

## APPENDIX F

### ***Provincial And Federal Record of Consultation Supporting Documents***

1. Record of Consultation with Provincial and Federal Stakeholders.

### ***All Government Review Team Agency contacts***

1. September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop Presentation and minutes.
2. November 22, 2022 Government Review Team (GRT) workshop meeting minutes.
3. Limits of Work memo. December 15, 2022.

### ***Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)***

1. January 31, 2023 letter from MNRF to Hydro One regarding the Limits of Work proposal for the Waasigan Transmission Line.
2. July 7, 2023 letter from MNRF regarding comments on the draft EA.

### ***Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)***

1. March 6, 2023 letter from MECP SARB Branch comments regarding bat hibernacula data and Hydro One response message.
2. August 1, 2023 letter from MECP Environmental Assessment Branch regarding comments on the draft EA.



## ***Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)***

1. July 10, 2023 letter from MCM regarding comments on the draft EA.

## ***Ministry of Energy***

1. July 7, 2023 email from Ministry of Energy providing comments on the draft EA.

## ***Ministry of Mines***

1. June 30, 2023 email from Ministry of Mines providing comments on the draft EA.

## ***Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports (MTCS)***

1. July 7, 2023 email from MTCS providing comments on the draft EA.

## ***Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)***

1. July 4, 2023 letter from LRCA regarding comments on the draft EA.



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**Federal and Provincial - Record of Consultation**

Organization	Date	Type of Communication	Origin	Stakeholders <sup>1</sup>	Summary
<b>FEDERAL AGENCIES</b>					
<b>Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)</b>					
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Daniel DeOcampo Sandro Leonardelli Wesley Plant	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Daniel DeOcampo Sandro Leonardelli Wesley Plant	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, 2022 and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Daniel DeOcampo Sandro Leonardelli Wesley Plant	Hydro One emailed Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
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Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2022-10-11	Email	Incoming	Dan McDonell	The Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Environmental Assessment (EA) section emailed Hydro One to provide an update regarding individuals working on the Project.
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2022-10-13	Email	Outgoing	Dan McDonell	Hydro One emailed the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Environmental Assessment (EA) section to thank them for providing an update regarding individuals working on the Project.
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Daniel DeOcampo Wesley Plant	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
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Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2023-05-19	Email	Incoming	Ravi Patel	Environment and Climate Change Canada emailed Hydro One to inquire if the Project had crossovers with First Nation communities, federal lands or SARA.
Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)	2023-05-25	Email	Outgoing	Ravi Patel	Hydro One emailed Environment and Climate Change Canada to note the Project did not cross any First Nation reserve land or federal land but did have SARA implication. Hydro One provided an attached table of species listed as endangered, threatened and extirpated and noted additional details could be found in section 6.5 of the draft EA Report.
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	2022-08-22	Email	Incoming	DFO Fisheries Protection	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) emailed Hydro One and noted that DFO would be participating in the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 and provided contact information for the individual who would be attending.
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	DFO Fisheries Protection	Hydro One emailed Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	DFO Fisheries Protection Rick Kiriluk Shona Derlukewich	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop.

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House of Commons of Canada	2023-08-01	Email	Outgoing	Marcus Powlowski Patty Hajdu	Hydro One emailed the House of Commons of Canada to note a Section 92 Application had been filed with the OEB on July 31, 2023 for approval to construct the Project.
<b>Parks Canada</b>					
Parks Canada	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	National Geomatics Coordinator (General Inbox)	WSP emailed Parks Canada to inquire about obtaining GIS data layers.
Parks Canada	2022-08-05	Email	Outgoing	National Geomatics Coordinator (General Inbox)	WSP emailed Parks Canada and thanked them for their response regarding the GIS Data inquiry.
Parks Canada	2022-08-08	Email	Incoming	Lynn Lefort National Geomatics Coordinator (General Inbox)	Parks Canada emailed WSP and noted that they did not possess the GIS layers WSP was inquiring about.
Parks Canada	2022-08-08	Email	Outgoing	Lynn Lefort National Geomatics Coordinator (General Inbox)	WSP emailed Parks Canada and thanked them for confirming that the layers they were inquiring about did not lie with Parks Canada.
<b>Transport Canada</b>					
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Transport Canada (TC)	2022-03-17	Email	Incoming	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region Katie Gaulton	Transport Canada emailed Hydro One an automatic reply to the Notice of Commencement.
Transport Canada (TC)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region Katie Gaulton	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, 2022 and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
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Transport Canada (TC)	2022-08-23	Email	Incoming	Katie Gaulton	Transport Canada (TC) emailed Hydro One and noted that DFO would be participating in the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.

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Transport Canada (TC)	2023-05-02	Email	Incoming	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region	Transport Canada emailed Hydro One to note they did not require receipt of all individual or Class EA related notifications and requested project proponents self-assess their project.
Transport Canada (TC)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Environmental Assessment Program Ontario Region Jeremy Craigs Katie Gaulton	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
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<b>PROVINCIAL AGENCIES</b>					
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Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)	2022-05-18	Email	Outgoing	Sheena Li	Hydro One emailed members of the project contact list a reminder invitation about the virtual open house held on May 18, 2022.
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Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)	2023-01-03	Email	Outgoing	Jeffrey Schnuerer	Hydro One emailed the IESO to announce the selection of the preliminary preferred route and included an invitation to join the upcoming community houses between January 16, 2023 and January 18, 2023. Hydro One included an attached notice and interactive map.
Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)	2023-02-17	Email	Outgoing	Sheena Li Adrienne Fox Cheryl McIntosh Susan Harrison Jeffrey Schnuerer	Hydro One sent an email to the project contact list inviting them to a community open house on March 2, 2023 between 2 - 8p.m. The purpose of the community open house as described in the invitation is to for Hydro One to listen, share information and look at ways Hydro One may be able to mitigate or minimize the impacts of the proposed project.

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Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-18	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Scott Drebit	WSP emailed Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to obtain GIS datasets relevant to the Project.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-22	Email	Outgoing	Jessie McFadden Ryne Gilliam Scott Drebit Tammy Cook	WSP emailed LRCA to request Regulated Wetland and Conservation Area GIS data layers on behalf of Hydro One for the Project. WSP also asked if the LRCA was willing to share zoning information for the Township of O'Connor, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, Municipality of Shuniah, and the Town of Atikokan.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-22	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith Scott Drebit	WSP emailed LRCA to express their desire to acquire a copy of the layer from the entire LRCA jurisdiction, and zoning information from the Township of O'Connor, Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and Municipality of Shuniah. WSP provided a list of individuals they had contacted regarding municipal data and offered to include the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks on the most recent correspondence with the individuals.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) Municipality of Shuniah	2022-07-25	Email	Outgoing	Kerry Bellamy Paul Greenwood Roman Augustyn	WSP emailed the Municipality of Shuniah to thank them for the confirmation to update permissions sharing because they were in the process of updating the data sharing agreement with LRCA.

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Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-25	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA to inform them that they could leave a representative's details on the new data sharing agreement.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed the LRCA to inquire if they had heard back from the relevant municipalities in regards to the request for updated information. WSP requested LRCA to inform them if there would be anything else required for the data sharing agreement.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA Authority to offer to fill Hydro One's contact information for the GIS data sharing agreement and asked if they could leave the Hydro One signature field blank for the time being. WSP then mentioned that they would have to review and sign the agreement internally and would send the document to LRCA once it was signed by both WSP and Hydro One.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA to inform them that they would have to keep Hydro One named first on data on the agreement so they would still have access to the data if the consultant changed in the future.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP sent an email to LRCA to thank them for providing an updated data sharing agreement. WSP subsequently promised to get the agreement signed off and a copy returned to LRCA as soon as they received it from Hydro One.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-07-29	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed the LRCA to touch base on their data sharing agreement. WSP affirmed that the updated signatures would be sent to the LRCA the following week.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA to coordinate edits to made to the data sharing agreement before finalization and signing.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Incoming	Gail Willis	An out-of-office message was sent from LRCA to WSP with an alternate contact for the individual who was away.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed the alternate contact from LRCA to inquire about the GIS information request.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA to thank them for working to revise the data sharing agreement.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis	WSP emailed LRCA to thank them for sending back the revised data sharing agreement and noted that they would coordinate signatures to finalize the agreement with Hydro One.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA and provided the finalized data sharing agreement and inquired the estimated time it would take to obtain the requested GIS data packages.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	WSP emailed LRCA and thanked them for the coordination working to finalize the data sharing agreement.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-10	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	WSP emailed LRCA to thank them for moving along the GIS data request and data sharing agreement and followed up to inquire if it was possible to receive the GIS data by the end of the week.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-10	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith	WSP emailed LRCA to thank them for the quick response and for sharing the finalized data sharing agreement and GIS data package.

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Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One emailed LRCA, part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-18	Email	Incoming	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority emailed Hydro One to note that they would be attending the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One emailed LRCA to thank them for confirming and noted that they would follow up with a calendar invite for the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2022-12-16	Email	Incoming	Michelle Sixsmith	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing an update on the Project and identified the representative that would be reviewing the draft EA Report.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-01-09	Email	Incoming	Michelle Sixsmith	The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) emailed Hydro One to request the preliminary Project footprint shapefile.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-01-10	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	Hydro One emailed the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to provide the preliminary Project footprint shapefile.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-01-18	Email	Incoming	Michelle Sixsmith	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) emailed Hydro One to thank them for provided the preliminary Project footprint shapefile and provided a map overlaying the shapefile with their regulated area map. The LRCA noted a permit would be required from them since the preliminary preferred route encroached on their regulated area and provided a definition of development in the regulated area.

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Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-01-18	Email	Incoming	Michelle Sixsmith	Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) emailed Hydro One to provide Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) maps.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-01-31	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	Hydro One emailed the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority to thank them for providing their comments on the preliminary preferred route and noted they were being reviewed.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Gail Willis Michelle Sixsmith Tammy Cook	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-07-05	Email	Incoming	Michelle Sixsmith	The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft EA Report.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-07-05	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	Hydro One emailed the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority to thank them for providing their comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would review the comments and reach out if they had any questions.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-08-08	Email	Outgoing	Michelle Sixsmith	Hydro One emailed the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to note they had received comments from the MECP's Conservation and Source Protection Branch to requested Hydro One reach out to the LRCA regarding the availability of information for source water protection. Hydro One inquired if the LRCA had additional information on source water protection that should be incorporated into the EA.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-08-09	Email	Incoming	Michelle Sixsmith	The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority emailed Hydro One to note they had forwarded their source water protection question to their Watershed Manager.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-08-09	Email	Incoming	Melissa Hughson Michelle Sixsmith	The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) emailed Hydro One to note the Lakehead Region's Source Water Protection Area consists of two municipal drinking water systems in the City of Thunder Bay and the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge Rosslyn Village. The LRCA provided a map with the delineation of vulnerable areas consisting of the well head protection areas (WHPAs) for the Rosslyn Village system, and the intake protection zones (IPZ) for the City of Thunder Bay. The LRCA note the Project would run north of all vulnerable areas and did not cross any areas of concern regarding source water protection for the Lakehead Region.
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA)	2023-08-11	Email	Outgoing	Melissa Hughson Michelle Sixsmith	Hydro One emailed the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) to thank them for the information they provided about Lakehead Region's Source Water Protection Area.
<b>Legislative Assembly of Ontario</b>					
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Email	Outgoing	Greg Rickford	Hydro One emailed to advise that approval from the MECP for the amended ToR for the Project was received in February 2022. Hydro One noted that the EA is moving forward in accordance with the approved amended ToR. A Notice of Commencement of the EA was provided.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Email	Outgoing	Judith Monteith-Farrell	Hydro One emailed to advise that approval from the MECP for the amended ToR for the Project was received in February 2022. Hydro One noted that the EA is moving forward in accordance with the approved amended ToR. A Notice of Commencement of the EA was provided.

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Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Email	Outgoing	Linda Nelson Lorna Wood	Hydro One emailed to advise that approval from the MECP for the amended ToR for the Project was received in February 2022. Hydro One noted that the EA is moving forward in accordance with the approved amended ToR. A Notice of Commencement of the EA was provided.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Email	Outgoing	Michael Gravelle	Hydro One emailed to advise that approval from the MECP for the amended ToR for the Project was received in February 2022. Hydro One noted that the EA is moving forward in accordance with the approved amended ToR. A Notice of Commencement of the EA was provided.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Email	Outgoing	Shirley Gauthier Troy Kadikoff	Hydro One emailed to advise that approval from the MECP for the amended ToR for the Project was received in February 2022. Hydro One noted that the EA is moving forward in accordance with the approved amended ToR. A Notice of Commencement of the EA was provided.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Region 1 Ministry of Energy Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-22	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee Charlene Wagenaar Greg Rickford Joe de Laronde Linda Norheim Minister of Energy Theresa Stenlund	MNO emailed MECP, copying Hydro One, regarding discrimination and breach of Ontario's energy policies by Hydro One Networks Inc described in a letter written by the Region 1 Councilor for the Northwestern Ontario Métis Community & Chair of the Treaty #3/Lake of the Woods/Lac Seul/Rainy Lake and Rainy River Consultation Committee.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Lise Vaugeois	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to announce the selection of the preliminary preferred route and included an invitation to join the upcoming community houses between January 16, 2023 and January 18, 2023.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Kevin Holland	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to announce the selection of the preliminary preferred route and included an invitation to join the upcoming community houses between January 16, 2023 and January 18, 2023.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Greg Rickford Linda Nelson Lorna Wood Shirley Gauthier	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to announce the selection of the preliminary preferred route and included an invitation to join the upcoming community houses between January 16, 2023 and January 18, 2023.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-12	Meeting		Lise Vaugeois	Hydro One met with the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (MPP Thunder Bay – Superior North) to provide an overview of the Project and next steps.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-12	Meeting		Linda Nelson Lorna Wood	Hydro One met with the Kenora—Rainy River MPP's office to provide an overview of the Project and next steps.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-19	Email	Outgoing	Linda Nelson Lorna Wood Shirley Gauthier	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to provide a copy of the presentation from the January 13, 2023 Project meeting.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-19	Email	Outgoing	Lise Vaugeois	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to provide slides from the Project meeting on January 12, 2023.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-19	Email	Incoming	Lise Vaugeois	The Legislative Assembly of Ontario emailed Hydro One to thank them for following-up with the compilation of information following their recent meeting.

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Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-19	Email	Incoming	Lorna Wood	The Legislative Assembly of Ontario emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing a copy of the presentation from the January 13, 2023 meeting.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-27	Email	Outgoing	Lise Vaugeois	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to provide an update on the Project since the open houses from January 16 to 18, 2023. Hydro One noted they would continue to engage with residents to receive feedback.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-27	Email	Outgoing	Linda Nelson Lorna Wood Shirley Gauthier	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to provide an update on the Project since the open houses from January 16 to 18, 2023. Hydro One noted they would continue to engage with residents to receive feedback.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-01-27	Email	Outgoing	Kevin Holland	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to provide an update on the Project since the open houses from January 16 to 18, 2023. Hydro One noted they would continue to engage with residents to receive feedback.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-02-09	Meeting		Kevin Holland	Hydro One met with the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (MPP Thunder Bay - Atikokan) to provide an overview of the preliminary preferred route and next steps for the Project.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-02-17	Email	Outgoing	Lise Vaugeois	Hydro One sent an email to the project contact list inviting them to a community open house on March 2, 2023 between 2 - 8p.m. The purpose of the community open house as described in the invitation is to for Hydro One to listen, share information and look at ways Hydro One may be able to mitigate or minimize the impacts of the proposed project.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Meeting		Lise Vaugeois	Hydro One met with the Thunder Bay—Superior North MPP to provide a Project update. The MPP noted they appreciated Hydro One's engagement efforts to be kept informed about the Project.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2022-03-13	Meeting		Kevin Holland	Hydro One met with the Thunder Bay—Atikokan MPP to provide a project update.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-05-18	Email	Outgoing	Kevin Holland	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to shared additional information about the EA process for the Project. Hydro One provided a summary from the Project Team, a detailed documents outlining the EA process and graphics detailing the route selection process and Project timeline. Hydro One indicated they could also provide a briefing to the Thunder Bay—Atikokan MPP if desired.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-05-18	Email	Outgoing	Lise Vaugeois Greg Rickford Linda Nelson Lorna Wood Shirley Gauthier	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to provide notice of the release of the draft EA Report and noted comments would be accepted until July 7, 2023.
Legislative Assembly of Ontario	2023-08-01	Email	Outgoing	Greg Rickford Linda Nelson Lorna Wood Shirley Gauthier Lise Vaugeois Paul Mason Kevin Holland	Hydro One emailed the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to note a Section 92 Application had been filed with the OEB on July 31, 2023 for approval to construct the Project.
<b>Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)</b>					
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.

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Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One emailed the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty Michele Doncaster OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Jocelyn Beatty OMAFRA EA Notices Inbox	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.

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<b>Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)</b>					
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Michael Falconi Shireen Mohammed	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Michael Falconi Shireen Mohammed	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Michael Falconi Nathan Hammill Shireen Mohammed	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Michael Falconi Nathan Hammill Shireen Mohammed	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Erin Thompson Michael Falconi Nathan Hammill	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Erin Thompson Michael Falconi Nathan Hammill	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Erin Thompson Michael Falconi Nathan Hammill	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Erin Thompson Michael Falconi Nathan Hammill	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Erin Thompson Nathan Hammill	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.

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Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Erin Thompson Nathan Hammill	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT)	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Nathan Hammill	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.
<b>Ministry of Energy</b>					
Ministry of Energy	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Christopher Goode Cisca McInnis Jonathon Wilkinson Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Ministry of Energy	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Jonathon Wilkinson	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to reschedule the upcoming monthly meeting to accommodate a GLP and Hydro One meeting.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-23	Meeting		Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Jonathon Wilkinson Kaitly Howarth Kirby Calvert Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and NDMNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and public engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy	2022-03-24	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to provide a copy of the MOU CP document with the Ministry of Energy's feedback incorporated. Hydro One noted that they were available to address any further questions or comments.
Ministry of Energy	2022-04-04	Email	Outgoing	Jonathon Wilkinson	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy the engagement report for January 15-February 15, 2022.
Ministry of Energy	2022-04-20	Email	Outgoing	Jonathon Wilkinson	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy the quarterly report on Indigenous Knowledge ahead of April 21, 2022 meeting.
Ministry of Energy	2022-04-20	Email	Outgoing	Jonathon Wilkinson	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy the final engagement summary ahead of April 21, 2022 meeting.
Ministry of Energy	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Christopher Goode Cisca McInnis Jonathon Wilkinson Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Energy	2022-05-18	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy an engagement summary for March 15 2022 - April 15, 2022.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) Ministry of the	2022-05-19	Meeting		Carolyn Lee Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and NDMNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and public consultation updates.

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Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)					
Ministry of Energy	2022-06-15	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to confirm the June 21 2:30 PM date for the Monthly Meeting would work.
Ministry of Energy	2022-06-15	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to confirm a meeting invite would be sent for June 21 at 2:30 PM for the monthly meeting. The Ministry of Energy indicated that invitees for the meeting should delete a previous invite sent by a Ministry of Energy employee that no longer worked in the department.
Ministry of Energy	2022-06-20	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to provide a copy of the Record of Consultation for the reporting period of April 16, 2022, to May 15, 2022.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-21	Meeting		Carolyn Lee Gillian Brown Kirby Calvert Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and NDMNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and public engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-20	Meeting		Carolyn Lee Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and public engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy	2022-07-20	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to provide a copy of the engagement summary for the reporting period of May to June 2022.
Ministry of Energy	2022-08-17	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to apologize for the mix up in meeting dates and attached a copy of the Indigenous Knowledge report for a meeting to take place on August 18, 2022.
Ministry of Energy	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Christopher Goode Cisca McInnis Gillian Brown Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy, part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Energy	2022-08-19	Email	Incoming	Kirby Calvert Vanessa Ieraci	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to note that they would be attending the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.

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Ministry of Energy	2022-08-19	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to confirm that they would be attending the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Ministry of Energy	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	Kirby Calvert Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.
Ministry of Energy	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.
Ministry of Energy	2022-08-24	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to provide the engagement record for the period of June 15, 2022 to July 15, 2022.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-08-25	Meeting		Andrew Evers David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and NDMNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and public engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-15	Meeting		Andrew Evers David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Bree-Anna Gaboury Christopher Goode Cisca McInnis Gillian Brown Kirby Calvert Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Energy	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Cisca McInnis Gillian Brown Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to thank them for participating in the workshop on September 7, 2022 and to provide the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussions and a list of criteria and indicators used in the alternative route evaluation process to determine a preferred route.
Ministry of Energy	2022-10-17	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy the August to September, 2022 engagement summary.
Ministry of Energy	2022-10-18	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to thank them for sharing the August to September, 2022 engagement summary.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the	2022-10-20	Meeting		Andrew Evers David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.

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Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)				Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	
Ministry of Energy	2022-10-20	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy the monthly IK update from their meeting that day.
Ministry of Energy	2022-10-27	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the minutes from the September 7, 2022 workshop. The Ministry of Energy inquired if Hydro One selected a contractor for the construction of the Project.
Ministry of Energy	2022-11-01	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to note they were completing an RFP process to hire a contractor for the Project and a final selection had not been made.
Ministry of Energy	2022-11-03	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to thank them for confirming the status of the contractor RFP process for the Project and inquired when they anticipated to make their final selection.
Ministry of Energy	2022-11-08	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to note they would announce the contractor selection by the end of 2022.
Ministry of Energy	2022-11-10	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing an update about when the Project contractor selection would occur.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-17	Meeting		David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy	2022-11-22	Meeting		Gillian Brown	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-15	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-15	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Gillian Brown Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note two representatives had a conflict and would not be able to attend a Project update meeting that day. The MECP requested Hydro One provide the meeting minutes and any questions for the MECP after the meeting and they would arrange a follow up call if necessary.
Ministry of Energy	2022-12-15	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to provide a summary regarding Project Indigenous Knowledge activities.

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Ministry of Energy	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Energy	2022-12-19	Email	Outgoing	James Pasioka Kirby Calvert	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to thank them for confirming the contacts who would review the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Energy	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Kirby Calvert James Pasioka	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-19	Meeting		James Pasioka Cisca McInnis Christopher Goode Bree-Anna Gaboury Vanessa Ieraci Gillian Brown Kirby Calvert	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy	2023-02-06	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to provide contact information for Maawandoon.
Ministry of Energy	2023-02-06	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing contact information for Maawandoon.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-16	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Meeting		Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault David Johnson-Weiser Bree-Anna Gaboury	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment,	2023-04-20	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Michele Proulx Kirstin Hicks Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.

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Conservation and Parks (MECP)				Gillian Brown	
Ministry of Energy	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Bree-Anna Gaboury Christopher Goode Cisca McInnis Gillian Brown James Pasieka Kirby Calvert Vanessa Ieraci	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Energy	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Michael Di Cosmo	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-18	Meeting		Alexandra Hyatt Bree-Anna Gaboury Gillian Brown Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-23	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Gillian Brown Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy, MNRF and MECP to share download links to confidential First Nations Rights and Métis Rights sections of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Energy	2023-05-25	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to acknowledge receipt of the confidential First Nations Rights and Métis Rights sections of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-21	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown James Pasieka Joseph Tyance Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.
Ministry of Energy	2023-07-07	Email	Incoming	Gillian Brown Kirby Calvert Samir Adkar	The Ministry of Energy emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Energy	2023-07-07	Email	Outgoing	Gillian Brown Kirby Calvert Samir Adkar	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy to thank them for providing their comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would review the comments and reach out if they had any questions.

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Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-20	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown James Pasieka Joseph Tyance Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-17	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown James Pasieka Joseph Tyance Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.
<b>Ministry of Mines</b>					
Ministry of Mines	2022-08-23	Email	Incoming	Greg Paju Robert Cundari Sarah Ferguson	The Ministry of Mines emailed Hydro One to confirm that they would be participating in the Government Review team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Ministry of Mines	2022-08-24	Email	Outgoing	Greg Paju Robert Cundari Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Mines to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.
Ministry of Mines Ministry of Northern Development	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Brady Lucas Dorothy Campbell Greg Paju Jennifer Paetz Mary Perry Omerdin Omer Sarah Ferguson Scott Burgess	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Mines	2022-11-22	Meeting		Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Mines	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Mines	2022-12-19	Email	Incoming	Sarah Ferguson	The Ministry of Mines emailed Hydro One to identify the contact that would review the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Mines	2022-12-20	Email	Outgoing	Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Mines to thank them for confirming the contact who would review the draft EA Report.

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Ministry of Mines	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of Mines	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Mines	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Mary Perry Omerdin Omer	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Mines to note they would be sharing the notice of the draft EA Report release with mining claims holders and requested the Ministry provide an updated list. Hydro One provided a requested notification area as an attachment.
Ministry of Mines	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Dorothy Campbell Greg Paju Jennifer Paetz Mary Perry Omerdin Omer Scott Burgess	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Mines	2023-05-29	Email	Outgoing	Mary Perry Omerdin Omer	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Mines to follow up on a request for an update list of mining claims holders to provide EA-related information.
Ministry of Mines	2023-06-30	Email	Incoming	Sarah Ferguson Catherine Daniels Omerdin Omer	The Ministry of Mines emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft EA Report regarding mining hazards and mineral potential.
Ministry of Mines	2023-07-05	Email	Outgoing	Catherine Daniels Omerdin Omer Sarah Ferguson	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Mines to thank them for providing their comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would review the comments and reach out if they had any questions.
<b>Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)</b>					
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-08-19	Email	Incoming	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) emailed Hydro One to note that there likely would be not much involvement from the MMAH but would participate in the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 to stay informed about the Project.

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Sylvie Oulton Victoria Kosny	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Victoria Kosny	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Victoria Kosny	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Victoria Kosny	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.
<b>Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)</b>					
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-04	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to inquire if it was possible to receive a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for Fort Frances District by July 6, 2022.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed WSP to note that they would connect with the Fort Francis district regarding the Licence to collect fish for Scientific Purposes Application and get back to WSP with an update as soon as possible.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-05	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to indicate that a Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes in Fort Frances District would not be issued prior to July 11, 2022. The

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					MNRF noted that the delay in issuance was due to flooding and WSP should evaluate if high water levels would interfere with survey protocols.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-08	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to ask if someone was available for a call July 8 or July 11, 2022 with a Fort Frances biologist that needed clarity on a few data points.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-08	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to confirm availability for a meeting on July 8 or July 11, 2022 with the Fort Frances biologist.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-08	Meeting		Bailey Young Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One met with the MNRF to clarify information included in the license to collect fish for scientific purposes application.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-11	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP the Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for their surveys located within Fort France District. The MNRF noted there were five locations within a protected area that subsequently required the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) - Ontario Parks to authorize field surveys. The MNRF noted that WSP should reply to the email with the signed copy of the licence.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-13	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF the signed Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purpose. WSP noted that they wanted to add two Indigenous monitors to all the MNRF licences.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-25	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to request municipal GIS data with an attached table of the data layers they were searching for.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-25	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to express that they were organizing an agency workshop involving updates on the Waasigan EA, a alternative route evaluation methodology discussion, and a review of evaluation criteria and indicators. Hydro One subsequently provided WSP's meeting availability and mentioned that they would provide additional information for review prior to the workshop.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-26	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to inform them that they had actioned their request to obtain GIS data and Ontario Geospatial Data Exchange (OGDE) would get back to them regarding their request the following week.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-26	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to thank them for their support and offered to arrange a call to answer any questions they may have had.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-26	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to thank them for sending their meeting availability and asked if the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) would be included in the agency workshop. The MNRF noted if they the MECP were being included that they would wait to confirm their availability since MECP's schedules has more limitations. The MNRF also asked for a combined invite scheduled between Ministries moving forward.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to express their intention to include the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks (MECP) and other GRT contacts to the Waasigan Agency Workshop. Hydro One requested MNRF's meeting availability for the workshop and agreed to send the meeting invitation at the same time for future meetings with MNRF and MECP.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-29	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to express their intent to schedule a meeting to go over some questions that had originated as they worked through the WSP's Land Information Ontario data request. The MNRF mentioned that the current Data Share Agreements' term ended on June 10, 2022 and concluded the email by expressing that a new agreement would have to be drafted prior to sending the requested information.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-07-29	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to provide the meeting availability for the WSP and Hydro One teams and asked the MNRF to let them know if any suggested times worked for a meeting the following week.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephanie Whyley	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide questions related to the proposed updated data sharing agreement and GIS data request including the purpose of data use, geographic extent and expected length of the data sharing agreement.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephanie Whyley	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for outlining the clarifications which needed to be relayed to MNRF in order to move forward the GIS data request and data sharing agreement. Hydro One noted that they would work on compiling the information and return it as soon as possible.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-09	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to propose the afternoon of September 7, 2022 for the C&I Workshop and noted that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) would also be available and joining at the time as well. Hydro One noted that they would send a calendar invite shortly and would share materials for review prior to the workshop soon.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-09	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note that the afternoon of September 7, 2022 worked for the C&I workshop and asked that additional details regarding the purpose and goal of the workshop be added to the calendar invite.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-09	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) and noted that they would add additional details regarding the purpose and goal of the C&I Workshop to the calendar invite and thanked MNDMNRF for the confirmation.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-10	Email	Outgoing	Andy Smiegielski Doug Lowman Renee Bellini	WSP emailed the MNRF to inquire about an archeological GIS data layer.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-10	Email	Outgoing	Doug Lowman Kathy Crampton Kirstin Hicks Renee Bellini Stephanie Whyley	WSP emailed the MNRF and thanked them for the clarification about the archeological GIS data layer and noted that they would follow up internally with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS).
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-19	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephanie Whyley	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to thank them for submitting the final data request list and shared clarifications regarding new layer requests.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-08-24	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note that the Electronic Intellectual Property Agreement was ready for Hydro One's signature and that they were working on the Sensitive Data Licence Agreement.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-02	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed MNRF and provided a signed Data Sharing Agreement for the requested GIS data layers.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-07	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to provide a copy of the Data Sharing Agreement for the requested GIS data layers.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-08	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) a signed copy of the Data Sharing Agreement for previously requested GIS data layers.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-13	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to thank them for assisting with finalizing the new data sharing agreement and request they provide a final version signed by both parties. WSP inquired if the MNRF could provide a date when they would receive the data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-13	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed WSP to note that they were still awaiting final signatures on their end for the Data Sharing Agreement for the requested GIS data layers but would be in touch soon.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-16	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to inquire about extending the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for the Dryden District as a result of adhering to surveying protocols within an Indigenous community's traditional territory.  WSP noted that if MNRF is able to approve the extension until October 15, 2022, mitigation measures would be employed during field surveys to reduce the risk to fish during sensitive life periods including visual assessments prior to sampling, checking for visible spawning nests, redd features, eggs/larva. WSP also noted that if spawning activities or features are observed, fish sampling would not be completed and that the field crews would avoid stepping in the water.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-20	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP a Sharepoint link to all the Waasigan information previously requested. The email noted that the final signed copy of the SDLA is in the Sharepoint folder and the EIP signed copy was attached to the email.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-20	Email	Incoming	Kathy Crampton Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to apologize for the file not working and connected them with the Information Management Specialist to help resolve this issue.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-20	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP the amended License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for Dryden District. The MNRF requested the license be signed and returned for record purposes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-23	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to inquire if they had availability the following week to discuss comments on Steep Rock Mine noted during the alternative route evaluation. WSP referenced one of the comments MNRF provided on the Terms of Reference regarding the Steep Rock Mine property which outlined considerations such as the current site and future landscape of the former Pit Lakes and adjoining waterbodies, dam structures located within the Steep Rock Mine site, hazard lands identified by MNRF, and flood hazard limit offsets.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-28	Meeting		Jeff Bonnema Kirstin Hicks	WSP met with the MNRF to discuss the Steep Rock Mine property.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-09-28	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed WSP to follow up on a discussion regarding data which WSP has regarding the Steep Rock Mine

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					property. MNRF noted that they would discuss data sharing agreement logistics with Hydro One regarding access to the data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-04	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to follow up on a previous email regarding data sharing logistics for data associated with the Steep Rock Mine. Hydro One inquired if a new or updated data sharing agreement was required so that they are able to access the data as they hoped to consider it in their route evaluation model.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to thank them for reaching out regarding data sharing logistics for the data associated with Steep Rock Mine. MNRF noted that they are discussing internally the options available to allow them to share the data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-04	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One thanked the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) for the update regarding the data sharing logistics for the data associated with Steep Rock Mine.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-05	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to note that they had determined that the existing licences did not meet the correct needs to allow for sharing of the Steep Rock Mine data.  MNRF noted they were currently working on a customized stand-alone agreement and had asked their information management section to prioritize the request. MNRF noted that they hoped to hear back from them early the following week and would be in touch as soon as they had additional information.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-11	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to note that they had heard back from their information section regarding the sharing of the Steep Rock Mine GIS data. MNRF provided Hydro One with an outline of information required for the development of a data sharing agreement.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-14	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Northern Development and Forestry (MNRF) to provide a breakdown of information requested by MNRF for the Steep Rock Mine Data Sharing Agreement.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-14	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The Ministry of Northern Development and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One and thanked them for providing a breakdown of information for the Steep Rock Mine Data Sharing Agreement. MNRF noted that they had passed the information over to their information management section to begin drafting an agreement and would update Hydro One on an estimated completion date the following week.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-20	Meeting		Andrew Evers David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-20	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to inquire about an update about the Steep Rock data sharing agreement.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-20	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they would provide an update about the Steep Rock data sharing agreement that day or on October 21, 2022.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-21	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The MNRF emailed Hydro One the Sensitive Data Licence Agreement for the Steep Rock dataset and requested they review and return it signed so data sharing could proceed.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-21	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing the Sensitive Data Licence Agreement for the Steep Rock dataset and noted they would provide any questions shortly.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-26	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the MNRF the signed data sharing agreement for the Steep Rock data. Hydro One inquired about the coordination of data sensitivity training. Hydro One inquired if MNRF could provide information on wildlife populations in the Wildlife Management Units (WMU) that overlap the local study area (LSA) so that they could be recorded in the Project baseline report.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-10-27	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to clarify Hydro One had completed sufficient data sensitivity training. The MNRF noted they had circulated an additional data request internally.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-01	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note their Steep Rock team was still working on gathering information to be added to the SharePoint. The MNRF provided wildlife population data and relevant technical notes that Hydro One requested.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-01	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing the wildlife data and noted they would review it.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-01	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP and MNRF to inquire about their availability for an EA agency workshop later that month to review the results of the 2022 field program and provide an update on the alternative route evaluation.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-02	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note that the Steep Rock data had been uploaded to the SharePoint.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Laura Darby Melissa Mauro Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on November 21 and 22, 2022 for an EA agency workshop.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-07	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to confirm they could access the Steep Rock data on the SharePoint and thanked them for providing the data.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-17	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to set up a meeting to provide updates on the identification of the preliminary preferred route prior to the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One requested the MNRF provide their availability on November 21, 2022 and November 22, 2022 for a meeting.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-17	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to request more details about would be discussed during the November meeting to help identify appropriate attendees. The MNRF also requested Hydro One include a list of questions for the meeting so that they could come prepared.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-17	Meeting		David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-18	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to confirm that the intent of the November meeting was to provide an overview of the preliminary preferred route in the Atikokan area and that Hydro One was seeking guidance on how Steep Rock data could be shared.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-21	Meeting		Jeff Bonnema Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One met with the MNRF to provide an overview of the Project preliminary preferred route in the Atikokan area and request clarification on language in the Steep Rock data sensitivity agreement in the context of the criteria and indicators for the route evaluation process.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-07	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing GIS data and requested additional data to support wildlife modelling.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-08	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to note they had begun processing their data request.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-12	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to request clarification about what forestry management units WSP required and if they had any hard deadlines for receiving the data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-12	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to confirm the forest management unit they wanted and noted they required the data by the end of that week (December 16, 2022).
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-12	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to request they sign the attached addendum to the EIP agreement to allow MNRF to send WSP additional FMU datasets.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-13	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF a signed addendum to the EIP agreement.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-13	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One (and cc'd WSP) a executed copy of the addendum to the EIP agreement for their record. The MNRF noted they were working on gathering the requested data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-14	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP a link to the SharePoint where they could access the requested data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-15	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing the executed copy of the addendum.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-15	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-15	Email	Outgoing	Jeff Bonnema Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to provide draft minutes for the Steep Rock Mine-focused meetings on September 30 and November 21, 2022 and inquired if they had any edits. Hydro One noted that meeting minutes and materials from the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022 would be shared soon.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to set up a meeting to discuss the Limits of Work concept detailed in an attached memo and requested they provide their availability. Hydro One noted they proposed including the MECP in the discussion and would follow up with them about their availability.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-21	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they needed to meet internally to have a discussion on the Limits of Work before meeting with Hydro One and the MECP. The MNRF requested Hydro One provide a timeline for when they wanted to have a discussion on the Limits of Work.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-03	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to inquire about their availability to meet to discuss the incorporation of feedback from the MNRF into the environmental assessment.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they had availability the week of January 16, 2023 to meet to discuss the incorporation of their feedback into the environmental assessment.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Laura Darby Melissa Mauro	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-10	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to thank them for sending a invite to the Community Open Houses and noted they planned to attend the one in Thunder Bay.
Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-10	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro Sheldon Haw Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on January 18, 19 and 20, 2023 for a meeting about the incorporation of their feedback into the environmental assessment.
Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-11	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro Sheldon Haw Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing their availability for a meeting and inquired what time worked best for them January, 20, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-11	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed WSP to remind them to submit the mandatory report for the three Licenses to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes by January 31, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-11	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF to indicate the mandatory reports for the three Licenses to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes were being drafted and would be submitted by the January 31, 2023 deadline.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-17	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for confirming they would be attending the Community Open House in Thunder Bay. Hydro One provided the MNRF copies of panels they had requested.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-18	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the panels for the Community Open House.

