

APPENDIX B

Project Notifications and Updates Supporting Documents

1. Notice of Commencement of Environmental Assessment. March 10, 2022.
2. Invitation to the May 2022 Community Open Houses (Thunder Bay, Dryden, Atikokan and Virtual Room). April 20, 2022.
3. Project Update Postcard for Residents, including Engagement Survey link. September 2022.
Engagement Survey
Engagement Survey - Summary of Comments Received
4. Preliminary Preferred Route notification and invitation to the January 2023 Community Open Houses (Thunder Bay, Dryden, Atikokan and virtual session). January 3, 2023.
5. Invitation to the March 2, 2023 Community Open House (Kaministiquia Community Centre). February 17, 2023.
6. Invitation to Community Drop-in Hours April 18 and 19, 2023 (Kaministiquia Community Centre).
7. Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Review. May 17, 2023.
8. Invitation to the June 2023 Community Open Houses (Thunder Bay, Dryden and Kaministigua). May 17, 2023.
9. Update to Invitations to the June 2023 Community Open Houses. June 15, 2023.
10. Notice of Final Environmental Assessment Available for Review. November 2023.



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.

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Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

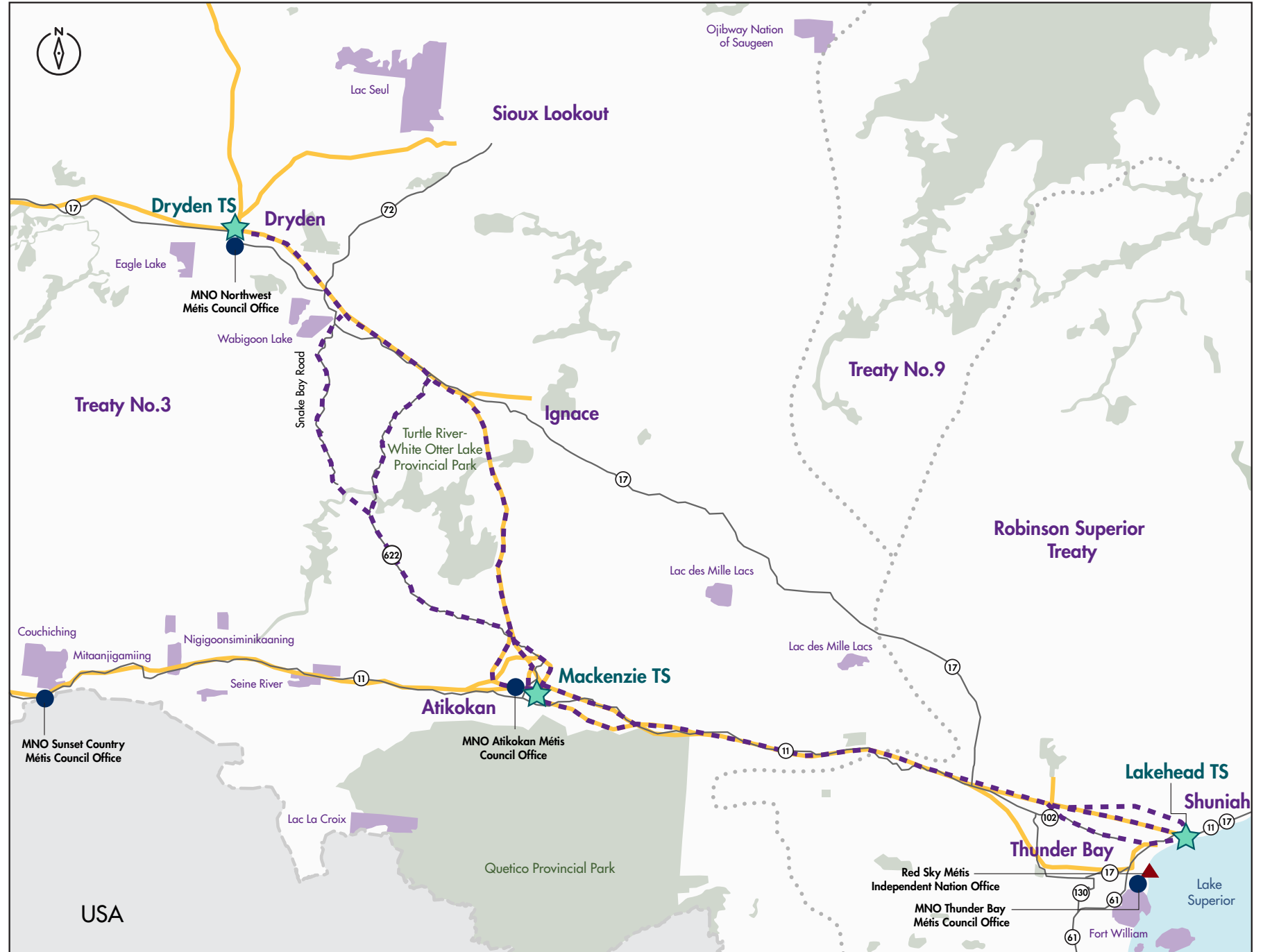
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- Alternative Routes
- Existing Transmission Line
- Highway
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AVIS DE COMMENCEMENT – ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE

ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE DE LA LIGNE DE TRANSPORT WAASIGAN



9 mars 2022

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) entreprend actuellement, en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* de l'Ontario, l'évaluation environnementale de la Ligne de transport Waasigan (le « projet »). Le projet consiste à construire une ligne de transport à deux circuits à 230 kilovolts (kV) entre le poste de transformation (PT) de Lakehead (municipalité de Shuniah) et le PT de Mackenzie (ville d'Atikokan), et une ligne de transport à un circuit à 230 kV entre le PT de Mackenzie et le PT de Dryden (voir la carte). La Société indépendante d'exploitation du réseau d'électricité (SIERE) a, dans sa planification de l'électricité à long terme, déterminé la nécessité du projet. La ligne Waasigan fournira un supplément de 350 mégawatts (MW) dans le nord-ouest de l'Ontario, le but étant de soutenir la croissance projetée pour la région.

LE PROCESSUS DE PLANIFICATION DE L'ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE

En février 2022, le ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPP) a approuvé le cadre de référence modifié (CdR) de l'évaluation environnementale (EE) du projet. Le CdR modifié est disponible sur le site Web du projet (voir le lien ci-dessous). L'EE se déroulera conformément au CdR modifié et aux exigences de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*.

L'EE a pour objectif d'examiner différents tracés de rechange pour la ligne de transport (voir la carte); d'établir le tracé privilégié et la conception du projet; de prévoir et évaluer les effets potentiels du projet sur l'environnement, pour lesquels le savoir autochtone sera pris en compte; et d'établir des mesures pour réduire ou éliminer les effets négatifs potentiels. Cette information sera documentée et mise à la disposition du public pour examen et commentaires dans un rapport d'évaluation environnementale provisoire. Par la suite, le rapport final sera présenté au MEPP.

OCCASIONS DE PARTICIPATION

Tout au long du processus d'évaluation environnementale, Hydro One travaillera en collaboration avec les communautés autochtones et engagera la participation des représentants gouvernementaux, des organismes publics, et des personnes et organisations intéressées. Des occasions de participation seront offertes ce Printemps 2022 pour discuter de l'EE et du processus d'évaluation des tracés de rechange.

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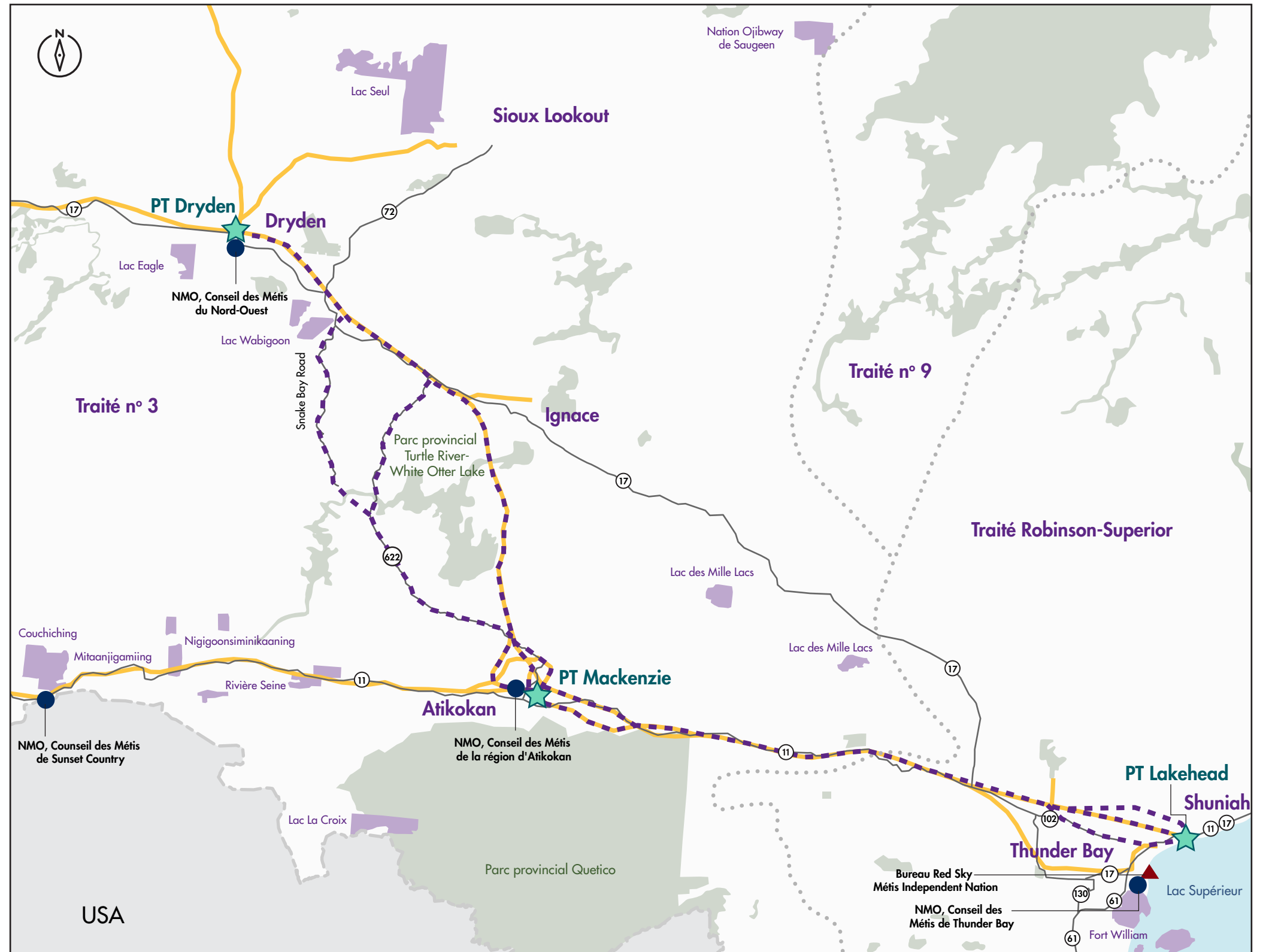
Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée

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LIGNE DE TRANSPORT WAASIGAN

Légende

-  Poste de transformation (PT) existant
-  Tracés de recharge
-  Ligne de transport existante
-  Route
-  Frontière internationale
-  Bureau de la Red Sky Independent Métis Nation
-  Conseils de la Nation métisse de l'Ontario (NMO)
-  Limites de territoires visés par des traités
-  Réserve Première Nation
-  Parc provincial



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March 9, 2022

Hydro One gaa-bimiiwidoowaad wii-dazhiikewag ji-ando-naagajitoowaad owe aki.(EA) Obiminizha'aanaawaa iwe gaa-izhising Environmental Assessment Act owe onji Waasigan Epiteg Gaa-inaabiigamong (Anokaajigan) Nisawiya'ii gaa-ayaag Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) imaa Shuniah omaa dash Atikoganing, oshkiya'ii ge-bimi-ipiteg owe gaa-niizhoo-apiitiseg waasigan da-ayaa. Miinawaa nisawiya'ii gaa-ayaag Mackenzie TS omaa dash Dryden TS oodenaang Dryden gaa-ayaag, oshkiya'ii ge-bimi-ipiteg gaa-bezhigo-apiitiseg waasigan da-ayaa. Aki-mazina'iganing imaa izhi-waabanda'iwem. Ezhi-manazing iitog, waasa owidi niigaan ezhi-onaakonigewaad igiwe Independent Electric System Operater (IESO) ogii-onaabandaanaawaa owe Anokaajigan. Apii-giizhichigaateg, awashime geyaabi niswaak-ashi-naanomidana epiichiseg waasigan da-bagamise omaa nake akiing. Mii-waa-izhi-zitoshkaagewaad ji-ani-gaanjiging Ontario.

EA PLANNING PROCESS

O'apii- February 2022, ogii-onaabandaanaawaa igiwe Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) iniwe Ge-ani-izhichigeng imaa Waasigan Epiteg Gaa-inaabiigamong EA. Wii-waabandaang iwe Anokaajigan giuwitaakamisab imaa niisaya'iing ayaa. Enaakonigeng imaa Environmental Assessment Act da-biminizha'igaaate.

Owe EA, ji-dibagandegin bebakaan enamongin wenji ayaag, daabishkoo imaa aki-mazina'iganing gaa-naagokin; ji-mikaang nawaj ge-mino-ayaag gaa-inamong iwe gaye Anokaajigan ge-izhinaagwak; ji-niigaanaabanjigaateg, ji-ando-gakendaang gaye ge-izhi-bakiteshkaamagak iwe Anokaajigan omaa akiing, owe gaye ji-dagositong anishinaabeg ezhi-gakendaasowaad; ji-waabandaang gaye nake gegoo ge-naniizaanisegiban. Nitamibii'iganing da-ozhibii'igaaate owe maanoogo ji-dibaabandaang maagizhaa gaye wii-dazhindaang jibwaa izhinizha'aang iwe ishkwaaq ozhibii'igan owidi MECP.

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Hydro One oga-wiidanokiimaawaa' anishinaabe-okogewinan, oga-gaganoonaawaa' ogimaawiwinan enokiiwaad aanind gaye onowe gaa-dananokiing, gaa-noonde gakenjigewaad aya'aag onowe gaye aanind babaamiziiwinan eyaagin imaa miziwe EA. Wii-gaganooniting, spring 2022 apii da-maajise ji-dazhindaang iwe EA onowe gaye bebakaan ge-inamongiban gii-ando-dibagandaang.

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Gakina gegoo wiindamaadiwin ezhi-nisidawenawind awiya gaa-dagosing imaa gaa-gii-izhinizha'aang, daabishkoo – wiinzowinan, aazhawebii'igan ezhibii'igaaateg, aandi ezhi-daang, giigidoobiiwaabikoons ezhibii'igaaateg, aandi eyaag dibenjigewin – maawandoosinoon, ganawenjigaatewan ji-wiindamaagewaad igiwe Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks maanoogo weweni ji-waabandaang, wii-ando-gaganooniting gaye ge-aabatak. Inaakonigewin eyaag imaa Environmental Assessment Act onjise gii-maawandoositoong wiindamaadiwin maagizhaa gaye maawanjichigaate, ganawenjigaate gaye maanoogo gakina awiya bemaadizid bizaan ji-waabandang. Mii ezhising s.37 iwe Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act. Wenen-igo waa-wabandang izhichigaate, giishpin inendaziwan bizaan-igo wenen ji-waabandang, gaawiin daa-waabanda'iwesiim.

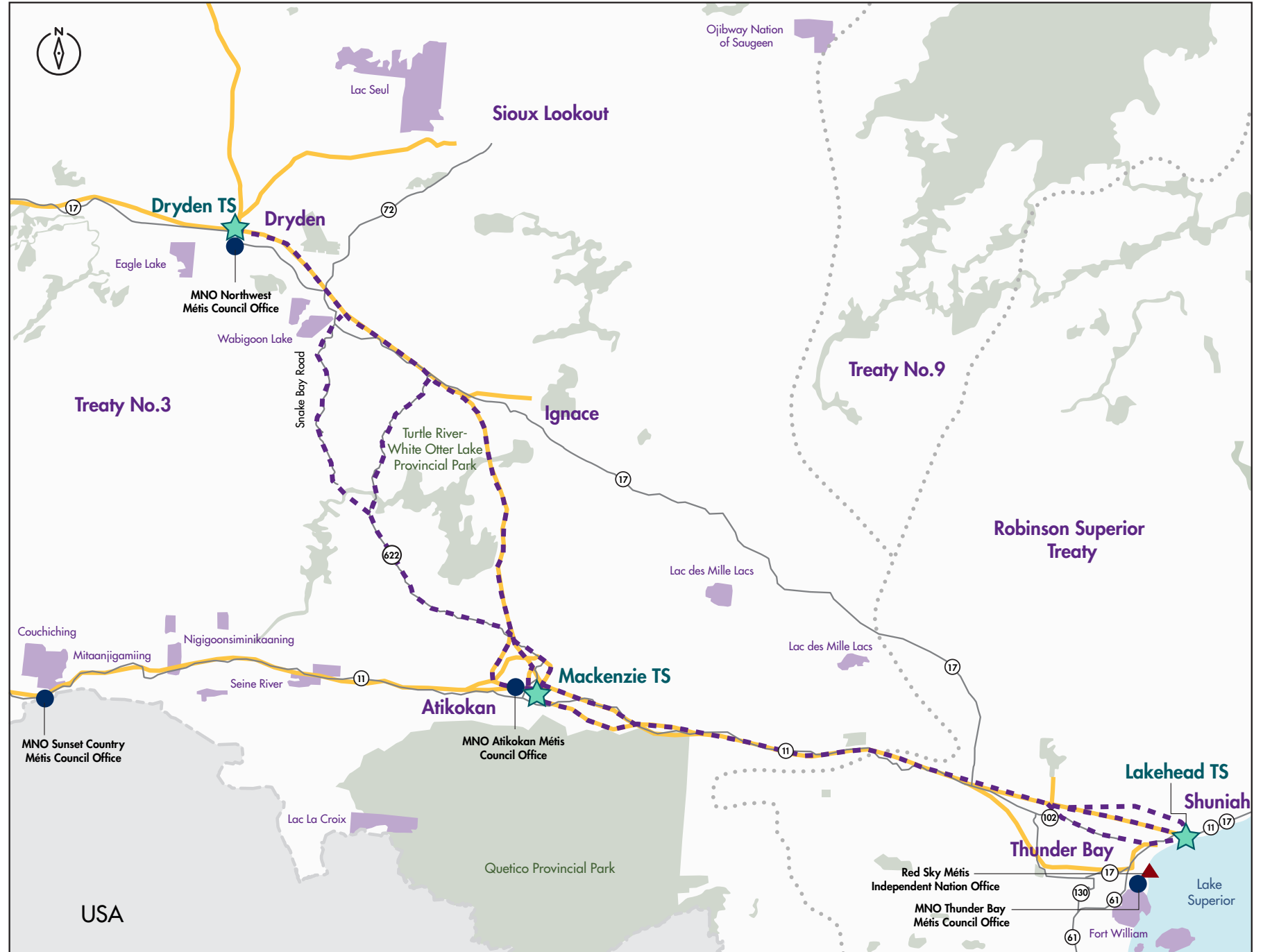
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PLEASE JOIN US

WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES

April 20, 2022

Hydro One is committed to supporting growth in the northwest by building the Waasigan Transmission Line between Shuniah, Atikokan and Dryden. Once built, the new line will add 350 megawatts of electricity to the region – which is more than two times what it takes to power the City of Thunder Bay.

Hydro One is hosting in-person and virtual community open houses to provide opportunities to meet the project team, share updated project information, and collect your feedback.

This project is currently undergoing an environmental assessment, which includes evaluating alternative routes, as shown on the reverse map, to identify a preferred route; assessing potential effects of the project on the environment; identifying measures to minimize and/or eliminate potential negative affects; and incorporating Indigenous knowledge. Your feedback to date has helped shape this project and we want to continue hearing from you so that we can build a line that respects the interests and needs of your communities.



JOIN US IN PERSON

May 3, 2022 – Dryden

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CDT, Royal Canadian Legion 63, 34 Queen Street, Dryden

May 4, 2022 – Atikokan

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. CDT, Royal Canadian Legion 145, 115 O'Brien Street, Atikokan

May 5, 2022 – Thunder Bay

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EDT, Current River Community Centre, 450 Dewe Avenue, Thunder Bay

**Any public health guidelines in effect at the time of the events will be followed.*

JOIN US VIRTUALLY

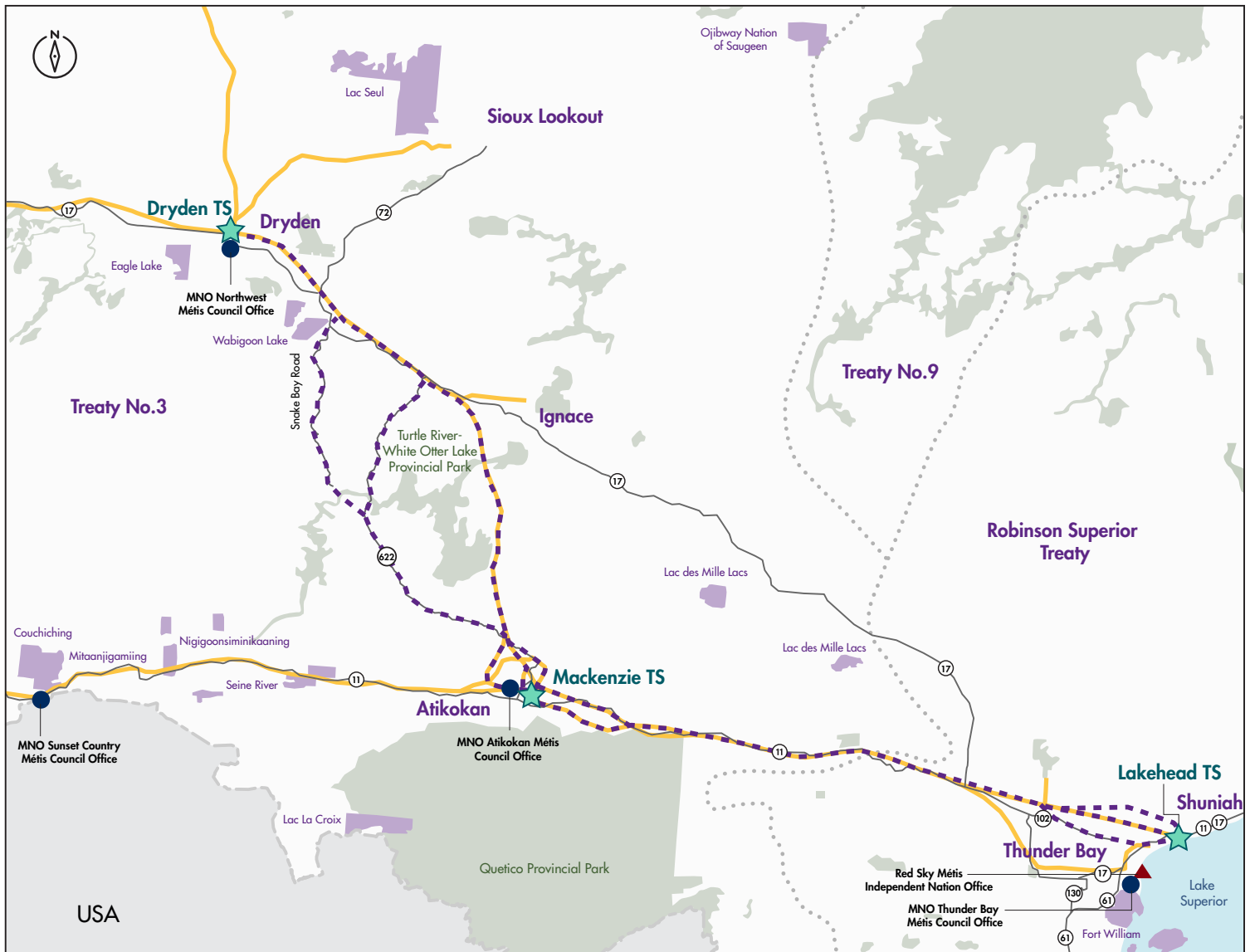
May 18, 2022

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. EDT

HOW TO JOIN:

1. Visit HydroOne.com/Waasigan to register in advance and view the live event
2. Dial 1-800-643-5970 to participate by phone at the time of the event
3. Submit a question in advance by contacting Community Relations

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JOIGNEZ-VOUS À NOUS!

JOURNÉES PORTES OUVERTES LIGNE DE TRANSPORT WAASIGAN

20 avril 2022

Hydro One entend résolument soutenir la croissance du nord-ouest de l'Ontario avec la construction de la ligne de transport Waasigan entre Shuniah, Atikokan et Dryden. La nouvelle ligne fournira un supplément de 350 mégawatts (MW) d'électricité à la région – soit plus du double de l'énergie nécessaire pour alimenter la ville de Thunder Bay.

Hydro One va organiser des journées portes ouvertes, en personne et virtuelles, qui donneront aux collectivités l'occasion de rencontrer l'équipe du projet, de recevoir des renseignements à jour sur la ligne, et de faire part de leurs commentaires.

Le projet est actuellement en cours d'évaluation environnementale : on examine les différents tracés de rechange (voir la carte au verso) en vue de déterminer le tracé privilégié; on évalue les effets potentiels du projet sur l'environnement; on établit des mesures pour réduire ou éliminer les effets négatifs possibles. Le savoir autochtone est pris en compte dans ces travaux d'évaluation. Les commentaires que vous avez déjà communiqués ont aidé à donner forme au projet et nous voulons continuer d'entendre vos voix, car notre but est de construire une ligne qui respecte les intérêts et les besoins de vos collectivités.



