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WELCOME TO THE WAASIGAN VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

POLLING QUESTION

Why are you joining us this evening?

1. To learn more about the Waasigan Transmission Line project
2. Interest in preliminary alternative routes for the new transmission line
3. To learn how to participate in the project
4. Interest in project timelines
5. To ask a question to the project team
6. All of the above
7. Other



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TO THE WAASIGAN VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

TONIGHT'S AGENDA

1. Project overview and update
2. Information on the recently released draft Terms of Reference
3. Overview of the preliminary alternative routes
4. Working with Indigenous communities
5. How to provide your feedback
6. Key milestones and next steps
7. Live question and answer session



KEY ORGANIZATIONS

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



Builds, owns, operates and maintains electricity transmission and distribution facilities across Ontario.



Oversees planning to ensure electricity needs are met both now and in the future.

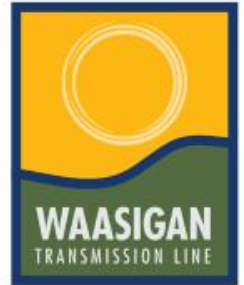


Regulates the electricity market in Ontario, including electricity rates.



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- Hydro One has been powering northwestern Ontario homes and businesses for over 70 years.
- Consultation and community engagement is a top priority for Hydro One.
- Hydro One wants to build long-term job skills capacity in the region. We understand the potential that exists in northwestern Ontario, and believe in supporting growth in the region.



WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

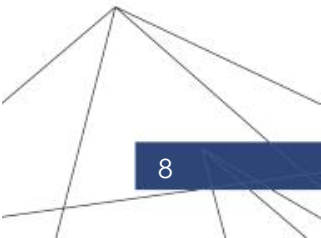
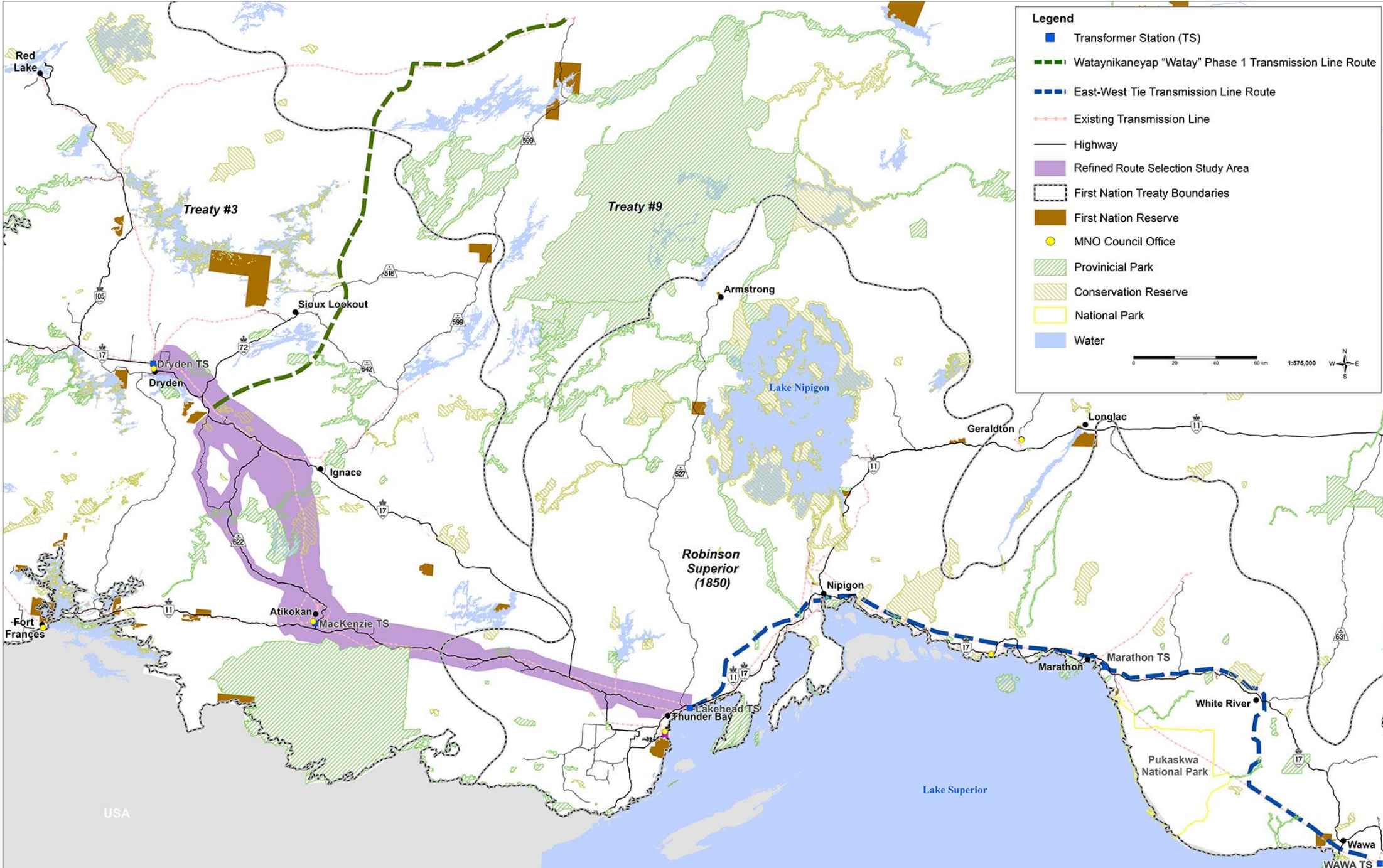


