

NOTICE OF CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

For a transmission line and station refurbishment project in your community

Dear Neighbour,

This letter is to notify you that Hydro One is initiating a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish and expand our Tillsonburg Transformer Station (TS) and refurbish the existing 115 kilovolt transmission line between the station and Cranberry Junction (JCT), as shown on the reverse map. This work is required to ensure the continued reliability of the electricity supply in your community.

The proposed station work would involve the replacement and reconfiguration of end-of-life equipment to improve the overall station performance. To accommodate the new equipment being installed, the station would be expanded by approximately 10 metres to the east and approximately 20 metres to the west at the current station entrance. The replacement of the existing three-pole wood structure on the hydro corridor and the installation of one or two additional structures to the northeast would also be required.

The proposed line work would involve the modification and/or replacement of select wood pole structures, and replacement of conductors (wire) and insulators along the right-of-way.

Some vegetation removal would be required near the station entrance and on the corridor east of the station to accommodate the expansion work and installation of new structures. As part of the Class EA, we will be looking for opportunities for replanting in this area following construction.

The proposed project is subject to the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined process to ensure that transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place. The Class EA process contains screening provisions that may apply to this project.

Contingent on the outcome of the Class EA process, construction could begin as early as October 2020 and be completed by March 2022.

We'd like to hear from you!



We welcome your comments and feedback and invite you to join us at an upcoming Community Information Centre:

Date: March 26, 2020

Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: Tillsonburg Community Centre, 45 Hardy Avenue

If you are able to attend, please RSVP to Hydro One Community Relations by Friday, March 20 at the below contact details.

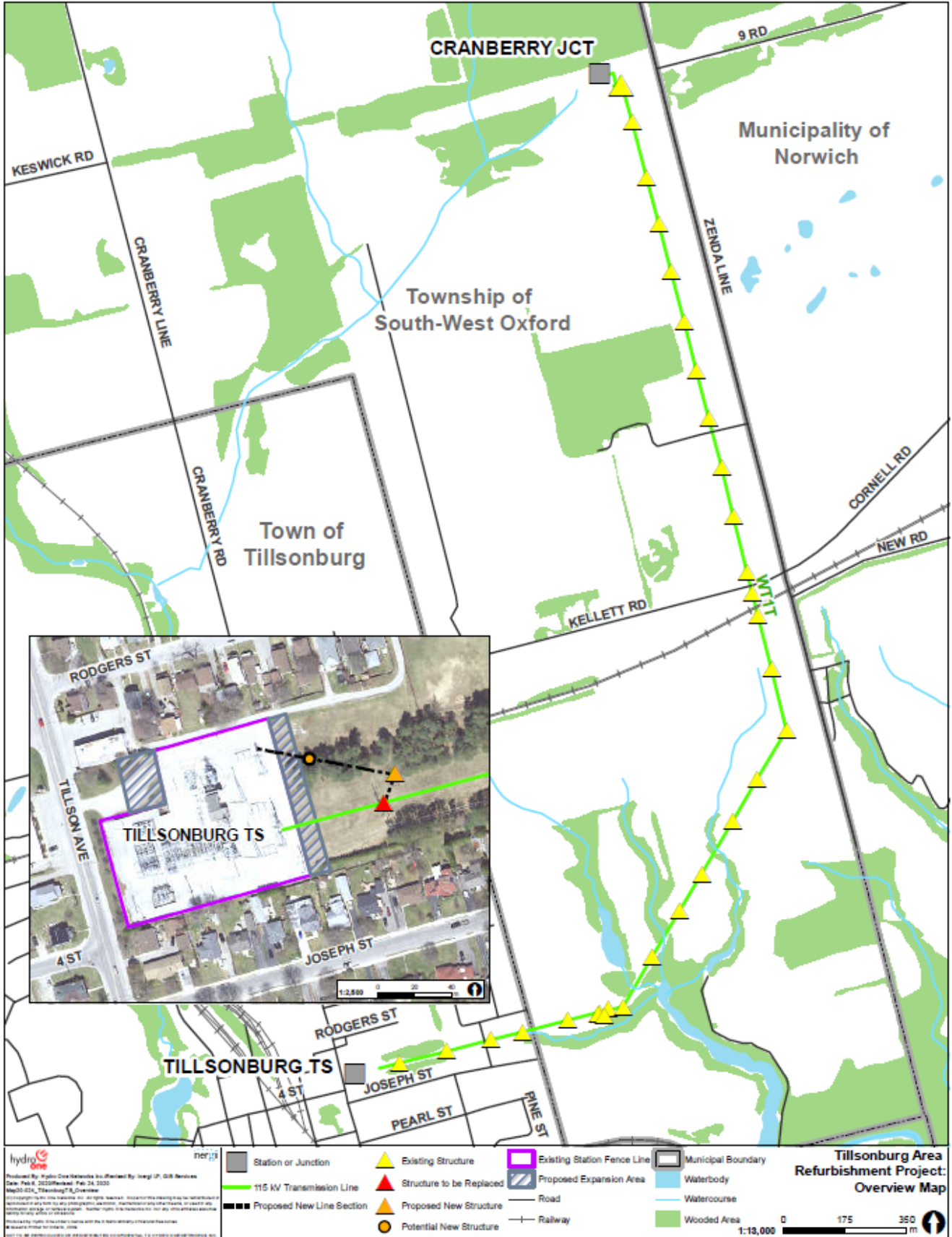
If you have questions, please contact:

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Project Area Map:



As per the request of the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, information regarding the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act is included and can be viewed below.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential.