

Hydro One invites you to attend a Public Information Centre Class Environmental Assessment for Clarington Transformer Station

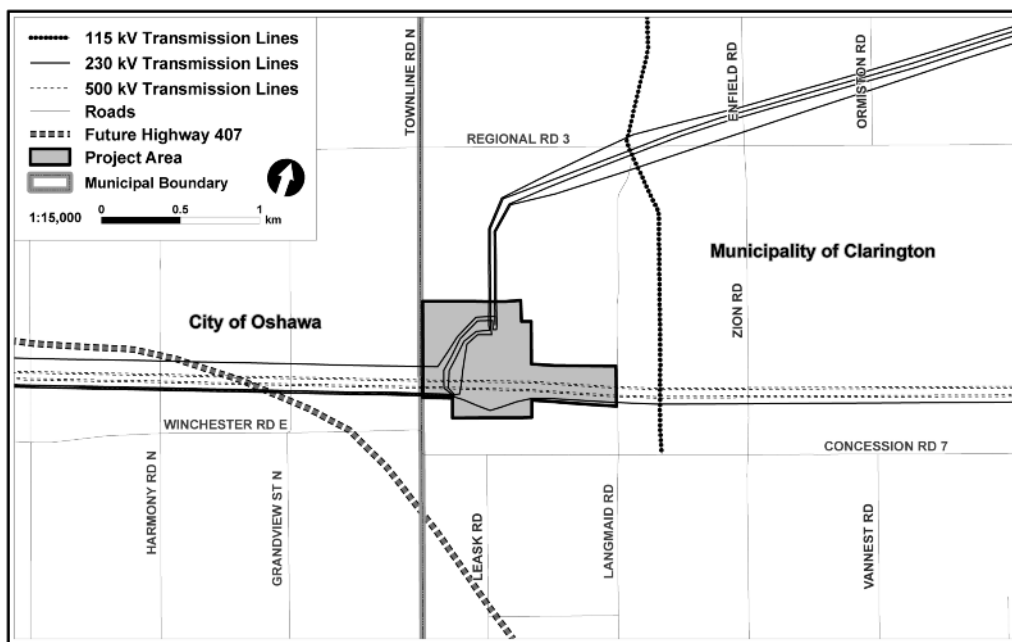
The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) has recommended Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) build a new transformer facility on Hydro One's property as indicated on the map below. The station is required to ensure continued, safe and reliable power delivery in the east Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

The OPA has advised Hydro One that Pickering Nuclear Generating Station (NGS) is approaching its final years of operation and will be retired between 2015 and 2020. Pickering is the largest generation facility in the east GTA and supplies as much as 25 per cent of the east GTA's electricity demand. When the generating station is removed from service, its 3,000 megawatts of capacity must be replaced by a corresponding amount of power through Hydro One's transmission system.

The proposed Clarington Transformer Station (TS) is required to accommodate the eventual closure of Pickering NGS, enable future electricity growth in the local area and ensure that the area has the facilities necessary to ensure a safe, reliable supply of electricity to existing and future customers.

Although the exact timing of the generating facility's retirement is unknown and Ontario Power Generation is seeking to extend its operations until 2020, Hydro One must be prudent and begin the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process immediately to ensure the station is ready to be in service as early as 2015. The OPA also recommends this course of action.

Hydro One is initiating a Class EA, in accordance to the *Class Environmental Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities* approved under the provincial *Environmental Assessment Act*, to build Clarington TS.



An important part of the Class EA process includes consultation. As such, we are hosting a Public Information Centre on Wednesday, May 23, to provide the community with information about the project, introduce our project team and obtain feedback. The OPA will also be available to answer questions regarding the need and importance of this project.

Public Information Centre

Wednesday, May 23, 2012
5 - 8:00 p.m.
Solina Community Hall
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