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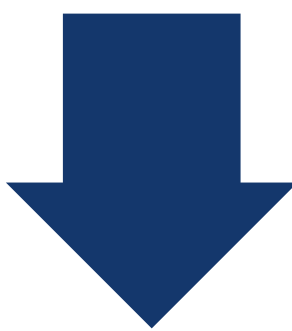


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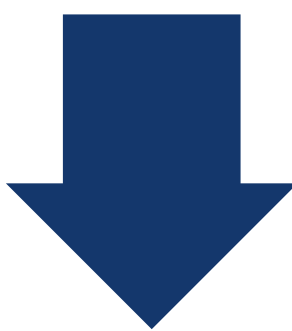
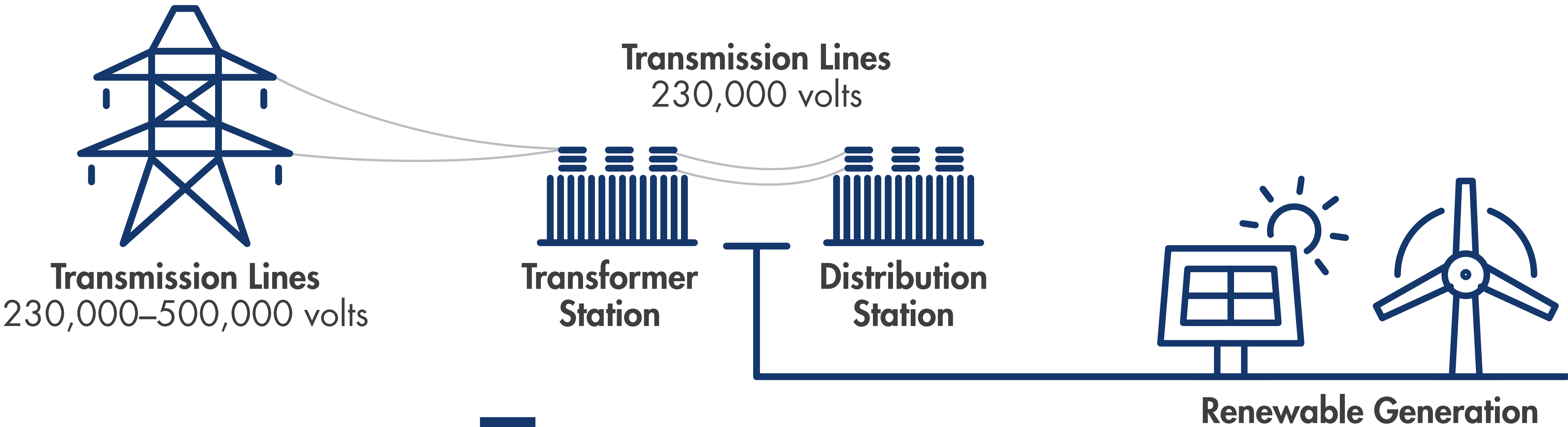
Hydro One brings power to homes and businesses by building and operating electrical infrastructure.



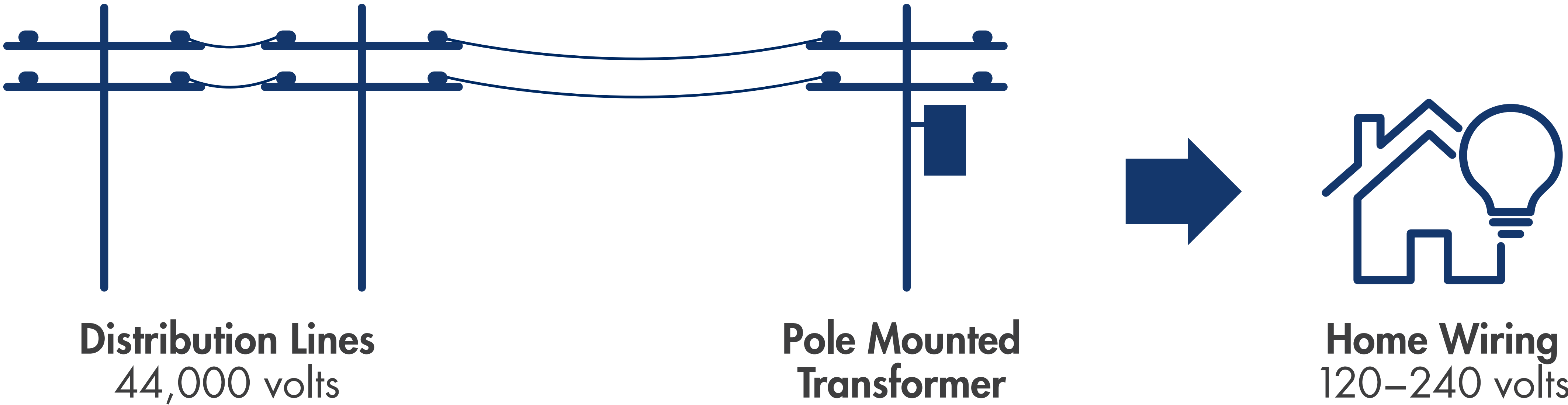
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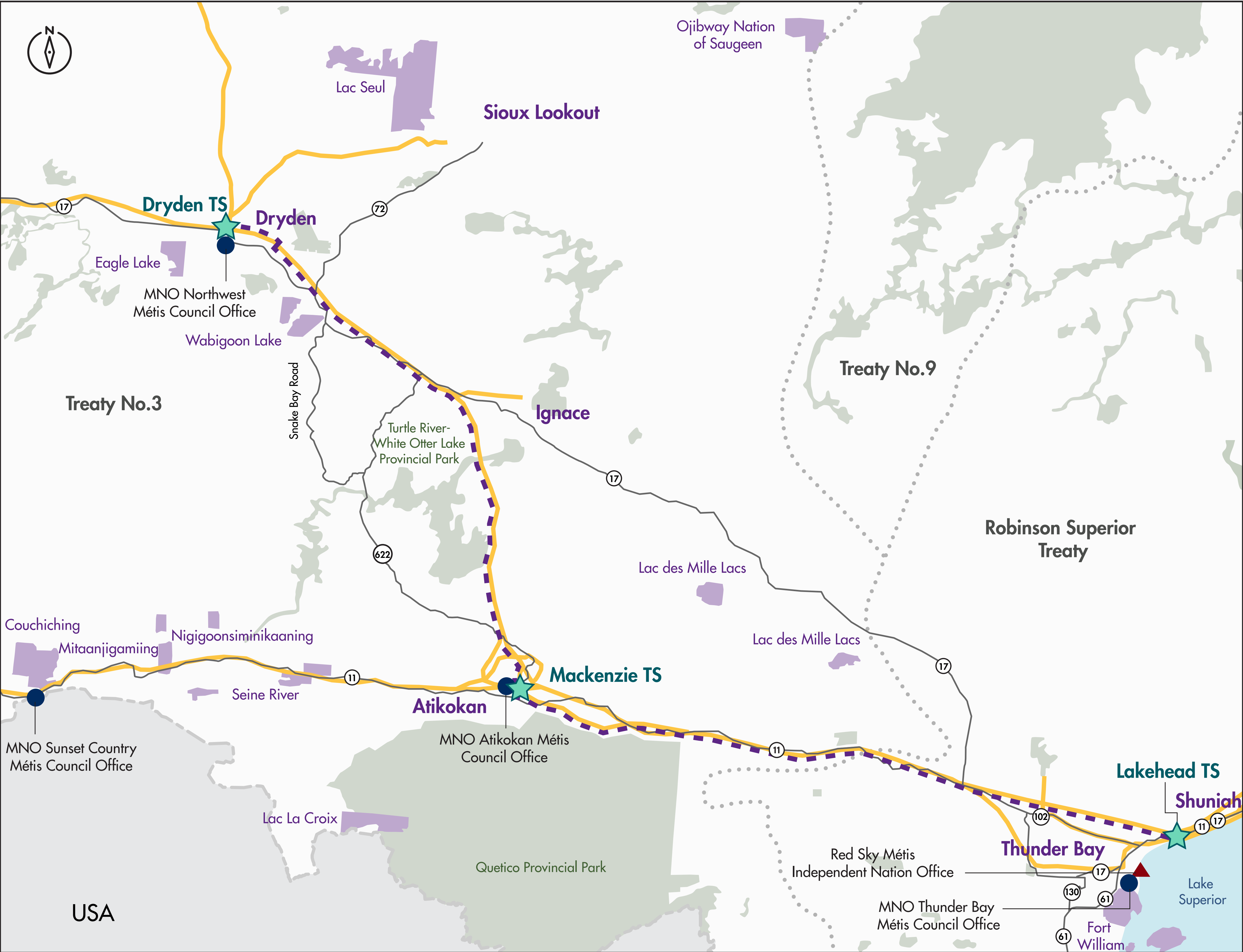


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Waasigan is a new transmission line in the traditional territories of the Treaty 3 and Robinson-Superior First Nations and travels across the Northwestern Ontario Métis, Region 2 of the Métis Nation of Ontario and the Red Sky Métis Independent Nation.

The new transmission line will carry enough electricity to power a city twice the size of Thunder Bay, supporting economic growth and job creation.



Map Legend

- ★ Existing Transformer Station (TS)
- Selected Route
- 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

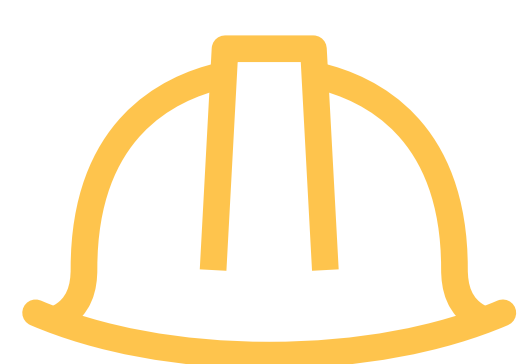


WHY IS A NEW LINE NEEDED?

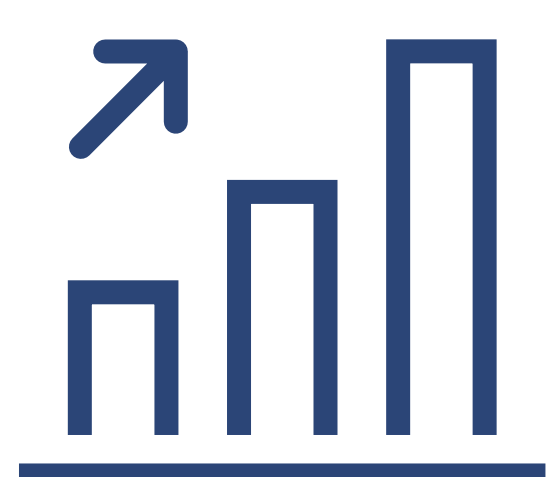


In Ontario, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is responsible for ensuring future energy needs are met. In 2018, the IESO's demand forecast called for more power to support Northwestern Ontario's growth.

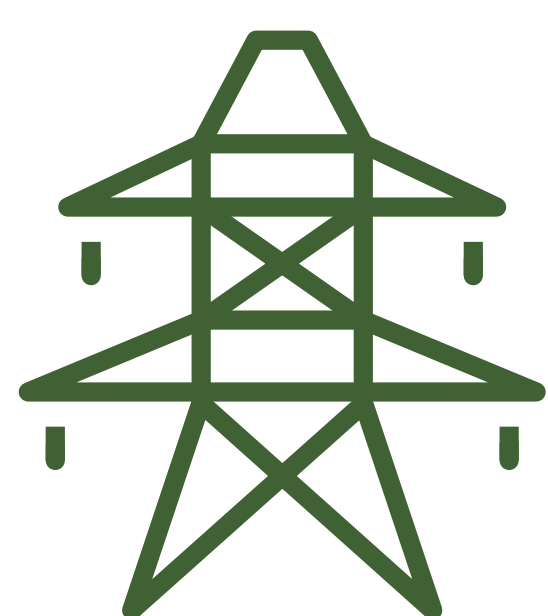
Once built, the Waasigan Transmission Line will support the region by:



Supporting economic growth in sectors like mining and forestry.