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Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-19	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-25	Meeting		Andrew Evers Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro Sheldon Haw Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP and the MNRF to discuss the proposed Limits of Work approach for the Project and receive feedback on the approach that can be incorporated into the environmental assessment.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-01-31	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the MNRF a link to the mandatory collection reporting for the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-31	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One their response to the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-31	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their response to the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-02	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing comments on the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-09	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to provide a response to the MNRF's comment regarding the Limits of Work proposal.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-10	Email	Incoming	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response to comments provided by the MNRF about the Limits of Work proposal. The MNRF provided their availability to meet to discuss the Limits of Work further on February 15, 22, 23 and 24, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-13	Email	Outgoing	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to confirm February 22, 2023 as the date of a meeting to discuss the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-15	Meeting		James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MNRF to discuss the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-16	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-22	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MNRF to request a list of their staff that would need access to restricted Project GIS data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-24	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed WSP to note they were internally coordinating about a preferred approach to accessing the Project's restricted GIS data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment,	2023-02-27	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed WSP to clarify the policy for the use of MNRF datasets and requested they contact the MECP about the use of their datasets.

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Conservation and Parks (MECP)					
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-27	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MNRF to thank them for clarifying how their datasets could be used. WSP inquired if the NHIC belonged to the MECP or MNRF.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-01	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	MNRF emailed WSP and MECP to clarify MECP's ownership of the Natural Heritage Information Centre data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-03	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed WSP to note restricted data sets for SAR could not be shared for public viewing in their raw format. The data would need to be displayed in a generalized form consistent with the direction provided by NHIC as per the data sensitivity training.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-08	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF and MECP to note the draft EA Report would be released in late April 2023 as Hydro One wanted to ensure they provided time to work with Indigenous communities and members of the public to address comments related to the preferred route.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-08	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for their update regarding the draft EA Report release date being moved to late April 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-03-09	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to clarify what existing partnerships or agreements had been established for the construction of the Project. The MNRF noted they understood Valard had been chosen as the EPC but they wanted to know if additional partnerships existed so they could understand who would be reaching out to their staff for authorization or approvals.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-03-15	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed MNRF to propose a meeting on March 27, 2023 to provide details on Project structure, roles, contractors/sub-contractors and other organizations.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of Energy Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Michele Proulx Kristin Hicks Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Email	Outgoing	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MNRF and MECP to provide the draft minutes from their meeting on February 15, 2023 regarding the proposed Limits of Work approach for the Project EA.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-03-16	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed Hydro One to mention that the current MNRF lead would be stepping away from the Project and replaced by another individual.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-03-16	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to acknowledge the departure of the old MNRF lead from the Project and welcome the new lead.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide an edit to the January 25, 2023 draft meeting minutes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to mention that they did not have any suggested edits for the February 15, 2023 draft meeting minutes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-30	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to mention that they did not have any suggested edits for the January 25, 2023 draft meeting minutes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-03-31	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt	MNRF emailed Hydro One to confirm they were available on April 12, 2023 for a meeting regarding the Project subcontractors.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-04-04	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF and the MECP to provide the final meeting minutes from their January 25, 2023 meeting.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)					
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-04-12	Meeting		Alexandra Hyatt Derek James Mastin James Bennitt	Hydro One and the GLP met with the MNRF to provide an overview of the Project partnership structure, including roles and responsibilities of individuals and organizations.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-04-12	Meeting		Alexandra Hyatt Derek James Mastin James Bennitt	Hydro One and the GLP met with the MNRF to provide an overview of the Project partnership structure, including roles and responsibilities of individuals and organizations.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-04-14	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide details about the standard process for aggregate permit application.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of Energy Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-20	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Michele Proulx Kristin Hicks Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-05-01	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for the information they provided about the standard process for aggregate permit application and noted it had been shared with Valard. Hydro One noted Valard had inquired if the MNRF has direction related to the potential use of MNRF gravel pits as fly yards.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Laura Darby Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-05-03	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they would need more information about Valard's request for use of MNRF gravel pits as fly yards and indicated Hydro One should instruct Valard to reach out directly.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to request their support in mailing the draft EA Report release to the 110 addresses on the MNRF's Public Stakeholder list.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt Melissa Mauro	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-18	Meeting		Alexandra Hyatt Bree-Anna Gaboury Gillian Brown Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-05-18	Flyer/ Unaddressed Notice	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	WSP coordinated the printing of 130 copies of the draft EA Report Notice that were then shipped to the MNRF's Fort Frances office for distribution to confidential Land Use Permit holders.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-19	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MNRF and MECP to provide a download link to a version of the draft EA Report that contained confidential SAR data.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-23	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Gillian Brown Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy, MNRF and MECP to share download links to confidential First Nations Rights and Métis Rights sections of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-21	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown James Pasioka Joseph Tyance Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-07	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant Londa Mortson	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft EA Report and a map of updated MNRF district boundaries.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-10	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant Londa Mortson	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing their comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they wanted to schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss some comments and would be in touch with some proposed meeting times.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-19	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt	The MNRF emailed the MECP to note several MNRF District had received permitting inquires associated with the Project. The MNRF indicated all inquires should be sent to an MNRF contacts (whose contact details were provided in the email) to ensure consistency.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-20	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for bringing the issue of several MNRF Districts receiving permitting inquires to their attention. Hydro One noted they would follow-up with Valard and make sure all inquires flowed through the identified MNRF contact.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment,	2023-07-20	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown James Pasioka Joseph Tyance	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-23	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to request a meeting to discuss their comment on the draft EA Report. Hydro One inquired about the MNRF's availability to me on August 14, 15, 18, 21, 22 and 23, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-24	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to request they clarify which of the MNRF's comments on the draft EA Report they wanted to discuss so the appropriate technical resources were asked about their availability for the meeting.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide a list of draft EA Report topics to discuss further with the MNRF during a meeting. Topics included the limits of work approach, criteria in the Terms of Reference, wildlife indicators and the Environmental Protection Plan.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-28	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they had availability on August 18, 2023 to discuss their comments on the draft EA Report. The MNRF requested Hydro One send a meeting invitation.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-07-28	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	WSP on behalf of Hydro one emailed the MNRF to note a meeting invite for August 18, 2023 would be circulated for a meeting to discuss the MNRF's comments on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-02	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	WSP emailed the MNRF to request background information regarding the Swamp River Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI).
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-10	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note Valard has met with their Regional Director and had requested a meeting to discuss a permitting model. The MNRF indicated that they preferred all requests go through one MECP contact, but noted they would provide Valard their availability in September to meet and wanted a Hydro One representative to attend as well.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-11	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to note they would direct Valard to go through one contact MECP contact to set up meetings. Hydro One provided the names of the Hydro One representatives that would attend the permitting model meeting.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-11	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to follow up on a request for information on the Swamp River ANSI.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-11	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to express that they were waiting for a review to return from vacation before fulfilling Hydro One's request for information on the Swamp River ANSI.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-11	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they were working on their request for more information about the Swamp River ANSI.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-14	Meeting		Trevor Davis	Canacre met with the MNRF to discuss mining claims relevant to the Project, access plans, the LUP approval and camp applications.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-14	Email	Incoming	Danielle Tarrant	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to request they provide responses to their comments on the draft EA Report prior to a meeting scheduled on August 18, 2023.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-15	Email	Incoming	Danielle Tarrant	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to request a call to better understand the EA and permitting processes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-15	Phone	Outgoing	Danielle Tarrant	Hydro One called the MNRF to provide details about the EA and permitting processes. The MNRF expressed concerns about Valard and Canacre not going through the designated MECP contact for the Project and noted permit applications were received for locations not included in the draft EA Report. Hydro One suggested another meeting be held to review roles, timelines for permit applications and the MNRF's concerns. The MNRF provided their availability for a meeting the week of August 21, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-15	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to inquire if they would receive responses to their comments on the draft EA Report prior to a meeting on August 18, 2023. The MNRF indicated if responses to their comments were not received prior to the meeting, it may need to be rescheduled.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-16	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to clarify the purpose of the August 18, 2023 meeting was to have a discussion about some of MNRF's comments on the draft EA Report, therefore no responses to comments would be shared with the MNRF before the meeting. Hydro One noted they would share a table of comments with clarification questions with the MNRF in advance of the meeting.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-17	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Danielle Tarrant	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to provide a summary of comments from the MNRF on the draft EA Report that they wanted to discuss further during the August 18, 2023 meeting.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-17	Meeting			Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)	2023-08-18	Meeting		Alexandra Hyatt Catherine Dashnay Danielle Tarrant Jeff Bonnema Mallory Miller	Hydro One and WSP met with the MNRF to discuss comments they provided on the draft EA Report.
<b>Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)</b>					
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-14	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee	MECP emailed Hydro One edits to February 24th meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-14	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	MECP emailed Hydro One to reschedule upcoming meeting.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-14	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed MECP the final minutes with the attached presentation for MECP's records.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-17	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank Hydro One for sharing the draft minutes and that MECP will forward the minutes to SAR staff for input.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-21	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed MECP the download link for the Aquatic and Terrestrial Fieldwork plans and asked for comments by April 15, 2022. WSP also shared their responses to the Species at Risk Branch comments on the previous field work plans.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-24	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed MECP the notice that was sent to Indigenous communities regarding draft field work plans. Hydro one will be following up with interested communities to answer any questions.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-03-24	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	MECP thanked Hydro One for sharing the notice that was sent to Indigenous communities regarding draft field work plans review.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-04-11	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy to inquire about any comments for the field work plans.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed Ministry of Energy requesting to reschedule the monthly EA update meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed MECP thanking them for the comments from the Species at Risk Branch and inquired about the possibility of meeting to go over them.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-04	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee Kevin Green Mike Allan Nikki Boucher	MECP provided meeting availability to Hydro One to meet regarding the Species at Risk Branch comments on the Terrestrial and Aquatic field work plans.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-10	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee Kevin Green Mike Allan Nikki Boucher	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed MECP the Field Work Plans review presentation prior to the meeting later that day.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-19	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee Ellen Bruce	MECP emailed Hydro One to notify them of a phone call received from a resident with concerns regarding the impact of the transmission line on their property in Atikokan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-24	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One thanked MECP for sharing the content of the Resident phone call and committed to contacting them to discuss further.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-24	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	MECP emailed Hydro One to notify them of a vacation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-25	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee	Hydro One thanked MECP for the vacation notification and offered to reschedule a meeting on June 7, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-25	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to confirm they are available for the monthly meeting on June 9 any time other than 2:00 p.m. and June 10 anytime other than 10:00 a.m.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to provide them draft minutes from their meeting with SARB on May 10, 2022 to discuss the comment on the draft Terrestrial Field Work Plan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-09	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee	Hydro One met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-14	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to provide draft minutes from a meeting held the week of June 6.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-14	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to thank them for the meeting minutes and provided no additional comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-15	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to provide final meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-29	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to inquire if the monthly meeting could be postponed to one of the follow timeslots: July 12 1:00 to 4:00 PM or July 3:00 to 4:00 PM.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-06-29	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to confirm the monthly meeting could be moved to either timeslot on July 12 or 13 with the exception of July 12 3:30 to 4:00 PM.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-04	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to notify them that the MECP Species at Risk Branch did not have any comment on the draft May 10, 2022 meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-05	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee	WSP emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to note that they have not heard back from the Thunder Bay Field Naturalist regarding gray fox data whom MECP had recommended they reach out to. WSP asked if the MECP's Species at Risk Branch had another contact for the Thunder Bay Field Naturalist.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-05	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks emailed WSP another contact for the Thunder Bay Field Naturalist.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-12	Meeting		Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee	Hydro One met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-15	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to ask them to provide slides from the July 12, 2022 Monthly MECP meeting. The MECP inquired if Hydro One had identified tentative dates in August 2022 for the submission dates of air and noise work plans for MECP review as well as for a potential criteria and indicator workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-20	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to provide slides and draft minutes from their July 12, 2022 meeting. Hydro One stated that they were targeting a draft submission on the Air and Noise workplans to MECP during the week of August 15, 2022 and stated that they would send an invitation with a C&I workshop description and some potential meeting dates within the following days.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-21	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee Stephen Deneault	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to thank them for the status update and provided their edits to the monthly MECP meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-22	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to provide the final minutes for their monthly meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-25	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to express that they were organizing an agency workshop involving updates on the Waasigan EA, a alternative route evaluation methodology discussion, and a review of evaluation criteria and indicators. Hydro One subsequently provided WSP's meeting availability and mentioned that they would provide additional information for review prior to the workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-25	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks emailed Hydro One to inform them that they would propose Hydro One's meeting availability to their team and get back to them about a date for their proposed agency workshop. The intent of the agency workshop is to provide a Waasigan EA update and discuss alternative route evaluation, evaluation criteria, and indicators.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-26	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks emailed Hydro One to express that September would be the earliest that they could meet for the C&I workshop due to vacation schedules and subsequently proposed a series of meeting dates. The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks then inquired about the planned meeting format for the C&I workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to thank them for providing their availability for the proposed Waasigan Agency Workshop and announced that they were planning on holding the workshop virtually. Hydro One then suggested moving their scheduled monthly meeting to September s and asked MECP to inform them of any concerns.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-28	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks emailed Hydro One to inform them that they did not have any concerns about moving their next Waasigan Agency Workshop monthly meeting to September.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-07-28	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to confirm that they would cancel their scheduled bi-weekly meetings.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Yuewei Wang	WSP emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to inquire about obtaining GIS datasets.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-08-09	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to propose the afternoon of September 7, 2022 for the C&I workshop, noted that they would send a calendar invite shortly and would share materials for review prior to the workshop soon.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-08-10	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed Hydro One to thank them for the calendar invite for the C&I Workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-06	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Andrew Evers	Hydro One met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-12	Email	Incoming	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed WSP to thank them for the informative presentation held the previous week and inquired if it was possible to meet to discuss the evaluation methodology, criteria, and inputs for selecting the preferred route for the Project as they had a couple ideas that they had hoped to share. MECP inquired about meeting Tuesday, September 13, 2022, between 1:00 pm and 2:00pm, Wednesday, September 14, 2022, between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, or the following week.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-12	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	WSP emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and noted that they appreciated that MECP found the presentation useful and would follow up on a meeting date shortly.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-13	Meeting		Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	Hydro One and WSP met with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to discuss Project evaluation methodology, criteria, and inputs for selecting the preferred route.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-26	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to inquire if it was possible to reconnect the following week to discuss the approach for Species at Risk in the alternative route evaluation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-09-28	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed WSP to note that they were available to discuss the approach for Species at Risk in the alternative route evaluation and provided meeting availability dates and times throughout the first two weeks of October. MECP inquired if WSP could send them a meeting invitation, agenda, and supporting materials so that MECP could forward internally.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-04	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to apologize for the delay in providing the draft meeting minutes from their last monthly meeting and attached them for MECP's review.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-04	Meeting		Andrew Evers Carolyn Lee Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-06	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) to provide the Atmospheric Work Plan which included the approach for air quality and greenhouse gases for MECP review. WSP noted that they were hoping to have comments back from MECP by the end of October 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-06	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) emailed WSP and noted that they had received the Atmospheric Work Plan and would aim to provide feedback by the end of October 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-06	Meeting		Kevin Green Mike Allan Nikki Boucher Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP SARB team to discuss comments from the September 7, 2022 workshop regarding how SAR is represented in the alternative route evaluation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Mike Allan Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Lappe and Area Local Services Board Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-17	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee Don Boyce Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed the Lappe and Area Local Services Board (and cc'd Hydro One) to note their concerns about a route segment would be shared with Hydro One for their consideration and response. The MECP also provided the Lappe and Area Local Services Board the name of an MECP representative overseeing the Project EA.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-17	Email	Outgoing	Carolyn Lee Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for forwarding the Lappe and Area Local Services Board's comments about the Project and noted they would respond to them directly.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-18	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP draft minutes from their monthly meeting on October 4, 2022 and their call on October 6, 2022. Hydro One inquired if the MECP had questions on the Atmospheric Work Plan.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-20	Meeting		Andrew Evers David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-26	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to inquire if they could get access to wildlife data.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-26	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they had no edits to the September 6, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-26	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide edits to the October 4, 2022 monthly meeting minutes and noted the October 6, 2022 SARB meeting were still under review. The MECP noted they would get back to Hydro One and WSP about the requested wildlife data shortly. The MECP indicated they were continuing to review the atmospheric work plan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-27	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for reviewing the meeting minutes and providing an update the wildlife data and the atmospheric work plan. Hydro One also provided a final version of the October 4, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-27	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to confirm there were no edits to the October 6, 2022 SARB meeting minutes. The MECP noted the Species at Risk Branch would reach out the Hydro One directly with the wildlife data the week of October 31, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-27	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to inquire if the November 2022 monthly meeting could be rescheduled for the week of October 31 to the week of November 7, 2022. Hydro One inquired of the MECP had availability on November 8 or 9, 2022 for the monthly meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-28	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they had availability on November 8 or 9, 2022 for the rescheduled monthly meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-10-28	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to note they had reviewed the Atmospheric Work Plan for the Project and provided a summary of their comments.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-01	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP and MNRF to inquire about their availability for an EA agency workshop later that month to review the results of the 2022 field program and provide an update on the alternative route evaluation.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-01	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP wildlife data provided by the Thunder Bay Field Naturalists for the purpose of informing the alternative route evaluation and assessment of impacts.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment,	2022-11-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Laura Darby Melissa Mauro Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on November 21 and 22, 2022 for an EA agency workshop.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-07	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide a draft agenda for the meeting on November 8, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-08	Meeting		Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-08	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP a detailed noise work plan for their review, WSP noted they welcomed discussion and comments from the MECP's technical reviewers.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-08	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to thank them for providing the noise work plan and noted they would reach out if their technical reviewers had any comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-08	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to indicate they wanted to have a meeting with MECP SARB the week of November 14, 2022 to discuss wildlife hibernacula and the results of surveys. WSP also requested clarification regarding what activities were permitted during the summer in areas located in proximity to hibernaculum.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-10	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to follow up on their availability on November 21 and 22, 2022 for an EA agency workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-10	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they were still checking their availability on November 21 and 22, 2022 for an EA agency workshop. The MECP indicated Hydro One should proceed with scheduling the workshop on either day and they would notify them if it needed to be changed. The MECP noted a preference for Nov 21, 2022 as the date for the workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-10	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for the update on their availability on November 21 and 22, 2022 for an EA agency workshop.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-10	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to note the MECP SARB team had availability on November 21, 24 and 25, 2022 for a meeting to discuss bat hibernacula.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-10	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to inquire if the EA agency workshop could be moved to November 22, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment,	2022-11-10	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note the EA agency workshop had been moved to November 22, 2022.

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Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-17	Meeting		David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-21	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note the bat hibernacula discussion with the MECP SARB would need to be rescheduled. The MECP inquired if Hydro One had availability on November 20, December 1 or December 2, 2022 for the rescheduled meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-21	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note the planned discussion on bat hibernacula had direct implications on the Project route selection process. Hydro One inquired if there was anyway to schedule the meeting sooner, but if not they would reschedule the meeting for November 29, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-21	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide earlier availability for a meeting about bat hibernacula on November 23, 24 or 25, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-21	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note they would reschedule the bat hibernacula meeting for November 23, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault Sarah Lyons	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-22	Email	Incoming	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for the presentation they provided at the alternative route evaluation workshop that day. The MECP inquired about sampling areas related to the field program and whether the Ontario Parks exclusion from participating in the review of the field work plan was an oversight.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-23	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to inquire about the status of their review of the noise work plan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-23	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to note their technical reviewers plan to provide comments on the noise work plan by December 2, 2022.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-23	Meeting		Andrew Evers Kevin Green Mike Allan Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP to discuss bat hibernacula in relation to the Project.
Ministry of the Environment,	2022-11-25	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to note their technical reviewers had completed their review of the noise work plan and had no comments to share.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-27	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to thank them for reviewing the noise work plan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-29	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note the MECP's EA Branch Project Officer had been their main contact for all project-related materials going to the MECP, including Ontario Parks. Hydro One confirmed the field work plans were shared with the EA Branch and indicated Ontario Parks should reach out to the EA Branch Project Officer or access the field work plan and survey location via the Project website link provided. Hydro One provided an overview of the 2022 field program and noted a call could be set up if they had any further questions.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-11-29	Email	Incoming	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for summarizing the field work plan and inquired if they would share information collected for the confirmation of significant wildlife habitat within the Campus Lake Conservation Reserve. The MECP indicated any additional applications for research be completed and submitted via a request portal that they provided a link to.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-05	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide draft minutes from their November 8, 2022 call for their review. Hydro One also provided a proposed agenda for a call on December 6, 2022 and inquired if there was anything they wanted to add.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-05	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for sharing the agenda for the December 6, 2022 meeting and provided their edits to the November 8, 2022 meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-06	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing comments on the agenda for the November 8, 2022 meeting minutes and attached the final version for their records.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-06	Meeting		Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-12	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to provide a summary of the field surveys and results within Campus Lake Conservation Reserve.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-15	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Gillian Brown Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note two representatives had a conflict and would not be able to attend a Project update meeting that day. The MECP requested Hydro One provide the meeting minutes and any questions for the MECP after the meeting and they would arrange a follow up call if necessary.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Mike Allan Sarah Lyons	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro

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					One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to set up a meeting to discuss the Limits of Work concept detailed in an attached memo and requested they provide their availability. Hydro One noted they proposed including the MECP in the discussion and would follow up with them about their availability.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-20	Email	Incoming	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	The MECP emailed Hydro One to confirm the contact that would review the draft EA Report on behalf of Ontario Parks.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-20	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for confirming the contact who would review the draft EA Report on behalf of Ontario Parks.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-21	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they needed to meet internally to have a discussion on the Limits of Work before meeting with Hydro One and the MECP. The MNRF requested Hydro One provide a timeline for when they wanted to have a discussion on the Limits of Work.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-21	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to thank them for providing comments on the atmospheric work plan for the Project. WSP provided their response to the MECP's comments and an updated version of the work plan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2022-12-23	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to thank them for providing responses to their comment on the Atmospheric Work Plan.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-03	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to inquire about their availability to meet to discuss the incorporation of feedback from the MNRF into the environmental assessment.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to note they had availability the week of January 16, 2023 to meet to discuss the incorporation of their feedback into the environmental assessment.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide draft minutes for meetings on November 23, 2022 and December 6, 2022. Hydro One indicated they were cancelling the meeting the week of January 9, 2023 to prepare for the Community Open Houses on January 16 to 18, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-05	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing minutes from the November 23 and December 6, 2022 meetings a noted they would provide comments that week. The MECP acknowledged the cancellation of the meeting the week of January 9, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Mike Allan Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-10	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro Sheldon Haw Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their availability on January 18, 19 and 20, 2023 for a meeting about the incorporation of their feedback into the environmental assessment.
Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-11	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro Sheldon Haw Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing their availability for a meeting and inquired what time worked best for them January, 20, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-12	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they had no edits for the draft minutes from the November 23 and December 6, 2022 meetings but they attached the SARB team's comment about an update on the request for detailed data on hibernacula sites.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-12	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to note the preliminary preferred route had been released publicly and they wanted to engage the MECP to discuss how the Project crosses provincial parks and conservation reserves. WSP inquired if they were available to meet the week of January 16 or January 23, 2023. WSP also provided a link to the interactive Project map.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-16	Email	Incoming	Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	The MECP emailed WSP to provide their availability on January 23 or 24, 2023 for a meeting to discuss how the Project crosses provincial parks and conservation reserves.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-18	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to note they had reviewed the atmospheric work plan and they had no comments.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-19	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Atikokan Resource Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-25	Meeting		Andrew Evers Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro Sheldon Haw Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP and the MNRF to discuss the proposed Limits of Work approach for the Project and receive feedback on the approach that can be incorporated into the environmental assessment.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-27	Meeting		Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP to discuss the preliminary preferred route crossing of protected areas.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-31	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for reviewing the MEC SARB meeting minutes and provided a final version for their record. Hydro One also a memo in response to the SARB team's request for detailed data on the bat study.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-31	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the MECP SARB meeting minutes and detailed data on the bat study.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-31	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One their response to the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-01-31	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to provide their response to the Limits of Work proposal.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-02	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to thank them for providing comments on the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-02	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to note they would provide comments on a email drafted regarding the Limits of Work discussion that would be sent to attendees of the Limits of Work Call the week of January 23, 2023.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-03	Email	Incoming	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism emailed WSP to request a meeting to clarify details of the EA.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-06	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP a agenda for their monthly Project meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-07	Meeting		Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-09	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to provide a response to the MNRF's comment regarding the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-10	Email	Outgoing	Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	WSP emailed the MECP to inquire if provided text from the draft EA Report about the Campus Lake Conservation Reserve was accurate.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-10	Email	Incoming	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response to comments provided by the MNRF about the Limits of Work proposal. The MNRF provided their availability to meet to discuss the Limits of Work further on February 15, 22, 23 and 24, 2023.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-13	Email	Outgoing	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF to confirm February 22, 2023 as the date of a meeting to discuss the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-13	Email	Incoming	Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	The MECP emailed WSP to confirm provided text from the draft EA Report about the Campus Lake Conservation Reserve was accurate.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-14	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to request a meeting with the SARB to discuss timing windows for wildlife. Hydro One inquired about the SARB availability to meet.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-15	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide the availability of the SARB on February 28, March 1 and March, 2023 for a meeting to discuss timing windows for wildlife.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-15	Meeting		James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MNRF to discuss the Limits of Work proposal.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-15	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing their availability for a meeting and noted they would follow up with a calendar and agenda shortly.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-16	Meeting		Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Legislative Assembly of Ontario Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the	2023-02-18	Email	Incoming	Bill Gibbon Caroline Mulroney Claudia Dey Debra Vanderwey Gordon Ryan Graydon Smith Jack Christy Jean Johnson Kevin Holland	A resident emailed Hydro One to provide comments on a response email Hydro One sent to another resident. The resident expressed concern for wildlife impacts and requested the route be located north of Hwy 11. The resident requested a response to their comments in the email and their January 27, 2023 letter.

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Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Ministry of Transportation (MTO)				Lorne Minthorn Lorraine Christy Lpseaman- Minister of Energy Penny and Greg Stirrett Rick Kiriluk Wayne Marostica	
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-22	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MNRF to request a list of their staff that would need access to restricted Project GIS data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-24	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed WSP to note they were internally coordinating about a preferred approach to accessing the Project's restricted GIS data.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-27	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed WSP to clarify the policy for the use of MNRF datasets and requested they contact the MECP about the use of their datasets.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-27	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed WSP to apologize for a delay in providing a response to WSP's inquiry required data used in the Project ArcGIS webviewer.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-02-27	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MNRF to thank them for clarifying how their datasets could be used. WSP inquired if the NHIC belonged to the MECP or MNRF.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-01	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	MNRF emailed WSP and MECP to clarify MECP's ownership of the Natural Heritage Information Centre data.
Ministry of the Environment,	2023-03-01	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP SARB to express that they would have to reschedule a meeting in the coming weeks and mentioned that they would provide SARB with

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Conservation and Parks (MECP)					information to review in advance of the meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-01	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for expressing that their upcoming meeting would have to be re-scheduled and stated that they would let the SARB team know.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-03	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed WSP to note restricted data sets for SAR could not be share for public viewing in their raw format. The data would need to be displayed in a generalized form consistent with the direction provided by NHIC as per the data sensitivity training.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-01	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed Hydro One to provided their attached comments regarding Hydro One's methodology used to determine bat hibernacula for the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-01	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF and MECP to note the draft EA Report would be released in late April 2023 as Hydro One wanted to ensure they provided time to work with Indigenous communities and members of the public to address comments related to the preferred route.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-01	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for their update regarding the draft EA Report release date being moved to late April 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-03	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the draft minutes from their February 7, 2023 for their review.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-07	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed Hydro One to provided their attached comments regarding Hydro One's methodology used to determine bat hibernacula for the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-15	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-15	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Caroline Mulroney Jack Christy Josephine Yumbla Kathleen O'Neill Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed Hydro One to provide an attached response to a letter sent to them from a member of the general public regarding the Project.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-15	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP to inquire if it would be satisfactory to start their engagement documentation for the draft EA Report and associated Record of Consultation from the release of the Notice of Commencement of EA in March 2022.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Meeting		Gillian Brown Kirstin Hicks Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault David Johnson-Weiser Bree-Anna Gaboury	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Email	Outgoing	Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the final minutes from their meetings on September 13, 2022 and January 27, 2023.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Email	Outgoing	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MNRF and MECP to provide the draft minutes from their meeting on February 15, 2023 regarding the proposed Limits of Work approach for the Project EA.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-16	Email	Outgoing	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP and MCM to provide the draft minutes from their February 14, 2023 meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-21	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Estella Howard Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Neighbours on the Line to thank them for copying the MECP on their January 30, 2023 letter to Hydro One. The MECP outlined what Hydro One was expected to demonstrate in the EA and noted they would forward the letter to Hydro One for their consideration.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-22	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they should review the EA consultation plan and list of commitments in the approved amended ToR to determine what date to start the draft EA Report Record of Consultation from.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-22	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP to confirm that March 31, 2023 would work for their rescheduled SAR timing windows meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-23	Email	Incoming	Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons	MECP emailed Hydro One to note that they did not have any suggested edits for the draft minutes from their meetings on September 13, 2022 and January 27, 2023.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-23	Email	Outgoing	Brian Phelan Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the final minutes from their meetings on September 13, 2022 and January 27, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-23	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP to provide the draft minutes from their meeting regarding the limits of work approach and EA webviewer held on January 25, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-24	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP to thank them for their direction to review the EA consultation plan and the list of commitments in the approved amended ToR to determine what date to start the Record of Consultation in the Draft EA Report.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Stephen Deneault	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the draft meeting from their February 14, 2023 meeting discussion.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide an edit to the January 25, 2023 draft meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note that they did have any suggested edits for the February 7, 2023 draft meeting minutes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt James Bennitt Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to mention that they did not have any suggested edits for the February 15, 2023 draft meeting minutes.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment,	2023-03-30	Email	Incoming	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to mention that they did not have any suggested edits for the January 25, 2023 draft meeting minutes.

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Conservation and Parks (MECP)					
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-30	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to provide the presentation slides for their March 30, 2023 bat maternity roost habitat mitigation and timing window discussion.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-30	Email	Outgoing	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MECP to provides comments to their March 6, 2023 memo regarding the hibernacula study conducted for the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-30	Email	Incoming	Andrew Evers Stephen Deneault	MECP emailed WSP to note that they had shared their email and presentation materials with MECP SARB.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-03-31	Meeting		Mike Allan Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP to discuss species at risk timing windows for the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-03	Email	Incoming	Brian Phelan Holly Gallagher Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide information about an old transmission corridor near Quetico that may be an option to reduce the overall Project footprint and maintain the viewscape of Pickerel Lake in Quetico. The MECP provided an attached map with a route mapped along the old corridor.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-04	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-04	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide the final minutes from their February 2023 monthly meeting and draft minutes from their March 2023 monthly meeting. Hydro One noted they would send the draft monthly meeting minutes from the call that day soon.
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-04	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MNRF and the MECP to provide the final meeting minutes from their January 25, 2023 meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-05	Email	Outgoing	Brian Phelan Holly Gallagher Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault Trevor Gibb	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for the information about an old corridor near Quetico that may be an option to reduce the overall Project footprint. Hydro One noted they would review the information.

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Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-04-20	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Michele Proulx Kirstin Hicks Bree-Anna Gaboury David Johnson-Weiser Gillian Brown	Hydro One met with the Ministry of Energy, MECP, and MNRF to review and discuss the Project and Indigenous consultation and engagement updates.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Mike Allan Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-03	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to inquire if they had any feedback on an attached draft notice for the draft EA Report release.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-03	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the draft EA Report release notice. The MECP also indicated which MECP resource would be circulating copies of the draft EA Report to their technical reviewers, including SARB and Ontario Parks. The MECP requested two hardcopies of the draft EA Report be provided for public record.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-04	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to confirm they would mail them 2 hardcopies of the draft EA Report for public record.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-04	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-17	Email	Incoming	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro to request the draft EA Report be mailed to them on a USB to an address in Atikokan.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to confirm a USB drive containing the draft EA Report would be mailed to them. Hydro One also noted that they were in the process of reviewing information the MECP had provided about an existing corridor north of Quetico.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Katherine Onyshkewych Mike Allan Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment,	2023-05-18	Meeting		Alexandra Hyatt Bree-Anna Gaboury Gillian Brown Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with Ministry of Energy, MECP and MNRF to provide an update on the status of the Project and Indigenous community engagement for the Project.