PARTICIPEZ EN PERSONNE

3 Mai 2022 – Dryden

17 h 30 - 19 h 30 HAC

Légion royale canadienne 63, 34 rue Queen

4 Mai 2022 – Atikokan

17 h 30 - 19 h 30 HAC

Légion royale canadienne 145, 115 rue O'Brien

5 Mai 2022 – Thunder Bay

17 h 30 - 19 h 30 HAE

Centre communautaire Current River, 450 av. Dewe

* Toute consigne santé publique en vigueur en date des rencontres sera suivie

PARTICIPEZ VIRTUELLEMENT

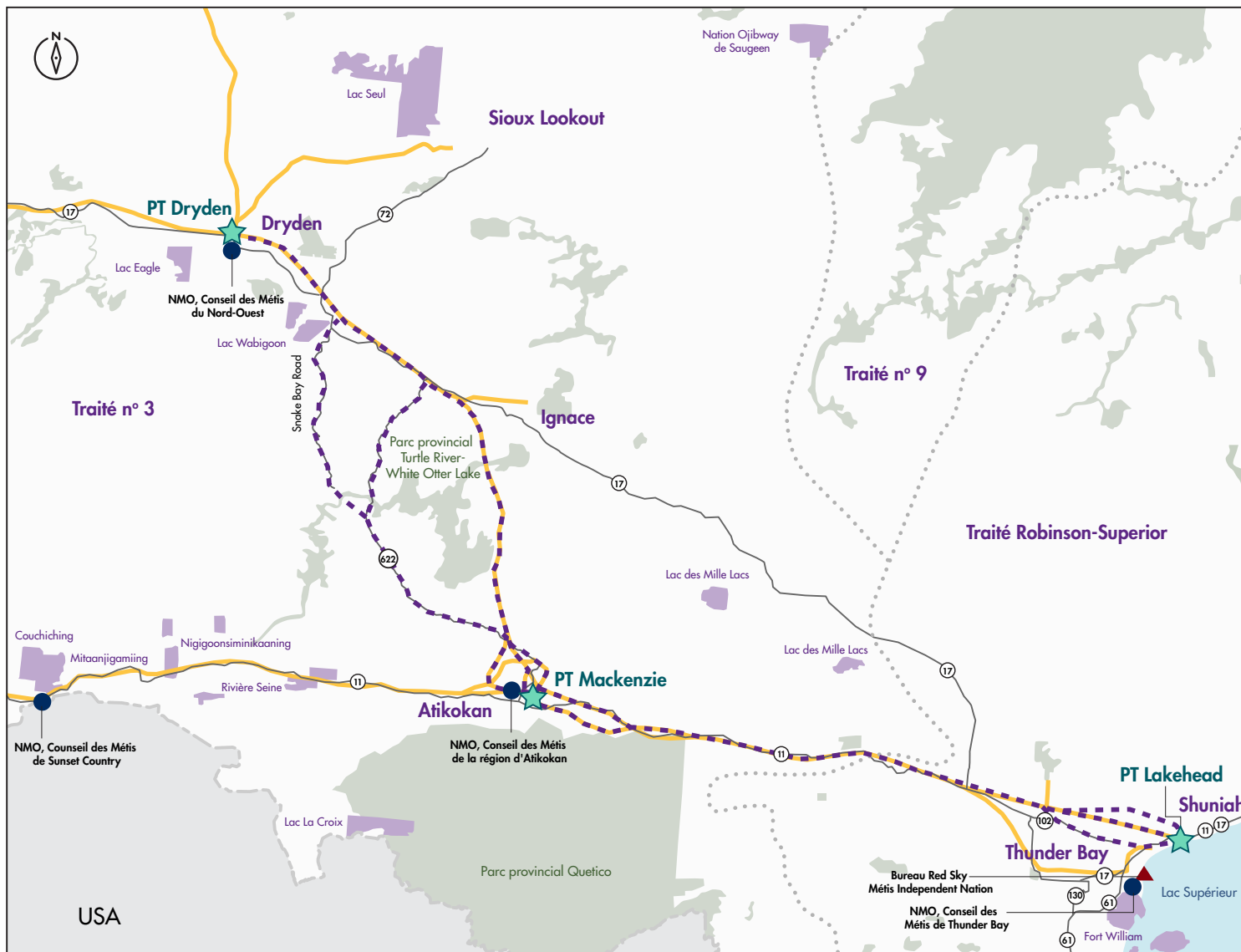
18 Mai 2022

19 h - 20 h HAE

COMMENT PARTICIPER











1. Allez à HydroOne.com/Waasigan pour vous inscrire à l'avance et suivre la séance en direct
2. Appelez au 1-800-643-5970 pour participer à la séance par téléphone
3. Envoyez une question à l'avance en contactant l'équipe Relations avec la collectivité

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We want to hear your feedback about the Waasigan Transmission Line

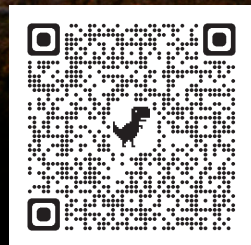
Northwestern Ontario is growing and needs access to more electricity. Hydro One wants to support this growth and energize life for communities and businesses in the region.

Waasigan is a new transmission line between Shuniah, Atikokan and Dryden.

Hydro One is completing an environmental assessment for the project, which will include an evaluation of alternative routes to select a preferred route that minimizes potential environmental effects.

Complete our survey
by September 30 to share your feedback
and comments about the routes being
considered for this new transmission line:

metroquestsurvey.com/waasigan



HOW ARE WE EVALUATING THE ROUTE OPTIONS?

An evaluation process will be used to compare the alternative routes including these four categories:

Natural Environment



Indigenous Community Values



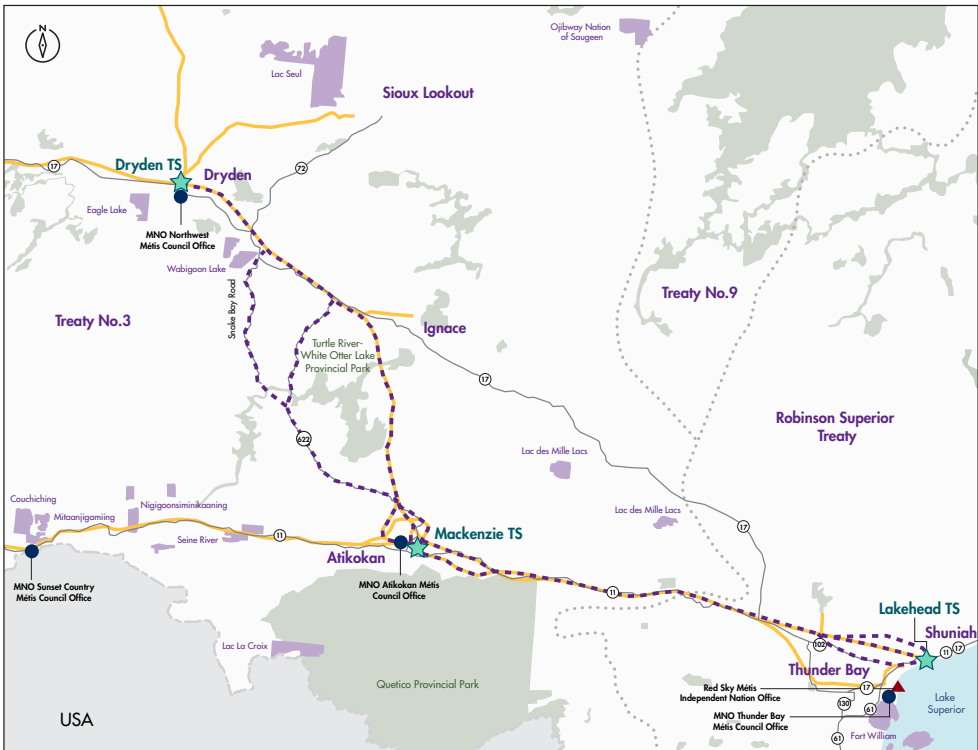
Socio-Economic Environment



Technical and Cost



- Field surveys are being completed across the project study area to collect data that will help us evaluate the alternative routes and identify and assess potential project-related environmental effects.
- In May, we offered in-person and virtual engagement opportunities to collect feedback on the alternative routes and evaluation criteria.



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NEXT STEPS

- Our next engagement events are expected in Fall 2022 to share results of the route evaluation and selection of the preferred route.
- We will continue to seek feedback from Indigenous leadership and communities, government officials and agencies, interested persons and organizations throughout the EA.



WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Please use this survey to share your opinions and comments about potential routes for the Waasigan Transmission Line.

This survey will help Hydro One to select the preferred route for the transmission line. Please visit HydroOne.com/Waasigan to learn more.

1. SURVEY INTRODUCTION

Hydro One is undertaking an environmental assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Waasigan Transmission Line.

Waasigan is a proposed new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in Atikokan and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in Dryden.

2. WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU

Please provide a star rating to these criteria to indicate their level of importance when selecting a preferred route. Fill in the stars to provide a rating, 1 star being not important and 5 stars being very important.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Physiography, Geology, and Soils (i.e. Canadian Shield formations, rocks, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Parks & Protected Areas (i.e. Provincial parks, recreation areas, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Water (i.e. watercourses, water bodies, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetation (i.e. trees, forest vegetation, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Species-at-Risk (i.e. endangered or threatened animals and plants)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife (i.e. mammals, amphibians, birds, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Fish (i.e. fish that may be present in the study area)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

COMMENTS



WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

SOCIO-ECONOMIC

Infrastructure (i.e. roads, bridges, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services (i.e. municipal services, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation and Tourism (i.e. attractions, trails, visitor amenities, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Visual Landscapes (i.e. viewpoints, natural environment aesthetics, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Archaeology (i.e. artifacts, architecture, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Built Heritage Resources (i.e. buildings, structures, districts, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Cultural Heritage Landscapes (i.e. villages, cemeteries, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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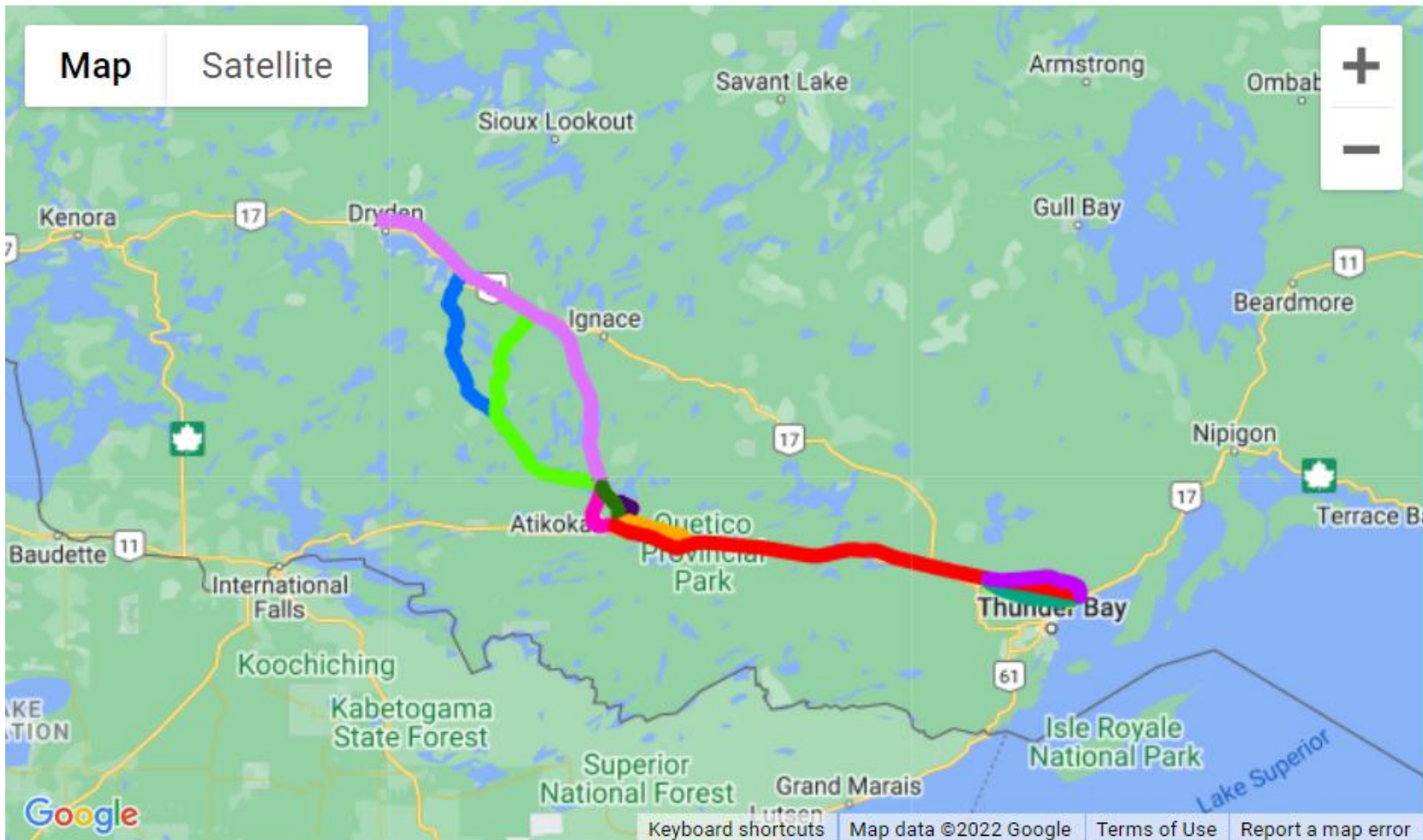
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3. SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE STUDY AREA

Please add comments to the main map in the public engagement session. We are asking for information on natural environment features, socio-economic features, comments, and questions related to the study area and route.

You can also provide comments/ notes on the map below or in the comment box.



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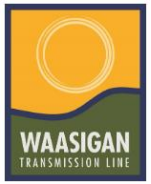


STUDY AREA NATURAL COMMENTS, NOTES, AND QUESTIONS

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4. ROUTE EVALUATION

Help us make decisions. Provide your star rating for each section of the alternative routes by filling in the stars with a pen. If the maps are too small, you can provide feedback on the large maps during the public engagement session. Please provide comments on the last page.

THUNDER BAY

Thunder Bay section of alternative routes includes Alternative Route 1, Alternative Route 1A, Alternative Route 1B-1 and Alternative Route 1B-2.