- In April 2019, Hydro One initiated an environmental assessment for the Waasigan Transmission Line project. Waasigan is an Ojibwe word for “bringing power”.
- Waasigan is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie Transformer Station in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kilovolt line between Mackenzie Transformer Station and Dryden Transformer Station in the City of Dryden.
- Waasigan is a critical link to unlocking the economic potential that exists in the northwest.

Legend

- Transformer Station (TS)
- - - Wataynikaneyap "Watay" Phase 1 Transmission Line Route
- - - East-West Tie Transmission Line Route
- - - Existing Transmission Line
- Highway
- Refined Route Selection Study Area
- First Nation Treaty Boundaries
- First Nation Reserve
- MNO Council Office
- Provincial Park
- Conservation Reserve
- National Park
- Water

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



The environmental assessment (EA) is a planning tool designed to assess the existing environment and avoid or mitigate potential effects before proceeding with a proposed project.



An EA under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* consists of two main components:

STEP 1

The Terms of Reference (ToR)

- The ToR establishes the framework for how the EA will be prepared, and identifies alternatives, such as the preliminary alternative routes, which will be further assessed in the EA.
- The ToR will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision.

STEP 2

The Environmental Assessment (EA)

- The EA will proceed as outlined in the approved ToR.
- The EA will assess and evaluate alternative routes and determine a preferred route for the new transmission line.
- The EA will identify other required project components, assess effects of the proposed project, and describe mitigation and other impact management measures to avoid or minimize effects to the environment.

★ **We are here** ★

Opportunities for input

WHAT'S IN THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE?

The draft Terms of Reference includes the following:



DESCRIPTION OF AND RATIONALE for the project



DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT (natural and socio-economic) and potential effects of the project



PURPOSE OF THE EA and the project



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS and monitoring



DESCRIPTION OF HOW the EA will be prepared



EA CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT PLANS, and record of consultation for the ToR

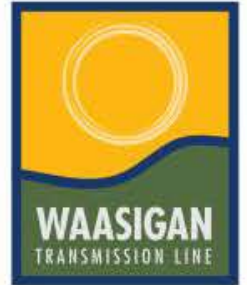


IDENTIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVES (e.g., preliminary alternative routes) and evaluation to be completed in the EA



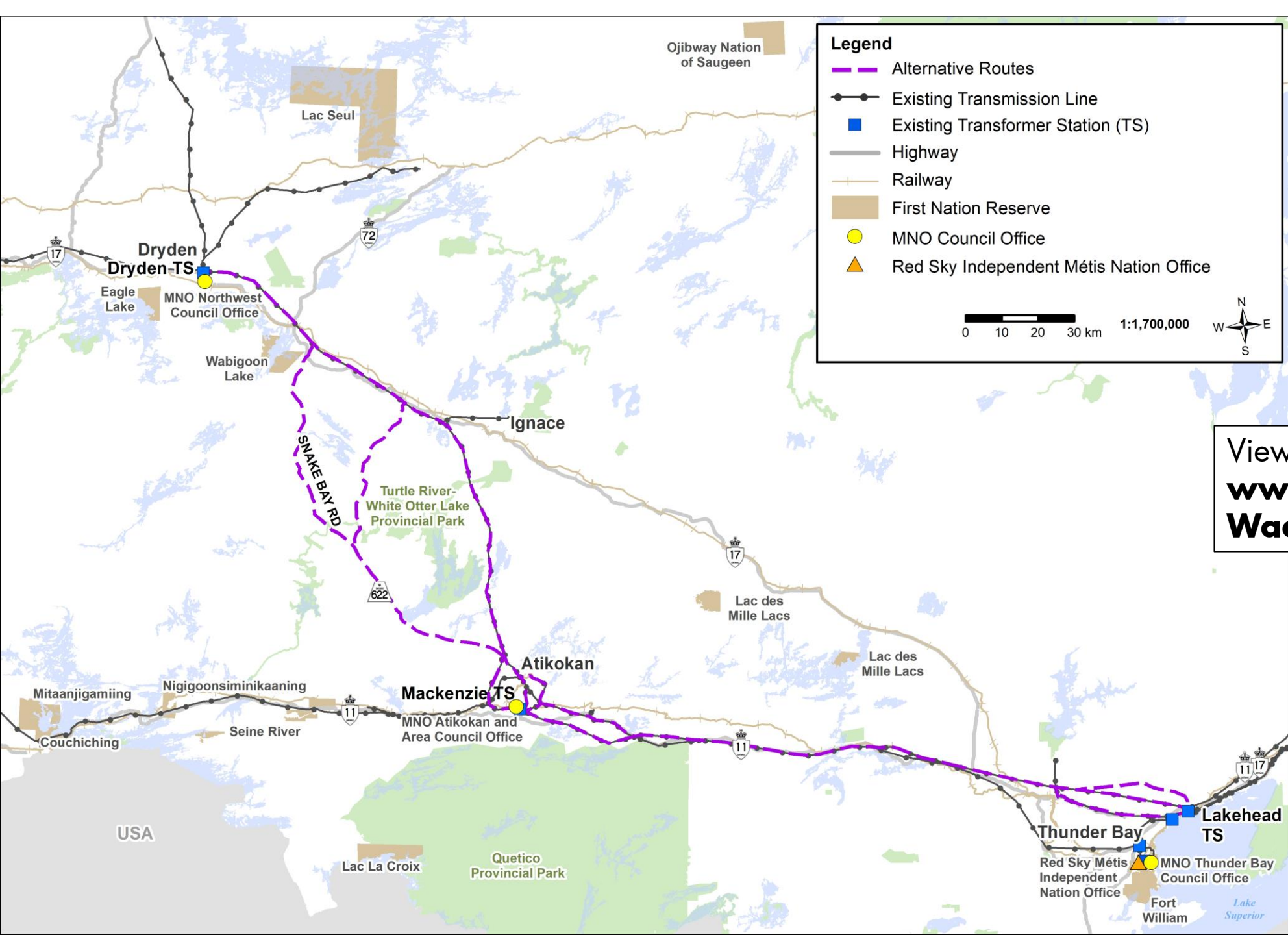
OTHER PERMITS, APPROVALS and authorizations that may be required

DEVELOPMENT WORK TIMELINES

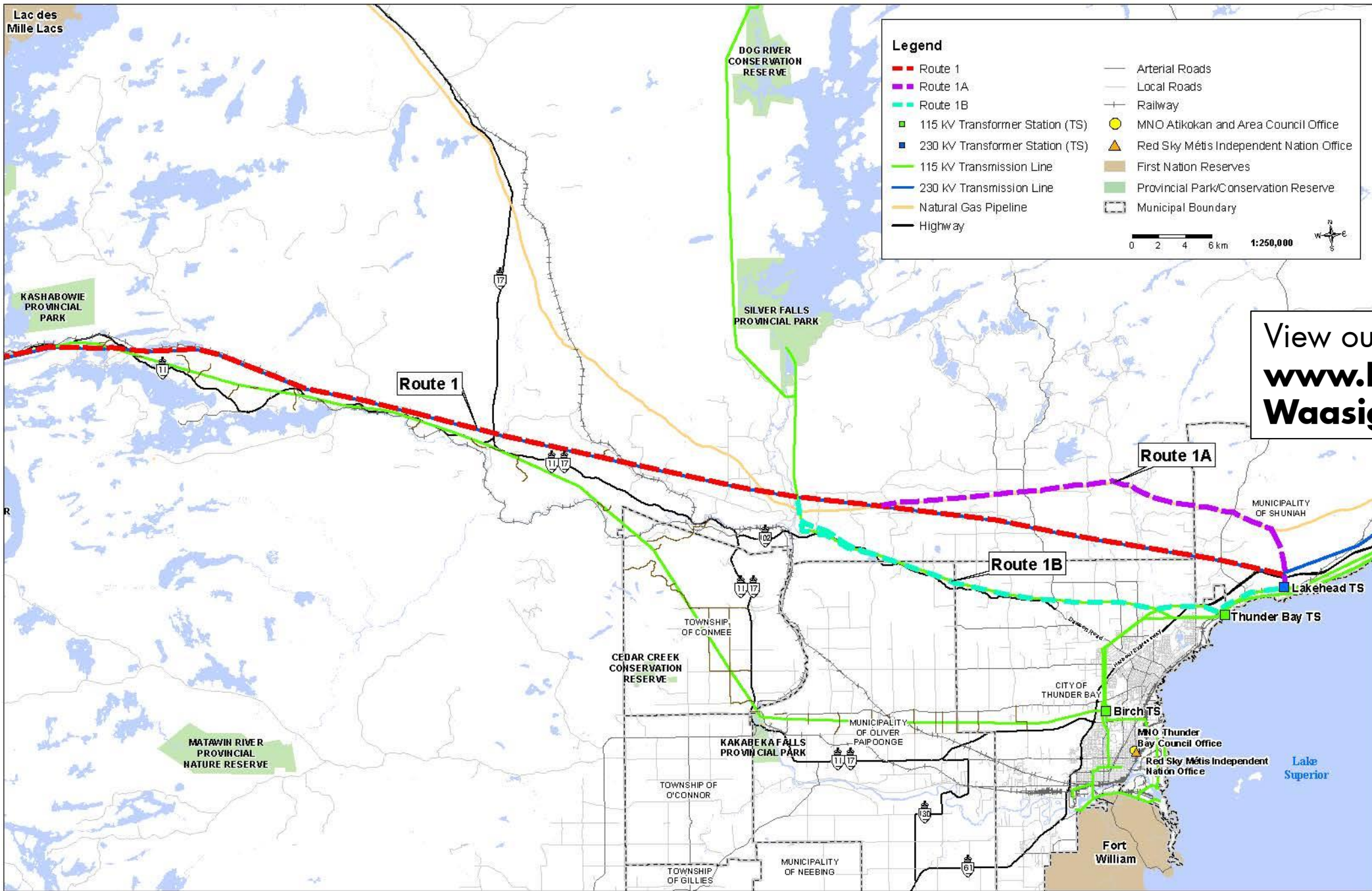


APRIL 2019	Notice of Commencement of Terms of Reference
SPRING 2019-20	Consultation, data collection, and development of alternative routes
JUNE 2020	Draft Terms of Reference public review period begins
FALL 2020	Proposed Terms of Reference submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
LATE 2020	Terms of Reference decision by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
JAN 2021	Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment
2021-2022	Consultation and data collection on Environmental Assessment study areas
2022	Draft Environmental Assessment review
2022	Leave to Construct (Section 92) application submission
2023/2024	Decision on Environmental Assessment by Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
2023/2024	Leave to Construct (Section 92) application decision
END OF 2024	Complete development work