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-19	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Stephen Deneault	WSP emailed the MNRF and MECP to provide a download link to a version of the draft EA Report that contained confidential SAR data.
Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-23	Email	Outgoing	Alexandra Hyatt Gillian Brown Michele Proulx Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Energy, MNRF and MECP to share download links to confidential First Nations Rights and Métis Rights sections of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-23	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MNRF emailed Hydro One to acknowledge receipt of the confidential First Nations Rights and Métis Rights sections of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-24	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to request confirmation that they received two hard copies and flash drives of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-30	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to confirm receipt of two hard copies and flash drives of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-05-30	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for confirming receipt of two hard copies and flash drives of the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-16	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One provide comments on the May 2023 Monthly Project Meeting Notes and requested a clean version be sent back.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-16	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-19	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they would be providing their comments on the draft EA Report as they were received but noted some ministry reviewers such as the SARB had requested an extension until July 28, 2023. The MECP indicated they had let the SARB know they could meet with Hydro One. The MECP provided comments related to noise and vibration as attachments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-27	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing their comment on the acoustic and noise section of the draft EA Report. Hydro One also acknowledged SARB's comment period extension request and welcomed the opportunity to meet with SARB as soon as possible to discuss their comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-27	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide surface water comments and advice on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-27	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide Ontario Parks' comments on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-27	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing surface water comments and advice on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would propose dates for a meeting to discuss the comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-27	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing Ontario Parks' comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One note they would propose dates for a meeting to discuss the comments.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-06-30	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide draft minutes from the June 2023 monthly meeting and an agenda for the July 2023 meeting. Hydro One also provided their availability in July and August 2023 to meet to discuss the comments the MECP had provided to date on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-03	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they had no comments on the June 2023 monthly meeting notes. The MECP noted they were checking their availability for a meeting in August 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-03	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide their air comments on the draft EA Report and noted they were willing to arrange a meeting with their technical team if necessary.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-04	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for sharing their Source Protection comment on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would review the comments and let the MECP know if they wanted to have further discussions with their technical staff.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-04	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for confirming that they had no comments on the June 2023 monthly meeting notes and provided the final version as an attachment.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-04	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note the SARB were available to meet on August 29, 30 or 31, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-06	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-07	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note Ontario Parks had availability July 24 to 28, 2023 for a meeting to discuss their comments on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-10	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide their availability on August 29 and 30, 2023 for a meeting with the SARB. Hydro One also provided draft minutes from a March 2023 meeting and a bat hibernaculum study memo.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-11	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide new comments on the draft EA Report from their Thunder Bay and Kenora District offices. The MECP noted they were working on providing the last sets of comments by July 28, 2023 and confirmed the SARB had availability on August 29, 2023 for a meeting. The MECP requested Hydro One propose some new dates between July 17 and July 28, 2023 for a meeting with their surface water review team.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-13	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing additional comments on the draft EA Report and noted they included an update table that included proposed dates in July and August 2023 for meetings with various MECP technical teams. Hydro One noted they would send an invite for the August 29, 2023 meeting with SARB shortly.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-15	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note in the attached bat hibernaculum study WSP provided additional evidence that the Andowan feature did not function as a bat hibernaculum and that no further bat surveys were required as requested by the MECP SARB. Hydro One requested confirmation from the MECP SARB that they could forgo additional surveys.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-17	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they had availability on July 20, 2023 for a meeting to discuss their noise and vibration comments on the draft EA Report and requested a meeting invitation be sent.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-18	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note a meeting invitation would be sent for July 20, 2023 to discuss the MECP's noise and vibration comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One indicated they would aim to provide questions in advance of the meeting.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-20	Meeting		Daniel Corkery Denton Miller Germaine Wong Header Merza Ian Greason Mahdi Zangeneh Shira Daltrop Stefan Cicak Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP to discuss their noise and vibration comments on the draft EA Report.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-07-21	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee MHSTCI Pastport Inbox	The MCM emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the Project Archaeological Report and noted it had been deemed complete and entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-23	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note they had updated a table previously provided with their availability to meet with the MECP's technical teams. Their availability to meet with Ontario Parks, Surface Water and Air technical teams in August 2023 was added to the table.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-24	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they would get back to them about their Ontario Parks, Surface Water and Air technical team's availability for a meeting in August 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-26	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to follow-up on their inquire about no further bat hibernaculum surveys being required. Hydro One requested a response by August 3, 2023 to ensure Indigenous communities had adequate notice prior to the start of any required field work.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-07-26	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note they were aiming to confirm the week of August 3, 2023 the requirement for additional bat hibernaculum surveys.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-01	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide a letter and an attached appendix of technical reviewer comments on the draft EA Report. The MECP noted species at risk and groundwater comments would be sent in a separate email. The MECP also provided their Surface Water and Air reviewer's availability for meetings.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-02	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for providing their comments on the draft EA Report and noted they would follow-up if they had any questions, comments or wanted to set up a meeting to discuss.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-02	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for confirming receipt of their comments on the draft EA Report and noted they would follow-up once the remaining comments were sent.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-02	Email	Incoming	Kevin Green Mike Allan Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One and WSP to provide the SAR Branch's comments on the Andowan Feature. The MECP noted they agreed with WSP that the Andowan feature was not likely to be used as a bat hibernaculum at present. The MECP also noted they had not edits for the March 31, 2023 meeting minutes and requested a clean copy be sent to them.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-04	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Guowang Qiu Shannon Innis	Hydro One met with the MECP to discuss their air quality comments on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-08	Email	Outgoing	Kevin Green Mike Allan Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to thank them for their response regarding the Andowan feature and noted the SAR Branch recommendation would be considered in the final EA.

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-10	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One and WSP met with the MECP for their monthly meeting to discuss the Project.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-14	Email	Incoming	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to note their Ontario Parks staff had met with Canacre to discuss the Project and an additional meeting was scheduled for August 15, 2023. The MECP requested clarification about the topic of the meeting on August 15, 2023 and if Hydro One would be attending.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-14	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to clarify the purpose of the meeting with Canacre and Hydro One on August 15, 2023 was to introduce Ontario Parks to the Hydro One Real Estate team that would be coordinating Land Use Permits.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-15	Meeting		Deborah Zufelt Jenna Hamilton Katherine Onyshkewych Kimberly Nelson Sarah Lyons	Hydro One met with Ontario Parks to introduce them to the Hydro One Real Estate team and discuss permitting requirements.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-15	Email	Incoming	Deborah Zufelt Holly Gallagher Jenna Hamilton Katherine Onyshkewych Kimberly Nelson Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Canacre emailed the MECP and Hydro One to provide minutes from the meeting that day for their review.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-16	Email	Incoming	Deborah Zufelt Holly Gallagher Jenna Hamilton Katherine Onyshkewych Kimberly Nelson Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Canacre to provide edits for the August 15, 2023 meeting minutes.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-16	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide draft minutes from the monthly Project meeting on July 6, 2023 for their review.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-16	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to provide Ontario Park's availability on August 17, September 5 and September 6, 2023 to discuss their comments on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-16	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to confirm they had availability of August 17, 2023 for a meeting to discuss Ontario Parks' comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would send out a meeting invite.
Ministry of the Environment,	2023-08-16	Email	Incoming	Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Hydro One to thank them for scheduling a meeting on August 17, 2023 on short notice and noted if a agenda was available it should be sent along.

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Conservation and Parks (MECP)					
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-17	Meeting		Stephen Deneault	Hydro One met with the MECP to discuss comments received from Ontario Parks on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-21	Email	Incoming	Deborah Zufelt Holly Gallagher Jenna Hamilton Katherine Onyshkewych Kimberly Nelson Sarah Lyons Stephen Deneault	Canacre emailed the MECP to provide a shapefile for the transmission right-of-way.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-28	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide draft minutes from their August 10, 2023 meeting for their review. Hydro One clarified that they did not need to meet to discuss the MECP's Surface Water comments but did want to set up a meeting to discuss the limits of work in the EA. Hydro One provided their availability for a meeting on August 30 and August 31, 2023. Hydro One also provided a table of comments ahead of the MECP SAR Branch meeting on August 29, 2023.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-28	Email	Outgoing	Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to provide an additional document ahead of the August 29, 2023 meeting with the SAR Branch.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-28	Email	Outgoing	Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed the MECP to note they would be sending out an invite for September 7, 2023 to meet to discuss the limits of work.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)	2023-08-29	Meeting		Stephen Deneault Mike Allan Kevin Green	Hydro One met with the MECP to discuss comments received from the SAR Branch on the draft EA Report.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Neighbours on the Line	2023-08-29	Email	Incoming	Josephine Yumbla Neighbours on the Line Nick Colella Stephen Deneault	The MECP emailed Neighbours on the Line a letter responding to their June 26, 2023 letter detailing their concerns with the Project. The letter noted Hydro One was in the best position to respond to their concerns about the Project and that the final EA would undergo two formal review periods by the public.
<b>Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)</b>					
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Brady Lucas Cameron McLean Dorothy Campbell Greg Paju James Bennitt Jennifer Paetz Mary Perry	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.

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Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-10	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	NDMNR emailed Hydro One availability for a meeting.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-10	Email	Incoming	Omerdin Omer	NDMNR emailed Hydro One informing them the Northern Development and Mines request a GIS shapefile of the project area for a review.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-10	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed NDMNR thanking them for the meeting confirmation and that a meeting invite will be sent.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-10	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed NDMNR regarding address confirmation for a mining claim holder.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-11	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	NDMNR emailed WSP to confirm the address of a mining claim holder.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-11	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNR emailed WSP to note that including just the PO Box was sufficient for mailing purposes. MNR Noted that the street address could be added as an extra security.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-15	Email	Outgoing	Omerdin Omer	Hydro One emailed MNDMNR offer to share a shapefile of the 150 m wide alternative route corridors as presented in the terms of reference or at a later time period, the preliminary footprints of the alternative routes.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-15	Email	Incoming	Mary Perry Omerdin Omer	NDMNR thanked Hydro One and will provide comments if there are any.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-21	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) to indicate that the Aquatics and Terrestrial Field Work Plans were available for agency review via a link provided. WSP requested that the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry provide comments by April 15, 2022 so that they can be addressed prior to field work starting in May 2022. WSP also provided a response to the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry's comments on the Alternative Routes Field Work Plan which was now replaced by the Aquatics and Terrestrial Field Work Plans.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-03-25	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNR emailed WSP to note that the Notice of Commencement letters were sent out from their Atikokan office on March 18, 2022. MNR inquired if WSP could provide a digital version of the letter for their records.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines,	2022-04-11	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed NDMNR to inquire about comments on the field work plans.

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Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-04-11	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	NDMNRF emailed Hydro One to notify that comments are being collected for the field work plans.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-04-13	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	NDMNRF emailed Hydro One with instructions to process the license to collect fish for scientific purposes applications in the most timely way.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-04-14	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Londa Mortson Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed NDMNRF to thank them for comments on the field work plans.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Brady Lucas Cameron McLean Dorothy Campbell Greg Paju James Bennitt Jennifer Paetz Mary Perry Omerdin Omer Scott Burgess	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-04-29	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) to provide a tentative schedule for the Dryden, Fort Frances and Thunder Bay applications. WSP noted they would be issuing field notices to Indigenous communities prior to work starting. WSP inquired if Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) would be sending their own notification to Indigenous communities.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-04	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed WSP to thank providing a breakdown of tentative dates in which they could expect to see the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes applications. MNRF noted that they would provide notification letters to Indigenous communities specific to the issuance of the permits which would provide details regarding the proposed work and purpose. MNRF noted that they would reach out to WSP if any questions of information from communities is provided.  MNRF acknowledged and appreciated that WSP and Hydro One provided communities with opportunities to review the Terrestrial and Aquatic Field Work Plans associated with the 2022 field season and encouraged communication to continue.  MNRF also inquired about including a reference (and webviewer link) to the maps

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					WSP intends to provide to communities in order to ensure mapping products align with communications in MNRF letters.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-19	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed WSP to inquire if they had an updated timeline regarding receiving the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes Application and noted that they were aware that a flooding situation may have potentially delayed the process.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-19	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP, on behalf of Hydro One, emailed NDMNRF to update them on the timeline for the submission of the Dryden License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-25	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to provide a link to the permit application for the Dryden District NRF. WSP provided additional information about maps included with field notices. WSP noted once the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) had reviewed the permit application to let them know if they have any questions.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-25	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed WSP to confirm that the appropriate staff had received the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes Application for the NRF Dryden District and that they would be in touch should any questions arise.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-26	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to inquire if they had an approximate timeline for when the NRF notice to Indigenous communities would be sent so that Hydro One could coordinate the distribution of aquatic field notices.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-26	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to confirm the NRF notification letters will go out after the Aquatic Field Notice is distributed since the letter will reference details/maps in the field notice. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) as Hydro One to provide a approximate timeline for the distribution of the field notice.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-27	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Londa Mortson Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to provide a response to comments and indicate they are available to discuss the responses if necessary. Hydro One indicated they are updating the Field Work Plans and will share the update with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) soon.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-31	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One and WSP additional contacts to facilitate the distribution of the NRF applications for Thunder Bay and Fort Frances districts to the correct staff. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) inquired when the Aquatic Field Notice would be distributed to the Indigenous communities.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-31	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to confirm they will send the NRF applications for Thunder Bay and Fort Frances districts to the additional contacts. Hydro One indicate they are working on confirming the exact dates the applications will be submitted. The field notice are scheduled to be sent out May 31 or June 1 and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) will be cc'd when they are.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-05-31	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to thank them for their response about the Aquatic Field Notice distribution timeline.

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Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-05-31	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to provide the intended submission dates for the NRF applications (June 1 for Thunder Bay district and June 10 for Fort Frances district) .
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) an example Field Work Notice #3 email sent to Indigenous communities that were being consulted on the Project.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-02	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks Melissa Mauro	The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) emailed Hydro One to thank them for their permit application and indicate it would be forwarded to the Thunder Bay district.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-07	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed Hydro One to confirm receipt of the permit application and indicate the review process had been initiated. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) asked Hydro One to clarify why the survey start date in Thunder Bay was June 16 since it would only give the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) a couple weeks to complete their review and send out notifications to the communities.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-07	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to clarify surveys for the Project would take place between June 16 and September 30, 2022 however the start date for surveys in Thunder Bay was tentatively July 2.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-08	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to note field work was planned to start on June 17 and inquire if it would be possible to get a Thunder Bay licence sooner.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-08	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) a permit application for the NRF Fort Frances District. WSP indicated if the district biologist would like to discuss any items in the application, they would be happy to meet them. WSP noted field notices for Fort Frances area would be sent to Indigenous communities soon.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-09	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed WSP to confirm that the appropriate staff had received the License to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes Application for the Fort Francis District and that they would be in touch should any questions arise.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-09	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) emailed WSP to thank them for the field update and clarify that the review of the permit for surveys in Thunder Bay District was going well and should not be delayed. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) noted permits would be issues soon after their notification date (June 21). The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) inquired if this timeline would work for WSP's team.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-10	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to provide an example of Field Work Notice #4 that was emailed to Indigenous communities the week of June 6.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR)	2022-06-15	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR) emailed WSP the licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for surveys located in Dryden District.

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Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-06-15	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) to thank them for providing the licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for surveys located in Dryden District.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-06-15	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	MNRF emailed WSP to note that they would be in touch regarding the two other districts in the near future regarding the Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes Application request.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-06-21	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) the signed licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for surveys located in Dryden District.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-06-21	Email	Incoming	Kirstin Hicks	The Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) emailed WSP the licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for your surveys located in Thunder Bay District.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-06-21	Email	Outgoing	Kirstin Hicks	WSP emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) to provide the signed permit to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for your surveys located in Thunder Bay District.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Brady Lucas Cameron McLean Dorothy Campbell Greg Paju James Bennitt Jennifer Paetz Mary Perry Omerdin Omer Scott Burgess	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	James Bennitt Kirstin Hicks Laura Darby	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Brady Lucas John Hall	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
<b>Ministry of the Solicitor General</b>					
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.

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Ministry of the Solicitor General	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of the Solicitor General, part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2022-11-22	Meeting		Robert Greene	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene - Ministry of the Solicitor General (Director)	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Robert Greene	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Fuad Abdi	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Fuad Abdi	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of the Solicitor General	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Fuad Abdi	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.
<b>Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) and Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)</b>					
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-03-09	Email	Outgoing	Bob Freeman Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Laurie Brownlee	Hydro One emailed federal, provincial and municipal government contacts the Notice of Commencement of EA.

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Bob Freeman Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Laurie Brownlee Paige Campbell Rosi Zirger	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-04-27	Email	Incoming	Bob Freeman Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Laurie Brownlee Paige Campbell Rosi Zirger	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/ Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) emailed Hydro One to thank them for the Open House update.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-07-22	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) to request municipal GIS data with an attached table of the data layers they were searching for.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-07-22	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) to provide a shapefile of the updated coverage of the Project and asked the agency to inform them if any additional information was required.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) to follow-up on their GIS data request and inquired if they required additional information to obtain the updated layer.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) to provide the GIS data that was provided to them in 2020 by the agency.

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-07-27	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) provide the name of the archaeologist who the agency worked with for WSP's previous 2020 GIS data request.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-07-29	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to provide a shapefile of the Waasigan RSA, requested that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport let them know about the data sharing agreement, and noted that they would have to coordinate signatures between senior staff and their Hydro One contact.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-08-04	Email	Outgoing	Robert von Bitter	WSP emailed the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) to follow up on the data sharing agreement to be finalized and inquired if MCM required any additional information.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Laurie Brownlee Paige Campbell Rosi Zirger	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-08-18	Email	Incoming	Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Laurie Brownlee Paige Campbell Rosi Zirger	The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) emailed Hydro One to thank them for the update regarding the upcoming Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 and noted that the Heritage Planning Unit would be represented.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-08-18	Email	Incoming	James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Shipra Vyas	The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) emailed Hydro One to note that they had planned to attend the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-08-19	Email	Outgoing	Laurie Brownlee	Hydro One emailed the individual who was previously with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) and noted that they would remove them from the Project distribution list.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	James Antler	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-08-25	Email	Incoming	Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Laurie Brownlee Paige Campbell Rosi Zirger	The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)/Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) emailed Hydro One to note that they would be attending the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-08-29	Email	Incoming	James Antler	An individual from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) emailed Hydro One to note that they are also planning on continuing to be a part of the Government Review Team.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-08-29	Email	Outgoing	James Antler	Hydro One emailed the individual back from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) and noted that they had sent them a calendar invite for the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-08-30	Email	Incoming	James Antler	The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) emailed Hydro One to note that they had received the invitation for the Government Review Team Workshop and accepted it.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-09-26	Email	Incoming	James Antler Karla Barboza Joseph Harvey Shipra Vyas	Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) emailed WSP to thank them for the updates provided during the alternative route evaluation workshop. MTCS provided comments on the indicators related to recreation and tourism including the consideration of base lodges, resorts and camps alongside outpost camps. MTCS also noted that additional staff may have comments related to culture.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-09-26	Email	Outgoing	James Antler Karla Barboza Joseph Harvey Shipra Vyas	WSP emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to thank them for the thoughtful feedback and noted that they would work through the comments and provide a reply in the near future.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-10-07	Email	Outgoing	James Antler Karla Barboza Joseph Harvey Shipra Vyas	WSP emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to reply to feedback on the alternative route evaluation workshop which took place on September 7, 2022. WSP noted that if MCM had any additional questions, they would be happy to assist.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Karla Barboza Paige Campbell Kathryn Bryant Joseph Harvey	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-10-21	Email	Incoming	James Antler Karla Barboza Joseph Harvey	The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) emailed WSP to thank them for providing an update on the Project's proposed criteria and indicators for the evaluation process. The MCM provided comments on indicators related to cultural heritage resources.

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-11-01	Email	Incoming	James Antler Karla Barboza Joseph Harvey Shipra Vyas	The MTCS emailed WSP to thank them for responding to their comments about the proposed indicators related to the Recreation and Tourism criterion. The MTCS provided additional comments related to the indicators for WSP to consider.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-11-15	Email	Incoming	James Antler	A representative from the MTCS emailed WSP to note they would not be able to attend the EA agency workshop on November 22, 2022 due to a conflict.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-11-15	Email	Outgoing	James Antler	WSP emailed a MTCS representative to thank them for the update about their attendance at the EA agency workshop on November 22, 2022 and noted a meeting summary would be shared.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-11-22	Meeting		James Antler Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-12-12	Email	Outgoing	James Antler Joseph Harvey	WSP emailed the MCM to thank them for their feedback on the criteria and indicators for the route evaluation process. WSP provided the MCM responses to their questions about the criteria and indicators.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	James Antler Darja Ros Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2022-12-16	Email	Incoming	James Antler Shipra Vyas	The MTCS emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the GRT workshop materials and identified the contact who would be reviewing the draft EA Report. The MTCS inquired how the preliminary preferred route interacted with resource-based tourism businesses.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2022-12-19	Email	Incoming	James Antler Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza	The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism emailed WSP to provide comments about archaeological, built heritage and cultural heritage landscape resources relevant to the Project.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler James Hamilton Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Kathryn Bryant Paige Campbell	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2023-01-31	Email	Outgoing	James Antler Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza	WSP emailed the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism to thank them for their comments about the Project and provided clarification about alternative route evaluation and preferred route evaluation.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-02-03	Email	Incoming	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Stephen Deneault	The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism emailed WSP to request a meeting to clarify details of the EA.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-02-22	Email	Incoming	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza	The Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism emailed WSP to thank them for the meeting on February 13, 2023 and noted they had no concerns about the approach to the Cultural Heritage Report.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM)	2023-03-08	Email	Outgoing	James Antler Shipra Vyas Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza	WSP emailed MTCS to confirm that the Number of outpost camps within 1 km of the alternative route preliminary footprint was included as a separate indicator in the alternative route evaluation.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-03-16	Email	Outgoing	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Stephen Deneault	Hydro One emailed MECP and MCM to provide the draft minutes from their February 14, 2023 meeting.
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-03-29	Email	Incoming	Joseph Harvey Karla Barboza Stephen Deneault	MCM emailed Hydro One to thank them for providing the draft meeting from their February 14, 2023 meeting discussion.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Darja Ros James Antler	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.

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Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-07-07	Email	Incoming	Adam De Sousa James Antler Josh Wilson	The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) emailed Hydro One to provide their feedback on the draft EA Report. The MTCS noted they focused their review on sections and appendices relevant to their mandate.
Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-07-07	Email	Outgoing	Adam De Sousa James Antler Josh Wilson	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to thank them for providing their comments on the draft EA Report. Hydro One noted they would review the comments and reach out if they had any questions.
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS)	2023-07-21	Email	Incoming	Carolyn Lee MHSTCI Pastport Inbox	The MCM emailed Hydro One to provide their comments on the Project Archaeological Report and noted it had been deemed complete and entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.
<b>Ministry of Transportation (MTO)</b>					
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-05-13	Email	Outgoing	Jeff Cook	Hydro One emailed MTO thanking them for the setback information and shared that a call may be set up between MTO and Hydro One to go over project design and timelines but it would be best to delay the call until a construction contractor had been selected which will be in August 2022.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-06-01	Email	Incoming	Traffic Operations Centre	Ministry of Transportation (MTO) emailed WSP to indicate they did not need any more notifications as the one provided covered the entire duration of the contract.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-10	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix Kevin Ellis	WSP emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to inquire about amending the current encroachment permit.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-11	Email	Outgoing	Royston Pinto	WSP emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to thank them for their support in assisting them with working through approvals to amend the existing encroachment permit.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-16	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix Kevin Ellis Royston Pinto	WSP emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to note that they would like to complete surveys between September 7 and September 14, 2022 and would like to obtain an outline of requirements from the MTO needed to proceed.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-16	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix Kevin Ellis Royston Pinto	WSP emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to thank them for assisting with helping in amending the encroachment permit.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Cindy Brown Dawn Irish Don Fawcett Gay Lynne Nix Jeff Cook Joanna Long Kevin Ellis Patricia DeCal Randall Dykstra	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-22	Email	Incoming	Gay Lynne Nix	The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) emailed Hydro One to note that another individual would be joining the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-08-22	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Transportation to thank them for confirming and noted that they would be sending an invitation to the Government Review Team Workshop on September 7, 2022 shortly.

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Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-09-23	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix Jeff Cook Kevin Ellis	WSP emailed Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to thank them for attending the alternative route evaluation workshop and inquired about setting up a meeting to discuss incorporating a comment from the Terms of Reference related to protected areas by the MTO. WSP referenced discussing provincial highway requirements for construction within the provincial right-of-way and building and land use permits required for construction adjacent to provincial highways.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-09-26	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix	WSP emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MT) to note that they would be undertaking a visual assessment survey program in the coming week and had identified land parcels as having vantage points of interest for photo documentation. WSP inquired if it was possible to amend an existing permit to include a number of properties and extend the expiry date through to the end of October.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-09-28	Email	Incoming	Gay Lynne Nix	The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) emailed WSP to provide an amended permit to include the additional locations requested by WSP. MTO noted that they had also extended the permit expiry date to October 31, 2022.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-09-28	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix	WSP emailed the MTO to thank them for the update regarding the permit amendment and extension and noted that they would inform field crews that they could proceed with the planned visual field surveys on the two MTO parcels. WSP noted that they had not received the amended permit yet through email and inquired if MTO could confirm that it had been sent.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-09-28	Email	Incoming	Gay Lynne Nix	The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) emailed WSP to provide a copy of the amended permit for WSP's record.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-09-28	Email	Outgoing	Gay Lynne Nix	WSP emailed the Ministry of Transportation to thank them for providing the amended permit and thanked them for their support on short notice.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Cindy Brown Gay Lynne Nix Dawn Irish Randall Dykstra Patricia DeCal Jeff Cook Don Fawcett Joanna Long Kevin Ellis	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-10-12	Email	Incoming	Joanna Long Michelle McChristie Glenn Mitchell	The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) emailed Hydro One to provide an update regarding individuals working on the Project.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-10-13	Email	Outgoing	Joanna Long Michelle McChristie Glenn Mitchell	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to thank them for providing an update regarding individuals working on the Project.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-11-14	Email	Incoming	Michelle McChristie	A representative from the MTO emailed WSP to note they would have to leave the EA agency workshop on November 22, 2022 to attend another meeting.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-11-14	Email	Outgoing	Michelle McChristie	WSP emailed a representative of the MTO to thank them for the update about their attendance at the EA agency workshop on November 22, 2022 and noted a meeting summary would be shared.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-11-22	Meeting		Cindy Brown Dawn Irish Randall Dykstra	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and

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				Jeff Cook Don Fawcett Joanna Long Kevin Ellis Joanna Long Michelle McChristie Glenn Mitchell	engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2022-12-16	Email	Outgoing	Cindy Brown Dawn Irish Randall Dykstra Jeff Cook Don Fawcett Joanna Long Kevin Ellis Joanna Long Michelle McChristie Glenn Mitchell	Hydro One emailed all federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to thank them for participating in the GRT workshop on November 22, 2022. Hydro One provided the GRT workshop meeting minutes and presentation slides, to the stakeholders but noted the preliminary preferred route had been removed from the presentation slides as it would be publicly released in January 2023. Hydro One requested that each stakeholder provide the contact information for the individuals who will review the draft Project EA when it is released.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-01-05	Email	Outgoing	Joanna Long Michelle McChristie Glenn Mitchell	Hydro One notified government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations of the identification of a preliminary preferred route for the Project and of upcoming community open houses. The notice provided a map of the preliminary preferred route and included details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from January 16-18, 2023.
Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Legislative Assembly of Ontario Ministry of Energy Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-02-18	Email	Incoming	Bill Gibbon Caroline Mulroney Claudia Dey Debra Vanderwey Gordon Ryan Graydon Smith Jack Christy Jean Johnson Kevin Holland Lorne Minthorn Lorraine Christy Lpseaman - Minister of Energy Penny and Greg Stirrett Rick Kiriluk Wayne Marostica	A resident emailed Hydro One to provide comments on a response email Hydro One sent to another resident. The resident expressed concern for wildlife impacts and requested the route be located north of Hwy 11. The resident requested a response to their comments in the email and their January 27, 2023 letter.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-02-23	Email	Outgoing	Cindy Brown Kevin Ellis Jeff Cook Gay Lynne Nix	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Transportation to request their availability for a call to discuss the preliminary proposed route prior to the release of the draft EA Report. Hydro One provided a shapefile of the preliminary project footprint and a link to the interactive Project map.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-03-10	Email	Incoming	Cindy Brown Kevin Ellis Jeff Cook Gay Lynne Nix	MTO emailed Hydro One to express that they would be willing to meet to discuss the preliminary route. MTO inquired if Hydro One could arrange a virtual meeting and include the MTO Corridor Management Staff.

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Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-03-31	Meeting		Cindy Brown Kevin Ellis Jeff Cook Gay Lynne Nix Noah Barr Adelaide Huth	Hydro One and WSP met with the MTO to discuss the Project.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-04-14	Meeting		Cindy Brown Kevin Ellis Jeff Cook Gay Lynne Nix Noah Barr Adelaide Huth	Hydro One met with MTO to discuss the preliminary Project footprint.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-04-21	Email	Outgoing	Cindy Brown Kevin Ellis Jeff Cook Gay Lynne Nix Noah Barr Adelaide Huth	Hydro One emailed the Ministry of Transportation and Valard to thank them for participating in a call on April 14, 2023 regarding the preliminary preferred route. Hydro One provided as an attachment a shapefile of the preliminary Project footprint for their review. Hydro One noted they would share minutes from the call and a high-level project schedule soon.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-05-02	Email	Outgoing	Adelaide Huth Cindy Brown Dawn Irish Don Fawcett Gay Lynne Nix Glenn Mitchell Jeff Cook Joanna Long Kevin Ellis Michelle McChristie Noah Barr Randall Dykstra	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to notify them of the upcoming draft EA Report review period from May 17 to July 7, 2023.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-05-17	Email	Outgoing	Adelaide Huth Cheryl Davis Joanna Long Noah Barr	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-06-01	Email	Outgoing	Abby Foulds Cheryl Davis Joanna Long Noah Barr	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders notifying them of upcoming community open houses to be held in Dryden, Atikokan, Kaministiquia, and Thunder Bay. It also included a reminder that the draft EA Report was available until July 7, 2023 for review and comment and attached a notice with further details.
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)	2023-06-13	Email	Outgoing	Abby Foulds Cheryl Davis Joanna Long Noah Barr	Hydro One sent an email to stakeholders to share an update that due to scheduling, there has been a date change for the open house planned in Thunder Bay from June 21 to June 22.

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Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	2022-04-26	Email	Outgoing	Jennifer Davey	Hydro One sent a notice of open houses for the Project to government officials and agencies, and interested persons and organizations. The notice provided information about the Project, as well as details of the in-person community open houses in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden from May 3-5, and how to join the virtual open house on May 18, 2022.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	2022-08-18	Email	Outgoing	Jennifer Davey	Hydro One emailed the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), part of the project Government Review Team (GRT) to provide an update on the EA. Recipients were requested to confirm their interest in remaining on the GRT for the project and whether they would like to participate in a workshop on September 7, 2022 to receive additional updates and to provide feedback on the alternative route evaluation process. A draft agenda for the workshop was provided and a commitment made to provide materials for review in advance of the workshop.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	2022-10-11	Email	Outgoing	Jennifer Davey	Hydro One emailed the Government Review Team to thank those who had participated in the September 7, 2022 Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop. Hydro One attached the presentation from the workshop, minutes from the discussion and the list of criteria and indicators that will be used in the alternative route evaluation process.
Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)	2022-11-22	Meeting	Outgoing	Jennifer Davey	Hydro One had an agency workshop with federal, provincial and municipal stakeholders to provide updates on field work results, consultation and engagement, alternative route evaluation, scheduling and the draft EA Report review process.
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# Meeting Notes

## Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop

Waasigan Transmission Line Project

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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 7, 2022	<b>Time:</b> 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Teams	
<b>Purpose:</b>	Waasigan Transmission Line - Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop.	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Hydro One: Sarah Cohanim, Dayna Groom WSP Golder: Callum Squires, Heather Kyer, Kevin Seel, Carla Evans, Erin Greenaway, Jill LaPorte, Craig De Vito Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP): Sarah Lyons, Mike Allen, Stephen Deneault Ministry of Energy: Gillian Brown, Kirby Calvert, Bree-Anna Gaboury Ministry of Mines: Dorothy Campbell, Sarah Ferguson, Greg Paju Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH): Sylvie Oulton Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF): Kirstin Hicks, Laura Darby Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS): Joseph Harvey, James Antler Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO): Kevin Ellis, Gay Lynne Nix, Jeff Cook Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA): Gail Willis, Michelle Sixsmith Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO): Shona Derlukewich Transport Canada (TC): Katie Gaulton Township of Ignace: Jeff Lederer City of Dryden: Tyler Peacock Niobe Lake Fire Department: Matt Eady	
<b>Issued By:</b>	Callum Squires, WSP Golder	
<b>Distribution:</b>	All attendees and invitees	

**Note:** Please advise if additional items are required to complete the discussion within five business days of issuance.