Improving reliability by reinforcing the back-bone of the grid.



Connecting more people and industry by adding enough energy to power a city twice the size of Thunder Bay.



Creating participation and partnership opportunities with Indigenous communities.



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GETTING HERE: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



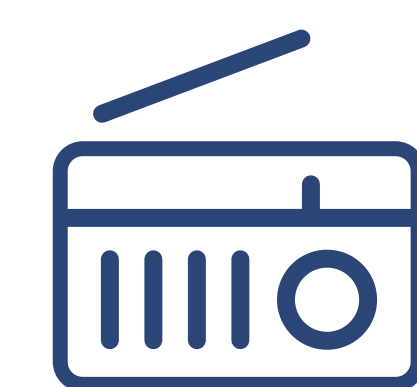
Community engagement plays an important role in project planning.

Since 2019, we've actively engaged with community members and worked with government agencies to incorporate local knowledge and feedback. This includes:

Community outreach:



22 Open Houses with
3,800 participants



76 notices, newspaper,
radio and social media ads
and an online survey
across the region

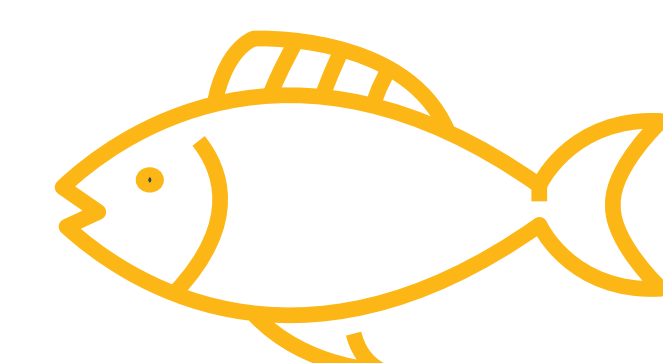
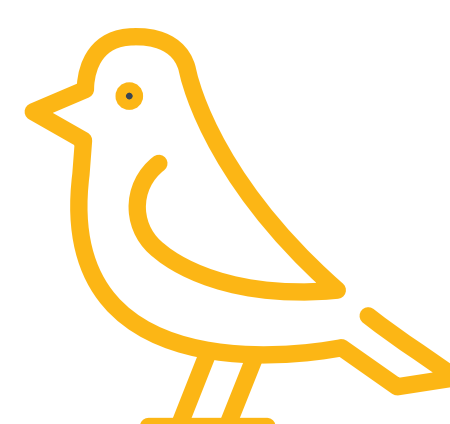


Directly heard from
more than
**1,600 community
members**



Regularly met with
local elected officials
and regional leaders

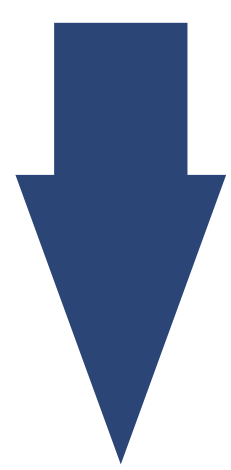
Conducted over
1,200 site visits
to assess the environment



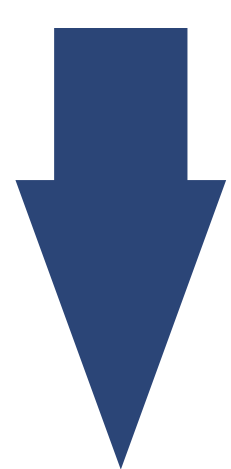
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GETTING HERE: THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The feedback we heard was incorporated into an environmental assessment, a process designed to assess the existing environment and mitigate potential effects before a new transmission line can be built.



Waasigan's environmental assessment was approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in September 2024.



At Hydro One, we take stewardship of natural resources seriously, and are committed to building this critical infrastructure in an environmentally responsible manner.



**Check out the EA Highlights
Report to learn more**



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WORKING WITH PROPERTY OWNERS

Guiding Principles

We continue to work closely with directly impacted landowners and will do so throughout construction. Our process is focused on ensuring:



Property Owner Choice

Property owners have the choice between an easement or purchase.



Independent Valuation

Offers are based on site-specific reports from independent third-party appraisers.



Incentives

Monetary incentives will be offered in addition to market value compensation for voluntary property rights.



PROJECT TIMELINES AND NEXT STEPS



April 2019 – Fall 2020

Draft Terms of Reference for the Environmental Assessment starts, including engagement activities, data collection and development of route options.

Proposed Terms of Reference submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

February 2022

Approval of the Terms of Reference by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

March 2022 – Summer 2023

The Environmental Assessment starts, including engagement activities, data collection and evaluation of the route options.

A route is selected, and a draft Environmental Assessment becomes available for public review and comment.

Summer 2023

A Leave to Construct (Section 92) application is submitted to the Ontario Energy Board.

Fall 2023

Feedback received during the draft Environmental Assessment review period is incorporated and a final report is submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

April 2024

A Leave to Construct (Section 92) application is received from the Ontario Energy Board.

September 2024

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks approves the final Environmental Assessment.

November 2024

Construction starts.

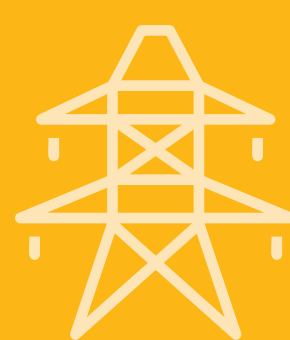
We are here

End of 2025

Shuniah to Atikokan is expected to be in-service as close to the end of 2025 as possible.

End of 2027

Atikokan to Dryden is expected to be in-service by the end of 2027.



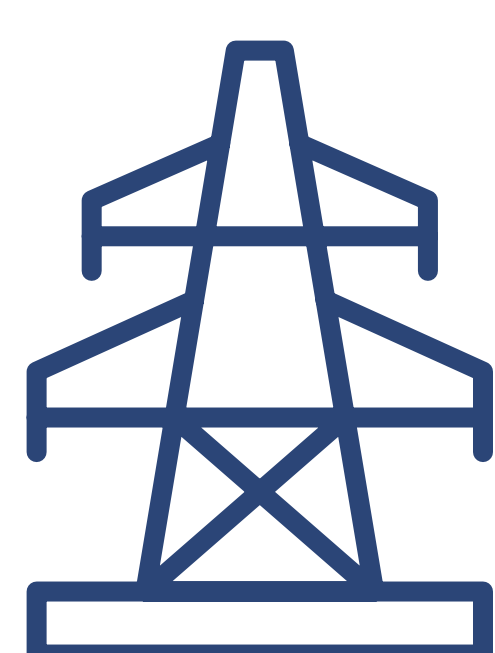
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Our construction partner, Valard Construction, has a strong history of building electrical infrastructure projects in Ontario and across North America.