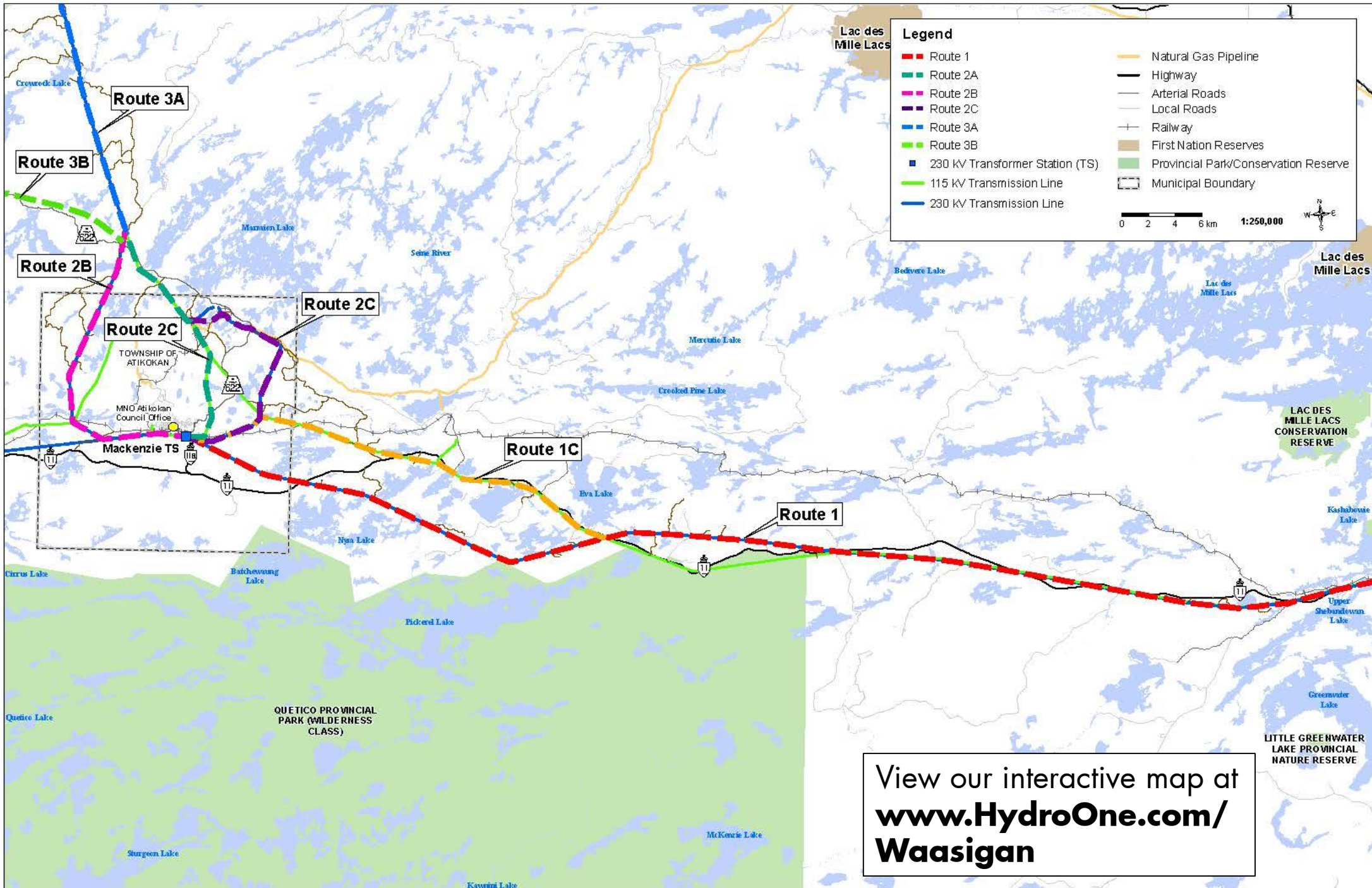
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