Alternative Route 1



Alternative Route 1A



Alternative Route 1B-1

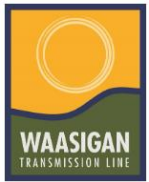


Alternative Route 1B-2



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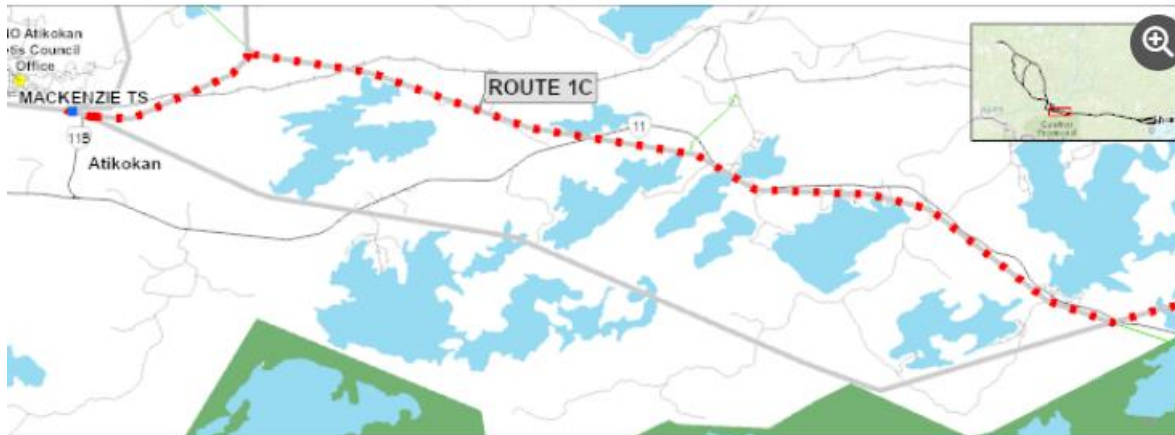
THUNDER BAY TO ATIKOKAN

Thunder Bay to Atikokan section of alternative routes includes Alternative Route 1 and Alternative Route 1C

Alternative Route 1

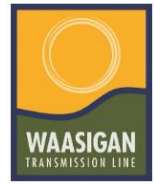


Alternative Route 1C



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ATIKOKAN

Atikokan section of alternative routes includes Alternative Route 2A, Alternative Route 2B, and Alternative Route 2C

Alternative Route 2A



Alternative Route 2B

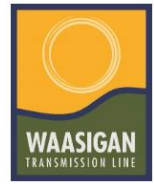


Alternative Route 2C



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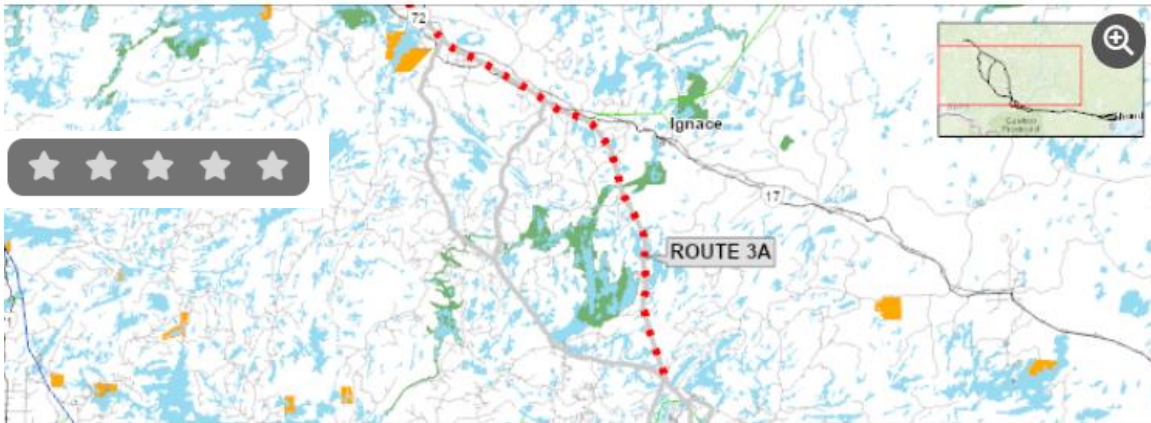
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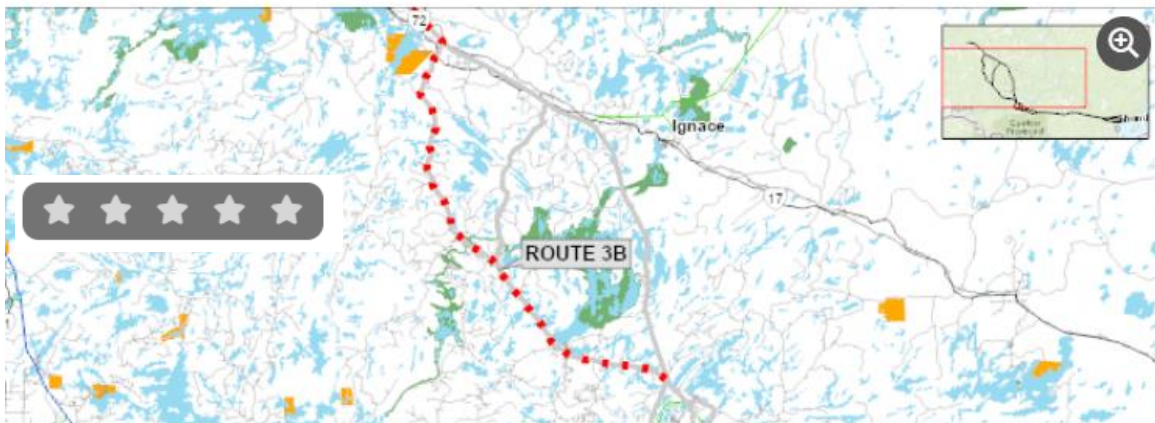
ATI KOKAN TO DRYDEN

Atikokan to Dryden section of alternative routes includes Alternative Route 3A, Alternative Route 3B, and Alternative Route 3C

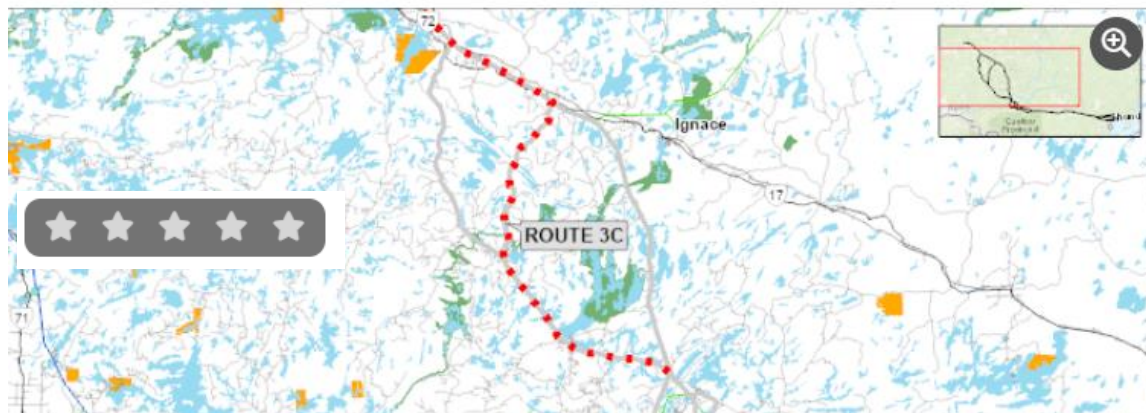
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Alternative Route 3B

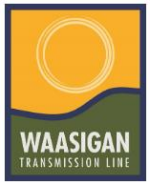


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THUNDER BAY ALTERNATIVE ROUTES COMMENTS

THUNDER BAY TO ATIKOKAN ALTERNATIVE ROUTES COMMENTS

ATIKOKAN ALTERNATIVE ROUTES COMMENTS

ATIKOKAN TO DRYDEN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE COMMENTS



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5. FINAL QUESTIONS

Tell us about yourself and provide any final thoughts.

This section is optional.

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME
POSTAL CODE
EMAIL
COMMUNITY
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT!

Your feedback will be considered in the selection of the preferred route.

Alternative Route Survey – Summary of Comments Received

141 individuals responded to the Waasigan Transmission Line Survey. The Survey was launched April 28, 2022 and closed September 30, 2022.

Criteria Input:

Respondents were asked to rate seven Natural Environment Criteria (water, species-at-risk, parks and protected areas, fish, wildlife, vegetation, and physiography/geology/soils), with 1 star being not important and 5 stars being very important:

- 76.5 percent of respondent gave the Water Criteria a rating of 4 stars or more
- 73.7 percent of respondents gave the Species-at-Risk Criteria a rating of 4 stars or more
- 70.0 percent of respondents gave the Parks and Protected Areas Criteria a rating of 4 stars or more.

Respondents were asked to rate seven Socio-Economic Criteria (visual landscapes, recreation and tourism, archaeology, community services, cultural heritage landscapes, infrastructure, built heritage resources) with 1 star being not important and 5 stars being very important.

- 61.7 percent of respondent gave the Visual Landscapes Criteria a rating of 4 stars or more
- 57.4 percent of respondents gave the Recreation and Tourism Criteria a rating of 4 stars or more
- 47.5 percent of respondents gave the Archaeology Criteria a rating of 4 stars or more.

Routing Preferences:

Out of the four Thunder Bay alternative routes in terms of being a preferred route for the Waasigan Transmission Line.:

- 24 percent of respondents rated Route 1 the highest while 9 percent rated it the lowest
- 14 percent of respondents rated Route 1B-2 the highest while 13 percent rated it the lowest
- 12 percent of respondents rated Route 1B-1 the highest while 14 percent rated it the lowest



- 8 percent of respondents rated Route 1A the highest while 19 percent rated it the lowest.

Out of the two Thunder Bay to Atikokan alternative routes, in terms of being a preferred route for the Waasigan Transmission Line.

- 9 percent of respondents rated Route 1 the highest while 4 percent rated it the lowest
- 9 percent of respondents rated Route 1C the highest while 7 percent rated it the lowest.

Out of the three Atikokan alternative routes, in terms of being a preferred route for the Waasigan Transmission Line:

- 10 percent of respondents rated Route 2A the highest while 1 percent rated it the lowest
- 8 percent of respondents rated Route 2C the highest while 7 percent rated it the lowest
- 6 percent of respondents rated Route 2B the highest while 6 percent rated it the lowest.

Out of the three Atikokan to Dryden alternative routes, in terms of being a preferred route for the Waasigan Transmission Line.

- 11 percent of respondents rated Route 3A the highest while 5 percent rated it the lowest
- 11 percent of respondents rated Route 3C the highest while 6 percent rated it the lowest
- 4 percent of respondents rated Route 3B the highest while 4 percent rated it the lowest.

Comments:

Considerations in Routing

- Minimizing environmental impact as much as possible is the number 1 priority, secondary would be reducing the impact to communities.
- Route should follow existing corridors as much as possible, avoid developed residential areas, and stay closer to existing industrial areas to minimize impact to all.
- Preference for hydro lines along the highway and existing powerline routes to reduce landscape fragmentation.
- Follow the highway if possible.
- Follow the existing hydro line if possible.



- Please do not forget about the people that live and in the area that rely on the wildlife and environment for food and water.
- Will there be more engagement before a decision on the preferred route is made?
- Do not prefer alternative routes that may affect Turtle River-White Otter Provincial Park.
- Alternative Route 3C disrupts private property, 100-year old trees and a historic portaging route.
- Alternative Route 3A is near a historical site on privately owned land used for cultural practices and berry harvest.
- Alternative Route 1A passes near many houses which will impact property values and views.
- Alternative Route 2C avoids environmental sensitive area directly north of Atikokan.
- Alternative Route 3A runs through pristine waterways which should not be made accessible by having a corridor going through it.
- Alternative Route 3A between White Otter and Sanford Lake is in the vicinity of canoe routes and portages, high biodiversity, historical cultural sites including a POW logging camp, Campus Lake Conservation Reserve, large game habitat (bear and moose), high bat population.
- As a canoeist who has frequently paddled the Turtle River, I believe Alternative Route 3C will have the lowest impact, as it crosses a narrow point of the Turtle River.
- Route should follow the existing line wherever possible and not affect new areas especially where they affect scenery along Highway 622.
- Routing should consider proximity to future mining sites for future connection.
- Routing should avoid areas of amethyst deposits.
- Better to use an existing powerline route than to run a new line beside the pipeline which would still require clearing and prepping.

Project Design and Practices

- Can the conduit be buried?
- Will the new line be adjacent to the old line?



- You are not giving people information that they need. How wide of an easement? Will they go around existing structures or right through them? How far will they deviate off of the existing powerline or will they go right beside it?
- TC Energy welcomes the opportunity to work closely with HONI when final route selection is finalized to ensure safe pipeline crossings are executed in an efficient manner.
- Not supportive of spraying on powerlines.

Residential Areas

- Adding a 230 kv line through the village of Lappe where one does not exist today is not acceptable in my opinion. An alternative route away from homes in this area would be best.
- Concern about the transmission line passing by farms, impacting cows.
- Should avoid existing residences.

Potential Environmental Impacts

- Concern for impacts to the environment that can not be mitigated.
- Concern about contribution to climate change.
- Hydro One has been up front and well prepared in this decision to take this route; confident this will make very little environmental impact to the area.
- Concern about electromagnetic field from lines on wildlife, including potential to affect honey bees.
- Concern about effects to rare species including black ash.
- Sharing belief that Hydro One will protect our environment and watershed; stating importance of upgrading our electrical infrastructure as a society our needs keep growing.

Natural Environment Features

- Can the route be redirect south of Ignace to avoid waterways?
- Concern about impacts to waterways including creeks or wetlands.



- Concern about potential for impacts to fish habitat including spawning habitat.
- Concern about potential for impacts to wildlife habitat including migratory bird rest sites or nesting sites, turtle nesting sites.
- Need to protect pristine areas including lakes (Crowrock Lake, Crook Lake, South Crook Lake, Grey Trout Lake).
- Wildlife in the area should be protected.
- Concern that study period of species at risk is too short.
- Water should be protected.
- Water courses should not be crossed with lines to avoid effects of electrical currents to fish and wildlife.

Socio-economic Features

- I find it very important that this new line creates as much economic development and opportunity for the host communities.
- I am very supportive of upgrading the electrical grid. I believe electric vehicle uptake will come faster than people expect.
- Powerlines could disrupt the beauty of conservation areas, provincial parks, views of waterways, and privately owned lands.
- Underground springs that feed wells in the area should be protected.
- There are significant wetland habitats for amphibians and birds between the current hydro line parallel to Silver Falls Rd and the Kaministiquia River. These habitats will be destroyed by expansion of that line.
- Important to be aware of potential effects to Quetico Provincial Park as a destination for canoe and kayak portage and camping trips. Landscape, solitude, and healthiness of the environment, including distance from power lines, is important.
- Concern about change in wilderness experience in Turtle River – White Otter Provincial Park, including for canoeists.
- Concern for potential effects to local hiking spots, including in the Kaministiquia area at Silver Falls Rd. and Centennial Park.
- Protection of cultural significant features like the Tarmola hills.
- Concern for potential effects to health in proximity to lines.



- Concern about impact to recreational areas including local beaches.