Item	Description
1.	<p><b>Project Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Waasigan Transmission Line is a newly proposed transmission line in northwestern Ontario, between the Municipality of Shuniah and the City of Dryden (the Project). The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Project was approved in February 2022. The Environmental Assessment (EA) Notice of Commencement (NoC) was then issued in March 2022. Since the EA NoC, Hydro One has been focussed on consultation and engagement activities with Indigenous communities, agencies and the public, and completing an extensive baseline field data collection program.</li> <li>- Hydro One was excited to announce a partnership on the Project with Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a consortium of eight First Nation communities, in May 2022.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>2022 Consultation and Engagement Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydro One hosted a round of Community Open Houses in May 2022. In-person open house events were held in the Municipality of Shuniah, the Town of Atikokan and the City of Dryden. A virtual open house session was also hosted. Engagement with Indigenous communities has been ongoing for the Project, through in-person and virtual meetings with staff, advisors and members of Chief and Council as well as through community open houses. Indigenous communities have been heavily involved in the 2022 field program through review and commenting on the Field Work Plans prior to field work commencing, reviewing and commenting on field survey locations and participating as field crew members and monitors during the completion of the field surveys. Updates on field activities have been circulated on a bi-weekly basis to provide the upcoming field survey schedule and status of surveys completed to date, including any notable findings.</li> <li>- Hydro One is planning to host additional engagement events in Fall 2022 to present and receive feedback on the results of the alternative route evaluation and the selection of the preferred route.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>2022 Field Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Baseline collection of field data has been ongoing throughout the year, including completing an extensive field program on all the alternative routes.</li> <li>- Amphibian call count surveys, and turtle nesting and basking surveys were completed during the appropriate monitoring window in spring and early summer. Turtle monitoring surveys were added to the 2022 field program following feedback from Indigenous communities on the cultural significance of turtle species.</li> <li>- Breeding bird surveys, marsh bird surveys and targeted surveys for bird species at risk (SAR) (i.e., Barn Swallow, Bank Swallow, Bobolink, Eastern Whip-poor-will, etc.) were also completed in May/June 2022.</li> <li>- Botanical surveys and ecological land classification (ELC) surveys were carried out between May and August 2022.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bat maternity roost and hibernacula surveys have been ongoing since June 2022. Candidate sites were visited to assess habitat potential and acoustic monitor detectors deployed in areas of suitable habitat. The monitoring devices for hibernacula remain set up and are being checked regularly to download data.</li> <li>- Gray Fox surveys are ongoing for the Project. These surveys were added to the field plans based on comments received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), Species at Risk Branch (SARB). Monitoring stations set up with scent lures and camera stations are being checked regularly.</li> <li>- Significant wildlife habitat (SWH) surveys are ongoing for the Project and will be completed next week. Golder provided a brief overview of candidate SWH as defined by the province for broader landscape features across the land that offer critical habitat for some wildlife species (i.e., mineral licks for ungulates, marsh breeding bird habitat, etc.). Using Forest Resource Inventory Mapping, Golder completed a desktop review of ecosites across the Project area that could be potential suitable habitat for SWH. Field visits were then completed to identify candidate habitat features.</li> <li>- Aquatics surveys (i.e., surface water, fish and fish habitat) have been ongoing since July and will be the focus of remaining surveys through the end of September 2022.</li> <li>- Visual Assessment surveys are planned for October 2022. Field surveys will involve photo documentation of the landscape at potential viewpoints across the Project area. Following the selection of the preferred route, visual representations will then be created.</li> <li>- Cultural Heritage field surveys commence this week. Surveys will include a visual assessment and photo documentation at points where the potential right-of-way intersect publicly accessible roads/highways to identify areas of potential built cultural heritage value. These surveys will supplement Indigenous Knowledge provided by Indigenous communities. Golder clarified that known Indigenous cultural heritage features will be considered for the alternative route evaluation, but not targeted for additional field surveys. The intent of the program is to target unknown cultural heritage sites.</li> <li>- Hydro One and Golder continue to provide updates on the field work completed to date and engage Indigenous Monitors in the field surveys.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>High-level Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydro One is targeting the submission of the draft EA to MECP at the end of January 2023. Following determination of completeness, the draft EA would then be circulated to the Government Review Team to commence a 7-week review period.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Alternative Route Evaluation Methodology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Golder provided an overview of the stepwise approach to the alternative route evaluation and overview of the GoldSET methodology.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Criteria and Indicators</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Golder noted they completed a preliminary workshop with Hydro One, including subject matter experts, to develop the initial weightings for the criteria and indicators.</li> <li>- Following ToR approval and EA commencement, the draft criteria and indicators developed during the ToR were evaluated based on the feedback received on the Project. As a result, the criteria and indicators for the alternative route evaluation have been refined.</li> <li>- Feedback received in engagement events during the ToR has been considered in the development of refined criteria and indicators. The key takeaway from a corridor routing workshop held in July 2019 was the preference to parallel existing linear infrastructure. This has been considered in the preliminary footprints for the alternative routes.</li> <li>- Land use, SAR and designated natural areas have been identified as the top criteria so have a higher weight in the model.</li> <li>- Additional agency-specific feedback has also been considered (i.e., more detailed field data collection across along all alternative routes; NRF consideration for Steep Rock properties; MTO request to consider designated future roads).</li> <li>- Hydro One is hosting an interactive survey to collect feedback on the alternative route evaluation from members of the public and Indigenous community members. There has been good participation in the survey to date. Hydro One recently issued a postcard mailout to properties within the Project study area to collect additional feedback. It is expected there will be another uptick in feedback in the coming weeks.</li> <li>- Golder noted that the weights are based on a trade off system. The criteria and their respective indicators each sum to a total of 100 so to increase the weight of one indicator, the weight of another would need to be decreased.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Municipal elections are coming up in the fall. Will Hydro One be consulting with elected officials? Hydro One advised that their Community Relations team will be working with municipalities to engage on the Project. Hydro One will also be hosting additional engagement events this fall to discuss the outcomes of the alternative route evaluation and the selection of the preferred route. Additional information or any new contacts to be added to the stakeholder list from municipalities would be appreciated.</li> <li>- Hydro One advised that there is an interactive map available on the Project website to view the alternative routes in more detail - <a href="https://www.hydroone.com/waasigan">https://www.hydroone.com/waasigan</a></li> <li>- Municipal representatives have received feedback from snowmobile associations regarding Project consideration for tourism and opportunity for additional snowmobile routes along the right-of-way. Hydro One advised that there has not been recent engagement with snowmobile clubs, but engagement will likely follow in the fall with the alternative route evaluation.</li> <li>- How do the four themes weigh in against one another? Golder advised that the weights for themes will be developed in the coming months. Each theme will have a set weight. The development of these weightings will be considered with</li> </ul>

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	<p>subject matter experts to ensure each theme, criteria and associated indicator are weighted appropriately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ontario Parks noted that Enhanced Management Areas (EMAs) have been considered, and recommended Conservation Reserves (CR) and Provincial Parks (PP) also be represented. Ontario Parks noted that recommended CR and PP should not be afforded the same level of protection.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>ACTION:</b> Golder to confirm whether EMAs and protected areas account for recommended CRs and PPs. Golder would like to better understand whether these should be afforded the same level of importance (weighting).</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MECP SARB asked what rationale is used to determine weightings across all criteria and indicators and how do the weightings drive the model (i.e., the rating for SAR is weighted at 26, but if this is the same across each of the alternative routes how will difference be determined?). Golder advised that the groupings of indicators within each criterion will impact the total weighting of the various themes. The more indicators that are added to each criterion, the less weight each individual indicator has.</li> <li>- MECP SARB asked if individual SAR should be considered as criteria? Golder advised that there may be a number of criteria that are similar across routes and not discerning across the routes. The criteria that are driving the overall routing decision may be considered to have higher importance or weighing in subsequent run. Alternatively, if there is discerning data for a particular SAR, then it could then be considered at a higher-level category as a standalone criteria. Suggested that a follow-up call with the MECP SARB may be worthwhile to discuss the criteria and indicators relevant to the SARB.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>ACTION:</b> Hydro One/Golder to coordinate a subsequent meeting with the SARB.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- MECP SARB asked if mitigation and avoidance measures will be used to supplement model outputs. Golder agrees with the potential trade-offs; however, a certain level of avoidance mitigation has been considered in the design of the routes at this time and the model itself will not be supplemented with additional mitigation. The model is driven by the preliminary footprints. Future decisions to augment the engineered design could be considered in future iterations of the model. For the purpose of developing the model and evaluating the criteria and indicators across the alternative routes, standard assumptions for mitigative options will be applied across each of the alternative routes.</li> <li>- MTCS noted that opening access within northwestern Ontario is of concern to the tourism industry. There are several roadside trails and some remote trails that intersect the Project routes. It is important to balance the desire for added access to the remote nature of business in the area. The remoteness of communities drive the business model in the northwest. Golder advised that the recreation and tourism grouping includes recreational trails and recreational features. Golder welcomes any feedback on the indicator for this category and whether there are any gaps identified that should be considered for the model.</li> <li>- Will the outcomes of the alternative route evaluation be provided to agencies for feedback? Golder advised that the outcome of the alternative route evaluation will be made available to Indigenous communities, agencies and members of</li> </ul>

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	the public along with the preliminary footprint of the preferred route in advance of the submission of the draft EA. This will be the focus of engagement events planned this fall.
<b>8.</b>	<b>In Closing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Golder recognizes that the criteria and indicators table is detailed. Golder welcomes feedback on the criteria and indicators in advance of the alternative route evaluation and can be available to answer any questions.</li><li>- Meeting with certain agencies on an individual basis would be helpful and Hydro One/Golder will be following up with those agencies after this workshop to coordinate.</li></ul>

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Next meeting on: N/A



# WAASIGAN EA NEXT STEPS

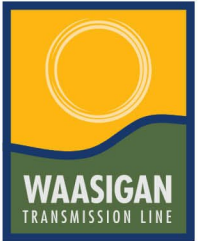
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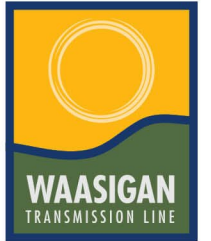


# AGENDA

- Project Updates
  - 2022 Consultation Summary
  - Field Work
- High-Level Schedule
- Alternative Route Evaluation Methodology
- Criteria and Indicators
- Questions



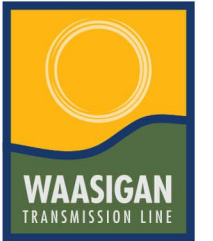
# PROJECT UPDATE



- Waasigan Transmission Line is a proposed new transmission line between the Municipality of Shuniah, Town of Atikokan and City of Dryden.
- Amended Terms of Reference (ToR) was approved by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in February 2022.
- Notice of Commencement for the EA, released in March 2022, marked the start of the EA study period.
- In May 2022, Hydro One and Gwayakocchigewin Limited Partnership (GLP), a consortium of eight First Nations, signed an agreement providing First Nations with the opportunity to become partners by investing in an equity stake of the Project.



# 2022 ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

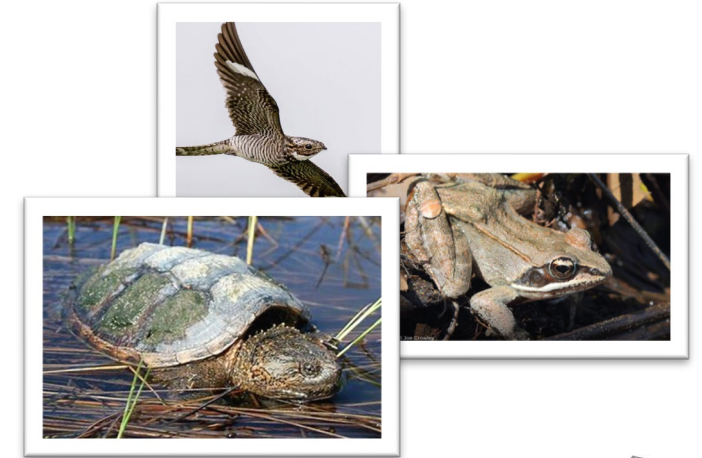


- Notice of Commencement distributed in March.
- Field Work Plans shared for review beginning in March.
- Community Open Houses and Virtual Open House held in May.
- Ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities:
  - Meetings with Chief and Council, Community Engagement Coordinators and technical staff/advisors;
  - Regular notifications, requests for feedback, and summary of findings on the field program; and
  - In-community open houses.
- Additional round of Community Open Houses/Virtual Open House planned for the fall coinciding with the selection of the preferred route.



# 2022 FIELD WORK (COMPLETE)

- ✓ **Amphibian Call Counts** – Three rounds of surveys completed between late May to mid-July.
- ✓ **Turtle Basking/Nesting** – Surveys completed in May/June. Field crews continue to document incidental observations in-field.
- ✓ **Bird Surveys** – Surveys completed in end-May through early-July during the appropriate breeding window.
  - ✓ Marsh Birds (including SAR Least bittern)
  - ✓ Breeding Songbird and SAR songbird Bobolink Surveys
  - ✓ SAR birds-Barn Swallow and Bank Swallow Surveys
  - ✓ Eastern Whip-poor-will
  - ✓ Common Nighthawk
- ✓ **Bat Maternity Roost** – Ground-based visual assessment and acoustic surveys completed in June.
- ✓ **Ecological Land Classification (ELC)/Botanical Surveys** – Completed in June and August.



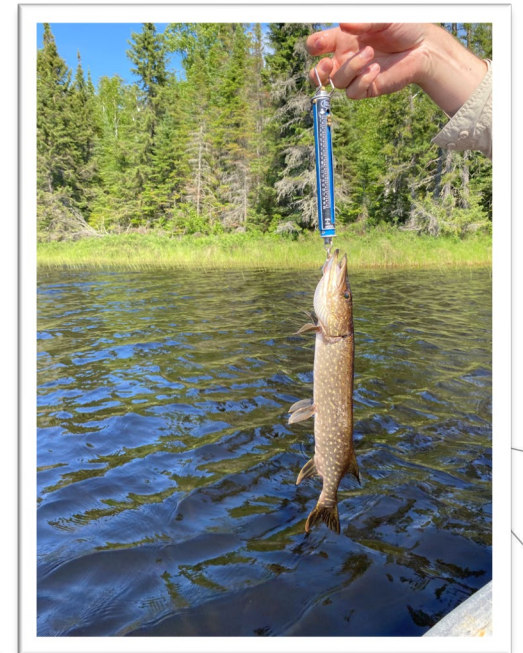


# 2022 FIELD WORK (ONGOING)

- **Bat Hibernacula** – Acoustic monitoring in progress until late September.
- **Gray Fox** – Trail cameras deployed and monitoring underway.
- **Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (SWH)** – Surveys commenced in June and are planned to finish in September.
- **Aquatic Surveys (Surface Water/Fish and Fish Habitat)** – Surveys commenced in June are ongoing through September.

## Additional Surveys:

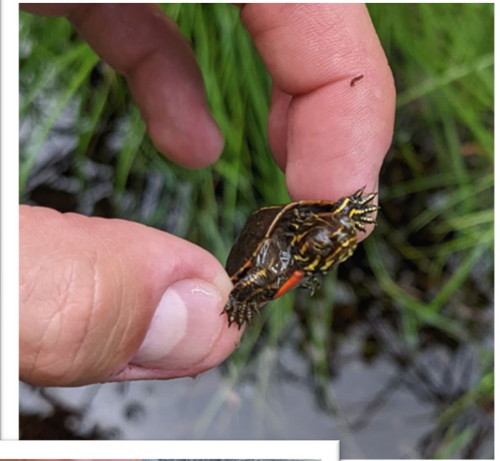
- Planning for two additional survey programs this fall:
  - Visual assessment; and
  - Cultural heritage.



# FIELD WORK UPDATES

- Bi-weekly field work summaries sent to Indigenous communities

Field Work Summary: July 3 to 16, 2022	
<b>Crews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Golder and NorthWinds crews, including members of Fort William First Nation and Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation.</li> <li>• Community monitors from Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation.</li> </ul>
<b>Survey Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bat Maternity Roost Surveys (BMR)</li> <li>• Amphibian Call Counts (ACC)</li> <li>• Watercourse crossing (WC)</li> <li>• Barn Swallow (BNSW)</li> <li>• Least Bittern Survey (LEBI)</li> <li>• Eastern Whip-poor-will (EWPW)</li> <li>• Breeding Bird Surveys (BBS)</li> <li>• Bank Swallow (BKSW)</li> </ul>
<b>Locations Completed</b> (Click <a href="#">HERE</a> to visit the online Webviewer for survey site locations)	See attached "Daily Field Work Tracker" document for a list of survey sites completed each day.
<b>Notable/Significant Finds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crew observed 25 turtle nests on Hwy 11 at Pistol Lake; seven turtle nests on Hwy 11 at Swamp River; four Western Painted Turtles nesting/looking to nest on Anne Bay Road (at Half Moon Lake, Stump Lake, and other unnamed lakes); and one adult female Western Painted Turtle nesting on a dirt road in Kawene.</li> <li>• Crew observed 13 Western Painted Turtles at multiple locations across the study area.</li> <li>• Road mortality recorded of eight Western Painted Turtles and one Snapping Turtle (SC) at multiple locations across the study area.</li> <li>• Crew observed a Barred Owl (THR) between EWPW stations 59 and 60, and another north of Atikokan (heading to EWPW station 48).</li> <li>• Four Common Nighthawks (THR) observed north of Atikokan and in the Dryden area, and one observed nesting southwest of Atikokan.</li> <li>• Five Eastern Whip-poor-wills (THR) observed north of Atikokan; one observed foraging on Snake Bay Road; and one observed sitting/foraging on Osaquian Road.</li> <li>• Cliff Swallows present north of Atikokan, near Finlayson Lake.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Relevant Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One Great-horned Owl heard in the City of Dryden.</li> <li>• Three lynx observed on Hwy 622, including two at Forsberg Lake and one at Pekagoning Lake.</li> <li>• One coyote observed on Lily Lake Road in Atikokan.</li> <li>• Moose and deer observed along the roads at night.</li> </ul>



# HIGH-LEVEL EA SCHEDULE

- Draft EA to MECP – End of January / early February 2022.
- MECP Completeness Review – 10 days – approximately first two weeks of February.
- Indigenous, agency and public review – 7 weeks – Mid-February to early April.

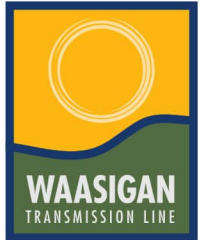


# ALTERNATIVE ROUTE EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

- Step 1: Preliminary footprints developed by the Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor based on alternative routes identified in the Terms of Reference.
- Step 2: Preliminary footprint segmented into assessment groups with common start and end points.
- Step 3: Spatial indicator data is developed using a GIS platform.
- Step 4: Spatial indicator data is input to GoldSET.
- Step 5: GoldSET analysis performed on all remaining group options until a preferred route is selected for each group.
- Step 6: The preferred routes for each group are combined to form a contiguous, end-to-end preferred route.



# MODEL OUTPUTS



## Sample Model Output (for illustration purposes only)

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Active project : [Waasigan Transmission Line Demo - Section 1 Model](#)  
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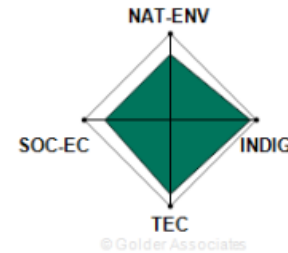
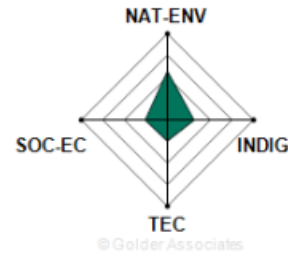
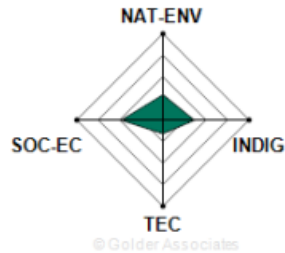
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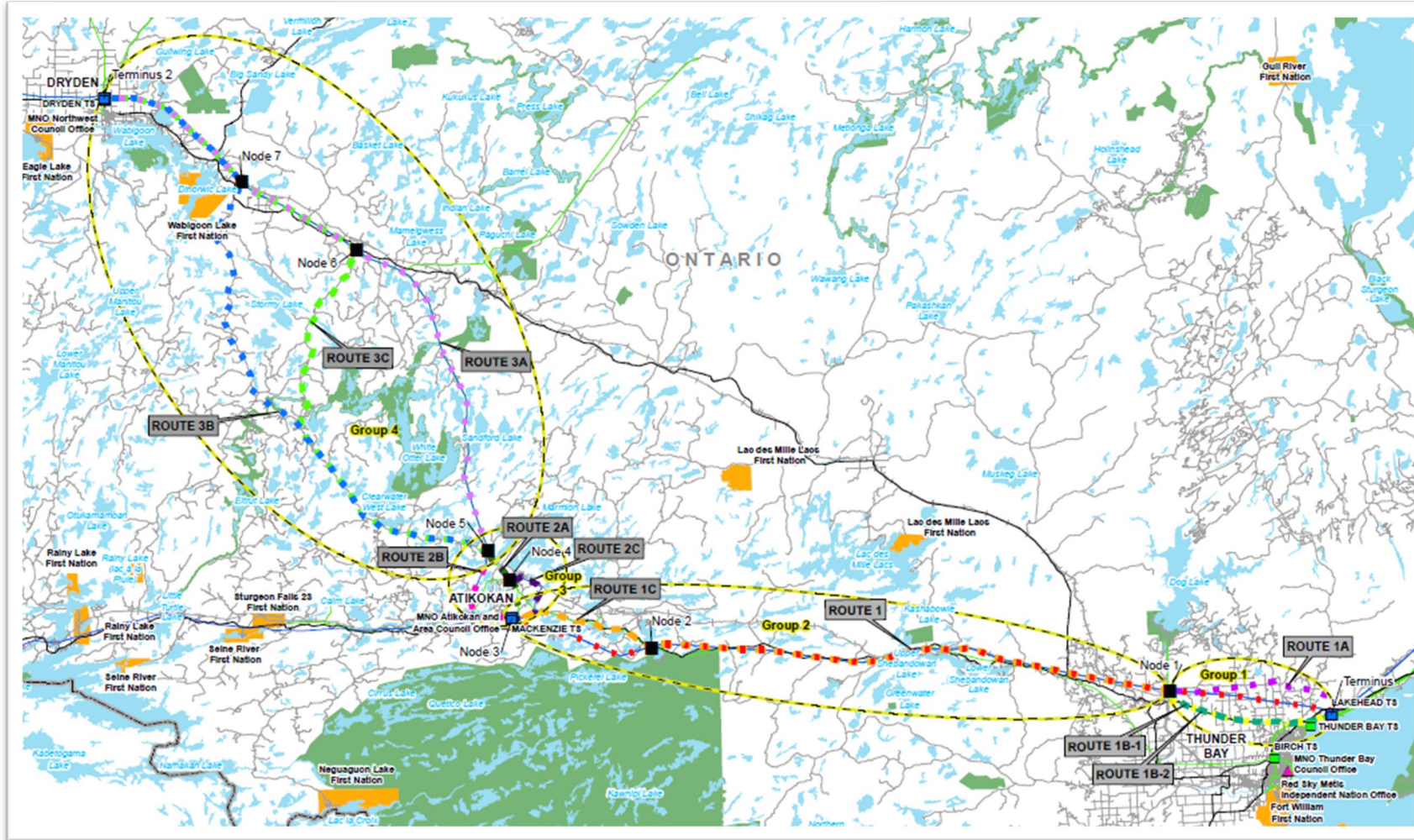
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Detailed Results

Example A		Example B		Example C	
Natural Environment	29%	Natural Environment	55%	Natural Environment	76%
Socio-Economic Environment	47%	Socio-Economic Environment	26%	Socio-Economic Environment	75%
Indigenous Communities	35%	Indigenous Communities	31%	Indigenous Communities	92%
Technical	15%	Technical	24%	Technical	86%



# ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

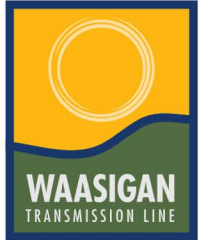


# KEY MODEL INPUTS

- Criteria and Indicators – Preliminary route evaluation C&Is included in Appendix C of the Terms of Reference.
- Weighting of Criteria and Indicators
  - Initial weighting identified through internal workshop that included subject matter experts and considering input received during the ToR process.
- Source data for calculation of criteria and indicators includes:
  - Desktop data;
  - Field data collected in 2020 and 2022; and
  - Indigenous Knowledge Studies.



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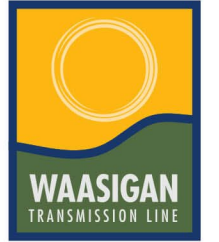


- Feedback during ToR
  - July 2019 Corridor Routing Workshop
    - Preference to parallel existing linear infrastructure
      - All routes parallel existing linear infrastructure
      - Metric included in technical criteria with preference for transmission ROWs and roads
  - Top criteria included Land Use, Species at Risk and Designated Natural Areas
    - All have higher weights in Goldset model
  - Additional indicators added based on feedback from agencies
  - Request for more detailed field work on all alternatives
  - Request from NRF for consideration of effects on Steep Rock property limits
  - Request from MTO to consider areas considered “designated” for proposed future highway needs





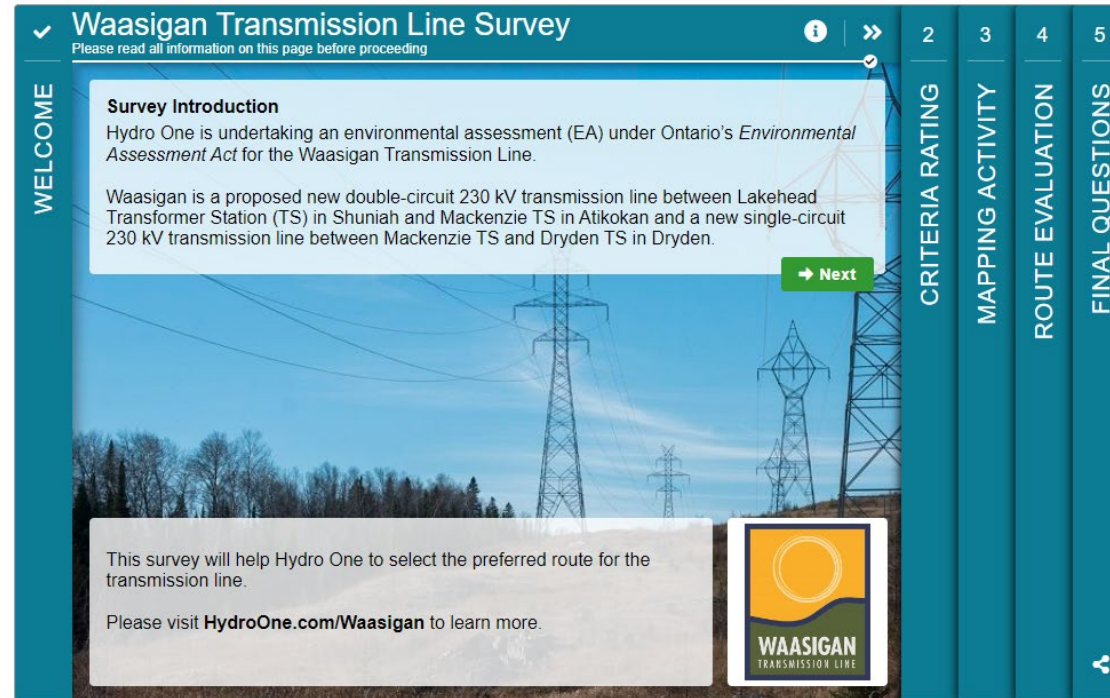
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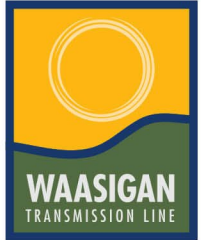
- Metroquest Survey

- Survey ongoing; post card sent to local stakeholders in August
- Top 4 criteria to date include Visual Landscapes, Wildlife, Species-at-Risk and Water

Waasigan Survey



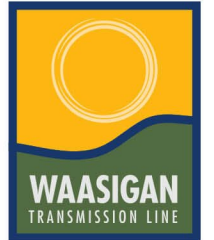
# UPDATES TO CRITERIA AND INDICATORS



- Currently reviewing Criteria and Indicators to identify if any changes required based on revised field work approach (i.e., full field work on all alternatives).
- Preliminary footprints will be available for alternative routes. Indicators to be updated to use preliminary footprint versus 150 m corridor.
  - E.g., Area (ha) of productive soils (e.g., agricultural) vs unproductive soils (e.g., developed areas) within the alternative route ~~150 m wide corridor~~ **preliminary footprint**.
- Buffers for some indicators updated since a preliminary project footprint is being used instead of a wider corridor.



# NATURAL ENVIRONMENT CRITERIA



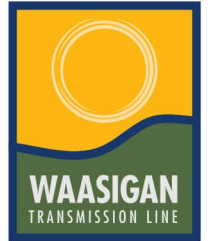
Criteria	Criteria GoldSET Weight
Physiography, Geology, Surficial Geology and Soils	5
Provincial Parks, Conservation Reserves and Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest	14
Surface Water	11
Groundwater	8
Vegetation and Wetlands	12
Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat	12
Fish and Fish Habitat	12

Total Criteria Weight = 100

Criteria	Criteria GoldSET Weight
Little Brown Myotis and Northern Myotis	2
Eastern whip-poor-will	2
Barn swallow	2
Bank swallow	2
Bobolink	2
Chimney swift	2
American white pelican	2
Least Bittern	2
American Badger	2
Gray Fox	2
Lake sturgeon (Great Lakes - Upper St. Lawrence population)	2
Lake sturgeon (Saskatchewan - Nelson River population)	2
American eel	2

Species at Risk  
total = 26

# SOCIO-ECONOMIC CRITERIA



Criteria	Criteria GoldSET Weight
Land Use	22
Infrastructure and Community Services	16
Recreation and Tourism	22
Visual Landscape (Aesthetics)	14
Archaeology	18
Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes	8

Total Criteria Weight = 100

# QUESTIONS?



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# Meeting Notes

## Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop

Waasigan Transmission Line Project

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**Meeting Date:** November 22, 2022                      **Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**Location:** Teams

**Purpose:** Waasigan Transmission Line - Project Update and Alternative Route Evaluation Workshop.

**Attendees:** Hydro One: Sarah Cohanim, Dayna Groom  
WSP Golder: Callum Squires, Heather Kyer, Erin Greenaway, Jill LaPorte, Craig De Vito, Matt Maloney  
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP): Mike Allen, Stephen Deneault, Kevin Green, Katherine Onyshkewych  
Ministry of Energy (MOE): James Pasieka, Bree-Anna Gaboury, Gillian Brown,  
Ministry of Mines: Sarah Ferguson  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH): Sylvie Oulton  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF): Kirstin Hicks, Laura Darby, Melissa Mauro  
Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM): Joseph Harvey, Paige Campbell  
Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO): Joanna Long, Michelle McChristie, Glenn Mitchell, Cindy Brown, Kevin Ellis, Gay Lynne Nix  
Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA): Gail Willis, Michelle Sixsmith  
Transport Canada (TC): Katie Gaulton, Jeremy Craigs, David Zeit  
Ontario Power Generation (OPG): Robert Ferguson, Denise Hardy, Scott Hurley  
Township of Ignace: Jeff Lederer  
City of Dryden: Pam Skillen

**Issued By:** Callum Squires, WSP Golder

**Distribution:** All attendees and invitees

**Note:** Please advise if additional items are required to complete the discussion within five business days of issuance.

Item	Description
1.	<p><b>Introduction and Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Safety Moment: Hydro One cautioned on staying aware of the change in weather conditions and to prepare vehicles for winter (i.e., tires, emergency supplies, etc.). It is important to check weather conditions in advance of making any travel arrangements. Ontario 511 is a useful resource that can be referenced to check driving conditions and connect to cameras that are situated on highways.</li> <li>0 Introductions: Hydro One and Golder teams introduced themselves. WSP Golder will be taking minutes to circulate to invitees following the workshop. Hydro One noted agency representatives at the meeting were from MNRF, Infrastructure Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, Transport Canada, Ministry of Energy, Town of Ignace, Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, and the Town of Atikokan.</li> <li>0 The purpose of this meeting is to provide the Government Review Team (GRT) with an update on the 2022 field program and to provide an overview of the alternative route evaluation and the selection of the preliminary preferred route.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Consultation and Engagement Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Hydro One provided a status update on ongoing engagement and consultation activities for the Project.</li> <li>0 Indigenous communities have been informed of the selection of the preliminary preferred route. This information has been shared in an effort to collect Indigenous Knowledge that can be incorporated into the selection of the preferred route. Hydro One will continue to provide updates to Indigenous communities as the Project progresses.</li> <li>0 Hydro One has hosted many engagement meetings with Indigenous communities in Fall 2022.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Field Work update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 WSP Golder completed a large field program in 2022 with the planning support and field participation from several Indigenous communities. WSP Golder appreciate the efforts put forth by all Indigenous communities, including Indigenous Project partners, GLP and Lac des Mille Lacs First Nation</li> <li>0 WSP Provided a high-level overview of the field survey results. WSP Golder disciplines are currently reviewing and analysing data. The results will be summarized in baseline reports that will be appended to the Environmental Assessment (EA).</li> <li>0 The field programs were undertaken in accordance with the 2022 Field Work Plans (Terrestrial and Aquatic) that were provided to the GRT and Indigenous communities for feedback in March 2022. Field programs completed over the past couple of months included amphibian call count surveys, turtle basking and nesting surveys, ecological land classification and botanical surveys, breeding bird surveys, bat habitat and acoustic monitoring surveys, gray fox presence surveys, candidate significant wildlife habitat surveys, aquatics surveys which</li> </ul>

Item	Description
	<p>focussed on surface water, fish and fish habitat surveys, visual surveys, as well as cultural heritage surveys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 The field program evolved and expanded based on feedback received from Indigenous communities and agencies. Turtle basking and nesting surveys were expanded based on feedback from Indigenous communities regarding the cultural importance of turtle species. Gray fox presence surveys were added to the field program in response to comments received from the MECP.</li> <li>0 Species at risk, species of conservation concern, and regionally rare plants were observed during the field program, including bank swallow, eastern whip-poor-will, common nighthawk and bat species at risk.</li> <li>0 WSP Golder acknowledge the efforts put forth by agencies to provide input on the planning stage of the field program to review the 2022 Field Work Plan and provide feedback, as well as the efforts from MNRF to review and quickly issue licence to collect fish permits.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Alternative Route Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 WSP Golder has been working to evaluate and compare the proposed alternative routes identified for the Project. The criteria and indicators used for the route evaluation were reviewed in the last meeting with the GRT. The criteria and indicators were developed based on overarching categories that include natural environment, indigenous community values, socio-economic environment, and technical and cost.</li> <li>0 WSP Golder has considered desktop research, baseline data collected during the 2022 field program, as well as draft reports that have been prepared to document archaeological potential (Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment) within the Project area.</li> <li>0 WSP Golder shared the outcomes of the preliminary preferred route during the workshop. The preliminary route is being maintained as confidential at this time while Hydro One engages with Indigenous partners on the Project, including the GLP and Lac des Milles Lacs, and other Indigenous communities. The preliminary preferred route will be shared publicly in January, 2022.</li> <li>0 Hydro One would be happy to meet with agencies on an individual basis in advance of sharing the preferred route publicly if there is an interest to review the results in more detail.</li> <li>0 WSP Golder shared advantages and disadvantages for each of the four groupings of alternative routes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>High-Level EA Schedule</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 The preliminary preferred route will be shared publicly in January, 2023</li> <li>0 Community Open House events will be scheduled in January in Thunder Bay, Atikokan, and Dryden.</li> <li>0 The draft EA will be circulated to the MECP for completeness determination in February 2022 and more broadly to the GRT for review and comment in March, 2022.</li> <li>0 WSP Golder requested that agencies identify their respective technical reviewers. Hydro One will compile a distribution list for the circulating the draft EA. It is requested that all agencies use a common comment response template when submitting their comments on the EA.</li> </ul>

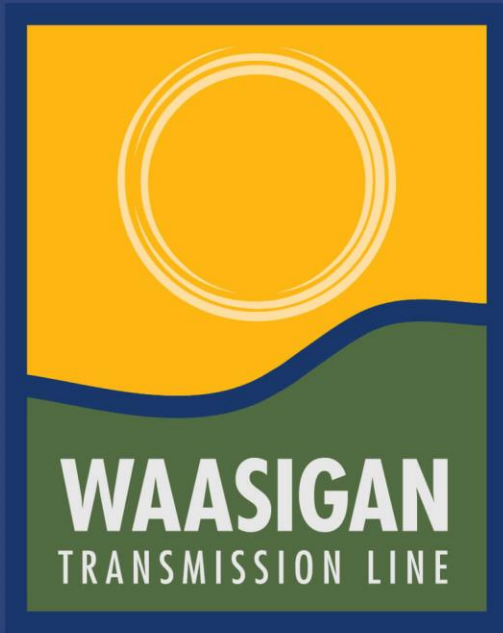


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6.	<p><b>Change Management and Limits of Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Hydro One is working closely with an Engineering, Procurement Construction, (EPC) contractor to develop a change management process for any changes on the detailed Project footprint post-EA approval. These changes could result from identified environmental impacts and engagement with Indigenous communities, etc. Once a change is change is identified, it will be reviewed and approved internally. If concerns cannot be adequately addressed, then external stakeholders will be engaged such as agencies and Indigenous communities.</li> <li>0 Design flexibility has been regarded with high importance for Indigenous communities as they continue to prepare Indigenous Knowledge studies. Hydro One has committed to considering Indigenous Knowledge after it is received which would include after EA approval.</li> <li>0 The concept of the limits of work should allow for minor revisions to the footprint that would not result in an overall change to the identified effects in the EA.</li> <li>0 Hydro One will still be committed to incorporating all the mitigation measures and commitments made in the EA. Limitations have been included in this concept to minimize adverse effects and to protect sensitive features. For example, there are limitations on how close footprint elements can be to bat hibernacula. Generally, potential changes are also limited to within the Terrestrial Local Study Area.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Supplementary Mapping</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 WSP Golder recognizes the previous requests during the Terms of Reference for site specific detail in the EA. This is difficult for large linear projects. The resolution of map books at 1:10,000 (scale where you can see within the right-of-way) would result in 250 pages and multiple map books would be required for the EA. WSP Golder is considering using a web viewer map, supplementary to higher level figures in the draft EA, as an added resources for GRT to aid in review of Project information.</li> <li>0 WSP Golder would like to gauge interest from the GRT as to whether a web viewer would be valuable to supplement the map books to support mapping at a greater level of detail.</li> <li>0 MNRF expressed value in having an online mapping platform. The utilization of an online mapping tool proved very useful during the permitting process in advance of field studies.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Question received regarding whether the preferred route between Atikokan and Dryden follows Highway 622?                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o WSP Golder advised that the preferred route parallels existing transmission line infrastructure. Alternative Routes 3B and 3C parallel roads including Highway 622. From a constructability perspective, transmission lines tend to prefer straight lines where roads wind around natural features.</li> </ul> </li> <li>0 Question received regarding whether the Project intersects with Conservation Reserves?                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o WSP Golder noted that the route does cross Conservation Reserves.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Item	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Question received regarding gray fox field program and whether den stations were baited.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o WSP Golder advised that the denning stations were not baited.</li> </ul> </li> <li>0 Question received regarding whether the Project crosses federal crown land, including Indigenous federal reserve land?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o WSP Golder advised that the majority of the Project crosses provincial crown land, but no federal lands is crossed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>In Closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 Hydro One appreciates the GRT agencies in taking the time to attend the meeting today. A notice of the COH will be issued in early January 2023 to landowners within the Project area. The notice will also be issued to the GRT. Hydro One would welcome the opportunity to meet agency representatives in person and look forward to engaging more on the Project.</li> </ul>

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Next meeting on: N/A



# WAASIGAN EA – 2022 FIELD WORK RESULTS & PRELIMINARY ROUTE EVALUATION RESULTS

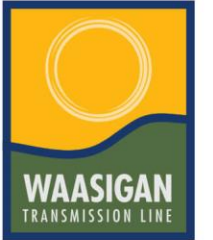
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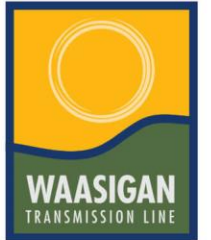


# AGENDA

- Safety Moment and Introductions
- Project Updates and 2022 Engagement Overview
- 2022 Field Work Overview and Preliminary Results
- Alternative Route Evaluation Status Update
- High Level Schedule – Milestone Dates
- Draft EA review
- Change Management and Limits of Work
- Questions



# PROJECT AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE



- Fall 2022
  - Field work completed.
  - Release of the preliminary preferred route to Indigenous communities for Indigenous knowledge incorporation.
  - Ongoing engagement with Indigenous communities:
    - Meetings with Chief and Council, Community Engagement Coordinators and technical staff/advisors;
    - Regular notifications, requests for feedback, and summary of findings on the field program; and
    - In-community open houses.



