaluated in the EA. Potential effects to the natural environment may be positive, negative, neutral, short-term, long-term, and/or cumulative. The EA will propose mitigation measures to address potential effects to the natural environment, as applicable.”	The description of the preliminary potential effects to the natural environment and the potential effects listed in table 4-5 do not include specific detail on effects to Métis rights which integrate with the natural environment, and do not reference the provided Metis-specific Criteria (2019).
31.	4.3.2 Preliminary Potential Effects to the Socio-Economic Environment Page 61	“The Project has the potential to result in socio-economic benefits and negative effects to the communities and land users in the area.”	The Project has the potential to result in socio-economic effects to Indigenous nations in the area, including the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2. This section should be updated to specifically reference this context.
32.	4.3.2 Preliminary Potential Effects to the Socio-Economic Environment Preliminary Potential Effects to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes Page 62	“The Project has the potential to result in effects to the natural environment, including wildlife, vegetation and water resources. Potential effects to the natural environment may affect the Aboriginal and treaty rights of communities.”	This section indicates an understanding that the project could impact Section 35 rights and interests; although still with a misinterpretation of biophysical or natural environment components as proxies for the rights themselves. Natural environment components must not be used as a proxy and the assessment of effects to Section 35 must be explicit. This can be completed through consideration of the Métis-specific Criteria provided to Hydro One which represent a sample of Métis rights which could be impacted by this Project.
33.	4.3.2 Preliminary Potential Effects to the	“The potential effects to Aboriginal and treaty rights include, but are not limited to, the following:	The potential effects listed do not account for or represent the Métis-specific Criteria which had identified effects including: loss of land and/or a change in priority rights, change in physical attributes, changes to harvesting of culturally

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	<p>Socio-Economic Environment</p> <p>Preliminary Potential Effects to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes</p> <p>Page 62 and 63</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to access to resource harvesting and cultural sites within and beyond the area of the Project from effects on features, such as trails and waterways and camps/cabins; • Changes to subsistence hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering as protected under Aboriginal and treaty rights; • Changes to Indigenous landscape features, such as Place Names, Boundary Markers and Orientation Points, through disturbances to the land within the area of the Project; • Changes to the environmental conditions, such as vegetation, wildlife, fish and water resources, that may influence traditional activities within the area of the Project; and • Change to spiritual and cultural sites, such as ceremonial, grave, sacred, gathering and worship areas, that may occur in the area of the Project.” 	<p>critical species, changes to harvesting practices, changes in teaching/transmittal, changes in perception, disruption of sense of place, reduction in cultural practices and changes in teaching/transmittal to the next generation.</p>
34.	<p>4.3.2 Preliminary Potential Effects to the Socio-Economic Environment</p> <p>Preliminary Potential Effects to Indigenous Community Use of Land and Resources for Traditional Purposes</p> <p>Page 63</p>	<p>“Indigenous communities will be encouraged to share IK on key topics, issues and concerns to further “identify, inform, and refine the criteria and indicators.”</p>	<p>Please update the dTOR to include the Métis-specific Criteria and Indicators provided to Hydro One to ensure their consideration in the Environmental Assessment.</p>
35.	<p>5.1.1.1 Transmission Line</p> <p>Page 64</p>	<p>“The ROW width will be confirmed based on the final route, design of the structures, the sag and span between structures, and location of the ROW (e.g., greenfield route or adjacent to an existing, previously disturbed ROW).”</p>	<p>The ROW width must also consider the potential effect of loss of land and/or change in priority rights for the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 as a change in the legal designation of land can impair the exercise of Métis rights in the vicinity. This should be reflected in the dTOR.</p>