Engagement

- Problem raised by an individual in using the pin drop mapping tool in the survey.
- Challenge in reading map labels in this survey on a mobile device.
- Survey should be provided to every private homeowner on the alternative routes for input.



NOTICE OF A PRELIMINARY PREFERRED ROUTE AND INVITATION TO COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSES



January 3, 2023

We've reached another milestone in our work on the Waasigan Project and invite you to join our community open houses to learn more, hear about next steps, speak with project team members and provide your feedback.

Hydro One is proud to serve the northwest and be a trusted community partner. Since March 2022, we have been conducting an Environmental Assessment under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* to build 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.

Based on information and feedback received, we've identified a preliminary preferred route, as shown on the reverse map. Your feedback, alongside environmental, technical, and other considerations, has been crucial in identifying a preliminary preferred route for the new line. Once built, the new line will add 350 megawatts of electricity to the region – which is more than two times what it takes to power the City of Thunder Bay.

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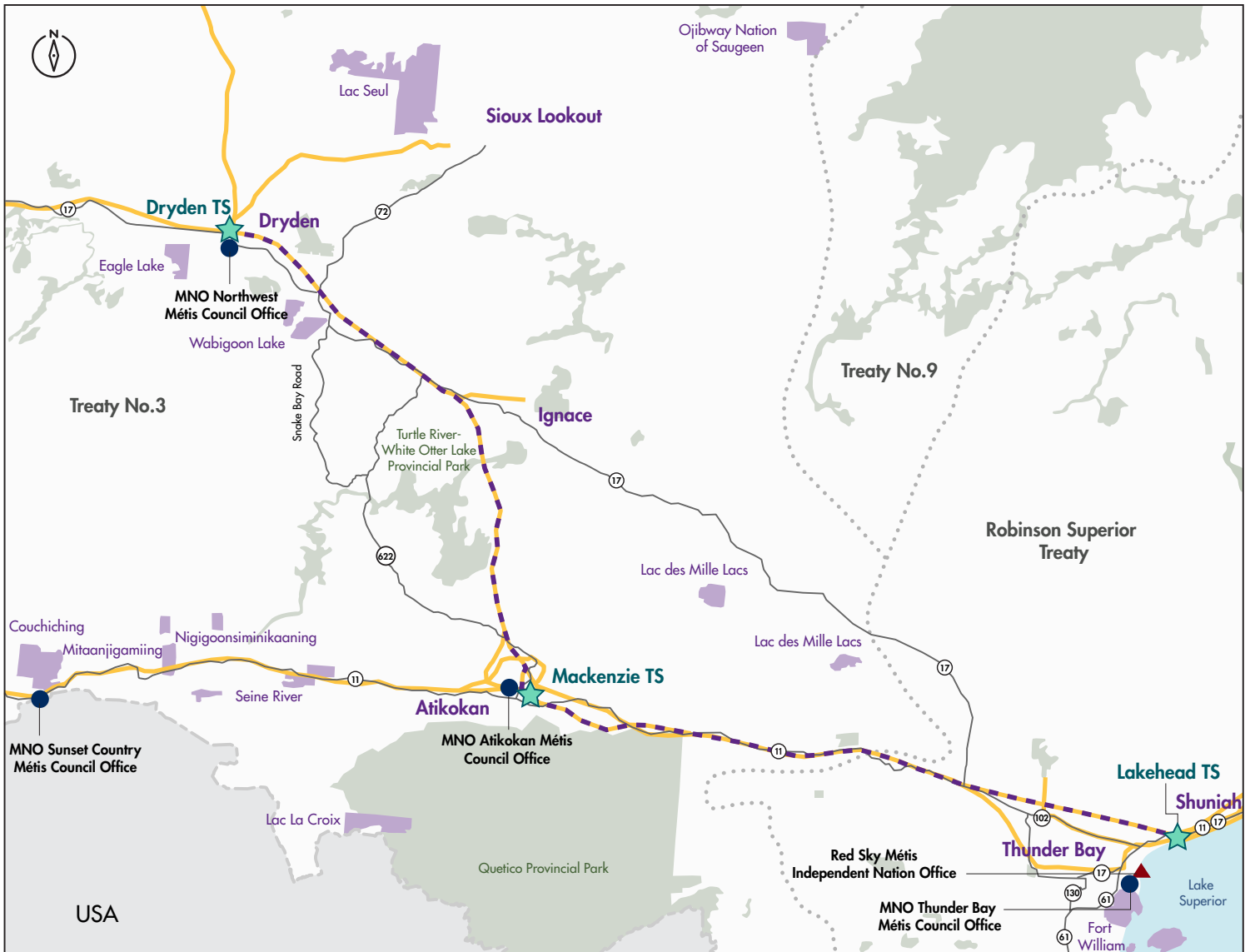
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AVIS PRÉPARATOIRE D'UNE ROUTE PRÉFÉRÉE ET UNINVITATION AUX PORTES OUVERTES À LA COMMUNAUTÉ



3 janvier, 2023

Nous avons franchi une autre étape importante dans notre travail sur le Waasigan Project et vous invitons à rejoindre notre communauté ouverte pour en savoir plus, entendre parler des prochaines étapes, parler avec les membres de l'équipe de projet et fournir vos commentaires.

Hydro One est fière de desservir le nord-ouest et d'être un partenaire communautaire de confiance. Depuis mars 2022, nous sommes en train de réaliser une évaluation environnementale en vertu de la loi ontarienne sur les évaluations environnementales prévoit la construction d'un nouveau circuit double Ligne de transmission de 230 kilovolts entre la station transformateur (ST) Lakehead dans la municipalité de Shuniah et ST Mackenzie dans la ville d'Atikokan, et un nouveau circuit unique de 230 kilovolts la ligne de transmission entre ST mackenzie et ST Dryden dans le Ville de Dryden.

D'après l'information et les commentaires reçus, nous avons identifié une route préférée préliminaire, comme indiqué sur la carte jointe.

Vos commentaires, avec ceux des départements de l'environnement, technique et autres a été crucial dans l'identification d'une route préférée pour la nouvelle ligne. Une fois construite, la nouvelle ligne ajoutera 350 mégawatts d'électricité à la région – qui est plus de deux fois ce qu'il faut pour alimenter la ville de Thunder Bay.

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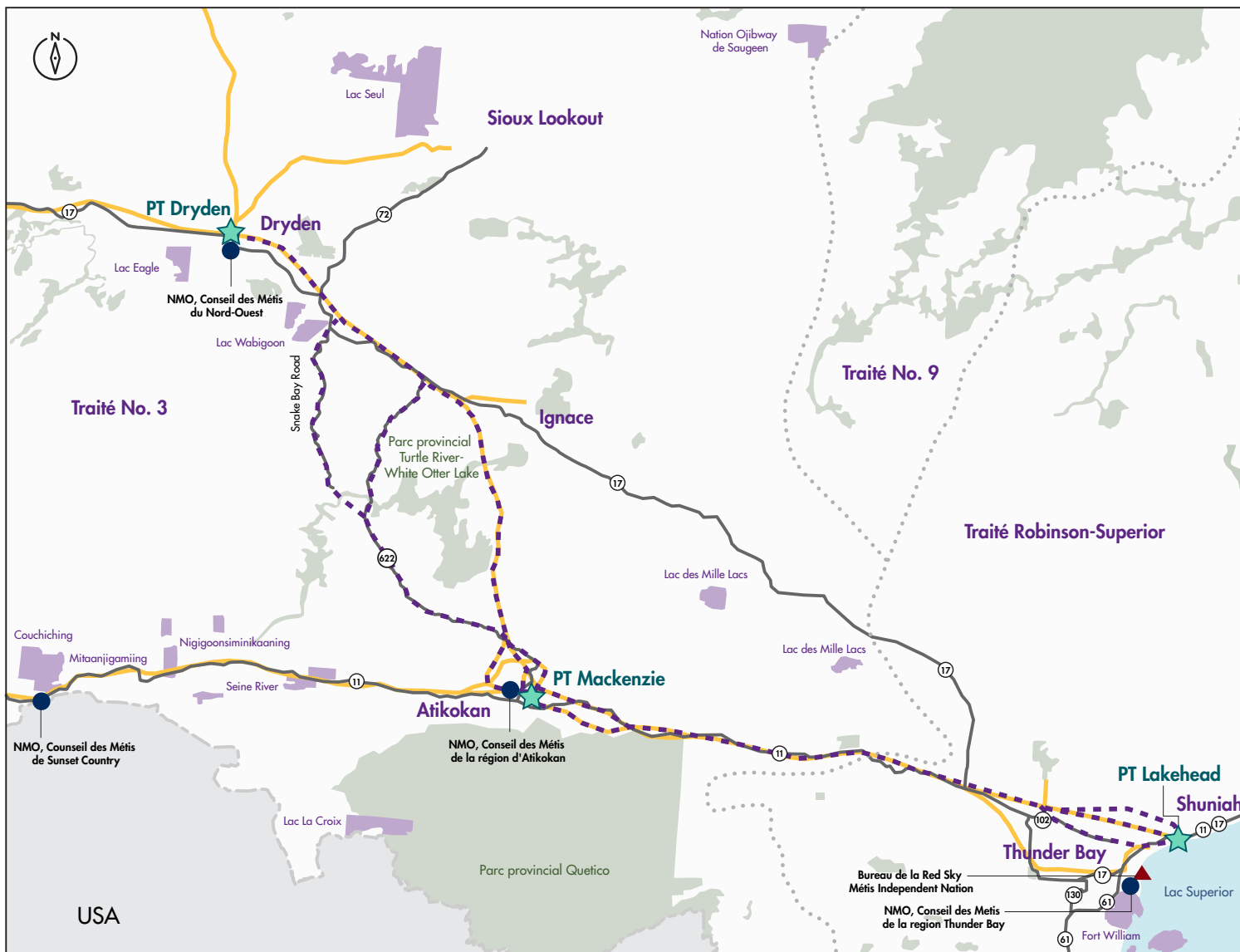
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January 3, 2023

Aazha gaa-gii-anokaadamang Waasigan Izhichigewin miinawaa giwii-izhaawigoomin omaa ishkoniyaning, ji-gikendamang, geyaabi gii-ani-izhichigeyang, ji-gaganoonindiyang aniin enendamang.

Hydro One minwendamoog wii-wiiitwaawaad ji-wiidanokiindiyang omaa ishkoniyaning. O’apii Aandegogiizis 2022, Mii o’apii gaa-naanaagadawaabanjigaadeg waa-izhichigaadeg gidakiiminaan Ontario’s *Environmental Assessment Act*, gegoo niizh da-naagwadoon izhichigewinan 230 kilovolt omaa Lakehead Transformation Station (TS) omaa Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Odenaang Adikokaning, miinawaa da-bezhigwan Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden.

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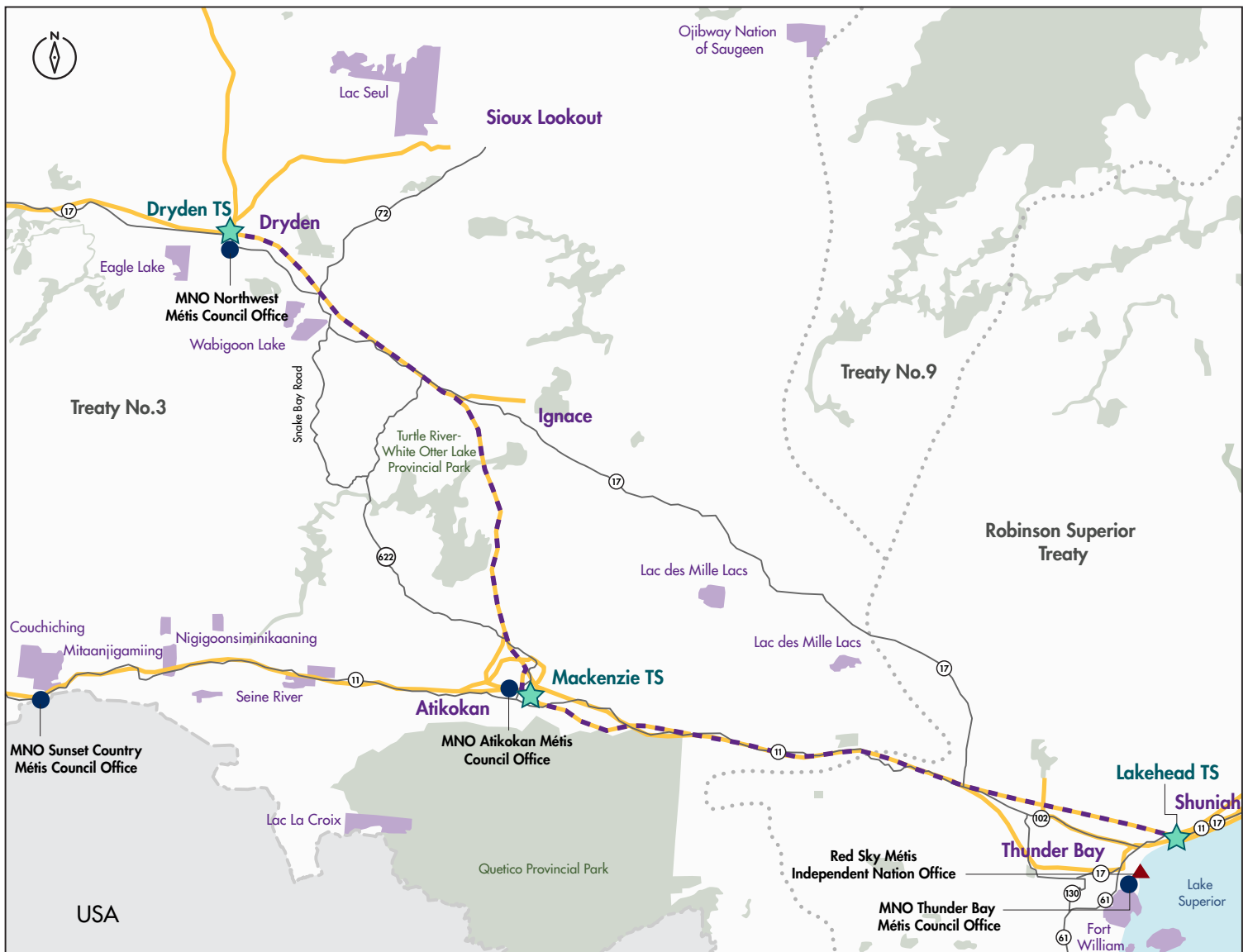
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Hydro One is committed to ongoing, meaningful, and open engagement with residents and communities impacted by the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. Based on feedback received as part of the Environmental Assessment process from Indigenous communities, residents and communities, and data collected for the natural and socio-economic environments, including an initial archaeological assessment, we recently announced the preliminary preferred route. We are committed to ongoing consultation and would like to invite you to a community open house where we will share information, listen, and look at ways we may be able to mitigate or minimize the impacts of the proposed project.