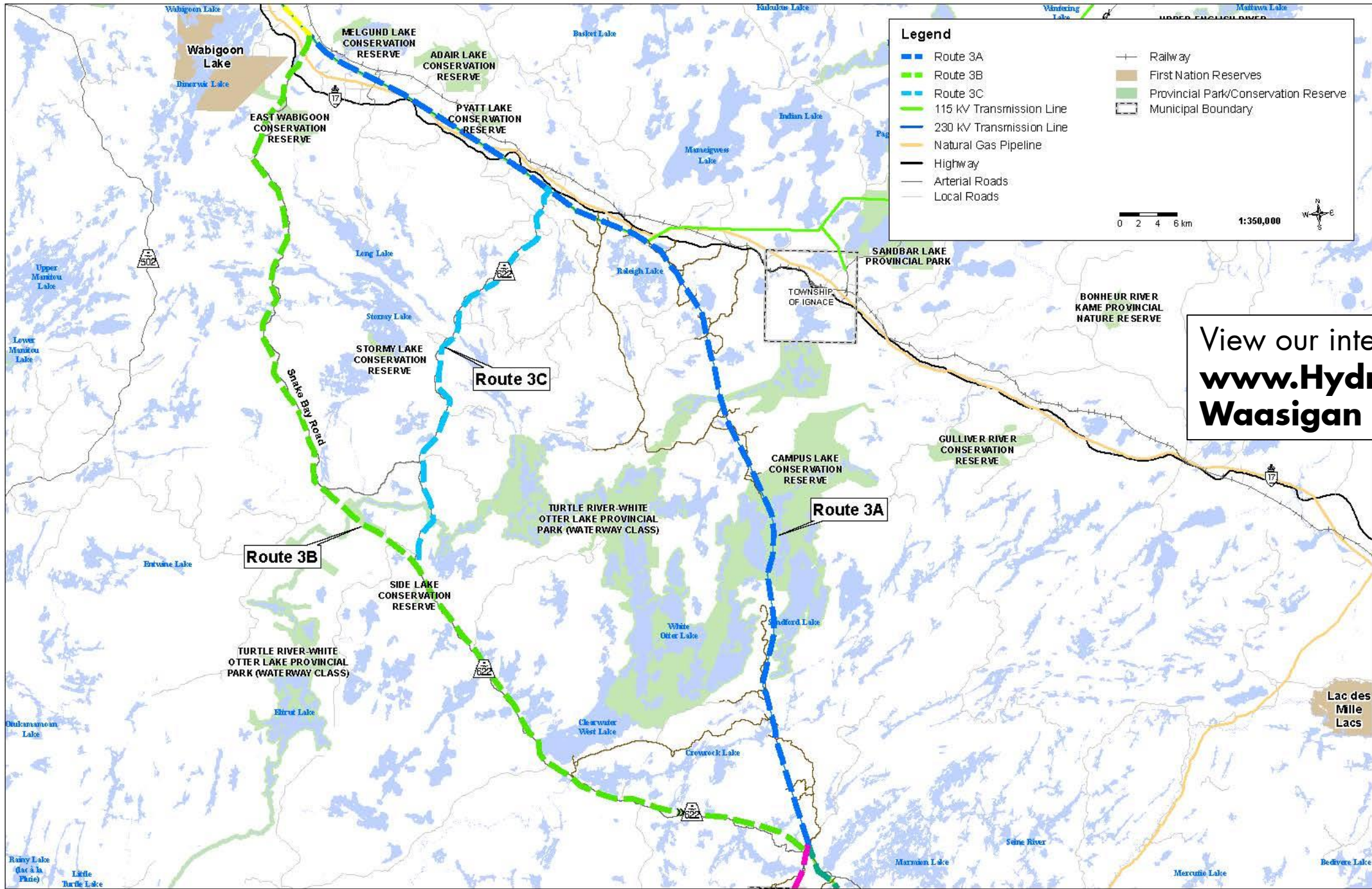
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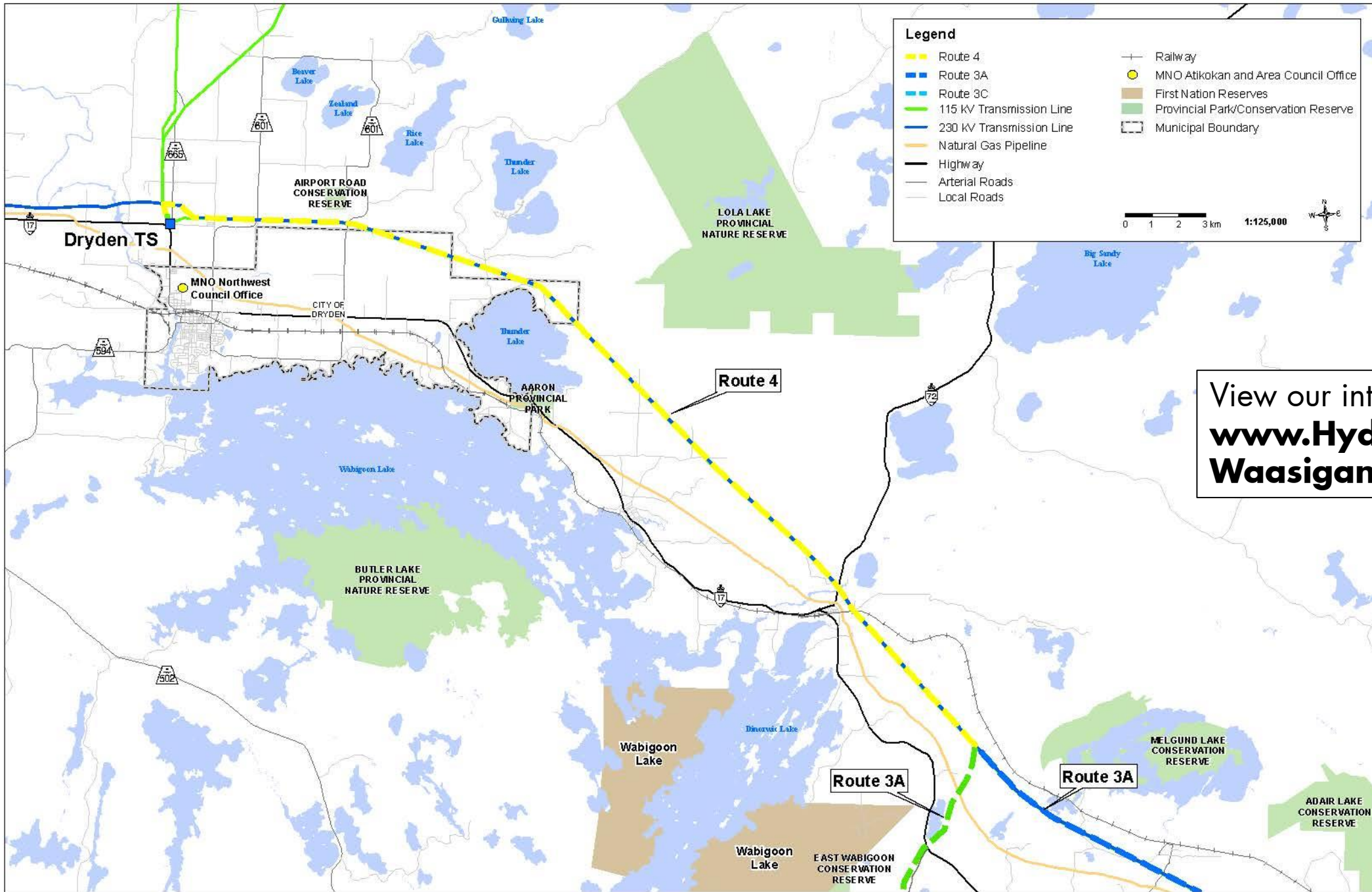
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WORKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

