

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Class Environmental Assessment for Port Colborne Transformer Station Expansion

Dear Resident,

December 10th, 2019

Ensuring that families and businesses have safe and reliable power is our number one priority at Hydro One. That is why we are beginning a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the expansion of the Port Colborne Transformer Station (TS) located at the intersection of Durham Street and Davis Street, as shown on the attached map. This expansion is needed to facilitate the replacement of equipment that was originally built over 50 years ago and is nearing its end-of-life.

The proposed project involves expanding the station's footprint by approximately 70 meters south of the existing property line, which will be used to accommodate the construction of two new transformers and associated electrical infrastructure, as well as a new building to house the equipment.

This proposed project is subject to a Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined planning process that has proven effective in ensuring that minor 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, construction could begin as early as summer 2020 and be completed by summer 2022. Some site preparation work is expected to be performed on the new property prior to construction.

As a part of our planning process, we would welcome your comments and feedback on the proposed project by January 31st. Additionally, if you have any questions, you can contact:

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