

# Notice of commencement

## Class Environmental Assessment for Gardiner Transformer Station Refurbishment Project

July 2024

Hydro One is committed to providing safe and reliable power for homes and businesses now and into the future. That is why we are planning to modernize critical equipment at the Gardiner Transformer Station (TS), located in the City of Kingston.

The project involves replacing aging transmission equipment at the existing Gardiner TS. To accommodate installation of two new replacement transformers and associated electrical infrastructure, the northeast corner of the station would be expanded approximately eight meters to the east as shown on the attached map. A construction staging and laydown area would be established within the transmission corridor immediately east of the station. Temporary line equipment would also be constructed within the existing transmission corridor approximately 4 km north of the station.

### Planning Process

Minimizing the environmental effects of our projects and operations is important to us. The planning of this project will follow the "Class Environmental Assessment for Transmission Facilities (February 2024)" (Class EA for TF), established in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. This planning process applies to transmission projects that are carried out routinely and have predictable environmental effects that can be readily managed ([hydroone.com/ClassEA](https://hydroone.com/ClassEA)).

Within the Class EA for TF there are two levels of assessment associated with the type of project and potential environmental effects: i) Screening Process (streamlined), and ii) Full Class EA Process. Based on the type of project and examples provided in the Class EA document, it is anticipated that this project will follow the Screening Process dependent on satisfying applicable screening criteria and associated consultation activities. Indigenous communities may be consulted and engaged to determine interests and potential project impacts. For more information, please visit [hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects](https://hydroone.com/ClassEAScreeningProjects).

Once the Class EA process is successfully completed, construction could begin as early as spring 2025 with completion by fall 2027.

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See reverse for map



### We'd like to hear from you

Your input is important to us. Listening to, and learning from Indigenous communities, residents, businesses, government agencies, and interest groups is part of the process.

### We're here to help

If you would like any further information on this project or have any questions or feedback, please contact us by September 6, 2024 at:

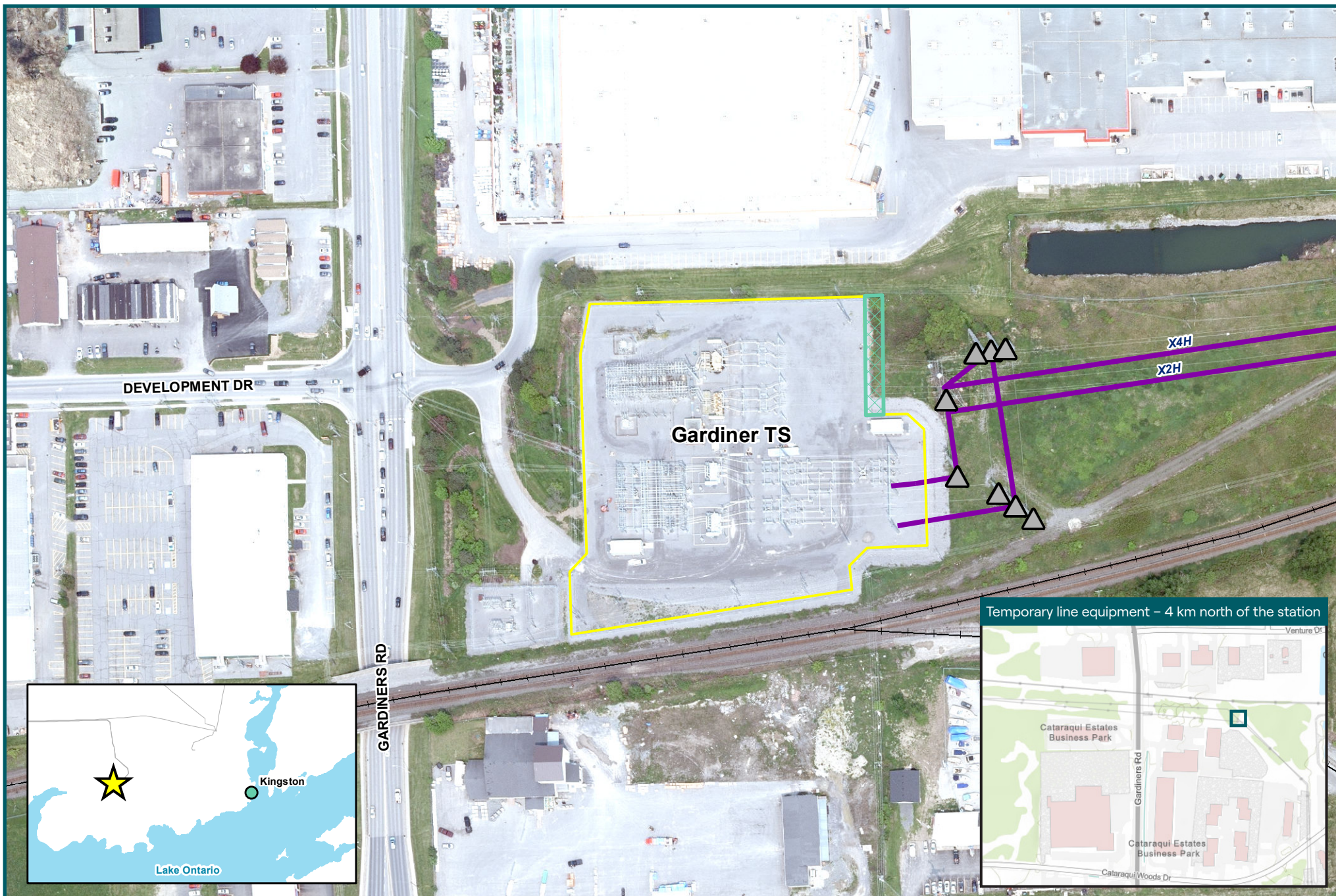


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# Gardiner transformer station refurbishment project

▲ Existing structures

— Existing 230 kV transmission line (X2H/X4H)

▭ Gardiner TS – existing station

▨ Gardiner TS – proposed expansion

— Railway

▭ Temporary line equipment – proposed location

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