- Development work for the Waasigan Transmission Line is founded on respectful, collaborative and meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities.
- Hydro One has initiated a training and skills development program aimed at developing skills and capacity in local Indigenous communities.
- We are looking at broader local training and labour opportunities for the project that will continue to support skills development and capacity building.
- Where possible, procurement opportunities will be made available to Indigenous communities in support of the ongoing development work and potential future work.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Hydro One is committed to supporting local economic growth by tapping into local resources, including employees and locally sourced equipment.
- We are looking at broader local training and labour opportunities for the project. It is a priority for Hydro One to support the local labour market by building capacity in the region, not just creating a job.
- Hydro One will continue working with communities to discuss potential benefits you would like to see in the short and long term.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Your feedback is important to us and we want to hear from you. You can provide us with your feedback by:



Asking a question tonight during our virtual information session



Submitting your comments to Community.Relations@HydroOne.com or 1-877-345-6799



Attending future engagement opportunities

To stay up to date on project details, please visit www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan

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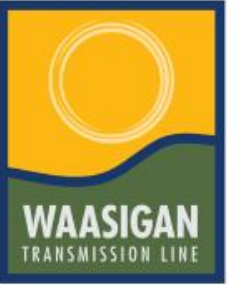
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POLLING QUESTION

What is your preferred method to receive project updates or information?

1. Direct mail
2. Email
3. Virtual information sessions/tele-town halls
4. In-person meetings, when it is safe to do so
5. All of the provided options
6. Other



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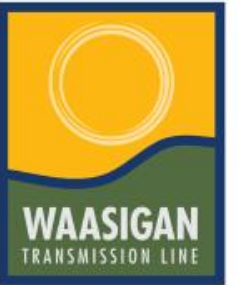
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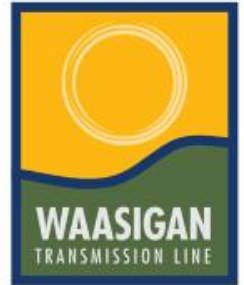
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POLLING QUESTION

After this evening's virtual information session, what is your level of support for Hydro One's Waasigan Transmission Line project?



1. Very supportive
2. Supportive
3. Neutral/unsure
4. Not very supportive
5. Not supportive at all

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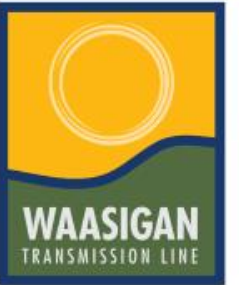
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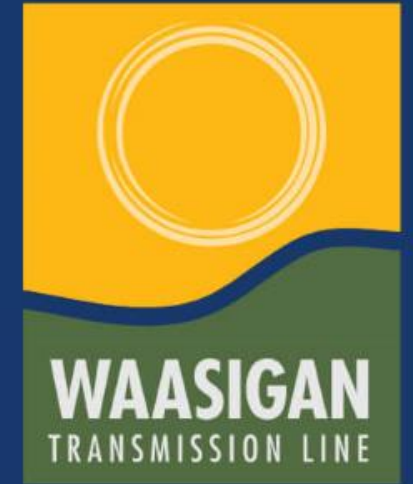
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST IN THE WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT



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