JOIN US:

March 2, 2023

2 – 8 p.m.

Kaministiquia Community Centre

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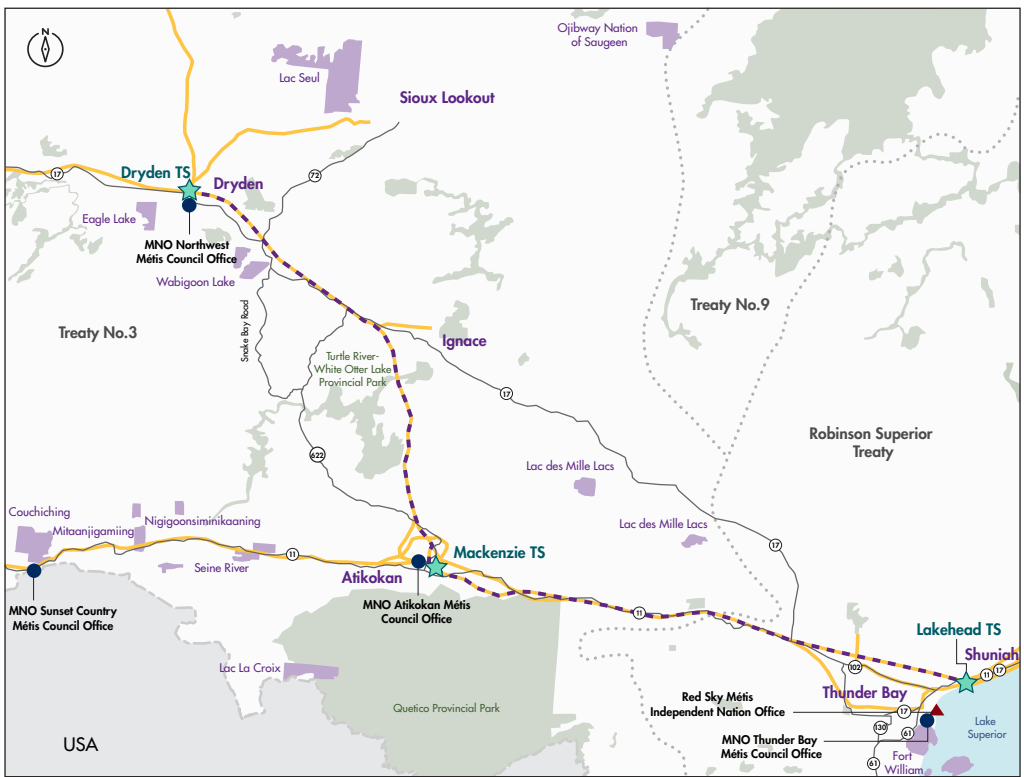
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ROUTE SELECTION PROCESS

The preliminary preferred route for the Waasigan Transmission Line was identified based on feedback from Indigenous communities, insight from residents and communities, and data from completed environmental studies. We examined Indigenous community values, natural and socio-economic environments, and technical and cost considerations to ensure the selected preliminary preferred route balances these considerations and reflects the community it's serving.

Your feedback is important and will help inform the draft Environmental Assessment Report being prepared under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* for public review and comment. We look forward to meeting with the community and continuing to hear your comments on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project.



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JOIN US:

April 18, 2023

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Kaministiquia Community Centre

April 19, 2023

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Kaministiquia Community Centre

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NOTICE OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW



May 17, 2023

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), in partnership with nine First Nations, has reached an important milestone for the Waasigan Transmission Line project; a proposed new transmission line between Shuniah, Atikokan and Dryden. Once built, Waasigan will bring in enough energy to power a city twice the size of Thunder Bay.

As part of the environmental assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, Hydro One has evaluated alternative routes, identified a preferred route, assessed potential effects of the Project on the environment, including incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge shared, and identified measures to minimize and/or eliminate potential negative effects.

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

A draft EA is available for public review and comment from May 17 to July 7. Hydro One has completed studies and sought feedback from government officials and agencies, Indigenous communities, businesses and the public throughout the EA in preparation of the report.

Comments on the draft EA must be submitted by **July 7 at 4:00 pm** to Sarah Cohanim, Senior Environmental Specialist, Hydro One at **1-877-345-6799** or **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**.

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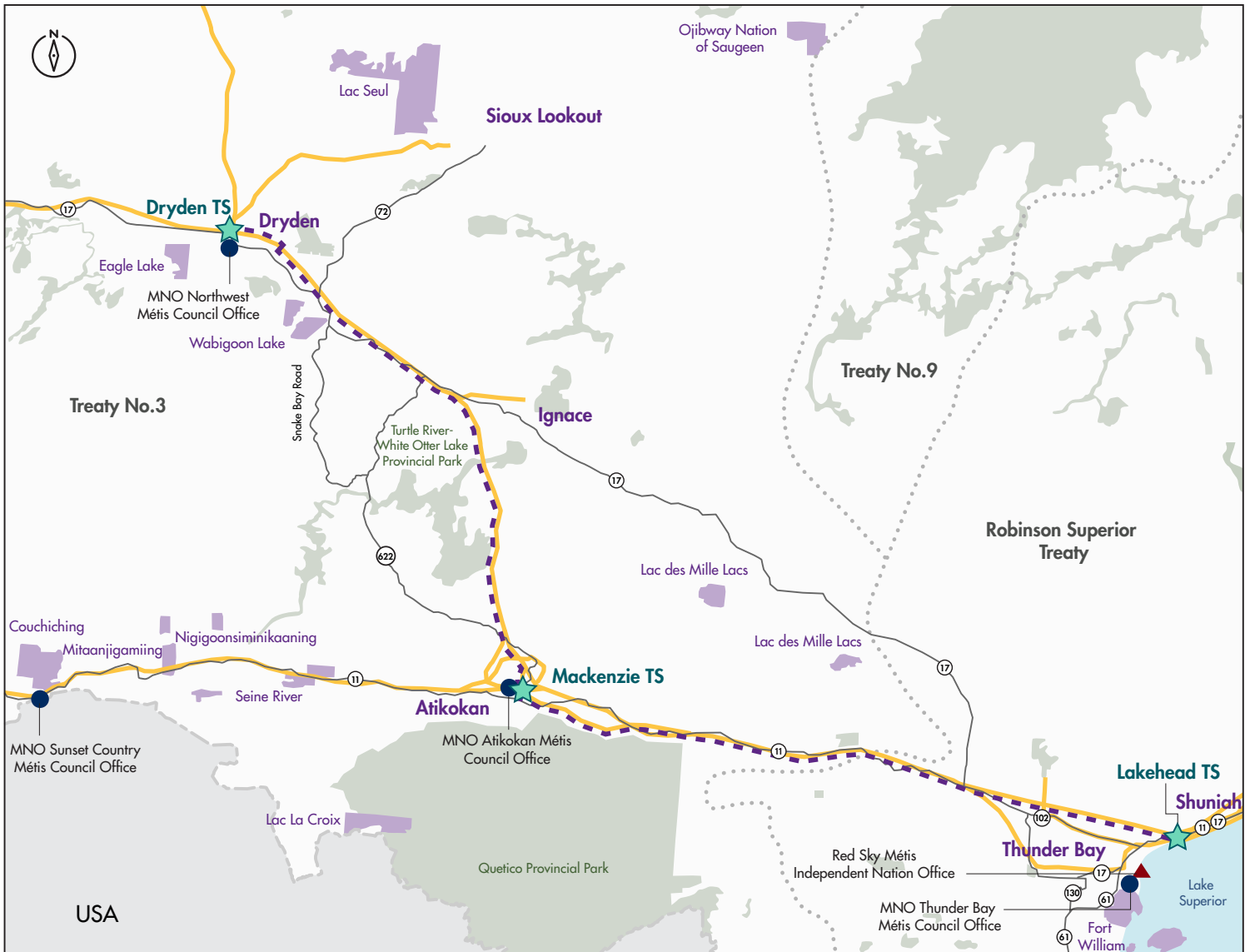
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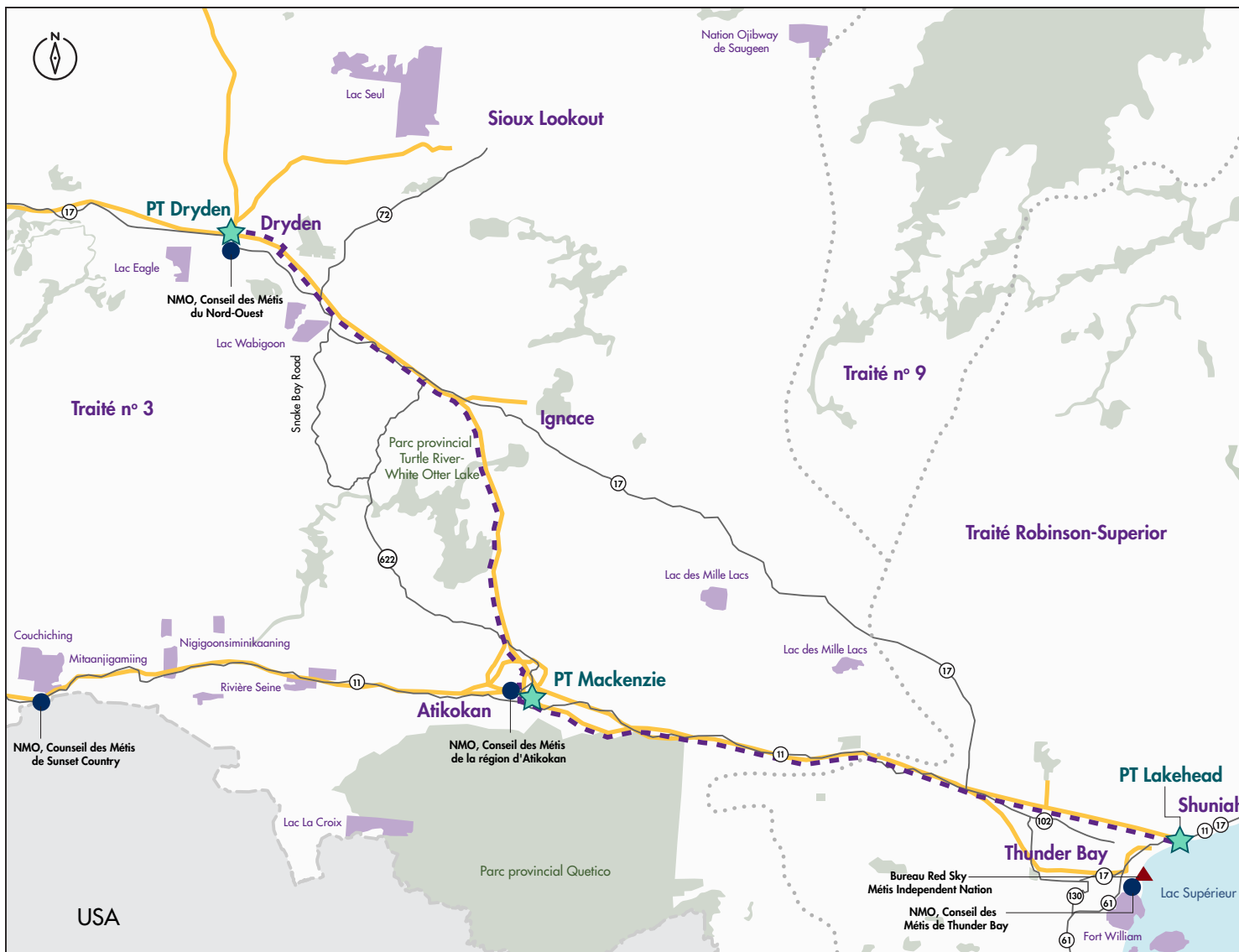
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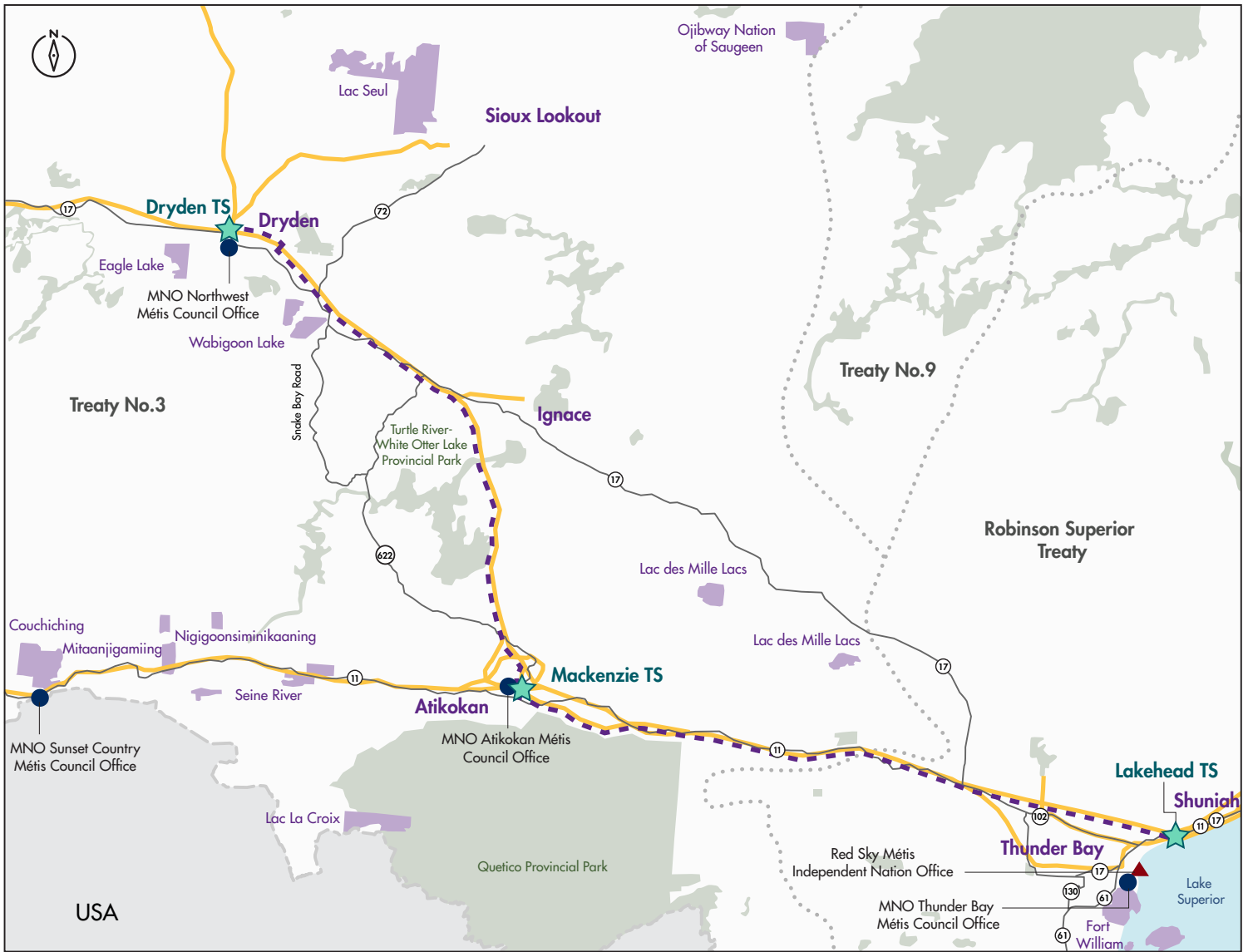
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1 juin 2023