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36.	5.1.1.5 Temporary Land Rights Page 67	“Temporary land rights may be required at some locations along the ROW to accommodate construction activities, such as providing additional working space, stockpiling, and equipment/material laydown or to facilitate conductor pulling/tensioning. These sites, if required, are anticipated to be decommissioned and restored following construction.”	Should temporary land rights be required, they must be assessed in term of the potential loss of land and/or change in priority rights for the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 as the change in legal designation of land can impair or displace the exercise of Métis rights in the vicinity. This required assessment should be reflected in the dTOR.
37.	5.2.1 Construction Page 69	<p>“The Project is expected to generate both local and regional employment and procurement opportunities, as well as economic spinoffs during the construction period, including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <p>Equipment and Related Rentals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck and car rentals; • All-terrain vehicle rental (e.g., Argos, side-by-sides, quads/4-wheelers, snowmobiles, boats, etc.); • Construction equipment and supplies (e.g., helicopters, aggregates, etc.);” 	It should be noted that there are local Métis contractors who can supply local aggregate to the project during construction and where required.
38.	5.2.2 Operation and Maintenance Page 70	<p>The operation and maintenance phase would include transmission line condition assessments and vegetation maintenance, which would be completed on a regular basis. Ongoing vegetation management activities are required to manage and mitigate safety and reliability risks by maintaining clearances between transmission lines and vegetation on, and along, the ROW.</p> <p>The anticipated operating services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure climbing and helicopter inspections; • Line hardware and insulator thermography; • ROW inspections; • Visual ground patrol; • Vegetation management; and, • Ongoing repairs and maintenance activities. 	<p>The listed helicopter inspections were not referenced in the assessment of the acoustic environment. Helicopter traffic can be disruptive and unpredictable and can change the physical attributes of harvesting or sites for the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2.</p> <p>Further, the method and frequency of vegetation management should also be described and assessed as various types of vegetation management methods could result in increased avoidance behaviors by Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 harvesters.</p>

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39.	6.2 Alternative Methods Identification Page 73	“It is anticipated that the identified alternative routes will be further refined as part of draft ToR review along with input on the criteria and indicators to be used to evaluate the alternative routes to select the preferred route in the EA. Section 10.0 of this draft ToR describes the planned consultation and engagement activities to be undertaken during the EA that will inform the alternative route evaluation and preferred route effects assessment.”	In a meeting held on July 22, 2020, it was noted by the R2CC and R1CC representatives that there is a critical area of Métis use in the vicinity of an identified alternative route. On the east side of highway 622, near the TransCanada canoe route, there is sacred land for the Métis people who use this area in the exercise of their rights. This requires flagging for additional follow-up and will be documented as part of the Project specific TKLUS the Region 1 and Region 2 hope to complete.
40.	Table 6-4: General Routing Selection Considerations Page 87	Socio-Economic >> “Minimize the use of private properties (e.g., use of existing ROW is favoured to minimize disruption to property owners, primarily dwellings).”	This is in direct contradiction to the direction provided by the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 which directed minimization of use of Crown land to minimize disruption to Métis harvesters. Further, within the Indigenous Factor there is no mention of this or other routing considerations to be taken into account.
41.	6.4 Refinement of the Preferred Route Page 104	“Refinement of the preferred route may be made on the basis of any field data that may be collected to support the alternative route evaluation and effects assessment. Section 4.2 provides a commitment to prepare a field work plan with agency and Indigenous community input.”	The Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2 require a helicopter flyover of the preferred route, once selected.
42.	Table 7-1: List of Key Natural and Socio-Economic Environment Considerations Page 106	“Table 7-1 presents a preliminary list of the natural and socio-economic features that will be considered in the EA and that will be used to develop the criteria and indicators used in the net effects assessment.”	The preliminary list of natural and socio-economic features to be considered in the EA do not include Section 35 rights and interests. As previously noted, use of land and resources for traditional purposes is a component of the exercise of Indigenous rights and not a holistic or comprehensive measure by which to assess potential effects to Métis rights and interests.
43.	10.5 Indigenous Engagement Plan Page 124	“The term “engagement” is used in this plan to represent activities that Hydro One will undertake to inform and receive input from Indigenous communities. These activities may contribute to the consultation activities that the Crown may undertake to fulfill its “Duty to Consult” obligations.”	Engagement activities alone, will not assess potential project impacts on Indigenous rights and interests. The EA should include assessment of potential positive and negative effects on the Métis Nation of Ontario Regions 1 and 2’s constitutionally protected section 35 rights and interests. The requirement for this information is on the ‘Preparing environmental assessments’ website for the government of Ontario which indicates the Crown may delegate certain aspects of consultation such as gathering information about the impact of a proposed project on the potential or established Aboriginal or