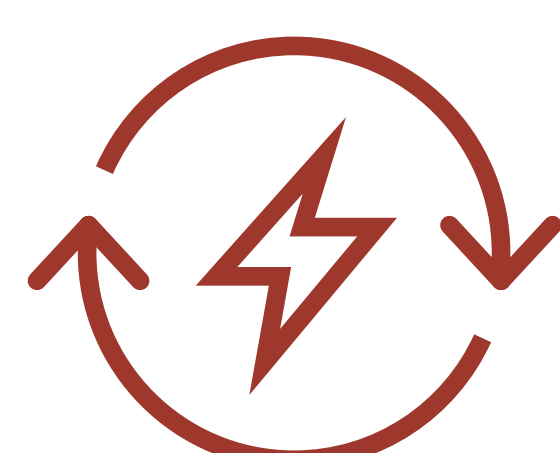
Stage 1:

Prepare access roads, camps, and the corridor.



Stage 2:

Build tower foundations, install towers and string the line.



Stage 3:

Energize the line and return construction areas to as close as possible to their original ground conditions.



Construction activities will typically take place 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Sunday.



WHAT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES WILL LOOK LIKE



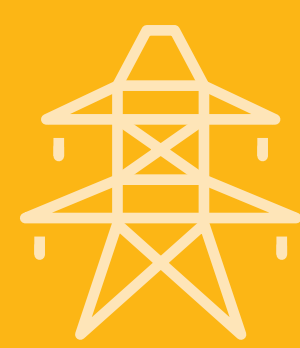
A variety of equipment will be used for construction activities, including excavators, rock trucks, graders, mulchers, cranes, helicopters and trucks.



Cranes help lift heavy equipment and materials on construction sites



Helicopters are used to help string the line



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OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU



We appreciate your patience as we work to build this critical infrastructure for Northwestern Ontario.



Keep our workforce and the public safe



Minimize environmental effects



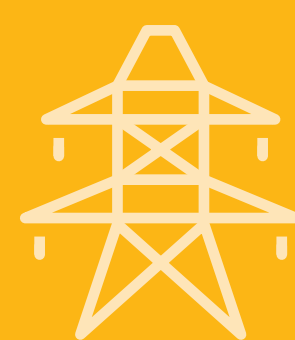
Keep construction activities within the project footprint



Engage with landowners about expected activities on their property



Support the local economy through employment and business opportunities

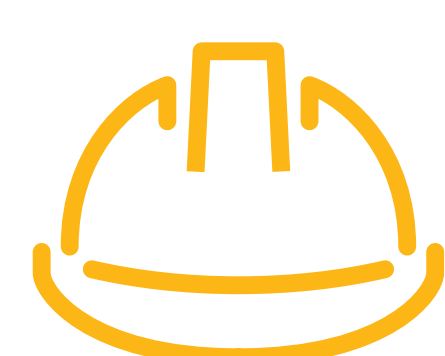


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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

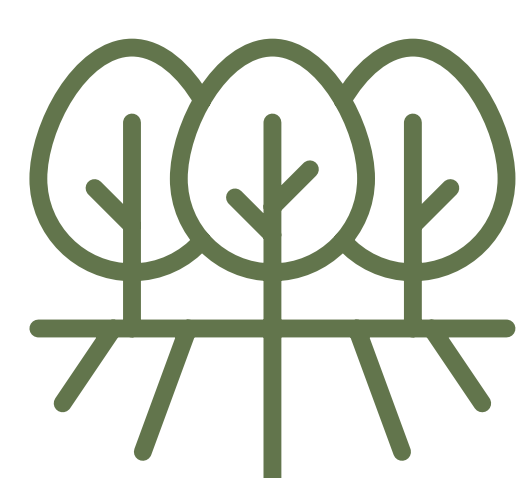
Throughout construction, Waasigan is expected to directly employ 350 to 400 jobs. We want to hire locally and encourage you to contact your local building trade union for job opportunities.



Apprentices and trades people



Heavy equipment operators



Environmental support professionals



Camp and catering staff



General labourers



Quality control



EPSCA: www.epsc.org/collective-agreements

CUSW: www.cusw.ca/apply



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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT HOW WE CAN SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY



We aim to support local initiatives that strengthen connections between people to build stronger, more resilient communities.

Please share your ideas for how we can best support your community.