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Le rapport préliminaire de l'ÉE est disponible pour examen et commentaires publics jusqu'au 7 juillet 2023 à 16h00 (HAE). Nous vous invitons à consulter le rapport et à participer à nos portes ouvertes communautaires où nous partagerons des informations et recueillerons des commentaires afin de garantir que la ligne de transmission soit construite en tenant compte des intérêts de la communauté locale.

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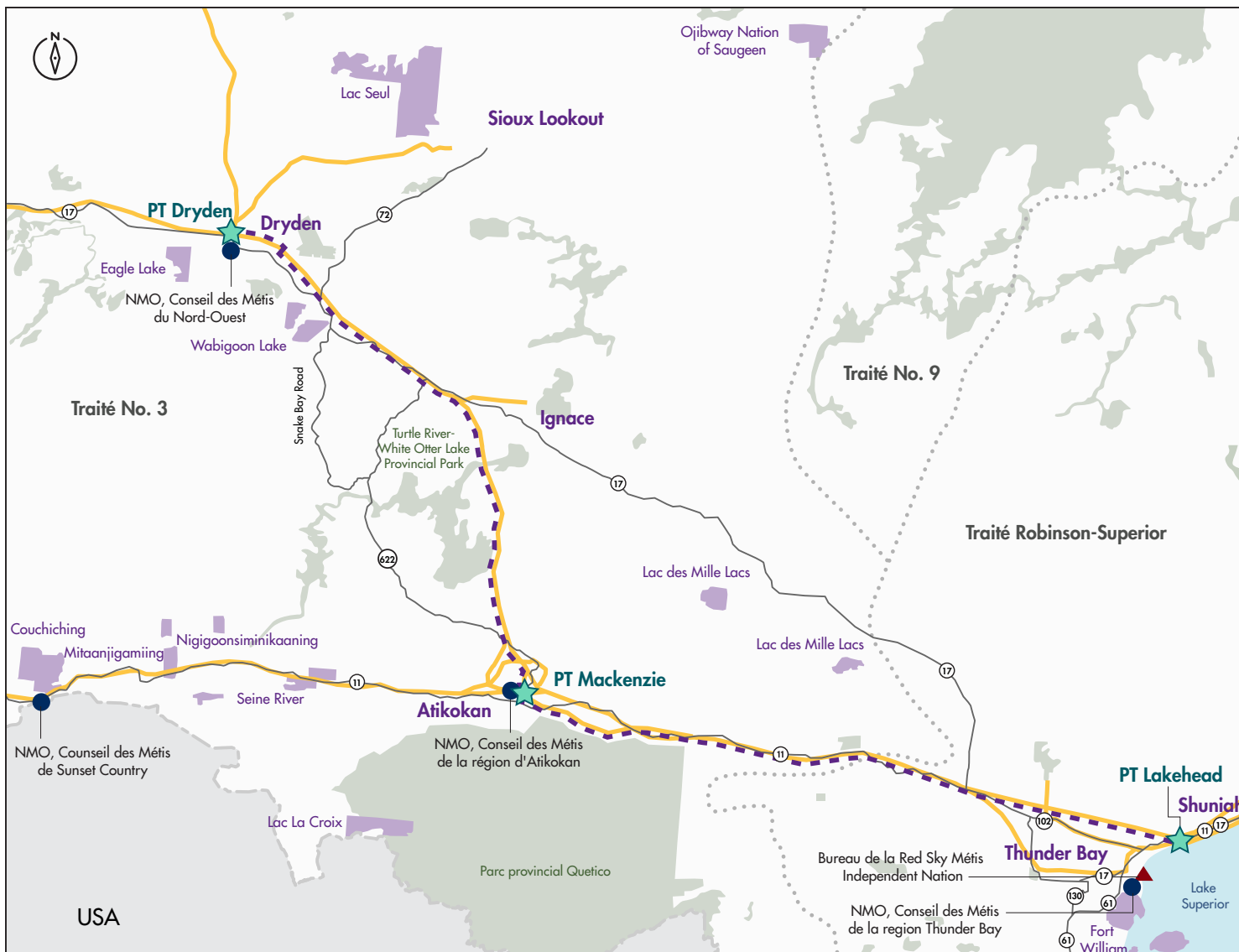
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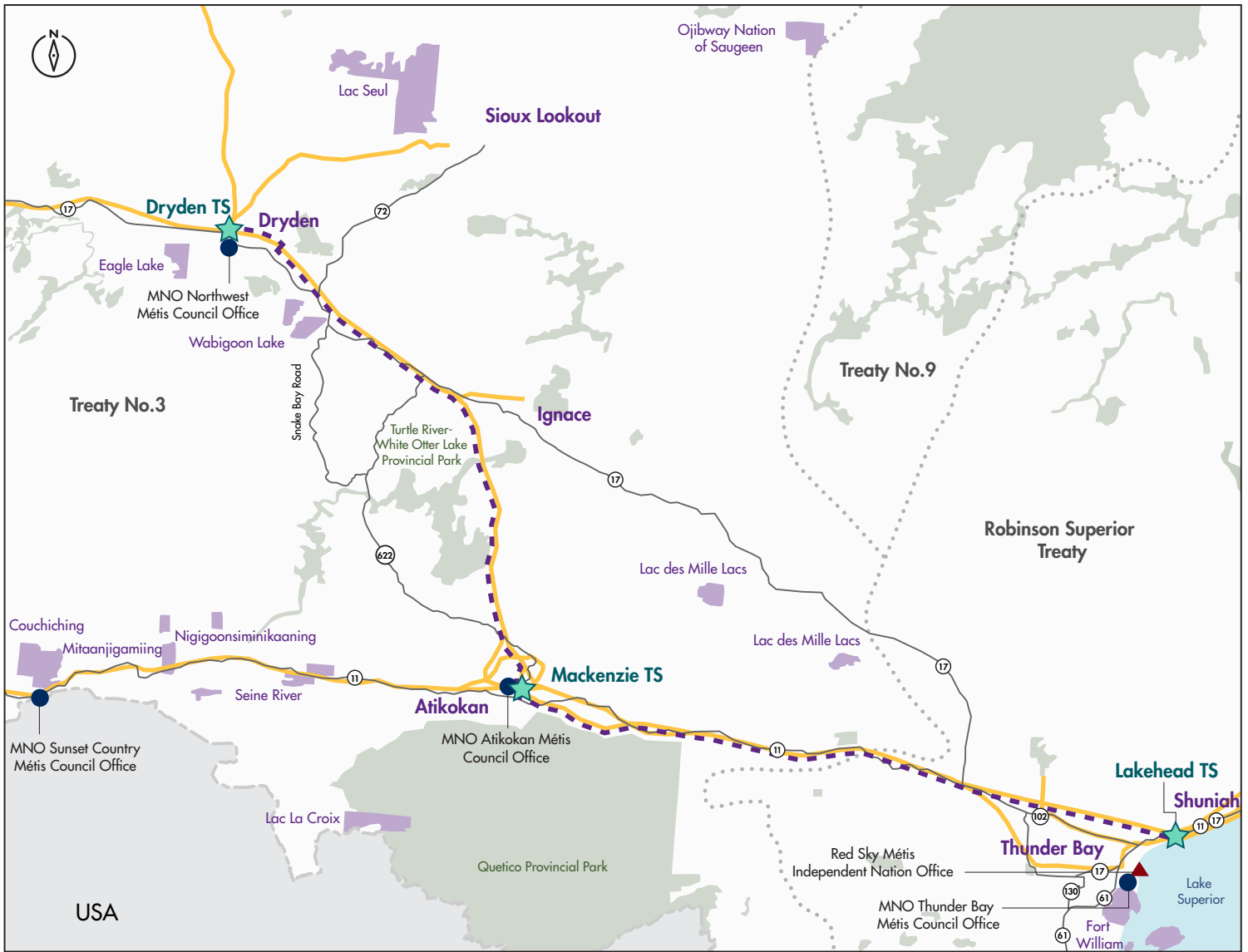
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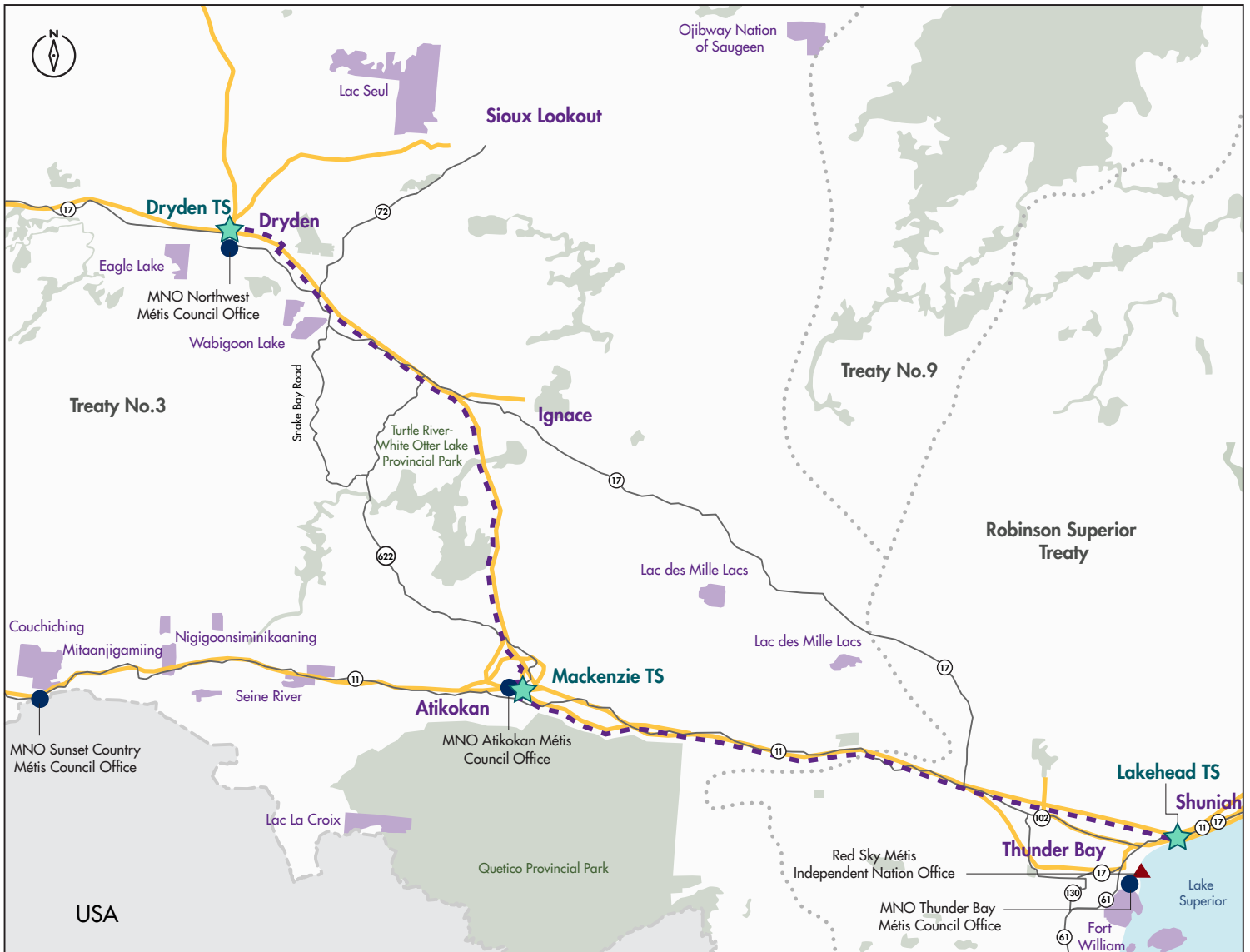
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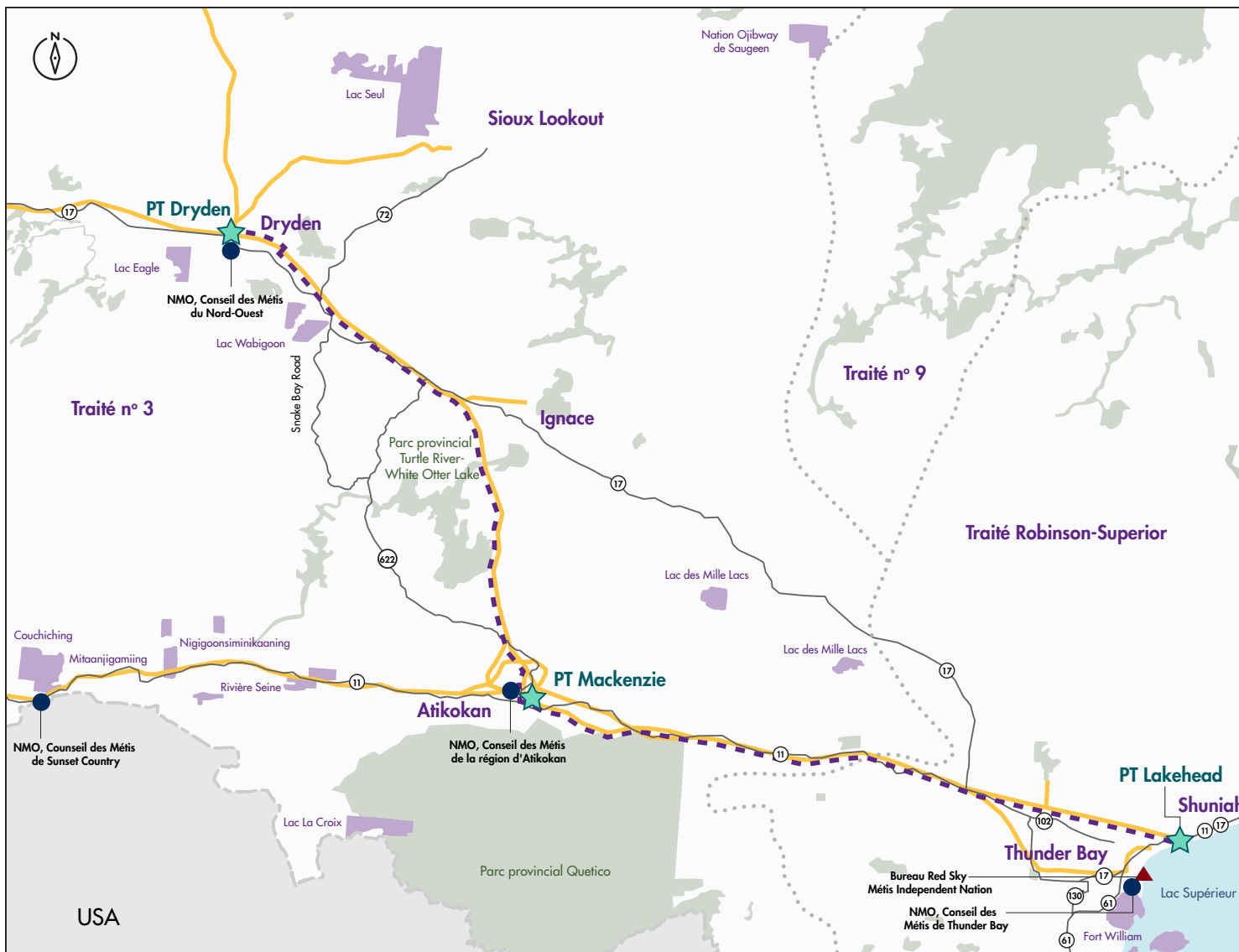
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MII IWE MAZINA'IGAN EZHINAAGWAK OMAA AKIING



