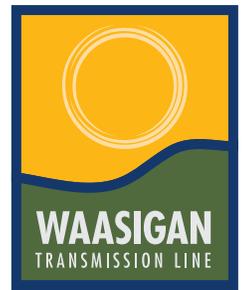


NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

March 9, 2022



Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is undertaking an environmental assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Waasigan Transmission Line (the Project). The Project will consist of a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt 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 kilovolt transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden, as shown on the reverse map. The need for the Project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through its long-term electricity planning process. Once built, Waasigan will bring an additional 350 megawatts of electricity to the region, supporting planned growth in northwestern Ontario.

EA PLANNING PROCESS

In February 2022, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) approved the Amended Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Waasigan Transmission Line EA, which is available on the Project website (see link below). The EA will be carried out according to the approved Amended ToR and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The purpose of the EA will be to evaluate alternative routes, as shown in the reverse map; identify a preferred route and Project design; predict and assess potential effects of the Project on the environment, including incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge; and identify measures to minimize and/or eliminate potential negative effects. This information will be documented and made available for review and comment in a draft EA report, prior to submission of the final report to the MECP.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Hydro One will work in collaboration with Indigenous communities, and engage with government officials and agencies, interested persons and organizations throughout the EA. Engagement opportunities will be offered in spring 2022 to discuss the EA and alternative routes evaluation process.

**For more information, to sign up for the project contact list, or to ask questions, please contact Hydro One Community Relations:
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WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

Map Legend

-  Existing Transformer Station (TS)
-  Alternative Routes
-  Existing Transmission Line
-  Highway
-  International Border
-  Red Sky Métis Independent Nation Office
-  Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Council Office
-  Treaty Boundary
-  First Nation Reserve
-  Provincial Park