# 2022 FIELD WORK

- **Amphibian Call Counts (82 Stations)** – Three rounds of surveys completed between late May to mid-July.
  - 8 Species Observed (American Toad, Boreal Chorus Frog, Gray Treefrog, Green Frog, Mink Frog, Northern Leopard Frog, Spring Peeper, Wood Frog)
- **Turtle Basking/Nesting (37 Stations)** – Surveys completed in May/June. Also included habitat searches (turtle nesting SWH) and incidental observations in-field.
  - 2 Species Observed (Snapping Turtle & Western Painted Turtle), including adults and juveniles
- **Bat Maternity Roost (25 Stations)** – Ground-based visual assessment and acoustic surveys completed in June.
  - Bats, including species at risk bats, were recorded at every station.
- **Ecological Land Classification (ELC)/Botanical Surveys (81 Stations)** – Completed in June and August.
  - Black Ash & a regionally rare plant (Ragged Fringed Orchid)
  - Traditional plants documented (Labrador Tea, Eastern White Cedar and Paper Birch)



# 2022 FIELD WORK (CONT'D)

- **Bird Surveys (239 Stations)** – Surveys completed in end-May through early-July during the appropriate breeding window.
  - 113 species observed in 2022
  - Forest and Grassland Breeding Birds
    - Nashville Warbler, White-throated Sparrow and Red-eyed Vireo were the most abundant songbirds observed accounting for 25% of individuals
      - 35 BCR-12 Priority Species observed
  - SAR Birds Observed
    - American White Pelican – observed incidentally (6 individuals)
    - Bank Swallow – 1 nesting site documented (15 individuals)
    - Bobolink – observed incidentally (1 individual)
    - Eastern Whip-poor-will – 15 individuals located at 10 locations
  - SCC Birds Observed
    - Bald Eagle – 5 individuals at 5 locations, Canada Warbler – 11 individuals at 10 locations, Common Nighthawk – 9 individuals at 7 locations, Eastern Wood-Pewee – 5 individuals at 5 locations, and Olive-sided Flycatcher – 7 individuals at locations



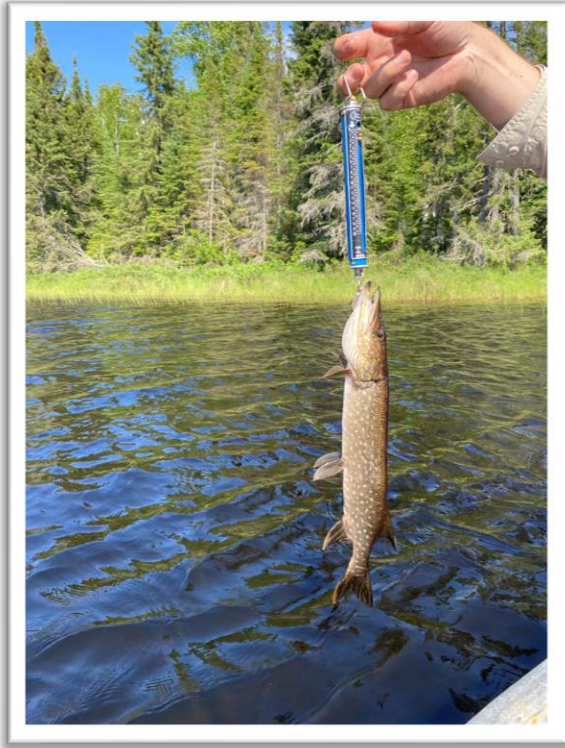
# 2022 FIELD WORK (CONT'D)

- **Bat Hibernacula (8 Stations, plus additional reference and control sites)** – Acoustic monitoring during August and September.
  - Six features were found to be likely or possible hibernacula, two features were found to be unlikely hibernacula.
  - The results will be discussed with the MECP for confirmation.
- **Gray Fox Presence Surveys (33 baited camera stations)** – Stations active from late June through end of September.
  - No gray fox visits documented at the baited camera stations
  - Stations attracted many mammals such as fisher, wolf, bear, moose, deer and red fox
- **Gray Fox Candidate Den Surveys (6 camera stations)** – Camera stations active from mid June through end of September.
  - No gray fox dens confirmed
- **Candidate Significant Wildlife Habitat (116 Stations)** – Surveys commenced in June and were ongoing through September.
  - An abundance of a broad range of candidate significant wildlife habitats, including some unique landscape features (such as cliffs), and rare vegetation communities.





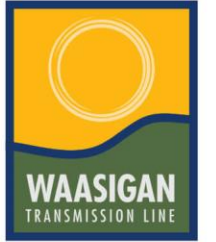
# 2022 FIELD WORK (CONT'D)



- **Aquatic Surveys (Surface Water/Fish and Fish Habitat) (438 Stations)** – Surveys commenced in June and were ongoing through September.
  - 98 were waterbodies (lakes/ponds)
  - 127 were watercourse
  - 213 were undefined channels
  - Fish were captured at 107 crossings sampled
  - Common species captured included Northern Pike, White Sucker, Yellow Perch, Pumpkinseed, and various small bodied fish including dace, minnows, chub, darters and sticklebacks
  - No SAR or SOCC fish were captured/observed during the field survey



# 2022 FIELD WORK (CONT'D)



- **Cultural Heritage (101 Stations)** - Visual assessment of existing site conditions to identify potential built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes completed in September.
  - One cultural heritage resource identified (Dawson Trail) and additional work has been recommended.
- **Visual Assessment (37 Stations)** – Visual assessment of existing conditions from viewpoints along all alternative routes completed in October.
  - Variety of viewpoints visited including waterbodies, trails, top of Mount Baldy Ski Hill, scenic lookouts, campgrounds, hotels, lodges and residential areas.



# SELECTING A PREFERRED ROUTE

An evaluation process is in progress to compare the alternative routes, using these four categories:

## EVALUATION CATEGORIES

**Natural Environment**



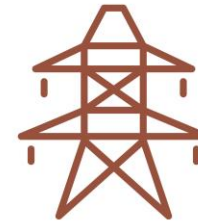
**Indigenous Community Values**



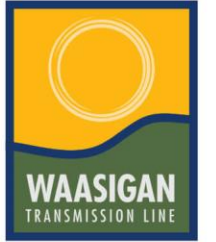
**Socio-Economic Environment**



**Technical And Cost**



# WHAT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED SO FAR

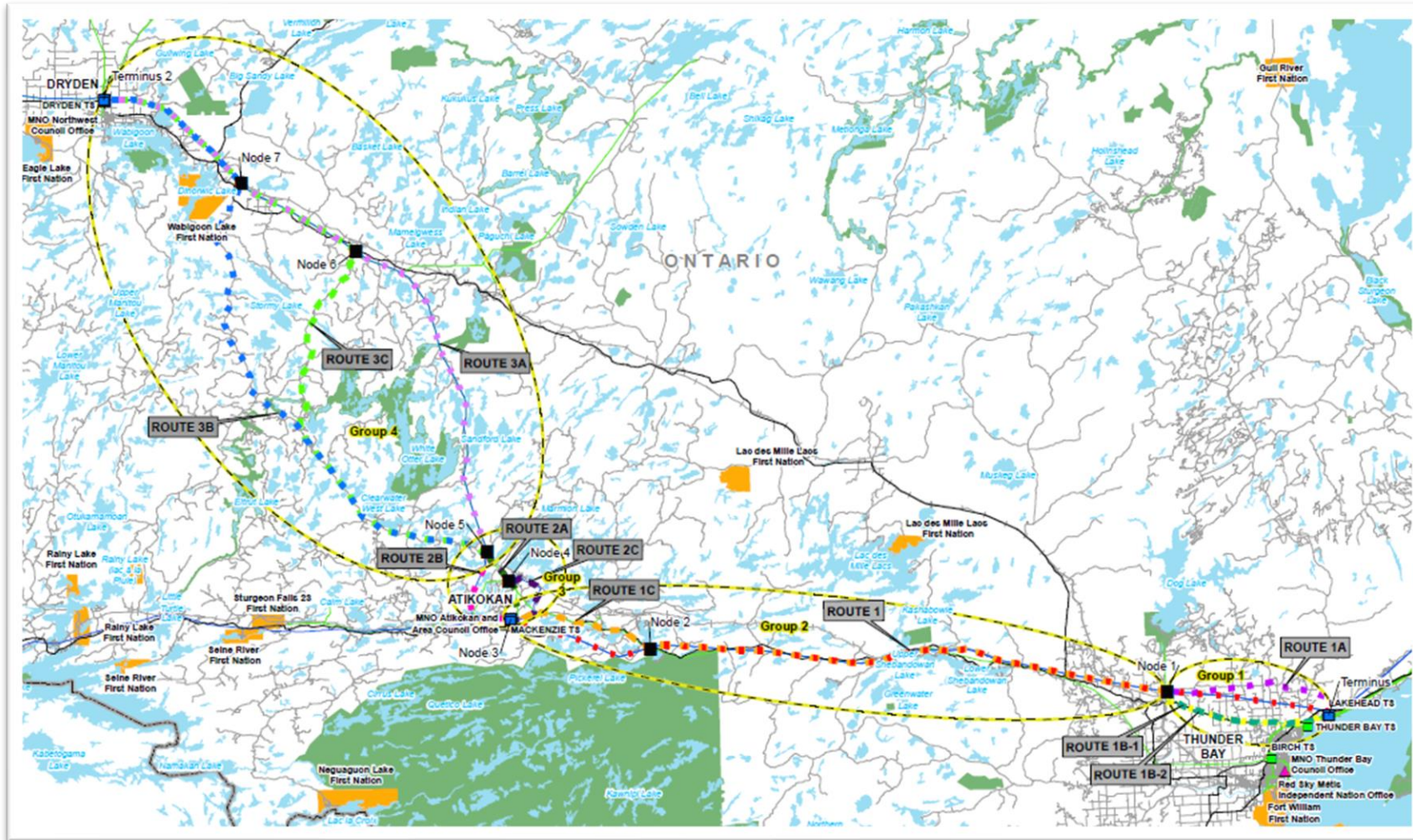


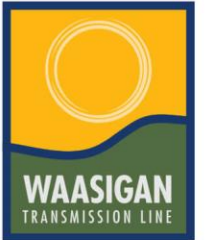
Information to support the selection of the preliminary preferred route includes:

- Shared Indigenous Knowledge (currently limited) and input from Indigenous communities
- Data on the existing environment (e.g., land cover, habitat, land use)
- Findings of field studies completed this year
- Draft areas of archaeological potential (Stage 1)
- Alignment with existing linear infrastructure (i.e., transmission lines, roads, pipelines)
- Preliminary design information and technical elements (from the Project contractor)



# ALTERNATIVE ROUTE GROUPS

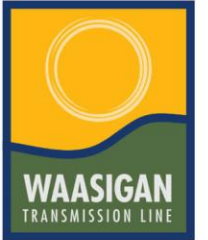




## Preliminary Preferred Route - Thunder Bay Area

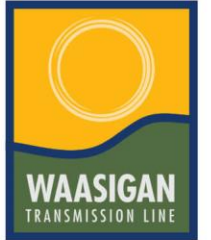
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortest route and highest % parallel to existing linear infrastructure (i.e., existing transmission line)</li> <li>• Smaller area of habitat disturbance for most Species at Risk</li> <li>• Smallest area of Significant Wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Smaller area of sensitive areas identified by Indigenous communities</li> <li>• Does not cross any protected areas</li> <li>• Fewest nearby residences</li> <li>• Fewest sharp corners and crossing of other infrastructure</li> <li>• Fewest nearby scenic viewpoints</li> <li>• Fewest nearby water wells</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger area of archaeological potential (based on the Stage 1 archaeological assessment)</li> <li>• Largest area of Crown land crossed</li> <li>• Greater number of watercrossings</li> <li>• Largest area of fish habitat</li> </ul>





## Preliminary Preferred Route - Thunder Bay to Atikokan

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highest % parallel to existing linear infrastructure (i.e., existing transmission line)</li> <li>• Fewest nearby residences, cottages and cabins and recreational trails/features</li> <li>• Fewest nearby scenic viewpoints</li> <li>• Smallest area of archaeological potential (Stage 2)</li> <li>• Smallest area of off-ROW access required</li> <li>• Fewest sharp corners and crossing of other infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largest area of fish habitat (11%)</li> <li>• Largest area of Crown land crossed</li> <li>• Largest area of Provincial Parks crossed</li> <li>• Greater number of watercrossings</li> </ul>



## Preliminary Preferred Route - Atikokan Area

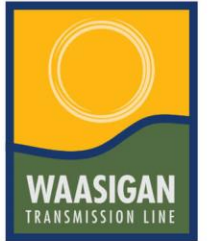
Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortest route, 93% parallel to existing linear infrastructure (i.e., existing transmission line)</li> <li>• Avoids confirmed bat hibernacula close to another route</li> <li>• Smallest area of Crown land crossed</li> <li>• Smallest area of sensitive areas identified by Indigenous communities</li> <li>• Smallest area of significant wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Smallest area of archaeological potential</li> <li>• Smallest area of wetlands</li> <li>• Fewer/smaller area of watercourses</li> <li>• Smallest area of fish habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greatest number of nearby residences</li> <li>• Greatest number of recreational trails and features</li> <li>• Greater number/larger area of waterbodies</li> <li>• Crosses a portion of Steep Rock Mine</li> </ul>



### Preliminary Preferred Route - Atikokan to Dryden

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortest route and highest % parallel to existing linear infrastructure (i.e., existing transmission line)</li> <li>• Further from nearby First Nation Reserve</li> <li>• Smallest area of Provincial Parks</li> <li>• Smallest area of watercourses and waterbodies</li> <li>• Smallest area of fish habitat</li> <li>• Smallest area of off-ROW access required</li> <li>• Fewest nearby scenic viewpoints</li> <li>• Fewest recreational features</li> <li>• Smallest area of sensitive areas identified by Indigenous communities</li> <li>• Fewest sharp corners</li> <li>• Lowest construction and operation cost</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Largest area of Conservation Reserve</li> <li>• Greatest number of watercourses and waterbodies</li> <li>• Largest area of archaeological potential (Stage 2)</li> <li>• Largest area of Significant Wildlife Habitat</li> <li>• Greater trails</li> </ul>

# HIGH-LEVEL EA SCHEDULE



- Preliminary preferred route is confirmed and shared publicly – January 2023
  - Public Open Houses to present the preliminary preferred route – January 2023.
- Draft EA:
  - Sent to MECP – February 2023
  - MECP Completeness Review – February 2023 (10 days)
  - Indigenous, agency and public review – March 2023 (7 weeks)



# DRAFT EA REVIEW

- Request for agencies to identify their reviewers.
- Request for agencies to use consistent comment and response tables.

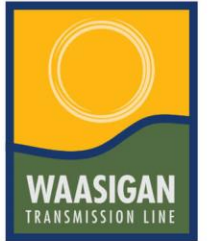


# CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- Hydro One and EPC will implement a thorough change management process.
- Environmental effects and potential concerns of Indigenous communities, stakeholders and the public are considered for changes to the project footprint.
- High-level Process:
  - Changes are identified and will follow an internal process for documentation and assessment.
  - For changes with the potential for effects, a plan is created that outlines the proposed change, potential constraints (e.g., environmental) and outlines any additional mitigation, as required.
  - Plan is reviewed internally. If potential concerns or constraints are identified that have not been addressed, external parties would be engaged, as necessary (e.g., regulators and Indigenous communities);
  - The change would then be reflected in Project mapping system (i.e., shapefiles) and relevant documentation for the Project; and
  - Change is implemented.



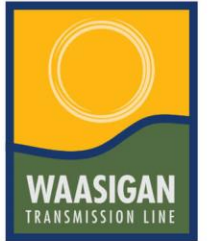
# LIMITS OF WORK



- Key concepts:
  - Final design is not included in EAs and flexibility is needed after EA approval.
  - Indigenous communities have stressed the need for design flexibility:
    - IK studies at different stages among communities.
    - Hydro One has committed to considering IK studies at key decision-making milestones throughout the EA, as they are received.
  - Minor revisions of final Project footprint is not anticipated to change the conclusions of the predicted effects and significance determination, though efforts will be made to reduce potential effects below those presented in the EA.



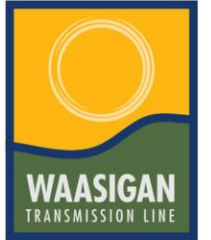
# LIMITS OF WORK



- Limitations:
  - Hydro One will commit to incorporating mitigation measures and monitoring requirements identified in the EA and to avoid sensitive environmental features, to the extent practical.
  - Design components would not be moved within 200 m of, or closer to, a bat hibernacula. Features that require blasting would not be moved within 500 m of, or closer to, a bat hibernacula.
  - Design components would not be moved to cross types of sensitive environmental features not previously assessed in the EA (e.g., designated features).
  - Changes would still require site-specific permit applications (e.g., water crossings).



# LIMITS OF WORK – HIGH LEVEL REQUEST

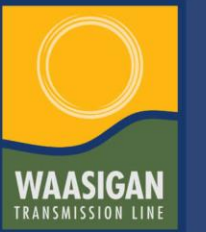


- The ability to move project components up to 50 m within the terrestrial local study area (Project footprint plus 1 km)
- Other existing access roads may be used.
- Access may be shifted within existing disturbances, or within the approved Project transmission line ROW.
- An additional 10% area (hectares) of access footprint (including new access roads and existing access roads with potential improvements) that is outside of the overall EA footprint may be required within the terrestrial local study area (project footprint plus 1 km) for access plan modifications.
- Aggregate sites may be relocated within the terrestrial local study area (project footprint plus 1 km) if more suitable sources of materials are identified.





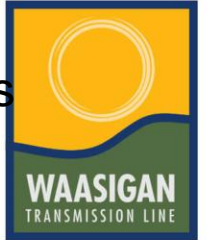
# SUPPLEMENTAL



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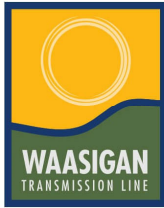
- The ability to move project components within the terrestrial local study area (Project footprint plus 1 km) including:
  - The right-of-way (ROW) and temporary pull sites could move up to 50 m on either side.
  - Access roads could move up to 50 m on either side.
  - Water crossings could move up to 50 m upstream or downstream.
- Other existing access roads may be used but work will be limited to minor repairs, such as grading or upgrading approaches (i.e., minimal clearing, if any). Hydro One would work with the applicable owner (e.g., forest management company or municipality) to perform these repairs.
- To reduce the overall disturbed area, access may be shifted within existing disturbances (i.e., existing transmission line ROW), or within the approved Project transmission line ROW.
- Where helicopter pads are required, they will generally be spaced approximately every 5 km along the transmission line corridor and will be located adjacent to the ROW. The helicopter pads are expected to move along the ROW as further construction planning is completed.



# LIMITS OF WORK

- An additional 10% area (hectares) of access footprint (including new access roads and existing access roads with potential improvements) that is outside of the overall EA footprint may be required within the terrestrial local study area (project footprint plus 1 km) for access plan modifications.
  - Applicable permitting of these areas including watercourse crossing approvals will be completed according to MNR and MECP requirements.
  - Where improvements to existing access is required, Hydro One will work with the applicable owner (e.g., forest management company or municipality) to complete the improvements.
  - Baseline data collection would be completed for these areas if sufficient existing data is not available.
- Aggregate sites may be relocated within the terrestrial local study area (project footprint plus 1 km) if more suitable sources of materials are identified.
  - The locations of these sites will meet the setback areas, as applicable, as identified in Section 5.0 Operational Standards that apply to Aggregate Permits per MNR Category Aggregate Permit document (MNR 2006).
  - Further, the sites will be constructed and operated at least 1.5 m above the groundwater tables.
  - Hydro One will prepare and submit the required aggregate permit packages to the MNR, including the Natural Environment Level 1 report.





# Memorandum

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**Date:** December 15, 2022

**To:** Government Review Team

**From:** Sarah Cohanim, Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Subject:** Waasigan Transmission Line Proposed Limits of Work

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As described during the November 22, 2022 Waasigan Transmission Line Project Update meeting, a preliminary Project footprint will be included in the draft and final Environmental Assessment (EA) report, yet refinements may be required after EA approval, which is typical for large, linear projects. Indigenous communities have also stressed the importance of considering Indigenous Knowledge throughout all stages of Project, including Indigenous Knowledge received after EA approval. In order to accommodate this, Hydro One is requesting approval to include a limits of work in the EA for approval where specific types of changes to the Project design (as described on the following page) can be made after EA approval without triggering an EA amendment or addendum. The request for a limits of work is based on the following concepts:

- Proposed revisions to the Project design would be similar to those already assessed as part of the draft and final EA and will be located in environments similar to those already assessed.
- Revisions to the Project design that are considered to be minor (as defined in the limits of work) are not anticipated to change the conclusions of the predicted effects or significance determination of the EA, though efforts will be made to reduce potential effects below those presented in the EA.
- Conservatism when assessing environmental effects is already built into many aspects of the EA. For example, six construction camps are included in the preliminary Project design, but all six may not be required once detailed design is complete.
- Hydro One has engaged an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) contractor early in the EA process, which has allowed for a more detailed Project design and greater design certainty compared to previous transmission line EAs. This was done to provide greater certainty about the design to agencies and Indigenous communities during the EA and to ensure that environmental effects are not underestimated.
- Hydro One and its Contractor will implement a thorough change management process, which will be described in the EA.

- The final Project design will be included in applicable regulatory permit applications, which will provide relevant agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the final Project design, inclusive of any changes. Indigenous communities and other stakeholders will also be consulted through the permits and approvals process, where applicable.
- Hydro One recognizes the importance of limiting adverse effects on the environment and that design changes that do not require an EA amendment must have limitations to protect sensitive features. Hydro One has proposed limitations and is looking for feedback or other conditions that agencies would like included to assure that their individual mandates can be achieved.
- Hydro One also recognizes concerns from previous EAs regarding not providing sufficient site-specific detail during the EA process. Hydro One is proposing an online webviewer where relevant GIS data can be viewed by agencies during the draft and final EA review periods. Agencies will be able to view information at a greater scale and view overlapping values, which is a limitation of traditional maps and figures. This approach is meant to give greater assurance to agencies regarding the effects assessment and final conclusions of the EA.

### **Proposed Limits of Work**

This language below outlines the proposed limits of work that will be included in the EA to allow for design refinements after EA approval without triggering the need for an EA amendment.

- The ability to move Project components within the terrestrial local study area (Project footprint plus 1 km) including:
  - The right-of-way (ROW) and temporary pull sites could move up to 50 m.
  - Access roads could move up to 50 m.
  - Water crossings could move up to 50 m upstream or downstream.
- Other existing access roads may be used but work will be limited to minor repairs like grading or upgrading approaches (i.e., minimal clearing, if any). Hydro One would work with the applicable owner (e.g., forest management company or municipality) to perform these modifications.
- To reduce the overall area disturbed, access may be shifted within existing disturbances (i.e., existing transmission line ROW), or within the approved Project transmission line ROW.
- An additional 10% area (hectares) of access footprint (including new access roads and existing access roads with potential improvements) that is outside of the overall EA footprint may be required within the terrestrial local study area (Project footprint plus 1 km) for access plan modifications. Applicable permitting of these areas, including watercourse crossing approvals, will be completed according to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) and Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) requirements. Where improvements to existing access are required,

Hydro One will work with the applicable owner (e.g., forest management company or municipality) to complete the improvements. Baseline data collection would be completed for these areas if sufficient existing data is not available.

- Where helicopter pads are required, they will generally be spaced approximately every 5 km along the new transmission line and will be located adjacent to the ROW. The helicopter pads are expected to move along the ROW as further construction planning is completed.
- Project footprint components would not be moved within 200 m of, or closer to, a bat hibernacula. Features that require blasting would not be moved within 500 m of, or closer to, a bat hibernacula.
- Project footprint components would not be moved to cross types of sensitive environmental features not previously assessed in the EA (e.g., designated features).
- Aggregate sites may be relocated within the terrestrial local study area (Project footprint plus 1 km) if more suitable sources of materials are identified. The locations of these sites will meet the setback areas, as applicable, as identified in Section 5.0 Operational Standards that apply to Aggregate Permits per MNRF Category Aggregate Permit document (MNR 2006). Further, the sites will be constructed and operated at least 1.5 m above the groundwater tables. Hydro One or its Contractor will prepare and submit the required aggregate permit packages to the MNRF, including the Natural Environment Level 1 report, for approval.

Hydro One appreciates any feedback agencies can provide on the proposed limits of work before the draft EA is issued in early 2023.

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Hydro One Networks Inc.  
Sarah Cohanim  
Via email

January 31, 2023

**Re: MNRF response to Limits of Work proposal for the Waasigan Transmission Line**

Dear Sarah,

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) with the Waasigan Transmission Line Proposed Limits of Work memo on December 15, 2022. We appreciate the opportunity to review this proposal and the meeting with your team to discuss this on January 25, 2023.

Overall, MNRF is supportive of the concept to allow flexibility with the project design following the completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process provided that the conclusions of the predicted effects or significance determination of the EA are not changed. However, there may be specific project components and activities for which the proposed approach, as we understand it, would not be appropriate, in particular the consideration of changes to access roads and aggregate pits.

To meet the flexibility requested within this proposal, MNRF requests that HONI develop and present within the EA document protocols for each type of activity or project component for which flexibility may be sought that provide:

- details on how Hydro One Network Inc (HONI) will carry out the activity under various scenarios or conditions which may be encountered in the field such as:
  - o timing changes which require constructing access roads and water crossings in a different season (shifting from frozen to non-frozen season; could also affect fish timing windows for crossings)
  - o clearing of an area not originally planned (e.g. helipad, laydowns, minor reroutes, etc.) and any additional field studies (e.g. nest sweep) and protocols
- standard mitigations that would be applied under each of those scenarios;

- specific avoidance or mitigation measures that will be taken to avoid impact to significant features or values; and
- assessment of the predicted impacts of those activities.

This will help to ensure that the conclusions reached in the EA regarding the impacts of the project are substantiated.

MNRF will also be looking for greater clarity of the concepts presented around the geographic limits of work and how they align with various areas HONI has delineated in the EA. We would like to see the proposed limitations referenced in your December 15 memo to protect sensitive features.

We want to emphasize the importance of HONI including clear information about their change management and limits of work approach within the EA, including specific consultation with public and Indigenous communities so they understand the approach.

Highlighted below are detailed comments based on the original proposal dated December 15, 2022.

### **Limits of work proposal**

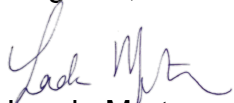
- MNRF requests that HONI clearly defines the geographic limits of the proposed Limits of Work, including the definition of what is meant by project footprint, EA footprint, local and regional study areas. MNRF would appreciate a limits of work mapping product be included in the EA which illustrates all of these areas so that ministry reviewers and other parties can clearly see how these areas align / relate to one another and area where potential impacts are being assessed.
- MNRF stresses the requirement for public, stakeholder and Indigenous consultation should changes in project design occur where permitting is required. HONI is encouraged to acknowledge potential project changes and scope during consultation in order to limit the need to reconsult as of result of foreseen changes. MNRF seeks to understand the consultation approach with the proposed Limits of Work. MNRF will also require clear record/documentation of consultation that does occur in order for MNRF to proceed in a timely way with any permits/authorizations.
- MNRF is supportive of the use of an online data viewer to assist with the review of the draft and final Environmental Assessment. We encourage the utilization of land ownership (private land, Crown land, existing LUP, Aggregate pits, protected areas ect.) layers available within the tool to assist MNRF with our review.
  - MNRF would appreciate the addition of dates for proposed and confirmed projects components in the field notes of the data viewer. This will assist MNRF should change requests occur.
- Hydro One is encouraged to identify early on any areas within the project footprint that will receive a large alteration of land (e.g. blasting a rock outcrop of infrastructure) to ensure that environmental impacts are assessed as part the EA.
- MNRF cannot authorize project activities/components that do not have *Environment Assessment Act* (EAA) approval. If access roads are re-located at the final design stage to

areas outside of the clearly defined geographic limits of work that were presented, studied and approved under the individual EA, then additional EA requirements and consultation would apply. The proposal to include a 10% additional area for access cannot be accommodated as our permitting requires coverage under the EAA.

- MNRF encourages HONI to reach out to Forest Management companies to develop road use agreements where it intends to use established forest access roads.
- MNRF highlights that Aggregate permits are stationary and defined by approved boundaries within a site plan. While the EA may cover the overall project area, an Aggregate permit and approval is for a specific location and can not be relocated.
- On April 1st, 2021, there were a number of changes made to the regulations under the *Aggregate Resources Act* pertaining to applications and Operational Standards. HONI will need to review the new requirements and update their information. The requirements are located online at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/aggregate-resources>. MNRF wants to highlight the substantial lead time required to gather information to meet these requirements. MNRF recommends that Aggregates sites be identified early and permit applications submitted to allow for adequate review time.
- Aggregate permits for above water table pits (unconsolidated material) are to stay 1.5 metres above the water table. Aggregate permits for quarries (consolidated material) are to stay 2 metres above the water table. HONI is encouraged to commit to this requirement if this is to be included as an EA commitment.
- Establishment of helicopter pads must occur within the approved EA project footprint. Any activities not within the area covered under the individual EA, will result in additional EA requirements.

We thank HONI again for allowing MNRF time to review and provide input on this proposal and organizing a meeting with the project team on January 25, 2023. Should HONI have any questions or comments regarding the statements made above please contact Kirstin Hicks at [Kirstin.Hicks@ontario.ca](mailto:Kirstin.Hicks@ontario.ca).

Regards,



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Manager, NW Land Use Planning and Strategic Issues Section  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry



**Memorandum: MECP SARB comments**

**Subject:** Review of Bat Data provided by Golder and Associates.

**Proponent:** Hydro One

**Environmental Consultant:** Golder

**Commenters Name and Job Title:** Kevin Green, Northern Species at Risk Specialist  
and Mike Allan, A/Management Biologist

**Date completed:** March 6, 2023

**Ministry and Branch:** Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Species at Risk Branch

1. MECP's existing guidance directs proponents to monitor the entrance(s) to candidate hibernacula for a minimum of 10 days in August using acoustic monitors (or visual observation); and if one or more SAR bats are confirmed the candidate site can be confirmed as a hibernaculum. The proponent has suggested that this approach has a high likelihood to result in false-positive identification of hibernacula.

As such, the proponent has proposed an alternate approach which includes acoustic monitoring at the following sites to determining the likelihood of a candidate site providing the function of a hibernacula:

- **Reference Site** (known hibernacula used for comparative purposes)
- **Control Site** (within 500 m of candidate site and assumed to be similar in forest characteristics as the candidate site)
- **Candidate Site** (potential hibernacula feature being assessed)

The following are the characteristics the proponent used to make a determination based on the Protocol for Assessing Bat Use of Potential Hibernacula by Pennsylvania Game Commission and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (PGC and USFWS 2012):

- Overall and relative magnitude of bat passes
- Magnitude of bat passes within a 30-minute block (activity peaks)
- Occurrence of bat passes late in the season (mid-to-late September)

- Potential recording of non-swarming related activity due to the presence of a linear travel corridor or foraging feature (i.e., comparison to activity at paired activity control locations)
- Time of night when elevated activity level was initiated (the OMNR 2011 and Buck 2015 guidance suggests visual emergence monitoring should occur within the first 5 hours after sunset, inferring swarming activity should occur within that time period)

Further, the proponent states “*Visual confirmation of swarming activity and visual confirmation of individual bats hibernating within candidate hibernacula features were not made at any site; therefore, no confirmation of hibernacula use is possible based on the field data collected. Swarming activity and hibernacula use is strictly inferred through acoustic monitoring alone. Bat passes recorded at each site are assumed to reflect swarming activity when it can be determined that activity does not likely reflect foraging or commuting.*” Similarly, MECP understands that the proponent has also made assumptions/inferences that the Control Sites reflect foraging and/or travel activity; and not swarming activity. This assumption has the potential to result in inappropriate conclusions regarding the type of activity at the Candidate Site if activity levels are similar (i.e., false-negatives which conclude a candidate site has nil potential to support hibernating bats when in fact the candidate site is being used by SAR bats as a hibernacula).

MECP further notes that the proponent used the Protocol for Assessing Bat Use of Potential Hibernacula by Pennsylvania Game Commission and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (PGC and USFWS 2012) to determine if a habitat feature was low or nil potential to support hibernating bats. MECP notes that the *Protocol for Assessing Bat Use of Potential Hibernacula* by Pennsylvania Game Commission and United States Fish and Wildlife Service was updated in 2019 (PGC and USFWS 2019). Of particular note, the revised protocol provides additional clarity in its recommendation of a combination of two methods for surveying potential hibernacula, including (1) Harp trap with ultrasonic bat detector (preferred), or (2) Visual survey (night vision/infrared/thermal imaging) in conjunction with ultrasonic bat detector.

Additionally, based on information provided in *Waasigan Transmission Line Bat Hibernacula Study Memorandum* (January 31, 2023) the proponent ruled out the Andowan and Gorham sites as hibernacula based on (1) very low activity levels at both the candidate sites and control sites, (2) there were not discernible peaks of activity, and (3) the activity dropped off in September. However, the report *Waasigan\_GRT Workshop\_20221122\_Presentation Slides* identifies two known

hibernacula in Table 2 which the proponent used as reference sites (i.e., Steeprock, Thunderhead). The Steeprock hibernacula had high numbers of bat passes including SAR, whereas the Thunderhead hibernacula had comparatively low numbers of bat passes. The proponent concluded in the report that the lower number of passes detected at the Thunderhead site suggest it may no longer be suitable as a hibernaculum. However, bats demonstrate high site fidelity towards hibernacula and previous records of acoustic data at the site were not provided or were perhaps unavailable, so it is inconclusive if the site has historically had low numbers of bats or if they have declined for other reasons (e.g. White Nose Syndrome). As such, MECP's disagrees with this conclusion based on the historic use of the site, known fidelity towards hibernacula (Randall and Broders, 2014), and recent detection of bats at the site during the swarming period. Combined, this suggests the Thunderhead reference site is still supportive of bats and MECP therefore considers the Thunderhead site to be a hibernaculum.

Based on the methods used by the proponent, it is MECP SARB's position that acoustic sampling and visual emergence monitoring is required as part of the methodology the proponent followed in order to effectively monitor a candidate site as a bat hibernaculum. Recognizing the proponent's method does not include visual emergence monitoring as per PGC and USFWS 2012, 2019 and the acoustic data is not clear enough to exclude candidate sites as hibernacula, particularly when compared to activity levels recorded at the Thunderhead reference site, MECP SARB recommends that all ten sites, including Andowan and Gorham, be considered as bat hibernacula.