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			treaty rights. This means that Hydro One must complete the delegated procedural aspects of consultation and fulfill those delegated aspects of the Duty to Consult.
44.	10.5.1 Indigenous Communities to be Engaged Page 128	“Communities will be provided with information, and will be engaged in a direct dialogue, in order to allow both Hydro One and each Indigenous community to understand the potential effects (if any) of the Project on any Aboriginal and treaty rights or interests.”	While it is encouraging that the dTOR acknowledges an understanding that potential effects of the Project on any Aboriginal and treaty rights or interests is required, there is little information on how this will be assessed. Specific details of how <i>this</i> project may affect Aboriginal and treaty rights must be assessed. Specific guidance on how this will be undertaken (similar to other Criteria) should be set out in the dTOR to ensure a complete assessment is undertaken.
45.	Appendix B List of Preliminary Evaluation Criteria and Indicators	Various	<p>There are instances of Criteria where the Métis-specific Criteria could have been incorporated, including:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Socio-Economic Environment >> Land Use >> Indicator >> Conversion of Unoccupied Crown Land to Occupied Crown land</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Socio-Economic Environment >> Visual Landscape (Aesthetics) >> Removal of required conditions for territorial connection for the Métis</p> <p>In addition to these instances, the ‘other applicable criteria and indicators identified by communities’ should include the additional effects and measures outlined in the MNO Regions 1 and 2 Preliminary Criteria document.</p>
46.	Appendix B List of Preliminary Evaluation Criteria and Indicators Page B-13	“Safety and Compatibility with Electricity Grid”	The Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 and 2 requires consideration of siting and reliability in case of an accident or malfunction with a route that may parallel existing infrastructure; as well as consideration of response constraints which may occur.



Meeting Notes

Project Name:	Waasigan Transmission Line Project		
Prepared by:	Devi Shantilal	Meeting Date:	August 10, 2020
		Meeting Time:	6pm – 8pm EST
		Location: Webex Video Conferencing	
Attendees	<p>Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Treaty # 3, Rainy Lake/ Rainy River & Lake of the Woods/ Lac Seul (Region 1) Consultation Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theresa Stenlund, Regional Councillor • Marlene Davidson, President, MNO Atikokan Métis Council • Brady Hupet, President, MNO Sunset Country Métis Council • Sandy Triskle, Captain of the Hunt, Region 1 • Janet Hipfner, President, MNO Northwest Métis Council • Liz Boucha, President, MNO Kenora Métis Council <p>Region 2 Consultation Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Muloin, President, MNO Thunder Bay Métis Council (to represent MNO Region 2 Consultation Committee) <p>MNO Lands, Resources and Consultation Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aniela-Jane Hannaford, Consultation Assessment Coordinator, Region 1 • Nick Richard, Consultation Assessment Coordinator, Region 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie Bartlett, Manager <p>MNP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adena Vanderjadt • Germaine Conacher 	<p>Hydro One Networks Inc. (HONI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Cohanim, Environmental Planner • Bruce Hopper Project Manager • Devi Shantilal Sr. Advisor, Indigenous Relations • Stephen Lindley, Indigenous Relations Strategist • Don McKinnon, Dillon Consulting, TOR Consultant 	

#	Item Description	Action/Lead	Status
1.	<p>Introductions and Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer (President Marlene Davidson), opening remarks (Cllr Stenlund) and round table introductions were conducted (All). 	Devi	

Meeting Notes

2.	<p>MNP Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MNO explained that the purpose of the meeting was for MNP to provide a summary of their review of the draft Terms of Reference. ○ Hydro One committed to listening to MNP's questions and comments, and would provide a detailed response once the comments were received in writing. ○ MNP presented their comments on the draft Terms of Reference. 	Adena/Germaine	
3.	<p>General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MNP provided specific examples for each area of concern included in their presentation. ● MNO requested a detailed map showing the area between Atikokan and Eva Lake, and the revised study area map showing the Treaty 3 boundary. Hydro One also recommended the MNO visit the interactive map on the Waasigan project website. ● Hydro One thanked MNO and MNP for their time and the discussion. 	All	
	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hydro One to send update project shapefile. ● Hydro One to send detailed map of area between Eva Lake and Atikokan. ● Hydro One to send updated map with Treaty 3 boundary. ● MNO committed to checking whether it will be possible to send Hydro One MNP's ● MNO committed to sending Hydro One their comments on the draft Terms of Reference. 	<p>Devi</p> <p>Sent August 14, 2020</p> <p>Received by HONI August 13, 2020</p>	

Hydro One Inc. Waasigan Transmission Line

Draft Terms of Reference

Presented by: Germaine Conacher, Adena Vanderjagt - MNP
Date: August 2020

Agenda

- **Recap**
- **Review of Comments**
- **Questions & Discussion**

Recap

The Métis Nation of Ontario R1CC and R2CC Participated in Transmission Line Siting Model Workshop

- Held in Atikokan, Dryden and Thunder Bay
- Created two Reports and provided source data to be used in the Siting Model
- Hydro One's consultant, Team Spatial, created a report outlining the results
 - Preference to follow existing corridors was noted

Recap

The Métis Nation of Ontario R1CC and R2CC Participation in Métis-Specific Criteria Workshops

- Held in Atikokan, Dryden and Thunder Bay
- Created a Preliminary Métis-Specific Criteria Report
- Narrowed Criteria from:

Proposed Criteria	Selected Criteria
Economy	Economy
Loss of Land / Change in Priority Rights	Loss of Land / Change in Priority Rights
Harvesting	Harvesting
Sites	Sites
Values	Values
Governance	Governance
Language	Language
Cultural Identity	Cultural Identity
Teach / Transmittal to the Next Generation	Teach / Transmittal to the Next Generation

Key Issues

Métis Specific Criteria

- The Métis Nation of Ontario Region 1 and 2 undertook a scoping process for the selection of Métis-specific Criteria related to the Project.
- It was anticipated that the information would be reflected in the dTOR
- This was not the case.