June 2023

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), mii izhigwa gegoo naagwak gichi-aya'ii.

Waasigan; mii omaa bezhig maagizhaa ge-naabiigamak Waasigan, Shuniah, Atikokan and Dryden.

Apii ozhichigaadeg, niibiwa da-onjii nawaj mashkawiziimagat apiich idash wiikwedong maagizhaa niizhing minik inigokwaa

Ezhinaagwak omaa skiing (EA) Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act gaye Waasigan, miziwe ge-izhaamagakiban Waasigan, ge-izhaagwak gii-maazhichigaadeg nawaj bangii manaajichigewinan, gii-kaganoonaawag Anishinaabeg endanakiwaad omaa.

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Ayaa omaa mazina'igan ge-onji-noondamang o'apii Zaagibagaawigiizis 17 gaye Miinikewigiizis 7. Hydro One Aazha gii-okwabiwag gaa-dazhindamowaad waa-izhichigeng Zhaaganaashiiwakiing, gaye Anishinaabeg mazina'igan gii-ozhichigaade.

Giishpin ayaayan gagwedwewin EA jibwaa-apii **Miinikewigiizis 7, 4:00pm** Sarah Cohanim, Senior Environmental Specialist, imaa Hydro One **1-877-345-6799** gemaa gaye **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**.

Mii iwe gewaabanjigaadegin inakonigewinan giishpin gegoo wii-meshkojijigaadegin. Gii-izhichigaadeg idash da-miinaawag ogowe Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Miiwag igiwe weweni ge-inaabandamowaad ge-izhichigeyang.

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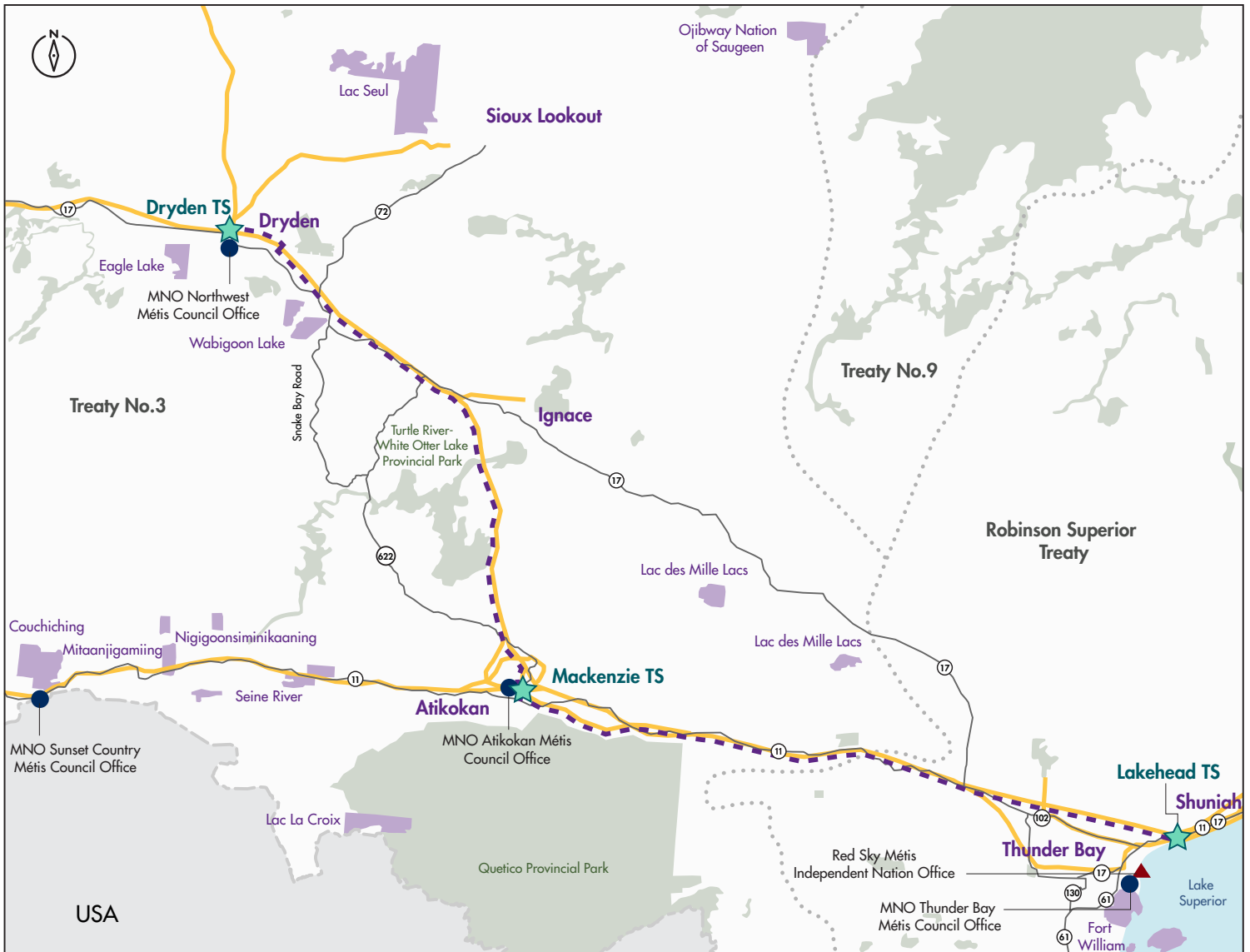
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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WAASIGAN TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT



November 2023

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One), in partnership with nine First Nations, has completed the environmental assessment for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project. As required under section 6.2(1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and according to the Amended Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on February 18, 2022, Hydro One has submitted the final Environmental Assessment Report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review and approval.

The Waasigan Transmission Line Project is a proposed 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. Once built, this critical project will provide enough clean energy to support economic growth in northwestern Ontario and improve reliability and resiliency of the regional transmission system.

HOW TO PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK

As required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the final **Environmental Assessment Report is available for public review and comment from November 17, 2023 to January 19, 2024.**


Comments on the final EA Report must be submitted by **January 19, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. EST** to Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, MECP - Environmental Assessment Branch.

135 St. Clair Avenue W, 7th Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5
Tel: 437-247-3443
Fax: 415-314-8452
Email: Stephen.Deneault@Ontario.ca

A copy of all comments will be forwarded to Hydro One for consideration.

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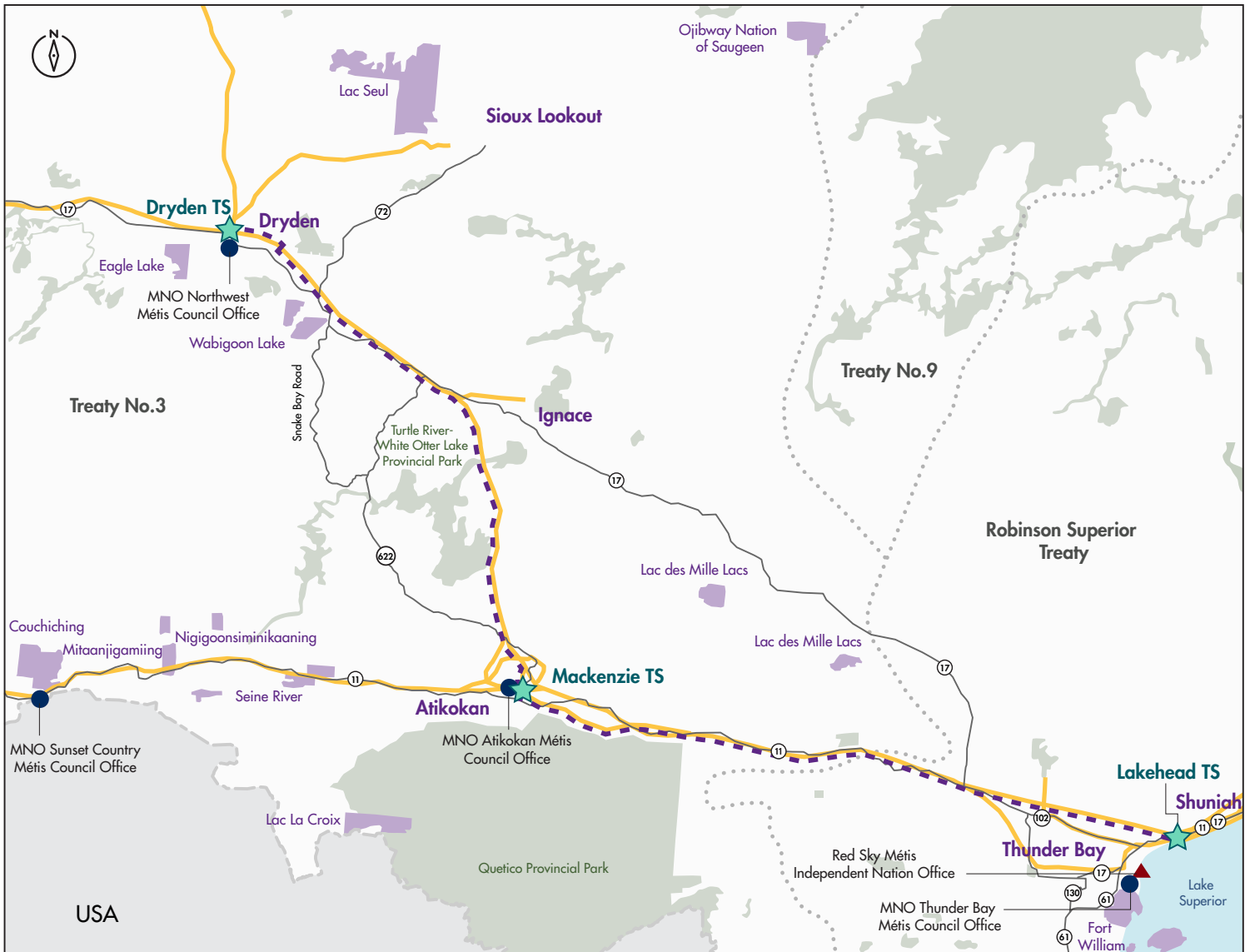
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