2. Golder identified 28 features during the desktop and aerial reconnaissance flight which appeared as if they might provide the function of a hibernaculum. Golder conducted visual inspections of each of these features and determined 18 did not have any potential to provide the function of a hibernaculum (i.e., only 10 features were identified as having low or moderate hibernacula potential). As per *Waasigan Transmission Line Field Work Plan - Terrestrial - Rev 1* (June 2022), MECP understands that the proponent used the *Protocol for Assessing Bat Use of Potential Hibernacula* by Pennsylvania Game Commission and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (PGC and USFWS 2012) to determine if a habitat feature was low or nil potential to support hibernating bats, based on the following criteria:
  - There is one horizontal opening, less than 15 cm in diameter, and no or very little airflow is detected;

- The opening is a vertical shaft less than 30 cm in diameter;
- Baseline Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat Characterization Studies
- The passage terminates at a distance for which the observer can clearly ascertain by visual inspection from the opening that there are no fissures that bats can access;
- The opening/feature is prone to flooding, collapsed shut and completely sealed, or otherwise inaccessible to bats; or
- It is a “new” opening, which has formed recently (less than 1 year old) due to subsidence.

MECP recommends these details be described in the *Waasigan Transmission Line Bat Hibernacula Study Memorandum* (January 31, 2023) to provide appropriate context regarding the 18 potential features which the proponent determines were nil potential to support hibernating bats.

Further, Randall and Broders (2014) determined that, “*For each increase in 50 m of chamber length depth, the probability of being used as a swarming site increases by 3.8 times to a maximum probability of 99% for sites with depths greater than 250 m.*” This suggests that the depth of a shaft provides a greater likelihood of a site being a hibernaculum than the diameter opening. Based on this information, MECP recommends the proponent determine chamber length depth using available information (i.e., AMIS information) for each of the 15 sites and where chamber length seems reasonable to provide bat hibernacula, complete acoustic surveys recording all bat species during the swarming period, or alternatively assume their use as hibernacula.

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Hello Stephen,

We have reviewed the memorandum dated March 6, 2023 that provided the MECP SARB comments on the hibernacula study conducted for the Waasigan Transmission line project. We wanted to provide this ahead of the meeting with MECP SARB and would appreciate it if you could pass this along to them.

**In summary:**

The MECP does not accept the conclusions of our hibernacula study that Gorham (feature ID #85784) and Andowan (feature ID # 79976) are not bat hibernacula. The MECP suggests visual surveys (as described in the 2019 USFWS/PGC protocol) to determine if these features are hibernacula.

The MECP requests details on the candidate hibernacula features that were ruled out at a desktop level or visual inspection level. The MECP emphasizes that passage length (depth of shaft) provides a greater likelihood of occupancy than diameter of opening, and recommends that we determine chamber length/depth using available information (i.e., AMIS information) for each site, and recommends that acoustic surveys be completed at any sites where chamber length seems reasonable to provide bat hibernation habitat.

**Response:**

In our evaluation of AMIS features' potential to provide hibernation habitat, information in the AMIS database on passage length/depth was used as a key criteria in the evaluation. We will review the AMIS descriptions and field data to confirm that no features were ruled out based on diameter opening and airflow. The AMIS database feature descriptions, and the Golder field evaluation descriptions will be provided in the baseline report (in production) for all features considered.

**Gorham**

There is no project footprint planned within 500 m of Gorham (85784). No information on passage length was available in the AMIS database feature description. The baseline report will indicate that the MECP considers this feature to be a potential hibernaculum.

**Andowan**

Project footprint is planned within 200 m of Andowan (79976). The table below provides the AMIS feature description for this feature, and the Golder Feature Field Evaluation Description for Andowan.

AMIS Feature	Feature Description AMIS Database	Feature Field Evaluation Description (Golder)
Andowan (79976)	2020 Assessment; open shaft incline 2 x 2 x 5 m cut into bedrock.	Opening with 2 m x 2 m opening, 5 m deep cut into bedrock. Large boulders and rocks in front of opening. Unknown if adit or shaft. No discernible airflow, opening very exposed.

Based on the AMIS feature description, the shaft is 5 m deep. The USFWS/PGC protocol considers 15 m to be the minimum passage length suitable for hibernation. The MECP has emphasized the importance of passage length in the response to the hibernacula study. Given that the feature's passage length is only one third of the accepted minimum passage length, Andowan (79976) should not be considered suitable SAR bat hibernation habitat, and should not have been included in the hibernacula study. As such, no visual survey is warranted.

Cheers,

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**EXTERNAL EMAIL**

Hi Sarah,

Please find attached for Hydro One's consideration, MECP SARB's comments regarding review of Hydro One's methodology used to determine bat hibernacula for the proposed Wassigan Transmission Line. We are happy to discuss our review with you should you have any questions.

Best,

Stephen

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Thank you Sarah. I will share the data with our SARB team and let you know if there are any questions.

Best,  
Stephen

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Hi Stephen,

Thank you for the review of the meeting minutes. Please find attached the final versions for your records. We would also like to provide a memo in response to the SARB team's request for detailed

data on the bat study. Please let me know if you have any questions or if the SARB would like a meeting to discuss.

Kind regards,

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Hi Sarah,

Thank you for providing the minutes. I have no edits, just one comment from our SARB team looking for an update on the request for detailed data on hibernacula sites, see attached.

Thanks,  
Stephen

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Good morning Stephen,

Happy new year! Please find attached two draft meeting minutes for your review:

- Bat Hibernacula Meeting with MECP SARB – November 23, 2022
- Monthly Project Meeting – December 6, 2022

Apologies for the delay in sending these over. Please let us know if you have any edits.

Also, I will be cancelling our meeting scheduled for next week. We don't have many updates since our last meeting as we are gearing up for the community open houses in a couple weeks. If you have any specific questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

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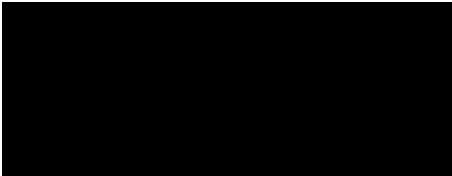
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Thank you for sharing copies of your January 27, 2023, and February 18, 2023, correspondence to Hydro One regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment (project) with Minister Piccini. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

In your correspondence, you raise concerns regarding the portion of the preferred route (as recently presented to the public by Hydro One), that would travel along Portage Bay Road, across the southern part of Amp Lake and Kabaigon Bay. Your concerns are related to the studies and evaluation supporting this proposed route, consistency with prior communication/documentation on the project, and the potential for impacts on residents, access to cottages and recreation, wildlife and species at risk, cultural heritage resources, and the natural environment that this portion of the preferred route may have.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the project was approved by the Minister on February 18, 2022. The ToR is the workplan for the environmental assessment (EA) and the EA must be prepared in accordance with the ToR. The ToR establishes how the potential environmental effects of the project and alternative transmission routes will be adequately identified and evaluated in the EA. The ToR also includes a consultation plan with a commitment to work with Indigenous communities, stakeholders, the public, and landowners.

In its EA, Hydro One will need to demonstrate that all aspects of the environment have been considered, including the socio-economic, cultural, and natural environment, when comparing alternatives to determine a preferred route. Hydro One will need to evaluate the alternative routes in accordance with the routing principles and draft criteria and indicators commitments described in their approved ToR. The information provided by Indigenous communities, stakeholders, and the public will also need to be considered by Hydro One when evaluating and selecting a preferred route in the EA.

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Hydro One has indicated that they anticipate circulating a draft EA for public review and comment in Spring 2023. Hydro One will be responsible for addressing concerns raised before the final EA is submitted to the ministry for a decision by the Minister. Two formal review periods of the final EA will then be provided for the public to raise any outstanding concerns for consideration by the Minister.

I encourage you to reach out directly to Hydro One to raise your concerns as they prepare their EA. Hydro One's contact for the project is Sarah Cohanim, who can be reached at 416-209-7791 or by email at [Sarah.Cohanim@HydroOne.com](mailto:Sarah.Cohanim@HydroOne.com).

If you have any general questions about the EA process, you may reach out to Stephen Deneault, Project Evaluator, Environmental Assessment Branch, at 437-247-3443 or by email at [Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca](mailto:Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca).

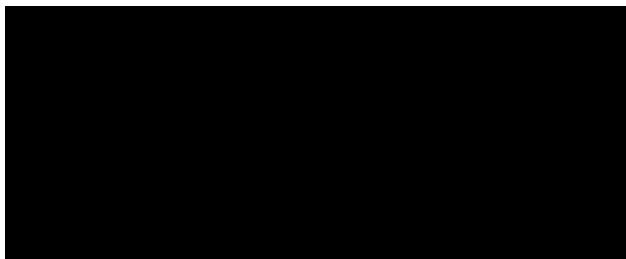
Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen O'Neill*

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January 27, 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam/Ms,

**Waasigan Transmission Line Project**

I write this letter in good faith. However, I am perplexed and disappointed with the way your planning process has evolved recently and with the direction it is taking.

The proposed new corridor and route for Hydro One's 230,000v Waasigan transmission line between the Lakehead Transformer Station in the Municipality of Shuniah, and the Mackenzie Transformer Station in Atikokan, recently underwent a surprising and seemingly last minute revision. The proposed Hydro One preferred route represents a dramatic change in scope for the project. As proposed, the line would run significantly away from the existing corridor, down Portage Bay Rd., across the southern part of Amp Lake and across Shebandowan Lake's Kabaigon Bay, and deviates materially from the original corridors for the existing east/west transmission lines. This was the publicly consulted policy objective for the project in the first place – that it follow an existing corridor. (See attached.) It's not even close.

**A Commitment from Hydro One:**

***“A preferred route that minimizes impacts to the environment will be selected through the environmental assessment (EA).”***

(Hydro One Presentation slide)

## **Hydro One's Preferred Route:**

Hydro One's originally proposed Waasigan Transmission Line, as presented to the public, essentially ran in a single corridor along Highway 11 from Thunder Bay to where it splits near Quetico Park and on to Atikokan. This was intended to minimize negative impacts on wildlife, their habitat, vegetation and people, as well as reducing costs.

Nowhere else along its entire route does Hydro One's preferred route:

1. Deviate materially from an existing corridor;
2. Veer away from its virtual east/west axis;
3. Illogically follow a camp road, threatening safety, peace, maintenance and increased erosion;
4. Transition over two highly sensitive, large bodies of water;
5. Risk fragile ecosystems;
6. Demand the development of an entirely new power corridor well away from the previously planned route; and,
7. Require the use of a gravel camp road, maintained by a Roads Board and the taxes of the campers, to build and maintain the Hydro One-specific infrastructure. This includes wear and tear on the road, the building of additional roads and a helipad, and ongoing, long term operational considerations.

All of a sudden we have been presented with a last minute transmission line route that deviates dramatically from the original public proposed alternatives (see original planned route attached or in the Project Terms of Reference online).

This preferred option is a short-sighted, cost-driven, engineering-focussed solution rather than a holistic solution which addresses serious natural environment concerns, in particular. The Hydro One preferred alternative (no other alternatives were presented at the open house) involves the development of an entirely new corridor requiring many kilometres of deforestation and resulting soil erosion near two significant and sensitive bodies of water; the disturbance of the habitat, lives and mating patterns of aquatic and land animals; expected significant and incremental spraying in areas never before touched, and destructive and disruptive effects in

sensitive areas on vegetation, habitat, water clarity and a public camp road, to name a few of its deleterious effects. There are many alternatives available following different technological approaches and/or physical layouts should Hydro One take the trouble to examine them in light of the sensitivity and sensibilities of their last minute proposal.

### **Refined Route Selection Study Area:**

To quote Hydro One's own materials:

***“The Refined Route Selection Study Area has been developed with the information gathered to date, through workshop processes held with government agencies, non-government organizations and Indigenous communities.***

- ***This study area represents the lands that are considered to be more suitable for a new transmission line.***
- ***Alternative routes will be identified within the Refined Route Selection Study Area giving consideration to environmental, technical (e.g., length), socio-economic and Indigenous inputs.***
- ***Public input will be factored into the development of the alternatives routes.***
- ***Alternative routes will be identified in the Draft Terms of Reference for review and comment.”***

The “refined route selection” that was apparently so extensively vetted by Hydro One (attached) ended up being materially changed in their selection of an actual preferred route. The alternatives generated in the consultation processes and included in the terms of reference, all called for the use of existing corridors. Portage Bay Road never factored into the equation until now and the “suitability” of the lands were completely ignored. They can't say if it's suitable without doing an EA on the proposed revised route. Alternatives such as running the line north of Amp Lake and Hwy. 11 entirely, as is exactly what is presented in an earlier Hydro One diagram, were not presented. This begs the question: is Hydro just paying lip service to this entire process?

### **Environmental Assessment:**

According to the Hydro One presentation slides, which were essentially the only information provided online for recent project developments:

***“Hydro One is currently completing a comprehensive environmental assessment (EA) for the project under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.”***

The EA is not complete. It is nowhere near complete. And it is not comprehensive. It cannot be if they only recently came up with their preferred route. The revised corridor and line location represent material changes. This is crucial. There is still much to be done before the EA can be considered complete. Winter is not the best time. It will take considerable time and significant effort and cost before the EA is adequately undertaken, properly discharged, thoroughly reviewed, duly considered, extensively vetted and evaluated and its recommendations for mitigation justified and implemented, IF it is even approved in the end. Hydro One seems to consider this as a foregone conclusion. Their terminology involves submitting the EA for **approval**... rather than submitting it for **consideration**. This is rather presumptuous, and telling.

No baseline environmental data collection has been undertaken in order to enable the selection of this particular preferred route, as Hydro One puts it. No field data work for this particular area or even desk work of existing supporting information on the environmental impact of their plans has been revealed. This area is different than the rest of the existing corridor. It is critical to note here that Hydro One says they are completing the EA, but they have not spoken to the following stakeholders. Because the revised Portage Bay Road. corridor was new at the time of Hydro One's most recent open house, they have excluded most of the immediate stakeholders from the discussion:

- Indigenous interests
- Executive of the Portage Bay Local Roads Board.
- The Road Boards, Property tax and Local Services Board tax-paying cottagers/members who use Portage Bay Rd. for accessing their camps, recreation trails and Amp Lake.
- The public who utilize Portage Bay Rd. to access Amp Lake for fishing and the surrounding recreational area, and visitors to friends' and families' camps.
- Very specifically, there is an individual who is the owner of a sole lot on the south side of Amp Lake. That property is appropriately named Turtle Hill after the snapping turtles that return each summer to nest in the southward facing gravel hill which is at the front of their camp on Shebandowan; several others whose Shebandowan Lake lots extend to include Amp Lake; as well as a recently arrived licensed Trapper in the immediate area, none of whom have been directly consulted.

## Natural Environment:

Species at Risk Act, 2002

(from Hydro One Waasigan Terms of Reference)

***“The federal SARA, protects SAR and their habitat on federal lands, First Nation reserve lands (where a land management act does not exist) and protects aquatic species within waterbodies.***

***The purpose of the SARA is to prevent wildlife species from disappearing, provide for the recovery of wildlife species that are extirpated, endangered or threatened as a result of human activity, and to manage species of special concern to prevent these species from becoming endangered or threatened (Government of Canada, 2016). Section 32 of the SARA prohibits the killing, harming, harassing, possession, collection, etc. of SAR listed under Schedule 1 of the SARA. In addition, Section 33 of the SARA prohibits the damage or destruction of the residence (e.g., a species habitat) of a SAR listed under Schedule 1 of the SARA. Administered by ECCC for terrestrial species, and FO for aquatic species, a permit under the SARA may be required for potential effects to species and habitat (listed under Schedule 1) on federal lands, First Nation reserve lands, and/or within waterbodies.”***

On old maps, Amp Lake was originally called Swamp Lake. In most situations, swamplands are protected from industrial development in Ontario to protect their valuable role in the proximate and broader ecosystems...

### **Identified Aquatic, Flora and Fauna in and around Amp and Shebandowan Lakes:**

The following, among others of course, have been frequently sighted in the area in recent years:

- Snapping Turtles – special concern
- Bald Eagles – special concern
- American White Pelicans – threatened
- Barn Owls – endangered
- Red-Headed Woodpecker – endangered
- Lake Whitefish – threatened (Shebandowan only)
- Lake Trout – special concern (Shebandowan only)
- Lake Sturgeon – endangered (Shebandowan only)
- Wolves – threatened
- Cougar – endangered



- Broad Beech Fern – special concern
- Climbing Prairie Rose – special concern
- Drooping Trillium – endangered
- Four-leaved Milkweed - endangered
- Varieties of Goldenrod – threatened
- Willowleaf Aster – threatened
- Wood Poppy - endangered

In addition, the following species among others are present and will be adversely affected by an entirely new corridor carved out of the forest and crossing two lakes (in an entirely new location) with sensitive populations:

- Fox
- Painted turtles
- Lynx
- Moose
- Deer
- Otter
- Beaver
- Martin
- Mink
- Black bears
- Waterlilies
- Walleye
- Northern Pike
- Frogs
- Dragonflies
- Swans
- Blue Heron
- Kingfishers
- Shoreline aquatic, Flora and Fauna life
- Red pine
- White pine
- Cedar
- Spruce
- Balsam
- Mountain Ash
- Pin cherries
- Alders
- Birch
- Poplar

## **Snapping Turtles:**

The Snapping Turtle is Canada's largest freshwater turtle. It is also at risk and is listed as a species of "special concern" under the Ontario Endangered Species Act.

(Ontario.ca/species at risk), (David Suzuki Foundation website "One Nature", 2023)

"Snapping Turtles spend most of their lives in water. They prefer shallow waters (the southern shoreline of Amp Lake) so they can hide under the soft mud and leaf litter, with only their noses exposed to the surface to breathe. During the nesting season, from early to mid summer, females travel overland in search of a nesting site, usually gravelly or Sandy areas along (lakes and) streams..."

"The Snapping Turtles' range is contracting." (See attached)

Increased traffic on Portage Bay Road from construction and ongoing, long term Hydro One operations; an extensively disturbed shoreline; the destruction of habitat; regular and special spraying operations to kill off encroaching trees and other vegetation all along a new corridor; the effects of clear cutting on erosion of the soil and runoff from the new corridor and the resulting increased turbidity of the water; as well as the effects on aquatic, Flora, and Fauna species, all threaten this at risk and rare prehistoric creature. This runs counter to both Provincial and Federal regulations and Legislation.

Snapping Turtles are seen in great numbers on Portage Bay Road, coming from Amp Lake to nest in the sun, and sometimes from Shebandowan itself, during the mid-summer months. Some of these turtles are as large as 50 cm in diameter and as old as 100 years. Nothing has been done or even planned to assess the Amp Lake Snapping Turtle population, let alone mitigation to protect them.

On this Hydro One map of their preliminary preferred route and their Environmental Assessment to-date, no EA has been done of the Snapping Turtle population in Amp Lake, which is sizeable, ostensibly because they didn't intend to change the route so dramatically. It begs asking, why can't they go north rather than south in creating their detour? They wouldn't have to span lakes, just rivers, and there would be fewer impacts on wildlife, specifically known Snappers, and humans.

## **Portage Bay Road:**

Portage Bay Road has a sign posted identifying it as a winding road for its first 2.6 km. This winding road runs along and past the location where the proposed corridor veers west and over Amp Lake and then Shebandowan. The road is also very hilly. The road is posted with a sign at its beginning at a speed limit of 40 km/hr. However, this is just the recommended limit. The official speed limit, confirmed by MTO, is actually 80 km/hr which is a speed this one lane country road was never intended to support. The proposed corridor will do no less than dramatically increase the pressures on the gravel road both during the project and later during operations. Large, heavy trucks and other Hydro One and contractor vehicles will populate the road. A helipad and new roadworks are expected to be developed near the end of the existing road, among other changes. All of this presents serious issues of safety. The safety of the public that uses the road to access fishing, hunting and the area's recreation is at risk. The safety of the campers, their friends and families is under assault. And the Hydro One workers and drivers will be tempting fate in using a small country road for heavy corporate development works. The road is quiet. The road is fragile. Many individuals walk and run it everyday. It is not intended to support any more traffic than it already is. Regular and extensive maintenance is required as it is right now. More traffic is not acceptable. Significant problems will arise, not the least of which is erosion and it's impact on wildlife such as the Snapping Turtle.

## **Shebandowan Lake Management Plan:**

### **SCHEDULE 5 TERRITORIAL DISTRICT OF THUNDER BAY**

***“In the geographic Townships of Hagey and Haines and in unsurveyed territory, in the Territorial District of Thunder Bay, containing 6,929 hectares, more or less, being composed of that part of the said geographic townships and unsurveyed territory designated as Part 1 on a plan known as The Shebandowan Planning Area, as approved under The Shebandowan Lake Management Plan dated July, 2004, and filed on May 5, 2005 with the Office of the Surveyor General of Ontario in the Ministry of Natural Resources.”***

(O. Reg. 150/12, Sched. 5.)

A major industrial development such as the one proposed by Hydro One should be compliant with, and governed by, existing planning policy. Upper and middle Shebandowan, as parts of the Shebandowan Planning Area, were for years under a provincial Restricted Area Order (RAO) and a

Shebandowan Lake Management Plan, ostensibly to protect an endangered Lake Trout population, to protect walleye spawning grounds, and to reduce organic matter from entering the lake and clouding its quality. Nowhere in these policies has provision been made for a new hydro power corridor and its effects. The proposed development should be wholly consistent with these plans. Use of the existing corridor rather than the proposal to clear, scarify and spray an entirely new one would limit added pressure on this fragile ecosystem.

### **Indigenous and Métis Community Values:**

Among other identified considerations, the destruction of additional land and its effects on water quality, surrounding vegetation and habitat for at risk Snapping Turtles is an affront to the value placed on this wildlife amphibian by the Indigenous community. The Snapping Turtle is the Indigenous symbol for North America, and is deeply engrained in Indigenous culture.

### **Socio-Economic Environment:**

The remote peace and beauty of Portage Bay Road, which campers themselves put in originally in the 1950s and have been paying taxes for ever since the 1960s, as well as the tranquility of the camps along the way, will be permanently destroyed. Fishing and hunting in and around the two lakes will forever be adversely affected. And a trapper, recently licensed in exactly this area, will have their trapping grounds vastly diminished. Walking, running and cycling along the beautiful, pristine road will likewise become a thing of the past.

### **Technical and Cost:**

Hydro One and the engineering consultants have concluded that their preferred route is the most engineering-practical and cost effective route for the Waasigan transmission line, yet their solution requires:

- A much longer “green-field” corridor than previously planned;
- An expanded Environmental Assessment;
- Expanded environmental mitigation;
- Longer than planned transmission line spans across Amp Lake and Shebandowan’s Kabaigon Bay;
- Legal costs arising; and,
- Hydro One will have to assume all budgets, including maintenance, repair, improvements and paving for the Portage Bay Local Roads Board and indemnify the safety of all users.

It is difficult to imagine that this, under any accounting rules, would be less costly or less technically feasible than the original planned corridor. If it is, then in the interests of full transparency, an analysis of alternatives to this particular deviation and their costs should be made public.

There is no technical reason why the new transmission line cannot cross Amp Lake and Shebandowan Lake along the same corridor as existing lines, as was the original intent. Hydro One has at its disposal some of the best technology in the world. If a small island in Amp Lake is used for one of the towers, and there is no room on that islet for another, then cross-over and increase the span of the new line – certainly some things that Hydro One is able to do given all of their technical expertise. If they can't, they have bigger problems than we thought. It's really not that long of a span at that point. It would likely be considerably cheaper than changing course and embarking on an expanded and extensive EA for the two lakes, the road and the surrounding areas. Alternatively, go north with a detour.... across remote rivers rather than populated bodies of water and a quiet country road.

### **Conclusion:**

Parties involved in the Waasigan transmission line project are required to ***“identify measures to avoid, minimize and offset adverse effects...”***. Yet the revised preferred route does exactly the opposite of this.

The Hydro One preferred route, if implemented, means dramatic, long term disruption to an entire ecosystem - far more damaging than finding solutions to keep the line running through the existing corridor. The simple solution is to:

Route the transmission line in the existing corridor, which was the original policy and plan, or move the corridor north of Highway 11 to a less environmentally sensitive route, where it will not affect: two large lakes and their delicate aquatic, Flora and Fauna ecosystems; a small, dirt camp road; a significant number of campers, their families and their friends, and the general public who use the area for recreation.

## **Questions for Hydro One and its Consultants. Answers requested:**

1. Have you done or completed any work whatsoever to assess the existing and evolving environment of your Portage Bay Road/Amp Lake/Shebandowan-Kabaigon Bay route?
2. Why did you deem it advantageous to route the line along a narrow, curvy, hilly gravel road only to have to create a whole new corridor and cut across a wider section of very sensitive Amp Lake and Shebandowan Lake? It could have run in the same corridor as the other two existing lines, with a little ingenuity and technological savvy, away from undeveloped, larger sections of these two lakes, and away from all campers, users, and wildlife and vegetation of Amp Lake and Kabaigon Bay on Shebandowan.
3. How many kilometres of new corridor need to be destroyed for the Portage Bay Road diversion versus how many were there in the original plan (spanning Amp Lake and Kabaigon Bay) to cover the same distance?
4. In the interests of full transparency, what precisely were the steps, trade-offs and decision points in arriving at your conclusion of your preferred route?
5. The proposed evaluation criteria handout and their corresponding weightings are not available on-line:
  - Who selected the criteria?
  - On what basis were the criteria selected?
  - What was excluded?
  - Who decided on the relative weightings of the criteria?
  - How were they determined? Are they evidence-based?
  - What are the relative weightings?
  - Why did the public not have input to their determination?
6. Given that your final best case scenario involves Portage Bay Road, Shebandowan Lake and Amp Lake users, why was this meeting promoted as an overview of the single corridor route to the general public rather than stressing the new deviations and specifically reaching out to the stakeholders involved directly, as well? These campers have had no specific opportunity for input, and a brief, general public presentation after you've selected your preferred route just doesn't cut it. To come to Portage Bay campers and the Roads Board now is unacceptably late for a plan that has already been made public. You have very definitely put the cart before the horse. This is tantamount to a bait-and-switch technique,

considered highly deceptive in most circles, and is an affront to the basic tenets and elements of a comprehensive Environmental Assessment and basic decency and courtesy.

7. Have Indigenous and Métis communities been consulted over the planned destruction of Snapping Turtle habitat?

8. How are we to speak directly to members of the Project Team when you didn't provide their names and positions with coordinates such as telephone numbers or emails at the presentation in a manner where we could write them down?

9. The study area included the alternative of going north with the new transmission line. What ever happened to that alternative? Was it even considered? Studied?

10. How can Hydro One not do a thorough EA of the new route when the Minister of the Environment has signed off on their commitment to do so? None of the southern portion of Amp Lake, in the area of the proposed preferred route, has been assessed. Neighbouring parties have not been consulted and the Snapping Turtles are hibernating under the ice...

"I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with the amended Terms of Reference, will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest for the following reasons:

1. The amended Terms of Reference ensures that the environmental assessment will be completed using a comprehensive public, Indigenous and government agency consultation process that is open and transparent;
2. The amended Terms of References provides adequate rationale for focusing the environmental assessment;
3. The amended Terms of Reference provides an appropriate level of detail to confirm that the completed environmental assessment should contain a sufficient level of detail to accurately assess the environmental effects of alternative transmission line routes and the preferred route;
4. The amended Terms of Reference sets out a planning process that will ensure the completed environmental assessment will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest; and
5. There are no outstanding issues that have not been addressed in the amended Terms of Reference or that cannot be addressed during the preparation of the environmental assessment.

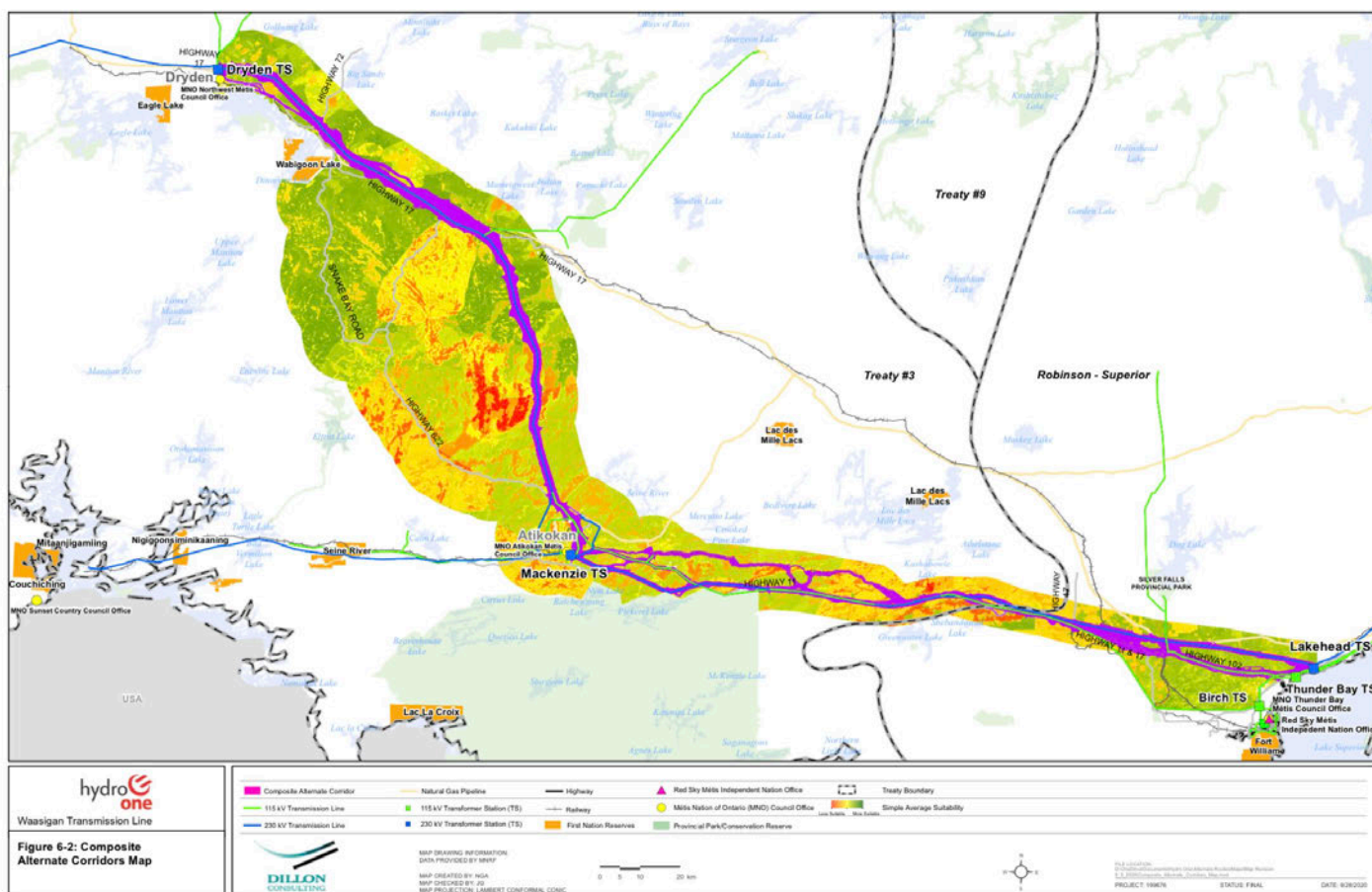
Dated the 18th day of February, 2022 at Toronto.

Original signed by:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay Street, 5th floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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## Attachments:

“... overwhelming consensus to co-locate with existing similar infrastructure in the area...” (Hydro One below)



### 6.2.2 Identification of Alternative Routes

Once the composite corridor was identified (Figure 6-2), the next step was to identify alternative routes within it. The following provides a summary of the alternative route identification process. For further details on the process followed, please refer to Appendix B. To characterize the preliminary alternative routes, it was assumed that, for modelling purposes, an average 45 m ROW would be required for a greenfield route and an average 40 m ROW when paralleling an existing transmission line would be required.

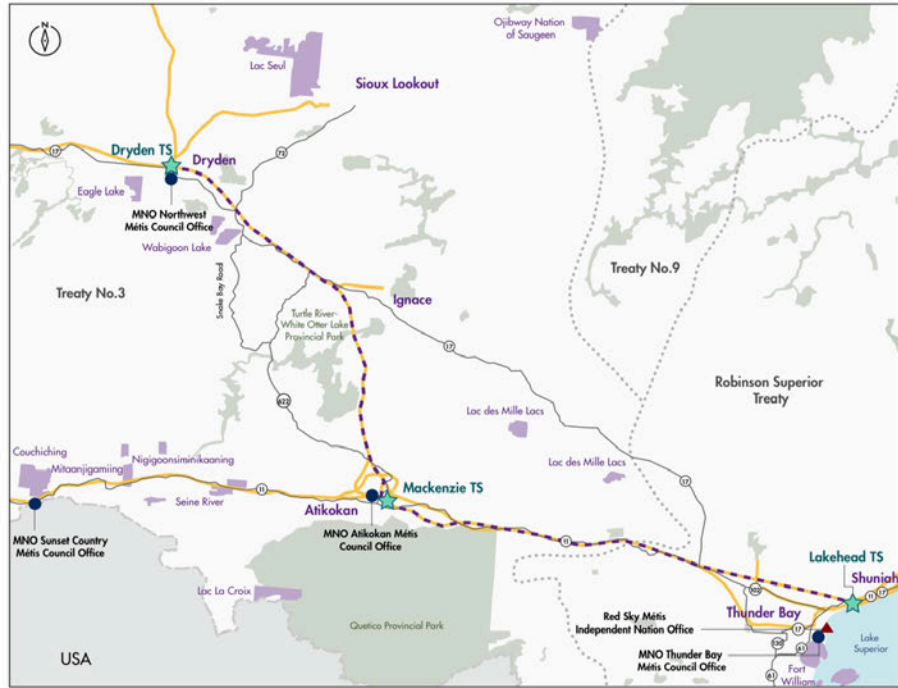
Decisions related to identifying alternative routes were based on a variety of factors, including consultation, input and data received during the Corridor Workshops (e.g., overwhelming consensus to co-locate with existing similar infrastructure in the area in all perspectives), the general character of the area (e.g., land use and location of sensitive features), the type and location of existing, previously disturbed ROWs that could potentially be paralleled (e.g., many are located very close to each other thus not providing any material difference), and a preference for co-location with existing infrastructure when possible, as outlined in the PPS (2020).



