

Notice of completion of draft Environmental Study Report

Welland Thorold Power Line project

July 2025

Hydro One has completed the draft Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the Welland Thorold Power Line project. Now, you're invited to provide feedback. The proposed project involves building a new 230-kV transmission line that will connect Crowland Transformer Station (TS) in Welland to an existing transmission line in Thorold. In addition to the line work, a station expansion at Crowland TS on Hydro One-owned lands will be required to connect the new lines. Once built, this proposed line will deliver an additional 400 megawatts of clean energy to the region, to support electricity demand which is expected to increase approximately 20 per cent by 2032.

As part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, Hydro One has evaluated route alternatives, to identify ways to reduce impact to the environment, businesses and property owners. We'll continue to work with landowners, as design and construction planning for our selected route continues. For more information on the project and the Class EA process, please visit HydroOne.com/WTPL. For a map of the proposed line, please see the next page.

Next steps and providing your input

The draft ESR and Highlights documents are available for a public review and comment period from July 15 to August 19, 2025. The report summarizes the Class EA process, which was conducted in accordance with the approved Class EA for Transmission Facilities (2024) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Please provide any comments by 4:30 p.m. on **August 19, 2025** addressed to:



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Comments can also be submitted to **1.877.345.6799** or
Community.Relations@HydroOne.com.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

All personal information included in your request – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected under the authority of Section 30 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of the available public record unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.



Where to find the draft ESR:

The draft ESR and Highlights documents can be viewed electronically on Hydro One's website at HydroOne.com/WTPL.

Printed copies are available at the following locations:

Thorold Public Library
14 Ormond Street North
Thorold

Welland Public Library – Main Branch
50 The Boardwalk
Welland



HydroOne.com/WTPL

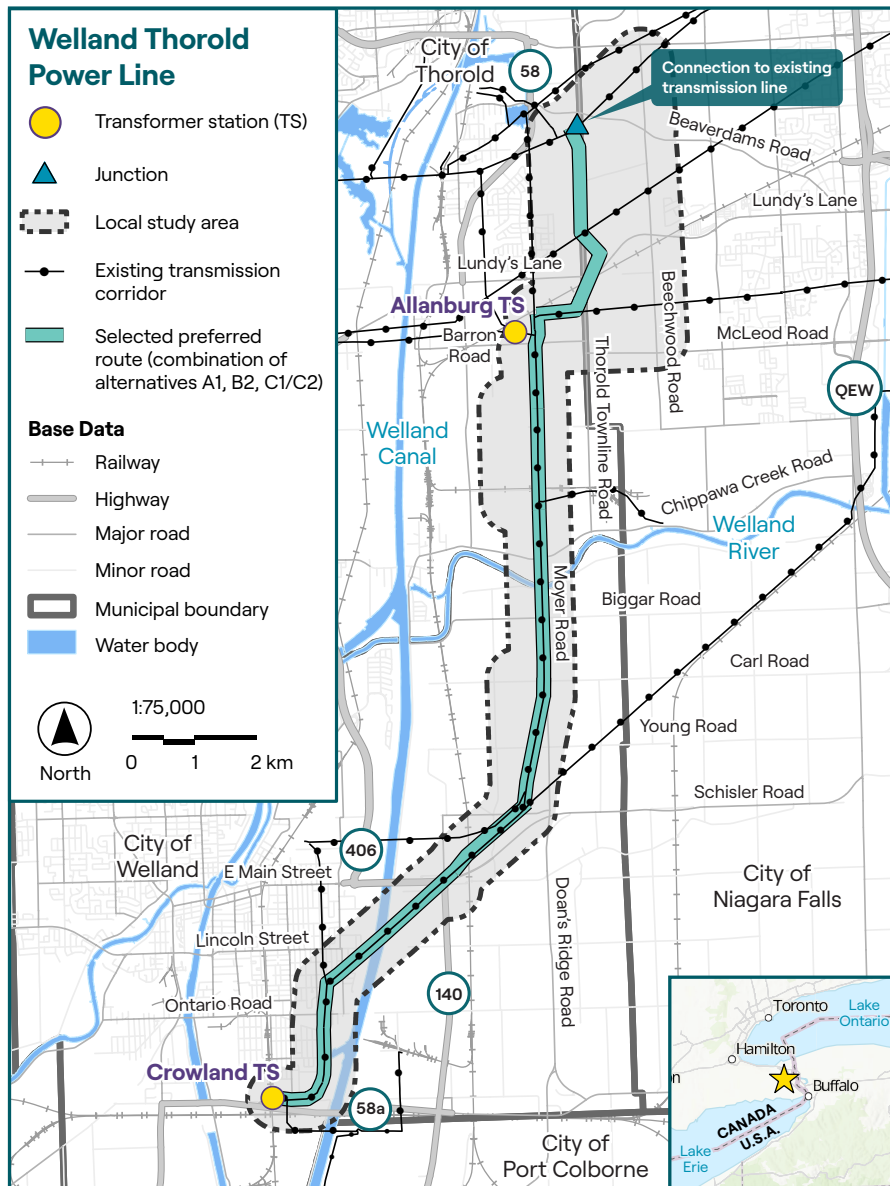


See reverse for map

Hydro One welcomes your feedback. We'll review and address all concerns brought to our attention before finalizing and submitting the ESR to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). The project will then be considered acceptable to proceed as outlined in the ESR. We'll continue to work with community members as design and construction planning continue.

A request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study (i.e. a Comprehensive EA approval) or that conditions be imposed (e.g. require further studies) before the project can proceed. However, this request can only be made on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Indigenous and treaty rights.

The MECP will not consider requests on other grounds. Requests should include the requester's contact information and specify what kind of order is being requested (request for conditions or Comprehensive EA); how an order may prevent, mitigate or remedy potential adverse impacts on Indigenous and treaty rights; and any information in support of the statements in the request.



The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

Minister
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor,
Toronto ON M7A 2J3
Minister.mecp@ontario.ca

Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West,
1st Floor, Toronto ON M4V 1P5
EABDirector@ontario.ca

Requests should also be copied to Hydro One at the address provided on the front page. Please visit the Ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under Section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-section-16-order.

If no Section 16 Order requests are submitted during the comment period, Hydro One will proceed with the project under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

We're here to help

If you would like any further information on this project or have any questions or feedback, please contact us at:

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 Community.Relations@HydroOne.com