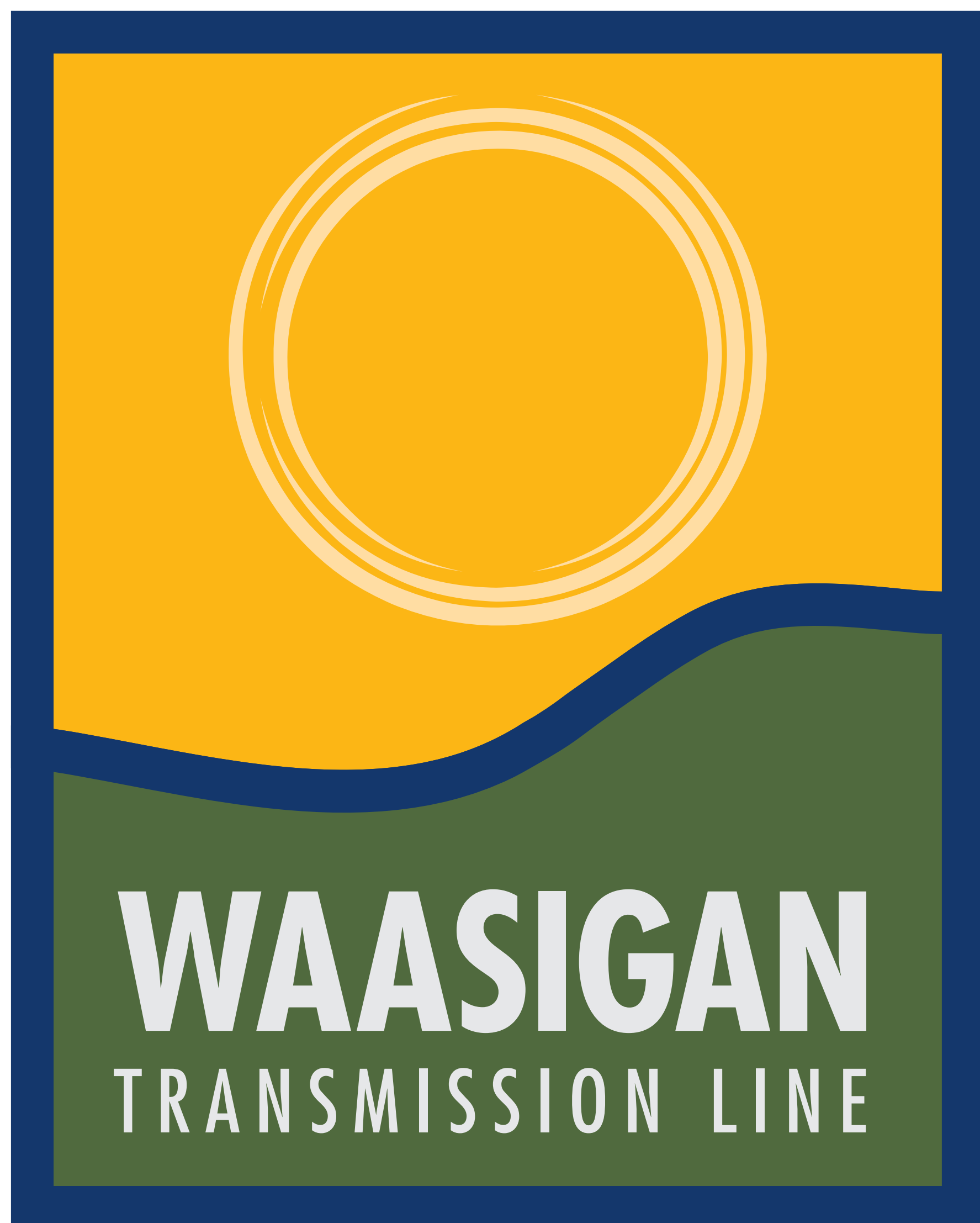
Installing a backup generator at the Kaministiquia Community Centre.



Application forms are available at the check-in table



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HAVE QUESTIONS?

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