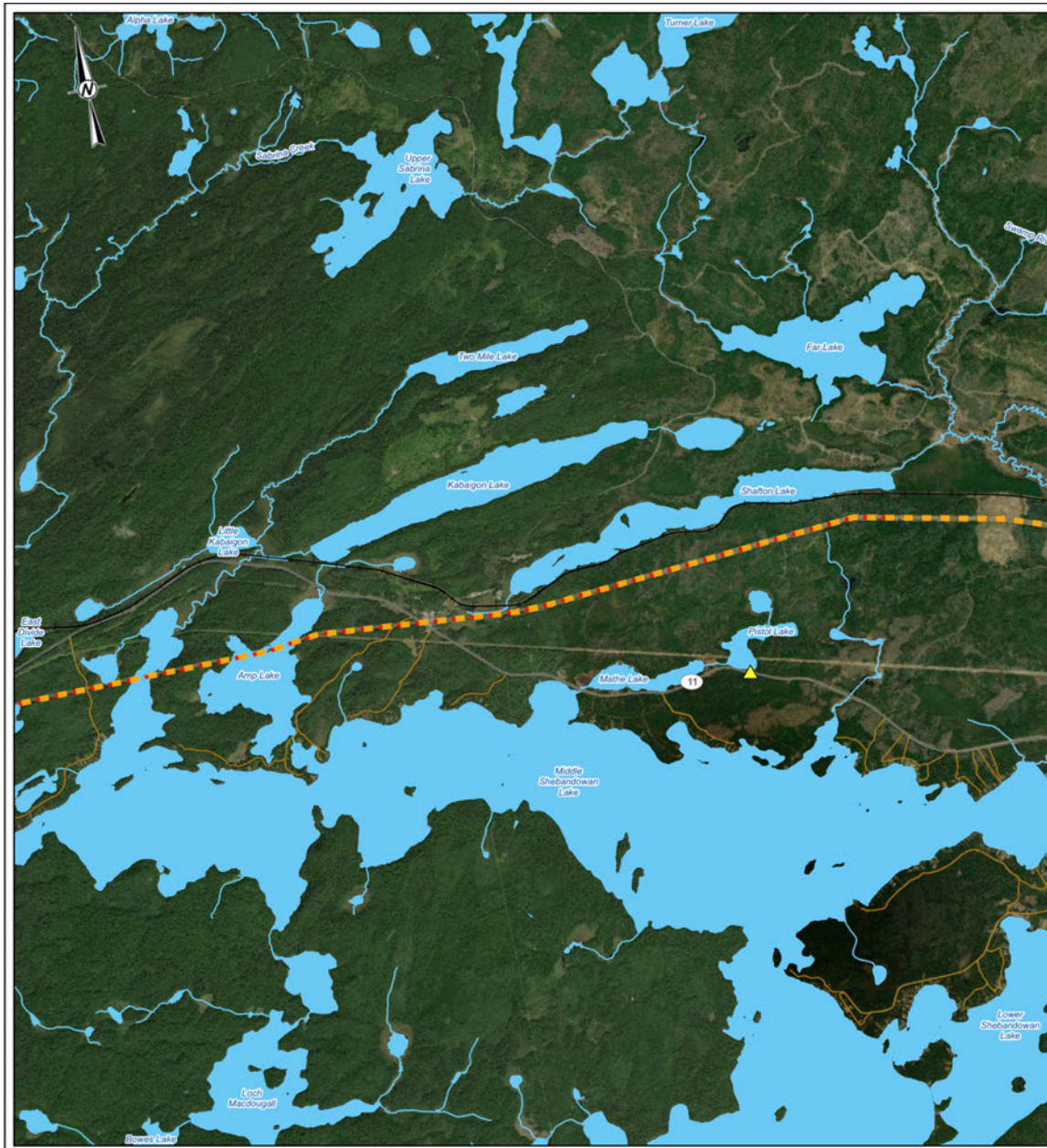
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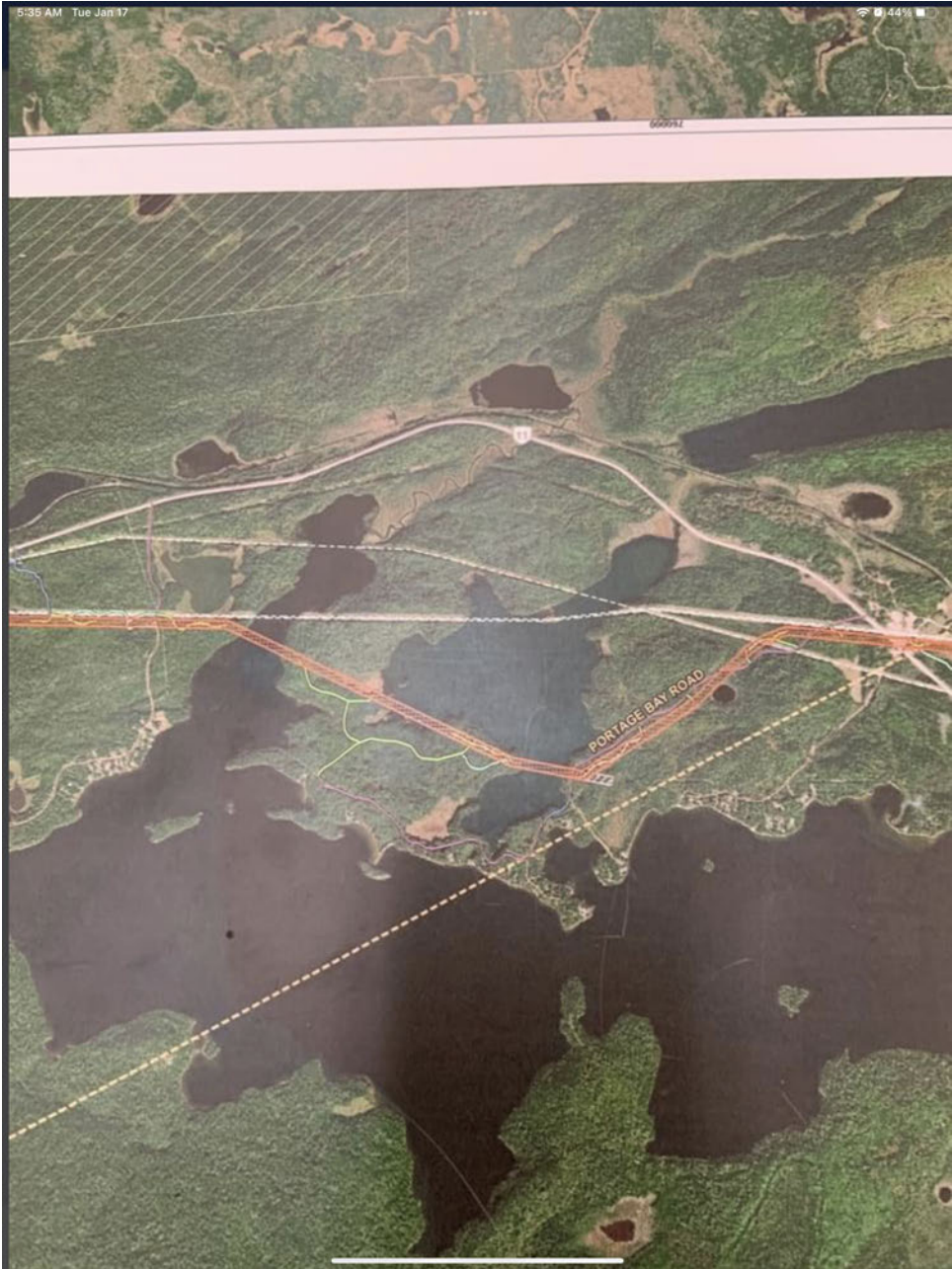
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-  Preliminary Preferred Route
-  Existing Transmission Line
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-  Treaty Boundary
-  First Nation Reserve
-  Provincial Park



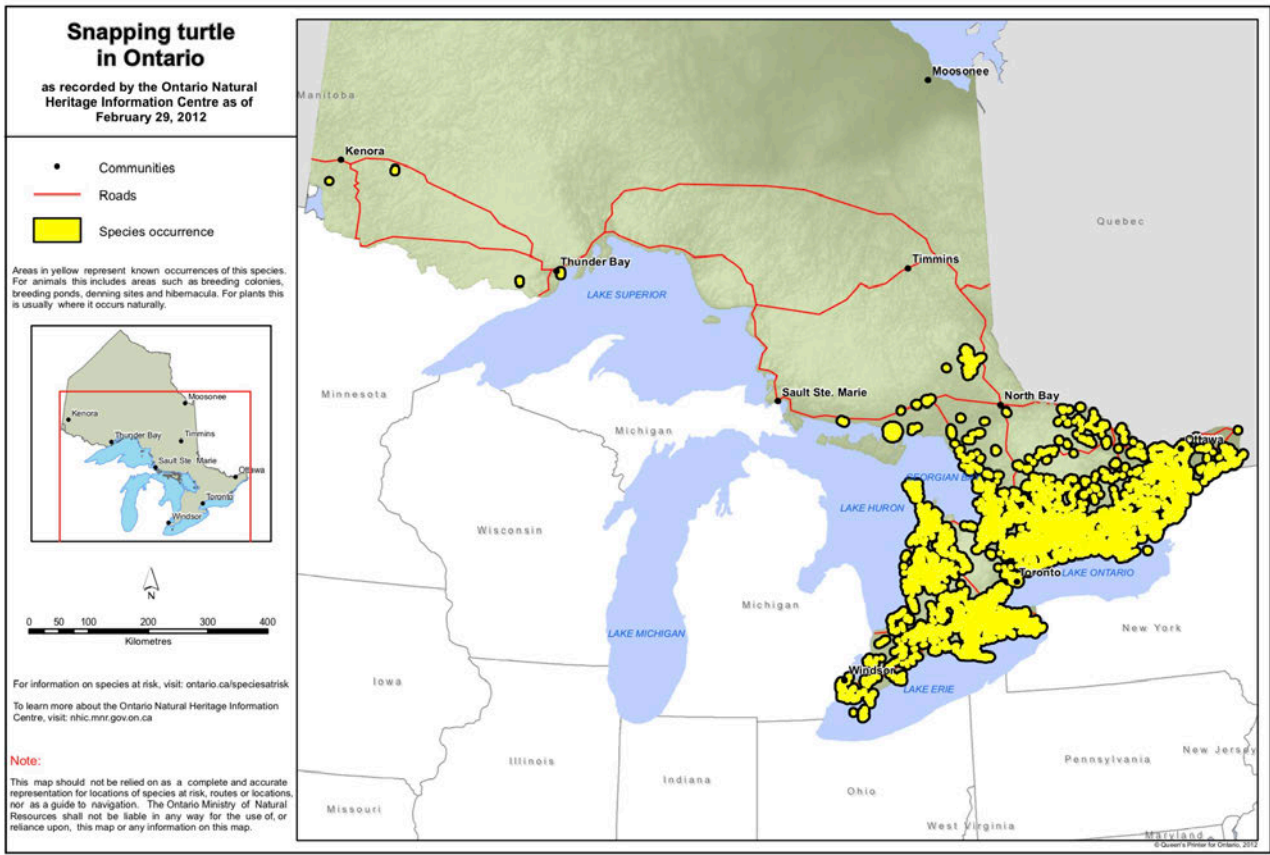
Originally - straight as can be... and along the existing corridor at the northern end of Amp Lake.



Hydro One Preferred route down Portage Bay Road and away from the existing corridor:

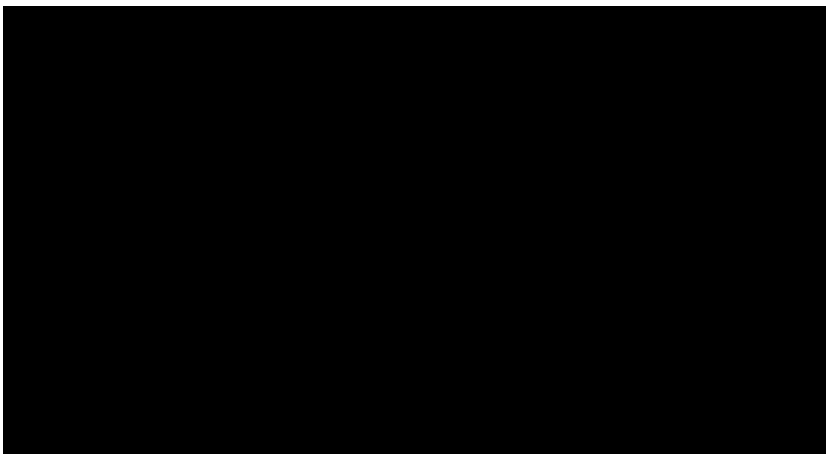


Snapping turtles, although abundant in Amp Lake, are scarce and need protection...



As highlighted in this letter, on behalf of the Snapping Turtles and all other wildlife in the area, and in support of the many campers, their families and their friends who use Portage Bay Road for recreational purposes, I hereby ask Hydro One to not route the new Waasigan transmission line down Portage Bay Road.

Sincerely,





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July 4, 2023

VIA EMAIL: [Community.Relations@HydroOne.com](mailto:Community.Relations@HydroOne.com)

Ms. Sarah Cohanim  
Senior Environmental Specialist  
Hydro One Inc.

Dear Ms. Cohanim:

**Re: Hydro One Waasigan Transmission Line – Draft Environmental Assessment  
Municipality of Shuniah**

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In response to the draft Environmental Assessment Report, dated May 2023 regarding the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, Staff provide the following comments.

The project study is within the Municipality of Shuniah, which is a member municipality of the Authority. As watershed advisors to our member municipalities, the ability of structures to pass flood flows and potential erosion/sedimentation and impacts are components of our input.

There are various water crossings and wetlands (i.e. North Star Creek, Savigny Creek, North Current River and various Unevaluated Wetlands etc.) as shown on the attached map, which may be subject to the Authority's Development, Interference with Wetlands and Alterations to Shorelines and Watercourses Regulations, O. Reg. 180/06. In general, any development (i.e. temporary or permanent water crossings) within or adjacent to the shore-zone and/or watercourse or wetland may require a permit under the Authority's Regulations, within the Area of Jurisdiction of the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA).

Based on the information provided in the draft Environmental Assessment Report, a portion of the proposed development falls within the LRCA's Regulated Area and may require a permit from the LRCA (per 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between Conservation Ontario and Hydro One Networks Inc). Once the proposed development is finalized, please contact the LRCA to determine if a permit is required from the LRCA.

This information is current at the time of writing and may be amended as more accurate information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Sixsmith, Development Regulations Officer, at the Authority office.

Sincerely,

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





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Development Regulations Officer

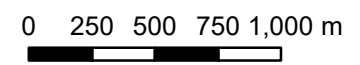
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**Waasigan  
Transmission**



**Legend**

-  Approximate Regulated Area
-  Lake Superior Regulated Area
-  LRCA Jurisdiction Boundary
- Regulated Features:**
-  Regional Floodline
-  100 Year Floodline
-  Fill Line
-  Floodplain
-  Water Body
-  Provincially Significant Wetland
-  Evaluated Wetland
-  Unevaluated Wetland
-  Stream
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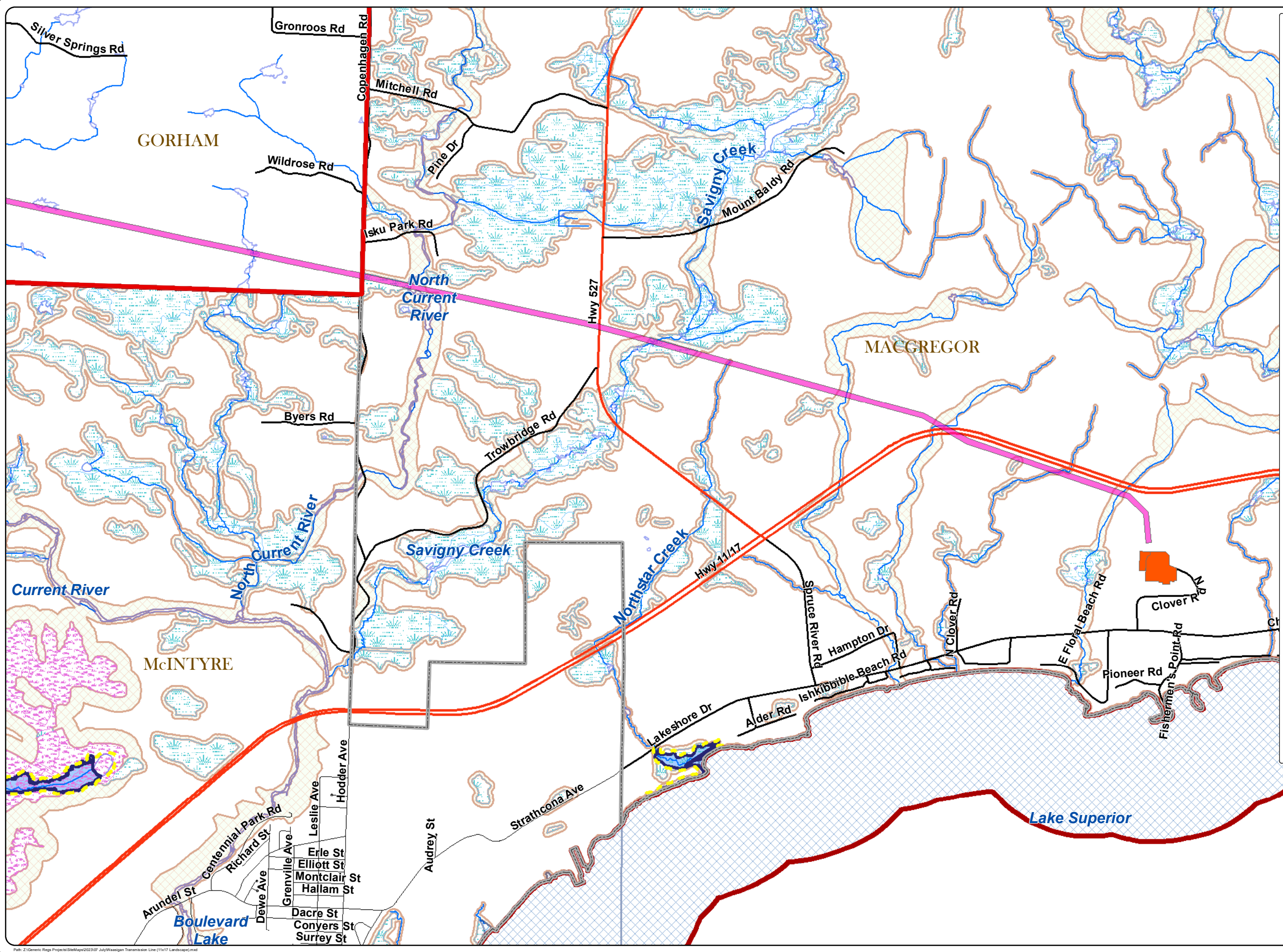
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July 10, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

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Hydro One Networks Inc.  
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**MCM File : 0010377**  
**Proponent : Hydro One Networks Inc.**  
**Subject : Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment Available for Review**  
**Project : Waasigan Transmission Line Environmental Assessment**  
**Location : Between Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Dryden**

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Dear Sarah Cohanim,

Thank you for your email (dated, May 17, 2023) notifying the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) that the Waasigan Transmission Line draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (prepared by Hydro One Networks Inc., and dated May 2023) has been made available for review.

MCM's interest in this project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage.

Please note that the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* (OHA), came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

**Project Summary**

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 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. 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.

## Comments

MCM has reviewed the above referenced draft Environmental Assessment Report and has the following comments and observations:

### *Archaeological Resources*

A Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA) (under Project Information Form (PIF) P457-0103-2020) was undertaken in support of this project and is under review by this Ministry.

Please note that archaeological concerns have not been addressed until reports have been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports where those reports recommend that:

- the archaeological assessment of the project area is complete and
- all archaeological sites identified by the assessment are either of no further cultural heritage value or interest (as per Section 48(3) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*) or that mitigation of impacts has been accomplished through an excavation or an avoidance and protection strategy.

Approval authorities and proponents typically wait to receive the ministry's review letter for an archaeological assessment report before issuing a decision on the application as it can be used, for example, to document that due diligence has been undertaken. At a minimum, a Stage 1 AA needs to be completed as part of preliminary planning and prior to the issuance of the notice of completion. Depending on your timelines, we recommend that you reach out to your licensed archaeologist and ask to submit a request for expedited review through our online PastPort system.

MCM recommends that any further recommended archaeological assessments (e.g., Stage 2, 3 and 4) be undertaken by a licensed archaeologist as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities.

### *Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes*

A *Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions and Preliminary Heritage Impact Assessment* (Cultural Heritage Report) (dated May 8, 2023, by WSP Golder) was prepared for the project study area. The Cultural Heritage Report determined that one cultural heritage landscape (Dawson Trail) may be impacted by construction of the Project within the Thunder Bay Alternative Route Section, including Alternative Routes 1B-1 and 1B-2 and within the Thunder Bay to Atikokan Alternative Route Section, including Alternative Routes 1 and 1C.

MCM has included comments on the Cultural Heritage Report in the attached table (table 1) to help ensure consistency with MCM's requirements, guidance, standards, and best practices.

More detailed comments to support the Environmental Report's documentation of cultural heritage due diligence are in the attached table (table 2).

Please note that the responsibility for administration of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and matters related to cultural heritage have been transferred from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM). Individual staff roles and contact information remain unchanged. Please continue to send any notices, report and/or documentation electronically to both Karla Barboza and myself.

- Karla Barboza, Team Lead - Heritage | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 416-660-1027 | [karla.barboza@ontario.ca](mailto:karla.barboza@ontario.ca)
- Joseph Harvey, Heritage Planner | Heritage Planning Unit (Citizenship and Multiculturalism) | 613- 242-3743 | [joseph.harvey@ontario.ca](mailto:joseph.harvey@ontario.ca)

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Environmental Assessment Report. We look forward to reviewing the updated documentation. Please contact me as necessary if you have any questions or require clarification.

Sincerely,

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Heritage Planner  
Heritage Planning Unit  
[joseph.harvey@Ontario.ca](mailto:joseph.harvey@Ontario.ca)

copied to: James Hamilton, Manager, Heritage Planning Unit, MCM  
Karla Barboza, Team Lead, Planning Unit, MCM

It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their EA report or file is accurate. Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the EA process, and in no way shall MCM be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

The *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33* requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at [archaeology@ontario.ca](mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca)) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.



**Table 1 – Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions and Preliminary Heritage Impact Assessment (dated May 8, 2023, by WSP Golder) Included as Appendix 7.6-A**

Item No.	Section	Original Text	Comment
1.	Terminology	Throughout the document	Cultural heritage resources include archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes (BHR/CHL). The Cultural Heritage Report only addresses BHR/CHL, therefore, please replace the term ‘cultural heritage resources’ with BHR/CHL as appropriate.
2.	2.0 (Provincial Heritage Policies)  p. 9	Section title “Provincial Heritage Policies”	The title of this section should be revised to “Provincial <u>Legislative Framework</u> ”.
3.	2.3.1 (Environmental Assessment Act and Ontario Energy Board Act)	The <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (EAA) was legislated to ensure that Ontario’s environment is protected, conserved, and wisely managed. Under the EAA, “environment” includes not only natural elements such as air, land, water and plant and animal life, but also the “social, economic and cultural conditions that influence the life of humans or a community”, and “any building, structure, machine or other device or thing made by humans”. To determine the potential environmental effects of a new development, the Environmental Assessment (EA) process was created to standardize decision-making.	We recommend the following revision:  See underlined text edits below.  The <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (EAA) was legislated to ensure that Ontario’s environment is protected, conserved, and wisely managed. Under the EAA, “environment” includes not only natural elements such as air, land, water and plant and animal life, but also the “social, economic and cultural conditions that influence the life of humans or a community”, and “any building, structure, machine or other device or thing made by humans”. <u>Cultural heritage resources including archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes are included in the cultural component of the environment.</u> To determine the potential environmental effects of a new development, the Environmental Assessment (EA) process was created to standardize decision-making.

<p>4.</p>	<p>2.3.3 (Ontario Heritage Act and Ontario Regulation 9/06)  p. 11</p>	<p>The Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) enables the Province and municipalities to conserve significant individual properties and areas. For provincially owned, administered, or occupied heritage properties, compliance with the MTCS S&amp;Gs is mandatory under Part III of the OHA and holds the same authority for ministries and prescribed public bodies as a Management Board or Cabinet directive. For municipalities, Part IV and Part V of the OHA enables council to “designate” individual properties (Part IV), or properties within a heritage conservation district (HCD) (Part V), as being of “cultural heritage value or interest” (CHVI). Evaluation for CHVI under the OHA (or significance under PPS 2020) is guided by Ontario Regulation 9/06 (O. Reg. 9/06), which prescribes the criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest. O. Reg. 9/06 has three categories of absolute or non-ranked criteria, each with three sub-criteria.  ...</p>	<p>The title of this section should be revised to “Ontario Heritage Act and <u>Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties</u>”. Ideally this subsection should be the first and before the EAA, OEB Act and Planning Act.</p> <p>We recommend revising this section to reflect the current terminology, Hydro One’s responsibilities under the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i> (OHA) and recent changes to the Act that were made under the <i>More Homes Built Faster Act</i>, which came into effect on January 1, 2023. Sections 2.3.3 and 2.3.1 should be merged</p> <p>For example, <i>O. Reg. 9/06</i> has been amended so that there are nine criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest. A property must now meet two out of the nine criteria to be of cultural heritage value or interest.</p> <p>This section should be replaced with the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) provides the primary statutory framework for the conservation of cultural heritage resources (which includes their identification, protection, and wise management) in Ontario). The conservation of cultural heritage resources is also a matter of provincial interest as reflected in provincial legislation such as the <i>Planning Act</i> and the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>, among others.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Under the OHA, all Ontario government ministries and public bodies prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10, including Hydro One Inc., are required to follow the Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties (S&amp;Gs), prepared under section 25.2 of the Ontario Heritage Act, when making any decisions affecting cultural heritage resources on lands under their control.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Consistent with the OHA S&amp;Gs, and with Hydro One’s Identification and Evaluation (I&amp;E) Process (as approved by the Deputy Minister of MCM), HONI hires qualified person(s) to undertake technical heritage studies, e.g., to determine whether a property (or properties) under its ownership or control has cultural heritage value or interest based on the criteria under Ontario Regulations 9/06 and 10/06.</p> <p>[Please revise the information for Ontario Regulation 9/06.]</p>
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			HONI's I&E Process has further information, should a property meet Ontario Regulation 9/06 and/or 10/06 and be identified (not designated) as a provincial heritage property. Please do not include reference to the Ontario Heritage Toolkit as it is not relevant to HONI's activities.
5.	3.1 (Cultural Heritage Existing Conditions (CHEC))  Table 3-1  p. 18	n/a	<p>We recommend including a new section, based on table 3-1, which expands upon what, when and how community input was undertaken as part of the research methodology for this Report. It should also outline the process used to determine the outcomes of the community input exercise(s) and describe the results. A more detailed overview of community engagement can be attached as an appendix. See also Hydro One's I&amp;E Process.</p> <p>Please confirm whether the draft Cultural Heritage Report was sent to Indigenous communities with a potential interest, and to heritage stakeholders, such as the City Thunder Bay Heritage Advisory Committee, for review and comment. Other heritage stakeholders may have an interest in reviewing this draft report and it is not clear if they have been identified.</p>
6.	5.0 (Results)  p. 40	An additional three properties were found to have buildings or structures 40 years or more years old but were evaluated at a preliminary level not to have potential CHVI.	<p>It is not clear how it was determined that these properties are not of CHVI. The Ministry's <a href="#">Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</a> should be completed for each of the three properties identified as being of potential CHVI. The completed checklists, clear photographs of the buildings and structures and a rationale should be included the report documentation.</p> <p>The information included in Appendix B needs to be expanded upon. Please see Hydro One's I&amp;E Process. See also comments 10 and 11 below.</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>6.3 (Impact Assessment)  p. 44</p>	<p>When determining the effects a development or site alteration may have on known or identified built heritage resources or cultural heritage landscapes, the MTCS <i>Heritage Resources in the Land Use Planning Process</i> advises that the following “negative impacts” be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ...</li> </ul>	<p>Please do not include reference to the Ontario Heritage Toolkit as it is not relevant to HONI’s activities. See also comment 4 above. As Hydro One is a public body prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10, it should refer to the MCM’s Information Bulletin 3 – Heritage Impact Assessment for Provincial Heritage Properties – attached. This section should be revised to align with the advice on that Bulletin.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>6.4 (Results and Recommendations)  Table 6-1  p. 46</p>	<p>See table Column 5 (Recommendations) for all Alternatives:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is recommended for this Cultural Heritage Landscape.</p>	<p>We recommend the following revision to table Column 5 (Recommendations):</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is recommended for this Cultural Heritage Landscape <u>to confirm its cultural heritage value or interest as part of preliminary design and prior to the issuance of the notice of completion.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>If the cultural heritage landscape is found to be of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance (i.e., meets Ontario Regulation 10/06 and therefore a potential provincial heritage property of provincial significance) a Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken before the issuance of the notice of completion. MCM should be contacted to advise on whether MCM Minister’s Consent is required.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>If the property only meets the criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 then the HIA will be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities. The HIA will follow MCM’s Information Bulletin 3 and be sent for review and comment to MCM, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other interested parties, as appropriate.</u></p>

9.	7.0 (Summary Statement and Recommendations)  Table 7-1  p. 48	See table Column 3 (Recommendations) for both route sections:  A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is recommended for this Cultural Heritage Landscape.	We recommend the following revision to table Column 3 (Recommendations):  See underlined text edits below.  A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is recommended for this Cultural Heritage Landscape <u>to confirm its cultural heritage value or interest as part of preliminary design and prior to the issuance of the notice of completion.</u>  <u>If the cultural heritage landscape is found to be of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance (i.e., meets the criteria of Ontario Regulation 10/06 and therefore a potential provincial heritage property of provincial significance) a Heritage Impact Assessment will be undertaken before the issuance of the notice of completion. MCM should be contacted to advise on whether MCM Minister's Consent is required.</u>  <u>If the property only meets the criteria of Ontario Regulation 9/06 then the HIA will be undertaken as early as possible during detailed design and prior to any ground disturbing activities. The HIA will follow MCM's Information Bulletin 3 and be sent for review and comment to MCM, municipalities, Indigenous communities, and other interested parties, as appropriate.</u>
10.	8.0 (Figures)  p. 50	n/a	Please see comment 6 above.  These maps should clearly identify the locations of all properties of potential CHVI.
11.	Appendix B  [PDF 119]	n/a	Please see comment 6 above.  MCM recommends that information on whether a property does (or does not) meet Ontario Regulation 9/06 and 10/06 be expanded – see also Hydro One's I&E Process.

Table 2 – Waasigan Transmission Line draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Report (prepared by Hydro One Networks Inc. and dated May 2023)			
Item No.	Section	Original Text	Comment
1.	General Terminology	Term “Cultural Heritage Resources”	<p>The term “cultural heritage resources” is an umbrella term that includes archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes. The term “cultural heritage resources” should only be used when referring to all three types of resources. Some examples of where the EA Report references incorrect terminology are included below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ES-18                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The term “cultural heritage resources” should be revised to “built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes”</li> </ul> </li> <li>- ES-19                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The phrase “built cultural heritage resources” should be replaced with the term “built heritage resources”</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Table 7.6-3                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The term “cultural heritage resources” should be replaced with the term “built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes”</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 7.6.5.3                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The term “cultural heritage resources” should be replaced with the term “built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes”</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See also comment 8 below.</p>
2.	(Archaeology Resources and Built Heritage Resources and Cultural	<p>...</p> <p>Examples of mitigation measures to be implemented to limit potential effects on archaeology and built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes include:</p>	<p>We recommend revising this section so that it aligns with our revisions to the EA Report section 10 (See comment 11 below).</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p>

<p>Heritage Landscapes Assessment Results - Executive Summary)</p> <p>p. ES-18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (and Stage 3 and 4 as required) in the areas of the Project footprint with archaeological potential that are anticipated to be subject to Project impacts.</li> <li>• Implement an Archaeological Resources Contingency Plan prior to construction.</li> <li>• Continue engagement with affected communities and apply protocols identified by Indigenous communities for land access and treatment of findings.</li> <li>• Conduct a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) to evaluate the cultural heritage landscape in the Project LSA.</li> <li>• If any potential resources are evaluated in the CHER as being of CHVI, complete a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and include mitigation measures. The HIA may also recommend that a Heritage Conservation Plan (HCP) be undertaken to guide protection and conservation of the specific cultural heritage resource. The CHER, HIA, and/or HCP will be submitted to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and Indigenous communities for review and comment.</li> </ul>	<p>Examples of mitigation measures to be implemented to limit potential effects on archaeological resources, built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Complete a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (and Stage 3 and 4 as required) in the areas of the Project footprint with archaeological potential that are anticipated to be subject to Project impacts.</del></li> <li>• Implement an Archaeological Resources Contingency Plan prior to construction [Please clarify this bullet and how it relates to the archaeological assessments and the Standards &amp; Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists].</li> <li>• Continue engagement with affected communities and apply protocols identified by Indigenous communities for land access and treatment of findings.</li> <li>• <del>Conduct a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) to evaluate the cultural heritage landscape in the Project LSA.</del></li> <li>• <u>Follow the recommendations of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA) and any subsequent recommended AA (e.g., Stage 2-4).</u></li> <li>• <u>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Hydro one or the person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.</u></li> <li>• <u>The Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33 requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act.</u></li> <li>• <del>If any potential resources are evaluated in the CHER as being of CHVI, complete a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) and include mitigation measures. The HIA may also recommend that a Heritage Conservation</del></li> </ul>
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<p>3.</p>	<p>7.5.3 (Criteria and Indicator - Archaeological Resources) p. 7.5-4</p>	<p>The indicators for archaeological resources are defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of archaeological resources: archaeological sites, objects, material, or physical features that may have cultural heritage value or interest, that are protected under the Ontario Heritage Act.</li> <li>• Area of archaeological potential: areas with archaeological potential include proximity to navigable waterbodies, elevated topography, pockets of sandy soil in heavy soil or rocky ground, distinctive land formations ...</li> <li>• Area of marine archaeological potential: areas with archaeological potential within a marine context include proximity to known archaeological sites and resources, known ...</li> </ul>	<p>We recommend replacing the definitions included at the end of section 7.5.3 with the following, for consistency with table 7.5-2 and current legislation and policy:</p> <p>The indicators for archaeological resources are defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of archaeological sites: Archaeological site within the Project footprint.</li> <li>• Area of archaeological potential: areas with the likelihood of containing archaeological resources. Criteria for determining archaeological potential are established by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. Archaeological potential is confirmed through archaeological fieldwork undertaken in accordance with the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</li> <li>• Area of marine archaeological potential: areas with the likelihood of containing marine archaeological resources. Criteria for determining archaeological potential are established by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism. Marine archaeological potential is confirmed through archaeological fieldwork undertaken in accordance with the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</li> </ul>



<p>4.</p>	<p>7.5.7.1 (Loss of, or Damage to, an Archaeological Resource from Construction Activities - Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Archaeological Resources)  p. 7.5-35</p>	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Direct effects can be avoided by identifying and avoiding archaeological resources prior to ground disturbance, and by increasing the awareness of Project personnel about archaeological resources in proximity to the Project footprint. There are nine registered archaeological sites in the Archaeological Resources LSA, including one in the Project footprint, and 23 registered archaeological sites within 1 km of the LSA. The CHVI of the nine sites within the LSA, including the site in the Project footprint, is not known, as all of these sites were identified prior to the MTCS Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTCS 2011). As such, these sites will require further assessment if they cannot be avoided. As depicted on figures in Appendix 7.5B, there are areas of archaeological potential within the LSA and Project footprint. The required archaeological assessments will be undertaken in areas identified in the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment as exhibiting archaeological potential before planned construction in these areas. Acceptance of the Stage 1 AA report and its recommendations by the MCM under the Ontario Heritage Act will be obtained before ground disturbance associated with Project construction...</p>	<p>The mitigations included in this section should be revised to reflect current legislative framework as well as MCM's current role.</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p> <p><u>The recommendations of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA) and any subsequent recommended AA (e.g., Stage 3-4) will be followed.</u></p> <p><u>[Recommendations of the Stage 1 AA should be included here – please copy and paste – don't summarize]</u></p> <p><u>Complete archaeological assessment(s) if not undertaken or completed at the earlier Planning stage.</u></p> <p><u>Avoid and protect an archaeological site as a preferred alternative</u></p> <p><u>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Hydro one or the person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.</u></p> <p><u>The Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33 requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that Act related to burial sites. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at archaeology@ontario.ca) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act.</u></p>
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<p>5.</p>	<p>7.5.7.1 (Increased Streamflow and Alteration of Archaeological Resources - Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Archaeological Resources)  p. 7.5-37</p>	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Potential negative indirect effects on archaeological resources related to erosion as a result of increased stream flows are reduced by limiting the amount of new disturbance, implementing erosion control measures, and reclaiming disturbed areas at the end of construction. The amount of new access roads required for construction and operation is limited by using existing roads, to the extent practicable. Temporary workspaces will be constructed on existing disturbed areas and/or at reasonably flat areas with stable soil sites, where possible, and a minimum of 30 m away from the ordinary high-water mark of a waterbody. Interim reclamation will follow as close as possible after decommissioning. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures will be implemented to reduce potential for increase of stream flows. Mitigation measures are summarized in Table 7.5-7. The effectiveness of mitigation will be evaluated during construction and post-construction, and measures will be modified or enhanced as necessary through adaptive management.</p>	<p>The mitigation measures included in this section should be revised to reflect current legislation and policy as well as MCM's current role.</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p> <p><u>The recommendations of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA) and any subsequent recommended AA (e.g., Stage 2-4) will be followed.</u></p> <p>Potential negative indirect effects on archaeological resources related to erosion as a result of increased stream flows are reduced by limiting the amount of new disturbance, implementing erosion control measures, and reclaiming disturbed areas at the end of construction. The amount of new access roads required for construction and operation is limited by using existing roads, to the extent practicable. Temporary workspaces will be constructed on existing disturbed areas and/or at reasonably flat areas with stable soil sites, where possible, and a minimum of 30 m away from the ordinary high-water mark of a waterbody. Interim reclamation will follow as close as possible after decommissioning. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures will be implemented to reduce potential for increase of stream flows. Mitigation measures are summarized in Table 7.5-7. The effectiveness of mitigation will be evaluated during construction and post-construction, and measures will be modified or enhanced as necessary through adaptive management.</p> <p>Please indicate who will be developing the erosion control measures and when. The erosion control measures should be reviewed by the licensed archaeologist and inform whether further archaeological assessment may be necessary.</p> <p><u>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act. Hydro one or the person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act.</u></p>
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6.	<p>7.5.7.3 Increased Public Access and Alteration to Known Archaeological Resources - Potential Effects, Mitigation Measures, and Net Effects – Archaeological Resources</p> <p>p. 7.5-38</p>	<p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>The location of known archaeological resources is protected by MCM and cannot be released to the public. In addition, as discussed in Section 7.5.7.2, the required archaeological assessments will be undertaken in areas identified in the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment as exhibiting archaeological potential before planned construction in these areas, minimizing the likelihood for archaeological resources to be present in areas directly associated with the Project footprint ...</p>	<p>The mitigation measures included in this section should be revised to reflect current legislative framework as well as MCM's current role. Please replace the mitigations included in this section with a reference to the mitigations we have provided for 7.5.7.1 above (See comment 5).</p>
7.	<p>7.5.7.4 (Summary – Archaeological Resources)</p>	<p>Project Component or Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project activities during the Construction Stage</li> </ul> <p>Potential Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of, or damage to, an archaeological resource from construction activities.</li> </ul>	<p>Column three (mitigation measures) should be revised to reflect our suggested changes to section 7.5.7 (See comments 3-6 above).</p>