Key Issues

Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Rights

- dTOR appears to refer to Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous Rights interchangeably.
- An understanding, description and acknowledgement of Indigenous rights and interests is needed to accurately capture what information must be collected for the EA.
- Indigenous Knowledge is also important, but cannot be used as a proxy.

Specific Comments

46 specific comments within the review.

Range from Comments on Rights to Comments on the Consultation Process undertaken and articulated within the dTOR.

- EA must include assessment of Section 35 rights and interests
- Maps need to be updated to reflect R1 and R2 (e.g., First Nations Treaty Boundary, Métis are signatories)
- Baseline conditions do not include a description of Métis rights and interests
- Biophysical assessments should be completed in consultation with R1 and R2
- Perception and sense of place should be considered for some biophysical components
- Acoustic/Noise studies should be required for construction noise and operation noise (e.g., construction vehicles, corona discharge, line hum)
- Crown land is a high priority to Métis harvesters
- Tiering of Consultation is inappropriate

Discussion

Discussion



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Subject: RE: Waasigan DTOR Review/Comments
Attachments: Waasigan_Notice of Draft ToR Review Period Extension_August 14 2020 FINAL2.pdf; Waasigan_Notice of Draft ToR Review Period Extension_August 14 2020 FINAL.pdf

Good morning Councillors Stenlund and Sinclair,

Many thanks for the documents and the review of the DTOR. I was off yesterday & just saw Nick's email. The attached letters note that we are extending the draft Terms of Reference review period for Indigenous communities until September 7, 2020. Since MNO has already sent in comments, if there are any additional comments, kindly feel free to send them by September 07, 2020.

Once again, thank you for your comments. We will review and follow-up.

Best Regards,
Devi

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Good afternoon Devi,

I have attached two documents to this email. First, the slide deck presentation that MNP gave during our latest meeting on Monday, August 10th, 2020. Second, MNP's full review of the DTOR completed on behalf of the MNO. This document includes the MNO's comments and concerns regarding the Draft Terms of Reference for Hydro One Network Inc.'s Waasigan Transmission Project. Thank you for the ongoing consultation opportunities,

Nick

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Note: as part of the effort to reduce the likelihood of workplace or community transmission of COVID-19, Métis Nation of Ontario employees will be working remotely until September 2020. We will be continuing to offer programs and services as best we can during this period of remote work.

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Dear Bonnie & Nick,

As part of the process to prepare a Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line environmental assessment, Hydro One has identified preliminary alternative routes which are presented in the draft ToR that has been released for review. The preliminary alternative routes have been developed considering available baseline information and input received to date from Indigenous Communities and stakeholders.

As requested, we have enclosed a shapefile of the preliminary alternative routes for your information and for you to determine if you have any specific areas of interest along these routes. The preliminary alternative routes generally follow existing infrastructure right-of-ways, although some short sections have been identified for the purpose of minimizing distance and/or sharp turns in direction. Approximate buffer areas have been applied which vary depending on the alternative route section and do not represent the actual transmission line right-of-way. The identified buffer areas are to be considered as approximate areas of interest for the routing of a new transmission line and will be subject to further refinement. The actual project footprint will be substantially smaller than shown in the alternative route buffer areas. It is also possible that new sections of alternative routes not shown in this shapefile could emerge as a result of the ongoing engagement throughout the ToR process.

The alternative routes, once confirmed, will be evaluated in the future environmental assessment phase. This evaluation will consider collected field data, Indigenous Knowledge as well as other input received from interested persons.

Finally, Hydro One has sent these files with the understanding and expectation that they will be used by the Métis Nation of Ontario only for the purposes of identifying specific areas of interest and/or concern. These files are not to be distributed outside the Métis Nation of Ontario or its representatives without the written approval of Hydro One.

Should you have any questions about the preliminary alternative routes and/or provided files, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued interest in the project and I look forward to receiving additional input from your Métis Nation of Ontario

Regards,

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