	<p>Table 7.5-7 p. 7.5-40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of, or damage to, an archaeological resource located downstream from the Project from erosion resulting from increased stream flows.</li> </ul> <p>Mitigation Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ...</li> </ul> <p>Project Component or Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project activities during the operation and maintenance stage</li> </ul> <p>Potential Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Loss of, or damage to, an archaeological resource located downstream from the Project from erosion resulting from increased stream flows.</li> <li>- Loss of, or damage to, known archaeological resources from increase in public access to archaeological resources</li> </ul> <p>Mitigation Measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ...</li> </ul>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>7.6 (Built Heritage Resources)</p>	<p>General Terminology</p>	<p>The title provided on the cover page of this section should be revised. Please revise the section cover page from “7.6 Built Heritage Resources” to “Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes”.</p> <p>In addition, throughout this section the term “cultural heritage resources” should be replaced with “built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes”</p> <p>See also comment 1 above.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>7.6.7 (Alteration of a Cultural Heritage Resource from Destruction or Alteration –</p>	<p>Alteration of a Cultural Heritage Resource from Destruction or Alteration</p> <p>Potential Effects</p>	<p>We recommend the following revisions to align with our suggested revisions to the Cultural Heritage Report (See table 1 comments above), with best practice and current terminology:</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p>

<p>Built Heritage Resources) p. 7.6-10</p>	<p>As discussed in Section 7.6.5.3, the results of the CHEC/PIA (Appendix 7.6-A) indicated that one landscape (CHL-1), the Dawson Trail, was assessed to have known CHVI as a cultural heritage landscape (Appendix 7.6-B). Dawson Trail is recognized by the Historic Sites and Monuments Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. H-4) as a National Historic Event (Parks Canada, n.d.). As currently proposed, this trail could be crossed by the Project footprint as shown on the figures in Appendix 7.6-B.</p> <p>Alteration of the resource during construction of the Project could result in damage or destruction to portions of the Dawson Trail, a federally recognized cultural heritage landscape, resulting in the loss of valuable contextual information, or may result in the complete destruction of cultural heritage resources. Potential effects on this cultural heritage resource are most likely to occur during Project construction, through blasting, clearing, and grubbing of vegetation along the 46 m wide transmission line ROW, access roads, and other construction areas. No known or potential built heritage resources (e.g., buildings) were identified in the LSA; therefore, construction activities are not predicted to have potential to impact built heritage resources.</p> <p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>Construction activities with the potential to cause changes in the landscape may affect the cultural heritage resource unless appropriate steps are taken in advance to identify and mitigate impacts to cultural</p>	<p>Potential Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Displacement of built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes by removal and/or demolition and/or disruption</u></li> <li>• <u>Effects on cultural heritage landscape features</u></li> <li>• <u>Disruption of resources by introduction of physical, visual, audible, or atmospheric elements that are not in keeping with the character and setting of the cultural heritage resource</u></li> </ul> <p><del>As discussed in Section 7.6.5.3, the results of the CHEC/PIA (Appendix 7.6-A) indicated that one landscape (CHL-1), the Dawson Trail, was assessed to have known CHVI as a cultural heritage landscape (Appendix 7.6-B). Dawson Trail is recognized by the Historic Sites and Monuments Act (R.S.C., 1985, c. H-4) as a National Historic Event (Parks Canada, n.d.). As currently proposed, this trail could be crossed by the Project footprint as shown on the figures in Appendix 7.6-B.</del></p> <p><del>Alteration of the resource during construction of the Project could result in damage or destruction to portions of the Dawson Trail, a federally recognized cultural heritage landscape, resulting in the loss of valuable contextual information, or may result in the complete destruction of cultural heritage resources. Potential effects on this cultural heritage resource are most likely to occur during Project construction, through blasting, clearing, and grubbing of vegetation along the 46 m wide transmission line ROW, access roads, and other construction areas. No known or potential built heritage resources (e.g., buildings) were identified in the LSA; therefore, construction activities are not predicted to have potential to impact built heritage resources.</del></p> <p>Mitigation Measures</p> <p>[The mitigation measures should be replaced with the recommendations of the Cultural Heritage Report - Copy and paste do not summarize]</p>
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		<p>heritage resources. Direct and indirect negative effects can be avoided by identifying and avoiding the Dawson Trail cultural heritage resource prior to construction, and by increasing the awareness of Project personnel about the cultural heritage resource that crosses the Project footprint.</p> <p>...</p>	<p>Some examples of typical mitigation measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Identify, evaluate, and manage built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes as per the OHA S&amp;Gs</li> <li>- Avoidance, through alternative route selection</li> <li>- Prevent built heritage resources from undergoing demolition by neglect</li> <li>- Carry out impact assessment and appropriate public engagement, given removal and demolition of cultural heritage resources is considered to be a last resort</li> <li>- Consider alternative alignment to retain and maintain the visual settings and physical relationships of heritage features</li> <li>- Avoid and preserve BHR/CHL features in-situ and consider adaptive reuse alternatives</li> <li>- Relocate heritage building(s) or structures, and consider adaptive reuse alternatives</li> <li>- Document and salvage features from heritage buildings and/or structures prior to demolition</li> <li>- Decrease harmful environmental condition changes such as vibration, altered water table etc. to cultural heritage resources</li> <li>- Utilize landscape planting plan to provide mitigation, screening, and enhancement.</li> </ul> <p>MCM may have additional advice pending the submission of the revised Cultural Heritage Report.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>7.6.7 (Alteration of a Cultural Heritage Resource from Destruction or Alteration – Built Heritage Resources)</p> <p>Table 7.6-5</p>	<p>Project Component or Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing and grubbing of vegetation along the 46-m-wide transmission line ROW, access roads and other construction areas;</li> <li>• Foundation and conductor installation; and</li> <li>• Reclamation of decommissioned access roads, temporary laydown areas, and temporary construction camps.</li> </ul> <p>Potential Effects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alteration of a cultural heritage resource through destruction or alteration</li> </ul> <p>Recommendations</p>	<p>We recommend the following revisions to align with recommended revisions above (See comment 9).</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p> <p>Project Component or Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearing and grubbing of vegetation along the 46-m-wide transmission line ROW, access roads and other construction areas;</li> <li>• Foundation and conductor installation; and</li> <li>• Reclamation of decommissioned access roads, temporary laydown areas, and temporary construction camps.</li> </ul> <p>Potential Effects</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A CHER will be conducted to evaluate the cultural heritage landscape in the Project LSA.</li> <li>• If any potential resources are evaluated in the CHER as being of CHVI, an HIA will be completed and include mitigation measures. The HIA may also recommend that an HCP be undertaken to guide protection and conservation of the specific cultural heritage resource. The CHER, HIA, and/or HCP will be submitted for MCM and Indigenous communities for review and comment.</li> <li>• If required, a compliance letter for the Project under the OHA will be obtained from the MCM prior to construction, and the mitigation measures specified in the letter will be adhered to.</li> <li>• The Project footprint will be surveyed prior to construction to limit activities to the designated areas of the Project.</li> <li>• Project personnel will be made aware when working near known or potential cultural heritage resources and avoid areas that are flagged or fenced, and abide by restrictions on in/out privileges.</li> </ul> <p>Net Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No net effect</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Alteration of a cultural heritage Landscape resource through destruction or alteration</del></li> <li>• <u>Displacement of built heritage resources and/or cultural heritage landscapes by removal and/or demolition and/or disruption</u></li> <li>• <u>Effects on cultural heritage landscape features</u></li> <li>• <u>Disruption of resources by introduction of physical, visual, audible or atmospheric elements that are not in keeping with the character and setting of the cultural heritage resource</u></li> </ul> <p>Recommendations [The recommendations should be replaced with the recommendations of the CHEC/PIA - Copy and paste do not summarize (See also Table 1 comments above)]</p> <p>Net Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No net effect. [Please clarify why there would be no net effect.]</li> </ul>
<p>11.</p>	<p>10.6 (Adaptive Management – Monitoring and Commitments)  Table 10.6-1  p. 10.6-15</p>	<p>Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Archaeology Resources</li> </ul> <p>Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To monitor effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented to protect archaeological resources</li> </ul> <p>Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydro One will monitor the Project footprint during construction for incidental sensitive features (e.g., water bodies, rare plants, rare</li> </ul>	<p>We recommend the following revisions to align with our revisions to Report sections 7.6 and 7.7 above.</p> <p>See underlined text edits below.</p> <p>Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Archaeological</u> Resources</li> </ul> <p>Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To monitor effectiveness of mitigation measures implemented to conserve archaeological resources [We recommend HONI</li> </ul>

		<p>vegetation communities, wildlife species of concern, archaeological resources) that have not been previously identified in the Project footprint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hydro One will employ the services of qualified Environmental Inspector(s) and Indigenous monitors to guide implementation, monitor and report on the effectiveness of the construction procedures, and mitigation measures for minimizing potential impacts.</li> <li>- Monitoring programs may be required if archaeological resources are identified during the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and mitigation measures by avoidance and protection are undertaken.</li> </ul> <p>Timing Duration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing during Construction</li> </ul>	<p>expand on how this will be achieved – will a monitoring plan be developed based on the archaeological assessments? See also comment 2 above]</p> <p>Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <del>Hydro One will monitor the Project footprint during construction for incidental sensitive features (e.g., water bodies, rare plants, rare vegetation communities, wildlife species of concern, archaeological resources) that have not been previously identified in the Project footprint.</del></li> <li>— <del>Hydro One will employ the services of qualified Environmental Inspector(s) and Indigenous monitors to guide implementation, monitor and report on the effectiveness of the construction procedures, and mitigation measures for minimizing potential impacts.</del></li> <li>— <del>Monitoring programs may be required if archaeological resources are identified during the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment and mitigation measures by avoidance and protection are undertaken.</del></li> <li>- <u>The recommendations of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment (AA) and any subsequent recommended AA (e.g., Stage 3-4) will be followed.</u></li> <li>- <u>Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>. Hydro one or the person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment, in compliance with Section 48(1) of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</u></li> <li>- <u>The <i>Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002, S.O. 2002, c.33</i> requires that any person discovering human remains must cease all activities immediately and notify the police or coroner. If the coroner does not suspect foul play in the disposition of the remains, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 the coroner shall notify the Registrar, Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery, which administers provisions of that <i>Act</i> related to burial sites.</u></li> </ul>
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		<p>Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</li> </ul> <p>Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- n/a</li> </ul> <p>Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heritage attributes as they relate to the identified heritage resources will be identified and evaluated under Ontario Regulation 9/06 in a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER). Project effects to cultural heritage resources will be assessed through the completion of a Heritage Impact Assessment. Effects are assessed as not significant and so no monitoring programs are proposed for Cultural Heritage.</li> </ul> <p>Timing duration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>	<p><u>In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism should also be notified (at <a href="mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca">archaeology@ontario.ca</a>) to ensure that the archaeological site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the <i>Ontario Heritage Act</i>.</u></p> <p>Timing Duration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing during Construction</li> </ul> <p>Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes</li> </ul> <p>Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- n/a</li> </ul> <p>Method</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <del>Heritage attributes as they relate to the identified heritage resources will be identified and evaluated under Ontario Regulation 9/06 in a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER). Project effects to built heritage resources and cultural heritage landscapes resources will be assessed mitigated by adhering to the recommendations of the CHEC/PIA through the completion of a Heritage Impact Assessment. Effects are assessed as not significant and so no monitoring programs are proposed for Cultural Heritage.</del></li> </ul> <p>Timing duration</p> <p>n/a</p>
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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

**RE:** Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Waasigan  
Transmission Line

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Dear Sarah:

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) has reviewed the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Waasigan Transmission Line (Project) received May 17, 2023. The ministry has conducted a review of the draft EA, taking into consideration the applicable requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA), the Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario (EA Code of Practice), and other relevant ministry guidance.

As a result of its review, the ministry's Environmental Assessment Services Section provides the feedback below, as well as detailed comments in the attached table from the following disciplines:

- Noise and vibration
- Ontario Parks
- Surface water
- Air quality
- Source protection
- Climate change
- Thunder Bay District Office
- Kenora District Office

Ministry comments on species at risk and groundwater will be provided shortly.

## OVERVIEW OF COMMENTS

### **Appropriate level of detail**

The draft EA describes site-specific mitigation measures and commitments generally throughout the report, which makes it difficult to evaluate the effectiveness of impact management for the proposed project. Hydro One has indicated in the draft EA that an Environmental Protection Planning (EPP) living-document will be prepared to identify and document appropriate mitigation measures for each project activity; however, the EPP was not included with the draft EA for ministry review.

The EA document would benefit from additional clarity on temporary versus permanent ancillary infrastructure, and a revised description of alternative methods to include more information on the extent of work, potential effects, impact management strategies, net effects, and advantages/disadvantages of the undertaking. Where life-cycle considerations of the project are discussed, construction timing windows are vague and potential operational and decommissioning requirements and procedures are unclear.

Hydro One should refer to section 3.2.6 of the EA Code of Practice and revise the EA document to provide an appropriate level of detail regarding mitigation measures, alternative methods and project component descriptions, and all life-cycle considerations.

### **Missing Documentation**

The draft EA lists multiple plans that are not presented within the EA itself (i.e. environmental protection planning (EPP), contingency plan, management plan, communication plan and construction execution plan). If exact details of a plan are not known at this time, draft or conceptual plans should be described at a minimum.

The list of commitments made during the planning of the EA, referred to as Appendix 10.0-A by Hydro One, was not included. It is also not clear how the commitments from the approved ToR have been met.

The studies that were done in connection with the undertaking are mentioned throughout the main EA report, however, there should be a consolidated list of all studies in the EA, as required by Regulation 334 of the EAA.

Hydro One should refer to section 4.3 of the EA Code of Practice and include all required and referenced EA documentation in the final EA.

### **Proposed EA Amendment procedure**

As a part of its EA approval, the ministry understands that Hydro One has included an amendment process in their draft EA for change management. As a part of the decision on the EA, the Minister will decide whether to impose a condition to allow Hydro One as proponent to use the amendment procedure or not.

The proposed amendment procedure described in section 11.3 of the draft EA lists the steps Hydro One would follow for any inclusive changes that take place within the project's defined "limits of work", and a procedure for any proposed changes outside of the limits of work that may require an EA amendment.

The ministry has provided comments and questions for Hydro One's consideration in the table below, and requests a revised section 11.3 and a meeting with Hydro One to better understand the proposed roles for the ministry in this amendment procedure before a final EA is submitted.

### **Next Steps**

The comments above are not exhaustive. Please refer to the attached comment table for additional feedback from the Environmental Assessment Services Section.

The ministry encourages Hydro One to prepare responses to the enclosed comments from the ministry's technical reviewers in advance of submitting a final EA to the ministry. Please provide your responses to me and I will then distribute the responses to the appropriate internal ministry reviewers.

The ministry is available to meet with Hydro One to support resolving issues prior to the submission of a final EA. Should Hydro One wish to meet with technical reviewers to discuss the enclosed comments, please let me know. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca](mailto:Stephen.Deneault@ontario.ca) or at 437-247-3443.

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Sincerely,



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Project Officer  
Environmental Assessment Branch

Enclosure

c: Nick Colella – Environmental Assessment Branch

**Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks  
Environmental Assessment Services**

**Proposal:** Draft EA Review – Waasigan Transmission Line

**Proponent:** Hydro One Networks Inc.

**Commenter Name and Job Title:** Stephen Deneault, Project Officer, Environmental Assessment Branch

<b>Comment #</b>	<b>Document (EA Section, Appendix, etc.)</b>	<b>Section and Page Number</b>	<b>Comments and Rationale</b>	<b>Proposed Action/Solution</b>
1	Main EA Report	General	<b>Glossary of Terms and Acronyms</b> The main EA report should include a glossary of technical terminology, and a list of all acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the document.	Include a glossary of terms and list of acronyms and abbreviations in the final EA.
2	Main EA Report	Section 3.3 Project Components	<b>Description of the Undertaking</b> The draft EA includes a description of the project components, including illustrations of tower structures and temporary construction camps/lay-down areas. Example illustrations, approximate locations, and detailed descriptions of all project components (i.e. construction office facilities, aggregate pits, helicopter pads, etc.) should be included to better understand their size and impact in the proposed project.  Differentiations between permanent and temporary project components should be clear. Where project components are listed as temporary, descriptions of decommissioning activities should be as detailed as possible.	Update descriptions of project components to include more detail on ancillary project components and clarify temporary vs. permanent infrastructure.
3	Main EA Report	Section 2.2.2 Separation of	<b>Description of alternative method</b> Where alternative method “ <i>Separation of circuits F25A and D26A</i> ” is described, the	Revise the description of alternative method 2.2.2 to include more detail on the extent of work,

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		Circuits F25A and D26A	<p>section refers the reader to Section 3.3.3; Project Description in the EA Report, which indicates that the type and extent of work associated with expansion, installation, and removal, of these works “<i>will be determined and confirmed during detailed planning</i>”.</p> <p>There should be a full evaluation of the alternative methods (including potential effects, impact management, net effects, advantages/disadvantages) and this needs to be considered and documented in the EA.</p> <p>It is also not appropriate to defer some of the explanation in section 2.2.2 on an alternative method to another section of the EA report (section 3.3.3).</p>	potential effects, impact management, net effects, advantages/disadvantages etc.
4	Main EA Report	General	<p><b>List of Studies</b> The studies that were done in connection with the undertaking are mentioned throughout the main EA report, however, there should be a consolidated list of all studies in the EA.</p> <p>In accordance with Regulation 334 of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> (EAA), and section 4.3.2 of the EA Code of Practice, the EA must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of studies and reports, which are under the control of the proponent and were done in connection with the undertaking or matters related to the undertaking; and,</li> </ul>	Please summarize the list of studies and reports undertaken in connection with the undertaking and include in the final EA. These lists can be included in an appendix.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A list of studies and reports done in connection with the undertaking or matters related to the undertaking of which the proponent is aware and that are not under the control of the proponent.</li> </ul>	
5	Main EA Report	Sections 7.7 First Nations Rights and 7.8 Métis Rights	<p><b>Indigenous Consultation</b> There are instances that Hydro One has indicated that IK wasn't available at the time of the circulation of the draft EA. Because of this, a full review will be required once Hydro One has considered all IK submissions.</p> <p>It would also be prudent for Hydro One to consider all applicable permitting/approvals during the EA and a consultation plan to address upcoming consultation opportunities for Indigenous communities and groups.</p>	Please provide IK and comments from Indigenous groups on the draft EA as they become available to Hydro One for ministry awareness and review.
6	Main EA Report	Section 1.7.1.1 Environmental Assessment Requirements	<p><b>Terminology</b> Where it reads "<i>This draft EA report was prepared in accordance with the approved amended ToR.</i>"</p> <p>Be cautious with this language in the EA report. It is the ministry that assesses whether the EA has been prepared in accordance with the approved amended ToR and the EAA and publishes a Ministry Review of the EA before a decision.</p>	Please remove/revise this statement and others like it throughout the EA report.
7	Main EA Report	Section 3.4.3 Retirement And;	<p><b>Project Life-cycle</b> Where it reads in section 3.4.3 that: "<i>The Project will be operated for an indeterminate period and retirement, or</i></p>	The EA report should be revised to contain detailed information on life-cycle planning, including what processes and regulations would



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		<p>Section 5.3.2 Temporal Boundaries</p> <p>And;</p> <p>Section 1.7.1.2 Provincial Class Environmental Assessments</p>	<p><i>decommissioning, is not anticipated. The new transmission line and related facilities would undergo regular maintenance in adherence with Hydro One’s maintenance standards and regulatory requirements to maintain a safe and reliable electricity transmission system. The timing of retirement, or decommissioning, is not known at this time as it is anticipated that upgrades to reinforce or rebuild portions of the Project may occur over its lifetime to maintain its longevity.”</i></p> <p>And;</p> <p>Where it reads in section 5.3.2: “<i>The Project will be operated for an indeterminate period. The new transmission line and related facilities would undergo regular maintenance in adherence with Hydro One’s maintenance standards and regulatory requirements to maintain a safe and reliable electricity transmission system. It is anticipated that upgrades to reinforce or rebuild portions or all of the Project may occur over its lifetime to maintain its longevity, and these projects would be subject to their own environmental regulatory requirements. Therefore, the timing of retirement, or decommissioning, is not known at this time.”</i></p> <p>The information provided in these sections does not provide enough detail as to what Hydro One’s regular maintenance</p>	<p>apply during long-term operational maintenance of the project and its potential retirement.</p>

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			<p>standards and requirements are, or what maintenance/longevity activities would be subject to environmental regulatory requirements, and what those requirements could be.</p> <p>The EA for the proposed project must provide sufficient information on the entire life-cycle of the undertaking (i.e. construction, operation, and retirement/decommissioning). Refer to EA Code of Practice sections 3.3 and 4.2.5 for what needs to be included as a part of the EA approval.</p> <p>It is not clear in section 1.7.1.2 of the main EA report if any Minor Transmission Facilities (MTF) Class EA requirements apply to the project with regard to refurbishment and retirement.</p> <p>The EA report should also detail what process would be followed by Hydro One in the event of an emergency during operation (E.g. emergency repairs of the transmission line).</p>	
8	Main EA Report	<p>Executive Summary, page ES-14</p> <p>And;</p> <p>Section 4.6 Ongoing Engagement</p>	<p><b>Ongoing Engagement</b></p> <p>Where it reads: “<i>A Communications Plan will be implemented that will set out standards regarding communications on Project updates and community relations, such as providing advance notice of construction activities.</i>”</p>	<p>Include details on the any future/ongoing consultation plans in the EA report, including the timing of notification about construction activities, and the means of communication (website, newspaper, mail-out notification, etc.).</p>

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			<p>The communication plan is not mentioned again in section 4.6 of the EA Report which speaks to ongoing engagement with the project. Detailed information of the communication plan should be provided.</p> <p>As per section 4.3.7 of the EA Code of Practice, if appropriate, an EA may also include a plan for ongoing consultation during construction, operation and/or decommissioning/closure, should approval to proceed with the undertaking be given.</p> <p>While information on certain communications may not be none at this time, the EA should contain basic information as to how interested stakeholders are to be notified, and when.</p>	
9	Main EA Report	Section 3.5 Project Schedule	<p><b>Project Schedule and Construction Windows</b>  Where it reads: “<i>Construction activities are expected to occur throughout the year with staging to avoid or minimize potential effects on environmentally sensitive areas or wildlife breeding cycles (e.g., breeding bird period, fisheries windows, etc.), where possible. Specific timing, sequencing and staging will be determined during the detailed planning phase.</i>”</p> <p>Construction timing windows have not been described or estimated in the EA report with enough detail or certainty to demonstrate environmental protection/mitigation of net effects, or for community awareness. The</p>	Please clarify and include recommended timing windows for construction in the EA report. If exact construction windows cannot be determined at this time, there should be an explanation of when this will be determined and communicated (i.e., is it a part of the communications plan mentioned above?).

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			EA should provide an appropriate level of detail as per section 3.2.6 of the EA Code of Practice.	
10	Main EA Report	Section 10.2 Environmental Protection Planning	<p><b>Mitigation Measures</b>  Site-specific mitigation measures are described generally throughout the draft EA report in a format that makes it difficult to track and evaluate all mitigation measures committed in the EA. Section 10 of the draft EA report is about Monitoring and Commitments, and section 10.2 explains that an Environmental Protection Planning (EPP) living document will be prepared to: <i>“Identify and document environmental concerns and appropriate mitigation measures for each Project activity”</i>.</p> <p>It is not clear what information or mitigation measures the EPP will contain, and how implementation of the EPP will avoid or mitigate adverse effects of the project. It is also not clear that Hydro One must commit to implementing the EPP.</p> <p>The impact management measures that will be used to reduce the negative environmental effects must be provided in the EA to ensure all effects of the project have been considered and mitigation measures have been committed to. Please refer to section 4.2.4 of the EA Code of Practice.</p> <p>Section 10.2.2 of the EA report lists multiple contingency plans, management plans, and</p>	All mitigation measures for the project need to be presented in the EA report. The EPP should be circulated with the final EA report so the ministry can better understand project mitigation to ensure appropriate compliance and monitoring.

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			construction execution plans that are not presented elsewhere in the EA. At a minimum, draft or conceptual plans should be described at an appropriate level of detail.	
11	Main EA Report and Appendix 10.0-A (not included)	Section 10.3 Environmental Commitments	<p><b>List of Commitments</b> The list of commitments made during the planning of the EA, referred to as <i>Appendix 10.0-A</i>, was not included. It is also not clear how the commitments from the approved ToR have been met.</p> <p>As per section 4.3.3 of the EA Code of Practice, proponents are required to present in the EA a tabular summary of the requirements of the approved ToR and where in the EA they are discussed.</p>	<p>Include a list of commitments made during the EA, and a tabular summary of the ToR commitments and how/where they were met in the EA report.</p> <p>Please ensure all applicable appendices and referenced information is included in the Final EA.</p>
12	Main EA Report	Section 11.3 EA Amendment Procedure	<p><b>Limits of Work and Change Management</b> The draft EA contains an amendments procedure in section 11.3, and Hydro One lists the steps to follow for proposed changes within a defined “limits of work”, and a procedure for proposed changes outside of the defined limits of work.</p> <p>The proposed limits of work are listed in section 11.3.1.2.</p> <p>For changes to the project within the limits of work, Hydro One has proposed applying all mitigation measures and monitoring requirements outlined in the EA. Section 11.3.1.3 explains that Hydro One will notify Indigenous communities and landowners when changes within the described limits of</p>	The ministry requests a revised section 11.3 and a meeting with Hydro One to better understand the proposed roles for MECP in this amendment procedure, and the full details of what Hydro One is seeking in their EA approval before a final EA is submitted.

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			<p>work are required and will mitigate concerns as reasonably as possible as they are raised.</p> <p>This section is unclear as to what notification would entail (i.e. consultation vs. notification, and by whom), and what mitigation measures would be committed to in this regard.</p> <p>For changes proposed outside of the limits of work, Hydro One has proposed in section 11.3.2 the steps Hydro One plans to follow for amending the EA; including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notifying the Director of EAB with a brief description of the change for MECP to confirm whether the change can proceed as an amendment.</li> <li>• If an amendment is determined, Hydro One will assess effects, identify mitigation measures, identify net effects and monitoring as necessary, and document the process as an EA amendment before circulating the amended EA for a 30-day comment period.</li> <li>• Hydro One would then submit final documentation and the results of consultation to the EAB Director for review. MECP would then confirm whether or not the change can proceed as an amendment to the EA.</li> </ul>	

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			<p>The above section provides no information on what were to happen if MECP determines that the change would not be considered an amendment and instead would trigger new EAA requirements. There is uncertainty around the nature and magnitude of changes outside of the proposed limits of work. Can Hydro One provide examples of what work would trigger an amendment to the EA?</p> <p>It is also not clear what is meant by "refinements" in section 11.3. Are these minor or major changes to the undertaking?</p>	

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Hi Sarah,

I hope you're having a nice week and managing to stay cool with all this humidity.

Please see attached for some comments from the Ministry of Energy on the Waasigan Transmission Line Project – Draft Environmental Assessment Report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Gillian

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Hi Sarah,

Please find attached comments about the draft EA from MINES, regarding mining hazards and mineral potential. If you have any questions, please contact the Land Use Planning and Policy Coordinator, Catherine Daniels ([Catherine.daniels@ontario.ca](mailto:Catherine.daniels@ontario.ca)).

Regards,

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Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**RE: Waasigan Transmission Line Project – MNRF Review of the Draft Environmental Assessment**

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Dear Sarah:

Thank you for your submission and the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Assessment Report for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, dated May 2023. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has completed a review of the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), submitted by Hydro One Network, Inc (HONI) and trusts that comments provided herein will be used to inform the preparation of the Final Environmental Assessment.

MNRF reviewed this Draft EA based on the Limits of Work; 75m flexibility from the proposed centerline (150m total). MNRF understands the need for this flexibility from a design perspective, however, please note that if the Final EA does not cover the proposed project in sufficient detail, with respect to operating protocols, potential impacts, mitigation, and monitoring, etc., within the Limits of Work, the MNRF will be unable to assess whether its mandate has been adequately addressed. For any details that cannot be provided during the Final EA, a clear understanding and agreement with MNRF regarding approach and methodology will be required at the permitting stage with potential for additional consultation. Additionally, any permissions required outside of the project footprint for activities not identified in the Final EA may require a separate process under MNRF's Class EA for Resource Stewardship and Facility Development (Class EA RSFD).

Summarized below are some overarching themes that MNRF would like to draw your attention to. These comments further support input that was previously provided during the Terms of Reference phase and Limits of Work Proposal.

Outstanding Concerns:

- Comments MNRF provided during Terms of Reference
  - MNRF has reiterated throughout the review process that ground-truthing the access plan is pertinent to the Final EA. MNRF has concerns regarding some of the assumptions made regarding placement of laydown yards and construction camps and the status of many of the access roads identified in the EA.
  - The Former Steep Rock Mine Site continues to be included as a viable route. The MNRF notes that proposed road and tower locations are currently within a restricted area to the public, and in the future, will be impacted by high water levels.
  - The EA should consider how access in the project area will change and impact remote tourism. “Where any changes in access are proposed to implement the project, effects of these changes on tourism operations (and other factors) must be addressed in the EA”. The EA should identify proposed avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures to limit negative impacts.
  
- Consultation
  - The Final EA must include coordination efforts with other Crown land users, such as forest industry, tourism operators, trapline holders, recreational users, aggregate operators, etc.
  - Information is required to address how activities will be coordinated with forest industry to minimize project impacts on previously approved Forest Management Plans.
    - MNRF has provided comments 148-152, which contain suggestions on what information should be included in HONI’s harvest management plan, renewal plan, slash management plan and forestry compliance plan. These suggestions will support engagement with Sustainable Forest Licence (SFL) holders.
  - Ontario has delegated the procedural aspects of consultation with Indigenous communities to HONI and MNRF will be reviewing the Consultation Record and Final EA to ensure concerns brought forward from Indigenous

Communities and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) have been addressed. As it stands, the MNR is not able to verify that adequate consultation has been conducted regarding full details of all project components.

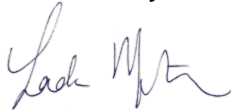
- Project Scope to include Access Roads and Ancillary Developments
  - The Draft EA does not fully address all project components and phases of the proposed activities. The document is focused on the transmission line and right of way (ROW); while more information is needed on permanent vs temporary ROW access, water crossings, construction camps, laydown areas, helipads, etc.
    - For proposed water crossings the following information is requested
      - Identify type of crossing to be used at various locations/scenario
      - Mitigation measures for each type of installation
      - Describe how decommissioning will occur
      - Restoration/rehabilitation when no longer in use
      - Maintenance or replacement of structures already in place
    - The following information must be provided in the EA regarding access roads
      - Description (new, upgrade, temporary, permanent)
      - Ownership/road authority (who owns and maintains the road currently, or who will own and maintain the road during construction, operation, maintenance, decommissioning)
      - Future use of the road (ownership, public access)
      - Road standard (materials to be used, forestry road, sedimentation, and erosion control)
      - Any access controls being sought
      - Rehabilitation and/or decommissioning methods
    - Further information is requested throughout the EA regarding construction, operation, and decommissioning. MNR trusts that including the following components in the Final EA, will improve our understanding of overall project impacts.
      - Mitigation and Monitoring plan
      - Environmental Protection Plan
      - Access Plan and Water Crossing Protocol
      - Rehabilitation/Renewal Plan
      - Vegetation Management Plan
      - Timber Salvage/Harvest Plan
      - Decommissioning Plan

- Aggregates:
  - Refer to the following five (5) policies to ensure compliance with the Aggregate Resources Act.
    - [Aggregate Resources Act](#)
    - [Ontario regulation 244/97](#)
    - [Ontario site plan standards](#)
    - [Ontario technical reports and information standards](#)
    - [Ontario circulation standards](#)

We trust that the above will be of assistance in completing a comprehensive Final EA. The attached table provides our detailed comments and, where possible, recommended actions for each. After reviewing the comments, MNRF would like to invite Hydro One to discuss the comments and Hydro One responses in detail.

We thank you again for the opportunity to provide this input and are available to discuss these comments should you have any questions. Please direct inquiries to Alexandra Hyatt at [alex.hyatt@ontario.ca](mailto:alex.hyatt@ontario.ca)

Yours truly,



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Attachments:

Comment Table: MNRF Review of Draft EA for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project  
July 7, 2023

MNRF District Administrative Boundaries Map

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Hi Sarah,

Attached is the feedback from MTCS on the proposed Waasigan Transmission Line in Northwestern Ontario. Given the extensive amount of material included in the Draft EA, our Tourism Policy Unit focused its review on those sections and appendices that were relevant to our mandate.

We thank you for the opportunity to review the draft EA and look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you,

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Subject: Waasigan Transmission Line – Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment Report for Review

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Good afternoon,

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has released the Waasigan Transmission Line draft Environmental Assessment (EA) report for review and comment until July 7, 2023. Please see attached notice for details.

Hydro One initiated the environmental assessment (EA) under the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Project in March 2022 and is completing the EA in accordance with the approved Amended Terms of Reference. The proposed Project consists of 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 draft EA document is currently available on the Project website at [www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan](http://www.HydroOne.com/Waasigan) and available at publicly accessible viewing locations (details provided in the attached notice). A webmap with detailed information and results included in the EA will be made available in the coming days on the Project website. We will notify you when that webmap is live. We are encouraging stakeholders to use the attached form when submitting their comments for ease of review and response. We welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss any comments or questions prior to the end of the review period.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your input is important to us and we would like to thank you for your continued involvement in this Project.

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